

# Marshall Democrat

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## DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

For Governor,

ASHBELL P. WILLARD, of White.

For Lieutenant Governor,

JOHN C. WALKER, of Lupton.

For Secretary of State,

DANIEL MCCLURE, of Morgan.

For Auditor of State,

JOHN W. DODD, of Grant.

For Treasurer of State,

AQUILLA JONES, of Bartholomew.

For Attorney General,

JOS. E. McDONALD, of Montgomery.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction,

WILLIAM C. LARABEE, of Putnam.

For Clerk of Supreme Court,

WILLIAM B. BEACH, of Boone.

Reporter of Decisions of Supreme Court,

GORDON TANNER, of Jackson.

There is but little doing in Congress that would be interesting to our readers. The Kansas question is the all absorbing theme at present.

The Republicans would have nothing to rally their forces with, if this question is settled. They would like to have Reeder admitted as the Delegate, but they do not exactly understand which would be the better course for them to pursue. Let Kansas be admitted as a free State, as she will sooner or later, and the last plank of their platform will be gone. We think this will be an open question for some time to come.

In the mean time, there will be difficulties springing up between individuals or parties in the Territory, and a few knock downs and possibly a man may occasionally be killed there, as well as in the States. If such should be the case, by the time the news would reach Indiana, a quarrel or the murder of an individual would be magnified into a great battle between freedom and slavery; and as the news would pass on eastwardly, the struggle would be represented as most sanguinary. Meetings would be called, inflammatory speeches made, money subscribed to buy "Sharpe's rifles," and companies formed for the ostensible purpose of going west to fight the great battle for freedom.

The Hon. A. P. WILLARD made a powerful speech at Peru on the 11th inst. He is probably not second to any man in the State as an extemporaneous speaker. His voice is clear and strong; his reasons logically, and his "tongue is as the pen of a ready writer." He shows no mercy to the Know-Nothings and Republicans, and is thoroughly posted on the questions at issue in the present canvass. Should the Republicans succeed in persuading some one of their number to consent to go through with Mr. WILLARD, (which appears rather doubtful at present,) we may expect to see one Republican badly skinned.

From an editorial and letter, signed by sundry citizens, which appeared in the *Banner* of last week, strangers might think that for a small town, we were well supplied with dram shops. We feel bound to state that we have but three places where the "critter" is retailled, and that the several names published do not represent so many proprietors. *One ought to be enough for a town of 1500 inhabitants—three is abundantly sufficient—but nine would be awful.*

It will be observed by the foreign news brought by the Arabia, that the Peace conference at Paris has been in session several days. The prospects of an amicable adjustment of the difficulties between England and the United States, are favorable.

The Democrats of Center township will remember that the Convention meets next Saturday, for the purpose of nominating candidates for township offices, to-wit: One township Trustee, one Clerk, one Treasurer, two Justices of the Peace, and three Constables.

It is generally believed that we are to have no Peaches this year, and that the young Peach trees are generally killed.

Porter *Democrat* is the title of a new paper just started at Valparaiso, by LEONARD H. MILLER. It is got up in a neat style, and displays decided ability in its editorial columns. We wish you great success, politically and pecuniarily.

GODET'S *LADY'S* Book for April is received; it is a welcome Magazine, always promptly on hand, and contains choice miscellany and instructions for Ladies, not to be had in any other Magazine. Published by L. A. Godey, Philadelphia, at \$3 per annum.

The Commercial Bank, of Chicago, has gone under.

Flour is down to three dollars per cwt. in this market.

The Temperance folks and citizens, are about making a decided move to get our *Grocery* men to stop selling liquors. Forty dollars were raised the first evening to defray expenses of prosecution.

Pershing & Thomson, advertise to-day. They are just starting in the drug business; patronize them... B. V. Barnes wants some boarders—consult advertisement.

## More Disclosures.

From an article which we copy from the *State Sentinel* it will be seen there is another secret political organization in our midst, (or the old one in a different form) which has for its object, as is usual with similar organizations, the "good of all mankind."

