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**Platform of the Republican party of Texas.**  
Resolved, 1st. That the Republican party of Texas heartily accepts the conditions of reconstruction embraced in the several reconstruction acts of Congress, and will in the future, as heretofore, fully sustain the same in word and spirit.  
2. That the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known as the 13th and 15th amendments, are necessary to the pacification of the country and the security of the equal civil and political rights of all classes of the people. The Republican party therefore pledges itself to the prompt adoption of these amendments.  
3. That the resolution, adopted by the Chicago Convention of May 20th, 1868, which was not modified by the proposed 15th amendment, are accepted by the Republicans of Texas as the embodiment of correct principles of public policy. That the Republican party of Texas especially, concedes the spirit of the additional resolutions adopted in that Convention at the instigation of Hon. Carl Schurz; and will cheerfully accept the maintenance of such of our fellow-citizens as served in the late rebellion, but who now frankly and honestly co-operate with us in restoring the peace of the country, and re-constructing our State Government on the basis of impartial justice and equal rights.  
4. That the payment of the debt incurred in preservation of the unity of the nation in the late war, is in our opinion the sacred duty of the American people, and the Republicans of Texas will condemn all attempts to evade in any manner, the payment of this debt according to the intent of the creators of the same.  
5. That the Republican party of Texas earnestly desires the encouragement of industrial improvement and immigration, and will as a party, prize the adoption of measures having these ends in view. That in Convention assembled, we condemn the demagogical use of the term of "carpet-bagger," and other terms of reproach applied to strangers who may come among us, as designed to keep alive the prejudices of the ignorant and deter immigration.  
6. That while the Constitution submitted to the people in some respects imperfect and objectionable, it is believed as the whole to propose the main object of Constitutional Government viz: The equal, civil and political rights of all persons under the law. This Convention therefore recommends the ratification of the same.  
7. That the preservation of the unity and the organization of the Republican party is essential to the safe progress of its interests in this State, and they believe that to effect this reconstruction, a great work has yet to be performed. They therefore urge the loyal people of Texas that opposition to the organization of the Republican party, in this result of an insidious design of the enemy purposing the practical surrender of the State to the rebel.  
8. That the Republicans of Texas heartily accept of all conditions to the administration of justice, and integrity of the honor of land of our Government—President Grant, and in the partition and wisdom of the military to Congress.  
P. W. Hall, of Boerne, offered the following independent resolution which was adopted:  
Resolved, That the commanding General of this military division, Maj. Gen. J. J. Reynolds, deserves the approval of the loyal people of the United States for his activity in repressing and punishing the lawless activity of the rebel forces, and for his maintenance of the principles of the equality of life and property, and the establishment of peace.  
Johnston Bond of Galveston, offered the following, and moved that it be added to the resolutions, and be known as resolution No. 8.  
Resolved, That in this and we earnestly invite the co-operation and support of all good citizens, advancing science, law and order, and who believe in the principles of the party of union, progress, liberty and reform, which has done so much for the pacification and well being of this country. The resolutions adopted.

**TELEGRAPHIC**  
SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXPRESS.

**American News.**  
Washington, July 2.—Cubans here have following advice:  
After the Spaniards were repulsed in Ciego Villax and were reinforced by 2000 troops making Spanish force terrible the Cuban force and compelling the Cubans to retire. 58 Cubans including several Americans were captured, whom Lesca shot nearly all. Large plantations were destroyed in Ciego Villax. It is stated that Cubans concentrated to fight Lesca's decisive battle reported.  
Washington, June 2.—The Brazilian Minister received dispatches, announcing Lopez proposed through M. Mahan to surrender his army on guarantee of personal safety.  
The President of Peru, answering the resolution of mass meeting, that the monitors be sent to Cubans, replied that he would do what tended most to the honor of Peru.  
200 more of a Cuban expedition captured, but nothing heard of them. The Herald says: At last the final of the Cuban filibustering expedition has been reached and its failure is as absolute as its results are disastrous.

