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OUR PLATFORM.

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

The Enforcement of the Laws,

FOR PRESIDENT,
JOHN BELL,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
EDWARD EVERETT,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ELECTORS.

Districts:
1st, L. H. CHANDLER, of Norfolk City.
2d, TRAVIS H. EPPER, of Norfolk.
3d, THOMAS BROWN, of Portsmouth.
4th, JOHN T. THORNTON, of P. Edward.
5th, JAMES F. JOHNSON, of Bedford.
6th, MARMADUKE E. JOHNSON, of Roanoke.
7th, LEONARD C. BENNETT, of Newburg.
8th, CHRISTIAN, of Middlesex.
9th, B. H. SHACKELFORD, of Faquier.
10th, A. E. KENNEDY, of Jefferson.
11th, J. W. DODD, of Franklin.
12th, W. R. STAPLES, of Montgomery.
13th, WALTER PHESTON, of Washington.
14th, J. JACKSON, Jr., of Wood.
15th, A. B. CALDWELL, of Ohio.

GRAND MASS MEETING!

NEAR CHARLESTOWN, ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.

Many Distinguished
SPEAKERS
WILL BE PRESENT.
EVERYBODY INVITED TO ATTEND.

RWARD THE RENEGADES

An old Democrat the other day told us he no longer wondered at the disruption of his party. It was easy to account for it on philosophical principles. The Whig renegades had thrust themselves forward, and were put in the lead to the exclusion of the veterans of the party. Look at the Charleston and Baltimore Democratic Conventions. The renegades were prominent in all that was done. A bolter from the Whigs, who had joined the Committee to Baltimore, and then fled the supporters out again. Toombs of Georgia belied because President Fillmore was too indecisive. He is controlled by him, and now he is lecturing Democrats who won't follow him into the Disunion camp. Verily, the old party is in a bad plight. Their ablest men are scarcely allowed to be corporals in the new organization.

If you want a Minister to France—a renegade Whig is preferred over all others. The mission to China was given to a Whig bolter; one was also sent to Naples. We want a Superintendent of the Army, we have a renegade ready for you. We have three or four. The same sort in training for Congress in this district. When the old-fashioned Democrats of Page or Warren name a veteran whom they would like to send to Congress, we would let them know that we have a convert ready for the honor. The old fogy Democrats are out of date. They will do well enough to get up a County Convention, but beyond that they must not aspire.

WHO ARE COMPETITORS?

The present Presidential contest has assumed a singular shape. The Democrats set out ostensibly to oppose the Republicans. The Baltimore Convention put up Douglass for that purpose, but the ultraists of South declared Douglass as objectionable as Lincoln, and presented Breckinridge, not as the antagonist of Lincoln, but of Douglass and their warfare, whether through their committee or their stump orators, is kept up with bitterness against Douglass, with an occasional mustard-shot at Bell.

The New York correspondent of the National Intelligencer brings to notice the following striking fact:

"There is one thing which has escaped observation, and that is, that the Breckinridge National Committee at Washington do not seem to be making war upon the great sectional army—they have not sent out a single document in opposition to the Republican platform; they have not even attempted a response to the damaging exposition of the Covode Committee, not a word of defense of the Administration. Their last effort is a mere lampoon over Senator Douglass as being in Rhode Island that he preferred claims to degree."

NO TOLERATION.

The President of the United States took the field in favoring the Disunion ticket. Hon. Mr. Cobb, the Secretary of the Treasury, went to Georgia and stumped it for Breckinridge, for a seat in the United States Senate for himself, which, however, he will never get; Judge Black, the Attorney General, endeavored to write down Judge Douglass, and other officials may be equally busy in aid of Breckinridge nominally, but if any subordinate officer should manifest the slightest degree of independence, off his head must go. Officers may vote as they please, (says Mr. Buchanan,) but if a life-long Democrat ever expresses a preference for Douglass, he is discarded and a renegade Whig selected to fill his place. Whatever may be thought of the treason, the traitors are rewarded, re-enacting the old idea of loving the treason, and despising the traitor.

BURNING

The following extract from the late speech of Mr. Breckinridge at Ashland, Kentucky, is an estimate of his chances in reaching the Presidency. In speaking of his nomination, he says—

THE MILITARY TO BE PRESENT.

We understand that all the Military Companies of the County have been invited to be present on the 10th, at the first Union Demonstration, and that a band of musicians has been procured for their especial benefit.

