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FOR PRESIDENT: JAMES BUCHANAN.

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THE CAMPAIGN YEAR—A GOOD Omen.

The most encouraging sign of the popularity of James Buchanan, and of the probability of his being nominated for the Presidency is found in the fact that he is lately assailed by his opponents. They feel, as some of them candidly admit, that his nomination would be the death of their hopes and aspirations. They feel so fully assured that Mr. Buchanan would carry this State by an overwhelming majority, and that that one fact would determine the contest next fall. Hence it is that he is assailed with unusual bitterness by a vigorous and earnest opposition.

It is usual, however, for the person assuming the degrading office to withhold his falsehood till the candidate is nominated. But in this instance there is a different policy. To wait for Buchanan's nomination is to wait for the certainty of his election. His nomination must be presented or all is lost, and the loss is felt from the teeming brain of the campaign chandler two whole months before the nominating convention meets. He is fully prepared, as Fabian recommends, to "be ready," but he forgets the other part of the recommendation, to "be discreet." His indiscretion in beginning too soon, the half of his falsehoods will be totally forgotten before some of the other half is published, and they are deemed worthless.

But we will first notice some of the charges which contain a small modicum of truth, and which therefore exhibit the utter lack of discretion with which the campaign falder is afflicted. He says Mr. Buchanan voted for a protective tariff in 1842. We cannot see how that is to be a crime. It was a tariff which was adopted, as he was, as Secretary of State, and busily engaged in the Mexican and Oregon negotiations. It cannot be shown that he had any agency whatever in making that tariff, and if he had, he might safely stand upon its merits. It is not a subject of controversy now, and ten years of successful trade has satisfied nine-tenths of the people that we need no more protection than it affords. It is a good one, and all that is wanted is a continuation of the policy of that act, with such modifications from time to time as changing circumstances and the avoidance of surplus revenue may require.

It is also charged that while Mr. Buchanan was Secretary of State the Oregon question was settled with England, and that after contending for our right to clear up the line of 54th Mr. Polk and his cabinet compromised on the 42nd line. It is true, that the subject was first submitted to the U. S. Senate, and that they recommended exactly what was done by a vote of two to one in its favor. We were at war with Mexico, and there was a chance of a treaty with England at the same time. Was it wrong for the President, under such circumstances, to ask the advice of the Senate? Are his conditional advisers, and when the Senate had given its advice, with a great degree of unanimity, was it wrong for the President to accept it? And when he determined to act in accordance with the Senate's advice was it wrong for Mr. Buchanan, as his Secretary, to carry out the policy of the President and Secretary? It is not a subject of controversy now, and ten years of successful trade has satisfied nine-tenths of the people that we need no more protection than it affords.

Again, the Harriburg man says that in 1843, the treaty was made, and that Mr. Buchanan was opposed to the extension of slavery. That is a great crime, and a crime that many of the first men in the country, both North and South, were then guilty of. And that to damage Mr. Buchanan, it is true, that the subject was first submitted to the U. S. Senate, and that they recommended exactly what was done by a vote of two to one in its favor. We were at war with Mexico, and there was a chance of a treaty with England at the same time. Was it wrong for the President, under such circumstances, to ask the advice of the Senate? Are his conditional advisers, and when the Senate had given its advice, with a great degree of unanimity, was it wrong for the President to accept it? And when he determined to act in accordance with the Senate's advice was it wrong for Mr. Buchanan, as his Secretary, to carry out the policy of the President and Secretary? It is not a subject of controversy now, and ten years of successful trade has satisfied nine-tenths of the people that we need no more protection than it affords.

So far, then, we find no great crime fastened upon the long tried statesman. But when the Harriburg man says that he had become aware that he was making a case for another man against our candidate, and he suddenly launched out into his invective; says Mr. Buchanan did gross injustice to Henry Clay thirty years ago; that he was once a Federalist; that he made too much money out of the revenue mission; that he didn't carry out the Monroe doctrine; that he got Judge Campbell appointed Postmaster General; that he recommended the steaming of Cuba, &c. Only a few of these deserve any notice.

Mr. Buchanan was a political opponent of Henry Clay, of course, but not a personal enemy. He was a warm friend of Gen. Jackson, and entered earnestly into the contest that made Jackson President. He recommended the purchase of Louisiana, and he announced the opinion that if the possession of that island was absolutely essential to our safety as a nation, and Spain refused to sell it, we had a right to take possession of it by force. It is in this last respect that every writer on international law lays down as a well settled principle. Every nation has a right to employ its power to provide for its safety and peace. Suppose, for instance, that England were the mouth of the Ohio, and by force possessed an Island in the Mississippi river, just opposite the mouth of the Ohio, and by force constantly interfered with our navigation, and embarrassed all our commerce upon the western

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. DR. CALVIN M. FITCH.

HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM EUROPE, I have had the honor to receive from you a copy of your pamphlet on "Throat and Pulmonary Diseases, Consumption, Asthma, Chronic Bronchitis, etc." I have read it with interest and pleasure, and I am glad to see that you have so fully and so ably treated these diseases.

Dr. Calvin M. Fitch, M.D., has a long and successful career in the medical profession. He is a native of New York, and has spent most of his life in that State. He has been a member of the New York State Medical Society, and has held various offices in that organization. He is a man of high character and ability, and his work is highly respected.

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