

that party until it was abandoned and the Republican party was inaugurated, with which party he united with zeal, and for whose advancement he labored with earnestness and efficiency during the remaining years of his life. His political principles were the result of honest conviction, and when he had once satisfied his mind of the correctness of a principle, he could not easily be swerved from it, but threw all the energy of his body and mind into the work of its advancement. He was always a true lover of *freedom*, and a sincere hater of *slavery* in any form. When a member of the Whig party he belonged to that wing that was most radically anti-slavery, and during the time of excitement on that subject, was a firm believer in, and an advocate of, the "*Wilmot Proviso*," as it was called. In 1848 he was a zealous advocate of the nomination of Henry Clay for the Presidency, believing that distinguished man to be right on the great question of slavery; and when his favorite was defeated, and Gen. Taylor was made the candidate, Mr. Harvey's political zeal in the campaign was almost entirely crushed. Gen. Taylor living in the extreme South, and being an extensive slave-holder, it was hard for Mr. Harvey to believe that he would prove true to the principles of the "*Wilmot Proviso*." As that principle was a predominating one in his mind, it was a long time before he could convince himself of the propriety of voting for Gen. Taylor; and we are not sure that he did overcome his scruples on that subject previous to election. During this entire campaign, for the first and only one since we have known him, Mr. Harvey was inactive. We mention this incident, as it goes to show that in his political action he was governed solely by *principle*, and did not drink of the cup set before him by his party simply for the sake of party.

He was a man of great practical sense. He was not especially pre-eminent in any one direction, but he brought soundness of views to bear upon all subjects; and he possessed a mind that readily adapted itself to circumstances. In short, he was a most ready man, either in council, with his pen, or upon the speaker's stand. Wherever there was work to do, L. P. Harvey was always found *available* and *willing*.