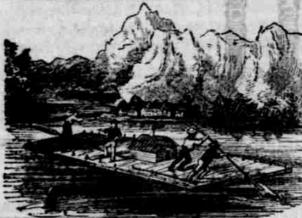


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CLEARFIELD, PA., SEPT. 12, 1860.

- FOR PRESIDENT, HON. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, OF ILLINOIS. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, HON. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, OF MAINE. FOR GOVERNOR, HON. ANDREW G. CURTIN, OF CENTRE CO. FOR CONGRESS, GEN. JOHN PATTON, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY. FOR ASSEMBLY, ISAAC G. GORDON, OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. SAMUEL M. LAWRENCE, OF ELK COUNTY. FOR COMMISSIONER, ALEX. MURRAY, OF GIRARD TOWNSHIP. FOR AUDITOR, ELLIS IRWIN, OF GOEBEN TOWNSHIP.

WHERE HE STANDS. If we were to ask any intelligent Democrat where to look for the "leading principles" of his party, would he not at once direct us to the platform adopted by his party in National Convention? And when we assert that "all the leading principles of the Republican party are in accordance with Gen. Patton's settled convictions and feelings," would not every reasonable and fair-dealing man just as naturally seek for those principles in the National Platform constructed at Chicago? This, however, the astute editors of the Clearfield Republican seem determined not to do. Fearing to meet manfully the real issues of the campaign, they attempt to withdraw attention from them and their candidate by imputing to Gen. Patton the advocacy of views which they think find no favor with the masses. But their game won't work. The great questions that are now before the people cannot be avoided. Gen. Patton has no disposition to avoid them, and in order that the editors of the Republican may be saved the trouble of reading our platform—they evidently having a strong aversion to perusing platforms of any description just now—we will, out of consideration for their feelings, state, in as succinct a manner as possible, where the General does stand:

- He is in favor of the maintenance of the Constitution, the preservation of the Union, and the enforcement of the laws; He is in favor of protecting the several States in all their rights, as well as against lawless invasion by armed force, no matter under what pretext it may be attempted; He is in favor of a Protective Tariff; He is in favor of a Homestead Bill; He is in favor of a Pacific Railroad; He is in favor of River and Harbor Improvements by the General Government; He is in favor of the immediate admission of Kansas under the Constitution recently formed and adopted by her people; He is opposed to interfering with Slavery in the Southern States; He is opposed to extending Slavery, believing that "the normal condition of the Territories of the United States is that of Freedom;" He is opposed to the re-opening of the African Slave Trade; regarding it as "a crime against humanity—a burning shame to our country and age;" He is opposed to the new dogma that the Constitution, of its own force, carries Slavery into the Territories; and hence to the passage by Congress of a code for its protection in those territories; He is opposed to extravagance, fraud and corruption in the management of the affairs of the Nation.

These are the "leading principles of the Republican party," as set forth in the platform adopted at Chicago, and are questions upon which a Congressman will be called to act. That platform, and that alone, can properly be consulted to ascertain what the "leading principles" of the party are. A resolution, offered, inconsiderately perhaps, by an individual in Congress, or measures of doubtful practicality suggested by some extremist, are no part of those principles, and the efforts that are being made to fasten them on any of our candidates, must be the offspring of a cowardly, if not a malicious disposition, which impels its possessor to "bear false witness against his neighbor." All the twattle of the Republican about the Blake Resolution and Helpmiser is mere clap-trap and stuff, designed to humbug and frighten unsuspecting and timid persons, and to divert their attention from the real issues involved in the contest. Those issues, the principles enunciated in the various platforms, and the attitudes the several candidates occupy in regard to them, we are at any time willing to discuss freely and fully; but such balderdash as appears in the last Clearfield Republican, neither merits an answer nor requires a denial. We have a firm reliance that the common sense of its readers will induce them to put a proper construction upon its articles about "convictions and feelings."

