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OUR PLATFORM.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
COUNTRY,
THE UNION OF THE STATES,

THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS,

FOR PRESIDENT,
JOHN B. BELL,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
EDWARD EVERETT,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MR. BELL'S ACCEPTANCE.

We publish with great pleasure the letter of the Hon. John Bell of Tennessee, acknowledging his acceptance of the nomination for President of the United States by the Constitutional Union Convention at Baltimore. It is a straightforward, manly, modest document. It states the condition of the country truly, and the necessity of rallying all good Union-loving men against the recent "secessionists" exhibited both North and South.

In this connection we notice that the ticket of Bell and Everett is to have the hearty and efficient support of that sterling old Whig Journal, the National Intelligencer, which seems to be only waiting until the antagonist candidates are fairly in the field before it opens its batteries in defense of them.

It is to be hoped that the work

of the Convention being complete, "it only remains for the patriots and supporters of the Constitutional Union movement throughout the country to promote by all honorable efforts the good cause which finds such worthy embodiment in the illustrious names of the eminent statesmen selected as their standard-bearers."

And, the others give the following announcement of the course it intends to pursue:

"Having already stated some of the grounds on which we shall elect this cause and its candidates, we now desire to assure our friends that we shall take an early decision to define with more particularity the nature of its claims upon the confederacy, and our rights, and the approaching canvas will show that our friends will be called to enforce them. When the present chaotic state of the political elements shall have assumed a definite form in the several progressive announcements of the candidates, and the time of the anarchy, it will be easy to institute a comparison between their respective pretensions to the support of the people. And therefore propose, on early day, to review the various candidates and their principles, to subject the avowed motives, policy, and objects of each to candid analysis, as far as are the cause which we have in our hearts, but much to hope from any appeal addressed to the impartial judgment of the people."

THE CRY OF NO CHANCE.

The Louisville Journal says some persons who

would wish success to the National Conservatism Ticket, but who are rather dependent on temperance, permit themselves to be half-persuaded that we have no chance of success. This is all wrong, very wrong. The view taken is wholly incorrect. A conservative, sentient, powerful and deep, is at work in nearly or quite

every state of the Union. The Baltimore American reminds the timid portion of the conservatives that there are seventy-five thousand national men in New York; eighty thousand in the New England States, and one hundred thousand in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Nine hundred thousand men voted for Fillmore and Donelson in 1856, and three hundred and fifty thousand preferred the former. Fremont's and Donelson's supporters for the last four years have been the leaders of the other of the last, because they thought Fillmore had no chance. Add all these together, and we have a vote exceeding Fremont's in 1856, by at least four hundred thousand votes. If the timid conservatives will remember these facts, and add to them the other and important facts, that the Democracy is torn by all manner of dissensions, the Administration is failing, and that the known section-tionism of the Republicans has rendered them impotent, and it is addition to their central bodyguard of conservatism—men who are conservative at all times and in all places irrespective of all parties whatever, and careless of all things save the Republic—if these last can be aroused to the certainty, that radicalism is no picnic in this country, but a stout giant, port, strong, working, defiant, boastful, fearless—if these two classes can be enlisted by the consideration we have named, then, indeed, the power and prosperity of the Union party will be ensured beyond peradventure, and the establishment of the Government in 1860 in its pristine dignity and purity will follow as a matter of course.

TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION.

The temperature celebration near Bellfield's Depot, on Thursday last, was a grand affair. Over two thousand persons of all sexes were present, and barring the rain after dinner, the occasion was one of great pleasure. The citizens of that neighborhood manifested their liberality by an abundance of everything in the way of eating, &c. Enough was left to feed a thousand or two more, had they been present.

For further particulars of the occasion, we refer to the article copied from the Shepherdstown Register.

PIC-NIC.

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ROUND TRIP TICKETS.

Persons who intend sailing themselves on Round Trip Tickets on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road will bear in mind that no ticket for the Round Trip will be issued after the 18th of June. Tickets will be issued from the 15th to the 18th, and will be good for eight days from the date of issue.

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FOLYTH ON JULY.

