



RAVENNA, OHIO: WEDNESDAY, Sept. 13, 1854.

Democratic State Ticket. FOR SUPREME JUDGE, SHEPPARD F. NOBBS, Of Clermont County.

Democratic District Ticket. FOR CONGRESS, BENJ. F. HOPKINS, of Franklin, CLERK.

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ADMITORS, JOSEPH LOOMIS, of Ravenna, SHERIFF, VALENTINE HEYDE, of Edinburg, COMMISSIONER, GEORGE HEATH, of Nelson, DIRECTOR OF COUNTY INFIRMARY, ERASTUS CARTER, Jr., of Ravenna, COMEYER, SETH NORTON, of Shalersville.

CLERK'S OFFICE, Portage Co., September 9, 1854. To the Chairman of the Democratic Central Executive Committee.

Sir: The Dem. Cong. Convention, having without any solicitation on my part, done me the honor, to place my name in nomination, as a candidate for Congress, from the 18th Cong. District; I have felt it to be my duty, under these circumstances, and relying upon the advice of my friends, to accept said nomination.

Of course, sir, I cannot longer be considered as a candidate for the Office of Clerk. You will therefore take such steps as you may deem proper to supply the vacancy in our County Ticket.

Yours Respectfully, E. SPALDING. Ravenna, Sept. 11, 1854. The members of the Dem. Central Executive Committee are hereby requested to meet in this village, on Saturday next, Sept. 16th, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in our county ticket, occasioned by the resignation of E. Spalding.

Respectfully, J. G. Willis, Chairman of Dem. Ex. Committee. The Convention at Alliance. We have not yet been furnished with an official record of the proceedings of the late Democratic Nominating Convention at Alliance, and we are therefore compelled to rely solely upon our notes in giving an account of it.

The Convention was organized, by appointing B. F. Hopkins, of Portage, President; Dr. McCall, of Stark; J. Lane, of Summit; and Otis Reed, of Portage, Vice President; Dr. E. Carter and J. J. Hoffman, Secretaries. After the arrangement of some preliminary questions the following names were presented as candidates for nomination: Hon. Geo. Bliss, of Summit; Hon. Geo. W. Belden, of Stark; S. L. Harris, Jr., of Portage.

After the first ballot, which resulted in no choice, the name of Mr. Harris, was withdrawn. After the second ballot, Mr. Lahn, also withdrew his name. Two or three new names were then presented, and several ballots had, but without any choice. At this stage of the proceedings, Judges Bliss and Belden, came forward, and respectfully withdrew their names from before the Convention.

A motion was then made to nominate E. Spalding, by acclamation, which was carried by a unanimous vote. After passing a resolution to support the nominee, the convention adjourned. The Convention was well attended. Notwithstanding some excitement and controversy which took place between the friends of the different candidates, causing disorder for a while, yet we believe the result of the nomination gave very general satisfaction to the delegates assembled, and that perfect good feeling prevailed at the time of the adjournment. The friends of the several candidates first named, seemed to unite with a hearty good will, in the selection of Mr. Spalding, as their Standard Bearer in the campaign, and we have a full assurance that they will give him their cordial support.

For ourselves, we could cheerfully have labored for the election of any man to Congress, whose name was presented to the convention. They were all good men for the office. Judges Bliss and Belden who were the leading candidates, during the first four or five ballots, are men of superior worth, and would be an honor to any position in which their fellow citizens might place them. In the respective offices of Legislator and Judge, they have served the people with distinguished ability, and their course in the convention was such as to command the respect and confidence of all the delegates present.

Before and after Nominations. It is currently reported, that at the late Fusion Congressional Convention in Ravenna, Ben. Litter, the present candidate for Congress, during recess, while talking with his friends, said, "the Convention was a dead Whig congress, and he would have nothing to do with it." An hour or two after this, he was nominated. He then came forward, made a speech, accepted the nomination and thanked the Convention for the "distinguishing honor conferred upon him." How much parts both of us.—Portage News.

Our Nominations for Congress. We were pleased in holding the name of E. SPALDING, as our candidate for Congress, in this District. He is well known to be a gentleman of superior talent, finished education, unimpeachable integrity, and a sterling democrat. Such a man we may well be proud of as our Standard Bearer in the contest.

