

PLATFOOM
Of the American Party, adopted at the session of the National Council, held at Washington, D. C., on the 15th of August, 1857.

1. A humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, for His protecting care over our country, and His successful assistance in our struggle, and hitherto manifested to us, their descendants, in the preservation of the liberties, independence, and the union of these States.

2. The perpetuation of the Federal Union, as the palladium of our civil and religious liberties, and the only sure bulwark of American Independence.

3. Americanism must rule America, and to this end native-born citizens should be selected for all State, Federal, and municipal offices or government employment in preference to all others; and no person should be selected for political office, who is either native or foreign born, who is not a citizen of the United States, or who refuses to recognize the Federal and State constitutions (each within its sphere) as paramount to all other laws, as rules of political action.

4. The unqualified recognition and maintenance of the reserved rights of the several States, and the maintenance of harmony and fraternal good will, between the citizens of the several States, and the non-interference by Congress with questions appertaining solely to the individual States, and non-interference by each State with the affairs of any other State.

5. The recognition of the rights of the native-born and naturalized citizens of the United States, permanently residing in any Territory, to the same franchise and political rights, and to regulate their domestic and social affairs in their own mode, subject only to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, with the privilege of admission into the Union whenever they have the requisite population to be represented in Congress. Provided always, that those who are citizens of the United States, under the constitution and laws thereof, and who have a fixed residence in any such Territory, ought to participate in the formation of the constitution, or in the enactment of laws for said Territory or State.

6. An enforcement of the principle that no State or Territory ought to admit others than citizens of the United States to the right of suffrage, or of holding political office.

7. A change in the laws of naturalization, making a continued residence of two years, of all not hereinbefore provided for, an indispensable requisite for citizenship hereafter, and excluding all papers, and persons convicted of crime, from landing upon our shores; but no interference with the vested rights of foreigners.

8. Opposition to any union between Church and State; no interference with religious faith, or worship, and no test oaths for office.

9. Free and thorough investigation into any and all alleged abuses of public functionaries, and a strict economy in public expenditures.

10. The maintenance and enforcement of all laws constitutionally enacted, until said laws shall be repealed, or shall be declared null and void by competent judicial authority.

11. A free and open discussion of all political principles embraced in our platform.

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The preacher, whose gravel was of the whitest, took a book with a golden clasp from a marble table. And he read:
"And I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."
"Who said those words—who, who?" fairly shrieked the dying man, shaking the hand which clutched the dollar at the preacher's head.

The preacher, who had blundered through the passage from James, which he had quoted, knew not what to say. He was perturbed, terrified by the very dying look of his dying paragon.

MISCELLANEOUS.
THE DYING MISER.
The following touching sketch was written many years since, by George Lippard. Mr. Lippard died in Philadelphia, about three years ago, in utter abandonment. Would that he had always written as powerfully and unexceptionally.

Next day there was a hearse followed by a train of carriages nearly a mile in length. There was a crowd around an open grave, and an elegant sermon upon the virtues of the deceased, by the preacher.

WASHINGTON, August 31, 1867.
It is conceded the administration will have a small majority in the next Congress, by which they will be enabled to inaugurate the policy enunciated in the late canvass, and which elevated the present incumbent to power.

There was a fluttering of crape badges, and rolling of carriages, and no tears. They left the dead man, and returned to the palace, where some died even as the crape was taken from the door knob.

His wife, a pleasant faced, matronly woman, was seated at the foot of the bed. His son, a young man of twenty-one, dressed in the latest touch of fashion, sat by the lawyer. The lawyer sat by the table, pen in hand, and gold spectacles on his nose. There was a huge parchment spread before him.

He was a rich man. He owned palaces in Walnut and Chestnut streets, and hovels and courts in the outskirts. He had iron mines in this state; copper mines on the lake somewhere; he had gold interests in California. His name was bright upon the records of twenty banks; he owned stock of all kinds; he had half a dozen papers in his pay.

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He knew but one virtue, to get money.
That crime he had never forgiven, this virtue he had never forgotten, in the long way of thirty-five years.

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