WASHINGTON, July 2.  
Grant in an interview with Georginus said that having made appointments for August and Macon post offices, he was indisposed to change them, unless incumbents were proved incompetent.  
During the interview Grant intimated that he was considering the political status of Georgia.  
NEW YORK, July 2.  
Puerto Principe advices of the 29th reported the condition of the Spanish troops as dreadful. Hospitals full. About ten deaths daily.  
Quesada in a victory of Spanish attributes his success to the acquisition of filibusters and states that 40,000 more troops were necessary.  
NEW YORK, 2 Cuban prisoners who were transferred to the Catharine Whiting are expected to be released this evening.  
FORTRESS MONROE, July 2. French corvette Carfax arrived from Martinique with 18 cases venereal. There were 4 deaths among which very captain, first officer and surgeon, and asst. surgeon dying.

**MARKETS.**  
**New York Market.**  
New York, July 2.  
Cotton futures unchanged.  
Gold 137 1/2.  
**Foreign Market.**  
LIVERPOOL, July 2. Cotton active, Up-lands 12 1/2. Orleans 12 1/2.  
**New Orleans Market.**  
NEW ORLEANS, July 2.  
Cotton middling 92.  
Gold 137 1/2.

**TEXAS ITEMS.**  
GRAPE.—Everett Lewis, Esq., has presented us with a large bunch of grapes of the White Chasselas species—not thoroughly ripe, but sweet and juicy. The growth has been so rapid that the skin upon many of them is bursting. Parts of some of the grapes have been cut away by the hail stones, but the part remaining has continued to grow, and shows no signs of decay. This bunch has about 100 berries.  
Many of our citizens are cultivating the different varieties of the grape, and are vying with each other in that crop.  
The vineyard is undoubtedly a success here.—Gonzales Index.  
The Liberty Gazette informs us that Seymour White has been appointed Judge of the 15th District, vice H. C. Pedigo, resigned.  
The crops in Liberty county are looking fine, but are beginning to need rain. The editor of the Gazette gives a pleasant account of the official convention and banquet, the latter of which he enjoyed highly.  
Work has been actually commenced on the Waco Tap Road, and the first station named Bennett.  
Cotton looks well in McLennan county, and blossoms have appeared.  
Cotton is in fine condition in Bexar county, and is not yet troubled with the worm.  
The Denton Monitor of the 17th has the following:  
The two Georgians were hung to this county after confining their guilt. They said Houston was the ringleader of a gang of thieves in this county.  
In Northern Texas crops are most bountiful and promising. As a specimen of the local crop I have, we copy from the Sherman Courier:  
The prospect of a good crop has seldom been better than at present. Wheat is yielding as well, or even better than was expected at an early harvest; there will not be enough, however, to supply the

home demand for seed and consumption. The native wheat has yielded better than imported seed.  
Cotton is doing well, although we hear of depredations by the cotton worm, or some insect which perforates the stalk near the surface of the ground, and kills the plants. We hope their depredations will not be extensive.  
The Belton (Bell county) Journal says the prospect for crops in that and adjoining counties was never better.  
The McKinney Enquirer is informed that an effort is being made to reopen and work the old Mexican silver mines on the San Marcos. There seems to be no doubt that the shafts have been found. A human skeleton was lately taken from the mines. The ore is said to be rich, and good judges think it will be obtained in large quantities. The mines on the San Sabo, San Marcos and Cibola were very productive in Mexican days.  
The Dallas Herald records the removal recently of a huge obstruction from the Trinity. It was in the shape of a catfish weighing 50 pounds.  
The Herald says some of the wheat crops about Dallas this year are excellent, averaging about thirty bushels to the acre. It regrets that the number of acres sown in wheat was comparatively small.  
The crop in Lamar, we learn from the Paris Press, is very fine. The best turnout was from seed known as "Red May Wheat," brought from Missouri. It yields about forty bushels to the acre. We hope the good results this year will encourage wheat culture in Texas.  
The Corsicana Observer states that the crops in that part of the country promise an abundant yield.  
The Waco Examiner understands that some of the planters in that vicinity are paying \$1 25 per day and furnishing the workmen to chop out cotton.

