

Agreeably to a public call, a meeting of the citizens of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, assembled at Defiance, Friday, September 15th.

ASHER COOK, of Wood county was chosen President, and S. M. SNODGRASS, of Putnam, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Defiance, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee on resolutions, viz: [Mr. T. himself declining to serve.]

Samuel B. Scott, of Lucas; W. L. Cook, of Wood; P. C. Bassett, of Putnam; S. E. Blakeslee, of Williams; John Paul, of Defiance.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to select from the numerous names before the convention, a suitable person for Representative to Congress, viz:

John Fitch, of Lucas; John Ayres, of Paulding; J. Kelly, of Henry; A. Spencer, of Williams; John Paul, of Defiance; W. L. Cook, of Wood; P. C. Bassett, of Putnam.

The committee on nominations after a full deliberation, returned the name of RICHARD MOTT, as the one likely to prove most acceptable to the people.

On motion, RICHARD MOTT was unanimously nominated for Representative in Congress.

The committee on resolutions presented the following report which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the crisis has arrived when the only issue presented to us, is, whether the paralyzing influences of slavery, or the vital principles of freedom shall prevail in the administration of our general government.

*Resolved*, That if evidence is wanted of the prostration of the government to the uses of slavery, we find it in the desperate plans for adding more slave States to the Union; the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; the lavish expenditure of money, to purchase worthless territory of Mexico, for a southern railroad track to the Pacific and for such partial harbor appropriations as that for Cape Fear in North Carolina, while the vast commerce of the lakes and rivers is neglected and abandoned; the resistance to the cheap postage policy, compelling free States to contribute a million of dollars to pay the postage of the south; the continued monopoly of official station, the substitution of brute force or intimidation for reason and argument in the halls of Congress and the resistance offered by the south to the free grant of land to free laborers by a liberal homestead bill.

*Resolved*, That we are unalterably opposed to the admission of another slave State to the Union.

*Resolved*, That we disapprove of the desperate efforts made to obtain Cuba, to increase slave representation and the appropriation of vast sums of money for the purchase of that island and are opposed to any annexation of that or any other territory except as free States.

*Resolved*, That we are in favor of the denationalization of slavery and of its extermination, wherever the general government is responsible for its existence.

*Resolved*, That the fugitive slave law, is an outrage and insult to the moral instincts and dignity of the free States and ought to be repealed.

*Resolved*, That the power to return fugitives from slavery belongs exclusively to the States.

*Resolved*, That the patronage of the executive "has increased, is increasing and ought to be diminished."

*Resolved*, That our practical duty in the crisis is to select a candidate for Representative to Congress, who disavows all personal obligations to self constituted juntas at home, or to the powers that dispense favors and patronage at Washington, and whose previous character and known integrity are a guaranty that he will carry out the views of this convention.

*Resolved*, That RICHARD MOTT of Toledo, is the Independent Democratic Candidate for Congress in this congressional district and is worthy of the confidence and support of the people.

During the session of the convention, it

was addressed by Asher Cook, of Wood, A. S. Latta and John Taylor, of Paulding, John Paul and S. R. Brown, of Defiance, Wm. Sheffield, of Henry, S. E. Blakeslee, of Williams, and John Fitch and J. R. Williams, of Lucas.

It was Resolved that the papers of this Congressional district be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

ASHER COOK, President.  
S. M. SNODGRASS, Secretary.

We present to-day in our columns the name of RICHARD MOTT, of this city, as a candidate for Representative in Congress. By common consent of all parties opposed to Mr. Commager, the nominee of the Board of Public Works, and the peculiar exponent of the Pierce Administration, Mr. Mott is nominated, and in this vicinity will be most cheerfully sustained. To the citizens of the district living in counties north of the Wabash Canal, or residing along the line of the canals, nothing need be said to make him known, for a continued familiarity with those sections of country since 1836, renders any eulogium from us unnecessary.

