

VEVAY TIMES AND SWITZERLAND COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

VEVAY, INDIANA:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1840.

"An INDEPENDENT TREASURY—whose officers, responsible to the people, instead of privileged corporations, shall guard the people's money. Democracy asks in vain—what claim have the Banks to use this public treasure as their own—again to convert it into an engine of ruinous expansions and contractions of the currency, and of new political panics and pressures, to enforce submission to the money power?"

Democratic Republican Nomination.

FOR PRESIDENT,

MARTIN VAN BUREN,

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

RICHARD M. JOHNSON,

ELECTORS FOR INDIANA.

WILLIAM HENDRICKS, of Jefferson.

GEORGE W. EWING, of Posey.

1st. District. ROBERT DALE OWEN, of Posey.

2d. " GEORGE BOOK, of Sullivan.

3d. " THOMAS J. HENLEY, of Clark.

4th. " JOHN L. ROBINSON, of Rush.

5th. " ANDREW KENNEDY, of Delaware.

6th. " WILLIAM J. PEASLEE, of Shelby.

7th. " JOHN M. LEMON, of Laporte.

FOR GOVERNOR,

TILGHMAN A. HOWARD.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

BENJAMIN S. TULEY.

"We are authorized to announce JAMES STEPLETON as a candidate for re-election to the office of Constable, at the ensuing March election:

"We are requested to say that JAMES D. LEWIS is also a candidate for re-election to the office of Constable.

"MORDECAI REDD is a candidate for Constable of Jefferson township.

"HORACE LITTLEFIELD is also a candidate for the office of Constable.

"The editor has been absent during the greater part of the week. This together with the irregularity of the mails, must serve as an apology for the lack of variety in our paper to day.

DREADFUL STEAMBOAT DISASTER.—Our eastern exchanges bring the melancholy intelligence of the burning of the steamer Lexington, on her passage from New York to Providence, and loss of one hundred and fifty lives! We have neither time nor room for particulars this week. They will be given in our next.

"Joe Robinson, the representative from Ripley county, is down upon Mr. Glenn of the Dearborn County Democrat, in a long abusive article published in the Indiana Journal, which is perfectly characteristic of the foul tongue from whence it emanated; for having stated that he (Robinson) voted for adjourning over the holidays, and afterwards, at Napoleon on his way home during the recess, denied giving that vote, Robinson must have made such statement or report belies him. We recollect distinctly of hearing it at Napoleon, on our return from Indianapolis, and we are under the impression that the report was current there. From the general character of Joe Robinson we are led to believe he is fully capable of a slip of the tongue—we have known him to perpetrate the lie plump in smaller matter.

The Mt. Sterling Whig Caucus.

The Political Beacon, published at Lawrenceburg, contains the proceedings of a wonderful federal Hoco-poko meeting, which was held at Mt. Sterling, in this county, on the 8th of January; to appoint delegates to the whig State Convention held at Indianapolis on the 16th.

The question has been asked, why this great whig faction sent the proceedings of their meeting to another county for publication, when there was a press nearer at hand. This question has oft been repeated in our hearing during the past week, and, from what we can learn, the inference has been drawn by many that we had been solicited but refused to publish them. This is not the fact; and if such is the report, it was no doubt promulgated through sinister motives towards us, and we now pronounce the whole a most base and unpardonable whig fabrication. No; it may readily be inferred why the whigs did not send the proceedings of their meeting to this office for publication. It has been their constant aim, from the time we first hoisted the flag of our party, to denounce us and our paper on all occasions, and more than once have they been guilty of going behind the bush to accomplish their soul designs.

On our return from Indianapolis a report reached our ear that we had been applied to and pointedly refused to publish a call of their meeting at Mt. Sterling, when in truth we had never heard of such a thing as a meeting at that place; and from what we could learn, a very few individuals in the county, save a few of the leading whigs themselves, knew aught of the meeting until the day it was held.

As the proceedings of the meeting were ordered to be published in three papers abroad, having little or no circulation in this county, and many of the whigs themselves may not have had an opportunity of learning the transactions of these oracles of their party, it is but justice that we, as the "faithful chronicler of events," should apprise them of the facts.

The whole secret of this great whig faction, is about as follows:

The meeting was got up by a few individuals of York and Posey townships, among whom were

a whig postmaster, and an office-seeker who is notorious for his political dishonesty—who has been hanging to the skirts of either party for years past, begging for office, and as often has been cast off as unworthy the suffrage of both.

Notice was given out by these great "I Am's," to a few of their neighboring followers that a meeting would be held at the little whig village of Gothem on the 8th. Well, according to the appointed time, some ten or a dozen, only, mustered together, for there were many better men of their party, who had never been notified of the meeting. The meeting was composed of a whig postmaster, an Ex-whig postmaster, a petitfogging fiddling lawyer, (who were the conspicuous actors,) and about half a dozen straggling whigs, the remnant of all that remains of the party in the little village of Gothem. The meeting was called to order, when on motion of a genuine "Blue Light" fed, imported from Cincinnati, a Chairman was appointed; and on motion of the whig postmaster, a citizen of Warsaw, Kentucky, was made Secretary. The objects of the meeting were then stated in a very brief, though illiterate and rough manner, by Pettifogger, Esq., who wound up with his favorite tune on the fiddle, which went something like—

"Tink a ting, tink a ting, tu, tuk, tuk, tuk—ral lu!

After the applause had subsided, the meeting resolved itself into a committee of the whole dozen, to draft a preamble and resolutions expressive of their sentiments. After retiring in one corner of the room for a few minutes, they reported through their Chairman, Pettifogger, Esq., a very elaborate preamble and resolutions which, in subtilty of language and literature, is equal to the Declaration of Independence—and if anything a little more so! We shall take occasion, at some future period, to lay this splendid production before our readers, or at least some extract from it.

A resolution was unanimously adopted, approving of the Harrisburgh nomination of the HERO of North Bend, in which the whole dozen made a solemn declaration to use all honorable, to say nothing of the dishonorable means, to secure his promotion to the Presidency.

Three persons were appointed from each township in the county, as delegates to the whig Convention at Indianapolis on the 16th. Among the number we notice the names of two whig postmasters; a citizen of Kentucky, and an individual who belongs to the DEMOCRATIC party.

It is something very singular that these two latter names should appear among the list of delegates. What has the whig party in this county so far dwindled away that they had to go over to old Kentucky for one and select another from the Democratic ranks, to fill up their delegation? It appears so.

On motion of "Blue Light," it was resolved, "That a Central Committee of 13 be appointed, two from each township (except Jefferson,) and three from Jefferson, to attend to all *ridable business* throughout the county, as the case may require." We can't for the life of us see what motive "Blue Light" could have in the appointment of this committee; unless it was to furnish whig key in August and November next, for the purpose of buying up votes. We may be mistaken in our conclusion, and if so, all well. But we shall make it our "business" to watch the movements of this mysterious committee of thirteen, and should we find their attention diverted to any other than a *fair business* transaction, they may depend upon it, we will "attend" to them—"as the case may require."

On motion of our short-haired friend and Ex-whig postmaster, (a man who will never set the river on fire with the sense inside of his noddle,) it was—

"Resolved, That we have full confidence in the Political Beacon, published at Lawrenceburg, Dearborn Co. Ia., by Milton Gregg, and that we will give it our hearty support."

We have no objection to this resolution whatever; but on the contrary, so far from it, that we hope the Beacon may profit by it. We have nothing to expect from the whigs of this county, and we are sure we shall lose nothing at their hands. The spirit in which we know the resolution must have been given, however, coming from the source it does, was no doubt intended to do us harm.

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