THE OMAHA BEE

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

WHEREAS, The Republican party, by its course for the past thirteen years as the dominant political organization of the United States, has allied itself to the liberty-loving masses of the world, and has made a record which invites scrutiny, and challenges all history for a parallel in elevating humanity, and establishing on a firm basis "a government by the people for the people;" and

WHEREAS, Its several acts in preserving the Union, in promoting and strengthening a common allegience to the flag and government of this republic have passed into history and elicited the approval of the Republican sentiment of the age, therefore we, the representatives of the Republican party of Nebraska, in convention assembled, do resolve as follows, viz:

1st. That all honest labor should be protected, and receive its just reward.

2d. That we earnestly desire that the credit of our government shall be firmly maintained, in order that the commercial and industrial interests of the country may not suffer injury by fluctuations in values or by impairing in any degree that confidence which now prevails in regard to our circulating medium which we hope will, at no distant day, be based upon metallic currency, the recognized money of the world.

3d. That we believe that banking, under a well-guarded national system, should be free, and we counsel reform and economy in all departments of the public service, and a reduction of the public debt in such a way and as rapidly, as it may be done without imposing burdens upon the industries of the country.

4th. That we demand a rigid accountability in the discharge of official duty on the part of all office-holders, whether State or National, and that as delegates, speaking for constituents whom we represent we disavow any sympathy with, or for dishonest public officials, in whatever capacity they may be employed.

5th That while we recognize and appreciate the advantages derived by the people from a well-regulated system of railways we demand that these public highways should be rendered subservient to the public good. That while we disavow any hostility toward railroad corporations we proclaim our determination to resist by lawful means all efforts to impose oppressive or extortionate transportation tolls.

6th. That taxation, to be just, must be equally imposed upon all classes of property; we therefore demand such National and State legislation as will compel railroads and all other corporations to pay their same proportion of tax as is imposed on individuals.

7th. That we favor the proper exercise of the powers conferred upon the national government by the constitution to regulate commerce between the States, and to this end we recommend that the government establish and operate a double track railway from the Missouri river to the Atlantic seaboard.

8th. That we earnestly request that our Senators secure the passage of Crounse's Railroad Land Tax Bill.

9th. That we favor the amendment of the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of President, Vice President, United States Senators, and all other federal officers by the direct vote of the people.

10th. That the unwritten law enacted by the example of the Father of his Country in declining a re-election to the third Presidential term, is as controlling as though it was incorporated in the national constitution, and ought never to be violated.

11th. That the present so-called Quaker Indian policy has failed to afford either benefits to the Indians or protection to the frontier settlers, and we therefore demand the transfer of the management of the Indians to the War Department.

12th. That we favor the reapportionment of State representatives through the enactment of a new constitution at the earliest practicable day consistent with our present fundamental law, and that we recommend the submission to the direct vote of the people in a separate article at the time the proposed new constitution is voted upon, the questions of "Prohibition," "Local Option," and license.

13th, That we approve the acts of Congress which put the rights of all citizens under protection of the National authorities when they are assailed by hostile legislation, or by the violence of armed associations, whether open or secret, and in view of the recent outrages in the southern States, we demand the enforcement of the laws that these rights may be securely and amply protected wherever and whenever invaded; we do, however, disapprove of all unconstitutional legislation, for the cure of any of the disorders of society, or evils which prevail in our land.

14th. That we are in favor of and most cordially invite immigration to our State. Nebraska needs immigration, that its vast agricultural, mineral, and manufacturing resources may be developed, with an area sufficient to make ten States as large as Massachusetts, and a soil unsurpassed for fertility, we give a hearty welcome to the down-trodden masses of the old world, and assure them that they shall be secure it their lives, liberty and property, and free to hold and express their religious and political opinions without restraint.

15th. That, relying upon the intelligence of the people of our young and prosperous commonwealth, which is soon to take high rank in the great family of States, we hereby renew our allegiance to the party which we represent and call upon its classes, and conditions of men to unite with us in perpetuating the blessings of free government in accordance with the cherished principles which actuate and control the great body of our people.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Member of Congress,
LORENZO CROUNSE,
of Washington county.

