

HOLLY SPRINGS GAZETTE.

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REPUBLICAN WHIG TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR.

DAVID O. SHATTUCK, of Carroll.

For Congress.

ADAM L. BINGAMAN, of Adams.
WILLIAM R. HARLEY, of Marshall.

For Secretary of State.

LEWIS G. GALLOWAY, of Holmes.

For Auditor of Public Accounts.

DR. JAMES J. ALLEN, of Hinds.

For State Treasurer.

JOSHUA S. CURTIS, of Marshall.

For Attorney General.

ROBERT HUGHES, of Hinds.

NOMINATING CONVENTIONS.

There seems a terror to seize some individuals whenever such a thing as a convention is mentioned. Now we believe them to be among the "things misnamed."

They never escape the stigmatizing appellation of a *convention*. And, indeed, there is a spirit pretty general in the human breast, which we must in a manner approve; and that is an independence opposed to all *dictation*.

But before we go further, we will observe that we are on the side of *nominating conventions*. And now upon principle do we found our argument. Read. Is our political body a confused mass, or is it divided distinctly into two parties? Any one can answer in the negative—that it is divided into two distinct parties. These parties are founded upon the freedom of opinion which our government tolerates. The members of each party profess, and are presumed to be honest. They believe, or should believe, that upon the principles which they advocate, hangs the best interest of the country;—if they don't, they are dishonest and traitorous in their belief. This is no egotism, or self-love. Ambition, avarice, and various other motives alike productive of human action, may afford some exceptions to the rule intimated, but our remark regards especially the great aggregate body politic. They are generally sincere and conscientious in their political belief. Then they believe one set of principles, in the main, forming in their connexion a code of maxims. In that means parties are formed. Now each party, taken as a whole, being equally honest in their belief, that theirs is the only true policy, are ever striving to gain the ascendancy. One or the other, of course, must be *mainly* wrong. Nothing can have two ways, and both best. That were an absurdity.—Then this train of thought leads us here, that the best interests of the country may be sustained, the party to which we belong, should be sustained also. The question arises, *how is that to be done?* If our reasoning is correct, as above, an important question indeed, for the people of this State arises.

Representation is the personated will of the people—Broad questions of exciting interest are canvassed,—issue taken, and Representatives chosen upon it. Instance the Bond Question in this State and County. As a general thing, that question is *partizan*,—the Whigs for and the Democrats against the Bonds. Say that question would come before the ensuing session, the Whig candidates will be elected, if at all, upon the position the Bonds should be paid, the Democrats, upon the ground that they should not. Now both cannot be right. We contend not, tho' both are equally honest in their belief. Then our doctrine is, that each party believing honestly it is right, should endeavor to sustain itself. How is that object to be effected? or rather how is it to be defeated? It is to be done by a want of a magnanimous sacrifice of private ambition, to the good of the country. Here some wisecracks will rise in the street, and say, that is party idolatry. It is no such thing.

We mean by a sacrifice of private ambition to the good of the country, that men should not for the sake of their own aggrandisement, come out and over-run, and thereby defeat the ticket, if they believe the defence of their principles to be the best interests of their country,—and they ought to believe so at least, *honestly* to support them. And every one with common sense must know, that without the medium of a *nominating convention*, a ticket is always apt to be over-gorged and defeated. And as we remarked in the outset, some people are stricken with horror whenever you name such a thing,—and begin to tirade about slavery of opinion and dictation of choice. A love as they call it of choosing their own men—which is folly. What in speaking to a candid community are the circumstances surrounding one of these conventions properly gotten up? They are these; a publication is made, that there will be a meeting of the citizens of such a county, such a time and place, to nominate suitable candidates to run on such a ticket, for a given station. Of this step all the people are apprised, and may come all of them to a man, and cast their votes there, if they see proper to do so. If they do not choose to come, being aware of the fact, it is a principle of law and equity, and we believe of liberty, that in such a case, those who do not think proper to attend, *impliedly sanction* the nomination that the *convention* may make.

Therefore, it abridges no liberty of choice, or thought, on the subject, if what the voter believes, he believes to be the interest of the country. We will not say any thing more just now, on this subject. We are not complaining, for we know a word to the wise is more than sufficient.

CONGRESSIONAL.

We have nothing very new from Washington city. The Bank Bill is still in the hands of the President. It is yet a good deal conjecture what he will do with it. If he vetoes it, the nation will be disappointed. We hope he will not so entirely disregard the expressed will of his country.

The Bankrupt Bill is yet in the House, but we think will go through. This session of Congress is certainly deeply fraught with interest, and upon no session for years past, have the expectant eyes of the nation been so anxiously fixed. May its wise action tend speedily to allay the distress of the country.

As we are the friend and advocate of truth, in all its shapes and bearings, and believing it is of such a nature it can never suffer from investigation, we, therefore, cordially and freely offer the columns of our humble paper to any chaste and courteous writer who may wish to print any thoughts on the Democratic side of the great questions now before the people. We hold the language of Seneca on this subject:

Qui statuit aliquid, parte inaudita altera, Aequum licet statuerit, hand equus fuit.

