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November." DISCUSSION ABOUT A PLATFORM. At the conclusion of the address of the Presi-

dent on taking his seat as the perminent officer of the Convention, a motion was made to proceed immediately to the nomination of candidates for States.

Mr. Shippen, of Pennsylvania, offered the following as an amendment :

Resolved. That each State shall now pominate on person as a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and one person for Vice President; and that this Convention thereupon proceed to the election of such flices from the nominations thus to be made; and that after the first three ballots the candidates having the lowest number of votes on each successive ballot shall be dropped, and the ballot continued until a candidate shall be duly elected by a majority of the whole num-

Mr. Randolph, of New Jersey, would beg leave to interrupt the regular course of business to state that he had just conducted to a seat by the side of the President one of the oldest, most esteemed, and most honored citizens of New Jersey-a man sufficiently old to have been the companion, associate, and compatriot of Madison, Jefferson, and Monroe-one who had never allowed fanaticism or sectionalism to swerve him from his love of the Inion and the Constitution, and who stood now, as he had stood in the early days of the Republic, devoted to all sections of his common country. He therefore moved that the Hon. Lewis Condict of New Jersey, be declared an honorary Vice President of this Convention. [Cheers.]

The President then presented to the audience the veteran Vice President, who was received with

great enthusiasm.

Mr. Grayson, of Pennsylvania, said: Mr. President and gentlemen of the Convention, I wish to speak my individual opinion, and not utter one word as the mouthpiece of the delegation from Pennsylvania. When I came here, sir, I came with the expectation that we had an infinitely more important work to do than to nominate a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. I take it, sir, that we are about to initiste a great conservative national party. (Applause) And, sir, whether we are successful today or next year, of in the next quarter of a century, I for one wish it to be understood that, when this party of ours shall triumph, it shall triumph, not upon men, but upon prin-ciple. (Applause.) I am here not for any nomination. I know, sir, that the Constitutional Union party embraces within its ranks a host of men, either one of whom would dignify and do of the United States. (Applause.) But, sir, in President these political days upon which we have fallen, adopted. (and they are days of trouble and distrust,) I tell Gen. I you that whatever may be the antecedents of any statesman, I would not, looking to the doubtful fature, trust him, unless he puts himself upon a definite platform. (Applause.) I am here, sir, with my whole heart swelling within me with but ng, and that is a feeling for the Consti-

divisible. He therefore could see no reason for delay, and no possible reason for the appointment We give below a full report of the principal (be said) to disturb with one single word that I features in the proceedings of this body, omitting may utter that harmonious sentiment which I should wish to see pervade and animate the countries and the address of the should wish to see pervade and animate the countries. preliminary matters and the address of the President on taking the chair, a synopsis of which we gave last week. We are confident llous position. We are arrayed as a party of peace, that we could not do a better thing. We want the people to read these proceedings. We want them to redect mean them after they have read the Constitution on the North and on the South. them to reflect upon them after they have read (Applause.) Now, sir, in order that we go into this them. We want them to fastitute comparisons e atest (which is to be a most stirring and imporbetween the proceedings, the men who took part tant one for the destinies of this nation in all time in them, and the published proceedings of the to come) we should define our position as a party, and, in order to do that, we should ascertain and is occupied by the two great and formidable organizations which it is our duty and destiny to oppose in the coming campaign. What is the position occupied to-day by the Republican and the Democratic parties on the other side? It is useless for us to shut our ever to the fact that the laws to shut our ever to the fact that its all we need.

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Why, sir, if I were in an assemblage of Christian and the control of the old Whigh party. We cannot rally men to the support of a candidate who have them executed. The control of the old Whigh party. We cannot rally men to the support of a candidate who have them executed. The control of the old Whigh party. We cannot rally men to the support of a candidate who have them executed. The control of the old Whigh party. We cannot rally men to the support of the old Whigh party—of the Democratic parties on the other side? It is useless for us to shut our eyes to the fact that the only issue that has engressed the whole attention its planks? No! I would take nothing but the services to the country, we were domed to dehave presented for the Presidency and Vice only issue that has engrossed the whole attention of the people of the United States, in so far as JOHN BELL, of Tennessee, and EDWARD EVER. they have acted through their Legislatures and their great National Convention at Charleston, is one single question, which involves nothing more nor less than the interpretation and meaning of Texas were at the door of the building and deknown name; they are for making no experi- the Constitution of the United States; and that sired admittance. This announcement was rement with the public safety, by placing at the delegation of the United States, under the constitution, has or the United States, under the constitution, has or the Secretaries desk and presented the united States, under the constitution, has or the Secretaries desk and presented their credentials. The chairman of the ject of slavery in the Territories? (Hisses.) I delegation, A. B. Norton, were a heard reaching am not going to introduce this at all. (Laughter.) nearly to his waist, which attracted great attenoffered to the American people men, who, for What I mean by that, Mr. Chairman, is this, that more than a third of a century, have been in the we may avoid this whole difficulty simply by civic service, filling with honor and usefulness enunciating, before we go into a nomination of the most important Legislative and Executive candidates, a plain platform of principles which shall leave totally out of view this distracting question. (Applause.) I want to shut that question entirely out of this coming contest, in so period. They present them on the solid platform far as the Constitutional Union party is concernof personal worth, of intellectual fitness, and of ed; and I trust that, before we appoint a committee for the purpose of going into a nomination of a candidate for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, we should, either in general Convention or by a select committee appointed for the purpose, declare that we are for the Union and the Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the enforcement of the