For Member of Congress (contingent)
PATRICK O. HAWES,
of Douglas county.

STATE TICKET.

For Governor,
SILAS GARBER,
of Webster county.

For Secretary of State,
BRUNO TZSCHUCK,
of Sarpy county.

For Treasurer,
JOSEPH C. McBRIDE,
of Colfax county.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
J. M. McKENZIE,
of Nemaha county.

For State Prison Inspector,
NATHAN S. PORTER,
of Dixon county.

For Attorney General,
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of Phelps county.
Second District—W. J. CONNELL,
of Douglas county;
Third District—M. B. HOXIE,
of Colfax county;

THE renomination of Governor Dix is now a foregone conclusion, and his re-election is conceded by the New York *Herald* as almost beyond a reasonable doubt.

Now that the legal limit of this years municipal levy is nearly reached, we shall have less wrangling and more dignity in the City Council.

THE chief merit of the antediluvian canpidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket, is his venerable age; and his unswerving fidelity to the cause of unadulterated Bourbonism.

CABLE advices from Great Britain and Continental Europe, indicate an excess in grain crops beyond all anticipations, and a further decline may therefore be anticipated in the American wheat market.

IT is now generally assumed that the new Atlantic cable expedition has met with some mishap. Nothing has been heard of the steamer Faraday since the 9th instant, and the inference is that the cable parted in mid-ocean, where the depth exceeds two miles. The recovery of the cable at that depth is considered decidedly doubtful.

CAPTAIN J. M. WEST, the newspaper man killed during the late New Orleans outbreak, is described by the New Orleans *Republican* as the same man whom General Butler sent to Fort Jackson in 1872 for treasonale conduct. He has never forgiven the United States for the indignity, and the glorious Stars and Stripes have ever since had the effect on him that a red rag has on a bull.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM AT THE SOUTH.

President Grant has, according to reliable advices, publicly declared his determination to inaugurate some wholesome reforms in the civil service at the South. It is his intention that henceforth there shall be no just complaint on the score of federal office-holders in that region.

"Whenever he found that an incompetent or otherwise unfit man was holding a marshalship, a post-office or any other federal office, coming in contact with the people, he should promptly remove him, and appoint the best man resident in the community, in his place. He was fully satisfied that some bad appointments had been made, which had tended to stir up strife; but he hoped to remove them just as soon as any charges were preferred and sustained."

He intimates very emphatically that a programme is now under advisement having for its object the appointment of a better class of federal appointees throughout the Southern States. Whatever may be the complaint of the Southern people about their State officials, the President declares that there shall be none against those under the government. It is to be hoped that this programme will be promptly put into execution.

It is an indisputable fact that the social and political disorders that prevail in the South have in a great measure been aggravated by corrupt and imbicile federal officials, who very frequently were the direct cause of riots and disturbances.

ADD NEBRASKA.

UNDER this caption the New York organ of putrid reminiscences, the *World*, undertakes to congratulate the Bourbons of the Empire State upon the enrollment of Nebraska under the banner of "hard money, free trade and home rule." In this connection the following characteristic letter is embodied as a text for the *World's* editorial comments:

"OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 12, '74.
"Manton Marble, Esq.:

"DEAR SIR: You will be glad to observe the growing sentiment throughout the country in favor of 'Free Trade,' 'Hard Money' and 'Home Rule.' The Nebraska Democracy have spoken in their platform in the concise language of Illinois and New York, hoping thereby to aid in making it the creed of our national party. We have nominated the strongest possible ticket, some of which is bound to be elected. The opposition to the dominant party are also certain to have control of the Legislature.

"Truly, etc.
"E. A ALLEN,
"Chairman Democratic State Central Committee."

Now the BEE ventures to assure the New York Bourbons that Mr. Allen's sanguine prophecies are the outcroppings of a very imaginative brain. In the first place a large portion of the Nebraska Democracy have no faith in the platitudes of the Democratic platform. In the second place there is not the very remotest probability that any candidate on the Democratic State ticket will come within five thousand votes of being elected. Lastly, we apprehend that Mr. Allen's prediction about our next legislature is based upon the assumption that a majority of the Republican voters would either stay at home or vote the Bourbon ticket. Now we say to the *World* in all candor, don't add Nebraska! Don't rely on Allen as your political weather prophet, if you intend to publish a reliable almanac for 1875.