A preliminary meeting to make arrangements to celebrate the 4th was had on Tuesday night last—Mr. JAMES W. BELLETT is in the Chair, and Mr. CHARLES BARRETT, Sr., Secretary. A committee was appointed to make such arrangements as advisable and report on Friday night next. The following persons composed said committee:

Capt. J. H. ROWAN, Capt. E. H. CAMPBELL, Capt. D. H. COCKRELL, Capt. R. H. HARRELL, Capt. M. S. B. ROBINSON, Capt. J. W. GALLAHER, JOHN J. GARTHAM.

LADIES' DINNER.

It affords us very great pleasure to learn that the Dinner and Collation which was prepared by the Ladies of the Episcopal Church of this town, on Friday last, was successful, even beyond their most sanguine expectations—the Dinner, our own personal and pleasurable experience enables us to say, was the most admirable variety, that the Epicurean was satisfied, and the most fastidious taste gratified. The Supper too, was excellent, and liberally portioned. The floral table was crowded with roses in great profusion, with other beautiful flowers diffused their perfume, we noticed many a lingering bouquet, but we have always entertained the opinion, that all this is exquisite and lovely. In the floral world, possesses a added charm, when associated with the witchery of woman's smile—and doubles upon this occasion, it was no.

Indeed, it was impossible for any one who visited the festival on Friday last, not to be gratified, and the success of the ladies, after only a day or two of preparation, proves with what superior skill and taste they had provided a choice dinner and luxurious Collation—and proves, too, that the liberality of the people of Jefferson is benevolent objects, is not on the wane.

THE BIRTH-PLACE OF WASHINGTON.

Some years since, (says the Richmond Whig) Lewis W. Washington, of the General, presented to the State of Virginia the lot of land in Washington County, on which stood the house in which the father of his country first saw the light of day. This was done with a view of having the spot marked by some suitable monument by the State. We learn that it is the intention of the Governor and Secretary of the Commonwealth to proceed to Westmoreland County during the present week, to examine into the present condition of the birth place of Washington, code 16 to the Bellfield, and ascertain whether the "protection of the approaching canvas" will suffice to afford a suitable monument to mark the spot. A monument will be erected on the Potowmack River, opposite Harper's Ferry, for a sufficient guarantee that the administration of such a President will be marked by wisdom and patriotism, by justice and economy, by a proper care for every public interest, domestic and foreign, and by a firm determination to justify the wisdom of his selection by carrying out all its noble and Union-loving purposes. He was asked for no pledges or guarantees other than those furnished by his past life of arduous and useful public service. His political record is the only plain, solid, and unimpeachable evidence of his character, and the loyalty of patriotic participation by which the convention was assembled, as evidenced in all its proceedings. I can appreciate more fully the honor done me by the nomination, and though it might have been more fortunate for the country had it fallen upon some one of the many distinguished statesmen whose names were brought to the notice of the convention, rather than myself, I accept it, with all its possible responsibilities. Whatever may be the issue of the ensuing canvass, as for myself I shall ever regard it as a proud distinction, one worth a life long effort to attain, to be pronounced worthy to receive the highest office in the government at such a time as the present, and by such a convention as that recently met in Baltimore—a convention far less imposing by the number of its members, large as it was, than by their high character.

This letter of acceptance will invigorate the Union spirit, already beginning to burn brightly in the breasts of our countrymen, in every section of the confederacy. It will dispel all doubt and hesitation. It will give a new impetus to the Union movement. It will be received with joyful acclamation by all the friends of the Union, and afford a strong guarantee for the supremacy of the Constitution and the Laws. This is what the nation is praying for. It is in the greatest popular want. A monument will be put up to designate the spot. A piece of the health-stone of the ancient edifice (perhaps the only remaining relic) is now in the State Capitol in Richmond. Many years since a marble slab denoted the place of Washington's first home, but the mutations of time and change, it is believed, have caused it to disappear.

CAPT. GEORGE W. SAPPINGTON.

