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THE PLATFORM.

Recommended by a Majority of the committee on platform.

For the convenience of delegates EVENING TRIBUNE publishes the majority report and would have given the minority report but for the fact that the convention refused the use of the copy.

The Platform.

Galveston, Tex, Aug. 12, 1886. —To Hon. R. M. Wynne, President Democratic Convention of Texas: The Democratic party of Texas hereby declare the following platform of principles:

1. We the Democrats of Texas, express our hearty satisfaction with the administration of our distinguished president, the Hon Grover Cleveland, and testify our confidence in his ability, purity and integrity.

2 We pledge ourselves that the current public expenditures shall be confined within the current revenue.

3 We recommend the submission to the popular vote of an appropriate amendment to the juddiciary article of our constitution, so as to secure a more efficient and prompt administration of law.

4 We favor the best system of education for white and colored children in seperate common schools, which may be provided by liberal, without excessive, taxation We believe that the education of the children is a matter of State right and duty, and that the Congress of the United States has no right to appropriate money to its aid. We congratulate the people of Texas upon the successful establishment of our State University, and we recommend the enactment of legislation to remove the same, as far as possible, from all political influences, and that its properties and revenue shall be strictly guarded, increased and so far as it can be done without taxation upon the people.

5 We believe that the true policy of the State with respect to her public lands is to provide for their sale, in tracts of reasonable size with reference to their quality and uses, at fair pieces and upon long credit, to bona fide settlers for homestead purposes. We favor such a classification of the school, univerity and asylum lands as may permit the unconditional leasing for short terms of lands only fit for grazing and that the remainder may be leased temporarily and entirely subject to the right of the state to sell to actual and bona fide settlers, And to these end we favor the enactment of laws to compel the removal of trespassers and free-grazers from the public lands, and to force the payment of rent for their use: and to fix absolutely the rental price of lands to be leased. There should be such legislation as will make it practicable to enforce all laws intenced to prevent the illegal use of the school or other public lands of the state.

6 We pledge ourselves to encourage and foster all works of interial improvement, and the development of the manufacturing interests of the state.

7 We denounce the unlawful interference with or injury to corporate rights, as equally intolerable as is such interference with or injury to the rights of citizens. And while we recognize the high obligation of the Democratic party to controland subordinate all public corporations to the general good we pledge ourselves to enact and enforce all laws that may be necessary to protect their property from every danger from whatever source the same may come.

8 The Democratic party looks with apprehension upon the fact that foreign railway corporations have acquired control of the railway of Texas in violation of the provisions of the constitution; and protest against the methods by which they are being operated. We pledg ourselves to pass laws to correct abuses and prevent unjust discriminations; to compel all railways doing business in this state to maintain an office in the state in compliance with Section Three, Article X, of the Constitution; and we hereby pledge ourselves to secure by the enactment of the right of the state to inspect all the books, belonging or appertaining to the organization, operation and business of the railways of Texas. We protest against the consolidation of parallel and competing lines in the state and pledge ourselves that laws shall be passed and enforced to correct this evil. We pledge ourselves to pass several laws forfeiting to the state all lands heretofore granted to railway corporations, where such corporations have failed to comply with the terms of their charters, or have failed in good faith to alienate their lands within the period fixed by law.

9 We believe that stockholders in private corporations should be held liable to pay the debts of the corporation to the amount due on their stock, and an additional amount equal to the stock owned by them, and that the legislature shall regulate and fix the term upon which private corporations may do business in this state And that laws shall be passed prohibiting corporations not chartered by the laws of this state from buying or leasing the public lands of this state or any of the School, University or Asylum lands

10 We believe that the existing law of our state for the protection of mechanics and laborers by lien should be comprehensive and efficient, to the end that the rail laborer may be thoroughly protected.

11 We declare that all state convicts should be confined within the walls of the penitentiary; and it is the duty of the legislature to provide penitentiaries sufficient for this purpose. We are also in favor of a reform school or house of correction for minors and females convicted of offenses to the end that they may be seperated from the adult convicts of the state,

12 We do not believe that the views of any citizen upon the question of localoption should interfere with his standing in the Democratic party; and we declare the question to be one in which every Democrat may indulge his own views without affecting his Democracy.

13 The Democrats of Texas declare that it is the duty of the general government to protect and defend the humblest American citizen against the unlawful act of any and all nations; and that decisive action in demanding indemnity for past and existing grievances, and security for the future will meet with the unqualified approval of the Democracy of Texas.

L. J. Storey, Chairman
Geo. T. Todd, Secretary.

Court of Appeals.

