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FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1848.

For President,

GEN. LEWIS CASS,
of Michigan.

For Vice President,

GEN. W. O. BUTLER,
of Kentucky.

ELECTION FOR THE STATE AT LARGE.

1st DISTRICT—ISAAC W. RINETT.

2d DISTRICT—H. J. STIFFES.

3d DISTRICT—JAMES P. BATES.

4th DISTRICT—JAMES S. CHRISTMAN.

5th DISTRICT—JAMES W. STONE.

6th DISTRICT—JOHN P. MARTIN.

7th DISTRICT—JAMES GUTHRIE.

8th DISTRICT—A. K. MARSHALL.

9th DISTRICT—JAMES W. MOORE.

10th DISTRICT—W. T. REED.

For Governor of Kentucky,

L. A. Z. POWELL,
of Henderson County.

For Lieutenant Governor,

JOHN P. MARTIN,
of Floyd County.

Mr. Crittenden and the Convention

Question—"Is too late."

In the late popular movement to secure an amendment of the State Constitution, Mr. Crittenden has been the object of arraying himself on the side of the people in favor of popular rights, voted to perpetuate the evils of our present defective and corrupt system of State government.—His name stands recorded in Franklin county, with those of the office holders about the seat of government, AGAINST A CONVENTION! The stern determination of the people to reform the abuses of the State government, and to secure to themselves rights which are denied them under the present constitution, was irresistible—they triumphed at the polls, and in thus triumphing, sealed the eternal doom of the present office-holding tribe in Kentucky.

Mr. Crittenden, finding since he has become a candidate for Governor, that the popular will cannot be stayed, and that he must either fight with the current, or be overwhelmed by it, makes a virtue of necessity, and gives in his address to the Convention cause. "It is too late," were the ominous words heard in the French Chamber, when the masses rose to rid themselves of the tyrants and oppressors, who had trampled upon the rights of the French nation—and, "it is too late" will be rung into Mr. Crittenden's ears wherever he presents himself before the people of Kentucky. The time was when the influence of Mr. Crittenden's name and vote in favor of a Convention, would have nerved the arms and strengthened the hearts of the brave men, who in that struggle for popular rights, bore the brunt and fury of the battle; but, "it is too late"—he can render them no service—the battle has been fought and won within him.

Mr. Crittenden has written a letter to Dr. Ashby, of Sharpburg, from which extract so much as will show his former and present views on the subject of a convention: "I have long thought that there were imperfections in our constitution, but as an individual, I was content to bear them, and to avoid the agitation that the call of a convention was likely to produce. But the question has now been made, and decided before the only proper tribunal, the people. They virtually decided, at the last election, and by a great majority, in favor of a convention. No one more thoroughly recognizes their right to decide upon the question than I do. I consider the question settled, and the public will and judgment made known. I cheerfully acquiesce in the result, and believe it to be the true policy, and a just deference to the wishes of the people to get through with the matter with as little further delay and controversy as possible. With these feelings and views, it is my earnest desire, and I believe it to be my duty, to attend a united effort upon their part, awaits them in November next.

at stake—when the people are trodden down by the iron heel of oppression, and groan for relief they cannot have—when corruption infests every department of the government, and no one is found to power to redress or eradicate it. Will Mr. Crittenden, before the intelligent, high-minded people of Kentucky, have the assurance to interpose so ridiculous an excuse as this, for his vote to sustain and perpetuate these evils? Afraid of agitation, indeed! If a universal public opinion be true, he has recently had the courage to agitate in a matter far more exciting than the convention question in Kentucky. He has leaped the lion of whiggery in his bed—he has sacrificed not only the great leader of the whig party, but the whig party itself, and raised a storm of excitement throughout its ranks which no human power can arrest. He has not only agitated to the sacrifice of the integrity and organization of the great party to which he has belonged, but to the disregard of obligations of moral and political gratitude, which have accumulated upon him for more than thirty years, and which every sentiment of honor that could find a lodging place in the human breast, ought to have prompted him to remember.

A triumph of the convention cause in Kentucky, could bring with it no results more personally favorable to Mr. Crittenden than to any other citizen of the Commonwealth; but the triumph of Gen. Taylor over Mr. Clay, through the agency of Mr. Crittenden, some have intimated, would place him in the "front rank of those who are to form a whig administration." Agitation, therefore, was not profitable in the one case, but might be eminently so to Mr. Crittenden in the other; hence, when the rights of the people were to be maintained, he had no courage to agitate, but when a seat in the cabinet of a whig President was to be won, he was as brave as a Spartan.

