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From the quickened womb of the primal gloom,
The sun rolled black and bare,
Till I wove him a vest for his Ethiop breast,
Of the threads of my golden hair;
And when the broad tent of the firmament
Arose on its airy spars,
I pencilled the hue of its matchless blue,
And sprangled it round with stars.

I painted the flowers of Eden bowers,
And their leaves of living green,
And mine were the dyes in the shaless eyes
Of Eden's virgin queen:
And when the fiend's art on the trustful heart,
Had fastened its mortal spell,
In the silvery sphere of the first-born tear
To the trembling earth I fell.

When the wave that burst o'er a world accursed,
Their work of wrath had spent,
And the Ark's lone few, tried and true,
Came forth among the dead;
With the wondrous gleams of my bridal beams,
I bid their sorrows cease,
As I wrote on the roll of the storm's dark scroll,
God's covenant of peace.

Like a pall at rest on a senseless breast,
Nights funeral shadow slept—
Where shepherd swains on the Bethlehem plains
Their lonely vigils kept:
When I flashed on their sight the heralds bright
Of heaven's redeeming plan,
As they chanted the morn of a Savior born—
Joy, joy, to the outcast man.

Equal favor I show on the lofty and low,
On the just and unjust I descend;
E'en the blind, whose vain spheres roll in darkness and tears,
Feel my smile the blest smile of a friend.
Nay, the flower of the waste by my love is embraced,
As the roses in the garden of kings;
At the crysalis lies, of the worm I appear,
And low the gay butterfly's wings.

The desolate Morn, like a mourner forlorn,
Conceals all the pride of her charms
Till I bid the bright hours chase the night from her flowers,
And lead the young day to her arms;
And when the gay rover seeks Eve for his lover,
And sinks to his balmy repose,
I wrapt the soft veil by the zephyr fanned west,
In the curtains of amber and rose.

From my sentinel steep, by the night-blooded deep,
I gazed with unslumbering eye,
When the syncsure star of the mariner
Is blotted from out the sky;
And guided by me through the merciless sea,
Though rped by the hurricanes wings;
His compassless, dark, lone, weltering bark,
To haven home safely he brings.

I waken the flowers in their dew spangl'd bowers,
The birds in their chambers of green,
And mountain and plain glow with beauty again,
As they bask in their radiant sheen.
O, if such the glad worth of my presence to earth,
Though sinful and fleeting the while,
What glories must rest on the home of the blest,
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Platform of the American Party of North Carolina.

At a Convention of the American party, held at Raleigh, on the 19th of October, 1855, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, as the causes which rendered the secrecy of the American organization necessary in its infancy, no longer exist—all the secret ceremonials of the order whether of initiation obligations, signs, constructions, rituals, or passwords be abolished—that we do constitute ourselves into a publicly-organized *party*—that we do challenge our opponents to the public discussion of our principles—and we do hereby invite and invoke the aid and co-operation of all the citizens of the State without regard to their former political affiliations, in maintaining and carrying out the great aims, principles and objects of the American Party.

Resolved, That we do hereby ratify and endorse the principles enunciated in the platform of the American party, by the National Council of the same, begun and held at Philadelphia, on the 5th day of June, 1855, in relation to the political policy of the Government—whilst at the same time, we consider the three great primary principles of the organization, which constitute the basis of our party, as paramount in importance to any issues of mere governmental policy.

Resolved, That these three great primary principles are, *first* the confinement of the honors, offices and responsibilities of political station, under our government, to native-born Americans—with a due regard at the same time, to the protection of the foreign-born in all the civil rights and privileges guaranteed to freemen by the constitution, whether Federal or State.

Secondly, Resistance to religious intolerance, and a rigid maintenance of the great principle of religious freedom—by excluding from office and power, those who would persecute for conscience sake however control the politics of the country through Church influences or priestly intercourses; and who acknowledge an allegiance to any power on earth whether civil or ecclesiastical as paramount to that which they owe to the Constitution.

And, Thirdly, unswerving devotion to the Union of these States, and resistance to all factions and sectional attempts to weaken its bonds.

