

THE LIBERTY TICKET.

For President,
JAMES G. BIRNEY,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.
For Vice President,
THOMAS MORRIS,
OF OHIO.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

JACKSON COUNTY.
For Assembly,
THOMAS M'GEE, of Concord,
S. B. TREADWELL, of Jackson,
R. B. REXFORD, of Napoleon.

[We have striken off five thousand copies of the article in to-day's paper, entitled, "Don't throw away your votes," designing them for general distribution. Should the article meet the approbation of our patrons, we shall expect their orders to be sent in immediately at 75 cents per hundred. SEND IN THE MONEY!

SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

The next annual meeting of this body will be held at the city of Detroit, to be opened on Thursday evening, Oct. 13, 1842, with a sermon by the last Moderator, Rev. O. P. Hoyt, commencing at 6 o'clock, precisely.—The anniversaries of the Benevolent Associations connected with Synod, occur at the same time. The attendance of Ministers and Delegates is deemed especially important the present year. In the absence of the Stated Clerk,

ELIAS CHILD, Per. Clerk.

N. B. E. P. Hastings, Robert Stuart, B. F. Larned, Edward Bingham, Horace Hallock, John Kearsy, David French, Elders Pres. Church, Detroit, can be inquired of for accommodations for members of Synod.

WASHITENAW LIBERTY CONVENTION.
A Convention of the Liberty party of Washitena County will be held at Court House in Ann Arbor, on Wednesday, the twenty-first of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M. to nominate candidates for county officers, and for the State Legislature to be supported at the general election in November.

J. FOSTER,
T. B. BARNES,
D. A. MCCOLLUM,
County Corresponding Committee.
Ann Arbor, Aug. 8, 1842.

A Liberty Convention of the second senatorial district will be held at the same place and day with the Washitena Liberty Convention, at two o'clock, P. M. to nominate two candidates for Senators for the State Legislature.

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Washitena Corresponding Committee.

"DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR VOTES."

Such is the cry that has been reiterated in the ears of the friends of Liberty nominations, with great earnestness, since the movement first originated in 1840. It has proceeded from both Whigs and Democrats; and having the independence to vote for men not under the influence of those pro-slavery parties, has been ridiculed, sneered at, and lamented as a piece of absurdity, and Quixotic fanaticism. The latter party, though on the whole, as a body more basely servile, and more entirely obedient to slaveholding dictation than the Whigs, and consequently standing in more complete opposition to the principles of the Liberty party than their opponents, have notwithstanding been less officious than their rivals in presenting us to this advice. We are not to attribute this, however, to their superior friendship for our principles, but it is to be regarded as a matter of policy on their part to present few obstacles to our incipient progress, in the hope, that our growth in strength and years would injure the Whigs far more than it would them. On this account they have been comparatively silent, while from all classes of the other great party—from the bigoted politician, the moralist, the minister of the Gospel, and the sober and candid citizen we have heard the unceasing cry—"Don't throw away your votes, but vote for somebody who can be elected!" This advice has been heard in all the free States, is considered appropriate at all times and occasions, from the election of a President to that of a Postmaster, and as it has been used by the Whigs with much effect in discouraging our friends, we propose to give it a fair and candid examination, in reference chiefly to the present condition of affairs in our own State.

The doctrine implied in the advice is that all votes cast for candidates who are not elected, are thrown away, and might as well have been put into the ballot box. Now, is this a tenable position? If it be, it will follow that all the votes given for Whig candidates for President previous to 1840 were all thrown away, and the whigs electors might as well have staid at home. Will this be admitted? Were the votes of 1836 of no avail towards the 'glorious results' of 1840?—Then think of the many thousand votes the Whigs gave last year for Fuller for Governor, and of some sixty whig nominations for the Legislature, when only five or six members were elected. What charming simplicity was displayed in nominating and voting for them! It was nearly equal to that manifested by the Liberty party in making their nominations!

