

THE FREE TRADER.

OTTAWA, Friday, September 25, 1846.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Opposition to a National Bank, as fraught with danger to our free institutions and to the liberties of the people, from its necessarily great and controlling power over the general currency and business of the country. Opposition to the present Banking System, as defective in principle and unsafe in practice, and requiring a radical reform. A total separation of the fiscal concerns of Government from all Banking Institutions, as the best guarantee for the preservation of our National Independence. Encouragement to all Banks, based upon sound principles, with the ability and disposition at all times to redeem their bills in gold and silver, and an express provision in all Bank Charters, requiring ample security to be given to the State for the redemption of their issues in specie on demand, and the perpetual subjection of all acts of incorporation to the control of the Legislature.

Agents for the Illinois Free Trader.

The following gentlemen are authorized to act as agents of this paper, viz:

- M. MOTT, } Peru, La Salle county, Ill.
 - F. M'DIARMID, }
 - D. S. EBERSOL, mail contractor.
 - C. G. MILLER, Dayton.
 - A. O. SMITH, Smith's Mills.
 - JASON GURLEY, Troy Grove.
 - L. W. DIMMOCK, Vermillionville.
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 - E. W. REYNOLDS, P. M. Pontiac.
 - REES MORGAN, Morgan's Mill.
 - JAMES G. CLAPP, Bristol, Kane Co. Ill.
 - WILLIAM RANNEY, near Van Buren.
 - WILLIAM K. BROWN, Sunbury, Illinois.
 - HENRY HICKS, Hicks' mill, De Kalb Co. Ill.
- Post Masters, and other individuals residing in La Salle and the adjoining counties, who are willing to act as agents in their respective neighborhoods, will please make the same known to us, by mail or otherwise.

From the Erie Observer.

**THE GLORIOUS TENT!!!
THE WEST IN MOTION!!**

We have met the Enemy and they are ours.

On Tuesday, the 8th, the people began to arrive in town from different sections of the State, and the intelligence they brought satisfied us that the Convention of the Tenth would be a proud and glorious era for the Democracy of the West. The curious observer was by this time engaged to estimate the relative force of British whiggery and the incorruptible Democracy. No man we saw estimated our strength at less than five to their one, and many claimed twenty to one. A circumstance may serve as a guide to the judgment. On Tuesday evening the whigs held a meeting at their log cabin, and it required loud, long, and oft repeat-

ted in her hour of arrival, created a great scene of bustle at the dock. The Buffalo Brigade, at the head of whom was Brigadier General Randall, and Staff, made a most splendid and imposing appearance, and their arrival at the public square seemed a general signal for the whole assemblage of the borough to fall in the rear and follow to the encampment. At the moment this great crowd were passing out 6th street to the encampment, the procession from the south, three miles in length, began to enter the town on state street. The impassable throng filling the public square and the whole length of 6th street to the encampment, compelled this procession to diverge to French street, follow French street nearly to the Lake, to cross from French over State to Peack street, up Peach, to 6th street and then fall in behind the moving throng passing to the place of encampment. This procession had hardly passed out of town, when the innumerable hosts of Chautauque, Cattaraugus, and Erie counties, N. Y., and the eastern portion of Erie county, Pa., two miles long, came in mighty phalanx on their track.—Next came in the democracy from the Buck-eye state, accompanied by the western portion of this county, the hosts of Fayette, Beaver, Butler, Mercer and several other counties of the good old Keystone, headed by the Fayette county Band, driving at a rapid pace in procession more than five miles in length. These, together with the myriads who arrived in smaller processions of fifties and hundreds, comprised one of the greatest and most enthusiastic assemblages of democratic freemen ever beheld in the western country.

More "declarations for the Public Eye."

Another Letter.

The Chicago Tribune says, "It gives us pleasure to lay before our readers the following correspondence between a worthy citizen of this place, and the President of the United States, which very emphatically nails the calumny to the counter. Get a similar denial from Gen. Harrison if you can, Mr. American; perhaps to accommodate a friend, the Gen. may open his heart and answer."

*To his Excellency Martin Van Buren,
President of the United States.*

May it please your Excellency to permit me, a foreigner, a naturalized citizen, a resident for the last 18 years of these United States, and one who has, and will under any circumstances support our present Administration, respectfully to ask your Excellency if over you expressed the following sentiment that has been pub-

post masters, who now freckle our state in every direction. And we have confidence in the ability of the democratic portion of our legislature to agree upon such a man in a democratic convention, if the present ill-timed individual exertions do not create, as it is natural they should, too strong private animosities.

We hope no member will make a single pledge for this officer or any other, but will support in the democratic convention the one he believes will do the most to win the praise of democrats and the abuse of whigs, remembering that, up to this day, there has always been a singular fatality among the Illinois democratic delegation which causes a few anti-democratic acts occasionally among the very best of them. But, above all things, let us have a man of talents and industry, one who can defend his constituents ably in Congress and will go around and address the people in vacation. We have several such gentlemen in our ranks and the election of either will satisfy us.

Chicago Morning Democrat.

9/25/1846 **OBITUARY.**

COMMUNICATED.

DIED—On Tuesday Evening, Sept. 22d, of Chronic Gastritis, Miss SARAH WILLI, formerly of Pennsylvania.

Painful and lingering as was her complaint, she bore it with Christian fortitude. Aware of its ultimate issue, her mind was fully prepared for it. In another and a better world she will join in sweet communion with those who have left earth before her. Her loss will be long deplored by those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Kind-hearted and amiable as she was, she is lost to us, and has gone to add one more to the good and virtuous, in the mansions above "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." A.

At this place, on Sunday the 13th inst. SARAH JANE, infant daughter of Matthew Cawker, aged 3 months.

**Arrivals and Departures of the
MAILS.**

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

The contract time for the arrival of the eastern mail from Chicago is daily, except Saturdays, by 9 o'clock P. M. Departure daily, except Sundays, at 3 o'clock A. M.

The south-western mail from Peoria, via Black Partridge, Crow Meadow, Magnolia, Point Republic and Vermillionville arrives 3 times a week, by 8 o'clock P. M. and departs on the same days at 3 o'clock A. M. by the way of Rome, Henry, Lacon, Hennepin and Peru, every alternate day at the same hours.

Tri-weekly mail up Fox River, via Dayton, Northville, Pennsfield, Bristol, Oswego and Aurora to La Fox (Geneva) arrives every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 8 o'clock P. M. and departs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday