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Platform of the Republicans

party of Texas.

Resolved, 1st. That the Republican party of

Texas heartily accepts the conditions of

reconstruction embodied in the several re-

construction acts of Congress, and will in

the future, as heretofore, fully sustain the

same in word and spirit;

2. That the amendments to the Constitu-

tion of the United States, known as the 13th

and 15th amendments, are necessary to the

pecification 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 those amendments.

3. That the resolutions adopted by the

Chicago Convention of May 20th 1868, where

not modified by the proposed 13th amend-

ment, are accepted by the Republicans of

Texas as the embodiment of correct prin-

ciples of public policy. That the Republi-

cans of Texas especially, commend the

spirit of the additional resolution adopted

in that Convention at the instance of Hon

Carl Schurz; and we will cheerfully accept

the assistance 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 to

the last dollar, is in our opinion the sacred

duty of the American people, and the Re-

publicans of Texas will condone all attem-

pts 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 in-

ternal improvement and immigration, and

will as a party, press the adoption of

measures having these ends in view. That

in Convention herewith, we condemn the

demagogic use of the term of "carpet-bag-

ger," and other terms of reproach applied to

strangers who may come among us, as de-

signed to keep alive the prejudices of the

ignorant and deter immigration.

6. That while the Constitution submitted

to the people is in some respects imperfect

and objectionable, it is believed on the

whole to propose the main object of Constitu-

tional 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 reconstruction

in this State, and they believe that in effect

this reconstruction, a great work has

yet to be performed. They therefore warn

the loyal patriotic Texans that opposition to

the organization of the Republican party, is

the result of an insidious design of the enemy

to discredit the State to the dialy.

8. That the Republicans of Texas heartily

expressed their confidence in the adminis-

trative abilities, and integrity of the honored

head of our Government—President

Grant, and in the patriotism and wisdom of

the members of his cabinet.

Resolved, That the commanding General

of this military district, Maj. Gen. J. J.

Reynolds, deserves the approval of the loyal

people of the United States, for his activity in

ferreting out and bringing to justice the

murderers of the patriots W. H. Smith, and

for the measures he has adopted for the

security of life and property, and the es-

tabishment of peace.

Resolved, That to this end we earnestly in-

vit the co-operation and support of all good

citizens, advocates of peace, law and order,

and who believe in the principles of the par-

ty of union, progress, liberty and reform,

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Official Journal of Bexar County and City of San Antonio.

A. Thompson & Co., Publishers.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1869.

Republican State Ticket.

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of Nueces County.

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HON. J. W. FLANAGAN,
of Bexar County.

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HON. J. FRANK CARTER,
of Parker County.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE,
HON. JACOB KUECHLER,
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The Eclipse.

On the evening of the 7th inst., Saturday, there will be a partial eclipse of the Sun, visible from this point of observation, and a total eclipse will be seen from the middle or border Southern States. We know of no better way of enlightening our readers upon this subject than to quote a few extracts from an article in Packard's Monthly, by Gustavus Franklinstein:

"The earth is the most important body that man can study. It is our home. It is the little speck to which we cling as we are wafted through immensity. Next in importance is the Sun. Out of it we have sprung; by it we exist. Every soul feels the joy of its light; its extinction would be our end. The third object that claims our attention is the Moon. It is our constant attendant—the nearest of the heavenly bodies. Leaving out of consideration meteors and the asteroids, it is one of the smallest, whilst the Sun immensely surpasses in size anything with which we are acquainted. The proximity of the Moon and the vast distance of the Sun equalizes their diameters—the diameter of the Moon bearing nearly the same proportion to its distance from the Earth as the Sun's diameter to its distance. We may get some notion as to proportion of size of Sun and Moon if we compare a ball two feet in diameter to the head of a pin. If we should bring the Earth in on the same scale it would be about the size of a small pea."

These three bodies coming for a moment into the same straight line marks an epoch of instructive interest—especially when the smallest comes in between the other two, and completely obscures the largest.

GREAT YEAR OF THE ANCIENTS.

