

**THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.**

The following is the platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday. It was reported by Mr. Murphy, of New York, chairman of the committee on resolutions:

**PLATFORM.**

The Democratic party, in National Convention assembled, reposing its trust in the intelligence, patriotism, discrimination and justice of the people, standing upon the constitution as the foundation and limitation of the powers of the government, and the guaranteeing the liberties of the citizen, and recognizing the questions of slavery and secession as having been settled for all time to come by the war, or the voluntary action of the Southern States in Constitutional Conventions assembled, and never to be renewed or reargued, do, with the return of peace, demand:

First. The immediate restoration of all the States to their rights in the Union under the constitution, and of civil government to the American people.

Second. Amnesty for all past political offenses and the regulation of the elective franchise in the States by their citizens.

Third. The payment of the public debt of the United States as soon as practicable; and that all moneys drawn from the people by taxation, except so much as is requisite for the necessities of the government economically administered, be honestly applied to such payment, and where the obligations of the government do not expressly state upon their face, or the law under which they were issued does not provide that they shall be paid in coin, they ought, in right and in justice, to be paid in the lawful money of the United States.

Fourth.—Equal taxation of every species of property according to its real value, including Government bonds and other public securities.

Fifth.—One currency for the Government and the people, the laborer and the office-holder, the pensioner and the bondholder.

Sixth.—Economy in the administration of the Government; the reduction of the standing army and navy; the abolition of the Freedmen's Bureau (great cheering) and all political instrumentalities designed to secure negro supremacy; simplification of the system and discontinuance of inquisitorial modes of assessing and collecting internal revenue, so that the burden of taxation may be equalized and lessened, the credit of the Government and the currency made good; the repeal of all enactments for enrolling the State militia into national forces in time of peace; and a tariff for revenue upon foreign imports, and such equal taxation under the internal revenue laws as will afford incidental protection to domestic manufactures, and as will, without impairing the revenue, impose the least burden upon and best promote and encourage the great industrial interests of the country.

Seventh.—Reform of abuses in the Administration, the expulsion of corrupt men from office, the abolition of useless offices, the restoration of rightful authority to and the independence of the executive and judicial departments of the Government, the subordination of the military to the civil power, to the extent that the usurpations of Congress and the despotism of the sword cease.

Eighth.—Equal rights and protection for naturalized and native born citizens at home and abroad; the assertion of American nationality which shall command the respect of foreign Powers, and furnish an example and encouragement to people struggling for national integrity, constitutional liberty, and individual rights; and the maintenance of the rights of naturalized citizens against the absolute doctrine of immutable allegiance and the claims of foreign Powers to punish them for alleged crimes committed beyond their jurisdiction.

In demanding these measures and reforms we arraign the Radical party for its disregard of right, and the unparalleled oppression and tyranny which have marked its career. After the most solemn and unanimous pledge of both Houses of Congress to prosecute "the war exclusively for the maintenance of the Government and the preservation of the Union under the Constitution," it has repeatedly violated that most sacred pledge, under which alone was rallied that noble volunteer army which carried our flag to victory.

Instead of restoring the Union, it has, so far as it is in its power, dissolved it, and subjected ten States, in time of profound peace, to military despotism, and negro supremacy.

It has nullified the right of trial by jury; it has abolished the *habeas corpus*, that most sacred writ of liberty; it has overthrown the freedom of speech and the press; it has substituted arbitrary seizures and arrests, and military trial and secret star chamber inquiries for the constitutional tribunals; it has disregarded in time of peace the right of the people to be free from searches and seizures; it has entered the post and telegraph offices, and even the private rooms of individuals, and seized their private papers and letters without any specific charge or notice of affidavit, as required by the organic law; it has converted the American capital into a military camp, established a system of spies and official espionage to which no constitutional monarch of Europe would dare resort; it has abolished the right of appeal on important constitutional questions to the supreme judicial tribunal, and threatens to curtail or destroy its original jurisdiction, which is irrevocably vested by the Constitution, while the learned Chief Justice has been subjected to the most atrocious calumnies merely because he would not prostitute his high office to the support of the false and partisan charges preferred against the President. Its corruption and extravagance have exceeded anything known in history, and by its frauds and monopolies it has nearly doubled the burden of the debt created by the war. It has stripped the President of his constitutional power of appointment even of his own Cabinet. Under its reckless and senseless pillars of the Government are rocking on their base, and should it succeed in November next, and inaugurate its President, we will meet, as a subjected and conquered people, amid the ruins of liberty and the scattered fragments of the Constitution; and we do declare and resolve that ever since the people of the United States threw off all subjection to the British Crown, the privilege and trust of suffrage have belonged to the several States, and have been granted, regulated, and controlled exclusively by the political power of each State respectively; and that any attempt by Congress, on any pretext whatever, to deprive any State of this right, or to interfere with its exercise, is a flagrant usurpation of power which can find no warrant in the Constitution; and if sanctioned by the people will subvert our form of gov-

