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PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

At a Convention of the American party, held at Raleigh, on the 10th of October, 1855, the following resolutions were adopt-

Resolved, That, as the causes which rendered the secrecy of the American organi- Mount Vernon. zation necessary in its infancy, no longer exist-all the secret cermonials of the order whether of initiation, obligations, signs, constitutions, rituals, or passwords be abolished-that we do constitute ourselves into 2 publicly organized party-that we do chalinvite 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 par-

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 we consider the three great primary principles of the organization, which constitute

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 maintanance of the great principle of religious freedom-by excluding from office and power, those who would persecute for opinion's sake, who would control the politics of the country through and who acknowledge an allegiance to any power on earth, whether civil or ecclesiastical, as paramount to that which they owe to the Constitution.

factions and sectional attempts to weaken

Resolved, That in all nominations for political station here after to be made by 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.

American Party in this State to hold a Convention of delegates, to be appointed in publie 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 the convention itself.

of Febuary 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 breathren of the American party throughout the Union, the

ment may not take place, it is deemed advisable to appoint two delegates to represent the State at large in such nominating Conmerican party in each Congressional Distriet to hold primary meetings in the respective counties, and appoint delegates to District Conventions, for the selection of to delegate from each respective District a

said nominating Convention. Resolved, That an Executive Central Committee of five, be appointed by this body whose duty it shall be to attend to the general concerns of the American party in great man subsequent to 1789. this State, to carry on the necessary cor-

thorough organization of the 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 apcinct in the county, with a view to a more American party in North Carolina.

Portraiture of Washington.

BEING AN APPENDIX TO THE CUSTIS RECOLECTIONS AND

It is assuredly both desirable and proper that there should belong to the American faithful portraiture of their WASHINGTON. They have in their own country all the mawork; nor need they go abroad to ensure its most happy execution-they having artistic skill of the highest order at home.

The earliest original of the Pater Patra is the portrait of Colonel Washington, paint-Persons sending advertisements are requested to ed by Charles Wilson Peale, in 1772, and now in fine preservation at Arlington should occupy the least space possible, write upon House. This splendid and most interesting picture formed the principal ornament of the parlor at Mount Vernon for twentyseven years, and for the truth of its resem-PLATFORM OF THE AMERICAN blance to Washington of colonial times Dr. James Craik was frequently applied to, who pronounced it to be a faithful likeness of the Provincial Colonel in the prime of life. The venerable James Craik, it is well known, was the associate and bosom friend of the Chief from 1764 to the last days at

a full length of the Commander-in-Chief, painted by Peale in 1776, during the Revolution. This Peale may be very properly lenge our opponents to the public discuss- styled the soldier artist: for in springion of our principles-and we do hereby time he would buy aside his pallette, and commanding a company, fight a campaign; and on going into winter quarters, take up his pallette again, and paint the portraits of the great men of the army of Independence. The soldier artist gave a most graphic and amusing account of his painting the portrait of General Greene at Valley Forge. He said, "The wretched hut that formed held at Philadelphia, on the 5th day of June, my studio had but two articles of turniture 1855, in relation to the political policy of -an old bed stead and a three legged chair! the Government-whilst at the same time. The Coneral being a heavy man, I placed him upon the bedstead, while I steadled the basis of our party, as paramount in im- myself as well as I could upon the rickety portance to any issues of mere governmente! shair: it was awfully cold, and I had every few moments to thrust my hand into the fire to enable me to hold my pencil." In such a studio, and with such appliances, painted the only reliable likeness that we have of the illustrious soldier who was the hero of the South, and second only to him who was first of all.

Peale delighted to relate incidents that occurred during his intercourse at various times with Washington-particurlarly the physical prowess of the Chief in 1772. He said, "One afternoon, several young gentlemen, visitors at Mount Vernon, and myself Church influences or priestly interference; were engaged in pitching the bar, one of the athletic sports common in those days, when suddenly the Colonel appeared amongst us. He requested to be shown the And, Thirdly, unswerving devotion to the pegs that marked the bounds of our efforts; Union of these States, and resistance to all then smiling and without putting off his coat, held out his hand for the missile. No sooner, observed the narator, with emphasis, did the heavy iron bar feel the grasp of American Party, it is recommended that the his mighty hand than it lost the power of gravitation, and whizzed through the air, striking the ground far, very far, beyond our furthest limits. We were indeed amazed, as we stood around, all stripped to the Resolved, That it be recommended to the buff, with shirt sleeves rolled up, and having thought ourselves very clever fellows, while the Colonel, on retiring, pleasantly observed, "When you beat that pitch, young gentlemen, I'll try again."