Our old friend and former townsmen, Capt. G. W. Sappington, and family, arrived here yesterday, after a residence of over two years. Capt. S. is one of the "luminaries" of our town and community, and while we are upon him, and he may be expected to still further exert himself in the service of our country, let me assure you that the people of our place, yet there are no monuments amongst us, of his liberality and enterprise. Himself and wife (daughter of the late lamented Dr. Samuel C. Crammer) as well as the other members of his family, will meet with a hearty welcome from all our citizens, but more especially from those who have heretofore been recipients of his hospitality and kindness.

CAVING IN.

Handbills were printed in Washington, it is said, to the following effect, and largely circulated in this and adjoining counties:

"The Japanese are Coming. They will leave Baltimore in the early train for Harper's Ferry on Friday, June 8th. They will be accompanied by the Marine Band of Washington."

Of course this announcement created a stir with those who had never seen the Japanese, and consequently an assemblage of many hundreds were seen at Harper's Ferry to take a peep at the distinguished strangers. Those who were thus hoisted into the air by the crowd, and censured themselves with the fact that they were not the only portion of the American people gullied by the Japanese bungling.

EJECTED.

A stranger, who visited our town a few days ago, and who was deemed of a suspicious character, was taken before the Mayor on Sunday morning last. The testimony of his being an incendiary character was not sufficient to hang him, but transportation was deemed prudent, and he was accordingly exiled out of the State.

Prudence may dictate vigilance upon the part of our citizens, but great caution should be observed in our action, so that injustice is not done.

SUBTLE METED OUT.

The State Board of Commissioners having refused to allow pay to Captain John Avis, Sailor, for certain expenditures made by him during the construction of the old John Brown party, the U.S. Court of Appeals on Monday last, made an order allowing Capt. Avis some two hundred dollars. This sum does not, perhaps, meet the full amount claimed by the Sailor, but the Court has shown its sense of justice by making the appropriate award above stated.

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The National Democratic Convention which is to assemble in Baltimore on Monday next, will use the Front Theatre as the place for holding the sessions of that body.

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MR. BELL'S LETTER.

The letter of Hon. John Bell, accepting the nomination as the candidate of the Union party for the Presidency, as the Baltimore Clipper remarks, is worthy of a high-souled patriotic and able statesman. The beautiful simplicity of its style and its frank, honest, manly tone, cannot fail to charm all who regard it, while the fervid patriotism of the sentiments expressed and the practical manner in which our public affairs are mentioned, will everywhere inspire and infuse confidence into the hundreds of thousands of Union men, who have been anxiously awaiting in all directions this acceptance of the nomination of the Union party.

Mr. Bell has spoken of the convention by which he was nominated, in terms of moral and appropriate eulogium, such as we have seen. He has properly understood the character of that convention and appreciated its patriotic purpose. As the President, our own personal and pleasurable experience enables us to say, was the most admirable variety, that the Epicurean was satisfied, and the most fastidious taste gratified. The supper too, was excellent, and liberally portioned. The floral table was crowded with roses in great profusion, with other beautiful flowers diffused their perfume, we noticed many a lingering bouquet, but we have always entertained the opinion, that all this is exquisite and lovely. In the floral world, possesses a added charm, when associated with the witchery of woman's smile—and doubles upon this occasion, it was no.

At an early hour citizens from all sections of the County and neighboring Counties flocked to the place of assembly in large numbers, two special trains, loaded with citizens of both sexes of the beautiful and romantic town of Harper's Ferry, arrived at 9 and 10 o'clock.

At a few minutes after ten o'clock the procession followed the order:

Criswell's Cornet Band of Shepherds-ton.

Phoenix Division, No. 12, Duffield's Depot, with Banner, upon which was inscribed "The Bells'—Ode—Prepared by God. Uniman! T. J. Garrison, Marshal, assisted by L. D.

H. L. Moore, Marshal, assisted by L. D. Phoenix Division, No. 62 of Katzenbach, with Banner, upon which was inscribed "Love, Justice, Freedom," G. E. B. Phoenix, Marshal.

Jefferson Division, No. 16, Charlestown, with Banner, Marshals, assisted by L. D. Phoenix, Marshal.

Potowmack Division, No. 20, Shepherdston, E. G. Lee, Marshal.

Martial Music of Harper's Ferry.

St. Thomas Division, No. 7, Harper's Ferry, with Banner, William Graham, Major, assisted by J. W. Stahl.