The ancients believed in a Great Year, which began when the Sun, and Moon, and the five Planets were ranged in a straight line; and which ended when they returned to the same position, and the line joining their centres pointed again to the same fixed star. It was filled with the same characters and the same events, in the same order. We may be sure this Great Year is very long, and the time when all the Planets shall lie into line may be safely put down as at the extremity of an indefinite future. Yet this fancy of the ancients seemed to be prophetic of the importance of occultations; for,

All those persons who have seen solar eclipses agreed in telling us that the aspect of nature during the total phase is most extraordinary and impressive. From a deep indigo to the heavens, if there are clouds, beautiful effects of color—yellow, red and

valuable as they must have been to the astronomers of thousands of years ago in helping them to a knowledge of the universe, they are of immense importance to us in these days, not only in solving certain problems which they alone suggest, but in conducting us nearer to the truth than it would be possible to get without them.

One of these singular problems which demands solution is the beautiful aureola that adorns the little Moon at the time it eclipses the mighty Sun. Just as the crescent of light on the eastern margin of the Sun is about to vanish from the sight, rays of enriching light appear; and the next moment, when the bright Sun is hidden, the petty Moon robes our central orb of light and life of its glorious crown. The Sun, far in the background of the celestial picture, is thrown into the shade by the little, dark Moon intervening in the extreme foreground. But the sun is not extinguished. Its face is hidden, but its glory is still manifest in the wonderful halo.

The Corona is the Sun's—such at least has been the award of astronomers. The Moon made feeble efforts to claim it for its own, but the Sun has carried off the prize. Yet this little opaque body—incapable of shedding any light of its own—had to thrust itself in between men and the great luminary, in order that the Corona might spring forth and be pictured in the heavens. Even a grain of sand, may be necessary to understand a mountain. * * *

THE CORONA.

We are not yet informed what the beautiful aureola is. If it indeed belongs to the Sun it must be about eight hundred thousand miles broad; for it has been seen nearly as wide as the Moon's disc. Streamers of light have also been seen extending beyond the Corona. According to the account given by those who have seen total eclipses within the last few years, the Corona sheds about as much light as is given by the full Moon. By some it is described as a silvery light; by others as presenting prismatic colors. It starts out in rays from the dark edge of the Moon just as totality is about to begin, and disappears when the bright Sun bursts forth again in a line of light at the western edge of the Moon.

WHAT EVERYBODY MAY SEE.

Of course, all the matters here spoken of can be examined by those only who have studied the subject, and who have the necessary instruments at command; but every one with a good pair of eyes may have an opportunity of seeing one of the finest events in nature. Mr. Warren de la Rue pays his tribute to the glory of the scene which is the property of him neither burdened with instruments nor bothered with calculations, and which shows the writer to be a true poet as well as a careful astronomer:

"Only a few brief seconds, unfortunately, could be spared from the telescope after the totally commenced; but when I had once turned my eyes on the Moon, encircled by the glorious Corona, then on the novel and grand spectacle presented by the surrounding landscape, and had taken a hurried look at the wonderful appearance of the heavens, so unlike anything I had ever before witnessed, I was so completely enthralled that I had to exercise the utmost self-control to tear myself away from a scene at once so impressive and magnificent; and it was a feeling of regret that I turned aside to resume my self-imposed duties. I well remember that I wished I had never encumbered myself with apparatus, and I mentally registered a vow that if a future opportunity ever presented itself for my observing a total eclipse, I would give up all idea of making astronomical observations, and devote myself to that full enjoyment of the spectacle which can only be obtained by the guile."

Arago describes the intense interest felt by the population in the solar eclipse which he witnessed on the 8th of July, 1842. Nearly twenty thousand people, with smoked glasses in hand, examined the radiant globe projected on an azure sky. Scarcely had he and his party, with their powerful telescopes, perceived a little encroachment on the western border of the Sun, when an immense shout, mixed with a thousand exclamations, told them that they had anticipated only by a few seconds the observations made with smoked glasses by twenty thousand improvised astronomers. When, however, the total phase approached, silence absolute took possession of the multitude, and impressiveness of the scene held every one spellbound. Other observers also speak of the effect on the minds of the people—of that solemn stillness which total obscuration of the Sun imposes upon men.

