



VINCENNES.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1843.

Whig Principles.

The will of the Nation uncontrollable by the will of ONE MAN: one Presidential term, a frugal Government, and no sub-Treasury, open or covert, in substance or in fact: no Government Bank, but an institution capable of guarding the People's treasure and administering to the People's wants.

The appointment of the Secretary of the Treasury to be vested in Congress.

The just restriction of the power of dismissal from office now exercised by the President.

The introduction of economy in the Administration of the Government, and the discontinuance of all sinecures, and useless offices.

For President in 1844
HENRY CLAY,
OF KENTUCKY.

Samuel Hill is a candidate for election as a Justice of the Peace, and will feel grateful to his fellow-citizens for their support. The election takes place on the first Saturday in January.

What has become of our correspondent "Philo"? We would like to hear from him frequently.

Clay Club.

The Vincennes township Clay Club, will meet at 6 o'clock this evening at the Town Hall.

This being the last meeting of the Club previous to the Indianapolis Conventions, it is desirable that there should be a good attendance.

Several addresses may be expected.

Texas.—The German settlers in Austin and Colorado counties are represented as being in a flourishing condition. They emigrated in very necessitous circumstances from five to ten years ago.

Most of them brought nothing to the country along with them but their families, all their means being exhausted on their arrival, but they still retained a fund which nothing save disease and bodily infirmity could render unavailable, viz: their industry, skill and energy, their moral feelings, habits and common sense, all the funds necessary to acquire a comfortable living.

A correspondent of the New York Herald says: "The appointment of Matthew St. Clair Clark to the place of Auditor in the Post Office Department, which has also been confirmed by the Senate, has excited some curiosity, insomuch as he is a well known whig." As nearly as can be ascertained, there is little doubt of the confirmation by the Senate of the Executive appointments, with the exception of Proffit and Cushing.

CONGRESS.

Nothing of importance has been acted on by this body. We note as somewhat singular, the presentation of a memorial by Mr. Adams, from 231 citizens of the State of Illinois. Their first prayer was that Congress would pass a law confessing our national sins. Mr. Adams said that the petition came from 261 respectable people of the State of Illinois—that it was no idle paper, and deserved to be treated with respect. The second prayer was that Congress would pass a law acknowledging the dominion of Jesus Christ.—The third prayer was that Congress would pass a law defining what the law of God is; and the fourth prayer was for such an amendment of the Constitution as would secure to all the people of the United States the self-evident truths contained in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Mr. Adams begged that the petition might be read. Mr. Wise objected to its reception, and said that the Clerk had no right to read it. Amid much confusion in the discussion of its reception, the House adjourned.

Friend Dowling, we are very glad to see you unfurl the broad banner of the Wabash. It is the banner under whose ample folds thousands upon thousands are gathering. We wish, however, to be understood, and the address of the citizens of Knox should not have a mis-constitution put upon it. Now, all hostility to the cause we disclaim. The address reflects

against the substitution of the Cross Cut and Central Canals in place of the Wabash, as part of the great thoroughfare from the Lakes to the Ohio. The position occupied is that of the defensive, against the attacks of the advocates of the Canal. But, if we have to carry the war into Africa, we will be compelled to exhibit many things that we now omit. We copy the following from the Wabash Express with pleasure:

WABASH RIVER.

The citizens of Knox county held a meeting at Vincennes, recently, and adopted an address and a series of resolutions respecting the improvement of the Wabash river, by a grant of lands from the General Government. They say there remains unsold in the Vincennes land district, 1,600,000 acres; and in the Palestine and Shawneetown district, 2,000,000 acres. They ask a grant of 600,000 acres to improve the River by slack water navigation, which they think will be sufficient for the purpose, leaving 3,000,000 acres in the three districts, which will thereby be much enhanced in value. They protest strongly against the efforts now making to obtain a grant of lands for the construction of the Central Canal from the Cross Cut to Evansville for the following, among other reasons:

1st. It would cost more than double the amount to construct the canal, if practicable, (it being estimated at over \$1,500,000) than it would to improve the river so as to render it navigable the year round, except when closed by ice.

2d. The keeping in repair the canal would be more than double the expense.

