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OUR PLATFORM.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL OF THE UNION
OF THE STATES,

FOR PRESIDENT,
JOHN BELL,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
EDWARD EVERETT,
OF MASSACHUSETTS

ELECTORS.

DISTRICTS.—
31. FRANCIS H. KIPPES, of Newbury.
31. THOMAS BRUCE, of Hanover.
31. JOHN T. THORNTON, of Edward.
31. JAMES W. ALLEN, of Bedford.
31. R. C. SCOTT, of Powhatan.
26. LEMUEL J. HOWARD, of Westmoreland.
8th JOHN CHRISTIAN, of Middlesex.
8th E. B. STAPLES, of Jefferson.
11th A. H. H. STUART, of Augusta.
12th W. R. STAPLES, of Monroe.
13th WALTER L. WOOD, of Washington.
14th J. J. JACKSON, Jr., of Wood.
15th A. B. CALDWELL, of Ohio.

PACING THE MUSIC.

A Postmaster in Kentucky, understanding that the office-holders friendly to Douglass are to be removed, writes that "he is one of them, sure"—"holds his head in his hands, and asks them to take it." Spunkly fellow, that!

Mr. Schell, the Collector of New York, is at the head of the Breckinridge movement in that city, and a regular organization under his direction is to be commenced.

The New York Herald says that the "sinews of war," (money)—are, with this movement—and also, the offices and rewards of the government, as manifest. There is to be no compromise with Douglass or his friends.

There are several thousand persons connected with the custom-house and other public offices in the city of New York, and every movement of Schell is a command to the subordinates. Money is wanted, and every office-holder is taxed a part of his salary to aid in a perpetuation of the dynasty. So in Washington. None dare refuse. The office-holders in the Departments and the like were the principals in the banner procession at the metropolis. The crowd at the City Hall was largely made up of mere lookers-on—Bell and Everett men and Douglassites.

The Alexandria Gazette says:

"One of the good effects of the election of Bell and Everett would be the practical enforcement of the Whig doctrine—non interference of office-holders with the freedom of elections—and attention to their own duty required, instead of being employed in partisan politics, as many of them in the Northern States are daily and hourly."

There are instances at Washington of Clerks who are editing political papers—Theophilus Fiske, the editor of the "Democratic Expositor," (Breckinridge) has just received an appointment in the Post Office Department. Some others have employed substitutes to do their work (at half price) whilst they are absent campaigning. The Covode Committee had not time to reach the small game in the Departments.

NEGROLOGY.

In the language of Our Letchworth when the ultraists of the Virginia Convention were hanging upon the negro, "Are we never to hear any thing but Negrology?" Have the bolters no other capital for the census? Do they think the hard-working people of the border States are to be forever hampered by the cry from the "Outer States" about slavery? States which do not lose, the whole of them, twenty negroes a year.

The babblers on the stump in the South are raking up old documents to prove that Bell and Everett are unsound on the slavery question. Bell, who owns more than a hundred negroes, and Everett, against whom the whole Abolition phalanx of Massachusetts have been fighting the last six years.

It is not enough that, in the madness of the hour, Everett is in逆境, and all the shining light of Massachusetts have been discarded to make room for such ultraists as Sumner (selected by D. moderate) and Wilson, and the small fry now in Congress.

But we have cheering news from the land of Webster. The thousands of quiet old Whigs who have not voted for years are now rallying, and we have the full assurance that the electoral vote of Massachusetts will be for Bell and Everett.

TRIBUTE TO MERIT.

Vice President Breckinridge made a speech at Frankfort, Kentucky, in December last, in which he paid the following handsome and just tribute to our noble and true candidate for the Vice Presidency. Referring to the growing feeling of alienation between the two sections of the country, he said:

"There is another element at the North, not large, but SILENT AND TRUE. It consists of the scattered cohorts of the old Whig party, of men like EVERETT, Choate, and their associates whose conservative, TRUE, and PATRIOTIC ALLEGIANCE AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE. Besides the e there are many thousands in the Northern States who seldom attend the polls and whose voices have not been heard amidst the clamors that surround them. To all these let us appeal, let us solemnly demand a general revolt of the virtuous and loyal of the country against the vicious principles that threaten its safety, and which, if left alone, are arrayed in their proper ranks, we shall be able to see that remains to be done."

