

OUB PLATFORM .- "The right of trial by Jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons, and the rights of property must be preserved."-HANCOCK. PROPOSED PRIMARY ELEC-TION.

THE OBSERVER feels the importance of absolute harmony within the ranks of the Democratic party this year, and It is because of this fact that we have thought proper to dwell on the necessity for the exercise of prudence and absolute fairness among friends within the party who seek the various offices within the gift of the people. At the coming election, as everybody knows, all our coupty offices are to be filled, and unless some means be taken to have absolute fairness in settling the claims of rival aspirants bickerings and heart-burnings will necessarily/crop country so distinctly as Mr. Garfield lar primary elections in order that an expression of the will of the people may be made in such a manner that all may feel that its mandate is authoritative. THE OBSERVER suggests that the chairman of the county executive committee of the Democratic party for the county of Mecklenburg call his committee together, and after fixing the time for the calling of the county convention. let them also fix a time when primary elections shall be held in the relar judges ought to be appointed to hold the election, and in a separate box let the voters instruct the delegates to the county convention how and for whom the delegation shall vote, as the nominee of the party. Let two ballot boxes be used, one for the delegates, and one for the candidates. Under the new plan of one delegate to the convention for every twenty-five voters, as well as fractions of fifteen, each ward or township can select the number of delegates allowed to cast the vote in the convention. In another box let the voter vote immediately for the man of this choice. The counting of the ballots will show who is the favorite. In order to have absolute impartiality the plan adopted by the executive committee might include the casting of pro rate frictional votes in the county convention. At the election every person who is recognized as a Democrat should be al- newspaper does something of the same lowed to cast a free untrammelled vote for the candidate of his choice, and the hotel may be inordinately fond of Lim-judges should return the result of the burger cheese, but if Eccles were to in-poll to the chairman of the county executive committee, to be verified by him food up to his guests three times a day at the meeting of the county conven- he would find the popularity of his essation adopted by the State central ex- and crime, and do not care a pin for ment the plan by adopting and a vs- else except the table, intelligence, and tem as will clearly and unequivocally who are walking mimes of information give a true and faithful expression to of medera history. Then again, there

It is now pretty well understood that General Hancock will have his of acceptance written and t delivery to the hairment

POLITICAL POINTS.

The remarks made by a prominent leader in the Republican party that there was a "Trojan horse" in the New York camp, has bewildered the Republican politicians in Washington, and

the further informat element in the State of Connecticut was when it been hyperably reported that the caused great dissatisfaction with the management of the campaign by the Republican national committee,

The Republicar convertion in the twentieth congressional district, broke

garded partial and oppressive rulings sionate speeches were made and a cenand townshsp-appointed to call a peo-ples' convention, also a committee to issue a manifesto to the voters of the district, setting forth their grievances.

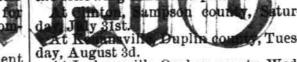
After the following from the central executive committee of California, Hayes will probably abandon his purpose to make political speeches in California: "We hope the presidential office will not be brought so low in Ameri-can politics as to see its incumbent mounting the hustings to make wotes for the party with which he affiliates. It would be a disgrace that would sink so deep in the escutcheon of the nation as to be inelliceable. If the Republic on leaders to entertain such an tide for a moment as securing sound speeches from the President of the

United States we say, in the name of God, in the name of that is decent, pa-

riblic and honor blactise all efforts in that direction and if the pendli-cans party cannot win its fight with-out dragging in the mud the great robes of the presidential office, than we

It is a great mistake for any one to suppose that the effort of the Republicans to elect Gen. Garfield will be wanting in ardor. The fierceness of the contest will come from the officeholders. Many of them are believed to be dc-faulters, and all of them are very tenacious of their places. To defeat the fliceholders the greatest efforts of the people will be required.

No other candidate on the Republican side would have presented to the out. In order to settle these differences, aces, the issue of the grant's pack of "visitif possible, before they become manifest, 1876. As one of Grant's pack of "Visit-ing statesmen," he assisted at the be-we have advocated the holding of reguvote of Louisiana was deliberately stolen. As a member of the House of Representatives, he gave the aid of his presence and the comfort of his counsel to the returning board thieves in all the stages of their work. He signed the lying report of John Sherman, which was one of the steps of the conspiracy to steal the presidency. The condition of the Republican party is desperate. Signs of rebellion and party disintegration are visible all through the North. Important recruits mary elections shall be held in the re-spective wards and townships for the election of the requisite number of dele-gates to the county convention. Regudoubtful congressional districts and the State legislatures that have to elect Senators.



THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

At Jacksonville, Onslow county, Wednesday, August 4th. At Trenton, Jones county, Thursday, August 5th.

At Kinston, Lehoir county, Saturday, ugust 7th joint discussion between Gov. Jarvis

and Mr. Buxton. The Republican party cannot and will not take upon itself the sins of Col<sub>7</sub> fax or Patterson or Ames or Kelly or up in a row the other day. The friends Garfield. Rather it will be true to its of ex-Mayor Rose a arge minority in mission monalace the real of contem-the body, exaperated by what they are bation from them all. That these two men (Ames and garded partial and oppressive rulings That these two men (Ames and of the chair, at the outset, bolted and | Brooks) should be summarily ejected held a separate meeting, at which pas- from the positions they have disgraced is a most painfully apparent truth. But tral committee-one from each ward | two parties are necessary to consummate bribery, and if Mr. Ames is to be expelled for bribing Messes (Carfield and Bingham, they should bear him company in punishment. (The conclusion of the committee that they were bribed and didn't know it is altogether too thin. The country demands that clean work be made of this cleansing process, and that all men who have sold themselves should be kicked out of Congress.—Concord (N. 'H.) Monitor,

Feb. 21, 1873. Seven years ago paragraphs like the above were quite common in newspapers now supporting Garfield for the presidency, and yet these journals are very indignant that much milder words of censure are bestowed upon him now; and wonder that independent voters and honest Republicans with old-fash-

ioned ideas of official interrity should heitate to support him for the resi-dency.

The absence of several members of the baard of Agriculture is assigned as the reason for not electing a commiscrime.

sioner of agriculture at the recent meetin of the board , Another meeting of the board takes place soon, when a commissioner will be elected. This information is derived from the Goldsboro Messenger, and we are pleased to learn frem so reliable a source that Hon. Montford McGehee will probably be elected commissioner. By way of en-

dorsement the Messenger adds: There is a widespread desire to see this eminent North Carolinian in public life. Mr. McGenee is known throughout the State, and has been engaged in farming a number of years. It has also been short distance from town the noose suggested that he would be an admir- was put around his neck and thrown able professor of law at the University. But nowhere could he serve his State more effectually than in charge of the department of agriculture, a position if efficiently filled, second only to the gubernatorial chair.

the Crime and is Brute Confe gives particulars of one of the most horrible outrages ever perpetrated in this State. It appears that about 10 o'clock last night a negro named John

HQRRIBLE OUTRAGE.

Biggs, alias Dorsey, a native of Wash-ington DIC, entered the residence of Mrs. James Tschiffely, a highly esteemmarried lady, whose husband, a prominent citizen of Montgomery, was bsent in another 'county on business. The lady was seated quietly at a table

engaged in reading when the negro sud-denly sprang into the room, and, seizing her by the throat, choked her into a condition of semi-consciousness and threatened, if she made an appeal for

aid, to murder her and burn the house. He then dragged the terrified woman up the staircase and kept her a prisoner in her room during the entire night, re-peatedly subjecting her to his brutal passions. He left the room early this morning, and, thinking he had fled, his victim managed to recover sufficiently to leave the house and started to the residence of a neighbor. The negro, however, was lying in wait, and, upon meeting her on the lawn, seized her by the hair of her head and dragged her back to the house, where, after subjecting her to further gross assaults, he struck her over the head with a chair. The blow fell with crushing force, cutting the head and face of the lady, forcing her eyes almost from their sockets. She is besides terribly disfigured, her neck and face being horribly cut, swol-len and discolored. The negro then escaped. Mrs. Tschiffely was conscious this evening, and under the care of a physician is slowly improving. She is thirty-five years of age and a lady of recognized social position, attractive personally and entertaining in manner. She has given an accurate description of her assailant. The news of the outrage, the most horrible in all its details that has ever occurred in Montgomery county, has created the wildest excitement in the neighborhood, and bands of men were quietly organized to search for the brutal assailant. There is little doubt that when captured he will be hanged or shot, such is the popular indignation aroused by the atrocious

LATER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27 .- John Biggs, negro in the employ of James Tschiffely, near Darvestown, Md., who on Saturday night, during the absence of Mr. Tschiffely, brutally outraged and maltreated Mrs. Tschiffely, compelling her to remain with him until 4:30 Sunday morning, was captured near Me-chanicsville last night by T. J. Davis and lodged in jail at Rockville. About 4 o'clock this morning 40 or 50 men surrounded the jail and demanded the prisoner and on being refused they broke open the door and took Biggs out and carried him up the road towards Darvestown. On arriving at a point a across a limb of a tree and willing hands lifted the body from the ground. The crowd then quietly dispersed, leaving the body hanging. Biggs made a (Tenn.) special says Horace Shoemaker jail was forced.