The following is the assignment of causes in the court of appeals at Tyler for the term beginning on the first Monday in October 1886

First assignment—Two weeks commencing Monday, October 4, 1886, are assigned for hearing causes from the counties of Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Cherokee, Anderson, Sabine, Gregg, Harrison, wood, Upshur and Smith.

Second assignment—Two weeks commencing Monday, October 18, 1886, are assigned for hearing causes from the counties of Bowie, Cass, Camp, Franklin, Marion, Morris, Titus.

Third assignment—Two weeks commencing Monday November 1, 1886, are assigned for hearing causes from the counties of Delta, Hopkins Hunt, Kaufman Rockwall Raines, Red River, Navarro.

Fourth assignment—Two weeks commencing Monday, November 15, 1886, are assigned for hearing causes from the counties of Panola, Rusk, Shelby, Van zandt.

Fifth or special assignment—Causes transferred from other branches of the court, and felony cases sent direct to Tyler from other counties not named in preceeding assignment, will be taken up at any time during the term upon submission by either the state or the applicant, and the authority by which such cases are sent direct to that term must appear in or accompany the record.

Wednesday and Saturday of each week will be set apart for delivering opinions and hearings arguments. Arguments will be heard on no other days, and will be regulated by rules 51 rules for supreme court, and rules 76, rules for court of appeals.

By orders of the court.

E. P. SMITH, clerk.

HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS is to have his portrait painted by a Boston artist.

An unusual statement is made by Col. Burrow, who was the chief organizer of mounted infantry in the British campaigns in the Soudan. The horses of the 19th hussars were Arab stallions of fourteen hands, whose average age was between eight and nine years, bought in Syria and lower Egypt. Out of 550 horses, during nine months in a hard campaign, only twelve died from disease. This he attributes, firstly to the climate of the Soudan being most suitable for horses, and secondly to the Syrian horse having a wonderful constitution. The distance marched, irrespective of reconnaissances, etc., was over 1,5000 miles, and the weight carried averaged 196 pounds. The weather during the last four months was very trying, food was often very limited, and during the desert march water was very scarce. When Gen. Stewart's column made its final advance, the 155 horses the 19th had with them, marched to the Nile without having received a drop of water for 55 hours, and only one pound of grain. Some 15 or 20 had no water for 70 hours. At the end of the campaign, and after a week's rest, the animals were handed over to the 20th hussars at Assouan in as good order as when they left Wady Halfa nine months previously.

The Skeleton Trade.

Pedestrians on William street have had their attention called to the window of a dealer in surgical instruments the past several months by the complete skeleton of a human form sitting bolt upright in a chair at one corner. Close beside it is a easel, on which is a placard, "Alas! Poor Yorick!"

When asked regarding the trade in this curious article of merchandise by a Mail and Express reporter, the dealer said:

"Sell many of them? Yes, sir; comparatively speaking we sell lots of them, although you don't see the article quoted in the market reports. Why, we usually manage to carry on hand a stock of from twenty-five to forty skeletons and a complete line of skulls. We sell them to museums, medical colleges and physicians.

"The price of a skeleton varies from $30 to $50, according to its perfection and completeness. The demand is not so very large; from 300 to 400 a year is probably the limit of the number of complete skeletons sold in this country. Our sales are about 150 a year.

"A curious feature of the trade is that all that are sold are imported. They come from Paris, where a regular business is done in preparing them for the trade. Nearly all the skeletons imported to this country come to this city. Where do they get them? Oh, from morgues and the many cases of suicides that occur in France."

"Why can not they be prepared in this country?" was asked.

"There is no establishment of the kind in this country that I know of, and the reason is that our people do not seem to have the facilities or inclination to go into this kind of business. Besides, it necessitates a costly outlay and the business here is not of sufficient size to make it pay. A few years ago a Frenchman did come over here with the idea of starting the business. He did make a start in Philadelphia, but soon had to give it up after considerable loss, for he couldn't make it pay.

"That skeleton you noticed in the window is from France. It is a defective one, so we have had it on exhibition there. It attracts no little notice, and the other day a man came in here and with emphasis expressed on his face asked where that man used to live. We told him it was a Frenchman whose first impressions of the of the Atlantic were [illegible] manner. The visitor [illegible] of seeing his sympathies were [illegible] around over the poor skeleton [illegible] there in that painful position day after day, when he ought to be lying at rest in his grave."—*New York Mail and Express.*

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ANNOUNCMENTS

For District Judge.

we are authorized to announce J. V. Cockrell as candidate for reelection to office of district Judge.

For District Attorney.

we are authoriz to announce W. B. Houston as a candidate for the office of District Attorney 39th Judicial district.

We are authorized to anounce J. T. Montgomery, as a candidate for District Attorney.

For County Judge.