Again, will the Whigs admit the doctrine that it is foolish to nominate candidates who cannot be elected, and that all votes given for them are thrown away? If they will, we can demonstrate that they not only have thrown them away on former occasions, but that at the very next election they will be guilty of throwing away a great multitude of votes. There are many counties in this State, like Monroe, and Livingston, and Oakland, for example, where the Democratic majority is so large that it is morally certain that the ticket will be elected. Yet the whigs will nominate candidates in those counties knowing they cannot succeed—setting them up with the prospect of sure and certain defeat. Yet in those very counties, the Liberty men will be called upon to throw their votes for Whig candidates, when it is known they cannot be elected, and will be gravely advised not to throw away their

votes on Liberty candidates, when they will do no good!!! Out upon such hypocrisy, we say. Who knows how many may be humbugged in to this very thing? On the principle contended for, that all votes are thrown away which do not elect the candidates for whom they are given, what fool cannot see that the only difference between the Whigs and the Liberty party in those counties, and in all places where the Whigs are in a minority, will be, that the Whigs will enjoy the exquisite pleasure of throwing away many more votes than the Abolitionists! Let them enjoy it to the full if they please, but we say to Liberty men, Don't throw away your votes on whig tickets, To desert your own cause, and lose the election too, would be too disgraceful.

Again, on the principle that votes are thrown away where the candidates are not elected, it will follow that the only way to preserve our votes will be to vote for those who will be elected—in other words, for the strongest party. This is the idea generally held out to view. "Why don't you vote for some body who can be elected?" is a question very frequently asked. Well, gentlemen, if we follow your advice, in those counties where there is a Democratic majority, or where there is a probability that party will succeed, we shall of course vote the Loco-foco ticket, thus preserving our votes from being thrown away. Besides, will not you vote too? Recollect you are in the minority as well as we—"Then don't throw away your votes, but come up to the polls like men, and vote the Loco-foco ticket, which you know will be elected!" Pray, sire, how do you like your own advice?

But the more candid and sensible Whigs will not be silly enough to take this ground, but will contend that our votes are thrown away, not because we may be unsuccessful this year or next, but because there is no prospect of ultimate success. We answer, that this is taking the question at issue for granted. How do they know that? What prophet among them has had his eyes so far unsealed that he has been able to look forward into coming time, and discern the fate of the several parties? If any one has had a revelation on the subject, let him proclaim it; but 'he that has had a dream, let him tell a dream.'

We cannot now enter into a lengthy statement of the reasons for believing that our principles will go forward without retrograding until they attain their final triumph; but we will merely ask the attention of thinking men to the four following considerations. With such, they will have weight.

1. Our enterprise embraces the preservation of the liberties of the free States, the interests of the free colored population, of two and a half millions of slaves, and of the non-slaveholders of the slave States, all whom are oppressed and harassed by the Slave Power which we oppose. We contend, therefore, that the interests of these millions, (more numerous than were our forefathers of the Revolution, *sure of sufficient magnanimity* to constitute the foundation of a national party.
 2. Our principles are undeniably right. In this consideration of no value! Or are we to take it for granted that Log-Cabinism and Hard-Ciderism will always prevail over truth and righteousness?
 3. The advance of civilization—the influence of Christianity—the reforming spirit of the age, and the favorable result of the abolition of slavery in all foreign countries, demonstrate that it must soon come to an end, and there is every reason to believe that it will be accomplished without any retrograde action in connection with the present efforts for its overthrow.
 4. The time is hastening on when there will be only a slavery and an anti-slavery party in the nation. Politicians endeavor to get up and perpetuate other issues, but it is well known that every important move in Congress is debated in reference to its bearings on free labor and slave labor. Besides, we have no evidence that the Whig or Democratic organizations are invested with immortality. On the contrary they are mere temporary combinations of men to accomplish specific objects and when attained, the party organizations will be dissolved, and the materials will be ready for re-combination in any manner public sentiment may then require, and Mr. Tyler's recent acts have been preparing the way for the formal adoption of the anti-slavery issue, by confounding and finally putting to rest many of those points of difference which have hitherto been debated between the contending national parties.
- But to pursue our argument still further, admit that we cannot succeed in what we have undertaken; *is it certain the Whigs can?* Before we throw away our votes on Whig candidates, it may be well to think of this moment. Have the course and success of the Whig party for the last fourteen years been such that we can implicitly rely on their wisdom and good management? What evidence have we that Henry Clay can be elected President in 1844? And if he should be, how do we know what relief would be experienced from Whig Legislation? What substantial relief has the country received since they came into power? True, the blame is all laid on Tyler; but how do we know how many more Tylers may be elected in 1844? It is believed that a careful examination of these points will present to us no very strong inducements for supporting their candidates, even if we cannot elect our own.
- But concede the argument to its fullest extent. Grant that we shall be utterly unsuccessful as a political party, and that the Whigs will be triumphant in every point. Have we any interest in their triumph? What advantage will it be to us that the duellist and man-robbler shall be elevated to the Chair of State, and thus the entire nation be subjected to the dominion of the Slave Power four years longer? Shall we therefore shout and rejoice? Shall anti-slavery men cease because oppression and injustice and violence reign in our national high places, and are impetersonated in the Chief magistracy of our country? We say, No—we have no interest in such triumphs—let those who wish for such results, bring them to pass, if it be so written in the book of fate; but let not our friends do it. Let those who are bent on wickedness do their own work.
- In whatever light, then, we look at it, if we follow the advice that has been so perseveringly urged upon us, even if we should abandon our separate nominations, it will be very certain that we shall not throw away our votes on Whig candidates. We will remember the advice, and make good use of it.
- But some will ask, Cannot there be such a

