

# VEVAY TIMES AND SWITZERLAND COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

VEVAY:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1840.

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 Miami.

1st. District. ROBERT DALE OWEN, of Posey.  
2d. " HENRY SECRIST, of Owen.  
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 Lapeer.

**THE MERCHANTS BECOMING CONVICTED.**—The Journal of Commerce, a Whig paper, says that Mr. Biddle has caused the ruin of more business men than have been overthrown by all other causes for the last twenty years."

**REMEMBER!** Col. R. M. Johnson has plenty of wounds upon his body, but not a single certificate of bravery in his pockets!

Gen. W. H. Harrison has plenty of certificates of bravery in his pockets, but not a single wound upon his body.

There is a marked difference between a real hero, and a sham hero;

It is generally known that hogs often have the hydrophobia.—Evening Signal.

We have had several cases here.—Its terrible ravages upon the editor and Sub-Editor of the Statesman exceeded in malignity any case which has come under our observation for some time past.

**A SICK.**—In the great political contest of 1800, the city of Richmond, Va., gave about 251 votes for John Adams; of these 33 survive, and, with one exception, they now go for Harrison. Richmond gave but 91 votes for Jefferson, of these 6 only survive, and all with one exception go for Mr. Van Buren. This is a species of statistics, says the Richmond Enquirer, which cannot much err. The Federalists are living monuments of their political faith—the Republicans of theirs.

**EARTHQUAKE.**—The people of Hartford, Ct., were frightened on Sunday afternoon the 15th inst., by the shock of an earthquake. It was accompanied by a low rumbling noise, and its duration was from fifteen to twenty seconds. The buildings were very much shaken, and some alarm manifested. Our devil thinks it was not the shock of an earthquake, but the fermentation of hard cider in a large cask, which burst with a tremendous explosion, shaking the Federal city.

It was said of some one, who was in the habit of taking something rather often, that he was decidedly democratic.—Native American.

Then must the editor of the Statesman be altogether "democratic."

The Chicago Democrat prescribes the following recipe for a Whig speech: Twenty grains of hard times; fourteen drachms of distress; one of abuse, mixed with a gallon of falsehood and no scruples of conscience.

And must we defend and never attack? God forbid! General Harrison needs no defending. There he is, look at him! as Daniel Webster said of Massachusetts. We repeat, Gen. Harrison needs no defending.—Dutchman.

"There he is, look at him! as Daniel Webster said of Massachusetts." Yes, "there he is," just as blue as Massachusetts and Daniel Webster both together. "We repeat, Gen. Harrison needs no defending," for whenever you attempt to defend a federalist from federalism, it is no go, especially if Dan's in company.

The Hon. Mr. Fowler, who was a member of Congress with Harrison, has published a letter, in which he says that he knows Harrison as a supporter of the elder Adams, and that he has seen him wear the black cockade.—Morning Post.

The Editor of the Boston Courier, an avowed Federalist, and an ardent supporter of Harrison, publishes the above, and adds—

"Well—he could not have worn a more honorable badge, nor could he have supported a better man. Now, we shall certainly go for Harrison.

Now is not Harrison a Federalist?

The editor of the Statesman has the unblushing hardihood to deny ever stumbling against, capsizing a certain building, and falling into the pit. But he does not deny taking and using the ruined building for firewood.

There is a lady residing in New York city, one hundred and twelve years and five months old. She is said still to retain her intellectual and physical faculties, in a remarkable degree.

The Detroit Free Press of the 4th inst. says: "Since the passage of the Independent Treasury Bill, Bank stock has declined, and agricultural products have risen."

**FEDERALISM.**—Dr. Dwight, the strong supporter of Harrison, and leading Federalist in Connecticut, said: "The Declaration of Independence is a wicked thing—I thought so when it was proclaimed, and I think so still."

The Hon. Silas Wright, Jr., a Senator of the United States, is the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York.

The "standing army"—the President.

In another part of this paper will be found an answer to the last interrogatory of a letter from the President, in reply to certain interrogatories from Virginia, "thoroughly putting to the rout and utterly-annihilating the phantom 'standing army,' which, to the number of 200,000 men-at-arms, the Whigs have been for some months so industriously marching and countermarching before the imagination of an honest people. What the stimulated inventions of the hard cider leaders may conjure up next, it is impossible to tell; but of one thing there can be no doubt: their fury against the 'Magician,' whose wand has converted their 'army' into thin air, will be greater than ever. How roundly they abuse Gen. Jackson, simply because he will not let them lie by his authority! And can Mr. Van Buren hope to escape, when he will not quietly let them attribute to him designs his soul abhors, and sentiments he never uttered! The National Intelligencer and other Whig organs have already commenced the war upon him. Because Mr. Van Buren, in a letter to Kentucky, expressed his opinions freely, they charge him with interfering in the elections. They desire him to remain silent, like their own chosen candidate, that they may manufacture opinions and designs for him to suit their own unholy purposes. That the people shall know the real opinions of our candidate or their own, is the last thing they desire. They are, therefore, consistent in defending Gen. Harrison's reserve and censuring Mr. Van Buren's frankness.

"But Democracy is proud of such a Representative as Mr. Van Buren. On all occasions ready to answer the reasonable interrogatories of his countrymen upon all matters connected with the office of President, he conceals no opinions, and fears not the use his enemies may make of them. He does not charge his correspondents in every letter not to let it get into the newspapers; he does not tell them that he will make no further declaration of principles for the public eye; having but one set of opinions for the North and the South, the East and the West, he throws them broad-cast before the country, appealing only to the public reason, and does not expect to be supported, unless they find a response in the bosoms of the people.

The reader will find the letter of Mr. Van Buren further evidence of the Republican principles by which he is governed. It is only by a latitudinarian construction of the Constitution, that the General Government can obtain the control of the militia for THE MERE PURPOSE, or TRAINING THEM. The object of those who adopted that instrument evidently was, that the militia should remain UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE STATES, except only when required by the General Government to suppress insurrection and repel invasion. Although deference to the opinions of his predecessors may restrain him from announcing a positive conclusion, the President's mind is evidently impressed with the conviction that the General Government cannot muster the State militia into its service for THE PURPOSE OR TRAINING THEM. 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