We are authorized to announce W. C Ballard as a candidate for the office of county judge of this county at the November Election, subject to the will of the people at the ballot box.

we are authorize to announce John Norris as a candidate for the office of County Judge.

We are authoized to announce C. J. Chapman as a candidate for the office of County Judge.

For District and County Clerk,

We are authorized to announce J. L. Jones as a Candidate for re-election to the office of County and Dist. Clerk.

we are authorized to announce E. D. Long as a candidate for the office of county and district Clerk.

we are authorized to announce S. J. Preston, as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce E. J. Wilfong as a candidate for the office of sheriff and Tax collector.

We are authorized to announce A. D. Tucker, as a candidate for re-election to office of sheriff and Tax collector.

F. M. Lewis is a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Haskell County.

We are authorized to announce W. F Draper as a candidate for sheriff, and Tax collector at the ensuing election

For Assessor.

we are authorized to announce J. W. Evans as a candidate for Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. M Carter as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

we are authorized to announce W. J. Sowell as a candidate for tax assessor

we are authorized to announce W. H. Parsons, as a candidate for the office of Assesor of Haskell co, at the ensuing election.

we are authorized to announce D. F. Williamson as a candidate for tax assessor

L. Casner submits himself as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor

we are authorized to announce G. W. Cook as a candidate for tax assessor

we are authorized to announce B. M. Kegans as a candidate for animal and Hide inspector.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector
T. B. Cosh

For County Surveyor,

we are authorized to announce G. R. Cook as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor.

Wm. Harry is a candidate for reelection to the office of county commissioner for precinct No. One.

LOCAL DOTS.

"Let it pour"

We've just had fine rains.

Range is better than it has been in four years, and stock will go into winter in fine condition.

Haskell has stood the drouth better than any other county in the West.

Mail has been interrupted by the River being up.

Miss Lena Williamson of Miller Creek is visiting in town and is stopping with Miss Mattie Preston.

The sheriff of Jones county passed through Haskell Sunday on his way to Seymour with the man Boyd who killed Sullivan in Jones county, to answer a writ of habeas corpus sued out before Judge J. V Cockrell. Defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of $5,000.

Haskell is getting a fine trade.

Albany and Abilene cant compete with Haskell, our merchants do not have to pay city tax, and as a result Stockmen say they get goods cheaper here than at those places.

Judge Chapman has sat as an examining court, most of the past week.

The Albany News is waking up, it want the Clear Fork bridged.

For Sale: CHEAP 200 sheep for terms apply at this office.

Mess. Lomax and Wilfong and ourself attended the round-up at Wild-horse Lake in the L I L range Monday, and inspected a herd of 1000 beeves belonging to M.O. Lynn and M. CartWright, that Was in fine condition.

We dined with Mr. Joel who had charge of the herd, and did justice to the fine steak Mr Becknell prepared for dinner.

Mess. Lomax and Wilforg enjoyed their trip very much and so did we, but we cant say we appreciated the excentricities of the horse we rode, but it is young and may outgrow its peculiar ways. Such cutting up makes a fellow feel very dull when he is with a crowd that would like to have his impression in the sand.

Misses Mollie Springer and Ida Scott and Miss Jones of Albany, have been visiting Haskell and were guests of Mrs. W. Rupe.

The ball that was given Thursday eve in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Long, was largely attended, much enjoyed by all present and was a happy gathering long to be remembered.

Wm. Harvey has sold his dry-goods business to D. R. Gass.

We are authorized to announce W. R. Standifer as a candidate for tax assessor of Haskell county.

Mr Wason a gentleman who moved from Milam county to this county about one year ago and is now liveng about twelve miles West of Haskell City says that he will make abundant feed to last him twelve months and will be able to sell $100 worth during the Winter.

He says also the grass is very fine in his neighborhood, and that his bees swarmed in July and are doing better than they did in Milam county.

He went throw his cane patch the other day and measured several stalks that were overfive inches in circumferance.

Desolution Notice;

The firm of Standifer and Lomax is this day desolved by mutual consent. Mr. Standifer withdrawing from the firm and business.

Haskell, Sep. 4, 1886.

W. R. Standifer.
R. G. Lomax

The new town in Stonewall county has changed its name "Jackson" to "Double-mountain."

Hymenial;

The largest crowd that ever assembled in Haskell county assembled at church last Wednesday evening to witness the marriage of Mr. C. D. Long to Miss Addie Rogers, and Mr. W. B. Anthony to Miss Mollie Hills.

Owing to the high social position of all the parties there was great interest manifested in the affair.

The ceremony was performed in an appropriate and very impressive manner by Rev. S. W. Wiseman paster of the M. E. Church South of this place.