The trial of the Jefferson prisoners is still going on, the witnesses for the defense being now on examination. The rumor is afloat that Gen. Inell intends moving headquarters to Marshall for the remainder of the trial.  
The McKinney Enquirer says that Reuben Hacker, a young man living at John Huffins, below Pano, was drowned in Cottonwood Creek, two weeks since, all attempting to cross while the creek was very full. He was hit recently from Missouri.  
THE CORN CROP.—This is now beyond all contingency, and the yield anticipated throughout the entire state. The cotton prospect is fair, provided we can have several weeks of dry weather. Whether that is to be the case we leave our fears. Friday being the only day without rain for some time past.  
The Waco Examiner says that three thousand bays were crossed the Brazos at Col. Good's pen last week, also two droves of horses at Mr. Moore's pen.

THE CHICKEN YAM.—An article on this subject was published in our last week's issue. Samuel J. Galbraith tells us that he will have fifteen or twenty bushels of the yam for sale next spring. Those wishing to procure seed will take notice.—Bonham News.  
OVERLAND MAIL.—This line has now been running for two months, tri-weekly, from Fort Smith through the Indian Territory to Sherman, Fort Couch, and El Paso. The travel upon the line is increasing. Strangers in search of land, homes and stock are daily coming in. There can be no doubt but that the rapid growth of our country has already commenced.  
We learn that a new line of four-horse Concord coaches will be started on the 1st of September, to run tri-weekly from Baxter Springs through on the line.—When this is done, and the railroad reaches Baxter Springs, (which it is supposed it will do by the 1st of January next), it will enable travelers from this point to reach St. Louis in four days.—[Sherman Courier.

THE Old New School Presbyterians, after a separation of over 30 years, have at last agreed on a plan of union, and will become one body.  
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Republican State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR, GENERAL EDMUND J. DAVIS, of Nueces County. FOR LIKED GOVERNOR, HON. J. W. FLANNAGAN, of Bexar County. FOR COMPTROLLER, HON. J. FRANK CARTER, of Parker County. COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE, HON. JACOB KUECHLER, of Bexar County. Republican State Executive Committee. J. G. TRACY, Chairman, Houston. A. B. HALL, Treasurer, Houston. J. G. Phillips, Wharton. M. G. Hamilton, Austin, Travis Co. G. T. Raby, Galveston. Dr. D. C. Marsh, El Paso. A. Bledsoe, Lancaster, Dallas Co. J. W. Flanagan, Walling's Ferry, Bexar County. F. W. Sumner, Sherman, Grayson County. G. T. Garland, Jefferson, Maries Co. G. H. Slaughter, Tyler, Smith Co. W. M. Yarnell, Victoria. N. Patton, Waco, McLennan. F. W. Hall, Calvert, Robinson Co. Siemering, San Antonio. H. C. Pedigo, Woodville, Tyler Co. JOHN W. McDONALD, Secretary.

The Ninety-Third Celebration.

To-day we celebrate the ninety-third return of Independence day; it only within the limits of our great country, but Americans, wherever scattered over the broad earth, will keep this day sacred. In every land and in every clime, and on every sea our story flag will proudly wave to the breeze, gladdening the eyes of our countrymen and appearing like a beacon light to the down-trodden and oppressed of other lands. It has been customary to ridicule the spread-eagle style of American orators and poets, when they extol the Independence day; but our late triumph over a mighty civil war, our victories in science; our far-reaching commerce; our great fleets; our Pacific railroad; our fast growing population; our Republic, the noble example to the world, are topics that the orator, in detailing its glorious history, is warranted to extol with extravagant eloquence; but no extravagance of language has ever yet reached the true measure of our glory and grandeur as a nation; dating it all from the promulgation of the famous Declaration of Independence, signed on the 4th day of July, 1776.

