

Indiana American.

C. H. BINGHAM, Editor.



BROOKVILLE.

Friday Morning, April 3, 1868.

Union Republican State Ticket.

For Governor,
Colonel CONRAD CUMBACK, of Vanderburgh.
For Lieutenant Governor,
Colonel WILL CUMBACK, of Decatur.
For Secretary of State,
MAX F. A. HOFFMAN, of Cass.
For Attorney General,
Major J. EVANS, of Hamilton.
For Treasurer of State,
General NATHAN KIMBALL, of Marion.
For Clerk of the Supreme Court,
Captain THOMAS W. MCCOY, of Clark.
For Reporter of the Supreme Court,
Colonel JAMES B. BLACK, of Marion.
For Attorney General,
DELAWARE WILLIAMSON, of Putnam.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
BARNABAS C. HOBBS, of Wayne.

Mass. Convention.

There will be a Mass. Convention of the Republicans of Franklin County held at the Court House in Brookville on Saturday the 11th day of April next, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the Congressional Convention to be held at Concord on the 30th of April for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress in the 4th Congressional District of Indiana. A general attendance is desired.

By order of the Central Committee,
C. C. BINKLEY, Chairman.

Franklin County a Unit.

At the time draws near for our County Convention to designate Delegates to the Congressional Convention, we are pleased to witness so much good feeling among our friends on the question of choice of candidates. It is conceded by all that in union there is strength; that the cause divided among outsiders must fail; that to be strong we must be wise and self-sacrificing. As a matter of County pride, as well as County preponderance, many think that Franklin County should not as a unit in the Convention. To do this, little preferences must give way to greater necessities, and the choice of the majority, backed up by the full voice of the County, be heard and felt in the Convention. This power and position of the County may be felt, if necessary, to make a second choice as potent as for her first choice. It is an easy matter to divide and fritter away our true strength until we cease to be felt as a power in the District, from which humiliation we sincerely hope to be spared. We earnestly urge every true Republican in the County that possibly can attend, to be at the County Mass Meeting on Saturday the 11th of April, and unite his voice with ours in counselling harmony and fraternal feeling in support of such action as may demonstrate to the credit of our County and success of our favorite candidate. It is a vitally important meeting, and demands the personal presence of every true Republican in the County. Turn out, friends, and give a day to your country.

From Hancock County.

We invite attention to the letter in another column from Hancock, as interesting in its local and political information. Our new political association must give interest to local matters as well as general. The growth, wealth and improvement of each County in the new District should interest all, and we rejoice in the prosperity claimed for our neighbors of Hancock. It is evident to all impartial observers that the Congressional race is narrowing down to Farquhar and Julian. We say this without reflection or disparagement towards other aspirants, and only regret that the issue could not have been made sooner. There are still no doubts in our mind as to the first choice of this County; and though others have won personal and political admirers, the long and faithful services in every public enterprise, of every true Republican in the County. Turn out, friends, and give a day to your country.

Keep it Before the People,

That Farquhar voted to admit Tennessee and her loyal Representatives to seats in the 39th Congress, and Julian voted against it.

Farquhar voted to pay \$100 to soldiers that had received no bounty when volunteering and served three years, and \$50 to those who served two years, and Julian voted against it.

Farquhar voted against the amendment to increase the pay of members of Congress on every occasion that it came up, when to do so would not defeat soldiers' bounties.

Farquhar voted against negro suffrage in the District of Columbia as then in effect and unusual for, and Julian voted for it.

Judge ye between them, and "govern yourselves accordingly."

To the Republicans of the Fourth Congressional District.

I am urged by friends in different quarters to return home and engage actively in the pending Congressional canvas. While I fully realize the great advantage of my competitors and their friends, through their active and zealous operations against me in my absence, I cannot obtain my own constituents to desert my post of public service, in order to look after my private political interests. In this remarkable crisis the people look to Congress for their refuge, and would scarcely excuse me for setting an example which, if generally followed, might seriously delay the trial of the great malefactor, whose speedy conviction is demanded by the nation's peace. If I should be defeated, I shall, of course, regret it; but I see no honorable means of preventing it except the strong and earnest appeal I now make to the fair-minded Republicans of the District, not to allow me to be stricken down while endeavoring faithfully to serve them, in justice to themselves or the cause, do other than give him a cordial and united endorsement and support. The signs of the times all point to his nomination as eminently proper, and productive of harmony and sure success.