Mr. SPALDING is the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in this county, and at our late county convention was re-nominated for that office by acclamation. We believe that he has the confidence and esteem not only of his own party, but of all his fellow citizens.

The nomination for Congress was entirely unlooked for, and unsought by him; and coming as it does without solicitation and receiving the approval of the delegates, from the three counties of the district, he has reason to be highly gratified with the honor conferred upon him by the Convention.

The Democrats of this District and County, are now called upon to give the nominee their hearty and cordial support; and we feel confident that they will do it. Let each man enter the contest with a firm determination to secure the triumph of our ticket, and by that means the success of democratic principles. We regard the Election of Mr. SPALDING as certain. The union of the Democrats in Portage is already perfect. From every part of the county we hear the most cheering reports, and on the second Tuesday of October, will be recorded a glorious Democratic triumph, in the 18th Cong. District.

The Know Nothings. In another column will be found a letter from our correspondent, upon the subject of "Know-nothingism." It is a candid and impartial exposition of the subject, and presents a powerful argument against the creed of this secret party. The recent occurrences at Philadelphia, St. Louis and other places, must lead every good citizen to regret that such an order as the Know Nothings ever had an origin. One of the best features of our political system, is the right of religious freedom which it gives to our citizens. Any party formed for the purpose of proscribing men on account of religious opinions, is dangerous to liberty and dangerous to all the interests of a free people.

No doubt many of those who join this order are governed by pure motives. There are persons of our acquaintance supposed to belong to this secret party, in whose integrity we have full confidence. Some of them are our personal friends. To such we would ask: Is the course pursued by the Know-Nothings calculated to remedy the evil of which they complain?

We have been accustomed to regard our country as an asylum for the oppressed of all nations. We hope it may ever continue to be such. Let the subjects of aggression in the old world, come and enjoy with us the blessings of our free and noble institutions. Our country is broad and fertile. We have room "enough and to spare." Thousands from the different States of Europe, are flocking to our shores for a shelter and a home. Let us give them a generous welcome. If we treat them kindly, and place them on an equality with ourselves in point of civil and religious privileges as we ought, they will be our friends; we may rely upon their services in war, and their industry in peace, their labor will add to the wealth of the country. But if we treat them as slaves and inferiors—refuse them the advantages enjoyed by native born citizens, we may expect their enmity and opposition to the government. This is human nature the world over. The people of this country have been wont to listen to the words of WASHINGTON as to the counsels of a father. We take the following extracts from his writings. After the close of the revolution WASHINGTON said:

"The Irish volunteers merit the warmest thanks of America for their patriotism; and I hope that their countrymen who have long struggled for liberty will be hospitable and cordially received here."

Again on another occasion he used the following patriotic language: "The bosom of America is open to receive not only the opulent and respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and of all religions, whom we shall welcome to a participation in all our rights and privileges."

Dr. FRANKLIN also spoke in reference to this subject as follows: "The people in Europe are friendly to this country. When foreigners, after looking about for some other country in which they can obtain more happiness give a preference to ours, it is a proof of attachment which ought to excite our confidence and affection."

The above extracts require no comment. They come down to us as counsels from the graves of those whom we all venerate, and the memory of whose noble deeds, we sacredly cherish.

We do not agree with our correspondent, when he intimates that this Know-Nothing excitement will be lasting. In our opinion it will soon be over. Those who joined it for selfish and dishonorable purposes will dig their own graves; while those who are sincere, and honest (and they are many of them) will see their error and retract their steps. A few more riots like that in St. Louis—a few more cases of proscription on account of religious opinions—the burning of a few more churches and homes, like that in Philadelphia, will complete the work of this secret organization. In a short time, it will be numbered among the wild absurdities, which mark and mar our political and social history.

We see it stated, that the Hon. E. J. ATKINSON, of Carrollton, has been appointed the first Auditor in the Treasury Department of the United States. This is an excellent appointment.

Mr. ATKINSON was the late Chairman of the Finance Committee, in the State Senate, and while occupying that important post, proved himself to be a man of superior financial ability, and in all respects worthy of the confidence of the President.