And yet Mr. Breckinridge has allowed the Southern Disunionists to take jabs at their candidate to break down the noble and true men at the north who have been resisting the Abolition cohorts!

The Lincoln poll-excited by the Republicans at Uccle, was cut down on Friday last. No bloodshed.

The following is the population of Berryville, White's, Price's, Black's, & Stars, 1860—total 600.

BRECKINRIDGE'S PREFERENCES.

The Richmond Whig brings forcibly to the attention of the foreign voter and the religiousists the views of Mr. Breckinridge on what is commonly called the Know-Nothing question. The speech from which the extracts are made was published in the Union Republican, that "Mr. Hunter's support of our candidates has not created the least dissatisfaction, and there is no occasion for the consideration of the Republican man, or that of the spontaneous who may do his thinking. Mr. Hunter has not acted with the opposition for four years, and until he gave his vote for Mr. Fillmore, no body could tell where he would land. He has now taken his stand, and he is in opposition of detriment to the Union cause, of which Bell and Everett are the standard bearers."

The Salisbury Banner and other foreign sheets in the State are ever crying out against members of the Constitutional Union party that they are "Know-Nothings," and attempt to make the impression that to have belonged to that once promising party is a very heinous offense. They cannot find language strong enough to express their detestation and abhorrence of such persons—Well, John C. Breckinridge the *Banner's* candidate for the Presidency, is in better than those whom it denounces. In a speech delivered at Cynthiana, Ky., on the 7th of April, 1860, he declared:

"It was natural for a man to prefer those of his own religious faith in voting, and he himself would vote for one of his own way of thinking in religion rather than for another, all things being equal, just as he would vote for a native or preference of a foreign-born citizen, other things being equal."

In the sentiments avowed in the above paragraph as being held by Mr. Breckinridge, may be found the reason why Humphrey Marshall, one of the most unconquering members of the American party, supports Mr. B. for the Presidency. As to whether Mr. Marshall, in doing this, shadows his Americanism, he says "No." In a speech delivered since the nomination of Breckinridge he said:

"The Mum Dum Party."

According to the manoeuvring of the loose party in the State, or rather a portion of the spoil-seekers, an effort is now being made to convert the masses into a *gram-dumb* set of subjects. The Breckinridge Disunionists, feeling their own weakness are moving Heaven and earth to get the Douglassites to unite upon one electoral ticket, thereby throwing the power into their hands, by which means the disunionists will have it all their own way. "Come into my parlor, said the spider to the fly." Under a surrender of this sort, we would ask, what becomes of your political principles? As Senator Pugh said in a speech, "If the Douglassites left us on a principle, they would disown themselves by seeking an alliance with us now—if they left us on a *practæc*, and not a principle, we should degrade ourselves by uniting with them on any terms!"

WAIT UNTIL THE 10TH.

Being in the best possible spirits at the prospect of the election of BELL and EVERETT, we feel disposed to interpose our kind counsels in behalf of our contemporaries of the *Spirit* and *Independent* who are pitting into each other with considerable fury. But as all their differences are to be healed on the 10th at the Conventions to be held at Staunton and Charlottesville, and both will be fighting for *principles*, after the *workmen* shall have acted, we will defer our kindness for the present—wishing them each a safe delivery.

TO OUR FAIR READERS.

We crave their indulgence for a few months for not inserting articles more congenial to their tastes than that appertaining to Politics; but we feel assured that they will join us in every enterprise which will aid in preserving this glorious Union. We know they are for unity even of one of them, to a man, and are therefore encouraged in battling against all who may attempt to destroy it.

The first originated from the chimney, by accident. The loss of Mrs. Van Buskirk is not known, but we trust the liberal people of the town and neighborhood will make up any loss she may have sustained.

We were pleased to find that our worthy citizen, DAVID HOWELL, immediately offered a subscription, and that those who were present yielded a liberal contribution. Those who have not contributed will do a kindness to a lone widow by rendering aid.

