

VEVAY, INDIANA:

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 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 Nominations.

FOR PRESIDENT,

MARTIN VAN BUREN,

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

RICHARD M. JOHNSON,

ELECTORS FOR INDIANA.

WILLIAM HENDRICKS, of Jefferson.

GEORGE W. EWING, of Miami.

- 1st. District. ROBERT DALE OWEN, of Posey.
- 2d. " GEORGE BOON, of Sullivan.
- 3d. " THOMAS J. HENLEY, of Clark.
- 4th. " JOHN L. ROBINSON, of Rush.
- 5th. " ANDREW KENNEDY, of Delaware.
- 6th. " WILLIAM J. PEARSON, of Shelby.
- 7th. " JOHN M. LENON, of Laporte.

FOR GOVERNOR,

TILGHMAN A. HOWARD.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

BENJAMIN S. TULEY.

CORRECTION—In the proceedings of the Jefferson township meeting, published last week, the name of David Miller was through mistake inserted in the list of delegates. Mr. Miller is a citizen of York township, and therefore we have taken the liberty of withdrawing his name and placing John McCullough in his stead.

☞The Cotton township Democratic meeting, held at Allensville on Saturday last, we learn, was very numerously attended. The meeting was ably addressed by Messrs. I. W. ROBINSON and JAMES M. KYLE, and a string of very spirited resolutions were adopted. See proceedings in another column.

CRAIG TOWNSHIP—The meeting in this township on Monday last was well attended. Never was there a larger collection of the true Democracy of Craig township than were assembled together on this occasion. The cause of Democracy is gaining strength in Craig, the people are alive to their best interests, and her vote will tell nobly in August and November next.

☞The York township Democratic meeting takes place to-day. This township has always been the right side up, and we have no doubt she will continue true to the cause of Democracy.

ON DUTY—It is rumored among the whigs hereabouts, that our friend Mr. Gray, late of the Madison Courier and Enquirer, is about to take charge of the Republican Banner at that place, and fight the battles of the federal party. We can't believe it. The untiring zeal of Mr. G. in behalf of Democratic principles, while he presided over the columns of the Courier, is sufficient proof to show which way the wind blows. The Courier was an excellent Democratic sheet, and there our friend was in his right element. Anything of an opposite nature would come from him with a bad grace now. "Better let it be."

FEDERAL PROSCRIPTION—The Ulster (N. Y.) Republican states that five hundred and ten removals from office were made by the whig Governor and Senate of that State, during the first 40 days of the present session of the Legislature—being an average of 42 on each executive day.

Is it possible that the spoils-hating party—those who have never failed to cry out *proscription! proscription!* at every removal by the administration, even to the smallest petty office of postmaster—can it be possible, we say, that they are so sensible at last. Now let the federal motto be, "TO THE VICTORS BELONG THE SPOILS!"—UNION OF THE WHIGS FOR THE SAKE OF OFFICE."

FEDERAL BUFFOONERY—The great cattle show and parade at Columbus, Ohio, on the occasion of the federal whig convention, is said to have been far superior, in point of pomp and splendor, to the marriage fete of Queen Victoria. The estimated cost of the whole affair was something rising \$10,000. How does this comport with the pitiful federal cry of *hard times!*

TO YOUR TEXTS, O, ISRAEL—Nearly every whig merchant, whig lawyer, whig Justice of the Peace, and whig postmaster in this county, have become stump orators. They are carrying on a war of extermination against Martin Van Buren, and shouting hosannah's in praise of the H-x-p-o of North Bend. Go it while you're young!

☞The whigs insist that Gen. Harrison is no office seeker, and that notwithstanding the many services he has rendered the country, he was never known to ask for office. Hear what John Quincy Adams says of Gen. Harrison:

"THE GREATEST BEGGAR AND THE MOST TROUBLESOME OF ALL THE OFFICE SEEKERS, DURING MY ADMINISTRATION, WAS GEN. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON."

☞There are about twenty aspirants for the nomination of the whig convention in this county. What a pity it is that they could not all be candidates. We fear eighteen of them will have to run on their own hook.

Judge Bigger.

