

FREE SOIL BANNER.



FOR PRESIDENT,
MARTIN VAN BUREN,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
CHARLES F. ADAMS,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Senatorial Electors.

HENRY L. ELLSWORTH, of Tippecanoe Co.
JOHN H. BRADLEY, of Bartholomew Co.

CONTINGENT SENATORIAL ELECTORS.
E. DEMING, of Tippecanoe Co.
S. S. HARDING, of Ripley Co.

District Electors.

1st Dist.—NATHAN LITTLE,
2d " JOHN R. CRAVENS, of Jefferson Co.
3d " JAMES H. CRAVENS, of Ripley Co.
4th " GEO. W. JULIAN, of Wayne Co.
5th " OVID BUTLER, of Marion.
6th " MILTON SHORT, of Lawrence Co.
7th " ALBERT G. COFFIN, of Parke Co.
8th " SAMUEL A. HUFF, of Tippecanoe Co.
9th " JOSEPH L. JERNEGAN, of St. Joseph, Co.
10th " LEWIS BECHER, of Allen Co.

CONTINGENT DISTRICT ELECTORS.
2d District—John Brazzleton.
3d " John P. Milliken.
5th " J. H. Jordan.
6th " E. J. Sumner.
7th " Abiathur Crane.
9th " John U. Pettit.
10th " Daniel Worth.

State Central Committee.

1st Dist.—O. SHIELDS.
2d " R. E. STRATTON.
3d " JOHN P. MILLIKEN.
4th " R. VAILE.
5th " CALVIN FLETCHER, A. A. ACKLEY, B.
S. NOBLE, J. H. JORDAN, JAMES SUL-
GROVE, PHILIP SPONABLE.
6th " W. JUDAH.
7th " L. JESSUP.
8th " J. B. McFARLAND.
9th " R. FABER.

Free Soil Platform.

No more Slave Territory.
No interference with Slavery in States where it now exists.

Cheap Postage for the people.
Reduction of all unnecessary offices of Government.

Abolition of all unnecessary offices and Salaries.
The election of all Civil Officers of the Government, so far as practicable, by the people.

Provision by the Government for all such River and Harbor improvements as are required for the safety and convenience of Commerce, with Foreign Nations or among the several States.

Free grant, to actual settlers, of the Public Lands, in limited quantities.

Revenue Tariff sufficient to defray the expenses of Government, and pay annual instalments, together with the interest on the National debt.

FREE SOIL MASS MEETINGS.

The public are informed that arrangements are made to hold Free Soil Meetings at the following times and places:—

APPOINTMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER.

On the 10th at Connerville, Fayette Co.
On the 13th at Richmond, Wayne Co.
On the 20th at Winchester.
On the 23rd at Fort Wayne.
On the 25th at Lima.
On the 27th at South Bend.
On the 29th at Logansport.
On the 30th at Lafayette.

APPOINTMENTS FOR OCTOBER.

On the 3d at Terre Haute.
On the 5th at Princeton.
On the 6th at Evansville.
On the 9th at New Albany.
On the 10th at Jeffersonville.
On the 11th at Madison.
On the 12th at Columbus.
On the 14th at Bloomington.
On the 16th at Greenastle.
On the 18th at Crawfordsville.
On the 19th at Frankfort.
On the 20th at Louisville.
On the 23d at Noblesville.
On the 24th at Greenfield.
On the 25th at Knightstown.
On the 25th at Rushville.
On the 26th at Shelbyville.
On the 27th at Edinburgh.
On the 28th at Franklin.
On the 30th at Martinsville.
On the 31st at Danville.

On the 1st of November at Indianapolis.

(Speaking to commence, on each day, precisely at 1 o'clock P. M.)

All persons, without regard to parties, are invited to attend. The Free Soil Electors, and other gentlemen, will address the public, at the times and places above specified, on the principles of the Free Democracy.

CALVIN FLETCHER, Chairman of Central Committee.

Friday, September 15, 1848.