The "Jefferson Guards," Bott Grays, and Esteban Cadets have, we believe, accepted the invitation. Other Companies, we hope will also be present—all the companies, especially, as this is to be a meeting of the people for the preservation of our glorious Union, irrespective of party.

The ladies from all directions will be there to greet the scene. They always keep step to the music of the Union.

At the County Court on Monday failed to elect a presiding Justice. Several ballots were held, but on the 10th, Mr. Nadeau was elected. —Mr. Goss.

RESIGNATION OF COL. BARBOUR.

We are sure that men of all parties, except probably the Yanceys, will learn with regret that Col. ALFRED M. BARBOUR has resigned the Superintendence of the Armory at Harper's Ferry. Whether there has been any manifestation of displeasure from high quarters at the house he felt bound to pursue in the political contest now waging, it is not for us to inquire; but as the President, notwithstanding his gracious proclamation at the palace, (that all Democrats could vote as they pleased) has wreaked his vengeance on other quarters, it is probable Col. Barbour thought it best to anticipate the official mandate.

It may with truth be said of the late incident that he never, even in the slightest degree, brought his official influence to bear upon the freedom of elections. We consider each of the Armories a free man himself and entitled to the untrammeled exercise of the right of suffrage. His successor is doubtless expected to apply the thumbscrew to every poor fellow who dares to favor either Douglass or Bell. All we have to say is this: "Let him rip;" for his authority will be brief, extending probably from the 1st of October to the 10th of March, a little over five months, when Barbour will be invited to resume the reins, if he shall think proper to do so. In the interval, we doubt not one of the Electors for the State, he will do good service on the stump against the disunionists.

We understand that the Breckinridge leaders are already making calculations as to the effect this change will have upon the vote of Jeff rson County. Some of them think they will gain not less than fifty votes.

We are aware that when men's bread and butter are at hazard they undergo a severe ordeal, but we know something of the stuff of which the greater portion of the Armories are made. We have seen them tried in the furnace of affliction, and come out unscathed. Three fourths of them prefer Douglass or Bell to Breckinridge, and the Administration will scarcely be able to subdue them in the few months of its power yet remaining.

The present authority cannot dictate its successor. They may help Lincoln, but they are the last stragglers of the old party, and "few so poor as to do them reference."

Since writing the above, we learn the position has been given to JAMES E. SWYATT, Esq., formerly of Berkeley County, before the last ten years a Clerk in one of the Departments in Washington city. Whether he will be disposed to use the "brief authority" which will allow him to brou up a sinking Adminstration or not, we are not able to say. Of this, however, we will endeavor to keep our readers informed.

S—We learned yesterday that the President and Cabinet refused to receive the resignation of Col. Barbour.

POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

A political discussion came off on Friday last between THOMAS M. ISBELL, Esq., Breckinridge Elector, and Col. A. M. BARBOUR, Douglas Elector at large, at the Court House in Charlestown. ANDREW E. KENNEDY, Esq., Bell Elector, was also to have taken part in the discussion, but was prevented from doing so by sudden sickness the day previous.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the champions appeared upon the stand—Mr. Isbell speaking first, occupying about two hours, and apparently speaking against title. The first hour was consumed with one of his 1856 stereotyped harangues against Banks and other defunct issues. He labored hard to prove John Bell is a scoundrel, and though he owns 300 negroes As Mr. L. is an aspirant, doublets, for Congressional honors, he was rather easy with his Douglas friends knowing their strength in this District, but nevertheless gave some sharp blows against Douglass' Squatter Sovereignty, and the manner of his nomination.

He was replied to by Mr. Barbour, who defended with much ability Judge Douglass and his nomination. Mr. B. said although a Federal office holder he desired to be a freeman; as he had learned that an effort was being made to displace him—that he was charged with desiring martyrdom. As this he denied. He had informed the Department of his course and was willing to surrender his position in the Army, should an intimation be given him of dismission.

Mr. Keit, long the colleague of Mr. Orr and now one of the Representatives of South Carolina in Congress, in a letter under date of July 18th, 1860, says—

"And how can the South be saved from injury of the Republican party succeeds in the coming Presidential election? I answer by only d stoking the government immediately." Mr. Baye, another representative of the same State, in a letter just published, holds the following language:

"If Lincoln is elected I think the Southern states would withdraw from the Union, all—if not all, then as many as will—and no other, South Carolina alone in the prompt manner and by the most direct means."