Resolved, That in all nominations for political station hereafter to be made by the American Party, it is recommended that the same be done in open public meeting—and that all those who agree with us in principle, and who concur in our aims and objects, shall hereafter be recognized as members of the American Party.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the American Party in this State to hold a Convention of delegates, to be appointed in public primary meetings in the respective counties, in Greensboro on Thursday the 10th day of April next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to be run by the American Party for Governor at the next election—that each county appoint as many Delegates as it chooses, and that the mode of voting in said convention be regulated by the convention itself.

Resolved, That we consider the 22d day of February next—the time heretofore selected by the National Council of the American order, for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President, as too early a day for that purpose—and we do hereby recommend to our brethren of the American party throughout the Union, the propriety of postponing the holding of said convention to some time in the months of June or July.

Resolved, However, lest such postponement may not take place, it is deemed advisable to appoint two delegates to represent the State at large in such nominating Convention,—and it is recommended to the American Party in each Congressional District to hold primary meetings in the respective counties, and appoint delegates to District Convention, for the selection of a delegate from each respective District to said nominating Convention.

Resolved, That an Executive Central Committee of five, to appointed by this body, whose duty it shall be to attend to the general concerns of the American party in this State, to carry on the necessary correspondence, and take such incipitive steps as may be deemed necessary for the more thorough organization of the said party—and that said executive committee be authorized and requested to appoint a County Executive Committee for each County in the State; and that said County Executive Committee do further appoint a sub-committee for each election precinct in the county with a view to a more thorough and complete organization of the American party in North Carolina.

The National American Platform.

At a regular meeting of the National Council, of the American Party, begun and held at Philadelphia, on the 5th of June, A. D., 1855, the following was adopted as the Platform and principles of the Organization.

I.—The acknowledgment of that Almighty Being, who rules over the Universe,—who presides over the councils of nations,—who conducts the affairs of men, and who, in every step by which we have advanced to the character of an independent nation, has distinguished us by some token of Providential agency.

II.—The cultivation and development of a sentiment of profoundly intense American feeling; of pecul mate attachment to our country, its history and its institutions; of admiration for the purer days of our national existence; of veneration, for the heroism that precipitated our Revolution and of emulation of the virtue, wisdom, and patriotism that framed our constitution and first successfully applied its provisions.

III.—The maintenance of the union of these United States as the paramount political good or, to use the language of Washington, "the many object of patriotic desire," and hence—sulst. Opposition to all attempts to weaken or pervert it.

2d. Uncompromising antagonism to every principle of policy that endangers it.

3d. The advocacy of an equitable adjustment of all political differences which threatens its integrity or perpetuity.

4th. The suppression of all tendencies to political division, founded on "geographical discriminations, or on the belief that there is a real difference of interests and views" between the various sections of the Union.

5th. The full recognition of the rights of the several States, as expressed and reserved in the Constitution; and a careful avoidance, by the General Government, of all interference with their rights by legislative or executive action.

IV.—Obedience to the Constitution of these United States, as the Supreme law of the land, sacredly obligatory upon all its parts and members; and steadfast resistance to the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts. Avowing that in all doubtful or disputed points it may only be legally ascertained and expounded by the judicial power of the United States.

And, as a corollary to the above:

I. A habit of reverential obedience to the law, whether National, State, or Municipal, until they are either repealed or declared unconstitutional by the proper authority.

2. A tender and sacred regard for those acts of statesmanship, which are to be contradistinguished from acts of ordinary legislation, by the fact of their being of the nature of compacts and agreements; and so, to be considered a fixed and settled national policy.

V. A radical revision and modification of the laws regulating immigration, and the settlement of immigrants. Offering to the honest immigrant who, from love of liberty or hatred of oppression, seeks an asylum in the United States, a friendly reception and protection. But unqualifiedly condemning the transmission to our shores of felons and paupers.

VI.—The essential modification of the Naturalization Laws.

Their repeal by the Legislatures of the respective States, of all State laws allowing foreigners not naturalized to vote.

The repeal, without retroactive operation, of all acts of Congress making grants of land to unnaturalized foreigners, and allowing them to vote in he Territories.