For information of other portions of the District, and more recent immigrants, we would state, that Mr. Mott has always been of the Democratic faith, making, however, inflexible opposition to Slavery and its wider extension, an article of his *Democratic creed*, that he would never consent to obliterate. He was educated a *Quaker*, and the early inculcations of his sect on the great question of right and humanity, have never for a moment been obliterated. He is a gentleman of about fifty years of age—was educated as a merchant, and has all his life followed mercantile pursuits. He has at times been the purchaser of the agricultural productions of the country to a very large extent, under circumstances favorable to the producers of the country, where it resulted in no advantage to himself. We unhesitatingly say, that he enjoys the full confidence of the large mass of the mercantile community. No man in the District understands better, the position and the agricultural and mercantile wants of North Western Ohio. Amid the flood of toadies and upstarts who have somehow or other crept into Congress of late years he would soon become an invaluable adviser on the real business interests of the country.

Mr. Mott has not sought the nomination, and accepted it only after long solicitation of his friends. We believe he has never held any office except that of mayor of Toledo.

His moderation and equanimity would give him influence among all parties.—While we would not have a Representative who would not prove as inflexible as adamant in sustaining the principles on which he was nominated, we would have a man of such comprehensive views and such general information, as to be dispassionate, and useful, on all questions affecting the general interests of the country.

Mr. Mott was nominated by a convention who avowed entire independence of all political organizations. It was presided over by a Democrat, and in its deliberations a majority of those who took part were Democrats, who no longer sustain the present administration of the Government. Three of the gentlemen who have been freely spoken of as probable candidates of the regular Democratic party, have already denounced the nomination of Mr. Commager "as unfit to be made." Their friends have denounced it more earnestly than themselves. We trust the nomination of Mr. Mott will prove acceptable to them.

Mr. Mott is emphatically the People's Candidate, and we have no doubt that his election will afford another evidence (like those overwhelming victories of the people over all corrupt parties and men, which are now reaching our ears in one harmonious and unbroken shout of triumph from all the rivers, and coasts, and forests, of the hitherto invincible Democratic State of Maine,) that justice is mighty and she will prevail. At any rate, without one single doubt of the result, we throw his name to the breeze. And while we have no doubt of this Congressional District, we say to our friends all over the land, *we have no doubt of Ohio*. We now feel as sure from the thick throng-

ing evidences of the last few days, that Ohio will confirm the glorious verdict of Iowa and MAINE, as we do of any future event. Men and politicians who denounce the Declaration of Independence as a "self-evident lie," may doubt the truth of the maxim, "Vox Populi, Vox Dei," but the results of the last few weeks must convince the most callous sceptic, that deep in the recesses of the human heart, often obscured and smothered, it is true, by ignorance and fraud and malignity and self-delusion, there burns an inextinguishable fire, which at last manifests itself in action that demolishes all that resists and opposes it, and results in the triumph of justice and truth, and furnishing the most triumphant proof that "Vox Populi, Vox Dei," "the voice of the people is the voice of God."—[Toledo Blade.

#### An Incident.

During the session of the Convention at Defiance, on Friday last, a committee was alluded to by a speaker, as having been engaged in obtaining from Mr. Commager answers relative to sundry free soil issues, calculated to deceive the people.

Judge Palmer, of Defiance was in the house, and immediately rose. He said, that he with others, had been instrumental in propounding questions to Mr. C., and repelled the imputation that he could be guilty of deception in the case. They had received answers from Mr. C., which went further in freesoil professions than he had demanded or expected; that upon those answers every one was at liberty to act as he pleased, and believe Mr. Commager or not, just as he pleased.

While upon the floor he eased his mind rather freely for a man who but a short time since was designated among the democratic party as one on whom the office of representative might be conferred.

He denounced the nomination of Commager as a foul act, a foregone conclusion, a bargain made among the self-constituted junto and political wire-pullers four years ago. "Yes," said he, "Mr. Commager told me so himself, two years ago."

He then proceeded to a denunciation of the administration at Washington, its policy and its acts, declaring that at no time nor under any circumstances would he vote for Franklin Pierce, for he regarded him as a traitor to the best interests of the country, and to the true democratic principles upon which his own faith was founded.

Disclaiming that he was a member of the body there assembled, and apologizing for his remarks on the ground that he considered himself alluded to, he concluded his explanation amid great sensation.—[Toledo Blade.

**MEN OF AMERICA.**—The greatest man, "take him all in all," of the last hundred years, was General George Washington—an American.