The views of Mr. Rhett, another South Carolina politician and formerly a Senator in Congress, we think it unnecessary to quote, as they are known as authorative in their forte "passim" everywhere.

Mr. Governor Herbert of Louisiana, writes as follows under date of July 25, 1860:—

"The accession of the Southern delegates at Charlestown and Baltimore upon a principle so vital to us and the final nomination of Messrs. Breckinridge and Lane upon this principle, prove that the South has at last come to her senses and openly declared her determination to accept "the responsibilities forced upon her." For once the issue is fairly and properly made. Let us trust that all are in earnest, and the matter will be carried out."

Mr. Seward—there is no use of being blind to it—it is right, there is, or soon will be, an "irreconcileable confid." When the war of words is over and things come to the worst, as most assuredly will happen, let us hope that no one will be absent from the roll-call."

We give in brief a few expressive extracts from some other lights of the "only National Democracy."

"It has the power to do damage to this Government in two months."—J. T. Moore.

"Let us break up this rotten sinking and oppressive government."—Gen. G. T. Vale.

"Resistance! Resistance! to death against the government as we know it now."—D. H. Henman, of Newbern, N. C.—"Yankee gunner."

"Let the Union rip!"—R. D. Gaskin.

"My voice is for war."—Geo. D. Johnson.

This tissue—the language held by prominent politicians of the Breckinridge wing of the Democratic party, by men who shape, control and give vitality to the organization with which they are identified. Is there anything unfair, ungenerous, or illogical in the conclusion that their candidature is imbued with like opinions?

What has he to oppose such a deduction? Oh! his character by his blood; the vein of revolutionary patriotism that runs through his family! [His known devotion to the Union in the past and his expressed willingness to do justice to all parts of the country!] Are these sufficient?

The ladies from all directions will be there to greet the scene. They always keep step to the music of the Union.

—Come one, come all! Breckinridge men, Douglass men, and Bell men. Give one day to your country! Are these sufficient?

BRECKINRIDGE'S COMPANY.

There is a homely adage to the effect that we know a man's character from his associations. We have never yet found any good reason to dissent from the soundness of the rule. There may often be such a variance and antagonism between a man's avocations and his present surroundings as to lead us to inquire; but as the President, notwithstanding his gracious proclamation at the palace, (that all Democrats could vote as they pleased) has wreaked his vengeance on other quarters, it is probable Col. Barbour thought it best to anticipate the official mandate.

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So far indeed are we from any disposition

to do him wrong, that we now express our sincere regret that he has been induced, we believe, by the persuasions of ambitious and designing politicians than by any heavy will of his own, to become a sectional candidate of a dangerous party for the high offices of President of the United States. Yet Mr. Breckinridge is not without some experience in political life, is a man of considerable intelligence and shrewdness, and it would be derogatory of his character for them all to say that he has accepted this nomination without assuming the full responsibility of the past.

But let us for a moment glance at the tone of the Press, the organs of these deluded

and designing politicians.

One has a higher appreciation of charac-

ter than ourselves. It is invaluable and a-

gainst the breath of "strong accusations"

it should often prevail! The law itself recog-

nizes it as a powerful defense against charges

of crime, but has it ever yet been known

to arrest the strong arm of Justice raised to

deal punishment upon the man who is not

only found associated with, but actually

aiding and abetting, the criminal.

It is suggested that while we believe they

are not inalterable, they are incident to all

forms of government and may be results of our

own faults and passions by causing malice,

hatred, and contempt.

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MASS MEETING—19th September.

At an adjourned meeting of the friends of Bell and Everett in this County, held at the Court House, Friday last:

Andrew E. Kennedy, stated, that, in consequence of the 13th of September having been fixed on as one of the days of the October, County ratification meeting, and as the distinguished speakers of those adjoining states were engaged for that October, it would be necessary to change the day for the Jefferson Barbecue.

After some consultation, it was moved that WEDNESDAY September 19th, be the day on which the Union men of this county would meet in Convention, &c.—which motion was adopted.

The various committees were again requested to meet at the law office of A. E. Kennedy, on FRIDAY, the 14th, to report progress.

LAWSON BOTTS, Chairman.

Wm. BURRITT, Secy.

GRAND RALLY.

