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POETRY.

The Superfluous Man. BY JOHN G. SAKK.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

Hon. W. D. Kelley. EXTRACTS FROM HIS SPEECH ON THE BILL TO ESTABLISH A BUREAU OF FREEDMEN'S AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEB. 28, 1864.

Sir: In the absence of available provisions in the bill, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Brooks) poured forth his indignation upon the grand old Puritan State.

THE spirit of Massachusetts has done in two or three years only what Christ, or the Church of Christ, was twelve or fifteen hundred years in accomplishing in the Roman Empire.

But, sir, let this question rest upon isolated instances of narrow localities. Let us look at the census of 1850. I find by that more than half a million of the colored people of that section are, as I have already intimated, the kindred of the white race of the South.

THE gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Cox) less gravely—I will not say more flippantly, for that might be offensive—devoted his hour, as I have said, not to the examination of the bill, but to a criticism of certain utterances of Wendell Phillips and Theodore Tilton.

Let us look, then, to the statistics of the slave population. I find that by the census 1850 there were of mixed blood among the slave population but 6.39 per cent., and in 1860, so busy had the pro-slavery Democracy been in augmenting the numerical power of the institution, that the 7.30 had swollen to 10.41; and if the negro race is to be saved as a distinct race, the only way to do it is to take it from the embrace of the slave, to give him the rite of marriage, and to teach him those great truths which, according to the gentleman from New York, in twelve or fifteen hundred years gave freedom, and with it morals, to Europe.

POETICAL.

The Heroine of Gettysburg. The Harrisburg Telegraph calls for a monument to Jenny Wade, the heroine of Gettysburg.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

MINISTERS IN RICHMOND PRISON.—Among the Union prisoners taken at Chickamauga and carried to Richmond were two or three Baptist clergymen, who were chaplains of Indiana regiments.

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AGRICULTURAL.

Locust Trees from Seed. MAJOR FREAR.—In reference to plant trees, allow me to say that some sixty years ago or more, there lived on the Susquehanna river, six miles above Harrisburg, a Mr. A. Allister, who was a famous farmer.

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