

OLD TIME POLITICAL TOASTS.

At a Clay meeting, held in a woods along the Maytown road, now owned by A. Hiestand, near Marietta, in the year 1836, my father, Alex. L. Evans, was appointed to write regular toasts. They express the bitterness of political parties at that time. I was present at the meeting, but cannot recall the exact date. I had a jolly time, with other boys, in the woods.—Samuel Evans.

The Toasts.

The following were the toasts:

“1. The Day We Celebrate—Sacred to the cause of Freedom, and an especially appropriate occasion to rebuke the vaulting ambition of those servants of the people high in office who aspire to become their masters.

“2. The Memory of the Only Washington—It remains fresh and unrivalled in the hearts of his countrymen. ‘Expressive silence, muse his praise.’

“3. Lafayette—The apostle of liberty in two hemispheres and her consistent advocate in three revolutions. While the mountains of our country stand and her rivers continue to flow, his name will be borne on the applauding breath of her grateful citizens.

“4. The Present Administration—A sink of the vilest iniquity, rotten to the core, supported by the lavish waste of the public funds in buying satellites and praised only by those who are paid for their subserviency. An indignant people, jealous of their liberties, will prostrate it in the dust.

"5. The Senate of the United States—A band of incorruptible patriots—worthy descendants of the Whigs of '76—they have stood firm in the breach broken by an usurping executive in the constitution of the country and have stayed the progress of the proud oppressor. 'Well done, faithful servants' of the people.

"6. The Patriots of the Revolution—They have gone to their rest and are looking down from their seats in eternity upon the land which they bled to emancipate. Will their children permit them to behold the painful spectacle of those institutions which they established becoming the prey of venal panders to an unprincipled lust of power and of the vile spirit of man-worship?

"7. Martin Van Buren—A political Fox whom a sagacious people will track in spite of all his doublings to his den and bag him at the polls.

"8. The General Postoffice—Prostituted to the vilest purposes of bribery and corruption; expending the public funds in purchasing supporters and rewarding favorites with extra allowances; buying up the press with newspaper privileges and mail contracts; interfering in elections by the instruments whom it has taken into its employment and pays with the people's money. It is now bankrupt in consequence of its effort to reduce freemen to the base attitude of cowering slaves.

"9. Pennsylvania—Her voice is the voice of honesty and speaks with authority in the public councils. She has supported Andrew Jackson until she could no longer shut her eyes to the iniquities of his administration. She is now redeemed, and her indignant rebuke at the polls will lay the usurper low and crush the minions that bask in the sunshine of his favor.

"10. George Wolf—His truckling obedience to the commands of party, his disregard of the voice of conscience, and his contemptible inconsistency in eating his own words at the prescription of his masters, have deprived him of the confidence and respect of the people and made him a fit animal to crawl in the slime at the footstool of power.

"11. The Kitchen Cabinet—Although they have concealed themselves in the chimney corner and attempted to 'rule the roost' in darkness they have been smoked out, and the renegades and bravos—the sleek and pampered feeders on Treasury pap—will soon feel the vengeance of an insulted people and fall, 'like Lucifer, never to rise again.'

"12. The Elective Franchise—The legitimate mode of expressing the opinions of the sovereign people. Through it in decency and order the harpies who grow fat on the sufferings of a distressed community and would fain trample our laws in the dust, shall hear the awful tidings of their loss of office and of the public crib and be expelled from the enjoyment of the rewards which should be bestowed only on the patriotic and honest citizens.

"13. The American Fair—Always advocates of liberty, they teach us an important lesson by setting before our eyes the advantages of 'union.' "

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