We are glad to hear that the Democrats of the Twenty-first Congressional District, have re-nominated the Hon. Andrew Stewart for Congress. He will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Who are the Know-Nothing Regency? The Mongrel Democrat (?) of last week has a great deal to say about what they term the "Ravenna Regency." They labor to induce the belief that some assuming individuals of Ravenna aspired to usurp all the offices, and dictate to the people who they should nominate.

For ourselves, we had no part in the Convention and desired to have none. We had full confidence in the ability of the delegates to select good men for the respective offices. As between Democrats, we shall never take sides one way or the other at a nominating convention; but we feel ourselves in duty bound to present the facts in the case, and let our readers judge for themselves. The object of the Democrat (?) is to create division in our ranks, but we are confident that no man will be misled by its false or malicious statements.

What are the facts? Mr. Spalding was nominated for re-election for clerk by acclamation—no opposition. The whole convention said in effect, "well done good and faithful servant." Did Ravenna dictate that unanimous expression? Joseph Loomis, of Ravenna, was nominated for Auditor, but we are well assured that his nomination was not suggested by Ravenna influence, but came from some other townships where he and his merits were well known, but sanctioned indeed by his friends and neighbors here. Mr. Loomis is an able and popular man, and these mongrel editors fear his popularity will insure the defeat of their candidate for the same office.

Erastus Carter, Jr., our nominee for reelection as Inferior Director, happens to live on the Ravenna side of the town line road, adjacent to the county farm. He too, was nominated by acclamation—no opposition. Does that look like Ravenna dictation? The Democrat (?) then changes front and complains that the "Ravenna Regency" would not support Mr. Matthews, of Ravenna, for Sheriff, who has indeed been a most efficient and energetic officer as all admit. We have been assured by delegates that they were duly sensible of his competency and were only deterred from urging his claims, by the fact of his residence in Ravenna. Is there any dictation in that? The effort of the Democrat (?) to create division in our ranks will only render it ridiculous in the eyes of those men whose favor it tries to court.

Ben Hat Letter. Since the nomination of Mr. Leiter we have been asked by several persons the question "What kind of a man is he?" We will give the best information in our power. He is a lawyer by profession—formerly had some influence with the Democrats of Stark county—represented them in the Ohio Legislature for a time; but for reasons best known to those whose interests he neglected, he became very unpopular at home. One year ago the 24th of August last, he was a candidate for nomination for Lieut. Governor at the State Democratic Convention, and was defeated. Last winter he desired to be United States Senator, but of course stood no possible chance.

Having lost the confidence of his party at home, and being considered abroad as a corrupt and unprincipled demagogue, he is a last resort wheeled into the Fusion line, hoping by the aid of a new convert to obtain some position of trust in that party.

He is an admirable specimen of a Fusionist. He combines a greater number of inconsistencies in one character than any man in the district, with the exception perhaps, of one or two Fusion Editors; he can be a democrat, a free-soiler, a unionist, or disunionist, a know-nothing, or an anti-know-nothing, just as the occasion requires. We venture the assertion, that he will not receive a single democratic vote in Portage county. The whigs of course will have nothing to do with him, and the free-soilers who support him will be few and far between.

Now and Then. We publish to-day a letter from "Corrector" to which we would call attention. It is amusing to observe the efforts of Fusion editors to court the favor of Judge Brown and Auditor Frost. These gentlemen are men of integrity and sterling democrats. But a few weeks ago the Mongrel paper of this place, heaped upon them the most bitter personal abuse. We presume this is not yet forgotten.

Judge Brown is an able and efficient officer; so is Mr. Frost. And there is too much many independence about them to become the dupes of Lyman W. Hall; or any other wolf in Sheep's clothing. The Ticket nominated by the Democrats this fall, will receive their hearty support.

One of our correspondents in writing to us says: "I rained very copiously for about an hour in the north part of Portage county two or three days since. For anything we know it rained everywhere, perhaps south of Mason and Dixon's line; and if the triumvirate that preside over the 'Ravenna Weekly Mule'—should happen to hear of it, they might shout Nebraska."