thing as throwing away one's vote? Undoubtedly there can.

1. Your vote will be virtually thrown away when you refuse or neglect to make use of it.—At any rate, you will lose all opportunity of accomplishing any thing by it, and so far as any good is concerned, you might as well have any share in the political power of the nation.—One primary object of voting is to elect the best man to rule the nation. If every one should refuse to vote, this object would be defeated.—Again, suppose you are a conscientious man, having the good of your country really at heart, and yet you absent yourself from the polls. Suppose every honest, upright man to follow your example, and the consequence will be that the entire political power of the nation will be vested in the hands of rogues and knaves. In this case certainly, the conservative influence for good which the best part of community might exert through their votes would be all lost.
2. Your vote will be thrown away when given for a man incompetent to perform the duties of the office for which he is designated. Should you succeed in electing him, it would be a public misfortune.
3. When given for an indolent or unfaithful man. Negligence in a public officer is often as injurious as dishonesty.
4. When given for a man notoriously vicious or profligate. The elevation of such men to office is a public curse.
5. When given for a man who has no character or responsibility. Look at the reason of this for a moment. You trust a man on two accounts: because he has property, and therefore the means to pay you; or because he has honesty, and consequently the disposition to do you justice. If he has not enough of these to make his credit good with you for a hat or a pair of shoes, depend on it you ought not to trust him to make laws for you, or to fill responsible stations.

A slight consideration of these points will convince any one that it is a very easy matter to throw away one's vote, and that bestowing it for a fool or a scoundrel, even when he is elected, is but a poor way of preserving it.

We have thought proper to say thus much on this subject, at this early day, that it may be seen in its true light. The source from whence this perpetual admonition comes is also deserving of notice. Advice not to throw away our votes on unsuccessful candidates emanates with a poor grace from a minority who are perpetually doing the same the same thing. We are not aware that in this State there is any essential difference in the position of the Whigs and the Liberty party in this respect, save that the former are a larger minority than the latter. But we do not know that we should therefore be held in leading strings by our larger, though not always more successful rival. We are not sensible of being under any great obligations to her for her kindness to us thus far. She did not nurse us in our infancy, when we had none to watch over us, but she was indulgent and merciful, and hid her cruel hands on us, and did all she could to throttle and strangle us, and since that time she has followed us with the appellation of knaves and *'insidious Hypocrites'*, and with continual prophesies of sure and speedy destruction. Have we any interest in sustaining a party that thus manifests continual hostility to our principles, our measures, and even our existence, and wages against us a perpetual warfare, which it is intended shall cease only when our extermination shall have been forever completed?