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## A Lucid Statement of the Eastern Question.

LONDON, July 27 .- A Constantinople dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company says: The Porte's reply to the collective note has been submitted to the Sultan for his approval and will be communicated to the ambassadors forth with. It is believed the tenor of the reply as originally adopted by the ministers has been modified. Mr. Gosohen, British ambassador, had a private interview

with the Sultan to-day. The National Zeitung says that Turkish statesmen must have lost every particle of common sense if they do not pay the fullest attention to the words from such influential quarters.

A Constantinople dispatch to the *Times* says: "The Porte discovered through one of his agents abroad that England confidentially sounded the powers on the subject of naval demonstration, but the intelligence caused no alarm. Abiddin Pasha, minister of foreign affairs, is reported to have said that any demonstration of the kind would simply have the effect of inciting Albions to energetic, action and naval authorities believe that a hostile fleet could not inflict much real injury so long as the Dardanells are properly pro-tected by forts and torpedoes. The Sultan is guided chiefly by fear of immediate consequences, and his fears, together with all other influences around him, tend to make him offer a dogged resistance. Continental newspapers seem to make no question that Queen Victoria has written a letter to the Sultan, but judging from an analysis of the letter published by the Paris Raphel it appears highly improbable that it was either written or authorized by the Queen.



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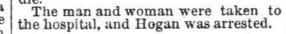
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because we can afford to make no mis- a dyspeptic individual at the breakfast takes, nor can we afford to jeopardize table glaticed over the paper and threw within the county by the creation of d schisms and factions, for or against particular aspirants.

We are aware that the plan suggested

The heartsickening fact leaks out from Washington that the circulars sent out by the Republican congressional committee, demanding voluntary contributions to the campaign fund. are not being responded to in a way to overwhelm the committee with money. 

It is a popular superstition that almost everybody is able to keep a hotel. and the same delusion prevails with re-

gard to the management of a newspa-per. Men who have failed at almost everything else, are positive that they could edit and conduct a newspaper with signal success, and this fact may account for the number of hotels and journals that are more liable to exasperate than please the public. The ho- not to be in peril.

tel supplies food for the body, while the kind for the mind. The proprietor of a

to alter or abrogate the plan of organi- reading the horrible details of murder existed in the minds of many influenecutive committee, which is authority the latest news of the day. There are in all such matters, but merely supple- others who prefer reading very little were made to conciliate and draw theni

candidate for any office. We plead for absolute party harmony and good-will, because we can afford to make no min

-d thing in it."

The Irish compensation bill passed its herein is in some sense an innovation, but we claim to be progressive, and be and deserves a more elaborate cable manner of popular device. To draw mons yesterday. It is considered a proposes a monster ratification meeting. lieve that if followed out strictly and impartially it will make the party solid at the ballot-box in November. Any other course we fear will lead to dissen sion, which must not be allowed. The determined in the ballot of the measure is to make sion, which must not be allowed. The determined in the ballot of the measure is to make the sources of the measure is to make the would have the ex-President sit as chairman of the meeting and in that

The advantages of having a twin brother will be made apparent presently When the stalwart Republican pa-

pers get to burrowing into the past and show that Gen. Hancock used to be the incarnation of all youthful wickedness, it will be easy enough to explain that all that sort of thing was the work of the bid ty in brother Hilary, while the good little Winfield was off at Sunday school or at home reading psalms by

the bed-side of his sick mother. Before the campaign is half over Garfield will wish he had a twin brother, too.

The census will show a population in the United States of about 48,500,000. In the last ten years the increase has been 27 per cent. From 1860 to 1870 it was nearly 23 per cent. From 1850 to 1860 it was 35 per cent. The average rate of growth from 1790 to 1850 in each recurring ten years was a little less

than 35 per cent. By another decade our population will reach 00,000,000. The Greenbackers are making a vigorous fight in Alabama. Weaver, Ran, anything in the letter that can be used dall and De La Matyr are all there to the prejudice of the writer. If they The State election comes off next Mon- and the letter does not accord with the

GRANT AND CONKLING.

A Monster Demonstration, Ovation and Ratification Proposed--Grant and Conkling to Speak.