The celebration of this day has now peculiar interest about it not known before the rebellion, and the character of the ceremonies have varied considerably during the last few years. The fact that four millions of human beings were held in the most abject and cruel slavery by the Southern portion of our Republic was a standing protest against the Declaration of Independence, or rather against the celebration of the birth by the American people. In the South, during slavery times, the day was generally celebrated in a pirated manner; barbecues, speeches and whisky drinking being the main features. The slaves were always in mind, to do the menial work and to watch the nods and winks of their masters and mistresses. The orators and the people alike upon the glorious day of freedom, and upon the glorious hour of liberty bought by the blood of our revolutionary sires, could not help but think of the slaves who were held in bondage upon the hills and valleys, upon the mountains and in the hills, over the land, is it not a wonder these slaves did not rise up and assert their manhood and demand the liberty vouchsafed in the Declaration of Independence? Is it a wonder that now, since our land has been baptized in blood and has become a free nation, that our former slaves covet the privilege of celebrating Independence day in common with other free people? And this is the next feature of our Fourth of July celebration; the colored man is to be free; and now, as no nation, race, color or language is proscribed, we can truly say that our Republic is now a free nation.

And now that the colored man can stand side by side with his white brother, and share in the glories of our country, it might be asked by what right or virtue of his own does he enjoy this privilege. History shows us the aid and points to the fact that the colored man fought in the ranks of the patriot army under Washington, and that our heroic Navy was largely manned by colored men, and that their heroism was shown in our war of 1812; and finally the bloody fields of the late rebellion witnessed the bravery and devotion of the colored man. In spite of slavery, he has loved his native land, and though despised and down-trodden, he has shown himself worthy of the boon of freedom, and thank God, it is secured to him. Then let no foolish prejudice take root in the heart of any freeman to-day; let us all rejoice over the fact that the day is a reality to every one living under the old flag.

The character of the celebration of this day has materially changed, it is marked by more soberness and intellectual enjoyment. The ancient rule was, everybody to get drunk, now the rule runs in favor of sobriety; a change to the credit of the times.

Let us give our heart to our country to-day, and although the proud memories of nearly a century cluster about this anniversary, the future has more in store than the past has developed.

Pease gone to Washington--Takes along Hamilton's Address, etc.

The Austin Republican, one of the organs of the Conservative Independent Hamilton Democratic Republican party, in its issue of the 30th June, contains two startling notices: one under the head of "off for Washington," the other "to the people of Texas." It seems that Jack has made as signal a failure as his great prototype, Andy Johnson, did "swinging round the circle;" he got drunk too often, staid drunk too long and as a consequence, abused "carpet-baggers," etc., too violently, and he was finally induced by his bottle-holders to return to Austin and issue an address "to the people of Texas." In the meanwhile public sentiment has been working very unfavorably for the "big Injun" at Washington, and something must be done. So it is concluded that the best man to be spared, who could keep sober and stutter profoundly, was Provisional Governor Pease, so it is announced that Pease goes to Washington to "correct false impressions which have been made there," etc., he takes with him a certified copy of Hamilton's address "to the people," and we suppose a leave of absence from General Reynolds, in which the General might with truth have stated that he let Pease go because he was of no earthly use as Governor and that the main service he has done the State during his term in office, has been to draw his salary.

Pease was the only man to send, and the case was desperate. Bell was the best man because his tongue is more oily, and he does not stutter, and he has worn amiable ways, but Bell's reception by the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, is too fresh in the memory of the authorities in that city, and besides, Bell made a very indiscreet speech at Houston, lately. Pease must go, he has played very cautious; he has worked all the time for E. M. Pease, and now, if he favors Hamilton, it is because E. M. Pease wants to be Senator. But it is too late, time has discovered to the whole country the plot that has been laid by Hamilton & Co., to divide the State into the hands of the disloyal element. Pease will go to Washington, and time will see if Virginia will side against the Jack Hamilton candidate and in favor of Wells, the regular Republican candidate, and it will be made understand that President Grant repudiates all spurious Republicanism.