The communication from "Candor" will appear next week.

We hope those persons who have prospectuses of ours, and are forming clubs, will send in the names they may have, as we wish to arrange our books.—

Will our friends attend to this matter, and use their exertions to forward the names of subscribers as soon as possible.

The junior editor has been called by business to another portion of our State, and will probably be gone some weeks.—

He will inform us of the progress of the good cause in the portions of the State that he may visit.

The Free Soil movement is spreading with the most unprecedented rapidity all over the Union. Electoral tickets have been formed in Virginia, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Reasons why we support Martin Van Buren.

Some of our friends profess to think it astonishing that we can support Van Buren. "How can you?" they ask as if they really thought it strange. We have heretofore warmly acted with the Whig party, because we believed that its success gave us the surest guarantee that certain measures would be carried out, which we deemed of vital importance to the country. This we assume as the reason which prompts every honest man to sustain any party organization. We have ever held with the mass of Northern men, the non-extension of the evils of slavery, as a cardinal principle of our faith. In 1844 one issue joined between the two great parties was, the annexation of Texas and the consequent extension of slavery. How eloquent were the appeals made to us on that question, by our Whig friends in that memorable campaign. They were with us then. All were fighting for the glorious principle of no more slave territory. We still remain fighting in the same cause. Other questions, that were then made prominent ones, have by the actions of the parties and the different position of our Government, become no longer issues on which to act. There is left however, upon which to take action, the question of the extension of slavery, by the addition of new slave Territories and States. This issue has been forced upon us by the slave power, for the purpose as they declare, of maintaining the balance of power. There is no evading the issue presented, it must and will come.

We believe that it is a question of paramount importance, involving in its settlement the perpetuity of our institutions, the permanent prosperity of our whole country, and the destiny for weal or woe of millions of our posterity. When Lewis Cass was nominated by the Baltimore Convention, with his known views of hostility to the true interests of the North, we felt confident of a glorious victory, to be achieved by the Whig party, in favor of freedom and humanity.

We then supposed that the same great principle for which we had contended four years before, would again be given to the world as a portion of our political faith. Nothing but the action of the Philadelphia Convention itself, could have made us believe to the contrary. We confidently believed that the name Whig implied something, and that when we spoke of a man as a Whig, it was equivalent to a declaration that he was guided in his political action by acknowledged principles, foremost among which stood, opposition to extending the area of slavery. We waited for the nomination of the Convention and its action. We heard with astonishment that it had selected as its standard bearer, one who refused to say what his position on this important question was. We saw him supported in that Convention by his Southern friends, who a short time before had positively declared that no man could receive their support but one whom they knew was with them in their opposition to the Wilmot Proviso. We knew him to be a man whose position would naturally lead him to be with the South, in interest and feeling; and then, to crown all, when "conscience Whigs," asked as a boon that the Wilmot Proviso might be considered a Whig principle, and Mr. Bingham of Ohio introduced a resolution so declaring it, the Convention, composed of the leading men of that party from all parts of the Union, by their almost unanimous vote in laying that resolution on the table, declared that it was no longer a portion of the political faith of the party they represented. Then indeed we felt that without moving one jot from the position we formerly occupied on this question, there had opened between us and the Whig party a great gulf. If we vote for Taylor, or Cass, we feel that we are striking a blow against freedom and the best interests of the free laboring men of the North; this we cannot, will not, dare not, knowingly do. Elect either of them and that will be considered as a decision of the people in favor of the extension of slavery.

