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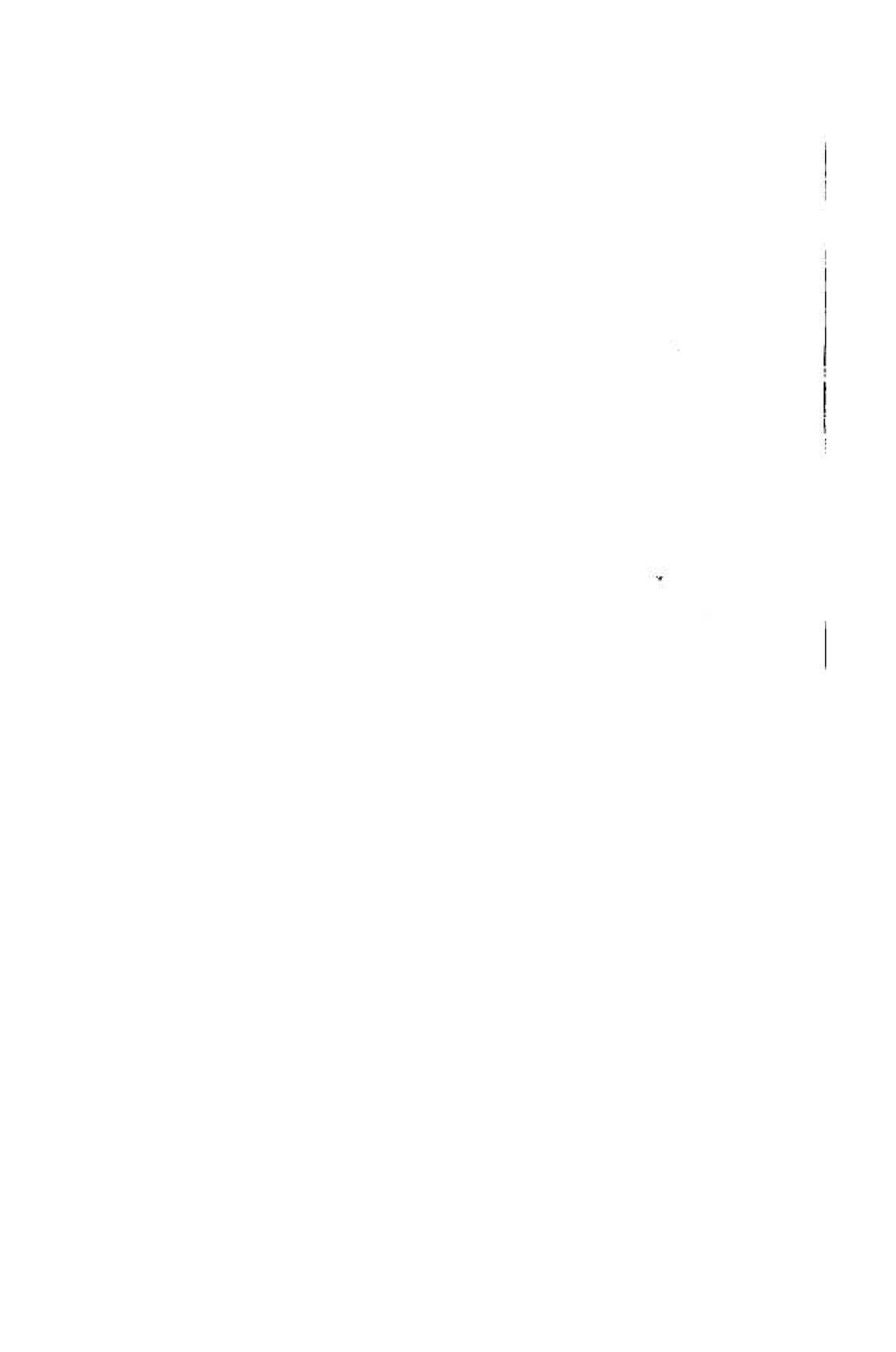
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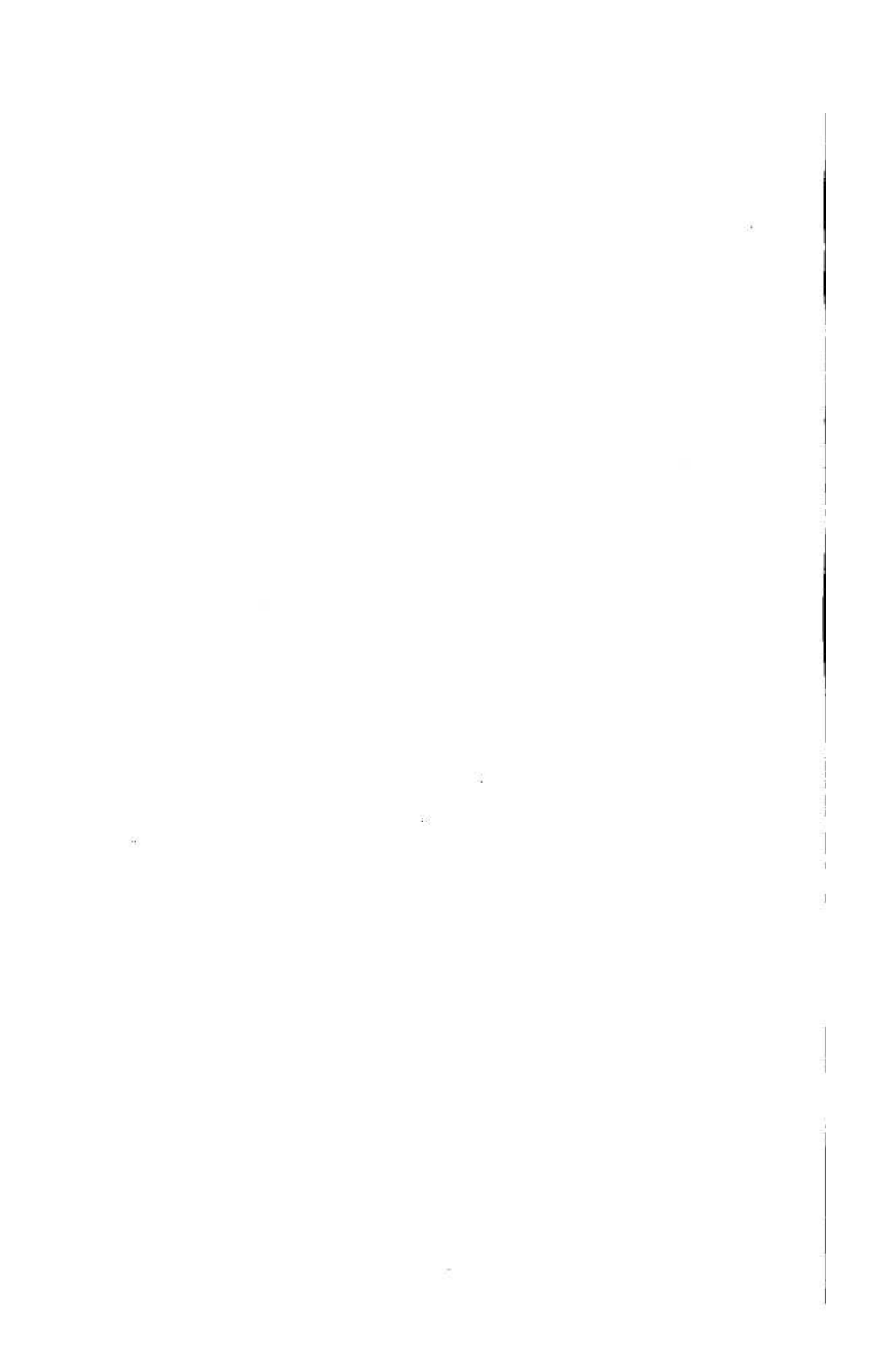
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The best national paper on this subject was the *United States Telegraph* until the defection of the editor, Duff Green, in favor of Calhoun about the middle of 1831. Then the *Globe* was established and continued as the orthodox Administration paper. In Ohio, the best papers were the *National Republican* and *Cincinnati Gazette* at Cincinnati, the *St. Clairsville Gazette* in the eastern part of the state, and later the *Western Hemisphere*, which continued as the *Ohio Statesman*, at Columbus. These papers, too, represented three important centres of Democratic activity. In Indiana the situation in this respect was very similar to that in Ohio. There were first two active Democratic centres on opposite sides of the state, each of which had a good local paper, the *Indiana Palladium* at Lawrenceburgh and the *Western Sun* at Vincennes. Then later, August, 1830, came the establishment at Indianapolis of the *Indiana Democrat*, one of the leading Democratic papers in the Northwest. In Illinois, the best sources of information were found in the *Illinois State Register* published at Vandalia, and later at Springfield, the *Sangamo Journal* at Springfield, and the *Chicago Democrat*, established in 1833. The best Michigan papers were the *Detroit Daily Free Press*, the