

From the Cincinnati Gazette.  
**GENERAL HARRISON'S SPEECH.**  
At the Dayton Convention, held 10th September, 1840.

The Convention was organized by calling to the Chair, Ex Governor Metcalfe of Kentucky, and appointing 19 Vice Presidents, 12 from Long-whigs, 7 from Free Soil, 1 from Anti-slavery, and 1 from Missouri. Miller, of Mississippi, Governor Buger, of Indiana, Ex-Governor Vance, of Ohio, & W. S. Shelton, of Louisiana Secretary.

After a brief and noisy address, selecting the Old Guard, the Dayton, from Judge Crane, and the Vice President of the Army, General Harrison rose and in a plaintive, mournful voice that was heard by every man of the immense multitude before him, addressed the Convention for nearly two hours. The appearance of General Harrison was like a ray of light through clouds of smoke, for several minutes. He looks well, is in excellent health, and speaks with a fervor and animation belonging rather to youth than to age. Compared with other men whom the writer of this has lately seen, and least seen in years, he is the most interesting of matter. The fire of his eye is not dimmed by age, nor has the strength of mind suffered in the least. He will go into the Presidential Chair, a veteran in wisdom and experience, and he will grasp the helm of state with a steady hand, and from that hour forward, the people will trust their government after the People's will.

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I rise, fellow citizens.—(The multitude was here agitated as the sea, when it was full wind, before the joyful exultation of victory, and it was full five minutes before the tumult of joy, at seeing and hearing the speech of the People's State could be calmed.)—I rise, fellow citizens, to express my warmest thanks for the kind and flattering manner in which I have been received by the representatives of the Valley of the Miami. I rise, to say to you, that, however magnificent my record may be, I am not entitled to claim for me—that this glorious triumph entry was designed for one individual. No. I know too well that person's imperfections, to believe, that this vast assemblage has come up here to do him honor. It is the spirit of the nation, which Right has brought them here. (Immensely cheering.) It is the proud anniversary of one of the brightest victories that glows on the pages of our country's history, which hath summed this multitude together! (Frenzied cheering.)

Father, it was about this time of day, twenty years ago, that your speaker, as Commander-in-Chief of the Northwestern Army, was plunged into an agony of feeling, when the campaign front our gallant army was in action with the enemy. His hopes, his fears, were destined to be soon quieted, for the tidings of victory were brought to him on the wings of the wind. With the eagle of triumph perching upon our banners on the lake, I moved on to ascertain the extent of our foreign foe. The success of that armada must be forgotten, for every American has cause to rejoice at the triumph of our arms on that momentous occasion; by the brave and gallant heart of victory is gone, gone to that comittee we are all hurrying and hastening to the scenes of revolution due to the deeds of illustrious patriots. From Heaven, does his soul眷注 upon us, and gladden at the virtues which still animate his generous countrymen in recurring to his noble and glorious career while on earth. (Great cheering for several seconds.) And now, my fellow citizens, that you expect from me some opinion upon the various questions which now agitate our country, from centre to circumference, with such force contention. Calmly, but firmly, I proclaim, that I am averse to doing violence on matters interesting to you, but nothing can be more false. (Cheers.)

Have I not declared, over and often, that the President of this Union does not control any part or portion of the Legislative body?—But I pledge myself, (I mean, I have, you have,) that I will not, often, that the Executive should not by any act of his, forestall the action of the National Legislature? (You have, you have!)

I have not, time out of mind, proclaimed my opposition to a citizen's going forward and voting for the President. (Cheering.) I have, however, in that opinion, no man ought to aspire to the Presidency of these United States, unless he is designated as a candidate for that high office by the unbought wishes of the people. (Cheering.) If it becomes for him to be chosen, he will be deservedly a son or a master of the people; they will come to the determination of sustaining such a man, from the review of his past actions and life, and they will not stop, during his late years. The Federal party took ground against the war, and against me, who would promise most, would be the man to be voted for, and I have no hesitating in defining my belief, that he who would subvert his country, and his people, by pledges and promises, would not stop, when once in office. (Cheering.)

This is Federalism! (No, no, no.) Are my views on this topic correct, or are they not? (With one voice the multitude indicated they were.)

In this country, we examine the history of all Republics, we shall find, that they reaped from the purity of a Representative Government, the condition of obsequious office was the making of promises. He who had the highest in promises was the favored candidate, and the higher the favor, the more marked and certain the cor-

ruption. Look at the progress of this thing in our own Republic. Were any pledges required of your Washington, or your Adams? Adams was the candidate of the Federal party, and, as a statesman, was bound to carry out the principles of his party. (Waves his hat.) Thomas Jefferson, the high priest of Democracy, called on for pledges! No! His whole life was a pledge of what he would do. And if we go back to this system of selecting men for the Presidency, whose path career shall be a guarantee of their conduct, we shall find, that the nation would advance safely, rapidly and surely, in the path of prosperity. But of late years, the corruption of the Constitution has been adopted. The Presidency has been put up to the highest bidder in promises, and every effort has been made to attract this power to the hands of several minutes. He looks well, is in excellent health, and speaks with a fervor and animation belonging rather to youth than to age. Compared with other men whom the writer of this has lately seen, and least seen in years, he is the most interesting of matter.

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