Mr. DAVID HOWELL will give every gift required, and will accept every gift for her relief.

The above hasty account is given since our form has been prepared for the press.

CORRECTION—ANDREW HUNTER.

We deem it due in justice to ANDREW HUNTER, Esq., to correct the statement made in a *number* of the Richmond Whig, to the effect that Mr. H. "charged a rent of \$150.00" for the use of his office for a few weeks, "during the time the troops occupied it." A committee who assessed damages for various places occupied by the troops during the recent raid, placed a salutary \$150.00 for Mr. Henry Hunter's office, which was reduced to \$75.00 at the instance of Andrew Hunter.

Andrew Hunter made no charge for office-rent, and has not been compensated as will appear from the report to the Legislature, by the Auditor.

SHEPHERDSTOWN.

Last week we made a visit to this Ancient and Union loving town, and met with hosts of hospitable friends, whom we would name were it proper to do so. Time and circumstances have made many changes in every respect. At one time it was the very centre of a prosperous trade, not only with the surrounding counties in Virginia, but Maryland. Now, however, the result of the building up of other points, for the convenience of the people, she has been stripped in part, not only of trade but of population.—J. S. COLE, Esq., who has just completed the census, reports the following as the population of the town:

Whites	921
Free Negroes	44
Slaves	213
Total	1178

Thus it will be seen that the population has decreased, since 1850, 283, it being then 1561. —

At that time we believe, a woollen factory was in operation, as well as a foundry whilst, too, the bridge across the Potowmack was being built.

SHEPHERDSTOWN BRIDGE.

It was a matter of regret to us to learn that the military companies which attended the Regimental parade at Shepherdstown Saturday last, were required to pay toll on the bridge. They were surveyed to the Maryland side of the bridge by canal, the most convenient method of arriving at that point in so large numbers. We trust for the credit of the bridge company that a similar thing will not occur.

DIFFERENT REPORTS.

The *Spirit of Jefferson* says:

In this country, we are confident that the friends of Mr. Douglass are unanimous for Mr. Breckinridge.

The *Independent Democrat* says:

"Our sources of information are equal to those of the *Spirits*, and the exception of a few at Harper's Ferry and Middletown, the Democracy of the country is unanimous for Mr. Breckinridge."

Nomination—B. Burke, Esq. formerly of Shepherdstown, Va., has been nominated for the office of Secretary of State of Illinois, by the Breckinridge State Convention.

CAMP MEETING.

A camp meeting of Berkeley circuit, M. E. Church, is to be held in the neighborhood of Hedgesburg, commencing on Friday the 24th of August.

BRIGHTENING OURSELVES.

With what strange pertinacity the Loco-foco papers cling to the pretended idea that the political friends of Bell and Everett are few in number, and lukewarm in their efforts to sustain them. The wish is "doubtless" "further to the thought," but they know better, and we will say to them, have patience for only a brief space now, and that while they regard as indifference will manifest itself in a form *anti-slavery* fashion which they little dream.

The great conservative elements of the country—so long slumbering in apparent inaction—will soon be aroused, and like the fearful storm cloud with its electric fires and reverberating thunders, will strike terror into the consciousness of all who would sacrifice our glorious confederacy upon the secured altar of party spirit, and who hold the success of their party organization with the rewards consequent upon it, paramount to every patriotic sentiment, and indeed to the very existence of our time honored institutions.

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Those who are strangers to Prince William and Fairfax, will be surprised to discover that the former, Northern, and more populous than the latter, is

more than twice as large as the latter, and that

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Public Sale.

HAVING rented my Farm and boarding in Gloucester, I will offer at a reasonable price west of Summit Point, on the road leading from Winchester to Charles City, a

lot of land from Winchester to Charles City.

Wednesday, 8th of August, 1860,

the following property, to wit:

11 head of valuable Horses, among

which are several yearlings.

Blood Mares;

25 head of Cattle, some are improved

and some are inferior Cows with Calves;

50 or 60 head of Hogs, including Sows, &c.

50 head of Sheep;

100 Horses and Carts;