3d. The river would furnish infinitely more water power and at available points.

4th. The river would be navigable much longer in the year. Some years it is never closed to this place.

5th. A canal is ill fitted for the travelling community, especially if of great length. The Erie and Portsmouth canal, passing through the centre of Ohio, along the rich valley of the Scioto, can hardly keep up a packet boat.

6th. In case the canal should be finished, not one-tenth part of the surplus products of this great and fertile valley would be shipped by it; that, too, even if the river remains in its present condition. Nearly the whole would seek a natural channel because it is infinitely cheaper and ordinarily better.

7th. The canal would not be open so soon as the river. The early spring trade suits the Farmers of this country and the Planters of the South better.

8th. The improvement of the river would accommodate more than ten times the population the canal would. The canal has no tributaries. The Wabash has more than 2,000 miles of navigable tributaries, all of which would be benefited by the improvement of the main channel.

9th. The advocates of the canal ask an appropriation of the whole of the Vincennes Land District. This deprives the General Government of one of the principal reasons for making these grants—the enhancing in value of the residue.

We have no space to spare for the address, which is replete with valuable information respecting the history of past efforts towards the improvement of our noble river, which seems intended by nature, in a great degree, to subserve the general wants of the State, running, as it does, diagonally through it, from the north east, to the south west. We cordially approve of the object of the citizens of Knox, and trust that the inhabitants of the valley, will awake to the importance of the subject.

The Conventions.

It should be borne in mind that the State Whig Convention will assemble at Indianapolis on the 16th inst., and that the Young Men's Convention will be held at the same place on the day following.

We trust that a respectable number will turn out from Old Knox and attend these Conventions; and especially do we consider it the duty of the young whigs of the county to go up to that of the 17th. They should remember that here it was that the first move was made to bring about an organization of the younger body of the whigs of the State, and that this Convention was first suggested and recommended at the young men's county convention held at this place on the 23d of November last. Having, then, been the first to suggest this meeting, it is certainly their duty to attend it, if possible, to the full number of the delegates appointed. If any on the list cannot go, they should immediately notify the Central Committee, so that others, who can, may be appointed in their stead.

We are convinced that much good will result from these Conventions. The spirit of the party will be aroused by them, and that energy and zeal, so necessary to success, will be brought into life and activity, and being diffused throughout the State, will tend greatly to our triumph in the coming political contest. We urge it, therefore, upon our friends to come out and go up to Indianapolis to aid in devising means to further the good whig cause. It is a cause worthy our best efforts, and we should, on all suitable occasions, cheerfully and promptly exert them in its behalf.

Let no one then stay at home who can possibly get away, for no better opportunity than the present could be presented to us to manifest the interest we feel in the progress of correct political principles, and in securing that prosperity to our state and country which can only be perpetuated by a good and well managed government.

A GEM!

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Bishop of Vincennes.—In our Legislature Mr. Gorman from the majority of the Committee on the Judiciary, has reported back a bill incorporating the Bishop of Vincennes as the sole trustee to hold property for the use of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Indiana, with an amendment providing that the State reserves to itself the right to repeal, alter, or amend this Charter at any time—which was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Parker from the minority of said committee, made a counter report on the same subject, viewing the power proposed to be given to an individual by the bill, as dangerous if not unconstitutional.—The question being on the engrossment of the bill, a long and interesting debate followed, for which we have not room, and was continued until the House adjourned.

The editor of the Evansville Journal commands an article in the Louisville Journal to our careful perusal—upon the subject of the Cross Cut and Central Canals.

We have seen it and read it. It merely publishes the substance of the Evansville Memorial, and states nothing of the editors' own knowledge, for we presume to say, they know nothing about the River or the Canal, except from information.

We give a specimen how they were misled by that veracious Memorial.—Twenty-five miles to the Feeder dam on Pigeon creek were finished in '39 and boats commenced running immediately thereafter." Now, strangers, like the editors of the Louisville Journal, took it for granted that the boats not only commenced but continued to run upon the Canal, from Evansville to the Woods.—Thus they were deceived—and published to the world that the Southern end of the Canal was successfully navigated, when in truth, ten months in the year there is not water enough in the Canal to swim a duck.