In 1790 appeared the equestrian portrait of the Chief by Colonel Trumbull. In the egates as it chooses, and that the mode of execution of this fine work of art, the paint- picture said to be for a Swedish nobleman? Our readers may ask, "Shall the stan- great is now the consumption of paper voting in said convention be regulated by er had standings as well as sittings—the It is notorious that it was only by hard dard portrature be equestrian?" We reply, Resolved, That we consider the 22d day ing been led out and held by a groom, while sittings to the Marquis of Lansdowne's valier as Washington was, the white charconvention, to some time in the month of the equestrian portrait by Trumbull in the And, lastly, if the Wertmuller was painted dard before them in the head from Stuart, Resolved, However, lest such postpone- Washington, as deleneated by Colonel feature in the physiogomy of the Chief at original of 1772, and the figure from Trum-Trumbull, is the most perfect extant.

In 1789 the first President lost his teeth, lip? vention, and it is recommended to the A- and, the artificial ones with which he was furnished answering very imperfectly the statue and form of Washington, we give achieved its high destiny, and, embracing a of his face, more especially in the project information derived from the highest aution of the under lip, which forms so distin- thority-a favorite nephew. guishing a feature in the works of Stuart

espondence, and take such inceptive steps history of the fine arts in the United States, shoes." We know that he measured, by a perpetuated by the mellowed tints of the

as may be deemed necessary for the more in the return of Gilbert Stuart to his native standard, precisely six feet when laid out in canvass and the freshness of time-enduring and from a long sojourn in Europe, where death. Of his weight we are an evidence, his great fame as a portrait painter obtained having heard him say to Crawford, Governfor him the title of the modern Vandyke .- or of Canada, in 1799, "My weight, in my ate of that great man in the perils and glo- ed in our issue of Saturday, a statement to The distinguishing excellence of Stuart, as best days, sir, never exceeded from two hun- ries of the struggle for American indepen- the effect that the Postmaster General had point a sub-committee for each election pre- a portrait painter, consisted in his giving dred and ten to twenty." His form was dence. Let there be undying honor to the determined not to appoint any American to the expression of character to his portraits, unique, unlike most athletic frames that exthorough and complete organization of the a novelty in portrait painting in the United pand at the shoulders and then geather in States more than half a century ago. Stu- at the hips. The form of Washington deart's object and ambition on returning to A- viated from the general rule, since it descen- his countrymen and mankind for the patriot, idea of the Jesuitism in this Department, and merica were to paint the great man of his ded from the shoulders to the hips in percountry. He gave to this work all his ge- pendicular lines, the breadth of the trunk nius, all his skill, and the best feelings of being nearly as great at the one as at the people, and descend to their posterity, a his heart. The first portrait of Washing- other. His limbs were long, large, and sinton by Stuart created a great sensation on ewy; in his lower limbs, he was what is uits appearence in Philadelphia. It was soon sually called straight-limbed. His joints, terials necessary and requisite for such a followed by the celebrated full-length for feet and hands were large, and could a cast the Marquis of Lansdowne. In this splen- have been made from his right hand, so far did picture Stuart has failed in the figure of did its dimensions exceed nature's model, the Chief, unapproachable as he was in that it would have been preserved in muse- to dim the lustre of his fame, descended to painting the head. The great artist had ums, for ages, as the anatomical wonder of the grave with the august title of the Father never made the human figure his peculiar the 18th century. Lafayette remembered study or practice. Hence, for the correct this remarkable hand, when, during his tri figure of Washington, we must refer, in all umph in America, he said to us, in the porcases, to the works of Trumbull. It was tico at Mount Vernon, "It was here, in 1784. our good fortune to see much of Gilbert I was first introduced to you by the good Stuart in his studios of Philadelphia and General; it is a long while ago; you were Washington city, and to hear him say, "I den a very little gentleman, rigged out in a do not pretend to have painted Washington cap and feather, and held by one finger of as the General of the armies of Indepen- the General's mighty hand. It was all you dence; I knew him as such; I have painted | could do at dat time, my dear sir." the first President of the United States."- The eyes of the Chief were a light grav-And again, upon his being asked, "Whom ish blue, deep sunken in their sockets, givdid Washington most resemble?" he re- ing the expression of gravity and thought. plied, "No one but himself." Stuart com- Stuart painted those eyes of a deeper blue. plained bitterly of his painting for the Mar- saying, in a hundred years they will have quis of Lansdowne having been pirated by faded to the right color. His hair was of a to say that he is altogether equal to the fam-Heath, the engraver of his Brittanic Majes- hazel brown, and very thin in his latter days. in England for the celebrated Sharpe, the markable degree, and to an advanced age, first engraver in Europe, who, although re- the elastic step that he had acquired in his tired from the burin, had consented to ex- service on the frontier. ecute a farewell engraving of Stuart's Washington. The copper-plate was large, thick, and heavy, and polished like a mirror; while Stuart, laying his hand on the plate, observ- weather being warm, we found the Chief scribe for fifty copies of his book ed, with much feeling. "The profits, my very much undressed, and, while looking on young friend, of this copper-plate engraved his manly frame, we discovered that the by Sharpe were all the fortune I expected centre of his chest was indented. This is to leave to my family." Heath made a no- an exception to the general rule laid down ble fortune from his engraving of the work by anatomists, that where the human frame of Stuart, which engraving is a superb possesses great muscular power, the chest specimen of the art.