Longley and Haynes will receive their walking papers and Pease will be sent home to look after his salary as Provisional Governor. This will be the result of the Pease mission. We suspicion that there may be some other motives at the bottom of Pease's visit to Washington. When Hamilton was in Washington last

Spring, Pease was very industrious trying to manufacture public sentiment in his own favor, and Gen. Davis received letters from Pease's friends proposing a petition against Hamilton. Pease wants to be certain of the sentiments of the President, and have even seen the point very unfavorable to Hamilton; Pease goes to Washington to study the situation and the chance as brilliant for E. M. Pease to come out against Hamilton. We are curious to hear what course this cautious "O. P. E." will pursue after he rises the pulse of General Grant.

THE Austin Republican (Democratic organ in Republican disguise) announces that the "Hon. E. M. Wheelock" has arrived there and told the editor of the aforesaid Republican that "the loyal men of San Antonio are very anxious to see a Republican journal established in that city." We will state, for the benefit of the "Republican" and its democratic allies, that they may have no further anxiety on this point, since the editor of the "San Antonio EXPRESS" has ceased to spell his name "E. M. Wheelock" there has been a Republican journal established here, and the loyal men complain no longer.

HAVE the shots from our locker been too hot for the San Antonio Express that it has been dropped from our exchange list?—[Lavaca Commercial.

If the Commercial has missed the Express from its exchange list it is the fault of the mails. We suspect our Conservative friend of the Commercial has conjured up an imaginary case in order to indulge in a little personal vanity; he imagines his terrible onslaughts upon the Radicals are "hot shots," and that the Express can't stand them! We desire to say to our Coast cotemporary that we have never yet dropped a Texas paper from our list, and never intend to.

We have never made such a fool of ourself as to announce that we could not exchange with a paper because it attacked our principles or our persons. We feel superior to such an action.

"TO THE COLORED VOTERS OF TEXAS."—Such is the heading of a leader in the Houston Telegraph of the 30th ult, in which the editor tries to prove that the Democratic party is the par excellence friend of the colored man and just the party for him to vote with. It is almost the same heading that the Telegraph used a year ago to urge the colored people not to insist upon the right to vote, and to prove to them that the late rebels were their best friends, etc. Webb, you are the biggest fool in the State, or the biggest hypocrite, we don't know which.

APPROVAL FROM A HIGH SOURCE.—A prominent officer of the Government in sending us his name and subscription money, writes thus:

"I congratulate you for the wisdom and patriotism shown in giving the Republican party and ticket fair and full support. Whether we win or lose, let us go into the field for our principles and the right men to represent them."

The Galveston Dispatch, the milk and watered democratic paper in the State, thus advises the Democrats: "Let them concentrate with moderate Republicans upon candidates of conservative principles, who can take the test oath, and thus remove all chances of defeat after the vote is taken." Oh, yes, nice little arrangement.

How we are understood at Washington.

The Washington Evening Star of the 21st inst. has the following upon our political situation: THE ELECTION IN TEXAS.—Elsewhere will be found the address issued by the Republican State Convention of Texas that met at Houston, June 7th, to nominate State officers. This address gives a striking exposure of the combination scheme by which the noted Jack Hamilton and the ex-confederate party propose to carry the State for their joint benefit. Hamilton has turned a good many short corners in his political career, but this seems to be the sharpest yet, and from present appearance is likely to result in a bad fall from the ex-Governor. The address furnishes a clear and

telling history of the causes by which Texas is virtually no nearer reconstruction than at the close of the war; and one cannot rise from his perch without the conviction that this unfortunate state of things, so detrimental to the interests of that State, must be perpetual should the "O. P. E." combination get control there.

The Republican Convention at Houston nominated an excellent State ticket. The candidates are Gen. E. J. Davis, for Governor, and J. W. Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor. Gen. E. J. Davis has been a citizen of Texas for many years. At the commencement of the war he raised a regiment of cavalry in Texas and served some time under Gen. Sheridan, by whom he was much esteemed. Gen. Davis was a lawyer before the war, is now, and is held in high regard by the bar generally. J. W. Flanagan is a lawyer of many years standing in Texas and a gentleman of the highest integrity.