But what is the position of Martin Van Buren, the candidate of the Free Soil party? He stands on this "question of questions," where we have always professed to stand. He openly declares that he is with us—that he is one of us. He stands the avowed champion of Free Soil, and the antagonist of the extension of slavery. If he is elected it will be considered as a decision of the people in favor of Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men. The fiat will then have gone forth, that our territory stands forever the home of Freemen. Why should we not vote for him and assist in making so noble a decision—one so much in harmony with the spirit of our free institutions—so much in unison with the feelings of patriotism and humanity? What matters the objection that we have been before this his violent political enemy! The organization of which he is now the standard bearer, has been formed to meet a crisis. The question is not where has a man stood on other questions, or even on this; but where does he now stand? Is he right now? If he is, shall we professing to be

lovers of our country, hesitate because of former difference? Such conduct would be miserable selfishness—aye, treason! not to party, but to our country. The Democrats have had a candidate thrust upon them by Southern extensionists, because he was a cringing, servile slave to the power which they represented. The Whigs have had a candidate forced upon them, by the same slave power, because that power declared that there "were no traitors in the South," and that he was the embodiment of their views on this question. The Free Soil Democrats have nominated Van Buren, because he is opposed to the extension of slavery, and freely declares himself the advocate of Northern interests. Such, we believe to be the condition of things, as between the parties and their candidates. We have given our views in all frankness, and soberness.—The question at issue is a momentous one. We feel that it may control the future happiness, and decide the destiny of our country. We have come to a decision after careful, and studied investigation.—

We support Van Buren because on this great issue he is the exponent of our views. Because, unlike Cass, he refuses to pull down and destroy the glorious doctrines of the Ordinance of '87, framed by Jefferson, and sanctioned and approved by Washington. Because, unlike Taylor, he is willing openly to say that he is with us and will use his efforts to sustain us, when he asks support at our hands. Because he has uniformly occupied a position against the further extension of slavery.—Because, in a word, we are sure if he is elected all will be safe.

We cannot stand a neutral spectator in the great struggle between the slave power and freedom. The issue offered presents the same question that now agitates Europe to its centre—that actuated our fathers in their settlement on the rocks of Plymouth, and called their sons to resistance in the Revolution. Resistance to the extension of oppression is the issue made, and calls upon every man to stand up in its defence, regardless of party machinery, and former organizations. We feel it the duty of every patriot to take a part, an active part, in the contest, and feeling this, we dare to assist with our might, the interests and rights of free labor—to be called bolters and disorganizers—to receive the denunciations of corrupt party presses, and the anathemas of vile party demagogues. In short, knowing that we are right, we dare follow the dictates of our convictions.

John was evidently mistaken in relation to the choice of the convention, and shows that he was not up to snuff—that he did not understand the material of which that meeting was composed.

He reasoned as an honest man who had been fighting for principles, and until he was better instructed at Philadelphia, really thought, deluded man, that the party had principles, and that it was necessary to have a man in the executive chair, to assist in carrying out measures growing out of those principles. We find no fault with him for being thus deceived; we were in the same category ed-zackly. It was very natural, very. But then his last prediction certainly emanated from the true spirit of Prophecy. Never did even the God-like Daniel predict with more certainty the result of certain measures.—Strange that a man with foresight sufficient to see all this, should come home from that convention and tell us that what he then said was nothing but the dream of a distempered imagination, and that he really is against a man making known his position, or pledging himself to any party or party measures. And stranger still that such an one should denounce as traitors, men who pursue precisely the same course that his unbiased judgment last May told him would be pursued by every true whig. This much we mean, not as anything personal, but as illustrating the course of the mass of the whig party, who in this, acted with their organ. But the Journal says now, how inconsistent you Free Soil men are. This is the unkindest cut of all. Just think of it. In the first part of the year 1848, John D. Defrees was a Taylor man on the score of availability. In April, a McLean man, and a denouncer of Taylor from principle, and now a Taylor man again, for what? Money. He preaches consistency! Verily, we shall soon expect to see a patent sermon from the Devil on the sinfulness of lying.

The first assertion, relative to our Congress, is not true, either in letter or spirit. The vote in the Senate was 29 for the passage, and 25 against it—every Southern Whig but one, Mr. Spruance, of Delaware, voting against its passage, while two Southern Democrats voted in its favor, viz: Benton and Houston. So much for the position of parties in Congress.

The truth is, that in Congress, as in other places, this is not an issue between the old parties, but between the North and South.