We perceive, from notices stuck up on the corners of our streets, that Judge Bigger is to address the citizens of this place at the Court House, on Wednesday next. Wonder if the Judge will recite the same story he did in the fancy convention, after his nomination, where he related a circumstance that attended the passage of the system bill of 1836—that most glorious measure. It runs thus—

When the news reached Rushville, his present residence, (all the members of that county having voted for the bill,) the whole town was in an uproar. A loco loco, who kept a tavern, had been hired to hand out his liquors profusely to the populace. The Judge was lying at the time on a sick bed, where he had been confined for several days; but so great was his enthusiasm, that he got up and went, where he says himself, all present got most gloriously fuddled on this most glorious occasion—so much so that an honest blacksmith, as he related, who belonged to the temperance society, and was never known to drink before, got so gloriously drunk on the internal improvement whiskey, that on returning home, he endeavored to drive one of his neighbor's cows into his blacksmith shop and shoe her.

By telling this yarn, we presume, the Judge wished to have it understood that he went a little ahead of Gov. Wallace. Davy was considered too much of a classifier to suit the internal improvement notions of some of the rank system men, and therefore must be laid on the shelf.

In the internal improvement counties, Judge Bigger is to tell his story of getting out of a sick bed and getting gloriously fuddled on pale-faced *rot-gut*, in honor of the passage of the great and glorious system bill of 1836, thereby carrying out the principle that deception is the motto of the whigs, and that by deception alone can they triumph. How will such stuff go down with the people of this county!

"Flash in the Pan."

Under the above head, the last *Political Beacon* makes a vain attempt to ridicule the notice of a Democratic meeting which was announced to be held at Moorefield, in this county, on the 23d ult.

The editor of the Beacon has not been so "credibly" informed as he imagines. The facts are these. The day appointed for the meeting was very bad, and but a small number attended—on this account the meeting was postponed until the 11th of April. No attempt was made to organize the meeting, as stated by the wise informant of the Beacon. After the postponement was given out and the Democrats had dispersed, *Silas Stapp*, brother of Gen. Stapp, the condemned Fund Commissioner of this State, a whig merchant in the Dutch settlement near Moorefield, who has no more than an ordinary share of common sense, drummed up a few straggling whigs who had assembled there, (perhaps to disorganize the meeting had it taken place) and attempted to address them, to the great amusement, no doubt, of all who heard him. No Democrat staid to listen to his windy harangue. So much for the "mare's nest" set forth in the Beacon, and so much for the "credibility" of Milton's pusillanimous informant.

DISORGANIZERS—It is a fact which does not argue much for the whig party, that there are a few hot-headed, bully-ragging whigs in this county who make a practice of attending the Democratic township meetings for the purpose of interrupting the harmony of their proceedings. At the Craig township meeting on Monday last, one of these disorganizers, a jackanapes pin-peddler, made his appearance, and while Mr. Kyle was addressing the meeting interrupted him several times, with the view no doubt of confusing him, but he failed in his attempt. We are glad to have it in our power to say there are no such characters in the Democratic ranks. Such men are a curse to any party, and do more injury than good.

A good hint!—The following resolution which appears in the proceedings of a recent Democratic meeting held in Muskingum county, Ohio, is capital set off to the falsehoods of the federal party, who are constantly blowing about about the numerous acquisitions to their ranks:

"Resolved, That when the whigs boast of the increase of their party, it reminds every one of the story of the boy and the cats. The boy ran to his mother, breathless, and exclaimed, 'Mother! there is a hundred cats fighting in our garden. Oh! not said the mother, not 100 my boy; well then, mother, there is 50 said he. 'Not said the mother, that is too many yet. Well, said the boy, there is 20 any how. The mother again replied, that is too many yet. Well, said the boy, I am sure there was Capt. Smith's old cat and our own, a fighting and quarrelling like creation."

☞We find the following squib in the Louisville Journal:

"Mr. Wm. Penny, of Switzerland county, Ia., announces his defection from the loco loco party. He has left it penny-less."

This is one among the thousand lies daily manufactured by the federal era of the Louisville Journal, George D. Prentice.

☞The N. Orleans Times says Louisiana is a fine country for the Irish. In consequence of the soil being mostly alluvial there, the chief rocks are sham rocks.

Judge Bigger and the System!