The greatest Doctor of Divinity was Jonathan Edwards—an American.

The greatest Philosopher was Benjamin Franklin—an American.

The greatest of living Sculptors is Hiram Powers—an American.

The greatest of living Historians is Wm. H. Prescott—an American.

The greatest Ornithologist was John James Audubon—an American.

There has been no English writer in the present age, whose works have been marked with more humor, more refinement, or more grace, than those of Washington Irving—an American.

The greatest Lexicographer, since the time of Johnson, was Noah Webster—an American.

The Inventors, whose works would have been productive of the greatest amount of benefit to mankind in the last century, were Godfrey, Fitch, Fulton and Whitney—all Americans.

**DECLINE IN BREADSTUFFS.**—In consequence of the news from Europe of good crops of breadstuffs there, and a consequent decline in flour and wheat, there was a slight panic in flour at Boston on Wednesday, and prices went down from seventy-five cents to one dollar per barrel. The receipts of flour at Boston, says the Traveler, have lately been rather large.

The Defiance Democrat says: We are anti-Nebraska because the introduction of this bill renewed slavery agitation, which politicians had quieted, because all restriction to the extension of slavery into that territory is therein removed, because it discriminates against foreign settlers, because fugitive-slave-lawism sticks out prominently through the whole bill, and because, in short, it has led to a general muss in our politics everywhere, without any corresponding benefits.

It may be interesting to many to know the *personel* of the new government. The following is a correct list:

#### FOR THE TERRITORY OF NEBRASKA.

Francis Burt, of South Carolina, to be governor.

Thomas B. Cumming, of Iowa, to be secretary.

Fenner Ferguson, of Michigan to be chief justice of the supreme court.

Edward R. Harding, of Georgia, to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

James Bradley, of Indiana, to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

Experience Eastbrook, of Wisconsin, to be attorney of the United States.

Mark W. Izard, of Arkansas, to be marshal of the United States.

#### FOR THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS.

Andrew W. Reeder, of Pennsylvania, to be governor.

Daniel Woodson, of Virginia, to be secretary.

Madison Brown, of Maryland, to be chief justice of the supreme court.

Sanders W. Johnson, of Ohio, to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

Rush Ellmore, of Alabama, to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

Andrew J. Isaacs, of Louisiana, to be attorney of the United States.

J. B. Donaldson, of Illinois, to be marshal of the United States.

**LAND GRADUATION LAW.**—The Defiance Democrat says: There is no land in this section of Ohio for 12½ cents per acre. The land in Defiance district for entry at \$1.25 per acre, has been sold some time ago.—There are several thousand acres yet for sale at \$2.50, and which are not subject to the provisions of the graduation law. In the bill counties, in the Chillicothe district, we understand, there is yet, in scattered tracts, some for entry at Congress price, and which would be for sale at 12½ cents under the law. The only State where the lands have been in market 30 years, and where there are any yet for entry, would be Illinois, in the central and southern portions. Most of the land offices in Indiana have been closed, and from this we judge that the lands there are sold. Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, and Arkansas have lands which would be for sale under the law at prices varying from 25 cents to \$1.00 per acre. Of course this reduction in price is only to *actual settlers*. The graduation is based upon the number of years the land has been in market, and is as follows:

In market.	Price per acre.
For 10 years and upwards	\$1.00
For 15 "	75 cents.
For 20 "	50 "
For 25 "	25 "
For 30 "	12½ "

**THE CONGRESSIONAL CANVASS.**—The Peoples' Independent Mass Meeting, held here yesterday, nominated Richard Mott, of Toledo, as the fusion, freesoil and independent candidate for Congress. This gentleman is a man of acknowledged talents, purity of character, and of enlarged experience as a business man. He is now an active freesoiler, but came from the democratic party.—The selection is a good one for the various elements now in opposition to our nominee.—[Defiance Democrat.

TIMOTHY C. DAY, a prominent and popular Democrat, and formerly one of the editors of the Cincinnati Enquirer, is out in a communication to the people announcing himself as an Independent, Anti-Nebraska, Anti-Administration Democratic candidate for Congress. This seriously frustrates the Administration Democracy in the Queen City, and will probably secure their utter defeat.