The latter part of the consideration states that the Whig candidate is virtually pledged to carry out the popular will on the question of slavery extension.—Hence the pledge, friend Defrees. That is the assertion of the Indiana Journal. We give, as rebutting testimony, the assertion of the Natchez Courier, a Whig paper, published almost in Gen. Taylor's neighborhood. That paper, speaking of the charge, such as Defrees makes, that Gen. Taylor would sign a Wilmot Proviso Bill, says:

"THIS MONSTROUS assertion—so entirely at war with the character of the man and the tenor of his whole life—could only have been made by political dealers when in the LAST STAGES OF DESPAIR—when they saw that everlasting political rout and ruin was approaching them as fast as the course of time would permit." [C.]

In another place, it calls those Taylor Whig orators, who thus represent his position, by pretending he could not enter the Wilmot Proviso, "politicians whose TRAITS consists of DISTORTION and PERVERSION."

This is the position assumed for Gen. Taylor by his authoritative exponents, in the slave holding States. Should they do so Defrees?

Which will you believe—the Journal or the Courier? Gen. Taylor's nearest friends and supporters charge Defrees with distortion and perversions. We believe they ought to be and are, best acquainted with his position. At least there must be some doubt in relation to the matter, when they so furiously quarrel over it among themselves.

But we refer our readers to another column for a further consideration of the matter, over the signature of "Penn," and go to the following consideration:

9. That we earnestly look to the organization and strength of the Whig and Democratic parties, to shake the conviction from our minds that either the one or the other must succeed, and when successful, that the issues above enumerated will be the governing policy of the dominant party according as we find them arranged at the present moment.

We have no such convictions to shake

Busses in the Taylor Camp—Albany and Charleston Meetings.

Within the past few days numbers of the Ultra Whigs have been much and frequently excited, at the course of their not ultra Whig candidate. First comes a letter from Gen. Taylor containing the remarkable declaration, that he would have accepted the nomination of the Baltimore Convention, if tendered on the same terms as was the Philadelphia nomination. This was at first declared to be a roarback, got up for the purpose of injuring the Hunker candidate, and positive statements were made that we would see it. We published the letter, and kept dark to see the "chute" our Taylor friends would take. At last it was admitted to be true, and Gen. Taylor was lauded for his extended patriotism, in being willing to receive the votes of all parties, and declaring himself bound to the opinions of none. They had gulped down all their wrath and swallowed the pill, declaring that it was sweet. We would like to have seen their faces in private when they were doing it. But the matter was settled, and serenity once more restored to their countenances; when suddenly their restless disturber, Old Rough and Ready, again aroused them by accepting the nomination of a South Carolina Slavery convention, held on the 20th of July in Charleston, which put him on the track, and the Northern man Fillmore off the track, substituting Butler in his place, for the purpose of making the strongest possible team to pull against the Free Soil notions of the North.

He was in favor, however, of deliberate action, and moved the appointment of a committee to report on Monday evening following. The motion was carried.

John Carpenter, of Saratoga county, was now called for, among others, and came forward. He said he was among those who were inclined to support Gen. Taylor, notwithstanding his numerous party avowals, prior to his nomination by the Whigs. He adhered to the General because the wings were assured by the Evening Journal that he was a good whig—that he would accept as a whig—and that his letter to Gov. Morehead, would be all that he whigs could desire. He waited long to hear from Gen. Taylor in expectation of hearing something good. He confessed that when the letter of acceptance came, it was not what he expected, nor was it satisfactory. Still he held on to Taylor, and was disposed to support him, notwithstanding his letter written since, and published, left him in an equivocal position as a whig. But this last letter to the Charleston meeting, which it had been well said countenanced the support of half the whig ticket only at the South—coming from the nominee of the same whig party that had placed the whole ticket in nomination—he confessed had cured him. [Laughter and applause.] He could no longer follow after strange gods. [Renewed cheering and applause.] If this Charleston letter was not sufficient to convince the editor of the Evening Journal and the whole whig party that in nominating Gen. Taylor, the whig had mistaken their man, nothing, he was sure, could occur hereafter to convince them of that fact. He was understood to say that his first impulse, on hearing this letter, was to put at once upon the course the man, and the only man, upon whom the whole whig party would rally. It was unnecessary for him to say that he meant Henry Clay. [A storm of applause greeted this sentiment.] But perhaps time had better be taken for deliberation, before taking any such action, and for himself to acquiesce in the determination of the meeting.