If any one doubts the identity of Judge Bigger with the system of Internal Improvements, let him call at the Clerk's office in this place and refer to pages 335, 375, 379, 423, 432, 434, 435, 439, 443, and 593, of the Journal of the House of Representatives in the year 1834-'35. The Judge's vote on the passage of the celebrated "Survey Bill," which was the entering wedge to the system as finally saddled upon the people, will be found recorded in the Journal, page 501.

The subjoined remarks of Judge Bigger in favor of the bill after its passage, may be found in the Indiana Journal of the 27th of January, 1835. Read, pause, and reflect:

"Mr. BIGGER spoke at length in favor of the bill, the passage of which he deemed of vital importance to a large portion of the State. He gave a history of the commencement, progress, and present state of the Ohio Canals—they were the result of compromise, as must be all similar improvements, which cannot as a matter of course, equally interest every portion of the people. He said they were commenced at a time when there was great pecuniary pressure in the country, and that the expenditure of the money obtained for the construction of the canals had a tendency greatly to alleviate the prevailing distress. There were then, as there are now, MANY ALARMISTS WHO PREDICTED THAT THE STATE WOULD BE BORNE DOWN BY TAXATION. The friends of internal improvement however prevailed, the canals have been made and there is not a dissenting voice in relation to the value and importance of these works. If the taxes were increased the ability to pay them was doubly enhanced and that State is now marching on with accelerated force to greatness and to glory. There was no good reason why Indiana should not follow her example, and place herself in the career of prosperity, along side of her sister State. No State in the Union, he contended, presented greater facilities for internal improvement—none had a more fertile soil, and none presented a better field with liberal and enlightened legislation, to push forward to wealth and to respectability."

Again, Judge Bigger was the right hand man of Caleb B. Smith, the cunning and erudite Fund Commissioner, who was associated with the notorious Dr. Coe about the time of the purchase of the celebrated *Soap and Candle Factory* and water lots at Brooklyn, in supporting the "Mammoth Bill," reported by the same Caleb B. Smith in 1834-'35. The following were the provisions of the bill as originally reported by these gentlemen:

"To provide for the completion of the White water canal as surveyed the year previous, (through Bigger's instrumentality in the Legislature in 1833 and '34)—irrevocably pledging the faith of the State for that object.

"Providing for taking two thirds of the stock on the part of the State, for a rail road from Madison to Lafayette—to be carried on immediately.

"Providing for the survey and completion of the great central canal.

"Providing for a subscription in the New Albany and Crawfordsville road.

"Providing for a survey for the continuation of the Wabash and Erie canal from Lafayette to Terre Haute, but no appropriation, and providing for several other works.

"After the bill was reported, the journal of that session will show Judge Bigger's course. It will show that he never deserted until it was so weighed down with amendments, &c., that it was crushed by its own weight."

FIRE IN CINCINNATI—The Museum and Painting Gallery on Front street, between Sycamore and Broadway, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. The fire originated in the third story of the building, and before the engines arrived the flames had progressed too far to be got under. The adjoining buildings were saved.

Pass it round!

Great Harrison, he was the one
To lead the sons of freedom on.

[Richmond Whig.

And when they went the foe to find,
"Great Harrison," he staid behind.

[New Era.

"Poor Indiana," too, without a "house,"
Caught "Granny" sleepin' "werry sound!"

[N. H. Argus.

And when he waked, a squaw to shoot,
He couldn't find his t'other boot.

Who is the Soldier!

General Harrison carries his pockets full of paper certificates vindicating himself from the charge of being too prudent; but bears no bodily evidence of ever having been within gun-shot of the enemy.

Colonel Johnson, the unassuming philanthropist, and the democratic candidate for the Vice Presidency, carries no paper testimonials of his services; but bears upon his frame, and will take with him to the grave, SEVENTEEN SCARS the enduring memorials of his valor and bravery in the front of his command, and in the thickest and deadliest of the fight.

The New York Herald, a whig paper of considerable notoriety, has the following paragraph respecting the celebrated whig Convention held at Indianapolis last winter.

BAD EXAMPLE—At a Harrison celebration, in Indianapolis, State of Indiana, several ladies went in the procession in a large canoe. This singular exhibition caused remarks—remarks ill blood—ill blood fights and fights worse. Ladies are better mending their stockings, or making puddings, than becoming politicians. We love, adore, idolize woman—but she must wear petticoats—not breeches—she must sing "hush-a-baby," not huzza for political rascals.