The open revolt which has manifested itself among the northern and eastern whigs—the murmurs of discontent which come up from the west and south like the waves of the ocean, threatening to overwhelm all within their reach—and the disgust which is expressed every where at the subservience of the Philadelphia whig convention, to the principle of *assiduity*, is an evidence of what we have always maintained, and what we have upon every suitable occasion avowed: that the masses were honest, sincere and scrupulous in their attachment to principle, and that corruption exists only with ambitious leaders, who take advantage of public credulity and mislead the people. The present attempt to transfer them, body and soul, to a man who has no principle in common with them, and who refuses to be the exponent of their party doctrines, has thrown their whole organization into chaos, and will end in the annihilation of the party. Honest men cannot easily be induced to give up the principles of their whole lives, because an apocryphal general, much less to gratify the ambition of those who hope to profit by the wreck of all they ever held dear in their political creed.

In what beautiful contrast with the course of the whigs, does the conduct of the democratic party appear. We have placed in nomination for the first office of the government, a man who has not only served his country on the field of battle, but whose experience in civil affairs, both at home and abroad, has been as distinguished and successful as that of any living man—whose principles have been exemplified by his acts, and may be learned from his votes, his speeches, and his diplomatic and other correspondence. The convention which nominated him did not think it expedient to obtain from any declaration of principles, as did the whig convention, but gave to the world a full, candid and able declaration of the great principles on which rested the whole democratic creed. Without such an avowal of principle, and the democratic party might now have been in as chaotic a condition as the whigs. As it is, with but a single exception in only one of the States, not a ripple disturbs the placid surface of our party—all is calm and smooth as the bosom of a summer's lake.

What demagogue is not proud of the position he occupies as a member of such a party? Are we proud of our glorious cause, because it is one having for its purpose the advancement of the great cardinal principles of democracy. We are proud of our party because it will maintain its great principles to secure the success of any man, or set of men. Let demagogues stand by their cause fearlessly, as they have always done, and the same glorious result will be accomplished, attended a united effort upon their part, awaits them in November next.

More of the agony—Whiggery against itself—Ohio kicking out the traces.

That our whig friends may have an idea of the universal dissatisfaction which has been produced in their ranks by the nomination of Taylor and Fillmore, we copy the speeches of two of the Ohio delegates, made to the convention, after Gen. Taylor was nominated. The first is from Samuel Gallaway, Esq., the present Secretary of State, and the other from Mr. Campbell. Mr. Gallaway spoke as follows:

Mr. GALLAWAY, of Ohio, Mr. President, you will hear me! [Laughter.] Leave me granted. Mr. President, am exceedingly gratified, after so many unsuccessful attempts to address the convention, that I am now recognized by the president as being in order. It is well and was for your gratification of the convention, to allow a full and free expression of opinion. The deed which has just been consummated has struck us with astonishment and more surprising, and I mistake not the devotion which characterizes many of my fellow-citizens, the intelligence of your recent act will send a thrill of disappointment into the hearts of many. Mr. President, I am a whig and an ultra whig. [Cheering.] The principles of the whig party are by me warmly cherished. I have never cast a vote which did not fully vindicate my position as to the politics of our country. Although a resident of the west, I profess to have views and feelings which comprehend the interests of a common country, and to be free from narrow and unreasonable prejudices. [Cheers.] As I had my maturity in this, the free soil of Pennsylvania, it is not strange that I should have other views and feelings than those possessed by many in this convention, born and reared in a summer clime. Mr. President, I propose speaking plainly, but courteously; and although my views may not meet the approval of all bosoms of many in this convention, yet they shall be couched in language befitting the place and the occasion. I will not now say that I repudiate the decision of the convention. What action may yet be taken on matters which I deem vital to the interests of my constituents and my country I cannot tell; but I reassure myself that most respectable and disinterested members of this convention will integrity of the true-hearted constituents whom I have the honor to represent. I desire to see them, and to report what has been done by this convention, before I resign my seat. I have no objection, I long to hear their counsels, their deliberations, and their decisions. I know that there exists with them and others strong and just reasons for opposing the whiggery of your nominee. Letters of the nominee, recognized as genuine, have been published and circulated, in which he disclaims being adopted as the nominee of the whig party, and on every occasion sees to adopt party principles and pledges. How far these declarations agree with or differ from those sentiments contained in the nomination from this party, I do not wish to be seen in after days.—Let us say to you, Mr. President, and to this convention, that the whigs of Ohio will not embrace the cause of any man as their candidate, who is not distinguished by the credit of the party—who is not adorned with the glory of an untainted political reputation, who is not devoted to the accomplishment of its wishes, and who is not distinguished by a flag brilliantly and intelligibly inscribed with old-fashioned but ever dear whig principles. [Enthusiastic applause.] To this convention which has met here, and seated in this body, I asserted that in choosing a candidate for the Presidency, opposition to the aggressions of the slave power, and the declaration of independence, which might be visited with that peculiar institution, would constitute the prominent basis of my action. I am the advocate of free soil and free territory. I cannot be swayed from the position I occupy on this subject by any party machinery or alliances. With my constituency upon this subject there exists deep and sacred feelings. Upon this topic I think and act with strong resolves. This platform they cannot and will not abandon. If a candidate is orthodox upon this fundamental principle, they will not, and will receive his nomination, but he will be nailed by us as "base coin to the counter." Gentlemen of the convention, take care that in your action you do not run counter to principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence, and in the allowed charters of freedom's rights. [Cheers.] I cannot, Mr. President, on this occasion, on this subject, give you a more positive and definite promise of future action, and that of those associated with me, than by uttering the sentiment of one of the poets of New England:

Is this our sad fathers' love?
The freedom which they sought to win?
Is this the soil they trod upon?
Are these the graves they reared in?
Are we the men by whom are borne
The manes which the dead have worn?
And do we touch above these bones
With craven soul and fettered lip,
Yoked in with slaves and mandate slaves?
No, by these enlarging souls which burst
The iron and fetters of our land,
By the free pilgrim spirit nursed
Within our bosoms' souls—yes—
If I must die, I will die as I live,
By ours the judgment awarding—NO!

[Great and long-continued applause.]

After Mr. Fillmore was declared the Vice Presidency, and several other delegates had addressed the meeting, Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, rose and delivered the speech below:

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, said—Mr. President: I address you and this convention under circumstances peculiarly embarrassing. The long and long busz which have been sent forth from the thousands who crowd the galleries, upon hearing the remarks of my venerable colleague, well as the course which I can and do pursue towards the Ohio delegation by the majority on this floor, forbids me that what I shall say will fail to touch the same sympathetic chord. I can only say that the course which I have followed, and the consequences, I will discharge faithfully the high and solemn duty which devolves upon me as the representative of six thousand free and well-toiled whites in the valley of the Miami. My venerable colleague has referred to his long service in the whig cause, and calls upon the ardent whigs of Ohio, occupying the galleries, and the quarters of the convention, to assist in the nomination of a candidate for the Presidency. I flatter myself that I am one of those to whom he appeals. Sir, I recognize his history, and I am proud to acknowledge that from him, and others of the Old Whig Guard, I learned in my early youth lessons in the political affairs of the country. I now stand in the same principles which he assisted to engrave upon my young mind was, that personal preferences as to men might be yielded for the sake of harmonious action, and that correct principles could never be abandoned. If my position is wrong, let my colleague avow it. I call upon that member of this convention who believes in the same principles, and who is to be tried under free principles which are believed to be correct, to proclaim it from his seat.

Mr. President, what is it you now ask of me? It is to say that the whig party of that great glorious, young State should, through its delegates on this floor, rise up and solemnly approve of the nomination of Henry Clay as the candidate for the Presidency. I am proud to defend from my innermost soul that man, who, on an occasion like this, with the solemn duties resting upon him which I must discharge, practices the noblest and most patriotic policy. I can not, I will not do it. [Cheers.] The gentlemen of the South, who have committed this convention from its commencement, shall learn that there are men who will speak to them in language not to be misunderstood.

I am now asked to proclaim the approval of the whig party of the 2d Congressional district of Ohio to the nomination you have just made. Personally I cannot approve of it, and to do so in my representative capacity would be a direct violation of the principles of the whig party expressed views of my constituents. In Ohio we are whigs—not because Clay is a whig, not because Scott is a whig, not because we are whigs, but because we believe the prosperity and true glory of our country, and the perpetuity of our republican institutions, depend upon the triumph of the great principles of the whig party, and that since my first knowledge of its existence, has been opposed. To me, sir, the sacrifice of Clay, Scott, Corwin, Webster, and a thousand other equal in name and patriotism, would be but as a feather in the scale compared to the abandonment of whig principles! [Enthusiastic cheering.]