Virginia Section, No. 16, Cadets of Temperance, of Harper's Ferry, John Stangle, Marshal, assisted by John Crutchley.

The Division having been formed in the above order, numbering about 300 members in all, by the Chief Marshal Judicial, Deputy T. W. Russell, of Harper's Ferry, the procession took up the line of march, a distance of three quarters of a mile, to a beau-tiful wood or grove, where a speaker's stand was erected, owned by Henry Rossome, who gave a speech in defense of the nomination of Mr. Bell to the Presidency, will insure the integrity of our government, restore the peace of the Union, and afford an unfailing guarantee for the supremacy of the Constitution and the Laws. This is what the nation is praying for. It is in the greatest popular want.

Mr. Bell's speech will inform the friends of the Constitutional Union Convention of the result of the election of Mr. Bell to the Presidency, will be marked by

the singing of the national anthem.

An Ode by the Choir of Harper's Ferry composed of the members of the Choirs of the M. P. and M. E. Churches, led by W. F. Wilson.

An appropriate prayer by Rev. Jones, of Frederick, Md.

Music by Criswell's Cornet Band.

Address by Rev. J. McKENDREE RILEY, of Frederick, Md.

An Anthem by the Choir of Harper's Ferry.

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After these proceedings were gone through, with the ladies invited to partake of the refreshments especially prepared for them, under which the tables groaned with the various weight of good things, the fair ones too, no doubt, suited the taste of patriotic duty; others though still in the prime of life, ranking with the first men of the country by honor and distinctions already gained in high official positions, State and National, many of those statesmen worthy to fill the highest office in the government, a still greater number occupying the highest rank in their respective professional pursuits; others distinguished by their intelligence and well-earned influence in various walks of private life, and all animated and united by one spirit, and one purpose, the result of a strong conviction that our political stand under the operation of the Constitution is safe, and that the administration of the same will be upheld by the people, who will be called to stand by our side, in the operation of our patriotic duties.

The convention in discharging the use of platforms, exists no pledge from those whom they doest worthy of the highest trust under the government, wisely considering that the sure guaranty of a man's future usefulness and fidelity to the great interests of the country, in any official station to which he may be chosen, is to be found in his past history connected with the public service.

The ladies feasted when a brisk shower of rain commenced descending from the low-hanging clouds, which caused the large assembly to scatter to escape the "double quick" for more congenial shelter, many of whom sought shelter in the yards assembled on the ground, whilst many others repaired to their respective parts. Scarcely had these individuals feasted when a brisk shower of rain commenced descending from the low-hanging clouds, which caused the large assembly to scatter to escape the "double quick" for more congenial shelter, many of whom sought shelter in the yards assembled on the ground, whilst many others repaired to their respective parts. Scarcely had these individuals feasted when a brisk shower of rain commenced descending from the low-hanging clouds, which caused the large assembly to scatter to escape the "double quick" for more congenial shelter, many of whom sought shelter in the yards assembled on the ground, whilst many others repaired to their respective parts. Scarcely had these individuals feasted when a brisk shower of rain commenced descending from the low-hanging clouds, which caused the large assembly to scatter to escape the "double quick" for more congenial shelter, many of whom sought shelter in the yards assembled on the ground, whilst many others repaired to their respective parts. Scarcely had these individuals feasted when a brisk shower of rain commenced descending from the low-hanging clouds, which caused the large assembly to scatter to escape the "double quick" for more congenial shelter, many of whom sought shelter in the yards assembled on the ground, whilst many others repaired to their respective parts. Scarcely had these individuals feasted

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Before we waste our time,
Let's wait a little longer.
Old Aunt Hannah's sake,
The world break her heart, I know,
Look at her in her corner there,
Her head is white as snow,
The last leaf of the good old tree—
We cannot leave her so!

In this old mansion where she born,
Her legs and joints were bare,
How well and strong I used to sit,
I used to sit all day long.

The sun a changin' year!

She was a smiling at the fire,

And whispering soft and low,

She's thinking of our Christmas time,

O, long and long ago!

Besties you're crumblin' garden wall,
O'er gallan' father lies,

Our good, d' mother at his side—

Aunt Hannah closed their eyes!