ILLINOIS.—The fires are burning brightly in the Prairie State. In the Chicago Press & Tribune before us we have the record of three Republican mass meetings, with headings as follows: "Mass Meeting at Woodstock—12,000 Republicans in Council;" "Grand Demonstration at Kankakee—12,000 present;" "Immense Gathering at Peoria—80,000 Republicans out—5,000 Wide Awakes in procession." Such reports appear every day. The village meetings are never less than 2,000; the county meetings range from 5,000 to 10,000; and the meetings embracing two or three counties from 12,000 to 80,000. It is all up with Douglas in that State.

At a Democratic meeting held recently in this county a resolution was passed setting forth, among other things that Henry D. Foster's "individual efforts to procure a modification of the present Republican tariff, have endeared him to the people of this State."

The man who wrote that must be either a knave or a fool—he must be either ignorant of the facts, or he must have known that the "present" tariff is not a "Republican" tariff. And what are the facts? We will give them as we find them in an article in the Columbia Republican:—

"In the first place, during the session of Congress at which the Tariff of '46 was repealed the Republicans had not the majority, else why did it take them more than six weeks to elect a Speaker? In the second place, was there not a Democratic Senate, and a Democratic President? And the merest tyro in politics is aware that no measure can pass over the heads of these. But in the third place we turn to the record and there we find that the Tariff of '57 is Democratic to the core. Upon the opening of the short session of the Thirty-Fourth Congress, in December 1856, it was evident that a modification of the tariff of 1846 would take place before its close. The adoption of a policy more in accordance with the principles of free trade was resolutely followed in most of the Democratic Journals. There was a balance in the United States Treasury of some twenty eight millions of dollars; the Democratic party was in power, and the Secretary of the Treasury—Mr. Guthrie—recommended a reduction of the rates of duty. Mr. Banks, having been elected Speaker of the House, had appointed a Committee on Ways and Means, the complexion of which was six for protection to three against it. For a period of seven months all the efforts of Free Trade Democrats to make railroad iron duty free, and to reduce the tariff, were prevented by a reference to this Committee. But as the Democracy threatened daily to report a bill reducing the tariff, and particularly to make railroad iron duty free, the Committee of Ways and Means of the House, at last reported a tariff bill, which was protective, and the principle of which was—the Committee refused to reduce the rates on any article requiring protection. Coal and iron were not touched. A free list of articles was extended; thus creating the greater necessity of collecting the revenue from those foreign articles which enter into competition with articles of American growth and manufacture. The House Tariff Bill was considered by the friends of protection, many of whom were in Washington at the time, as the most favorable bill, under the circumstances, that could be passed; that it would prevent the repeal of the duty on railroad iron and afford protection to our manufacturers generally. The duties on iron, wool, &c., were reduced, and a measure which was protective in its essential features, was by a free trade Democratic Senate made more ruinous to our manufacturing interests than the bill of 1846. When the bill was reported back to the House, the Pennsylvania members generally voting to non-concur. A conference was asked for and granted; and although the Committee of Conference was not so radical a reduction, it was still almost a horizontal decrease in many articles requiring protection—iron among the rest. Those from Pennsylvania who voted in the House for the Tariff act of 1857, were as follows:—Barclay, Cadwallader, and Florence—all Democrats. Those who voted against that act were:—Allison, Bradshaw, Broom, Campbell, Covode, Edie, Fuller, Knight, Kunkel, Milward, Packer, Purviance, Roberts, Todd and Tyson—17. The Bill then went to the Democratic Senate, and was referred to the Committee on Finance, of which Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, an out and out free trader, was Chairman. By that Committee the duties were reduced, and the schedules changed. The duties on iron, wool, &c., were reduced, and a measure which was protective in its essential features, was by a free trade Democratic Senate made more ruinous to our manufacturing interests than the bill of 1846. When the bill was reported back to the House, the Pennsylvania members generally voting to non-concur. A conference was asked for and granted; and although the Committee of Conference was not so radical a reduction, it was still almost a horizontal decrease in many articles requiring protection—iron among the rest. Those from Pennsylvania who voted in the House for the Tariff act of 1857, were as follows:—Barclay, Cadwallader, and Florence—all Democrats. Those who voted against that act were:—Allison, Bradshaw, Broom, Campbell, Covode, Edie, Fuller, Knight, Kunkel, Milward, Packer, Purviance, Roberts, Todd and Tyson—all American Republicans except Packer. The rest of the delegation, who were Democrats, dodged the matter in toto.