From the preceding considerations, we would urge upon Liberty men the propriety of respecting themselves as a political party, and preserving inviolate their separate identity. We shall differ from the party which may be in power in the one respect of being in the minority; and even that disgrace or misfortune, if it be so considered, we shall share continually with the other great party so long as it shall continue to exist. While we avoid all bargains and compromises with either of the other parties, let us spare no exertions to advance our principles in every honorable way, being well assured that though a successful issue may be delayed for a season, our labor will not be ultimately in vain.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY; by Marsh Capen, Lyon & Webb, Boston, 1840. This is the title of a series of works now publishing under the supervision of the Board of Education of Massachusetts. Mr. Lamb, of this village, as will be seen in our advertising columns offers for sale all the volumes which have yet been published, being twenty-five of the larger size, and twelve of the juvenile series, which can be had separately or together, for about twenty-seven dollars.

We have looked over the volumes with some attention, and can say that they are superior to any selection of the kind we have seen.—They comprise almost every department of history, science and the arts; but we were particularly suited with the Biographical sketches.—There are two volumes entitled, "Pursuit of Knowledge under Difficulties," compiled by President Weyland; which every youth ought to read. As the annual meetings of the school districts will soon take place in all parts of the State, when arrangements will be made for purchasing school libraries, we recommend this selection to the attention of the trustees.

Leavitt writes from Washington that Mr. Calhoun and his friends are indubitably at work to secure him the nomination for the Presidency well knowing that this is his last chance. They are determined that his claims shall not be postponed for any considerable whatever.—The contest will be between him and Van Buren.

The Washington Globe thus announces the Democratic creed:—
"All at this moment concur in opposition to a National Bank—to a national debt—to a tariff essentially for protection—to internal improvements by the National Government—to ABO-LITION—to distribution—to Federalism in all its shapes. All agree to reduction of expenditures—to reform in the currency—to administrative reforms in all departments—and to the maintenance of the Jeffersonian interpretation of the constitutional powers of government."

Do not forget the County and Senatorial Conventions at Ann Arbor on the 31st.—Let there be a general attendance from every town.

A new trouble threatens the slaveholders. By the law of Congress, each legislative shall make Congressional districts of contiguous terri-

The question arises, shall these districts be determined by the white population, who alone exercise political power; or shall the appointment be made by federal numbers—that is, by adding three-fifths of the slaves to the number of the white population. As only a small portion of the whites are slaveholders, it is obvious that if the whites alone elect their members, without reference to the slave population, in many districts the non-slaveholding interest will largely predominate. The question is already discussing in South Carolina.

Hon. (J) T. F. Marshall has written a letter to the National Intelligencer, justifying himself for fighting the duel with Col. Webb—repudiating the interference of ministers of religion into his affairs of honor, and lamenting the good old days of chivalry, which produced such noble characters as Sir Philip Sidney and Chevalier Bayard.

New Style of Murder.—The idea of putting a man into a ditch four feet deep, for the purpose of getting a fair shot at him, must be a Southern relic not of escape except by turning and running in a direct line.—Louisville Journal.

We lately published something about gambling, and its extensive prevalence among slaveholders. Look at this picture from the Methodist Reformer:

Let the young man who has indulged in the practices of gambling visit our Southern cities, and then see if he would not view it—in all its features and shades—supremely wicked, and the bane of human happiness. Let him see those who make it their business to go from one city to another, from one steamboat to another, for the purpose of making money by clothe and feel themselves—and thus, by indirect stealing!—which I could prove if my limits would allow. Yes! mark the emaciated countenances, the weary eye—quivering lip and hand—hear their horrid imprecations; their menaces to each other; behold the frequent snatching—midnight murder!—and then see if that young man would not acknowledge gambling to be one of the worst of practical

We have received the second number of the "Millenarian, and Literal Interpreter of Prophecy," published at Boston, the object of which seems to be to show that the second coming of Christ will take place next year—or in 1847—or very soon. We say Amen to his coming—the sooner the better. In the mean time, how can his friends be better employed than in freeing the slave, and ministering to those who are sick, and in prison, and hungry, and naked, and robbed, and supplying them with the bread of life? Has he not declared our treatment of them shall be the very test by which we shall be judged at his final coming?