Now, friend Chandler, we commend to your careful perusal the address of the citizens of Knox, adopted on the 20th Dec. last, and the recent Message of Governor Letcher, of Kentucky, upon the subject of improving the Kentucky Rivers.

We pretend to know as much about the Wabash as those, at least, who never saw it, and the people of Knox county and the Wabash valley know as much about it as the editors of the Louisville Journal.

This being Leap Year, we expect to record more marriages, than formerly. Go it gals.

The attention of our readers is particularly invited to an article on the first page of to-day's paper, from Godey's Lady's Book, headed "Too Conscienceous to Dance." It suits this meridian admirably.

Cabinet Nominations.

The New York Herald says that a very important and curious piece of business is now before the U. S. Senate, in secret session. The President sometime since sent in for the approval of that body the following nominations:

ABEL P. UPSHUR, for Secretary of State; DAVID HENSHAW, Secretary of the Navy; JAMES M. PORTER, Secretary of War; JOHN NELSON, Attorney General.

CALEB CUSHING, Commissioner to China; GEORGE H. PROFFITT, Minister to Brazil; or Rio.

With the exception of Judge Upshur, who is not a politician by trade, and who, therefore, may be considered an honest man, we believe there is not a single man sent into the Senate, who has not duped and deceived the President. If the whole batch are rejected, Mr. Tyler's only regret should be that John C. Spencer and the blackhead Wickliffe were not included in the lot.

Pomeroy & Company's Express Mail has been robbed of nearly a million and a half of dollars contained in a small iron trunk.

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The Fruits of Slack Water Navigation.

The Frankfort Commonwealth of yesterday, says:

"Col. J. Barbour has erected a splendid steammill for the manufacture of flour and corn meal, at lock and dam No. 1, on the Kentucky river. He has sent us a barrel of his flour, which, on trial we found first rate. He manufactures kilndried corn meal for the eastern and foreign markets. This fine establishment, though a steam mill, is, nevertheless, one of the fruits of slack water navigation. Lock and dam No. 1, being within four miles of the Ohio river, was never contemplated as a site for water power, the Ohio backing up to it too great a part of the year to justify the building of mills to be propelled by the water power of the Kentucky river.

For the Vincennes Gazette.

Whig Meeting in Sullivan.

At a large and respectable meeting of the Whigs of Sullivan county, held at the town of Sullivan, on Saturday the 30th of December, 1843, on motion James Harris, Esq., was appointed President, Moses Pearson and Grafton F. Cookerly, Vice Presidents, and Wm. W. McKinney and Wm. W. Peterman, Secretaries.

The object of the meeting having been explained by Joseph W. Briggs, Esq., on motion it was

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the objects of the meeting—to report the names of suitable persons as delegates to the State Conventions of the 16th and 17th of January, and to the Baltimore convention of ratification of the 2d of May next, and also to report a plan for the permanent organization of the whig party of Sullivan county.

Whereupon Joseph W. Briggs, James D. Gardner, Hardy Hill, Thomas Nesbitt, Wm. W. Peterman, Solomon Walls, and Felix G. McGrew were appointed said committee.

Mr. Briggs on behalf of said committee, made the following report, which was unanimously concurred in:

Resolved, That we the whigs of Sullivan county, although hitherto unsuccessful in our efforts to redeem our county from locofocism, or modern democracy, are not discouraged, and we hereby pledge ourselves to the whigs of Indiana, not to cease our exertions until that object is accomplished, and that we have unshaken confidence in the belief that the principles of the whig party will yet triumph over every opposition.

Resolved, That for the purpose of securing this object and the permanent organization of the whig party in this country, the following committee be appointed:

Central Committee and Committee of Correspondence.

James Harris, Solomon Walls, Elisha Alberston, James D. Gardner and Felix G. McGrew, of Hamilton Township; Alexander Trigg and James D. Riggs, of Haddon Township; Orson Willard and Jesse Haddon, of Gill Township; Alexander McKeen and Robert Taylor, of Turman Township; Sam'l Myers and James Pegue, of Fairbanks Township; Moses Pearson and Michael Wagoner, of Jackson Township; Ruel Downs and Russell Wagoner, of Curry Township.