WHO knows Silas Garber? Albert Tuxbury has been a resident of the State many years. He has filled prominent positions at the hands of the people. He is a man of unblemished record and repute. But who knows Silas Garber? What claim has he to the first office in the gift of the people?—*Herald.*

Who knows Alber Tuxbury outside of Otoe county? With the exception of a handful of Bourbon politicians of the "old settler" school, nobody has ever heard of this fossilized Bourbon candidate.

Fifteen years ago Nebraska contained 25,000 inhabitants and the entire settlement was confined to the river counties.

Those honest Old Settlers had it all their own way then. To-day Nebraska counts more than a quarter of a million of people, and the old settlers have lost their grip on the offices. New men, and young men, are coming to the front, and Silas Garber happens to be one of that class.

A VERY bitter political contest is now in progress in that portion of the Western Reserve known as General Garfield's District. The Democracy have made no nomination, and the contest is narrowed down between General Garfield, the regular Republican nominee, and Rev. R. H. Hurlburt, the Independent Republican candidate, who counts upon the undivided support of the Democracy. So far the advantages appear to be with General Garfield.

"No Germans need apply," was the motto of the late Democratic State Convention. And now, as if to add insult to injury, the Bourbon organ is at great pains to berate the German candidate on the Republican State ticket, when it well knows that his record as a private citizen and public servant is unimpeachable.

THE winning ways of Unconditional Surrender Grant are forcibly illustrated by the following dispatch:

"WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.
"To Gen. Emory, New Orleans:

"Put down that insurrection; report afterwards. U. S. GRANT."

THE Douglas county Democracy have organized a Young Men's Democratic club. A majority of these youthful Bourbons look back with emotional pride on the time when they voted for Jackson, Polk and Buchanan.

NEBRASKA SKETCHES.

(Special Correspondence of the BEE.)

BROWNVILLE, Sept. 21st, 1874.

Having packed our collar box, waxed our moustache and lubricated our left auricle we slid out for the U. P. depot, took the train for this place and, after whirling through half a dozen dilapidated looking Iowa villages, we passed into Missouri, and drew the reins on our fiery, untamed iron mule at Phelps City, just across the "Big Muddy" from Brownville.

A furious storm and the lateness of the evening caused us to seek shelter in the Phelps House, where Mr. Robert White, the attentive landlord, made us very comfortable, furnished us with a tip-top bed and breakfast, and in the morning we took McGee, Bailey & Co.'s stage for Brownville, which is now about the muddiest town in the west, Omaha excepted; but in spite of the mud business is lively here, the streets being thronged all day with farmers marketing their grain and fruits. Brownville has three good hotels, and each one takes the DAILY BEE, which they, as well as everyone else, considers the leading paper of Nebraska. But of all the hotels we have stopped at lately we must give the palm to the "Union," kept by Mr. Joseph Opelt, formerly of Phelps City, Mo. Immediately opposite the Union House is an elegant brick store, lately completed. M. L. Lowman occupies it, with a splendid assortment of clothing and gents furnishing goods. A little further down Main street we found Mr. George Marion, formerly of Omaha. He is keeping a general store, and by the number of customers thronging his counter we should say he was doing a thriving business. His accomplished lady keeps an extentive millinery store two doors farther down. Near the foot of Main street our attention was attracted by a stack of guns, that put us in mind of the jolly days when we used to train with the famous Omaha Rifles. Here Craddock & Son sell large quantities of arms and ammunition, of the most improved kinds. Mr. W. H. Small has a fine store, where he supplies his numerous customers with the "staff of life," and other good things in the way of fruits and confectionery.

The DAILY BEE, together with periodicals of all kinds, stationery, fancy goods, &c., are kept for sale by Mr. G. G. Dunn, next door to the post office.

We have not had time yet to visit the country, but we are informed that there was a splendid crop of small grain harvested in this (Nemaha) county, and the prospect was good for an extra yield of corn; but about the 1st of July the weather became dry, and continued so until the 1st of September. This cut the corn badly, and the farmers now say that they will do well to get a half crop. On the bottom lands there is a fair crop, but on the upland corn is light.