ernment, and can only end in a single centralized and consolidated Government, in which the separate existence of the States will be entirely absorbed, and an unqualified despotism be established in place of a federal union of co-equal States; and that we regard the reconstruction acts (so called) of Congress, as usurpations, and unconstitutional, revolutionary, and void; that our soldiers and sailors, who carried the flag of our country to victory against a most gallant and determined foe, must ever be gratefully remembered, and all the guarantees given us, their favor must be faithfully carried into execution.

That the public lands should be distributed as widely as possible among the people, and should be disposed of either under the pre-emption of homestead lands, and sold in reasonable quantities, and to none but actual occupants, at the minimum price established by the Government. When grants of the public lands may be allowed, necessary for the encouragement of important public improvements, the proceeds of the sale of such lands, and not the lands themselves, should be so applied.

That the President of the United States, Andrew Johnson, (applause), in exercising the power of his high office in resisting the aggressions of Congress upon the constitutional rights of the States and the people, is entitled to the gratitude of the whole American people, and in behalf of the Democratic party we tender him our thanks for his patriotic efforts in that regard.

**The Fourth of July—Proclamation of General Amnesty.**

Washington, July 3, P. M.

WHEREAS, In the month of July, A. D. 1863, accepting the condition of civil war which was brought about by insurrection and rebellion in several of the States, which constitute the United States, the two Houses of Congress did solemnly declare that the war was not waged, on the part of the Government, in any spirit of oppression, nor for any purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or established institutions of the States, but only to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution of the United States, and to preserve the Union with all the dignity, equality and rights of the several States unimpaired; and that, so soon as those objects should be accomplished, the war on the part of the Government should cease;

And Whereas, The President of the United States has, heretofore, in the spirit of that declaration, and with the view of securing for it ultimate and complete effect, set forth several proclamations, offering amnesty and pardon to persons who were concerned in the aforesaid rebellion, which proclamations, however, were attended with prudential reservations and exceptions, then deemed necessary and proper, and which proclamations were respectively issued on the 8th day of December, 1863; on the 20th day of March, 1864; on the 29th day of May, 1865, and on the 7th day of September, 1867;

And whereas, The said lamentable civil war has long since altogether ceased, with an acknowledgment by all of the States, of the supremacy of the Federal Constitution and the government thereunder, and there no longer exists any reasonable grounds to apprehend a renewal of the said civil war, or any foreign interference, or any unlawful resistance by any portion of the people of any of the States to the Constitution and laws of the United States;

And whereas, It is desirable to reduce the standing army and to bring to a speedy termination military occupation, martial law, military tribunals, abridgment of freedom of speech and of the press and suspension of the privilege of *habeas corpus*, and the right of trial by jury—such encroachments upon our free institutions, in times of peace, being dangerous to public liberty, incompatible with the individual rights of the citizen, contrary to the genius and spirit of our republican form of government and exhaustive of the national resources;

And whereas, It is better believed that amnesty and pardon will tend to secure a complete and universal establishment and prevalence of municipal, law and order, in conformity with the Constitution of the United States, and to remove all appearances or presumption of a retaliatory or vindictive policy, on the part of the Government, attended by unnecessary disqualifications, pains, penalties, confiscation and disenfranchisement, and, on the contrary, to promote and procure a complete fraternal reconciliation among the whole people, with due submission to the Constitution and laws;

Now THEREFORE, be it known that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, do, by virtue of the Constitution, and in the name of the people of the United States, hereby proclaim and declare, unconditionally and without reservation, to all and to every person, who directly participated in the late insurrectional rebellion, excepting such person or persons as may be under present or indictment in any Court of the United States, having competent jurisdiction, upon a charge of treason or other felony, a FULL PARDON AND AMNESTY for the offense of treason against the United States of adhering to their enemies, during the late civil war, with restoration of all rights of property except as to slaves, and except also as to any property of which any person may have been legally divested under the laws of the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have signed these presents with my hand, and have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, the 4th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 93d.

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WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

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**State of North Carolina, YADKIN COUNTY.**

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, April Term, 1868.

Arrangement LEVIED ON LAND. In this case appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is not a resident of the State of North Carolina, it is ordered, therefore, by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the "Watchman and Old North State," notifying said defendant to be and appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Yadkin, at the court-house in Yadkinville, on the second Monday in July next, then and there to plead, answer or demur to said attachment, or the same will be heard *ex parte*, the judgment confirmed, the land levied on condemned to satisfy plaintiff's debt, and an order of sale granted.