him exceedingly to sit at all; and, after prised to find how thin he was in person, every sitting, he was wont to declare this being, with the absence of flesh, literally a must be the last. Stuart. once finding the man of "thews and sinews." He wore a-Chief very dull, bethought himself to intro- round his neck the minature portrait of his duce the subject of horses. This roused up wife. This he had worn through all the the sitter, and the artist obtained the desir- vicissitudes of his eventful career, from the ed expression.

The last original (profile in crayons) was | Mount Vernon." by Sharpless, 1796, and is now at Arlington ted from sittings during the Presidency. It was because "the man was made for the elicited much commendation from Revolu- sword, and not the sword for the man." tionary worthies, and adorns the hall of the United States Senate.

originals of the Pater Patrize from 1772 to trait of the Chief, as he appeared on the display when he has his speckled shirt on, 1796, with remarks upon each. These, field at Monmouth. The illustrious Frenchwith the stature by Houdon in 1786, con- man, America's great benefactor, said to us, stitute, in our humble opinion, all the re- "I was a very young Major General on that Colonel Wheeler will take our advice, he semblances in paintings and sculpture of the memorable day, and had a great deal to do, beloved Washington that will decend vene- but took time, amid the heat and fury of the rated and admired to posterity. Gracci's fight, to gaze upon and admire Washington, bust of the Chief is a failure; his bust of as, mounted on a splendid charger, covered

Hampton magnificent. Wertmuller, and executed about 1795, we and receive your enemy; the Southern literally know nothing; yet, in 1795, we troops are advancing to support you!' I were not absent from the Presidential man-thought then, as I do now," continued the sion a single day. Again, through whose good Lafayette, "that never have I seen so influence was the sitting obtained for a superb a man." white charger being fully caparrisoned, hav- begging that Mrs, Bingham obtained the to the portrait of one so accomplished a cathe Chief was placed by the artist by the picture. And, again, we knew little or ger, with the Leopard skin housings, &c., of the horse, the right arm resting on nothing of Sweden in the olden days, while would be an embellishment, the Chief to be the saddle. In this novel mode the relative we had and still preserve a most honored dismounted, with arm resting on the saddle, positions of the man and horse were sketch- reccolection of Denmark in the memory of after the manner of Trumbull. ed out and afterwards transferred to the a gallant Dane, Colonel Febiger, a distincanvass. There is a copy, size of life, of guished officer of our Revolutional army .- mericans have the materials for the stan-City Hall of New York. The figure of about 1795, where is the distinguishing with some slight modifications from the that period-the projection of the under bull entire. They have only to choose their lation in that period did not merease

In giving a grasphic description of the purpose for which they were intended, a not only the result of our personal obser- continent, attained a power and grandeur marken change occurred in the appearance vation and experience for many years, but

and others who painted portraits of the what was his height in the prime of life ?-He replied, "In my best days, Lawrence, I and the age of Washington; and, when con-We come now to a brilliant era in the stood six feet and two inches in ordinary templating the image of the Pater Patrix, and a little too small to put into a bed."