Every member of this convention will long remember the exciting scene which on yesterday ensued after the introduction (whilst in private session) by myself of a proposition to the convention, to the effect that the whig party, would have been considered perfectly proper and entirely harmless. It will be recollected, too, that on behalf of Ohio—that State which heads the van of the whig party in the Union—that State which, under the lead of old Tippecanoe (God bless his memory!) the gallant Henry Clay, gloriously and triumphantly reared aloft the proud banner on which were inscribed whig principles—I appealed to and implored our southern brethren to give us some candidate who would willingly raise that standard from the dust, into a delegating banner to be trampled, and lead us to victory. I beseeched them to give us a whig candidate—a man who would give the honorable post of standard-bearer to the whig party, and would conduct his administration upon the great principles of the whig party. I prayed you, as brothers having a common interest with us, to give us such a man, who would conform as would give to the young giant State of the West an opportunity of marching with you shoulder to shoulder in the great struggle against the slave power. My proposition was rejected with scorn; my State and my constituents were treated with disdain, and I was myself treated by certain gentlemen more as a slave than a delegating representative as many and tried whigs as are to be found in many of their entire States. You pressed to the nomination of Zachary Taylor, and you proclaimed in November he would not accept our nomination or be the exponent of our party doctrines. Sir, in this rash and precipitate movement, you have sowed the seeds of discord, and in November next you will reap the whirlwind. [Cheers.] For myself, I cannot vote for the ratification of this nomination now, and I will not hang my name upon the outer wall, that all may examine its folds, and see that it is the same which the bold and gallant Harry of

the West displayed, and that the old-fashioned whig principles are inscribed upon it. For my constituents I cannot approve in the dark.

Mr. Campbell then said: "General Taylor has proclaimed himself a whig," Mr. Campbell, True, sir, and so did John Tyler. "You don't name him." A voice— "I know it is wrong to speak disrespectfully of the dead, and I fear, if you have control of the whig party much longer, it will be wrong to name it for the change I cannot, I do not go to it blindly. When the nominee defines his positions my constituents can decide for themselves; but, Mr. President, I can assure you they will never sacrifice the principles they hold so dear, and under whose benign influence Ohio is indebted for so much of her prosperity, and under the practical results of which the "wilderness has been made into bloom and meadow as the rose."

Sir, Ohio has been borne down in this convention by the South, and a deaf ear turned upon her entreaties. I venture to believe that the quarters of the whig party, you have crushed her to the dust; but I tell the South, who have perpetrated the deed, that like truth crushed to earth, will rise again. Aye, sir, that great moral principle which has fastened itself so firmly in the hearts of our free whigs of Ohio, so eloquently alluded to by my colleague, Mr. Gallaway, will arouse to action, in all the majesty of her strength, the young giant of the West.

Comment upon these speeches is useless. They clearly show the dissatisfaction which exists, and point, unerringly, to the fate—yes, to the doom, of the whig party in the coming contest.

More of the same sort.

In addition to what we have already given, in relation to the distraction of the whig party, we cannot avoid presenting another evidence, in the shape of a short speech by Mr. Wilson, a Northern delegate, made to the convention, after the nomination of Gen. Taylor. We find it in the reported proceedings, and it reads thus:

I came to this convention as a whig, committed unreservedly to the principles of the whig party, and its organization, and I am willing to be bound by the proceedings of this body, provided we act as whigs. But, sir, we have here nominated a man—[Laughter.] Is he the man, who we have nominated a candidate for the Presidency? [Laughter.] We have nominated a gentleman, sir, for President of the United States, who has sat over and over, and over again, on the whole country, that he will not be bound by the principles or the measures of any party, and that he will accept the nomination of the whig party, and will give his name to any party in any portion of the country who will nominate him.

Mr. Gayle, of Alabama, raised a question of order, denying the right of my colleague to criticize the proceedings of the convention.

The President did not sustain the point of order.

Mr. Wilson continued, and he had not been identified with another party?

Mr. Wilson continued, that he had stated over his own name to the whole nation that he would not withdraw his name from the contest if Henry Clay or anybody else should be nominated by this convention, and yet they were required to give him the name of a whig. I have never yet scratched a whig ticket since I came of age, and all I asked of this convention was the nomination of a whig who is unreservedly committed to the whig party, and who will give his name to the convention who have seen fit to nominate a man who is anything but a whig, and, sir, I will go home, and so help me God, I will give my name to the nomination of that candidate. [Ilisses and cheers.]

Let EVERYBODY read the letter of Mr. Crittenden which we publish in another column, and contrast his views as set forth there with the misrepresentations of the Democratic press and the faculty of these four mounted organs of Locofocoism will be palpable to every mind. [Herald.]

