Holt County Sentinel.

FRIDAY.....AUGUST 21, 1868.

PLATFORMS

Adopted at the Various Republican Conventions.

NATIONAL.

The National Union Republican party of the United States, assembled in National Convention, in the city of Chicago, on the 20th day of May, 1868, make the following declaration of principles:

1. We congratulate the country on the assured success of the reconstruction policy of Congress as evidenced by the adoption in a majority of the States lately in rebellion of Constitutions securing equal civil, and political rights to all, and regard it as the duty of the Government to sustain these Constitutions and prevent the people of such States from being remitted to a state of anarchy or military rule.

2. The guarantees by Congress of equal suffrage to all loyal men in the South was demanded by every consideration of public safety, of gratitude and of justice, and must be maintained, while the question of suffrage in all the loyal states properly belongs to the people of those states.

3. We denounce all forms of repudiation as a national crime; and national honor requires the payment of the public indebtedness in the utmost good faith to our creditors at home and abroad, not only according to the letter, but in the spirit of the laws under which it was contracted.

4. It is due to the labor of the nation that taxation should be equalized and reduced as rapidly as national faith will permit.

5. The national debt, contracted as it has been for the preservation of the Union for all time to come, should be extended over a fair period for redemption, and it is the duty of Congress to reduce the rate of interest thereon whenever it can honestly be done.

6. That the best policy to diminish our burden of debt is so to improve our credit that capitalists will seek to lend us money at lower rates of interest than we now pay, and most confidence to pay, so long as repudiation, partial or total, open or covert, is threatened or suspected.

7. The Government of the United States should be administered with the strictest economy. The corruptions which have been so shamefully spared and fostered by Andrew Johnson, call loudly for radical reform.

8. We profoundly deplore the untimely and tragic death of Abraham Lincoln, and regret the accession of Andrew Johnson to the Presidency, who has proved treacherous to the people who elected him and the cause he was pledged to support; has usurped high legislative and judicial functions; has refused to execute the laws; has used his high office to induce other officers to violate the laws; has employed his executive power to render insecure the lives, property, peace, liberty and life of the citizen; has abused the pardoning power; has denounced the National Legislature as unconstitutional; has persistently and habitually resisted, by every means in his power, every proper attempt at the reconstruction of the States lately in rebellion; has perverted the public patronage into an engine of wholesale corruption, and has been justly impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and properly pronounced guilty thereof by the votes of thirty-five Senators.

9. The doctrine of Great Britain and other European Powers, that because a man is once a subject he is always so, must be resisted at every hazard by the United States as a relic of the feudal times, not authorized by the law of nations, and at war with our national honor and independence. Naturalized citizens are entitled to be protected in all their rights of citizenship, as though they were native born. No citizen of the United States, native or naturalized, must be liable to arrest or imprisonment by any foreign Power for acts done or words spoken in this country, and if so arrested and imprisoned, it is the duty of the Government to interfere in his behalf.

10. Of all who were faithful to the trials of the late war, there were none entitled to more special honor than the brave soldiers and seamen who endured the hardships of the camp and camps, and imperiled their lives in the service of their country. The bounties and pensions appropriated by law for these brave defenders of the Union are obligations never to be forgotten. The widows and orphans of the gallant dead are the wards of the people—a sacred legacy bequeathed to the United States' protecting care.

11. Foreign emigration, which in the past has added so much to the wealth and increased the resources of this nation—the asylum of all nations—should be fostered by a liberal and just policy.

12. This convention declares its sympathy with all oppressed people who are struggling for their rights.

Resolved, That we recognize the great principles laid down in the Declaration of Independence as the true platform of democratic government, and we hail with gladness every effort toward making these principles a living reality on every inch of American soil.

Resolved, That we highly commend the spirit of magnanimity and forgiveness with which men who have served the rebellion have now frankly and boldly come out and rallied with us in restoring the peace of the country, and are reconstructed. They are received back into the Union of the loyal people. We favor the removal of the restrictions imposed upon the late rebels as soon as the spirit of rebellion has died out.

STATE.