She was the playmate of these both,

Some fifty years ago!

To leave those dear old graves yebled

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When the old soldier parcell'd out

His treasures great and small,

Aunt Hannah would give to none,

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We laid his good sword on his breast,

For had he charged us—

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At! Tom! we cannot go!

Her falling sands will soon be out,

The kindly angel come,

And lead the good, old, faithful soul

To the Master's home,

And dropped a tear or so,

We'll use the ashes of the past;

And westward gayly go!

83-An unmarr'd lady gives the following advice to her sister's unfortunate:

Then let us nerve our bashful heart,
And quell each timid doubt,
And raise our drooping boyer, and smooth
Our wrinkled features out;

And write theron, in letters plain,

That thou'st read may run—

Proposals kindly received

Till eighteen'sixty-one."

VARIETY.

83-Down in Egypt, Illinois, Deacon Smith one day was called upon to marry an old couple not less than sixty years of age. The crowd assembled at the old log school-house together. The Deacon and the minister candidates rose.

Mr. Jones, said the Deacon, and Sarah Long, stand up. Do you Mr. Jones take Sarah Long, whom you hold by the hand, to be your lawful and wedded wife so long as you both shall live?

No, Deacon Smith, so long as Mr. Jones keeps me in *Souf* and hogs and hires out *Washing done*, replied the hero of the female.

This matter being understood the Deacon proceeded.

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The Nodding Patient.—Julius, is you better this morning?

No, I am better yesterday, but I've got a bad cold.

I am done no hopes of your discovery.

Your discovery from that envoyscence what am I doing you on your back.

Das depends, sah, altho' das on the prop' nosification which lapplifies the disease; shoud day continate fatually, dey thinks I see a goner.

Shoud day not continate fatually, day hopeys, die ou'le individual woun't die this time. But, as I said afore, das all depends on de prognosis and till dose come to headere are no tellin' whether das pusion will come to a discontinuation or odderwise.

83-A Clerk in a store, having put some cans in the cellar one day, the proprietor told him that he thought it was too damp a place for them, and that they would be like to mould.

"Likely to mould?" replied the clerk; "If, that is the case, we had better put our tailow down there, also, and perhaps it will mould into candles."

A young man becoming engaged, lately was desirous of presenting his intended with a ring appropriately inscribed out of a locket which he had, called a gift from his father for advice. "Well," said the old man, "upon it: When this you see, remember me." The young lady was much surprised, a few days after, at receiving a beau-tiful ring with this inscription: "When this you see, remember father."

83-What strange creatures girls are—Offer out of them good wages to work for you, and ten chances to one if the old woman can't care any of her girls, but just propose matrimony, and see if they don't jump at the chance of working a life-time for victuals and clothes.

A personal fact—I met her in the sunest bright, her gingham gown was blue; her eyes that shone with young delight, were of the same deer hair. And always when they go out, I shall think of the girl in the gingham gown.

Mosquitos grow so large in Texas, that they hunt them with rifles. After they are slain, their wings are cut off and used by house carpenters for sashes.

83-A new whiskey called "tangle-leg," has been invented. It is said to be made of distilled alcohol, sulfur, beet-root and tobacco, and will upset a man at a distance of 400 yards from the den-jon.

83-A Newbern paper says that Mrs. Alice Day of this city was lately delivered of four sturdy boys. We may truly say, we know not what a Day may bring forth.

83-Doo's give me no o'eratic, said pat to his physician; "they do me no good, I have taken two already and neither of them would stay upon my stomach."

83-With a twin wife, the husband's faults should be agret. A woman forgets what is due to herself, when she condescends to that refug of weakness, a female confidant. A wife's bosom should be the tomb of her husband's failings.

83-A business man of our acquaintance is so acrulously exact in all his doings, that whenever he pays a visit, he will insist upon taking a receipt.

83-A countryman, who saw for the first time a hoop-sack hanging at a shop door, called to ask, what bird's nest kept in that cage.

83-A short time ago a man became so completely wrapped in thought, that he was tied, labeled and sent off on the train of ideas.

MEDICAL HOUSE.

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