It is said that the use of opium is becoming fashionable in New York.

COTTON TOWNSHIP

Democratic Meeting.

Pursuant to notice given in the Vevay Times, a large number of the Democratic Republican citizens of Cotton township met at the School House in Allensville, on Saturday, the 23d instant.

The meeting was organized by appointing WILLIAM McCULLOUGH, President; WILLIAM FISHER JR., and MICHAEL DUNNING, Vice Presidents; and P. S. SAGE, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was then stated by the President; when on motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft resolutions, expressive of the sense of the meeting. Whereupon Robert Bovard, and William Butters, were appointed said committee. The committee retired for that purpose, and after a short absence, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Resolved, That we heartily concur in the propriety of holding a County Convention in the town of Vevay, on the 25th day of April next, for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for the State Legislature, and that we will give our undivided support to the nominees of said Convention.

Resolved, That we look upon the present embarrassed and prostrate condition of our State, as the direct offspring of Federal Whig misrule, and wanton profligacy, which calls loudly for reform—that the public usurpers may be driven from power, and our once flourishing State restored to her former prosperity.

Resolved, That we unanimously respond to the nominations made by the State Convention, held at Indianapolis on the 8th day of January last, of Tilghman A. Howard for Governor, and Benjamin S. Tuley for Lieut. Governor, and that we will use all honorable means to promote their election.

Resolved, That we have as yet seen no cause to sever the unbroken chain of confidence reposed in the wisdom, integrity, and Democratic principles, of the President and Vice President of the United States, Martin Van Buren and Richard M. Johnson, and therefore will give them our hearty support for another term.

Resolved, That we view the well conducted press, as the great safeguard of our republican institution, and the best possible medium through which to convey to the people the glorious principles which we sustain and cherish. And whereas the whig party have taken active measures for the circulation of the Lawrenceburgh Beacon, and other opposition papers, through this township until after the Presidential election, therefore

Resolved, That every Democrat in this township be requested to use his exertions to extend the circulation of the Vevay Times and Switzerland County Democrat, for the same length of time. On motion

Resolved, That twenty-five delegates be appointed to represent this township in the Convention to be held at Vevay, on the 25th day of April next. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said delegation:

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| Robert Bovard, | Andrew Hodges, |
| George Stoops, | Daniel L. Livings, |
| P. S. Sage, | John Lewis, |
| Michael Dunning, | William Fisher, jr. |
| Nicholas Sedam, sen. | Harvey Littlefield |
| Reuben Brooks, | Hiram Butters, |
| Henry H. Sedam, | William Sedam, |
| Benjamin Hoag, | Christopher Peelman, |
| Simon Hageman, | John Keeney, |
| William McGuffin, | Michael Sedam, |
| William Melick, | Charles Humphrey, |
| Horace Ayres, | David Seward, |
| Isaac Vanatter, | |

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the President and Secretary, and published in the Vevay Times and Switzerland County Democrat.

WILLIAM McCULLOUGH, Pres't.

P. S. SAGE, Secretary.

CRAIG TOWNSHIP

Democratic Meeting.

Agreeably to a call of the Democratic citizens of Craig township, a Democratic meeting was held at David Trowbridge's School House in Belmont, on Monday the 30th day of March, 1840.

On motion, ALLEN McKAY was called to the Chair, and JOSEPH D. CUNRY, appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated, Mr. KYLE arose and addressed the meeting in a lengthy and very forcible speech, in which he exposed the corrupt policy pursued by our State Government under the management of the federal party in power; and refuted by documentary proof, a host of federal slanders upon Mr. Van Buren and charges against the Administration of the General Government, which had been circulated by the opposition.

The late hour at which the meeting was organized, and the time occupied by the speakers, prevented the appointment of a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, which was accordingly dispensed with.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That thirty delegates be appointed by the Chair, to represent Craig township in the County Convention to be held at Vevay on the 25th day of April next, for the purpose of selecting candidates to be supported by the Democratic party in August next, for State Senator

and Representative in the lower branch of the Legislature.