Hon. John A. Collier, one of the delegates for the State at large, to the Philadelphia convention, and its President pro tem., then spoke.—Among other things he said:

"It was well known he had been a Clay man all through from the beginning—that he had sustained him as the clear preference of the State at Philadelphia, and only came in to the support of Gen. Taylor under the decision of the majority, to which he felt bound to submit. He had acquiesced in that decision, though disappointed in the result, and had been disposed to overlook circumstances that had transpired since, not entirely coming up to the expectations of the whigs in regard to Gen. Taylor's position. He had swallowed a great many things from Gen. Taylor, without making any very wise face—but this Charleston letter, he was not prepared to swallow, at least to-night." [Laughter and applause.]

He was in favor of deliberation, and thought it would be best to leave the matter in the hands of those instrumental about to assemble, through whose instrumentality alone, could any thing like concert of action be attained.

"The Chair here announced the committee on resolutions, as follows: John A. Collier, Samuel Stevens, H. B. Haswell, H. G. Wheaton, William Greene, H. A. Williams, Franklin Townsend, and Chas. S. Olmstead.

And the meeting adjourned.

Here is a beautiful position in which the great Whig party finds itself placed—the party always claiming to be the party of "principles not men"—always declaring that locofocoism in power was a curse to the country—always asserting that in order to preserve the purity of the nation's politics, we must elect men who will sustain Whig measures; this great party sticks to its nomination after old Rough & Ready tells them, by his actions, that he is just as ready to elevate an ultra Democrat to the Vice Presidency as a known Whig—that he has no choice between the two parties—will be the candidate of one as soon as the other, and when besides all this, they have no assurance that he is with the North on the question of the extension of the area of slavery. Truly the glory of Israel is departed! The mighty ones are fallen!

WHAT IS TO BE THE EFFECT OF ALL THIS?

We say the effect will be to give thousands of votes to the Free Soil candidate. The men who have openly repudiated Taylor, will vote, many of them, for Van Buren, because they are good Free Soil men, and they know, that on this question, he is right, even if he differs with them on some minor matters. The feelings which aroused the men of Albany, has a response in the breasts of numbers all over the North. In Boston, a strong kindred feeling has already manifested itself, and such feelings throughout the Free States will strengthen the Free Soil ticket. Vassalization and weakness mark the action of both the old parties. The South, with Carolina and John C. Calhoun at their head, have not yet determined upon the course they shall steer. If they shall sup-

"The letter was greeted with a storm of hisses. Ald. Hiswell was called to the stand. After referring to the chill which had been sent through the whig party of the State by the nomination of Taylor, and the reluctance with which it had come into his support, he proceeded:

"But what had we now to encounter? We found the whig candidate for the Presidency repudiating, in effect, the whig candidate for the Vice Presidency! We found Gen. Taylor, after accepting a nomination which embraced our own Fillmore as well as himself, now formally accepting, and with profound pleasure, the nomination of a democratic convention for the Presidency, and that convention dropping his co-nominee for the Vice Presidency, and substituting Gen. Butler, the democratic candidate! That was a thing he could not stand. [Loud cheering.] He could, under some circumstances, stand quietly and allow himself to be grieved all over, but he could not stand and have it rubbed in. [Renewed cheering and laughter.] He did not hesitate to avow, that under these circumstances, he felt under no obligations, as a whig to sustain Gen. Taylor—and that he would not vote for him. [Loud and general cries of 'Nor I,' 'nor I!']

He said he should rejoice in seeing a full-blooded whig started, whom they