Well, now suppose that "every body" and one or two others, should read that letter, what would they learn from it? Why, simply, that John J. Crittenden has been opposed to a convention, and that he now says he will vote for it. Why will he now vote for it? Just because he hopes to glaze the people to vote for him, and nothing else. No one can, for a moment believe, that his mind can have undergone such a change upon the subject since last year, when he voted AGAINST IT. Such dough-faced political deceptions as this will not do, nor will the people believe the man sincere, though they read his letter a thousand times over. They are resolved to vote for no *eleventh hour man* at the ensuing election; John had better hush.

Some of our dough-faced whigs are now approving the administration of Gen. Jackson, in order to make it appear that they have been honest politicians—but it won't do. They used to denounce Jackson worse than they now do Cass, and the people will remember them for it.

Now, by St. Paul, the work goes bravely on!

The *Tippecanoe Journal*, one of the most influential whig papers in Indiana, contains a call from one hundred INDEPENDENT WHIGS, whose names are attached, for a meeting to adopt "such a course of action," as the recent subservience of the whig party "to an arrogant minority"—in the nomination of Gen. Taylor, demands. They exclaim in the fervor of their hearts:

"No King but God!
No country but the LAND OF LIBERTY!"

We give below the plain talk of the Editor, who has no idea of entering under the "RECRUITING OFFICERS," of the old prince about whom he speaks—hear him:

Gen. Taylor as the Whig candidate for President.

As we have noted elsewhere, we cannot but regard the nomination of Gen. Taylor, by the so-called Whig National Convention, recently convened at Philadelphia, as a deliberate abandonment of FAITHFULNESS to the cause of North and the American People. In as direct a manner as possible, we have endeavored to inform the American People. In this respect, if not openly seconded, by the solemn convictions of every right-thinking man, throughout the length and breadth of the land. Do not misunderstand us. We by no means expect to see a general refusal by those who call themselves whigs, even in the North and North West, to support the nomination. There are thousands who, though convinced, have not moral courage enough, to assist their fellow-citizens in this cause. As thousands more will have no particular principles of their own, and who are left together by the "cohesive power" of [a hope of] public patronage. These are the weak link of the chain of Whiggery, and they are prepared to make any sacrifice for Party, but none for their Country. They, of course will vote for Gen. Taylor—and it is hardly too much to say that the vast majority of the North and West, are ready to follow. For the Prince of the *Nether Regions* himself, had the old gentleman received the nomination in person, instead of his falling upon one of his liegemen.

Our readers will have no difficulty in ascertaining our position in regard to the nomination. We stand pledged to oppose to the full extent of our feeble abilities. We could not do otherwise and preserve a clear conscience; we could not without losing our own self-respect; and feeling that we deserved to lose the respect of our fellow-citizens, we even acquainted with us—Nay, we could not do it, without realizing that we were deliberately sinning against God who has made us his creatures, and who has promised us, and after that judgment.

For more than twelve months past, we have invariably, on all suitable occasions, declared our utter inability to support the nomination of any man, who would not give his name to the whig party, and assigned our reasons for refusing him our support; that it cannot be necessary for us to repeat them now. Nor have we room in this brief article, to set forth the reasons which we have given. Ample opportunity will be afforded us, however, between this and next November, and the reader may rest assured that we shall not be an avowed traitor of it. For the present, we will only say:

1st. That we oppose Gen. Taylor, first, because we do not believe him qualified, either by education, habits, or life, or thought, or conduct, for the office of President. 2d. Because he has never given any evidence of civic talents; and presents no claims whatever, except such as are to be found in the fact that he has proved to be a brave and sagacious commander, well skilled in the art of human butchery. 3d. Because he has never made the science of government, which is the "doe-ology" of his own self, "understand politics"—never voted in his life—and says that he has not made up his mind in regard to some of the most important and fundamental political questions of the day. 4th. Because he absolutely refused to be run as a party candidate, and declared that he would not be considered the exponent of the principles of any party, but was willing to receive the nomination of the Whigs, Democrats, or Native Americans—or all together—provided he were left unpunished and uncondemned.

5th. Because he declared that he would continue a candidate, whether nominated by the Whig National Convention or not. 6th. Because he is in the language of one of his especial organs, the *New Orleans Bee*, "from birth, association, and conviction, identified with the South," and has been a member of the most execrable institutions, being one of the most supported by the Slave holding interest, as opposed to the *Whitman Provision*, and others who have associated with them, and plant the "peculiar institution" on still higher floors.

These are a few of our objections; but we have many more, and will be given to you from time to time, and opportunity shall serve.

We have received a letter from an esteemed friend in Owingsville, giving a glowing description of the meeting to take place on Monday of last week; but owing to the crowded state of our columns, we are compelled to defer its publication. Many others have shared the same fate.

