

Burnett, then being at that place, on the day following replied as follows: "In answer to your letter of yesterday, it gives me pleasure to state, that I do not now and never have professed the principles of the Whig party. All my political principles were imbibed in the school of the Democratic party, as taught by Mr. Jefferson and his associates and followers, and I am too far advanced to change these principles. I have always been opposed to the Bank of the United States. All the arguments that have been elicited in late years in favor of that institution, have not, in any degree, tended to change my opinion. I am, and ever have been, in favor of a strict, limited construction of the Constitution, and a strict responsibility of all public agents. I do not believe it was intended by the framers of our Constitution, to confer on Congress the power of creating a National Bank; and in all cases where such a measure is even doubtful, I think the safer course is, to leave the matter to the people, and to the States. I have thus frankly, and in few words, given you my opinions upon these questions; believing it to be the right of the citizen to enquire of a candidate for office as to his views upon the political measures of the country; I am nevertheless clearly satisfied, that it is not good policy to make national politics a test question in our Territorial elections, and am opposed to any attempt, at present, at the organization of parties in the Territory." In this Congressional contest, there were three candidates in the field, Geo. W. Jones, J. D. Doty, and Mr. Burnett. Each had his warm friends, and the election was warmly contested. But Mr. Doty was the successful man.

In a letter now before me, from a friend of Mr. Burnett in Racine, giving reasons why the election in that county went so different from what was expected, among other reasons says, "the bar in this village was kept open by ——'s friends on the day of election, and I am credibly informed that the bill was \$25.00." When will the time come that bribery will not be resorted to, to purchase votes? And what can a man value himself at, who will sell his vote, if not himself, for a drink of whiskey? Until this