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Thursday Morning, Nov. 1, 1860.

OUR PLATFORM.

The Constitution of the Country, the Union of the States, and the enforcement of the Laws.

ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOV. 6, 1860.

FOR PRESIDENT.

JOHN BELL,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

EDWARD EVERETT,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DELEGATES.

L. B. CHANDLER, of Norfolk City;
J. T. COOPER, of Petersburg;
W. H. COOPER, of Hanover;
John E. THORNTON, of Prince Edward;
James P. KIRK, of Roanoke;
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J. C. ROBERTSON, of Richmond;
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J. W. STODDARD, of Staunton;
F. M. STODDARD, of Charlottesville;
J. T. STEPHENS, of Montgomery;
WALTER FOSTER, of Washington;
John D. WOOD, of Roanoke;
Alfred B. GREENWELL, of Ohio.

Be it remembered that the election takes place **TUESDAY** the 6th November, and will last one day only, rain or shine.

Strike four o'clock and your first stroke for the green grass of your sire's land! God and your native land!

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friends of the UNION,

Stand Firm!

Be not diverted from the path of duty by the clamor of demagogues and secessionists who talk about a "United South." They first divide their own party, and endanger the Union, and then have the effrontry to ask you to save them from the effects of their own folly. As in former times, they would fain persuade weak-willed Whigs to come to their relief, but the device will not longer work. You were once deceived by the siren song, and helped to elect Buchanan, and what good did it achieve to the country? Your help gave the apostles another four years of riot and misrule, afforded new life and vigor to the Anti-slavery party; and when folly and wickedness have brought the country to the brink of ruin, they cry out for help again.

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Vote Early.

The importance of voting early cannot be too often impressed upon the minds of voters. A duty promptly discharged leaves no room for casualty or change. It gives us time to assist others to do their duty. We well remember the habit of our old friend Towson, who always endeavored to be the first on the record. When that was done he felt satisfied, and "rolled up his sleeves" in the good work of helping others. He voted first, least he might be before night, and leave a sacred duty unperformed. By voting early we secure the consciousness of having discharged a duty to the country as well as to yourself, and you give time to the officers to conduct the election calmly and fairly. We expect to find our gallant county rolling up a hand some majority for Bell and Everett. The Union must be preserved, and this is the way to do it.

Firing the Southerners Heart.

Gov. Wigg has recommended his "blood and thunder" language. He is determined not to be behind Senator Toombs and other rascals in hard words and images of horror and desolation. He differs with the Southern fire-eaters in this: He wants to fight with the Union; Toombs wants to shake his fist at Lincoln and the Black Republican hosts, and then retire from the Senate chamber to the *White House* of Georgia. A valiant leader, truly! Like the lame Captain, he gives notice that he must have the first start. He leaves gun and gunnery to the plebeians who usually make food for powder, whilst those who stir the strife take in marble halls and gay saloons.

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That Constitution and that Union, so far as fanaticism and moral turpitude can endanger them, are in peace, your peace and the peace of those you love are at stake!

GO TO THE POLLS AND GO EARLY.

That neither accident nor necessity, nor any of the events of the day may prevent the discharge of a solemn duty to go early to the polls and cast your votes; and then should you have a careless neighbor, one who underrates his own influence, or feels that his vote is unimportant and will not affect the general result, go to him and *comfort him with the thought that the decisive*

that you can present to him to vote and vote immediately; and should it become also necessary that you should take his place if you can in his absence and discharge his duties *do it*—Remember every vote you poll is a plea for the Union and a protest against its destruction!

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Have You Counted the Cost?

The Disunionists talk as glibly of a disruption of the Union as if it were a matter of very easy accomplishment. Such of them as live in the "Cotton States" and do not love a negro a year, have very little idea of the effect of their folly and wickedness upon the border counties of Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri. Dissolve the Union, and with it your right to claim fugitives, and how long would it take to transfer every slave within a hundred miles of Mason and Dixie's line beyond the reach of reclamation. The people of Virginia are already fresh from the soil and gave it new life and vigor. The crop of mischief we are now reaping is of Democratic sowing. There is but one way to cure the evil and that is to hear the word of God. Give a quietus to Secession Democracy and end Abolition by the same blow.

The Question Tested—"Cui Bono?"

Let us test (says the Mobile *Advertiser*) the working of the Disunion project in Alabama. Say Lincoln is elected—is inaugurated, and instantly all Federal officers in Alabama resign. None dare accept, and the offices remain vacant. This may seem very simple and patriotic, but I ask *cui bono*? Are the people who have been so abused by and annoyed by the importers, and helped to elect Buchanan, and what good did it achieve to the country? Your help gave the apostles another four years of riot and misrule, afforded new life and vigor to the Anti-slavery party; and when folly and wickedness have brought the country to the brink of ruin, they cry out for help again.

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The Shepherdstown Meeting.

There was a large and spirited gathering of the Union men and known citizens of Shepherdstown on Saturday afternoon last, which was addressed by our Elder Andrew P. Kenney, Jr., and John J. Jones, Esq.

Mr. Kenney spoke for upwards of an hour reviewing the present condition of parties, and the aim and men of all parties to rescue the South from the grasp of the designing Yankees of the "Cotton States" and preserving the integrity of the Union, and the efforts of the conspirators to overthrow it.

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Another Great Meeting in New York.

The Cooper Institute in the city of New York was again crowded on Monday night with the friends of the Union. The crowd was addressed in eloquent and earnest terms by the Hon. Messrs. EWING of Tennessee, HILLIARD of Alabama, and BOFFER of Virginia. These gentle men made earnest appeals to the conservative sentiment of the great State of New York to aid in averting the evils which threaten the welfare of the country. Their remarks were received with great approbation, and good results are anticipated on Tuesday next. Mr. BOFFER has assured us that this was the most important week that had ever preceded a Presidential election, and in this opinion if we proceed from the activity manifested, the people present heartily concurred.

A Reckless Statement.

In the number for October 23rd of the *Independent Democrat*, it was alleged that in some of the States (which were enumerated) the Constitutional Union party had presented no Electors.

We cannot believe that our neighbor willfully perpetrated such a gross mistake, and yet suppose that it was done ignorantly would be extremely uncomplimentary to his intelligence. It is, however, not true that in the states named, or in any other State, except where all parties opposed to Lincoln are combined, that no Bell-Everett Electors nominated, but on the contrary in every one of the thirty-three (the Fusion States excepted), there is a full and complete Electoral ticket pledged to the election of the Constitutional Union candidates. Will this be the last resort of a sinking party?

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