laws. (Applause.) Mr. N. G. Pendleton, of Ohio, offered the folgogues. Such men at the head of affairs, all lowing amendment to the resolution, striking out

ion of his delegation

Mr. Harris, of Missouri, desired not to be misunderstood as desiring to obstruct the action of duced for the appointing of a nominating com-mittee. I desire such a committee with no view of having a platform reported, as I do not desire a platform. There are delegates from four or float in triumph above the battle shock of next five States, I would further remark, not now represented, who are now en route, and will be here to morrow. For this reason, also, I think we should not now proceed to ballot, so that they may have the opportunity of joining in the nom ination. This I regard as essential and proper,

> mittee proposed to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. Mr. Bresler, of Pennsylvania, asked the rending of the resolution of Mr. Shippen, and, on its being read, stated that he would preface his motion with the remark that he was desirous of casting the vote of his district on this floor, and not to vote by States in making a nomination. He therefore proposed an amendment: That we should immediately proceed to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, without

the intervention of any committee.

Mr. Watson, of Mississippi, thought the best course to pursue was " to make haste slowly." He would, therefore, propose that we resolve to proceed to ballot at ten o'clock to-morrow. All we want is to be better acquainted with each other before we proceed to business. Down where I live we have been so long abusing Massachusetts and Massachusetts has been so long abusing us that I thought when I arrived in Baltimore I would like to ascertain for myself what kind of men there were way down East. (Laughter.) In accordance with this determina-tion, I paid a visit last night to the Massachusetts delegation, and a nobler set of men I have not met with lately. We also compared views on the exciting topics of the day, and I found that their views were my views, and that my views were their views. I could not find one point of difference between us. All we wanted was the Union as it is, and the Constitution and the laws. I therefore came to the conclusion that we should remain for a little time to consult together, and all will be well. I tell you, sir, that there is an uprising of the people, North, South, East, and West, and we are delegated here to perform no ordinary duty. Let us do nothing with undue haste, and our action here will be such as cannot fail to perpetuate infinitely those institutions which, by fanaticism, have been so repeatedly endangered. Let the subject of a platform be referred to a committe. [Voice, We want no platform."] Well, let the question be referred, and let the committee consider the subject, and report that we want no platform, if such is the will of the Convention. I want such a committe to come together and consult, and become better acquainted with each other. In the mean time he hoped that his proposition honor to the high office of the chief magistrate to postpone the balloting for President and Vice-President until noon to to-morrow would be

Gen. Leslie Combs said : Mr. President, I have given much thought to the question now presented for the consideration of this Convenion. So deeply have I been impressed with the importance of a platform to a great political party that I have taken upon myself the labor of preparing three, [laughter;] one for the harmo-nious Democracy, who have lately agreed to-gether so beautifully at Charleston, [laughter;] tution and the Union. (Applause.)

Mr. Littell, of Pennsylvania, hoped that the resolution of his colleague would not be laid on the table. He thought we all had sufficient time to consult as to the character, standing, and fitness of the distinguished statesmen who have been mentioned in connexion with the nomination.

The preparing three, [aughter;] one for the narmonious Democracy, [laughter;] and another for the National Unionists now before and around us. [Applause.] First, then, for the harmonious Democracy, I propose the fore and around us. [Applause.] First, then, for the harmonious Democracy, I propose the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions of '98-'99; one in favor of excluding slavery from the Territories and the other in favor of foreing it into wentioned in connexion with the nomination. What further do we want to know of that distinguished man, John Bell, of Tennessee? (Cheers.) He has been before the country for a quarter of a century. We all know him, and the country knows him. He has been tried in high positions both by his State and the Union, his record is clear and numistakable, without a stain or blemiah to be discovered by his bitterest political op-

provided, that wives shall have the privilege to be kissed and witches to be burned. [Laughter.]
The third is the Constitution of the United States as it is, and the Union under it, now and forever. [Immense applause.] I will not speak with reference to the first at large, but I will venture to say that it will be as intelligible hereafter to the wide-spread Democracy as it has been heretofore, (laughter;) and, being as intelligible, I venture to state, on all that I am worth, that not one out of five hundred ever read these hundred understood them. (Laughter and applause.) In reference to our platform, the legslative, judicial, and executive departments shall be independent and supreme. I think