The Know-Nothing-Abolition-Republican-Fusionists have tried about every way their imagination can conceive of to deceive and humbug the people, but this "League" organization is the most cowardly move we have yet heard of. In order to get the Know-Nothings, it excludes all Catholics from membership, and adopts the Know Nothing creed, in relation to foreigners, generally.

In order to get the so-called "Republicans," it denounces the Nebraska act, as being an outrage. It adopts the Abolition creed in relation to slavery generally, thereby securing the remnants of that party. It makes temperance a requisite qualification for membership, in order to include the friends of prohibition. It takes the Bible for its guide in order to include all religious denominations, thus compounding all sects and parties into one incomprehensible conglomeration.

It is well known to many of our citizens, that W. G. GEORGE, the President of the "League" in this State, was uncomfortably drunk at this place, some time ago. But we suppose he being President, it is all right.

From the *State Sentinel*.

## ANOTHER SECRET SOCIETY!

### ABOLITION OATH-BOUND LEAGUE!

#### The liberties of the People in danger!

We this day lay before the readers of the *State Sentinel* the platform, ceremonies, constitution, ritual, oaths, &c., of a secret political society which exists in Indiana, and which has been organized for the purpose of controlling the political power and destiny of the State.

We have been put in possession of the authentic records of this organization from such a source, and under such circumstances, as to leave no doubt of the correctness and truth of the exposure, which we here-with place before the public. Every fact and every statement is copied from their own printed book of forms and ritual, that has been printed by their confidential publishers, and secretly delivered to none but those who were sworn to fidelity, and to keep their secrets.

The "League" is a most abominable conspiracy, entered into by a faction of restless and corrupt men, to control and direct the people in such a manner as will conduce to the advancement and propagation of Abolition, disunion, and inlerior doctrines and interests. We look upon this movement as being worse in its tendencies, and more pernicious in its sentiments than original Know Nothingism, because it hypocritically assumes to be the advocate and supporter of human rights and human liberty, while it practically enslaves the citizen, disfranchises a portion of community, and drives from political connection a large portion of American citizens for their religious opinions.

We give the following condensed exposure of this miserable concern, that every reader may judge of it for himself.

Here is the title page of the book:

PLATFORM,  
LIST OF OFFICERS,  
CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL,  
OF THE

Indiana State League of Freedom.

Indiana Journal Company—Print.

OFFICERS—1855-56.

President—W. G. GEORGE, of South Bend.

Vice President—ORVILLE THOMPSON, Greensburg.

Secretary—SAMUEL G. DAILY, Indianapolis.

Treasurer—RYLAND T. BROWN, Crawfordsville.

As servility to the Slave Power characterizes the National organizations of the existing political parties, and as the servility is pernicious both to the manhood of the North and the liberty of the public, WE DÉCLARE:

1st. That the issue before the American people is whether Freedom shall be limited to the Free States, or whether slavery shall be limited to the Slave States.

2d. That this issue has been forced upon the country by the Slave Power through repeated aggressions, and by acts which have violated National faith, solemn compacts and sacred covenants.

3d. That these aggressions, especially the Nebraska outrage, with the brutal assault upon the elective franchise in Kansas have aroused the freemen of the Republic to a just sense of their duty and danger, and though they will invade no right of any State, they will maintain every right of freedom, and resist the admission of another Slave State, or the addition of another food of slave soil.

4th. That we shall meet this issue thus forced upon us in the spirit which our fathers met the issues of their day, and believing as they believed, that rightfully man can hold no property in man, we will maintain the NATIONALITY OF FREE MEN.

5th. That Freedom being one in aim and end, the world over, the friends of freedom in this Republic should make principles and character, not birthplace, the test of admission to citizenship, and its constitutional rights.

6th. That the right to worship GOD according to the dictates of individual conscience being inviolable, we will labor to strengthen this great community through wise State laws; but we will repel every po-

3. (printed 2) Are you a Roman Catholic?

[Each answers "I am not."]

4. Do you pledge yourself, on your honor as a man, that you will support the Platform of principles just read to you, and not reveal the secrets, pass-words, or signs of recognition of this Organization?

[Each answers, "I do."]