Dr. DALCHO of S. C. says the celebration of the 4th of July belongs exclusively to the whites; the negroes had no concern in the American Revolution, and it is improper to allow these people to be present on the occasions of its celebration, as by listening to the speeches made on those anniversaries, they imbibe false notions of their personal rights.—Such is the sleepless vigilance with which these tyrants watch their victims!

Mr. A. Willey writes to the Liberty Standard that he shall oppose the election of Henry Clay to the presidency—because he is, 1st. A slaveholder; 2d. A murderer; 3d. A robber; 4th. An enemy to human rights; 5th. A despot; 6th.—A devoted supporter of slavery, and 7th.—A president of the Colonization society.

Mr. Willey is a genius. He could teach Tom Benton a new lesson in the art of humping. Mr. Clay must make his peace with Mr. Willey, or he is "gone come!"

We cut the preceding from the Detroit Advertiser. It will be seen that the correctness of all the specifications is not denied. We will merely remark, that if the Editor thinks the charges against Mr. Clay's moral character can be passed off with a laugh and a sneer, by calling them a humping, he greatly mistakes the feelings of the religious part of community. Such a course may succeed well with bar-room politicians, but we trust that the Christian community are not prepared to regard all the specifications above as a matter of indifference. Mr. Clay has attempted to murder a fellow being, but was unsuccessful; and yet for that attempt, if committed in Michigan, he would be liable to twenty years' imprisonment in our State Prison, in company with rogues and felons, and be incapable of holding any office of profit or honor. Is such a crime nothing more than a humping?

Church Action.—The Oberlin Evangelist says:—
"The Church is now the 'bulwark of slavery.' And so long as she refuses to testify against it—so long as she keeps her communion tables and her pulpits open to slaveholders—so long as she receives money into her treasuries, made by enslaving men, she will remain the 'bulwark.' So long as slaveholders are welcomed to the Churches of the north, they will not heed whatever slight rebukes they may hear. Actions speak louder than words. And they will be satisfied with the actions (of approval) be the words what they may. Moreover those churches which refuse to act, will have little or nothing to say, by way of reproof. We are glad there are a few Churches who feel, and dare to do their duty. When this is universal at the North, slaveholders will feel, and will cease."

We are obliged to defer the remainder of Mr. Giddings' speech till next week, in order to make room for the fourth Veto of President Tyler. We publish this last document entire, or there will be a general wish to see it as it is. "L. S." shall have a place next week.

The Western Citizen says of the Indiana election:—"Upon the whole, there will not be as large a number of Liberty votes cast as was anticipated, but a greater number than was ever before polled in this State."

sacrifice of the peace and harmony of the country, and the clearest convictions of public duty.

For some of the reasons which have brought me to this conclusion, I refer to my previous message to Congress, and briefly subjoin the following:

1. This bill unites two subjects, which, so far from having any affinity to one another, are wholly incongruous in their character.—It is both a revenue and an appropriation bill. It thus imposes on the Executive, in the first place, the necessity of either approving that which he would reject, or rejecting that which he might otherwise approve.
- This is a species of constraint to which the judgment of the Executive ought not, in my opinion, be subjected. But that is not my only objection to that act in its present form.—The union of subjects wholly dissimilar in their character in the same bill, if it grew into a practice, would not fail to lead to consequences destructive of all wise and conscientious legislation. Various measures, each a greivance only to a small minority, might, by being thus united, and the more the greater chance of success, lead to the passing of laws, of which no single provision could, if standing alone, command a majority in its favor.
2. While the treasury is in a state of extreme embarrassment, requiring every dollar which it can make available, and when the government is not only to lay additional taxes, but to borrow money to meet pressing demands, the bill proposes to give away a fruitful source of revenue—which is the same thing as raising money by loan or taxation—not to meet the wants of the government, but for distribution, a proceeding which I must regard as highly impolitic if not unconstitutional.