State Fair postponed. The Premium List, Circulars and Posters, of the Fifth Annual State Fair, of the State of Ohio, under the direction of the Board of Agricultural, have been very generally circulated, announcing the Fair to commence on the 19th September. Very extensive and satisfactory arrangements have been made for the convenience of visitors, and the grounds and everything are in such a state of forwardness as would have ensured their completion in time. But owing to the sudden outbreak of sickness at Newark, which may not be over by the 19th of September, the Executive Committee under the circumstances, deem it advisable to postpone the Fair.

The public will please take notice that the Fair is accordingly postponed, to commence on Tuesday, the 11th of October. The only change will be as to time. The arrangements for the accommodation of visitors and all the rules and regulations for conducting the Fair, are already published in our circulars and handbills, will remain unaltered. The interval will be diligently improved, and the committee feel confident that they will be able to give additional interest to the great exposition of the industry of the State on the 17th of October.

R. W. MUSGRAVE, JAMES L. COE, J. SULLIVAN, Ohio State Board of Agriculture.

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A SYMBIOTIC STORY SPOTTED.—Some ignorant correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, has reported that "the remains of the late Elder Allen Poe, are still reposing in an obscure corner of Potters Field of Baltimore." This ungrateful conduct will, we are sure, be mourned over by the thousands and one admirers of "Annabel Lee," and "The Raven," and we therefore give the flat contradiction of the Baltimore Patriot, which says: "Nothing can be further from the truth. His remains were interred at the time of his death in the first Presbyterian Church yard, on the corner of Green and Fayette streets, and were followed to the grave by a large number of relatives and friends. His obsequies were of a character every way worthy of such a man, and we are surprised and grieved that such reports should be put in circulation as the one quoted above."—Pitts. Post.

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Finally, we have an excellent and a popular ticket, the candidates are well distributed in the county, and the democracy can and will elect them. CORRECTOR.

Hear a Leading Whig. James R. Stanberry, Esq., of Newark, in times past a prominent and influential Whig of Ohio, recently paid his respects to the Fusionists in the following card, which he had published in the Newark Times: "We recommend it to the candid consideration of Whigs in this region. There is sense and truth in it."

Sir.—Some personal friend without previous consent from me, has suggested my name as a candidate for Congress in the 10th District by a Convention. I beg leave, through your columns, to announce the following facts: First, that I never will be a candidate for office if my selection for that purpose is to be made through the medium of a caucus or Convention. Second, I will not, on this occasion, be such a candidate, if I am to pledge myself to no other political sentiment than that of opposition to the late law of Congress organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska. I believe in that principle asserted in our Declaration of Independence, that the people of every nation have a right to elect their own form of Government. I believe and know that those men now most disposed to fuse with the Whig party on this question, have always in times past been opposed to the Missouri Compromise. I have heard them more than once denounce me as one of the most iniquitous of all laws, and at the same time I have heard them vilify a man called "Henry Clay" because he was its advocate.

The establishment of the Missouri Compromise, by necessary implication, pledged all future Representatives in Congress, from the North or the South, to vote for the admission of such States into the Union, whose territory was south of that line, as might be ascertained by their constituents, and approved of by them. The late Fusion Convention by their platform adopted but two resolutions, the one in favor of the restoration of the Missouri Compromise, and the other, unconditional opposition to the admission of any more slave States into the Union, whether the territory out of which the same was to be made was North or South of that line. These resolutions are so palpably inconsistent the one with the other, that I have no desire to compromise any claim to common sense by indulging them and pledging myself to sustain them.

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Judge L. L. Brown, has been abused by Editor Hall, more than any other man of our party, but now, forsooth he admits the fact, that the Judge has been a good officer. He would not own the truth, but in the hope to sow dissension among democrats; and he will fail of his object. Judge Brown's friends are too patriotic, and have too good sense to bolt, knowing as they do, that our nominee is a good man, and fully competent to fill the office. The Democrats, with very few exceptions, admit the merits of Judge Brown, his faithfulness and competency, but as we have many such, and for the better distribution of the offices in the different localities—to give the widest range of townships one candidate at this election, Mr. Hopkins, as very worthy and competent man, was selected as the candidate to succeed Judge Brown.