Committee of Vigilance.

Of Hamilton Township, Hardy Hill, Paschal Thelburn, Joseph Bailey, John Osburn, Jacob B. Miller, Stephen Wagoner, Samuel Anderson, Benjamin Timmons, James Thompson, Hugh S. Orr, and Edward Bowles; for Haddon Township, Joseph W. Briggs, John Jenkins, Richard W. Pearce, Benjamin B. Watson, Thomas McClung, Aaron Alsmor, Daniel Boon, Wm. W. Peterman, Elijah Grigg, John S. Ledgerwood, Samuel McCutchen, Nathan Hinckle, Wm. S. Craft, Robert Wallace, Thomas A. Baker, Elijah Milam, Johnson Hamilton, Thomas Creager, Jno. W. Purcell, Peter Lismore, Anderson Miller, and Wm. D. Blackburn; for Gill Township, James Reid, John Miles, Dan'l C. Webb, John Haddon, David Wilkins, John O'Boyle, David Gray, Anthony Burnett, Wm. Herreford, Anthony Mason, John Burnett and Wm. F. Dodds; for Fairbanks Township, Henry Drake, Seth Dicks, Joseph Smock, Nathaniel Earnest, Jr., Sudwick, Earnest, Abraham DeBon, Jr., James Milligan, Stephen Johnson, Eri Hunt and Eli Dicks; for Curry Township, Ruel Downs, John Evans, Sr., Wm. Morton, Henry Smock, Jr., Thomas Evans, James W. McKinney, Shelly See, John Earnhart, John Anderson, John Hill, Milburn Read, Robt. M. McGrew, for Turman Township, Thomas Eddy, John Brewen, Seth Cushman, Wm. Logue, Chamberlain Marts, Jacob Marts, John Curtis and Hiram Harris; for Jackson Township, Thomas Nesbitt, Dr. J. P. All, Cyrus Duvall, Benjamin Wm. Reeves, Elbridge Ashberry, Samuel Stout, Jeremiah Mahon, Addison Williams and George C. Biggs.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed to represent Sullivan county in the State Conventions of the 16th and 17th of January, to be held at Indianapolis, on the 16th day of January, 1844. The meeting was organized, by appointing the Hon. James Hillman, President, Hiram Wright and Daniel H. Roberts, Vice Presidents, and Reddick Harrell, Secretary. On motion of C. M. Allen, Esq.,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions, and report the names of suitable persons, as delegates to represent the whig party in said Convention. In pursuance of said resolution, the President appointed as said committee, Messrs. C. M. Allen, Elijah Bell, and Meredith Howard. The committee after having retired a short time, returned and made the following report, which being read, was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the convention, to be held by the whigs of Indiana, at Indianapolis, on the 16th day of January, 1844, and that the following persons be delegated to attend said convention:

From Wabash township, Matthew W. Foster, James Ritchey, and Dr. John W. Posey. From Jefferson township, Elijah Hammond, and James Hargrave. From Madison township, Hiram Wright, and Jesse Alexander. From Clay township, Charles F. White, and James Hillman. From Patoka township, John Hathaway, and Benjamin Morris. From Monroe township, Temple Woolsey, and Jesse Houchens.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to use all fair and honorable means to secure the success of the whig ticket in this county at the next August election.

Resolved, That we recommend to the whigs of Pike county, to meet together at the Court House in the town of Petersburgh, on the 3d day of February, 1844, for the purpose of forming a Clay Club, and taking the preparatory steps to a complete organization of the whig party in this county.

Resolved, That we have the utmost confidence in the political integrity of the Hon. John Pitcher, and that our delegates be instructed to use every means to have his name placed upon the electoral ticket of Indiana, as the whig candidate for elector in the first Congressional District of Indiana.

Resolved, That as many of the whig citizens of Pike county, as may be in Indianapolis at the time of the Whig State Convention, be entitled to seats as delegates. On motion.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the proper officers, and a copy be sent to the Editors of the Vincennes Gazette and Evansville Journal, with a request that they publish the same.

After three hearty cheers for Henry Clay, on motion the meeting adjourned, to meet on the 3d day of February, 1844