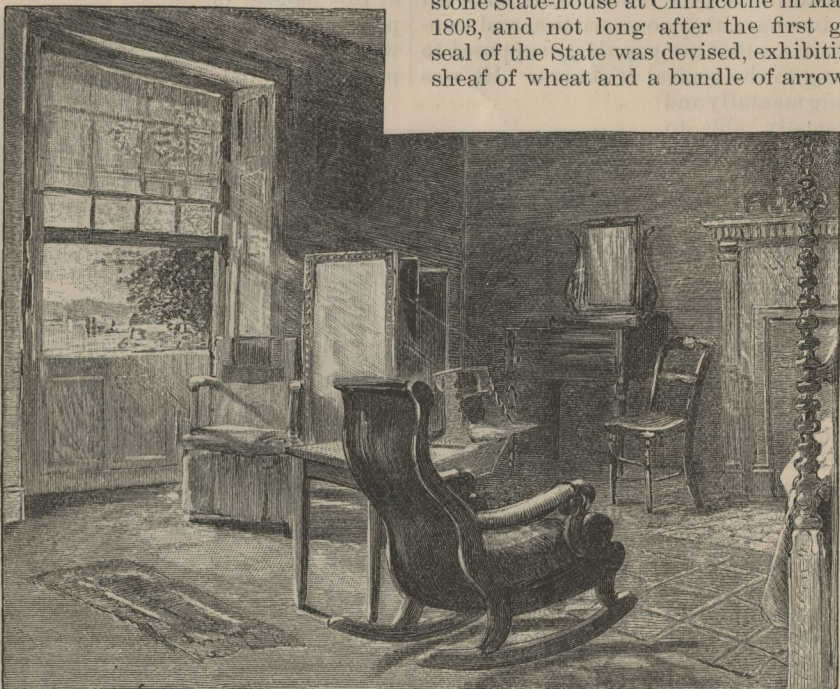


tution of Ohio, using a whiskey barrel for a table and a wine keg for a seat. It is a matter of record that the landlord sued Baldwin for the sum of £25 13s. 10d., which amount, with the exception of three items, was aggregated from a long list of charges for "toddy," "rum," "plain spirits," "brandysling," and "drinks for the club." The exceptional items were three suppers at 6d. each, but with every one of these charges there was one of "3s. for 1½ pints of brandy," which was certainly quite a Falstaffian proportion of meat to drink. Baldwin was the captain of the "Bloodhounds," an organization of the roughs and fighting men of the town, who did his electioneering for him, championed him in his quarrels, and occasionally liberated him from jail. The "Bloodhounds" undoubtedly constituted the club for which Baldwin ordered treats. Their captain was in the custom of drilling the "Bloodhounds" in mock military manner. Drawing the motley crowd up in line, Baldwin with great dignity would command, "Attention—Bloodhounds!" And then after the orders to "uncase gourds" and to "case gourds" had been complied with, the company was put through the manu-

al of arms—and legs—Baldwin giving with ringing voice the orders, "From the right shoulder—*strike!*" "From the left shoulder—*strike!*" "With the right foot—*kick!*" etc., greatly to the amusement of the throng of spectators always present on the Bloodhounds' muster days.

Baldwin did not always need the service of his rough constituency. On one occasion, when imprisoned in the jail for debt, or perhaps for some wild freak when in one of his whirlwinds of dissipation, he awoke to the consciousness that his fellow-prisoners were not of the kind with which he could enjoy companionship. Being locked up with a lot of thieves and low marauders was more than his dignity and pride, which chanced then to prevail, could stand; and so he kicked the door down, and the jail-birds out, saying, "I'm a gentleman, and I can not share my apartments with such as you."

With the organization of the State government there came into office several already prominent Chillicotheans, Edward Tiffin being elected Governor, Nathaniel Massie Speaker of the Senate, Michael Baldwin Speaker of the House, and William Creighton, Jun., Secretary of State. The first General Assembly met in the old stone State-house at Chillicothe in March, 1803, and not long after the first great seal of the State was devised, exhibiting a sheaf of wheat and a bundle of arrows in



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