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The election of 1860 resulted in a victory for the republican party, whose candidates, Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin, ran upon a platform denouncing "threats of disunion," and saying that "the new dogma, that the constitution, of its own force, carries slavery into any or all of the territories of the United States," was a "dangerous political heresy." The platform did not call for the abolition of slavery in the states where it existed, but asserted "that the normal condition of all the territory of the United States is that of freedom; that as our republican fathers, when they had abolished slavery in all our national territory, ordained that 'no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law,' it becomes our duty by legislation, whenever such legislation is necessary, to maintain this provision of the constitution against all attempts to violate it; and we deny the authority of congress, of a territorial legislature, or any individuals, to give legal existence to slavery in any territory of the United States."

Lincoln received a popular plurality of over 500,000, and a plurality of 108 in the electoral college. Douglas came second in the popular vote, but fell behind both the Breckinridge ticket and Bell and Everett ticket in the electoral college. This was due to the fact that the Douglas vote was largely in the states which Lincoln carried.

In the war between the states the supporters of Douglas enlisted side by side with the supporters of Lincoln, Douglas himself having urged the support of Lincoln in the war for the maintenance of the Union. During the war, however, many things were done which aroused criticism from the democratic leaders, and by the democrats generally. Among the things complained of were arrests and courts-martial in states not in insurrection, and where the civil authority was undisturbed.

The democratic platform of 1864 announced "unswerving fidelity to the Union under the constitution, as the only solid foundation of our strength, security and happiness as a people, and as a framework of government equally conducive to the welfare and prosperity of all the states, both northern and southern;" and then declared:

"As the sense of the American people, that after four years of failure to restore the Union by the experiment of war, during which, under the pretense of a military necessity of a war power higher than the constitution, the constitution itself has been disregarded in every part and public liberty and private right alike trodden down, and the material prosperity of the country essentially impaired, justice, humanity, liberty, and the public welfare demand that immediate efforts be made for a cessation of hostilities, with a view to an ultimate convention of all the states or other peaceable means, to the end that, at the earliest practicable moment, peace may be restored on the basis of the federal union of all the states."

Gen. George B. McClellan of New Jersey was nominated by the democratic party for president and George H. Pendleton of Ohio for vice president. The election resulted in a popular majority of 408,000 for the republican ticket, and in an electoral majority of 191—Kentucky, New Jersey and Delaware being the only three of the 24 states giving their electoral vote to the democratic ticket. It will be seen that the republican plurality was less than it was in 1860.

The assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the inauguration of Vice President Andrew Johnson (q.v.) as president precipitated a struggle in which most of the republican senators

and members of congress were arrayed against the president. The democrats took the side of the president, and with the aid of a few republicans prevented the adoption of the articles of impeachment presented by the house.

During the reconstruction period that followed, the democrats insisted that the states which were held in the Union should be given the rights and privileges of other states.

The campaign of 1868 was fought under the leadership of Horatio Seymour of New York and Francis P. Blair of Missouri, and the platform demanded:

"1. Immediate restoration of all the states to their rights in the Union under the constitution, and of civil government to the American people.

"2. Amnesty for all past political offenses, and the regulation of the elective franchise in the states by their citizens.

"3. Payment of all the public debt of the United States as readily as practicable—all money drawn from the people by taxation, except so much as is requisite for the necessities of the government, economically administered, being honestly applied to such payment; and when the obligations of the government do not expressly state upon their face, or the law under which they were issued does not provide that they shall be paid in coin, they ought, in right and justice, to be paid in the lawful money of the United States.

"4. Equal taxation of every species of property according to its real value, including government bonds and other public securities.

"5. One currency for the government and the people, the laborer and the office-holder, the pensioner, and the soldier, the producer and the bondholder.

"6. Economy in the administration of the government; the reduction of the standing army and navy; the abolition of the freedman's bureau and all political instrumentalities designed to secure negro supremacy; simplification of the system and discontinuance of inquisitorial modes of assessing and collecting internal revenue; that the burden of taxation may be equalized and lessened, and the credit of the government and the currency made good; the repeal of all enactments for enrolling the state militia into national forces in times of peace; and a tariff for revenue upon foreign imports, and such equal taxation under the internal-revenue laws as will afford incidental protection to domestic manufactures, and as will, without impairing the revenue, impose the least burden upon, and best promote and encourage the great industrial interests of the country.

"7. Reform of abuses in the administration; the expulsion of corrupt men from office; the abrogation of useless offices; and the restoration of rightful authority to, and the independence of, the executive and judicial departments of the government; the subordination of the military to the civil power, to the end that the usurpations of congress and the despotism of the sword may cease.

"8. Equal rights and protection for naturalized and native-born citizens, at home and abroad; the assertion of American nationality which shall command the respect of foreign powers, and furnish an example and encouragement to people struggling for national integrity, constitutional liberty, and individual rights; and the maintenance of the rights of naturalized citizens against the absolute doctrine of immutable allegiance and the claims of foreign powers to punish them for alleged crimes committed beyond their jurisdiction."

Besides this statement of the position of the parties, the platform arraigned the republican party for its reconstruction policy, charging that instead of restoring the Union it had

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