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OF BRADFORD COUNTY.

To the People of the U. States.

The People of the United States, without regard to past political differences or divisions...

NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

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WASHINGTON, MARCH 26, 1856.

Our Platform and Principles.

We declare to the people of these United States the objects for which we contend in political action, are:

1st. That we demand and shall attempt to secure the repeal of all laws which allow the introduction of Slavery into Territories once consecrated to freedom...

2d. We will support by every lawful means our brethren in Kansas by their constitutional and manly resistance to the usurped authority of their lawless invaders...

3d. Believing that the present National Administration has shown itself to be weak and faithless, and that its continuance in power is identified with the progress of the slave power...

4th. That the religious liberty shall be guaranteed to all men.

5th. That all interference in elections by religious sects shall be discontinued...

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The American State Council of Pennsylvania.

The principal features in the proceedings of the American State Council of Pennsylvania have been announced by telegraph.

We find a full report in the Harrisburg Telegraph. Col. Edie, President, presided.

The first morning session was occupied with a long debate upon a motion made by Ex-Governor Johnston to appoint a committee to ascertain who were rightfully entitled to seats in the Council.

The motion was finally laid on the table—yeas, 37, nays 17. In the afternoon, Gen. Small offered resolutions endorsing the nominations of Fillmore and Donelson, denouncing the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and Kansas-Nebraska Act.

A motion to lay the resolutions on the table was lost. Gov. Johnston then moved the following as a substitute:

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The Latest News

The Anti-Fillmore Convention of the American party of Massachusetts, have repudiated the nominations of Fillmore and Donelson, and appointed delegates to the National Convention to meet in New York.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Dupont's Powder Mills, near Wilmington, Del., blew up with a tremendous shock, that was felt many miles. The destruction was terrible. Four of the buildings were completely blown to pieces, and three of the workmen employed at the time were instantly killed.

The explosion created an intense excitement in Wilmington and over a considerable tract of surrounding country.

The Political Abolitionists, headed by Garrett Smith, Lewis Tappan, and Wm. Goodell, have called a national convention, to meet at Syracuse, on the 29th of May, to nominate national candidates favorable to the abolition of slavery.

A rumor prevails at Washington that there will be a bolting at the Cincinnati Convention if the South should succeed in their purpose of establishing a National Platform; and the seceders will nominate J. C. Fremont as the representative of the SILENT MAJORITY.

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News Items.

Rev. D. X. Junkin, D. D., Hollidaysburg, Pa., has had a call to Fort Wayne, Ind.

One man in Philadelphia holds a million of dollars of the Texas bonds soon to be paid, which he bought from the U. S. Bank at the rate of fifteen cents on the dollar.

The Legislature of Wisconsin has again refused to re-establish capital punishment—the bill to repeal the anti-hanging act having been rejected in the Assembly by a majority of one.

A member of the present House of Representatives, from one of the Western States, was once so poor that he paid for his tuition by ringing the college bell at the season hours. He literally "rang himself in."

Presentations are getting common. The Captain of a canal boat out west has just been presented with a service—of five years in the penitentiary, in consideration of the distinguished ability with which he plundered a passenger and kicked him overboard.

The Kansas correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat writes that the bill, April 23rd, which Mr. Whitfield will attempt to thwart the Congressional Committee's efforts to ascertain the true state and feeling in Kansas, by refusing to appear before it at Lawrence—professing to fear assassination.

The body of a man was found by some gentlemen on Tuesday last, in the Schuylkill, near Norristown, lodged in the top of a tree which had fallen into the river. The body bore marks of violence, and considering the length of time it was in the water, was in a remarkable state of preservation.

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The Lost Children Found—Dead.

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A Good Ome.—Major Donelson, it will be remembered, says he left the Democratic party because he could no longer sustain its principles, which reminds a Western editor of the manner in which a fellow who was not wanted in a certain company told his story.

"Why did you leave old man Smith's so early last night?" was the question that was asked. "Why, you see, I called to see Miss Nancy, and she wouldn't have anything to say to me. So I got a white, and the old man told me I had better go. And I got a white longer and then one of the boys came and took me to the door and gave me a push, and then I thought maybe my company wasn't wanted, and so—/ left!"</