[*Marshal introduces Candidate.*]

In the center of the room stands a table covered with an American flag, and on it lies a Bible, open, as emblems of civil and religious liberty.

Candidates arrange themselves in a semicircle, facing the table.

President advances to the opposite side of the table and says,

Will you place your right hand upon the Bible?

Candidates do so.

PRESIDENT.—You and each of you, with your right hand resting on the word of Truth, and the Flag of your Country, of your own free will and accord, do solemnly pledge your sacred honor as a man, that you will never make known the secrets of this Order to any person except within the body of a legally constituted League of the Order; and not even then, unless permitted by gratitude, no compromise. Why then should Americans longer clothe their instruments with the elective franchise, or entrust them with the administration of Government?

You observe that our Order makes principles, not nativity, the standard of qualifications for citizenship. The place of a man's birth is an accident beyond his control, and for which he is not responsible.

But his moral character, and his political principles are intrusted to his own keeping.

Ours is a land of refuge for the oppressed of all the climes, assigned by Providence as the theater where he may solve the great problem of self-government.

The native may only ask of his adopted brother "has he renounced all allegiance of every kind to all foreign powers?" "Is he devoted to our institutions, temperate and industrious in his habits, and of good moral character?"

We cast out from us no true man, wherever he may have happened to be born. Our Order is not founded in selfishness, but on the more enduring principles of human brotherhood, and Man's republican equality.

We exclude only the vicious, the un-

principled, the despot, and the instruments of despotism.

The theory of our Government is, that all power emanates from the people. But such is not, and has not been much in practice.

It has become little better than a centralized despotism, with a Republican name.

The people have, comparatively, no choice in the selection of our public servants.

The single branch of the General Government which they are permitted to choose is overshadowed by the Senate, and the Executive with his veto, and his great and increasingly dangerous patronage.

A restoration of power to the hands of the people will be our most sacred duty.

Finally, the grand aim of this organization is to establish a League of Freedom, for the assertion of the inalienable Rights of Man, and for the protection of civil and religious liberty; to restore the political institutions of our country to their original purity, and execute the grand will and testament of its founders; to make this Republic the dwelling-place of Freedom; to resist these aggressions.

The private matters which you are to keep secret, are not only the obligations and ceremonies of the Order, but include every thing said or done in the League, unless secrecy be removed by special act of the League itself.

The Pass Word is (No. 1) "Freedom for all Men."

The sign of recognition for the street is the placing of the (No. 2) (fore finger) of the (No. 3) (Right hand) upon the (No. 4) (Right side) of the (No. 5) (No.)

The response to the sign is made with the (No. 6) (Left hand) in corresponding position. The brother who gave the sign will then say (No. 7) "How are you news?" The other will reply (No. 8) "All right."

Make any noise you choose at the outer door to attract the attention of the O. S.—Give to him the (No. 9) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 10) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 11) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 12) three raps.)

We have given the whole of the address of the "President," that the League may have the benefit of his hypocritical speech and the grand aim of this organization is to establish a League of Freedom, for the assertion of the inalienable Rights of Man, and for the protection of civil and religious liberty; to restore the political institutions of our country to their original purity, and execute the grand will and testament of its founders; to make this Republic the dwelling-place of Freedom; to resist these aggressions.

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The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 15) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 16) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 17) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 18) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 19) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 20) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 21) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 22) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 23) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 24) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 25) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 26) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 27) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 28) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 29) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 30) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 31) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 32) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 33) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 34) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 35) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 36) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 37) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 38) three raps.)

The I. S. will present himself, and to him will give (No. 39) (the remainder of the P. W.—"Freedom") then first part of the P. W.—"Freedom?" (then part of the (No. 40) three raps.)

ion, and plea of infidelity, it is the sworn foe of civil and religious liberty.

It wields the very freedom which our Fathers conferred upon it, as a dagger to destroy our own.

Landing upon our shores millions of its superstitious, segregated and clamorous instruments, and setting as a unit in popular elections, it uses them with fearful power, first to weigh down one side, then another, ever bearing its votes to the highest bidder, until it has secured the control of the most important places in the Government.

"The tree is known by its fruits."

Those of the Papal tree have ever been ignorance