He showed us a copper-plate prepared In his movements, he preserved, in a re-

Being ordered, one morning very early into the library at Mount Vernon, a spot that none entered without orders, the should rather be rounded out and protuber-Washington was a bad sitter. It anoyed ant than indented. We were equally sur-

In the apperance of Washington, there House. So much was this performance was nothing of bulkiness, but there was admired for the exquisite likeness and un- united all that was dignified and graceful, common truthfulness of expression, that the while his air and manner were at once no-Chief ordered portraits by the same artist ble and commanding. No one approached of every member of his domestic family, in- him that did not feel for him, as Lord Erscluding George W. Lafayette. Of the first kine observed, "a degree of awful rever-President there was also a portrait by Rem- ence." He wore a sword with a peculiar was escorted to his house, and a national brandt Peale, son of the soldier artist, pain- grace. The Viscomte de Nouilles said it salute was fired.

Lafayette, not long after the war of the Revolution, wrote a letter to Colonel Trum- unless it was because the President is him-We have thus enumerated all the reliable bull, urging him to paint an equestrian porwith foam, he rallied our line with words and his Cabinet do not patronize us with a looking to them for material aid in over-Of the painting, said to be an original, by never to be forgotten: 'Stand fast, my boys,

But, whether equestrian or not, the Aartist, and let the work be done.

When this noble empire shall have unexampled in the history of nations, the future American, from the topmost height of his greatness, will look back upon the Major Lawrence Lowis asked his uncle early days of his country, and call up the

bronze, with honest pride of aneestry he will exclaim, My forefather was the associ- QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.-We publishmemory of Washington. Ever green be office. We give below a letter from the the laurels that deck his trophied tomb; Hon. R. C. Puryear in relation to the ever living be the homage in the hearts of matter, which will give the country some the hero, and the sage, who, under Provi- the proscription which is practised against dence, with humble means, so much con tributed to raise his native land from the depths of dependence and to place her in House of Representatives, Dec. 24, '55. the rank of nations; who presided over her civic destinies in the dawn of the great experiment of self-government; and who, after an illustrious life spent in the service of liberty and mankind, and without a cloud of his Country!

Col. Wheeler in Danger.

Rumors from Washington City say that our old friend Col. Wheeler, Minister at Nicaragua, and formerly Treasurer and Historiographer to the State of North Carolina, is not likely to be sustained by the President in his action towards the new authori- sion." ties of the Government to which he has been accredited. If this be true, we tremble for our favorite Historian; and can impute the President's course to nothing but an envious spirit which cannot bear to hear of the masterly diplomacy of the busy Min-

The Colonel, it is well known, is not only a writer of great celebrity, but also an orator of no mean repute. We do not mean ous speakers of old

"Whose restles's eloquence, Wielded at will the fierce democratic, Shook the arsenal, and fulmined over

To Macedon and Artaxerxes, throne," but we do say that he was a member of our State Legislature in 1852-3, and by his persuasive arts got that learned body to sub-

Well, the overthrow of the old government of Nicaragua and the establishment of the new furnished too good an opportunity for oratorical display to be missed by the provident Minister, and accordingly he contrived to get his Excellency Don Patricio Rivas, President of the Republic, the Prefect of Granada, the Reverend Clergy, and such others of the milk-and-cider ragmuffins of the city as choose to do so, to meet him at the house of the United States Legation, where he stretched forth his hand, after the manner of the most famous orators of antiquity, and delivered himself of a most pathetic and soul-stirring harangue-recognizing the independence of the new Republic, and hailing the treaty of the 23d October. period of his marriage to the "last days at between the chiefs of their respective armies, "as was the sacred dove bearing the olive branch of peace, proving that the bitter waters of desolation and destruction had sub-

> His Excellency Don Patricio Rivas, himself no slouch at a speech, gave his nasal organ a sonorous twang, and replied to "Mr. Minister" in a suitable harangue. Thereupon the ragamuffins aforesaid flourished their duds with approbation, the Minister

The tidings of these proceedings, grand and imposing as they were, seem, nevertheless, to have met with a cold reception at the White House; why, we cannot divine, self an orator, somewhat fond of popular and he felt that the Colonel was taking the the best means of getting rid of it." wind out of his sails.

The fact is, this is an envious ago; and if will throw his commission in the Presi- the Chicago Democrat in favor of fordent's face, return to North Carolina, write history, and get his "triend and pitcher," the Editor of the Argus, to review his volumes upon shares; and if President Pierce liberality becoming their high position, in office or in retirement, we'll put their names in the books, which will doubtless be punishment enough for their meanness. Fayetteville Argus.