Fruit is more than abundant. There are thousands of bushels of peaches in this county that are being fed to stock. Mr. C. M. Kaufman, proprietor of the Brownville Nursery, says that there is a vast amount of fruit, shade and forest trees being planted in this part of the county, and that eventually southern Nebraska is bound to be the finest fruit district in the west.

The grasshoppers came here, but did not do much damage, and the eggs they deposited in the ground have mostly been hatched, and the late rains have destroyed the young hoppers.

Political matters are very much mixed. The Republicans and Independents have each a county ticket, and the candidates are all good men (so it is said). The Temperance people held their convention on the 19th and nominated a ticket, but chose four of their men from the other tickets, bringing out only one new man, a Mr. Ewing for Representative. The Democrats have made no nominations.

Brownsville has got a joke on her City Marshal, Mr. David Campbell, (who is a leading member of the Good Templars, and one of the pillars in the Temperance party). It seems that David conceived the idea of making a little trip to the rural districts of Kansas in order that he might take a little rest from the excitement and turmoil of political life. On arriving at Atchison, he took a whirl around town, sampling meanwhile as much "silk-finish" as ever old Uncle Johnny Stanton did in his palmiest days. Finally, David (like his illustrious namesake of ancient fame) became enamored with another man's wife, and thought that though "black, yet she was comely." He followed her and she remonstrated, but still, nothing daunted, he kept on and went home with her, and proceeded to make love in the most ardent manner, when his sable charmer ordered him to leave the house. But David drew his revolver and pointing it around carelessly caused considerable excitement, which soon attracted a large crowd, including some half dozen policemen, who looked on in awe, for the valiant Marshal insisted on being master of the situation, and solemnly promised that he would perforate with bullets any one who dared to approach him. At last through some strategic movement, the Marshal and his little revolver was captured; and after passing a night in the jail and interviewing the Police Judge next morning, he concluded to return to Brownville and organize the Temperance Convention,

MORAL—Temperance reformers should avoid tempations, and not go to Atchinson to rusticate.

Senator Tipton, H. M. Atkinson, Governor Furnas, Hon. James S. Church, (Temperance Candidate for Governor) Hon. H. C. Lett, and Judge R. V. Hughes, together with a large number of smaller fry politicians, all have their homes in Brownville.

There is nothing new in railroad matters. For the past four years Brownville has been promised a railroad "before the snow flies," but the snow comes and goes and still they pay taxes on railroad bonds without having any railroad in operation as yet; but a railroad to connect Brownville with the rest of the world is a commercial necessity and must be completed before long.

There has been a heavy newspaper fight between Mr. A. W. Pollock, the postmaster of this place, and the editor of the *Granger*. The postmaster stirs the *Granger* man about every week with a half column in the *Advertiser*, and the *Granger* replies by devoting at least two columns a week to this quarrel, but that makes it scarcely even, for the postmaster can put more ideas in a half column than the *Granger* man can in four.

We cannot close this article without returning thanks to Hon. H. C. Lett, Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R. V. Hughes, and G. S. Dunn for kind favors shown to RANGER.

Why is a beautiful lady's face like a romantic tale of olden times? Because it is an interesting leg-end.

Everything in General and Nothing in Particular.

(Correspondence of the BEE.)

FREMONT, Sept. 22.

EDITOR BEE:

For some years past I have been traveling in the States west of the lakes, and if acceptable will occasionally report to you what I see and hear in the highways and byways of the north west. For two years past have been constantly in Nebraska and feel a citizens' interest in the questions of local interest. During the past two weeks I have been in Douglas, Washington, Dodge, Burt and Cuming counties, Where I find the farmers rejoicing in the possession of about half a crop of corn, three-fourths of a crop of small grain, and last but not least, I find fine herds of stock where four years ago a single cow was a rare sight. There is some grumbling but general thankfulness for blessings secured, particularly in sections through which the refugees from the grasshopper region have passed, comparison with these having furnished a healthy antidote for grumbling. Improvements in the railroad villages are particularly noticeable. Your readers are probably familiar with the topography of the country, and the minutia of Blair, Fremont, West Point and other towns of five years growth, concerning them I will only add that all towns are like babies to a disinterested party—much alike. These towns are no exceptions, and their improvement truly surprising to any one not familiar with the precocious ways of western infants. Bell Creek is very proud of its advantages, but its citizens think that some correspondents have lately overdone it, and knowing that "flattery is the food of fools," they ask for more discrimination in future correspondents.