The Bogus Editors' story, about the controlling power of the "Ravenna Regency," is all in his eye—all gammon. The Ravenna delegation were divided on the candidates for Probate Judge throughout the several ballots for that office, as is well known and also on the other offices.

Finally, we have an excellent and a popular ticket, the candidates are well distributed in the county, and the democracy can and will elect them. CORRECTOR.

Hear a Leading Whig. James R. Stanberry, Esq., of Newark, in times past a prominent and influential Whig of Ohio, recently paid his respects to the Fusionists in the following card, which he had published in the Newark Times: "We recommend it to the candid consideration of Whigs in this region. There is sense and truth in it."

Sir.—Some personal friend without previous consent from me, has suggested my name as a candidate for Congress in the 10th District by a Convention. I beg leave, through your columns, to announce the following facts: First, that I never will be a candidate for office if my selection for that purpose is to be made through the medium of a caucus or Convention. Second, I will not, on this occasion, be such a candidate, if I am to pledge myself to no other political sentiment than that of opposition to the late law of Congress organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska. I believe in that principle asserted in our Declaration of Independence, that the people of every nation have a right to elect their own form of Government. I believe and know that those men now most disposed to fuse with the Whig party on this question, have always in times past been opposed to the Missouri Compromise. I have heard them more than once denounce me as one of the most iniquitous of all laws, and at the same time I have heard them vilify a man called "Henry Clay" because he was its advocate.

The establishment of the Missouri Compromise, by necessary implication, pledged all future Representatives in Congress, from the North or the South, to vote for the admission of such States into the Union, whose territory was south of that line, as might be ascertained by their constituents, and approved of by them. The late Fusion Convention by their platform adopted but two resolutions, the one in favor of the restoration of the Missouri Compromise, and the other, unconditional opposition to the admission of any more slave States into the Union, whether the territory out of which the same was to be made was North or South of that line. These resolutions are so palpably inconsistent the one with the other, that I have no desire to compromise any claim to common sense by indulging them and pledging myself to sustain them.

You will please therefore announce that although I still adhere to what I understand to be such Whig doctrine as in time past was advocated by such men as Clay and Webster, I am not and cannot be a candidate on any such platform.

JAMES R. STANBERRY.

SALE OF A WHITE WOMAN IN PENNSYLVANIA.—A sale of a free white woman was recently made at Freeburg, Lehigh County. The parties have been residents of that place for some time, are natives of Germany, and the transaction consisted in a man disposing of his wife to another man for the sum of one dollar. The parties were represented as being of intemperate habits. Writings are said to have been signed by the wife, the new husband, and the old husband.—Philadelphia Sun.

There is an immense amount of wheat in the rail road depots at Richmond, Va.—There are eight large mills in operation in that city, and two of them grind at least nine hundred bushels each per day. It is mostly shipped, however, for the South American markets, where it is a favorite over all others. The climate does not suit it, and the wheat is said to be in packing it while it is hot.

MISSISSIPPI.—The editors of the paper, you very appropriately terming the 'Mongrel Democrat,' affect to sneer, in their last week's issue, at S. D. HARRIS, Jr., for what they are pleased to term, "a lean run for Auditor." The vote for Mr. HARRIS, on the first ballot, was 26, which, were there were three or four other competitors for nomination, all good and true democrats, was a good and spontaneous expression of the Portage Democracy in his favor; for, be it known, Mr. Harris never solicited the nomination, and many of his friends in Convention declared, while voting for others, that they only received his name to present as a candidate before the Congressional Convention; and there, we are told, he, on the first ballot, obtained the unanimous vote of the Portage delegation; an expression of approbation for his late editorial services, he say well be proud of, which he richly merits, for his nine years faithful, efficient, and eminently successful labors, for his party, and his country—and which the democracy very appreciate. In both conventions, Mr. Harris's name was withdrawn after the first ballot.

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Wanted in Arkansas.—Under this head an Arkansas newspaper advertises for \$500,000 good, industrious farmers, to till the land that's now lying waste all over the State