Let us not deceive ourselves, but see to it that we make a nomination fitting and proper, without dead weights to carry, that can't be turned by flank movements of our opponents.

Who Shall Succeed Ben Wade?

Is a question unnecessarily agitating our Copperhead neighbors in Ohio. The friends of Vallandigham are clamorous for his election to fill the vacated seat, if Wade is made President by the impeachment of Andy Johnson. The impeachment of the President and inauguration of Wade as Acting President does not vacate the Ohio Senatorship, and consequently there is no place for Vallandigham. By virtue of the Constitution the President of the Senate becomes Acting President, to fill a vacancy

occurred by the death, resignation or removal of the President. It is as a Senator from Ohio, chosen by the Senate as its presiding officer, that Wade will succeed as Acting President, and consequently Ohio will have no vacancy to fill until the expiration of the terms of her regular Senators. If the contrary was the rule, the State having the presiding officer of the Senate might, under a possible contingency, have three Senators claiming seats, instead of but two to which the Constitution entitles her.

IMPEACHMENT.

The trial of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, upon the charge of high crimes and misdemeanors, was fairly begun on Monday, before the Court of Impeachment. The opening speech was delivered by the Hon. B. F. Butler, and it is not saying too much to remark that it will greatly add to the fame of its author as a lawyer. It covers the whole ground, commencing with precedents, compassing questions relating to the duties of the Chief Executive officer of the nation, presenting in clear light the crimes and misdemeanors of which Andrew Johnson stands accused, analyzing the evidence to be presented, and closing with an appeal to the Senate in behalf of imperilled liberty. Having conclusively exhibited the usurpation of the President, he most appropriately and eloquently closed his powerful argument with these words: "I speak, therefore, not the language of exaggeration, but the words of truth and soberness, that the future political welfare and liberty of all men hang trembling on the decision of the hour."

The speech of Gen. Butler is long. It could not be short. No one who reads it will be likely to discover any portion that might be omitted, or more briefly stated. It is, in fact, the whole impeachment question put into the shortest space possible.

The trial of the President was continued in the Senate on Tuesday. Some additional documents were offered, including the commission of Mr. Stanton from President Lincoln; and then the examination of witness began. A Congressman named Van Horn was one of them. He gave his answers from the printed copy of his evidence previously taken before the Impeachment Committee of the House, and was put through a keen cross-examination by Mr. Stanbury. A delegate from one of the Territories was then offered to prove a conversation with General Thomas.

Objection was made by the President's counsel, and sustained by the Chief Justice. This decision excited the ire of Mr. Drake, who appealed, and became excited. The Chief Justice expressed the belief that it was his right to decide all questions of law or evidence, in the first instance, subject to appeal to the Senate. Mr. Drake denied that the presiding officer had any authority to do more than submit questions to the Senate.

A secret session to consider the matter was proposed; and carried by the casting vote of the Chief Justice. After nearly four hours, the Senate returned, and it was announced that the views of the Chair had been sustained by a vote of 20 against 23, and the rule amended so that questions of law, &c., might be either decided by the Chief Justice, subject to appeal, or referred by him, in his discretion, to the Senate in the first instance. The proceedings were decidedly interesting throughout the day, and, at times, some what exciting.

Yours truly,

HANCOCK.

I shall leave the question of my renomination entirely in their hands, freely trusting them to decide it wisely.

Geo. W. JULIAN,
Washington, D. C. March 28th, 1868.

Judge Wilson for Congress.

It has been repeatedly stated and as often denied, that Judge Wilson would not be a candidate for Congress in the present canvass of the Fourth District. From the following correspondence it would seem that he does not "desire" the honor, by which we understand that he accepts the position of a candidate:

SHELBURNE, IND., March 24, '68.