Now these being the facts, as gleaned from the record, the man who asserts that the Tariff of 1857 is a Republican measure, does it through ignorance, or with the design to dupe and deceive. And the man who would design to deceive the unwary in a matter of such moment, is a knave.

FOSTER STILL IN THE WOODS. Gen. Foster, the Democratic candidate for Governor, made a speech at Somerset on the 27th ult., that being the first place he was heard of after he was lost in the woods at Crescon. According to a report of his speech furnished the Philadelphia Press, he advocated the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty. A few days, after, the Pennsylvania, the Breckinridge organ, declared the statements of the Press, to be false, and that Gen. Foster had made no such remarks there or elsewhere. Its denial gains significance from the fact that Gen. Foster himself was at that time in Philadelphia, in communion with leaders of the Breckinridge faction. Hereupon the Press demands that Gen. Foster shall say whether the report of his speech published by it correct or not, ending its article thus:—

"The earnest friends of Judge Douglas, however they may deplore Gen. Foster's weakness, in constantly consulting with the enemies of that illustrious statesman, gladly greet his Somerset speech in favor of the great principle of self-Government; and they stand, and stand, ready to vote for him on that avowed issue. But there must be no marked cards, no loaded dice in this great game. Gen. Foster cannot run upon two platforms. He cannot make a speech in Somerset and disavow it in Philadelphia. He cannot get the tens of thousands of votes of the Douglas Democrats by catering for the contemptible Breckinridge minority. His silence might have carried him through; but with the tongue, it must be with no forked tongue. Does he stand by his Somerset speech, or does he repudiate it? That is the question. He must answer it or the people will do it for him in October."

ALL HAIL, VERMONT!—The Republicans of Vermont have achieved more than their usual victory. They have not only swept the State, but swept it by 20,000 majority. The Democratic party in that State is about wiped out. This is an inkling of what is to follow. Maine comes next, and will roll up a majority ahead of 1856. That every other free State in the Union will take the same road, is no longer a matter of doubt. The election of Blair and Rollins in Missouri was the first gun of the campaign. This is the second. The victory in Maine will tread fast upon the heels of that in Vermont, and then will come the turn of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, in October. Get ready, boys, for the fight and the assured triumph that awaits us.

—The People's Party Convention of Chester County unanimously nominated Hon. John Hickman for Congress.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE JOURNAL.

SOMERSET, PA., SEPT. 7, 1860. DEAR JOURNAL:—Nothing of special importance transpired on the way to Tyrone. In passing over the mountain, however, we (the stage) took in several rustic ladies. One, a dark skinned, black-eyed, black-haired girl, had nothing to say; until she arrived at her destination, when she jumped out, and exclaimed, "Good bye, gentlemen!" forgetting our lady passengers. The other was a slender, fair-skinned girl, who was "going over to the coalin" where her uncle had shot himself, several weeks since."

At Tyrone we took the cars to Johnstown, and on arriving at the latter place, we were taken in by a hack-driver, and when in front of the Mansion House, we were taken in again; but shortly after we took in a reasonable share of "wittels," after which we felt somewhat relieved. The following morning I visited the Cambria Tribune office, and found Messrs. Bowman and Swank, the editors, very clever and pleasant gentlemen, who are doing good service for "Old Abe." After looking around this mountain city, we wended our way to the Glades of Somerset.

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