

# GAZETTE.

VINCENNES.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 1836.

PEOPLES' CANDIDATE  
FOR PRESIDENT IN 1836.  
GEN. WILLIAM H. HARRISON,  
of Ohio.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT  
FRANCIS GRANGER,  
of New York.

ELECTORS FOR THIS STATE.  
J. G. CLEMENSON  
of Orange County.  
M. G. CLARK  
of Washington.  
HIRAM DECKER  
of Knox.  
ENOC McCARTY  
of Franklin.  
MILTON STAPP  
of Jefferson.  
A. WILLIAMS  
of Wayne.  
A. W. MORRIS  
of Marion.  
A. S. WHITE  
of Tippecanoe.  
A. P. ANDREWS  
of Laporte.

The last Western Sun republished from the Globe, a report fabricated by a partisan named Bancroft, with a view to benefit the caucus candidate for the Presidency. The report of a Mr. Bancroft, that Mr. Van Buren was preferred by the sage Madison, (whose spirit is now aloft with the sainted Washington's,) has received the most emphatic contradiction in the Richmond Whig. It has been pronounced "a lie from first to last," by the most confidential friends of the late patriot; and the Charlottesville Advocate, printed in the neighborhood of Mr. Madison's late residence, after copying the matter, says—

"Bancroft's statement is so completely at variance with Mr. Madison's whole course of conduct for many years, that we have no hesitation in pronouncing it utterly void of truth. We have conversed with several gentlemen who have had the most favorable opportunity of knowing Mr. Madison's opinions, and they all agree that there cannot be a word of truth in the assertion. Mr. Madison was so extremely cautious in expressing himself upon any question touching the politics of the day, that even his most intimate acquaintances were ignorant of his political preferences."

Such are the fabrications and impositions resorted to by the speculators, to sustain their unpopular and unworthy favorite—but the people will not be gulled by such fabrications.

*Extract of a letter from a respectable citizen of Fayette county, to his friend in Vincennes.*

"This end of the state is safe for Harrison by several thousand. In this county, where Gen. Jackson received a majority uniformly, Harrison will get a majority of from 300 to 500. Rush, that gave Jackson a large majority, will give Harrison 500 majority. Let all hands be wide awake and prudent, and Indiana is safe.—Let Indiana show herself faithful to her old professions and doctrines of reform, for if ever relator was necessary on earth, it is now."

FOR THE VINCENNES GAZETTE.

COMMON SCHOOL EDUCATION, No. 5.

In order to secure competent conductors of schools, there must be inducements for persons to become qualified, and opportunities for their obtaining the proper qualifications, and remuneration for those who devote themselves to this work. The voice of the community of guardians imperatively demanding such teachers would be a sufficient inducement to excite many to corresponding efforts for the necessary qualifications. But, unless well prepared teachers can find their talents appreciated, and obtain employment in preference to incompetent persons, it is vain to expect that talented, high minded youth will take up a calling, at once both ignoble, and almost useless.

But competent instructors cannot be had without suitable and special preparation. A mere good education in general, will no more fit one for the duties of a teacher's station, than it will for those of any other profession. There must be a particular training for the work of educating youth. How is this training to be obtained?

I propose the plan which I think best. Let its faults be pointed out, and a better offered. I will join in its adoption—or, if none better is brought forward, I ask, will not the friends of the people unite in carrying mine into effect?

In a school containing classes of all grades in common education, and well furnished with proper apparatus and books—let young persons be placed under a competent Principal, as apprentices to learn to keep school.

And why should not an apprenticeship be as necessary to fit one for school keeping, as for the practice of law or medicine, or for doing well in mercantile business, or any mechanical art? There are institutions in some parts of our own, and other countries, call teachers' schools, where candidates for school keeping are taught with special reference to that point. I am not well acquainted with the minutiae of the plans. In some of them, at least, I think they practice in teaching each other; in some, they go into a school of young pupils at the last part of their course; in others, they probably do not teach at all, but hear lectures, &c. on the subject and branches of School keeping. My object is not now to discuss the merits or deficiencies of these plans. But I introduce them to show that something of the kind has been judged necessary by the friends of education in all parts of Christendom.

The characteristic feature of the plan I propose, is, that those who wish to devote themselves to teaching, as a profession, should serve a regular apprenticeship in a school properly organised for such a purpose. And, if public funds were in part

appropriated for furnishing the needed establishment for such seminaries in each county, I have no doubt the community would receive more benefit than in any other way of applying them. People in a short time would be shown the difference between children well taught, and those who attend school only, and soon a new generation of acting and managing persons would come on the stage with such views on the whole subject and cause of education as would ensure for it cordial, enlightened and efficient attention. The comparative pecuniary expense of this plan would be small. Its results salutary in the highest degree, and almost certain to succeed.

These young persons would be taught every branch of requisite knowledge—not merely just so that they could apply it for their own practice in business, but so as to be able to teach it to others. And this ability to teach would be taxed by experiment at every step of the progress, and that too, under the eye of one able to discern the effect produced by their instructions, and to point out their deficiencies, and to suggest the proper amendments for them to adopt in their mode. In such an institution, they would practice teaching in every part of education through classes of every grade. They would find out the difficulties in the pupil's way to knowledge. They would learn to devise, prepare and apply a variety of illustrations to communicate accurate views of the rudiments of every branch of knowledge. They would become accustomed to self-possession and self-government. They would learn much, both on the difficulties, and the best modes of discipline. In short, by going through a thorough apprenticeship in all the parts of school keeping, they would either find, that they were not the right ones for the business, and so not undertake it, or else they would come forward competent to perform, and willing to assume the duties and responsibilities of a high and all-important station. They would not have to spend years in unlearning errors, and educating themselves, and trying schemes and plans for experiment in education, at the expense of the time and opportunities, in great part, of a least one, two or three sets of scholars. Nor, what is still worse, far worse, would they be schoolmasters merely, knowing little and teaching less.

The following brief extracts, from the late circular letter of the Hon. N. H. Clisbourn, of Virginia, to his constituents, will be found worthy of attention. Let it be kept in mind, that Van Buren is openly opposed to the Deposite distribution law: his chief advocates have in many quarters, denounced it with feelings of bitter regret—because, since the removal of the Public Deposites from the Bank of the United States, the leaders of the party could do as they pleased, upon the ideal responsibility of one man, and a majority of Congress, elected to obey his uncertain will, as prompted by the schemers.

**LOCKE.**  
**The Public Land Frauds, &c.**  
  
In perusing a very interesting circular letter from the Hon. Rice Garland, one of the Representatives in Congress from Louisiana, we were so much interested in the subjoined passage, that we thought we could not do better than lay it before our readers. It gives, in a condensed form, from responsible authority, an account of what passed in the House of Representatives on the subject of the alleged Land Frauds, at the late session of Congress.—*Nat. Hist.*

**Extract from Mr. Garland's Circular.**  
  
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