"He who decides a case without hearing both parties, tho' his decision may be just, he is himself unjust."

We hope, therefore, our Democratic friends,—if they see fit,—will avail themselves of this invitation, and not afterwards complain of a want of a hearing.

HOME AFFAIRS.

Our streets are like a poor man's life, a good many ups and downs in them. We do hope "the authorities" will soon start the barshare of improvement, and if something is not shortly done,—from what we see left of these sandhills,—a few more real stout rains will trip up our town—entirely.

It would be not a bit of matter if "the authorities" would officially knock a few dogs in the head.

It is down right dangerous to walk the streets after night, but if any more of them,—as we have had a tussle with several,—attack us, we are determined to demean ourself on the most approved plan of self defence, always having on hand a very good piece of well seasoned Democracy.

Dr SMITH, who shot JOSEPH WALKER, of Desoto county, has been retaken, his bail bond quashed, or set aside as illegal, and he committed to jail. He is now up on habeas corpus before the Hon. FREDERICK W. HULING, at this place, Mr. WALKER died last Monday. As the case is being fully investigated, we forbear further comment.

Since writing the above the trial of Dr J. Smith, the court has determined to remand the prisoner to jail to await his trial, it not being a bailable case. Messrs DELAFIELD & BUCKNER, for the prosecution, and Messrs WILSON, CHALMERS and BESANCON, for the defence.

The Attorneys of both sides did themselves great credit, in able and argumentative speeches. The investigation was very full, and we dare say, justice will be ultimately done to both the State and the prisoner.

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There are usually eight sermons preached in this burg every Sabbath.

The health of our town now is death to the Doctors. We always have a sweet refreshing breeze from some quarter of the fair earth.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRICE CURRENT. Marriage Licenses—no sale.

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In the New York American, we find the opinion of Mr. Justice COWEN of the Supreme Court of New York, on the case of McLeod. It appears a very able affair, and the longest opinion of any Court in the United States.

Can any body tell why the *Globe* is like Texas lands?—Do you give it up? Because it lies well.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

There being on last Monday, a little excitement relative to the trial of Dr. J. Smith, which we have noticed in another article, and consequently, an ingathering of the people, and the trial having been postponed until Tuesday for certain causes, some of our candidates thought it a favorable time to drop a word or so, in the ears of the sovereigns of the land. So the Court house bell was rung,—the people gathered at the signal—and Col. J. W. MATTHEWS, arose. Col. M. was a former representative of this county, in the Saturnalian days of Democracy—and is now a down-right, point-blank anti-bond

paying candidate, for the the State Senate. In the beginning of his remarks, he said that he did not come to town "armed and equipped as the law requires" to make a speech, but just wished to give the people a *hint* of what he would do if honored by their suffrage, at the ensuing election. He said he opposed the payment of the Union Bank Bonds upon several grounds, *inter alia*, the following: Admitting the constitutionality of the original charter of the Union Bank, he first denied the constitutionality of the supplementary act. *Secondly*, he asserted that Nic. Biddle, connived at the illegal sale of the Bonds; *Thirdly*: That it was only the supplementary act which made the State a stock jobber in that institution! Here we learn something. He said if the State was not legally bound, it was not morally bound, but that the morality of the thing was in favor of the people preserving the constitution! A sound constitution, and a rotten name, which shall be a reproach in all the polite nations of the earth. These are his arguments, and now we wait calmly for the voice of the people.

After Col. M. hauled in his guns, our whig candidate for the next Congress chanced to be hard-by. Mr. HARLEY hastened upon the stand. Mr. H. soon, with dexterous hand, tore away the trappings of sophistry with which the ingenious Col M. had clothed his "great argument," and exposed its deformity to the ridicule of those who are determined to stand by the State in the hour of her tribulation. Mr. H. having addressed the citizens of this part of the county several times of late, we think it useless to say any thing concerning his effort on this occasion than that he has improved greatly and made the best speech decidedly, we ever heard from him. It is the first time, however, we ever heard him touch the bond question, and we are proud to find him a master of that subject, as he may have occasion to make fight upon that ground, in some parts of the State.

We omitted to say that Mr. M. made a *new question* before the people on that occasion. It was, whether or not a branch of the Bank of the United States, recently chartered by Congress, should be admitted into this State? He is opposed to it of course, like the man who never could eat a "possum" until it was called a pig.

IMPROMPTU.

