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NEW PLATFORM AND INTERNAL PRINCIPLES.

Platform tinkers are now at work. Within a few days we have seen several attempts to show what the Democrats ought to do.

As we understand it, the Democratic party is in favor of free speech, free ballot and a fair count. It is in favor of honest money and a tariff for revenue; is opposed to subsidies and monopolies; demands equal rights under the Constitution for all classes and sections.

According to our understanding these are the leading principles of the Democratic party. Many of these are not new, but are as old as the Government itself.

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its rallying cry plunder. It demanded control of the Government because of its past record.

Shall we then think for a moment of disrupting, destroying that party which clings to and upholds amid the darkages of defeat, as well as under the bright skies of victory, the great principles of American liberty?

Some eloquent son has said, and we avail ourselves of it: "Shall we have the Union our fathers made—our Union the Republican party made from 1789 to 1877?"

We are glad to see that the Philadelphia American, Republican, does not believe it is good policy to invite the Democrats to unite with its party.

We venture to say that if Ben Hill and his followers could have their way that this Union of States would soon be changed, transformed into a consolidated Nation.

The American, edited with very marked ability, Radical as it is, appreciates the necessity of two great parties and the advantages to be derived from the continuance of the Democratic party.

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INCREASE OF THE NEGRO IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The New York Bulletin has an instructive article on the census of South Carolina, and points out the moral of the figures furnished by that State.

The Bulletin says the increase in population during the last decade is 45.31 per cent, but that paper fails to remember that the census of 1870, taken by the Radicals, is known to have been very deceptive—very far short of the real population.

It is impossible to evade the conclusion to be drawn from these facts as to the effects of the abrogation of slavery. Instead of the colored race proving to be able to take care of themselves and decay in the absence of the supervision of white ownership, their emancipation has been followed by an amazing development of fecundity and growth.

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The South will remain "Solid" as long as dangers threaten its safety or interests. Remove them and the solidity will disappear soon.

There is a movement on foot in Boston to have a new National Bankrupt law enacted by the Congress.

That some law ought to exist for the benefit of insolvent debtors that shall apply to all States alike, would seem just and proper.

There must be more reason for a bankrupt law among Southern business men than among Northern.

friendly hands being extended to lift him from the slough of despond there will be found those who will heap mud upon him to sink him deeper.

We suppose it more than probable that the next Congress will enact a bankrupt law pretty much like that recommended by the Boston Board of Trade.

The necessity for a general law is seen when it is remembered that in some of the States there is no provision for men who are unfortunate in business.

If a law is passed it will not be perfect, we may believe, and it will be abused, as all laws are, but it will be a great improvement on the old one we must hope.

THREE CAUSE.

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"It is not in any sense a reproach upon the Southern people that they have not taken a solid front against the always aggressive and often revolutionary sectional results which distracted political leaders of the North resorted to in order to save themselves from mere defeat.

The single clause in the Democratic platform—"a tariff for revenue only"—cost General Hancock many more votes in Pennsylvania than would have given him the State.

That such a result should have happened was unfortunate, but it was absurd, not to say stupid. It was a big score. The Democrats can carry this country upon the single issue of the present high war tariff.

That a decided majority of the American people desired some better rule than the present domination of the Republican party is not a matter of doubt; but no party or in any popular government, when all sections and classes were prosperous, and the fact that the Republicans barely escaped defeat with all these positive advantages in their favor.

of votes. We still believe they were the most potential agencies employed. Our first correspondence with the "Solid South" of the Times.

We intended to refer at length to the proposition coming from Northern Radicals to make ex-Presidents and ex-Vice Presidents life Senators.

The true way to provide for the ex-Presidents is by a suitable pension, just as we provide for retired army officers and retired justices of the Supreme Court.

We have strong hopes that even the Republican party will improve its morals and methods.

Philadelphia is now enjoying a social scandal. A beautiful, young, wealthy married woman, only seventeen, ran away from her home, having become infatuated with a Spaniard.

Together with her husband she went to Europe last year, and on board the steamer on her return, formed the acquaintance of a handsome young Spaniard, who alienated her affections from her husband.

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A Patriotic Letter.

We find in the New York Tablet, an Irish-American paper, the following patriotic letter from that gallant Irishman, Major James Reilly, of this city:

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 13, 1880.—Editor Tablet:—Sir:—However much I regret the necessity of this communication, I would prefer that an able pen than mine would raise its voice in favor of fair play.

And until the editors of such papers realize the fact, you cannot expect to be patronized by Irishmen living in the South, who fought for home and principle.

Death from Paralysis. Mr. James S. Melvin, who was suddenly stricken with paralysis on Wednesday, the 10th inst., died yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, at his boarding house, on Market, between Front and Second streets.

Extinguishing a Bear. D. F. Hines killed a large bear, on Friday last, between Merrett's Creek and Lane's Ferry, in Pender county.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. Raleigh Star.

STATE AT LARGE. F. H. Busbee, Dem., 124,204; Oliver H. Dockery, Rep., 115,616.

First District—Thos. B. Jernigan, D., 124,198; John D. Respass, R., 115,491; G. W. Warton, G., 1,183.

Second District—H. R. Bryan, D., 124,188; W. S. O'B. Robinson, R., 115,978; J. O. Gardner, G., 1,184.

Spirits Turpentine

Raleigh Star: The friends of the family of the late Dr. Charles E. Johnson will learn with profound regret of the death of his daughter, Carl, Emily S. Johnson, of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Wilson Advance: Last Saturday night three negroes, named Ed. B. S. Abb, Louget and Ed. Robinson were at the Weaver's store, and after partaking freely of it is thought of whiskey, etc., they began to quarrel; quarreling led to blows, and soon knives and other dangerous weapons came into use.

Charlotte Observer: How about the "North Carolina System," with the Western North Carolina Railroad, transformed into a "feeder" for Richmond? The number of marriages in Mecklenburg county this year up to date: white couples, 123; colored, 194; total, 317.

Henderson Review: We learn that Harvey Reavis, white, was killed by a stick by Bob Reavis, colored, at a needy night last, at Church's Store, near Middleburg, in Warren county.

Kinston Journal: Peter Phillips, of Vance, reports seven bales of cotton from seven acres, and Mr. W. B. Bacon reports twelve bales—500 pounds each—from two acres on a farm near Middleburg, with Whann's superphosphate, cotton seed and compost.

Fayetteville Examiner: A light snow fell at this place on Monday morning. A cutting affair took place in this town on Monday last. A difficulty occurred between a man by the name of James Orrison and George W. L. Johnson.

Charlotte Democrat: Do not the taxes in this county exceed the constitutional limitation—including that for State, county, road, bridge and city? No matter what the decision of the Supreme Court may have been heretofore, the matter should go to that court again.

Charlotte Observer: Oates' cotton factory will begin operations with 2,000 spindles about the first of January. All the machinery has not yet arrived.

Mrs. Byerly, who was stricken with paralysis day before yesterday, died about 10 o'clock the same night. She was in excellent health before the attack.