plause.)
The Chair announced that the delegation from

tion; whereupon
Gen. Leslie Combs rose, and thoughtit proper to account to the Convention for the extraordinary hairy appearance of the gentleman from Texas. Some fifteen years ago he had made a vow that he would never cut off his beard until Henry Clay was elected President of the United States; and it will be perceived he has most religiously kept his vow. (Vociferous applause.) Mr. Switzer, of Missouri, said that he spoke

as the representative of a State which had been overridden for the last twenty-five years by political demagogues. The question now was platform or no platform, and he would say in this connexion that the Missouri delegation stood two for and twelve against adopting any platform The people of Missouri wanted no better platform than the Constitution and the Union, and with such a one it would be an easy matter to override the political plunderers at Washington. States. [Applause.] A union of the States He was not opposed to discussing matters relating to the public welfare, but this question of platform was disgraced before the country. The people considered them mere humbugs, designed can meet our brethren, South and North, East only to catch voters. As, for instance, what was the Cincinnati platform? (A Voice, "Noth-will also promise a degree of success before the was the Cincinnational? (A voice, "Nothing.") It was, in his opinion, like a piece of gutta percha. (A Voice, "India rubber.") It was capable of being cut and put together again. He hoped the Convention would not [Applause.] peril the success of the present movement by adopting any platform; but take the Constitu-

tion and the Union, and with that go before the and in the meantime we could appoint the comforms, if that question is opened up; but, sir, for myself-without meaning to represent the here-I say, sir, that when the distinguished men who inaugurated this Convention appeared upon that platform to-day, (applause,) that was platform enough for the State of Maryland. Immense applause.) Show us the man, and we will tell you his platform. We want men who

> of Maryland is concerned. (Applause.) Mr. President, we are here at a most important period of our political history. It cannot be denied, sir, that for months past a feeling of distrust and growing restlessness as to our political future has taken strong hold upon the minds of the people of this country. The question is asked, "How long is this state of things to con-tinue? Is this glorious Union really in danger?" We are here in a period of calm to take our reckoning, and ascertain how far the old ship of State has drifted from its true course -to estimate the dangers through which we have passed, and by which we are now surrouded, we should repudiate all platforms but the Consti-tution. (Applause.) Now, sir, from the dis-There are good men, constitutional men, and na-tional men in the North as well as the South, and this is the voice of the Empire State. There shall make by that cry which is raised by the viously two or three of them are out of order. Democratic party whenever a gentleman is pre-sented who may be supposed to affiliate with in order that I may submit a motion which will Northern sentiments. We desire to stand upon be convenient to the Convention, and which is a conservative platform, and we say, when you that until otherwise authorized the rules and repudiate the Supreme Court of the United regulations of the House of Representatives be States, and its decision, we are at sea, and we the rules for the government of this body. might as well return and go home to our constituents. (Applause.) With this view I feel bound to say that the State of Maryland is not prepared to go into a nomination at the present Kentucky, that I would respectfully suggest be formally the state of the present of the pletform and I do ing to morrow morning, after she has had an in- so in the name both of the North and the South. terchange with her breibren, North and South, and I am satisfied, sir, from the intimations that applause, but it was found that Mr. C. was not able to present a man without a platform—a man unanimously accorded him by the Convention. that we can trust upon his antecedents, and Thomas A. Harris, of Missouri, thought that

Mr. Hopkins, of Georgia, desired to say a few choice that I cannot yield, and Missouri has no words on this question of platforms, and he such choice. And if I can lay him down I

NORTH CAROLINA ARGUS. ponent. With such a man we want no platform. He has stood through life a defender of the Convention but a AGENTS FOR AND DEALERS IN NORTH CAROLINA ARGUS. ponent. With such a man we want no platform. He has stood through life a defender of the Convention but a few minutes. He would suggest a platform in a stitution as it is, and of the Union as one and insecond, in reference to the burning of witches; very few words. He represented the first district second, in reference to the burning of witches; very few words. He represented the first district second, in reference to the burning of witches; very few words. of Georgia, and he was instructed, by such men as Judge Lord, and by consultation with the most intelligent citizens in his section of the State, to demand a platform. After sounding public opinion in Georgia, he had consulted with citizens of North Carolina, and they had perfectly coincided with him; not only that we should have a platform, but we agreed in all its planks. They thought that there would be no difficulty in giving the South a platform—a platform that three millions of voters could stand upon, without reresolutions, and of those who did, not one in five gard to the section of country in which they reside. That platform was the record of the hero of San Jacinto, General Sam Houston. (Applause.) I ask gentlemen from Kentucky, from Indiana, from Tonnessee, If he is not the man for the that will be platform enough for a Union party to times? Other distinguished gentlemen have been Bible as it is, and leaving all to construe it and feat. We then tried Gen. Taylor, a candidate be responsible to God for the construction. (Ap- who was not known to the country except for his brilliant services on the battle-field, and he led us on to a brilliant victory. We now want a man of military renown. (Cries of no! no!) I submit it to Kentucky, to Indiana, to the South. I appeal to the North, for he has fought the battles of our common country, and although you may oppose him because you have other and more favorite candidates, you must admit his high claims to the nomination. With the heroof Buena Vista we drove the Democracy from their strongholds, and with the hero of San Jacinto a similar victory may be obtained. With such a platform as I have proposed I would go back and tell the planters of Jeorgin that Sam Houston is the platform on which I stand, and I would do so confident of success, so far as the vote of that State was con-