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WEST TENNESSEE.			
Carroll	1195	425	853
Perry	707	388	584
Henderson	1100	328	387
Gibson	1017	432	212
Haywood	655	544	726
Fayette	1003	864	554
Henry	721	1108	738
McNairy	742	554	
		11263	8660

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
The Chickasaw Baptist Association will hold its next annual session in this place, commencing on Friday the 17th September.
Brethren in the ministry are requested to attend.
Holly Springs, August 24th, 1841

WM. R. HARLEY, one of the Whig Candidates for Congress, will address his fellow citizens at the following places and time:

Place	Day	Time
Belmonte, Panola county.	Saturday	August 27
Panola, " "	Monday	" 30
Pharsalia, " "	Tuesday	" 31
Charleston, Tallahatchie c'ty.	Wednesday	Sept. 1
Oakland, Yallobusha	Thursday	" 2
Coffeenville, " "	Friday	" 3
Grenada, " "	Saturday	" 4
Carrollton, Carroll county	Monday	" 6
Greensboro, Choctaw co.	Wednesday	" 8
Stewart's P. O.	Thursday	" 9
Koskiusko, Attalla, county	Saturday	" 11
Louisville, Winston county	Monday	" 13
Macon, Noxubee county.	Wednesday	" 15
Brooklin, Noxubee county.	Thursday	" 16
Decalb, Kemper county,	Friday	" 17
Okaloosa " "	Saturday	" 18
Marion, Lauderdale county	Monday	" 20
Decatur, Newton county.	Wednesday	" 22
Philadelphia, Neshoba c'ty.	Friday	" 24
Carthage, Leak county,	Monday	" 27
Hillsboro, Scott county	Wednesday	" 29

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

LEGISLATURE.

O. D. WATSON has authorized us to say, that he is a candidate for the next legislature—he has not determined whether he will run for the lower or upper house, but will do so in time for other aspirants.

CIRCUIT JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce ISAAC N. DAVIS, of Panola County, as a candidate for Judge of the 8th Judicial District—election in November next.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

GEORGE A. WILSON, (the present incumbent,) is a Candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of the 8th Judicial District.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT JOSELYN as a candidate for District Attorney for the 8th Judicial District.

CIRCUIT CLERK.

We are authorized and requested to announce JAMES C. ALDERSON, as a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Marshall county—Election in November next. [Paid \$5]

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce Col. HANNIBAL HARRIS, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, of Marshall County.

SAMUEL H. THOMAS presents himself before the citizens of Marshall county, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff at the next November election.

We are authorized to announce WASHINGTON G. L. MORRIS, as a Candidate for the Sheriffity of Marshall County—Election to take place in November next.

PROBATE JUDGE.

A. A. STITH, is a candidate for Judge of the Probate Court of Marshall County.

TAX COLLECTOR.

PETER B. JONES, is a candidate for Tax Collector of Marshall County.

ROBERT J. HOLBROOK, is a candidate for Tax Collector of Marshall county.

We are authorized to announce R. G. KYLE, as a Candidate for Tax Collector of Marshall county.

COUNTY TREASURER.

WOODSON PUCKETT, is a candidate for Treasurer of Marshall county.

RANGER.

We are authorized to announce Maj. J. H. CURREY, as a Candidate for Ranger of Marshall County.

THOMAS A. FALCONER, is a candidate for Ranger of Marshall County.

We are authorized and requested to announce Mr. R. T. FOWLER, as a candidate for Ranger of Marshall county—Election in November next.

CORONER.

We are authorized to announce Wm. H. STILL, as a Candidate for Coroner of Marshall county—Election in November next.

NOTICE.

I WILL present to the Probate Court of Marshall county, at its next October term, my final account as administrator of the estate of SAMUEL KENEY, Deceased, for allowance by said Court; and apply to said Court, for leave to resign my administration of said estate. August 23d, 1841. JOHN SENTELL, Adm'r

DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between LEWIS, PEARCE & NELMS in the practice of law, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. August, 16th, 1841.

GRANVILLE LEWIS,
A. PEARCE,
C. C. NELMS.

August 26—5—tf

LOOK AT THIS.

THOSE wishing to purchase land in Marshall co. Miss. now have an opportunity of getting good bargains, and also, excellent land. As agent for H. S. Smith, I propose to sell Sections 10 & 11, Town 3, Range 4 West, 11 miles North West from Holly Springs, on the road leading from thence to Memphis Ten. Sec. 10 has 6 acres of cleared land, with cabins on it. Both Sections lie well, and are calculated to make a first rate cotton farm or farms. The soil is of superior quality. The above sections can be had at the reduced price of five dollars cash per acre, if sold shortly, or at an advance price on time.—Persons wishing to settle in Marshall county, would probably promote their interest by examining said lands before purchasing elsewhere. As the purchaser must necessarily examine for himself, a minute description is deemed unnecessary. The undersigned lives in the neighborhood of the lands, and would take a pleasure in showing them to any gentleman.

TANDY K. YOUNG.

Aug. 19—4—3m

NOTICE.—All persons in any manner interested in the lands, tenements, and hereditaments of John B. Moore, dec'd., will take notice that I shall apply to the Probate Court of Marshall County, on the first day of the October Term, 1841, of said court for an order to sell the following tracts and parcels of lands of which said Moore, died seized:—To wit—Section 29, section 32, and the South half of section 21, except two acres sold to A. N. Mayer, in township 4, range 2, of the Chickasaw cession, west of basis meridian, and then and there appear and show cause if they have any, why said lands shall not be sold in order to a division.

L. R. GUY, Ex'r. of
J. B. Moore, dec'd.

August 4—2—6w