After the ceremony was concluded and the congratulations of many friends of the yong folks were extended, the Bridal party with their attendants: Mr. R. W. Barrett and Miss Mattie Tyson Mr. S. H. Johnson and Miss Nollie Martin Mr. H. R. Jones and Miss Lena Williamson, Mr. Oscar Martin and Miss. Mattie Preston, with a few friends retired to the residence of the father of one of the brides where the youngpeople were entertained until a late hour.

We extend our best wishes to the happy couples and hope their conjugal journey through life will be illumined by the bright sun of prosperity.

Diligent Deputies.

A. S. Kauffman stands charged before Judge Chapman with theft of a horse said to have been stolen from John Casner in this county about the 8th of July 1886. About four days after the horse was miseing our deputy sheriff R.W. Barrett and Wm. Edge, who is by the way prospective candidate for sheriff in Stone Wall Co. started in pursuit and followed Kauffman across the plains in to New Mexico a distance of 525 Mi. and captured him with the horse and returned last Friday with him after a trip of 43 days and a ride of about 1200 Miles. When the country they passed through and the drouth is taken into consideration this is a nice piece of detective work and these gentlemen are deserving of a great deal of credit.

This should be a warning to wayward young men and they should consider well the chance of being caught before undertaking to get a horse by such means.

For one or two months work a young man can earn a horse by by honest toil and still have the honor of a good name with clear title to his horse, in this case the party will probably loose the esteem of his fellow man, his long rice, his time and the horse, and be severely punished.

While we heartily sympathize with a yong man who is so unfortunate as to be accused of such a crime, yet the Free Pres is proud of a set of officers who demonstrate their efficiency as officers of the law. For so long as they execute criminal process with such zeal, the honest citizens of Haskell Co. can rest assured that when they turn their stock out to graze those who are so inclined to theft will forego an attempt to steal.

Mr. Barrett says they were 48 hours without water or any thing to eat at one time, as they were lost on the plains.

NOTICE!

The Mail Hack leaves Albany at 7 a. m., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for Haskell, CARRYING EXPRESS.

Arrives at Haskell at 7 p. m., leaves Haskell on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 a. m., Arrives at Albany by 7 p'm.

Any person or persons wishing to pass over this line can always go on the MAIL HACK CHEAPER than they can hire a buggy and team.

I mean what I say.

Try me and see

Respectfully

OSCAR COCHRAN,
Proprietor.

RAIL-ROADS

The Houston Texas Central R. R. is said to be in a condition to go out of the hands of the receivers and if that be the case, the day is not far distant when the shrill whistle of the iron horse will be heard in the quiet City of haskell

Teh last legislation, intended the time for the construction of the 20 miles of road required to be built annally by law until 1st day of January 1887 when limitation will begin to run and the uncompleted railroads will have to build 20 miles. So we may look out for the Houston Texas & Central R. R. next year.

Born:

Aug. 31 to the wife of Dr. T. M Lewis a daughter.

Aug. 31 to the wife of Mr. Riddle a son.

Sep. 2 to the wife of D. R. Gass a daughter.

SINCE the death of Gen. Hunter his wife has been in such feeble health that she has rarely left her room or seen any of her old friends. She does not expect to leave Washington during the summer.

A Bashful Young Man Helped Out of a Peculiar Predicament.

"Talking about Maine," continued an old friend to a newspaper man, "that reminds me of something that happened down our way when I lived there—when I was a boy. It was in a country town. A young fellow (very bashful) was out riding with his girl one afternoon, when he saw an old farmer coming down the road in his hayrigging. On the seat beside him was a little cur.

"'I'm going to have some fun, Sal,' said the young swain, hauling up beside the old farmer. The farmer drew up and the young man bawled out, nudging Selly:

"'Say, stranger, I'm powerfully struck with that there dog of yourn, and I'd like to buy him.'

"'Well,' responded the farmer, 'I think an all-fired heap of that dorg myself, and I ain't part cular about a-sellin' of him.'

"'Well, I allow I want him powerful bad, and I don't mind givin' $5 for him.'

"The farmer saw he was being bayed,' so he said:

"'You appear to be a likely young cuss, and you've got a gol darned han'some gal in there with you. I'll tell you what I'll do: you throw your arms around that 'ere gal and give her a good smack, and I don't mind givin' yer the dorg.'

"That was enough for the bashful young man; he whipped up his horse and went on. They rode along in silence for an hour or more, Sal in her corner and Bill in his. Then Sal sort of edged up to Bill's side, turned scarlet and looking covly up into his eyes, said:

"'Say, Bill, it 'pears to me that you didn't want that dog powerful bad, did you?'

"That settled it: it broke the ice, and one of their grandchildren is going to school down here now."—*New York Telegram.*