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General Cass and Internal Improvements.

[illegible] of the reasons which impelled the Baltimore convention to nominate Gen. Cass, was the belief that he is a Western man, and would, [illegible] to secure a sectional popularity. There is some plausibility in this view, and we [illegible] that Gen. Cass concurred in [illegible] opinions of the people of the West, [illegible] obtain their suffrages. On the subject of the improvement of Rivers, Lakes and Harbors, the citizens of the West—of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan—are almost unanimous. They constitute one great and overwhelming party in reference to this subject, and no candidate can possibly receive their votes who does not agree with them, that it is a constitutional and an imperative duty on the part of the Federal Government to expend a portion of the revenues in the improvement of the great Lakes, Rivers and Harbors of the Republic.

How stands Gen. Cass on this subject? We will state his opinion, and its effects, by an anecdote.

A few days after the nomination of the Baltimore Convention was made known, a random meeting was held at Columbus, Ohio, which was attended by a goodly gathering of Democrats. A party spokesman and proceeded to address a speech in favor of Gen. Cass, and of internal improvements, when one of the harangues, [illegible] interrupted the orator, saying "I have been a Democrat all my life; have never voted any other than a democratic ticket, but before I support Gen. Cass, I want to know his sentiments on Internal Improvements." I will tell you, my friend," replied the speaker, "they are as decidedly inferred from the fact that when President Polk vetoed the River and Harbor Bill, Gen. Cass, as the Senator from Ohio, voted to sustain the President's veto."

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