Rags and Paper.

The London Economist observes: So of the two countries, that rags enough cannot be had.

To show the wounderful rapidity with which the consumption of paper in Great Britian has increased, the Economist gives the following table of paper manufactured:

lbs. 70,988,131 In the five years ending 1835, 151,234,179 In the five years ending 1853, lbs. 80,246,047

or 114 per cent., while the whole popumore than 16 percent. The average yearly import of rags in

the three years, 1801-2-3, was 3111 tons; in the years 1851-2-3, the average yearly import was 9332 tons.

That was a keen reply of the buxom lassie to a little pigmy of a man who solicited a matrimonial connexion; " O, no," said the lady; "I can't think of it James M. Mason, Senator from Virgina, "time-honored" memories of the heroic cra for a moment. The fact is, John, you was on Saturday re-elected to the Uniare a little too big to put into a cradle ted State Senates, for six years from the,

The American Movement.

FOREIGNISM AND CATHOLICISM REQUISITE Natives and Protestants:

American Organ.

Dear Sir . I see in your paper of 22nd instant, a statement concerning the appointment of a post master in my district at Madison, Rockingham County, North Carolina, which I desire to correct. The conversation to which you allude was between Mr. Horatio B. King, 1st Assistant Post Master General, and myself, and not with Mr. Campbell, the Post Master General, as stated in your article. With this exception, the statement is correct, as far as it goes, but it does 'ntembrace all that occurred between Mr. King and myself on that occa-

When I made the application for the appointment, Mr. King asked me if the applicant were a Know Nothing? I asked him if it were possible that his being a Know Nothing would be an objection? He replied, "Yes, I am acting under orders not to appoint any Know Nothing, and to turn out all whom I know to belong to the order." I then asked him if a native-born citizen and a foreign Roman Catholic, both equally competent, were to apply for the appointment, on which would he bestow it? He said he should be compelled to appoint the foreign Catholic. I then left the department, and do not know whether any appointment has yet been made or not.

Very respectfully, Your ob't serv't.

R. C. PURYEAR.

THE NATIONALITY OF THE DEMOCRACY .-When it is remembered that Mr. Richardson. the Democratic nominee for Speaker receives only seventeen votes from the free States, and that he justified his vote on the Kansas-Nebraska bill on the ground that the principles of that bill would make those perritories free, a fair sample of the nationality of the Democratic party is obtained. Those who voted for Mr. Richardson for Speaker, from the free States, are as follows: From the six New England States and New York, are those of Mr. Fuller, of Maine, and Mr. Kelly, of New York. Mr. Fuller is an old member and a consistant Democrat. Mr. Kelly is the successor of Mike Walsh. From other free States, Mr. Richardson has received as follows: Pennsylvania-Florence. Caldwallader, Hickman, Jones, and Barclay. Indiana-Miller and English. Illinois-Harris, Allen, and Marshall. Michigan-Peck. Iowa-Hall. Wisconsin-Wells. California-Denver and Herbert-17.

The Democracy prate loudly aboute their nationality, but the above is rather a meager showing.

LEAKING OUT .- The Democrat, a leading Democratic paper, published at Chicago, Illinois, has the following signifi-

"The same Democratic principal, that makes us detest slavery, makes us anxious for a healthy foreign emigration, as

What say our Anti-American Democrats of the South to this argument of eign emigration? The freesoiler of Illinois understands the character of the mass of the emigrant population, and is turning our institutions. These same emigrants, our Southern democracy say, are the real and reliable patriots.

Columbus Enquirer.

The best and most conclusive reason for an effect that we ever remembered to have heard, writes a western correspondent, was given by a "one idea" to make the required quantity of paper Dutchman, in reply to a friend who remarked:

"Why, Hans, you have the most feminine cast of countenance that I have ever seen?"

"O vaw," was the reply, "I know de reason for dat; mine moder vas von wo-

JENNY LIND .- "I will sing for the benefit of the poor here," said Mad. Jenny Lind Goldschmidt when in Vevey, a small town in Switzerland. But before the day appointed for the concert arrived, the Nightengale became hoarse and could not sing. "The poor cannot wait a day," said the singer, and she sent

ELECTION OF SENATOR. The Honexpiration of his present term of service, i. e., from the 4th of March, 1847.

them two thousand francs.

the right carrunake them A of being the only Nation and waty party that means