Whereupon the Chair announced the following persons as said delegates:

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| David Trowbridge, | Mallory Lancaster, |
| Jordan McKay, | Evan Ash, |
| James Craig, | Zachariah Cotton, |
| Moses McKay, | John Lancaster, |
| Merrill McKay, | William Morgan, |
| John Anderson, Sen. | Thomas Miller, |
| Henry Peters, | Andrew Porter, |
| H. Harkell, | Philip Ramseyre, |
| George Porter, | Henry Martin, |
| John Orr, | Josiah Oram, |
| Nathan Lee, | William Roberts, Sen. |
| John H. Cotton, | Allen McKay, |
| John Lanham, | Ephraim McKay, |
| Shadrach H. Lanham, | Thomas Jones, Sen. |
| Mashack Lanham, | Alfred Wright, |
| Fleming Jones, | |

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Vevay Times and Switzerland County Democrat.

ALLEN McKAY, Chairman.

J. D. CUNRY, Secretary.

THE GATHERER:

"A snapper up of unconsidered trifles."

It should not be forgotten that while the democrats were bravely fighting the battles of their country during the last war, some of their present calumniators fled in such haste from the enemy, that they (like the fugitive Harrison) scarcely knew which side of their trousers was foremost. Fresh shad were sold in Philadelphia last week; price 50 cents to \$1 each.

TENNESSEE—The Nashville Union says, that farmers have generally finished ploughing, and are making preparation to plant. It is the opinion of some of our aged citizens that seed must be safely placed in the ground. Some volunteer stalks of corn are already seen standing four or five inches high in gardens.

The pocket handkerchiefs bought by the English Queen for her marriage, cost nearly seventeen thousand dollars! Cheap enough.

It is remarkable how natural it is for the federal whig party to sympathize and take sides with a public enemy. During the last war with Great Britain they took sides with that power—now on the same principle they take sides with the savage Seminoles of Florida, whose inhuman butcheries of American citizens they hate to see avenged.

The early peaches in New Jersey are likely to be a failure the present year, most of the buds having been destroyed by frost.

COUNTERFEITS—Counterfeit ten dollar notes, says the Maysville Eagle, purporting to have been issued by the Commercial bank of Cincinnati, are in circulation. They are of a plate differing from any that the bank has ever issued.

Several of the publishers of the New York papers have been indicted by the Grand Jury, for advertising lottery tickets.

☞The Pittsburg Intelligencer says that twelve canal boats left that city on Friday last for the East. A packet boat belonging to Leech & Co's. line departed from the same place on Saturday last, crowded with passengers for Philadelphia, being the first that has left that city this season.

The Legislature of Maryland has abolished imprisonment for debt.

☞No less than nine hundred and sixty individuals were imprisoned for debt during the past year, in the State of Massachusetts—victims to the hellish revenge of ruthless and unprincipled creditors.

☞The Legislature of Maryland adjourned on Saturday morning last. The number of acts passed during the session, is 341.

THE CENSUS—The new act on this subject requires the Census of 1840, to be commenced on the 1st of June next, and to be completed within five months from that date. All the returns are to be made to the Secretary of State before the 1st of December.

OLD HICKORY is the title of a new, spirited and ably conducted Democratic paper which has just been started at Springfield, Illinois.

SIXPENCE—The Vicksburg Whig has hauled down the Clay flag and refuses to run up the red flannel. The editor very sensibly says:

"It is idle to attempt to conceal the fact that Gen. Harrison has no strength in the south; and it would be worse than folly to attempt to rally the whigs upon him. It cannot be done!"

COUNTERFEITS—Twenty dollar notes of the Bank of Illinois, says the St. Louis Republican, payable to W. C. Davis, dated Shawneetown, 4th August, 1839, No. 2350. On the left hand end of the note, around a circle is the words one hundred thousand dollars owned by the State. The paper and engraving are a good imitation of the genuine. The signatures of the President and Cashier are rather badly done.

A friend in Kentucky writes to us as follows:—"It is understood that the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Kentucky has enclosed Mr. Clay's speech on abolition to Gen. Harrison, requesting him to endorse it; and in the event that the General refuses, the Speaker and several of the most influential Whig members of the Legislature have pledged themselves to oppose him. If the endorsement is made, it is understood that it is to be made public."—Boston Post.

Green peas were plentiful in the market at New Orleans, on the 1st inst.