THE GENERAL SPRING.

"MAN has the single and prime duty of preserving the repose of his mind. All that is external to him, that terrible 'What will people say?' has no business to concern him. This question makes the mind homeless. Do right and fear not;

orange—prevail; and some accounts state the earth also partakes of these hues. The shadow, too, has been seen coming and going at the rate of about a mile a second. Total darkness, during the complete obscuration, has not been witnessed in modern times, although not until quite recently. Unoubtedly, exaggerations have been charged down to us by former generations. There seems to be a pretty fair agreement that the amount of light is about equal to that of a full Moon. Animals appear to be somewhat affected, but summing up the information which has been given us within the last few years by eye witnesses—not to that extent which seems to prevail in the popular mind. Plants, also, have been observed to yield slightly to influence of the passing darkness; but whatever may be the nature of these changes or transformations, they must be of exceedingly short duration; and he who would be the chronicler of phenomena incident to the great phenomenon, from personal observation, will need not only to be in a favored spot, but to have his eyes wide open and his mental activity in healthful play.

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New Refrigerating Discovery.

The recent discovery, or rather invention of Mr. Wilson Bray, of New Jersey, whereby rooms and vessels can be refrigerated, below the freezing point, furnishes another of the conveniences of these modern times. Beef from Texas, fresh fruit from the tropics and every thing which freezing can preserve, may now be transported from distant ports. The Washington Chronicle, in an article on the new discovery, says:

"The hold of a vessel can be readily turned into a mammoth refrigerator, and tons upon tons of produce can be safely carried; and the same principle can be successfully applied to the smallest refrigerator, and be made available for the convenience of the most limited household. The machinery is very simple, and the management so plain that no difficulty can arise in that direction. Any temperature desired. The apparatus may be briefly described as an air tight box, of whatever dimensions may be desired, which is a refrigerator filled with ice, together with other substances that intensify the cold. A fan moved by steam or hand power drives the air through an enclosure into the refrigerator, and this air, after passing through the refrigerator, is purified by an absorbent, and escapes into the room or spot where the meats, fruits, &c., are placed. The temperature depends upon the rapidity with which the fan revolves, and can be reduced to as low as one degree below zero. It has been found, however, that thirty-five degrees, three above the freezing point, suffices to prevent the decomposition of meat, and that is the temperature used in the large meat-houses at New Orleans."

Don't Run up Stairs.—Often practiced, it is ruinous to health. An eminent physician once said to us that he would not go up stairs faster than a walk if the house was on fire and he had valuable property to save; and we believe he wouldn't. Much walking up stairs is especially injurious to women, and frequent running up stairs is a sure ticket to heart disease.—Springfield Republican.

Heart disease must be scarce in Texas, as two story houses are seldom seen outside the towns.

That we abhor a lie and must denounce a thief is due to our early education.—Flake's Bulletin.

We might infer from this that the editor of Flake's Bulletin is after the model of George Washington, who never told a lie. If you want to find a real genuine hypocrite, look for a man who boasts that he is truthful, honest, moral, etc.

PARAGRAPHS.

"Set not thy foot on graves, Care not to strip the dead Of his and ornament, His myrrh, his wine and rings And trophies buried; Go get them where he earned them, when alive, And resolutely dig or dive."

EMERSON.

WOMEN SAILORS.—On the island of Zingst, in the Baltic Sea, lives a man with his two daughters, who are all Baptists, and all sailors. They own a small vessel, in which they make voyages of two weeks duration, the three performing all the work of sailing their craft. Gail Hamilton can now say, when Dr. Todd asks if women can go to the mast head, two Christian women on the Baltic creditably perform that perilous task.—Watchman and Reflector.

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one; thou mayst be sure that with all thy consideration for the world, thou wilt never satisfy the world. But if thou goest forward straight in thy way, not concerning thyself with thy friends or unfriendly enemies of men, then thou hast conquered the world, and it is the subject of these. As the question 'What will people say?' thou dost not subject to the world."—Auerbach's "On the Heights."

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