A brief review of the present condition of the public finances will serve to illustrate the true condition of the Treasury, and exhibit its actual necessities. On the 5th of August, (Friday last,) there was in the treasury in round numbers,

	\$2,150,000
Necessary to be retained to meet trust funds,	\$-60,000
To be on public debt due in October,	30,000
To redeem treasury notes and pay the interest	100,000
Land distribution under the act of the 4th Sept. 1841	840,000
	\$1,130,000

Leaving an available amount of \$970,000

The Navy Department have drawn requisitions of the Treasury, at the time, to meet debts actually due, among which are bills under protest for \$1,414,000, thus leaving an actual deficit of \$144,000.

There was on hand about \$100,000 of unissued Treasury notes, assisted by the accruing revenue, amounting to about \$150,000 per week, exclusively of receipts on unpaid bonds, to meet requisitions for the army, and the demands for the civil list.

The withdrawal of the sum of \$8,400,000 to be distributed among the States, so soon as the statements and accounts can be made up and completed, by virtue of the provisions of the act of the 4th September last, of which nearly a moiety goes to a few States, and only about \$338,000 is to be divided among all the States, while it adds materially to the embarrassments of the treasury, affords to the States no decided relief.

No immediate relief from this state of things is anticipated, unless, what would most deeply be deplored, the government could be reconciled to the negotiation of loans already authorized by law; at a rate of discount ruinous in itself, and calculated most seriously to affect the public credit. So great is the depression of trade, that even if the present bill were to become a law, and prove to be productive, some time must elapse before sufficient supplies would flow into the treasury, while, in the meantime, its embarrassments would be continually augmented by the semi-annual distribution of the land proceeds.

Indeed, there is but too much ground to apprehend that even if this bill were permitted to become a law, alienating as it does the proceeds of the land sales, an actual deficit in the Treasury would occur which would more than probably involve the necessity of a resort to direct taxation.

Let it be also remarked, that \$5,500,000 of the public debt becomes redeemable in about two years and a half, which at any sacrifice, must be met while the Treasury is always liable to demands for the payment of outstanding Treasury notes. Such is the gloomy picture which our financial department now presents, and which calls for the exercise of a rigid economy in the public expenditure, and the rendering available of all the means within the control of the government.

I most respectfully submit, whether this is a time to give away the proceeds of the land sales, when the public lands constitute a fund which of all others, may be made most useful in sustaining the public credit. Can the government be generous and munificent to others when every dollar it can command is necessary to supply its own wants? And if congress would not hesitate to suffer the provisions of the act of 4th September last to remain unrepaid in case the country was involved in war, is not the necessity for such a course now just as imperative as it would be then?

3. A third objection remains to be urged, which would be sufficient, in itself, to induce me to return the bill to the House with my objections. By uniting two subjects so incongruous as Tariff and Distribution, it inevitably makes the fate of the one dependent upon that of the other in future contests of party.—Can any thing be more fatal to the merchant or manufacturer than such an alliance? What they most of all require is a system of moderate duties, so arranged as to withdraw the Tariff question, as far as possible, completely from the arena of political contention.

Their chief want is permanency and stability. Such an increase of the Tariff, I believe to be necessary, in order to meet the economical expenditures of government. Such an increase, made in the spirit of moderation and judicious discrimination, would, I have no doubt, be entirely satisfactory to the great majority of the American people. In the way of accomplishing a measure so salutary and so imperatively demanded by every public interest, the Legislative department will meet with a cordial co-operation on the part of the Executive.

This is all that the manufacturer can desire, and it would be a burden readily borne by the people. But I cannot too earnestly repeat, that in order to be beneficial it must be permanent, and in order to be permanent it must command general acquiescence. But can such permanency be justly hoped for by the Tariff question being coupled with that of Distribution, as to which a serious conflict of opinion exists among the states and the people, which enlists in its support a bare majority of the two houses of Congress? What permanency or stability can attach to a measure which warring upon itself, gives away a fruitful source of