cerned Hon. Erastus Brooks, of the New York delegation, said: Mr. President, the discussion of the questions, either of men or of platforms. even to the extent already indulged in, is premature and unfortunate. I think I may be permitted to say for thirty-five delegates, and for their thirty-five alternates—seventy men upon this floor from the State of New York—with one heart and one voice, that they have resolved to ask this Convention to present no platform to the country save the Constitution of the United

Sir, let gentlemen remember how brief is the age of this party of which we have the honor to be representatives. It is hardly half a year old, and in that brief period it is represented here tocountry. (Appluse.)

The Hon. Thomas Swann, who, on taking the floor, was greeted with great applause, said: I Union. [Applause.] It is wise to learn, as long arise, Mr. President, for the purpose of second- as we live under one Government, under one ing the motion of the gentleman who has just Constitution, (and with one destiny in view we spoken. (Applause.) The State of Maryland must learn,) to be tolerant and just towards cach is here to-day, sir, prepared to make a nomina- other. [Applause.] That justice and union tion. She has welcomed, sir, the delegations and concord better become the people of a Govfrom the different States of this great Union, ernment like this than any platform which any and she believes that the time is near at hand party Convention can inaugurate. [Applause:] when this Convention will be able to agree upon There is another event which experience has desuch a platform that will give confidence to this monstrated, and that is, that your party platforms whole country. (Applause.) Mr. President, are meant to deceive the people of the country, gentlemen have talked about platforms. We for they have their Northern face and their have a great deal to say upon the subject of plat- Southern face. They have one set of gentlemen to interpret them in one section, and another class in a different section. There must be some sentiment of those with whom I am associated tribunal to which we can all recur, and let that tribunal be the laws of the land and as constituted and interpreted by its highest judicial authority. [Applause.]

We invite you, gentlemen of the South, to meet us here to-day, or to-morrow, as in your judg-ment you may deem best. I feel, in the diversistand upon the Constitution and the execution of ty of opinion which has been expressed here tothe laws. (Applause.) We want no other day, that it is necessary, whatever we may do, platform here (applause) so far as the little State to do it in decency and in order; and whether it is proposed to adopt a platform of one or three lines, it is proper that a committee, representing every State in the Union, should take whatever propositions may have been prepared and present them, as the voice of all the States, to this National Convention. [Applause.] When such committee shall report, whether it be from the thirty three or thirty States, that report will be unanimous; and, being unanimous, I am sure that it will not only meet your heart concurrence but be assented to by those whom you represent. Then we shall go on conquering and to conquer.

. We have, in my own State, a conservative class, who are in favor of the fugitive slave law, and to calculate the chances that lie before us in and in favor of the Constitution of the United the future. If we wish to give confidence to the States. Then we have another class of men who people of this country, I say, representing, as I follow in the wake of these. They are for lieve, the voice of the State of Maryland, that preaching, as the great architect of the party preached at Cleveland, for a higher law than the Constitution of the United States. I am tired and tinguished names that have been presented to the weary of these disputes. Gentlemen will at times consideration of the State of Maryland, we are differ in regard to the power of Congress and in repared, in a spirit of compromise, to make a regard to the judicial interpretation even of the udicious selection. We are here for the purpose Constitution of the United States, but we owe it of repudiating all ultraism, both North and South. to ourselves as good eitizens to submit to the law we are not intimidated in the choice which we are five propositions before the Convention. Ob-

ment. She asks for time. She will be will- invited to take a seat on the platform, and I do

The announcement of this was received with have been given here to-day, that we shall be in the hall to take the seat which had been

upon the position he occupies before the country a committee should be appointed to take into consideration and report to the Convention names one who possesses that spirit which has been de-parted from by those who are now in power, and of candidates for President and Vice-President and which will give confidence to our country, both He was in favor of Millard Fillmore. (Cheers.)
North and South, East and West. (Applause.) He was the choice of Missouri, but I have no