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve the declaration of principles adopted by the Republican National Convention, and believing that the election upon those principles of the chief defender of the laws to be their executive executor, will give peace and quiet to the land and prosperity and happiness to the people, we pledge to its candidates, General Ulysses S. Grant and Schuyler Colfax, our hearty and united support.

2. That we thank the party called Democratic for unmasking to the country its real designs by the nomination of men whose political creed finds its true interpretation in the declaration which publicly threatens a new revolution, and proposes to trample into the dust laws duly enacted, to disperse state governments constitutionally established, and to compel the Senate by mutiny to stick an interpretation of the constitution as a dictator may give. We appeal to all good citizens of either party who desire peace, order and a government of law to join in putting down this new raise on the rebellion, and crush the madness who threaten to bring upon us another civil war.

3. That we, the Republicans of the State of Missouri, particularly endorse the third, fourth, fifth and sixth articles of the national platform, and reaffirm that the payment of the national debt is part of the national honor, and good faith and justice are as obligatory upon governments as upon men, and that the spirit of the contract is more of its life even than its letter, and that we spurn and utterly condemn the evasion of our national obligations, as proposed by the Democratic convention, as rumous to the credit and material interests of the country.

4. That a disfranchisement based solely on difference of color only, is neither just nor republican, and that we therefore unequivocally are in favor of the adoption of the constitutional amendment now pending, that impartial suffrage may be established in Missouri, and that an unjust discrimination, born of slavery and the cause of the rebellion, may be forever removed from the laws of the State.

5. That while we believe that the disfranchisement of those who engaged in, aided or sympathized with rebellion, was not only a legitimate and just consequence of their own conduct, but a necessary measure for the safety of the loyal people of this State, we cherish no revengeful feeling toward those who fought in fair and open battle, though for an unjust cause, and stand ready to restore to them every political privilege, at the earliest moment consistent with state and national safety.

6. That the payment of our seventeen millions of the State debt left by former Democratic administrations; the appreciation of the bonds of the State from 33 cents in 1865, when they bore 20 per cent interest overdue to 91 cents without overdue interest in 1868; the enlargement of our school fund; the restoration of the credit of the State; accomplished not only without increase, but with a large reduction of taxation, give proofs of the ability of the Radical party to so manage the finances of the State as to secure its prosperity and guard its honor, and at the same time relieve the tax payers of an unnecessary burden.

7. That we steadily insist upon the most economical administration of our State government, and that we earnestly recommend to our friends the greatest care and circumspection in their nominations for public offices of men of established character and honesty.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at a Mass Meeting of the Republicans of Holt County, June 27th, 1868.

Resolved, 1st. That the Platform adopted by the National Convention of the Republican party, held at Chicago on the 20th day of May, 1868, meets with our most hearty approval; and that we will cordially support at the coming Presidential election, Gen. U. S. Grant for President, and Hon. Schuyler Colfax for Vice President.

2. That we, as loyal men and citizens of the United States, are in duty bound to pay off the National debt contracted in a war with rebels in the identical manner in which it was contracted to be paid, and that the party which carried us safely through the financial perils of civil war is competent to carry the ship of state in a time of peace.

3. That the impartial suffrage amendment to the State Constitution, founded as it is, upon the eternal principles of the equality of all men before the law, and the necessities of the reconstruction of the Southern States upon a loyal basis, will receive our support.

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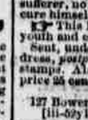

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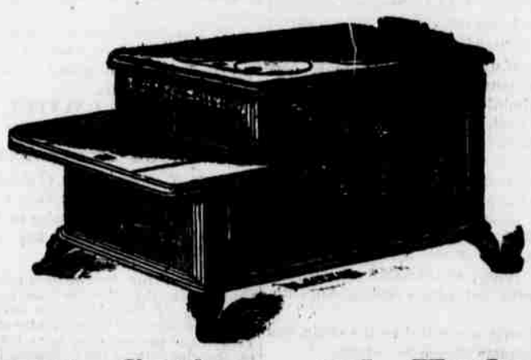

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