

For Delegate to Congress,
ARTHUR A. DENNY.

The Union Platform.

*Adopted by the People in Territorial Convention
April 4th, 1865,*

WHEREAS, we deem it the duty of every political party on entering into a canvas, at all times, but more especially in such a crisis as now marks our history with blood, to define fairly and squarely the grounds on which they claim the support of the people, therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That we hail with gladness all those signs which portend the speedy termination of the most horrible and gigantic rebellion that has ever disgraced the world's history—a rebellion against the lawful authority of the only free Government on earth, and for which there was not even a shadow of excuse or palliation.

2d. That while we deplore the fact that the blood of thousands of our best citizens has been poured out like water on the battlefield, it was freely offered in defense of our Nation's life, and has preserved it; great as the sacrifice was, they have not therefore died in vain.

3d. That we endorse and heartily approve of the action of the General Government for the last four years. A better pilot than Abraham Lincoln never steered the ship of State safely through more troublous waters; the wisdom which he has displayed in the past, gives us assurance that in the future all his actions will be regulated by that patriotism which has heretofore animated him.

4th. That we believe it to be the duty of all citizens of the United States without distinction of party, to strengthen the arms of our gallant soldiers and sailors, now in the act of giving the death blow, we trust forever, to treason and rebellion, by uniting in tendering to the general Government a warm and hearty support.

5th. That the problem of slavery whose solution seemed difficult, if not impossible to every patriot, has been worked out by Southern politicians, and by them alone. They have committed political suicide, and their peculiar institution is dead and buried beyond all power of resurrection. We heartily approve the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, whereby Slavery is utterly and forever abolished.

6th. That the pernicious doctrine of State Sovereignty has been one of the chief causes of the rebellion. It is a political as well as a mathematical absurdity to say that a part can be greater than the whole. While the individual States are sovereign as regards each other, all are subordinate to the General Government of the United States of America in all the main attributes which, by the laws of Nations denote Sovereignty, and that; while the citizens of the several States owe a measurable allegiance to their respective Commonwealths, the allegiance due to the United States is paramount to all other considerations.

7th. That we do not believe that Washington Territory is standing still while the world is moving. The success of the Union party elsewhere, ensures its triumph here. If we act harmoniously, Our National interests require that we should be represented in Congress by a friend of the Government: our interest is therefore coincident with our national duty, and we individually pledge ourselves to do all that lies in our power to secure the election of the candidate chosen by this Convention as our STANDARD BEARER.