FRIENDS OF BELL & EVERETT.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

There will be a grand Mass Ratification Meeting of the friends of BELL & EVERETT, the Constitution, the Union, and the Laws, in the Court-House Square, in Martinsburg, on Monday the 24th day of September. Distinguished speakers from a distance will be present to address the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to men of all parties to be present on that occasion, as a rich treat may be expected.

Come one! Come all! Blondell's Brass Band will be engaged to enliven the occasion by the dulcet strains of music.

From the Standard Vindicator of Sept. 10th we take the following:

COL. A. M. BARBOUR.

We notice that the gallant and talented gentleman who wrote this article is to address the Democracy of Jefferson to-day. Mr. B. is now Superintendent of the Armor at Harper's Ferry, but is far above the servile influence of official position to permit himself to remain a quiet spectator in this important juncture, in our political affairs. Col. Barbour, although somewhat very quiet a young man, is one of the most forcible and commanding speakers in the State. With a bold, daring, fearless bearing, a clear well-balanced and finely-constructed intellect, a pleasing, graceful and impressive address, and a chivalric and brave heart, he promises to be one of the first speakers in the State, and will exert a powerful influence among the people.

Col. B. is a son of the distinguished John S. Barbour, died, of Carpenter, and a younger brother of James, George, and J. S. Barbour, the Presidents of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. He bids fair to maintain the high reputation as a orator and debater which his father enjoyed, and to wield a like powerful influence with the Democracy of the State.

Col. B. will address the Democracy of Rockingham at the September Court, which is next Monday week.

GOOD NEWS FROM TEXAS.

A letter received by the N. O. Crescent, from Houston, Texas, has the following:

—The house was not occupied, and the police who supported him did not once launch out to Bell and Everett. Not less than fifteen papers will have their names on them now. A number of papers have been published, bearing his name, and giving him credit. We will have good news from Texas.

JUDGE BARKER'S TALKS IN VIRGINIA.

The enthusiastic welcome and warm greeting extended to his distinguished statesman at Norfolk, Petersburg, Winchester, Charlottesville, Harper's Ferry, Hallowell, and other places throughout a portion of Virginia is a gratifying manifestation of the old which he has upon the masses of the people. We regret to learn that Winslow's malignants were attempted to be cast upon him by a band of riotous men. They endeavored in a most ungentlemanly manner, to prevent his head. In this they failed, however, to be able to be above the Bell and Everett party from among participants in their disgraceful meeting. What we could say as much of the better — Washington States.

MR. BROWNING'S SPEECH.

The Baltimore American criticizes the recent speech of Mr. Browning in the following terms:

He publishes this morning a full report of Mr. Browning's speech delivered at Albany, near Lexington, yesterday. Wednesday week is destined to be his past. The telegraph reports it is necessary a discourse in some respects to be made every hour for these details, the audience being so large. He has a work alone, and most gratifying, the experiences of the friends of the distinguished general, a great favorite here, and who is well known and liked throughout business circles, and can make no better than distinguishing of his cause. Mr. B. has done well enough against him, but he rather sprung for that repudiate the disunion which is the prevailing characteristic of the adherents of the ridge to assert that he is not a disunionist, and to deny that the platform upon which he stands contains any thing which would be inconsistent with the principles of the party. The leaders of leading politicians who have become prominent for their division meetings, and who declare the fact, the Union to rest, upon the issue of the election, are equally responsible for the disunion there, and continue to be the disunited. It is impossible for the country to keep Mr. Browning's personal worshipers from the ranks, and to be a complete victory for the rank and file of the party which is the distinguishing feature of his supporters.

THE GREAT EASTERN AT LAST.

The Great Eastern was here in the early part of the week, though Yankee eyes with her huge proportions. The directors of the company deserve great credit for their determined enterprise. The ship has been most unfortunate still, she struck more rocks, and the work went on. Now, the same determination to succeed and to do the single individual work, as in the case of the great Lusitania, the Majestic, and the White Star, will be successful.

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With us left the pistol vest,
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A large narration.

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There's no lie in thy lowest tone,
And silver in thy laughter,

And touch that we will live the full
Particular breeder.

Oh we about the cut and bone,
Without more variation, of gib,

Keep us, and have us,

The very thought doth give our blood

O'erflow.

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What if my mission be is lost?

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To the place sleep in the south.

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Yer' on, I'c'ing ne' ered much

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Upon the grass, where verby a light

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