Both of the candidates were here during the last Congress as members of the Commission to represent Texas and the wants of her loyal people to Congress. Their frankness and earnestness in their efforts gained for them the good will of the administration and Congress, and it is believed that the election of Davis and the candidates of the Houston Convention will result in the speedy restoration of Texas to her proper place in the Union.

Religious Intelligence.

STATISTICS show that the Baptists of Missouri have 74 churches, with a membership of 40,915. There are also 10,000 colored Baptists in the State.

THE Baptists of Philadelphia have nearly doubled their membership since 1859. They now have 14,000 members and 40 churches.

DURING the last eighteen years the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales have built 321 new chapels, the Independents 118, and the Baptists 142.

REV. JAMES SKINNER, formerly of the Presbyterian church of Stockton, California, has gone to labor as a missionary in Arizona Territory.

THE Congregationalists of the East, in many localities, are fully persuaded of the superior advantages of the free-seat system in their churches.

MR. SPURGEON says that some of the London Baptist churches are very high in doctrine and very low in usefulness.

AN Indiana clergyman makes his pastoral calls on a velocipede. He was a colonel of cavalry during the war.

THE Chinese Empire contains 500,000 temples, containing 3,000,000 idols. The temples are valued at \$1,000,000,000.

RIGHT REV. Bishop Rosecrans, of the diocese of Columbus, Ohio, has been excused by the Pope from the obligation to attend the Ecumenical Council in Rome, in the month of December next.

THE Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church call for a contribution of \$200,000, over and above ordinary collections, to relieve the missionary treasury from embarrassment.

THE Swedenborgians have established public worship in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are now no less than five places in the State where this church has regular worship on the Sabbath.

REV. JOHN Whiteley, for thirty-six years a missionary in New Zealand, was recently murdered by five of the natives while on his way to one of his Sunday appointments.

REV. HENRY Hammond was the first Methodist minister who preached in the State of Indiana. This was in the year 1819, under a walnut tree, near where the State House now stands.

A LAYMAN in the Methodist Church suggests that the unmarried ladies will not vote on the question of lay delegation, for the reason that the plan requires them to be twenty-one years of age, which, of course, they will not be.

THE General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, held in Chicago, after very full discussion, adhered to the rule prohibiting their members from belonging to secret societies, and directed the sessions to enforce it.

IN Washington and Georgetown, D. C., there are eighteen Methodist churches and chapels, with a property valued at \$600,000, embracing preachers and probationers, of 3687, and 5332 Sunday-school scholars.

THE first meeting of the General Association of Congregationalists, in Illinois, was held in June, 1844, with thirteen delegates, nine of them ministers, and embracing sixty-three churches. At the Association just held in Farmington there were 234 churches reported, with a membership of 7,000.

THE report of the New school Presbyterian General Assembly shows that during the last year thirty new churches were formed, and two old ones dissolved. Revivals had been experienced in 141 of the churches. Seventeen of the results had not reported on last week.

REV. DR. PRICE, a distinguished Baptist preacher from Wales, who is on a visit to this country, says that the disestablishment of the church in Ireland by the British Parliament is the beginning to the end of church and State. It will be next overthrown in Wales, then in Scotland, then in England, and so on every where.

THE Baptists of Illinois are moving vigorously in planting mission Sunday schools in destitute neighborhoods which will in the future prove the germ of church organizations. Several laymen are giving some weeks of earnest labor in aid of the movement. The membership of the Baptist church in Illinois now numbers 55,000.

THE New school Presbyterian Assembly propose to raise, next year, for foreign missions, \$214,009; domestic, \$250,000; education, \$50,000; disabled ministers, \$40,000; church extension, \$90,000; and for the freedmen \$85,000—making a total of \$875,000.

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