

TO THE VOTERS  
—OF—  
WOODFORD COUNTY.

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FELLOW-CITIZENS: At the suggestion of a large number of friends, I announce myself a candidate to represent the County of Woodford in the next Legislature.

It is right that I should make a distinct avowal of my position with reference to the great issues before the country.

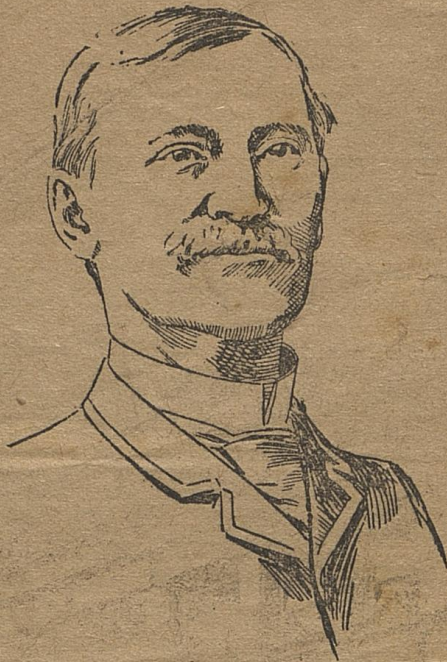
Fellow-citizens, my platform is **PEACE** — peace to be secured by a speedy and honorable reconstruction of the Union on the basis of the CRITTENDEN COMPROMISE, and if that be impossible, then by the immediate recognition of the **INDEPENDENCE** of the Confederate States.

I am against *coercion and subjugation*, and if honored by your suffrages with a seat in the Legislature, I shall vote against furnishing men or appropriating money to carry on the war. In other words, I am for **NEUTRALITY**. The people have declared their purpose to remain *neutral* in the great contest between the North and the South. I see no reason for *abandoning that position now*. If elected, I shall therefore give my vote to keep Kentucky in the position of **NEUTRALITY** until instructed to vote otherwise by the people of Woodford County.

JULY 25, 1861.

HART GIBSON.





Col. Hart Gibson, Fayette's nominee for the Legislature, was born on the farm of Maj. George C. Thompson, near Shakertown, Mercer county, Ky., in 1835. Col. Gibson received his early education at the famous old Transylvania University at Lexington. At the age of fifteen he went to New Haven and entered the preparatory department at Yale, where his brother, Randell Lee Gibson, had been a student for two years. He graduated with honor in the class of 1855; studied law at Harvard, and afterward pursued the study of civil law and the languages in Paris, Berlin and Heidelberg.

He returned to America, and was married in 1859 to Miss Duncan, of Fayette county, a sister to Maj. Henry T. Duncan, the nominee for Mayor of Lexington, and settled on his farm in Woodford county, where he remained until fifteen years ago, when he removed to Ingleside, his beautiful home, just outside the city limits of Lexington.

His father was Tobias Gilson, a sugar planter of Louisiana, and his mother was Louisiana Breckinridge Hart, of Woodford, who was a sister to the wife of George C. Thompson, and who was named in honor of her mother's cousin, Joseph Breckinridge, Attorney General under President Jefferson. She was also a granddaughter of Capt. Nathaniel Hall Keller, of Boonesboro.

Col. Gibson was a member of the Legislature from Woodford, of which John T. Bunch, of Louisville, was Speaker, his opponent being Judge Phister, afterward member of Congress. Other members were James McKenzie, William Preston, Walter Evans and Congressman Stone.

Mr. Gibson was commissioned a Colonel of cavalry by Kirby Smith in 1862, but served on the staff of Gen. Morgan, having been captured with him and remaining eight months with him in the Ohio penitentiary, and about as long at Fort Delaware. He served on the staff of Gen. Echels, now of Louisville, along with Col. Stoddard Johnston, Henry T. Stanton, Maj. Isaac Shelby, James B. Clay and John Sanford, of Covington.

Col. Gibson's family consists of three daughters, Louisiana Breckinridge Hart, Elizabeth Dunster and Mary Duncan, who are married to W. F. Maxfield, of St. Paul; H. G. Foster, of Tuscoma, and Richard T. Gibson, of Louisiana, respectively, and two sons, Duncan Gibson and Hart Gibson, Jr., both unmarried.



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### WEATHER FORECAST.

FOR KENTUCKY--Generally fair weather; variable winds

### HART GIBSON FOR SPEAKER.

The approaching session of the Kentucky Legislature is limited by the Constitution to sixty days. It is the belief of those best informed, that in this brief time the Assembly will be unable to dispose of the very important business which must necessarily come before it. To accomplish anything at all of consequence, and to meet to any considerable extent the needs of the people, the conduct of legislative affairs must be in good and experienced hands. The Speaker should be a well informed parliamentarian, ready to meet emergencies, firm in his rulings and rapid in his decisions, with ability to guide legislation and rule the body over which he presides in such a manner as to make its labors productive of the best results.

The man whom THE PRESS has in mind for this place is Col. Hart Gibson, of this county, who is the Democratic nominee for the lower house of the General Assembly from Fayette. His admirable qualifications fit him for the position exactly. He will have no rival among his fellow-members in knowledge of parliamentary law and none with more experience in the management of deliberative bodies. He is not new to the duties of legislation, having served in the legislature once, representing Woodford County, in which capacity he rendered valuable service to the Democracy and the people of the State. With him served such distinguished men as Gen. Wm. Preston, Judge Phister, afterwards member of Congress from the Maysville district. Hon. James A. McKenzie, now United States Minister to Peru, Hon. William Stone, now Congressman, Hon. Walter Evans, ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and others who achieved subsequent distinction.

Col. Gibson was their equal in every respect. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Rules. He was a recognized leader of his party and a trusted political adviser at a time when Democracy was crystallizing into its present form, and shaping itself so as to become the paramount political power in Kentucky. To the people of Fayette he is well known as a presiding officer of county conventions and other public assemblages, in the control of which he exhibited excellent judgment. Col. Gibson has followed farming for the greater part of his life, and is thoroughly identified with that interest, but he is also a lawyer, being a graduate of Harvard Law School, as well as having studied in the office of the late Judge George "Black" Kinlead.

The election of Col. Hart Gibson to the Speakership would be a deserved compliment to an able man, and a compliment to the people of Fayette, who have not had a representative in the Speaker's chair for nearly half a century. If events should shape themselves according to the eternal fitness of things, our representative will be addressed as "Mr. Speaker," and his constituents will realize that their interests could not have been placed in trustier hands.