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TESTIMONIAL SOCIETY.

By James D. Foster.

It is gratifying to note the progress of the Testimonial Society, and the interest shown in it by the people of this town. The Society is a noble institution, and its object is to promote the interests of education and science. It is a great honor to have such an institution in our community, and we are all proud to be associated with it.

Meeting of the State Central Committee.

The State Central Committee held its meeting on Thursday, the 18th instant, in the Court House, and passed the following resolutions:

1. We, the members of the State Central Committee, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the State, and to do all in our power to promote the interests of education and science.

2. We do hereby appoint the following officers:
   - President: John W. Foster
   - Vice-President: Thomas D. Foster
   - Secretary: James D. Foster
   - Treasurer: Henry D. Foster

3. We do hereby adopt the following rules:
   - All members are required to pay a subscription of $5 per year.
   - Meetings will be held at the Court House on the first Thursday of each month.
   - All members are required to attend at least 8 meetings per year.

4. We do hereby authorize the printing of a weekly newspaper to be sold at the rate of $1 per year.

We, the members of the State Central Committee, do hereby sign our names to this resolution:

John W. Foster
Thomas D. Foster
James D. Foster
Henry D. Foster

The resolutions were passed, and the meeting adjourned.

PILGRIMAGE OF LEON.

By James D. Foster.

We have just received a communication from the Pilgrimage of Leon, giving us the following account of their recent journey:

The Pilgrimage of Leon, under the leadership of Mr. John D. Foster, has just returned from a successful trip to the south. The party consisted of twenty-five members, and covered a distance of 500 miles. They visited many of the noted cities and towns of the south, and were much gratified with the kindness shown them by the people.

The Pilgrimage has decided to make another trip next year, and we hope that more members will be able to join them. The Society is a noble institution, and we are all proud to be associated with it.

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Wednesday morning, just arrived from Vicksburg, by the steamer "Perth," a most shocking accident occurred at the falls of the Mississippi. The steamer "St. Louis," bound for New Orleans, went aground and was dashed to pieces by the force of the water. The crew and passengers were all lost, excepting one man, who was washed ashore. The accident was caused by the captain's being drunk, and he was afterwards thrown overboard.

We are sorry to have to announce the loss of so many lives, and we do not think it right to publish the names of the victims, as the relatives may wish to do so.

We trust that this accident will be a warning to all ships navigating the Mississippi, and that they will be more careful in the future.

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

THE VULNERABLE ENSIGN.

The most vigorous campaign now in progress is that for the Democratic nomination. The Democratic Convention, in the State of Illinois, has just concluded the work of selecting a candidate for the Presidency. The convention was held at Chicago, and was attended by delegates from all parts of the State. The result of the convention was the nomination of Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, as the candidate for the President of the United States. The platform of the convention was adopted by a large majority, and the platform is as follows:

A platform for the Democratic party, adopted at the Democratic Convention in the State of Illinois, in the year 1860.

The Democratic party, in the State of Illinois, hereby stand forth as the advocates of the following principles:

1. The Free-Soil principle, as advocated by Abraham Lincoln.
2. The Abolition of Slavery, as advocated by Frederick Douglass and Josiah Henson.
3. The Right of the People to meet and discuss matters of national importance, as advocated by John Stuart Mill.
4. The Free-Trade principle, as advocated by Henry Clay.
5. The Union of the States, as advocated by Alexander Hamilton.

These principles are the basis of the platform of the Democratic party, and the convention has resolved to support them at the forthcoming election.

The convention has also resolved to support the following measures:

1. The abolition of the Fugitive Slave Act.
2. The establishment of a national bank.
3. The reduction of tariffs.
4. The protection of the farmers.
5. The extension of the Union.

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