N. Y. Herald, 25th,

tablishment waning preceptibly hope and expect to start a political boom of tremendous prepetions. At is boom of tremendous prepetions. At is well known that grave apprehensions tial men in the party as to the position to be taken in the campaign by Gen. the in or temp of the lith, where

to the cause. the will of the people; and we might is a very large class of readers whose Already Grant has written and it is add farther that the plan suggested by reading is almost wholly political. The reported he is ready to do more lift is They have been successful.

> ceived a project which bids fair to stir this city to its centre, and give to our people a spectacle as inspiring as any in the old Log Cabin days. Mr. Shook

Gen. Hancock's Electoral Count Letter-Secretary Sherman to Take the Stump.

Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.

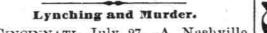
WASHINGTON, July 25 .- As soon as Gen. Sherman returns to the city an efthe letter, which it is claimed, Gen. Hancock wrote him in the winter of 1876-'77 in relation to the electoral count. There is great anxiety in Republican quarters to know exactly what Gen. Hancock wrote, and it seems to be the purpose of the men who charge the most reckless statements upon General Hancock to first ascertain exactly what the spirit of the letter is before getting a copy for publication. It is well understood here among General

Hancock's military friends that he does not disavow writing a letter to Gen. Sherman at the time specified, in relation to the then pending electoral count dispute, and further, that he is entirely willing that Gen. Sherman shall furnish a copy for publication. This knowledge is what troubles some relation to the then pending electoral of the Republican leaders, and they hesitate about making a public demand for the production of the letter until they first ascertain whether there is published allegation, then they do not want to be responsible for making it public, but will quietly let the whole subject drop.

Secretary Sherman during the next two weeks will devote considerable time to the preparation of a speech which he will deliver the latter part of. August, or early in September, in Ohio or Indiana. The speech will of course The Republican managers have de belargely financial, and will present vised a daring scheme by which they the best argument possible from a financial standpoint for the continuance of the Republican party in power during the next four years.

"All Dead." POTTSVILLE, PA., July 27.—At 11 o'clock last night, Jonathan Wusley, superintendent, Frank Willman, inside boss, and John Reese, district superintendent, all of the Philadelphia and Beading coal and iron company, descended the Keely Run Colliery, to examine the ventilation. Nothing further was heard of them until this mornns is in the interest of no particular OBSERVER caters to all these tastes and also said that Senator Conkling has ing, when it was discovered that the gangways were choked with the black damp and the men were cut off from the open air. Rescuing parties have takes, nor can we afford to jeopardize table glaticed over the paper and threw the strength of the Democratic party it aside, remarking there is not a foul air, and turned over to the physicians. There is no hope entertained that the imprisoned men are alive. They all have families, and the most intense excitement prevails about the mine; hundreds of people have gathered there. All work in the heighborhood

has been suspended. LATER.—The three men who were cut off by the black damp in Keely Run Colliery to-day, were found at 1 o'clock -all dead,



CINCINNATI, July 27.- A Nashville full confession to the sheriff before the on Saturday evening shot and killed, in a most unprovoked manner, W. M. Tiggert, in the ninth district, Montgomery county. Tiggert had interfered some time ago in one of Shoemaker's fights, and this was the cause of the murder. Shoemaker has taken' refuge with his friends and defies arrest.

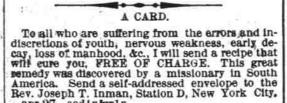
Last Thursday, at Dover, in Stewart county, a masked mob took Geo. Washfort is to be made on the part of the | ington, colored, from jail, where he was Republican leaders to get a squint at confined for a murder committed five weeks ago, and hanged him.

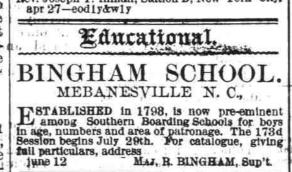
## Virginia Politics.

RICHMOND, VA, July 27.—The Dem-ocratic convention of this (third) congressional district met at Ashland today, and on the second ballot nominated Capt. Geo. D. Wise to represent the district in the Forty-Seventh Congress. Capt. Wise is a nepnew of the late Gov. Henry A. Wise, and is now the Commonwealth's attorney of the city of Richmond.

## What Two Old Soldiers Did.

precision, and the result was that in addition to scattering around among fortunate investors \$20, 000s and \$10,000s, they drew a half capital prize of \$50,000 for an intelligent young German named George Fred. Jussen, whose residence is in Brooklyn, who has collected his money and writ ten to his relatives in Germany announcing hi fortune. For further information apply to M. Dauphin, New Orleans, La,, or same person at 319 Broadway, New York city.





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