VII.—Hostility to the corrupt means by which the leaders of party have hitherto lorded upon us our rulers and our political creeds.

Implacable enmity against the prevalent demoralising system of rewards for political subserviency, and of punishments for political independence.

Disgust for the wild hunt after office which characterizes the age.

Them on the one hand. On the other:—

Intrench ment of the practice of the purer days of the Republic: and admiration of the maxim of "office should seek the man, and not man the office," and of the rule that, the just mode of ascertaining fitness for office is the capability, the faithfulness, and the honesty of the incumbent or candidate.

VIII.—Resistance to the aggressive policy and corrupting tendencies of the Roman Catholic Church in our country by the advancement to all political stations—executive, legislative, judicial, or diplomatic—of those only who do not hold civil allegiance, directly or indirectly, to any foreign power whether civil or ecclesiastical, and who are Americans by birth, education and taining,—thus fulfilling the maxim: "AMERICANS SHALL RULE OVER AMERICA."

The protection of all citizens in the legal and proper exercise of their civil and religious rights and privileges: the maintenance of the right of every man to the full, unrestrained, and peaceful enjoyment of his own religious opinions and worship, and a jealous resistance of all attempts by any sect, denomination or church to obtain an ascendency over any other in the State, by means of any special privileges or exemptions, by any political combination of its members, or by a division of their civil allegiance with any foreign power, potentate, or ecclesiastic.

IX.—The reformation of the character of our National Legislature, by elevating to that dignified and responsible position men of higher qualifications, purer morals, and more unselfish patriotism.

X.—The restriction of executive patronage, especially in the matter of appointments to office, so far as it may be permitted by the Constitution, and consistent with the public good.

XI.—The education of the youth of our country in schools provided by the States; which schools shall be common to all, without distinction of creed or party, and free from any influence or direction of a denominational or sectarian character.

And, inasmuch as Christianity, by the Operations of nearly all the States; by the decisions of the most eminent judicial authorities; and by the consent of the people of America, is considered an element of our political system; and, as the Holy Bible is at once the source of Christianity and the depository and fountain of all civil and religious freedom, we oppose every attempt to exclude it from the schools thus established in the States.

XII.—The American party having arisen upon the ruins and in spite of the opposition of the Whig and Democratic parties, cannot be in any manner responsible for the obnoxious acts of violated pledges of either. And the systematic agitation of the slavery question by those parties having elevated sectional hostility into a positive element of political power, and brought our institutions into peril, it has therefore become the imperative duty of the American party to interpose for the purpose of giving peace to the country and perpetuity to the Union. And as experience has shown it impossible to reconcile opinions so extreme as those which separate the disputants, and as there can be no dishonor in submitting to the laws, the National Council has deemed it the best guarantee of common justice and of future peace, to abide by and maintain the existing laws upon the subject of slavery, as a final and conclusive settlement of that subject, in spirit and in substance.

And regarding it the highest duty to avow their opinions upon a subject so important, in distinct and unequivocal terms, it is hereby declared as the sense of this National Council, that Congress possesses no power, under the Constitution, to legislate upon the subject of Slavery in the States where it does or may exist, or to exclude any State from admission into the Union because its Constitution does or does not recognise the institution of Slavery as a part of its social system; and expressly preterm itting any expression of opinion upon the power of Congress to establish or prohibit Slavery in any Territory, it is the sense of the National Council that Congress ought not to legislate upon the subject of Slavery within the Territories of the United States, and that any interference by Congress with Slavery as it exists in the District of Columbia, would be a violation of the spirit and intention the compact by which the State of Maryland ceded the District to the United States, and a breach of the National faith.

XIII.—The policy of the Government of the United States, in its relations with foreign governments, is to exact justice from the strongest, and do justice to the weakest; restraining, by all the power of the government, all its citizens from interference with the internal concerns of nations with whom we are at peace.

XIV—The National Council declares that all the principles of the Order shall be henceforward everywhere openly avowed; and that each member shall be at liberty to make known the existence of the Order, and the fact that he himself is a member, and it recommends that there be no secret mount of the places of meeting of subordinate councils.

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