Hon. J. M. Wilson.—Dear Sir:—Rumors are being about that you will not accept the nomination for Congress in this District "under any circumstances," your many friends in Shelby county who desire your name placed upon the ticket, wish to know if these rumors are well founded, or whether you will accept the nomination if tendered you. An immediate answer is requested.

[Signed.] J. M. CUMBACK,
J. M. HESTER,
B. F. LOVE,
And Others.

RUSHVILLE, IND., March 24, '68.

J. M. Cumback, J. M. Hester, John Elliott, John Blessing, B. F. Love, Mr. Robins, A. D. Lynch and others:

GENTLEMEN:—I have received yours, interrogating me as to whether or not I would accept a nomination for Congress in this District. In reply, I have to say that I would accept a nomination for Congress in this District.

In 1864, Julian over Johnson, 1,552.

This was a year when the Rebel Democracy, in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Hubbard, of Connecticut, spoke in opposition to its passage, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, favored it, and closed it.

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So you find he stands far above the rest.

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So you still see that his majority is greatly in excess of the majorities of any of the former candidates for Congressional honors. The cause of the majority being smaller in 1866, was because our party has been divided, and therefore they do not turn out at the State election as they would do if it had been a general election. And then there are a few men in Union and Fayette Counties who wanted to nominate Mr. Julian out; therefore they induced their friends to scratch him.

How did Col. Farquhar do in 1867?

Why, he refused to accept the nomination of the Republican party.

The Republicans are to vote by ballot on the first Monday of April for Delegates to a County Convention, which Convention is to choose the Congressional Delegates.

We hope that this new plan may result satisfactorily in expressing the people's choice, but fear there is too much circumspection about it.

A direct vote by ballot would give Farquhar the County by a handsome majority.

It has rained incessantly all of last week, and the roads are almost impassable, in mud, the result of our rich productive soil.

The place is improving, and is now one of the pleasant County towns of Eastern Indiana. With the aid of a liberal gravel road, Hancock County will soon take rank among the most progressive and attractive Counties of Eastern Indiana. Its soil, timber and well watered farms are most inviting, and already attract the passers-by in search of favorable locations. Our town buildings a handsome new Presbyterian Church under the auspices of Rev. Isaac Monfort, and with its many other substantial and inviting improvements, rivals its neighbors as a place to go to.

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SPRINGFIELD, IND., March 28th, 1868.

As a Republican meeting held at Center School House in this Township on last Saturday, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Township offices, Dr. Judah Hinckley was chosen by acclamation as our candidate for Trustee. Turn out, Union men of Springfield, and let us elect him. We have a majority of the voters, and to allow the Democrats to carry the Spring election, as they have been doing for several years, don't speak very well for our party. It is time now that we should go to work in earnest and improve the time between this and next Monday. See to it that every Republican is at the polls, and let us poll such a vote as will strike terror in the enemies' ranks.

Don't try to console yourself with the idea that the election now is of but little or no importance, and that this is a busy season of the year and you cannot take time to go. I assure you that the Democrats are in it of so much importance that they will poll their entire vote to a man; and as to the loss of time in voting, you will be more than paid for that by your conscience for having done your duty.

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Dear American,—Monday has come and gone, and Andy not yet brought to judgment; but the 31st inst. is the time when the traitor is to be brought to the bar of Justice. I think the dark cloud that has been hanging over us since Andy turned traitor to the party that elected him, is about to disappear, and light from the Eastern horizon will soon shine upon us. The good news will rebound from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from Maine to California, that Andrew Johnson is impeached and Ben Wade is President of the United States. Wont that be joyful?

Then the next news that will strike terror to the hearts of the Democrats, will be the nomination of the great Hero and Patriot, Gen'l Grant, for President. Then "fetch on" your Pendleton, Breckinridge, McClellan, or any other man that is so base as to accept a nomination on the so-called Democrat ticket, and they will learn that the people are ever going to hold them in contempt.

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