Witness, J. G. Marler, clerk of our said Court at office in Yadkinville, the second Monday in April, A. D. 1868. J. G. MARLER, C. C.

**State of North Carolina, STANLY COUNTY.**

Court of Equity, Spring Term, 1868.

Thomas Biles and wife Elizabeth, et al. vs. George M. Sides, et al. PETITION FOR SALE OF LAND. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants, O. G. McNease, et al., Nelson, et al., Henry Marshall and wife Sallie, Caroline Malone, Harris Crowell and wife Mary, and Anderson Porter and wife Polly, residing beyond the limits of this State: It is therefore ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the "Watchman and Old North State," notifying said defendants to be and appear at our next Superior Court of Law, to be held for the county of Stanly, at the court-house in Albemarle, on the 1st Monday in September next, then and there to show cause if any, why the lands mentioned in the Petition shall not be sold. Witness, Jas. D. Hearne, clerk of our said Court at office, the 1st Monday in March, 1868. J. D. HEARNE, C. C.

**State of North Carolina, CATAWBA COUNTY.**

Court of Equity, Spring Term, 1868.

Moses M. Hitt and wife Rhoda, et al. vs. J. E. Fry and wife Anna, et al. PETITION FOR SALE OF LAND. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants, Noah Fry and wife, & F. W. Wing and wife Catharine, reside beyond the limits of this State. It is therefore ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the "Watchman and Old North State," notifying the defendants to be and appear at our next Superior Court of Law, to be held for the county of Catawba at the courthouse in Newton, on the 22d Monday in August next, then and there to plead to, answer or demur, or judgment *pro confesso* will be taken as to them. Witness, O. Campbell, clerk of our said Court at office, the 2d Monday in February, 1868. O. CAMPBELL, C. C.

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**Ten Cents Reward.**

RANAWAY from the subscriber, on Thursday, the 2nd day of July, 1868, a bound boy named James Towel, who will pay the above reward of ten cents, and no thanks, to any person who will return said boy to me, near South River Mills in Rowan county. W. W. MILLER, July 11, 1868.

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**State of North Carolina, WATAUGA COUNTY.**

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term, 1868.

Wm. Hopton, Guardian vs. Thomas & R. E. Brown.

Attachment levied on land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants, Thomas & R. E. Brown reside beyond the limits of this State: It is ordered by the Court that publication be made for six weeks in the Watchman & Old North State, notifying said defendants to be and appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Watauga at the court-house in Boone, on the 2nd Monday in July next, then and there show cause why the land levied on shall not be condemned to the use of the plaintiff. Witness, J. B. Todd, clerk of our said Court at office, the 2d Monday in April, A. D. 1868. J. B. TODD, Clerk.

**State of North Carolina, SURRY COUNTY.**

Jesse F. Graves vs. John J. Fraizure.

ATTACHMENT. IT is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the "Watchman and Old North State," a newspaper published in the town of Salisbury, for six consecutive weeks, for the purpose to be and appear at the next term of our Superior Court of Law to be held for the county of Surry, at the Court-House in Dobson, on the second Monday after the last Monday in August next, then and there to plead, answer or demur in this case, or judgment *pro confesso* will be taken against him.

Witness, A. H. Freeman, clerk of our said Court at office in Dobson, the second Monday after the last Monday in February, 1868. A. H. FREEMAN, C. C.

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**State of North Carolina, ALEXANDER COUNTY.**

Superior Court of Law, Spring Term, 1868.

L. H. & J. W. Jones, vs. Wiley Gaither.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant in this case, Wiley Gaither, resides beyond the limits of the State. It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made for six weeks successively, in the "Watchman & Old North State," a paper published in the town of Salisbury, notifying the said defendant to be and appear at the next Term of this Court to be held for the county of Alexander, at the courthouse in Taylorsville, on the 6th Monday after the last Monday in August next, then and there to show cause, if any he has, why the property levied on should not be condemned to the plaintiff's use. Witness, E. M. Stevenson, clerk of our said Court at office, the 6th Monday after the last in February, A. D. 1868. E. M. STEVENSON, C. C.

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**State of North Carolina, ALEXANDER COUNTY.**

Superior Court of Law, Spring Term, 1868.

Mr. W. L. MILSAPS: You are hereby notified that I will take the depositions of James Burchem and others, on the 5th day of August next, at the court-house in Washington county, Indiana, touching a certain matter of controversy now pending in the said Superior Court, of said Alexander county, N. C., wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant, when and where you may be present and cross