

"RAPIDES! RAPIDES!"

In the homes of this Red River Valley, In days we shall age no more; Dwell a race of a spirit as loyal, As the gold-spirited Knights of Yore.

The Platform of the Democratic National Convention.

ADOPTED JULY 7, 1868. The Democratic party, in national convention assembled, reposing its trust in the intelligence, patriotism and discriminating justice of the people, standing upon the Constitution as the foundation and limitation of the powers of the government, and the guarantee of the liberty 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 the return of peace, demand:

First—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 the past political offenses, and the regulation of the elective franchise in the States by their citizens.

The Patchwork of Congress.

In looking over the work of Congress, whether upon financial questions or those of a political character, we see nothing but mere patchwork. No country ever as much needed broad and comprehensive legislation; in none was ever felt more the want of statesmen of sufficient grasp of mind to understand our political and financial situation and to apply the proper measures.

ALL THE NEWS.

New York, July 7.—In Convention, this morning, the voting for candidates was commenced with the following result: On the first ballot, Connecticut voted for Gov. English; Maine for Hancock and Pendleton; New Jersey, for ex-Gov. Joel Packer; New York, for Chase; Ohio for Pendleton; Pennsylvania, for Packer; Tennessee, for Andrew Johnson; Vermont, for English; Wisconsin, for Doolittle; Oregon, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, publicly pronounced in favor of Pendleton.

Radical Tinkering.

The following is the fourteenth amendment proposed to the Constitution, which the Radicals are moving heaven and earth to have adopted. In view of the fact that the Southern States are likely soon to be admitted, and the amendment in question will immediately thereafter be declared adopted, the reading public will be glad to have the exact terms of the article:

TEXAS TONIC SYRUP.

A Vegetable Compound for the Rapid and Permanent Cure of CHILLS AND FEVER, or FEVER AND AGUE! Every Poison has its Antidote! Every Disease has its Cure!

The people of the Mississippi Valley have long felt the necessity for, and want of, a Safe, Certain and Reliable Remedy, as a substitute for Quinine, Strychnine, and other poisonous Drugs, for the cure of Fever and Ague, or Chills and Fever. We claim, and the result will show, and bear testimony to every unprejudiced mind, that the Texas Tonic Syrup has supplied this want and accomplished this purpose.

The Leader of the Cause.

The electric spark which yesterday brought to us over the wires the nomination of Horatio Seymour, as the candidate of the Democratic party for President photographed on the public mind a spectacle as grand as the world ever saw.

Anna Dickinson on General Grant.

The gentle Anna is one of the ablest and most popular orators in the pay of the Radical party. She has done good service for the party in times past. Just now she appears to be stamping it in behalf of those Radicals who do not favor the nomination of General Grant.

The Two Merchants.

When trade grew slack and notes fell due, the merchant's face grew long and blue; his dreams were troubled through the night with a shrill ballad all in sight.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT.

Will you please do me the favor to publish this note, announcing to the public and all parties interested, that I have this day ceased to have any affiliation with the Republican party of this Parish and of the State, and will henceforth act with the Democratic party, and earnestly and honestly support its candidates at the coming Presidential election.

A BOOK FOR THE TIMES!

An Unanswered and Unanswerable Exposition of the Nature and Theory of our Government. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, its True Nature and Character; BEING A REVIEW OF JUDGE STORY'S COMMENTARIES ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between John A. Williams and Isaac Levy under the style and firm of Williams and Levy, expired by limitation on the 30th of July.

LOST OR STOLEN.

TWO MORTGAGE NOTES, DRAWN to the order of John P. Pettway and signed by Wm. Mills, each for the sum of \$250, and dated January 7th, 1863, and bearing 5 per cent. interest from date.