Two miles from Fontenelle is the station of Nickerson, where there is a fine freight house, grain elevator, store, postoffice, etc., rather too far for convenience, but near enough to Fontenelle, perhaps, to infuse some new life into that relict of a town.

At Hooper there are several fine stores, two elevators, two saloons and a fine freight-house, in which the people were holding a Sunday school festival as I passed.

At Scribner they have the stir and life incident to a new town.

West Point and Tekama I will reserve for a future letter. The people are pleased to have the products for which their section is noted, favorably noticed; but after all they are more deeply interested in schools, finance, railroads, politics and religion.

In Washington county there is general satisfaction at the nomination of Mr. Crounse. They will vote for him almost unanimously, and will elect the Republican ticket generally. One hears, however, a great deal which shows how zealously public men are watched. You would infer from the conversation of some that the average congressman spends all his time in Washington in riding in sixteen hundred dollar carriages, or at champagne suppers—all at the government expense.

I mention this that our Representatives may renew their appreciation of Burns' lines,

"wad som power the giftie gie us,
To see our sel as others see us," etc.

I have heard some severe criticisms from religious people on the Omaha press generally—the charge being that the press is given to slurring religious matters. What particular sect, of the many, each claiming to be right, has been most offended, I did not learn; but this I believe, religious people do not seem to realize that honest skepticism is the best of teachers of religious truth. That they can give tone to the press if they will; that if they dont, it shows their weakness, and that true religion is the same whether exemplified under the Christian injunction, "Fear God and have mercy," or the Jewish command, "Do right and fear no man."

During my stay here in Fremont, I have met a number of "Wheelhorse" Democrats—they are generally gentlemen, are usually suave and polite, and I think their presence here to-day, will account for a part of the inspiration which will to-morrow emanate from the Senatorial Independent convention. In hunting for a *non de plume*, I find "General," Colonel," "Captain," and other distinguished titles, all appropriated, and as the correspondence of some papers is like some books, "lies from end to end," I have concluded to appear in my true rank, that of a private.

Yours, &c.,
PRIVATE SMITH.

PUNGENTISTICS.

No more beautiful instance of female devotion can, perhaps, be recalled than that of the young lady who refuses boiled onions for the sake of the man she loves.

When our American young men return from a trip abroad, their principal knowledge of foreign parts consists in parting their hair in the middle.

A politician was pinioned hand and foot, and laid in the grass on the line of march of the Northwestern army of grasshoppers, but they never touched him. And thus do our fondest hopes decay.

A Springfield gentleman concluded to have a bath the other evening, and in the dark, got hold of a chunk of stove-blacking by mistake for the soap. A more polished man than he was has never been seen in the whole State of Massachusetts.

There must be a good deal of suffering in Nashville. The Union and American says: "That kind-hearted gentleman who, with a commendable exhibition of self-denial, presented an indigent family with two dollars in currency yesterday was grieved to meet said family returning from the circus a few hours later."

An exchange, ridiculing the country fairs, which make no effort at *good* shows, says that one in Vermont consisted of a calf, a goose, a pumpkin, and a horse. It rained so hard the first night that the goose swam off, the calf broke loose and ate the pumkin, and a thief prowling about mounted the horse, and drove the calf off before him, and so ended the fair.

Queer association that is which has been established at Austin, Nevada! It is called the Free and Independent Grass-Widowers' Bean-Eating League. It holds weekly festivals for the consumption of the vegetable indicated. We suppose that some mysterious property has been discovered in beans calculated to assuage the pangs of separation, and to prevent absence from diminishing conjugal affection. John Norris is President of the League; and very much we should like to know what Mrs. John Norris thinks of it.

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