

AN AFRICAN POET.

Francis A. Boyd, "the African poet," who was born at Lexington, Missouri, has now nearly ready for press a poetical history of the late war, from the fall of Sumter to the death of Abraham Lincoln, and comprising upwards of two thousand lines. It is entitled "Columbians, or the North Star." The following is a part of the introductory to the poem:—

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

LAND GRANTS IN AID OF POPULAR EDUCATION.—WHAT THE STATES HAVE RECEIVED. From the annual report of Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, for the year ending June 30, 1869, we take the following:—

In regard to the endowment of educational institutions by the Government, very little difficulty seems to have been experienced by our fathers. They assumed, without question, that a government, as the organ of society, enjoys the right and is vested with the power to meet this social necessity. No member of the Continental Congress seems to have raised the question in the discussions upon the provision in the noble ordinance of March 20, 1787, the nucleus of the present public land system, by which section 16 of every township was set apart for the endowment of public schools.

acres. Her agricultural college is part of the State University. It is fully organized, and has 250 students. Illinois has sold a part of her 480,000 acres for \$250,192.50, and it was hoped the disposal of the remainder, unsold, would amount to the sum to a large endowment. The college is a separate institution. Ohio had sold 629,920 acres for \$342,450.80. The proceeds had been invested at 6 per cent. per annum, but no plan of organization had been determined upon.

Wisconsin had devoted her 240,000 acres to an agricultural department of the State University. It had not been disposed of, but promised to realize a respectable endowment. The people of the county wherein the institution is located had given \$40,000 in furtherance of the enterprise. An experimental farm was part of the investment. Pennsylvania had received for her 780,000 acres \$439,186.80. The State had given \$150,000 in addition, yet the united sum was thought insufficient to maintain the college, which is a separate institution.

Iowa located 240,000 acres of scrip within her own limits, and the plans of sale and lease have both been followed, the latter being preferred. The lands selected are valued at \$480,000. The college is located upon a farm of six hundred and forty acres, with buildings valued at \$111,000. Maryland from the sale of 210,000 acres realized but \$105,000. This was assigned to an agricultural college already in existence, yielding an income of \$6000. The Secretary of State, after expressing doubt of its sufficiency to support a separate institution, adds:—"But the best agriculturists and educators are dissatisfied. The prophecy is that the State will sink \$100,000 and that the college will go under. It cannot thrive as a purely agricultural school."

California's quota under this grant is 150,000 acres. It was proposed therewith to found at Oakland "the college of agriculture, mining, and mechanic arts," part of the State University to be located at this place. Missouri received a grant of 330,000 acres, but many of the selections being double-minimum land on the line of the South Pacific Railroad, it was reduced in quantity to 280,000 acres. A year previous these selections were estimated at the value of \$336,000, but according to the estimate of the State register, this estimate had risen 25 per cent. by June 15, 1869, on account of the general rise in value of lands along the line of the railroad.

acres, or 124,323 square miles—a larger surface than the united areas of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and all the surrounding islands in the English seas.

A BALLOON DUEL.—Perhaps the most remarkable duel ever fought took place in 1808. It was peculiarly French in its tone, and could hardly have occurred under any other than a French state of society. M. de Grandpre and M. le Pique had a quarrel, arising out of jealousy concerning a lady engaged at the Imperial Opera, one Madlle Trévit. They agreed to fight a duel to settle their respective claims; and in order that the heat of angry passion should not interfere with the polished elegance of the proceeding, they postponed the duel for a month—the lady agreeing to bestow her smiles on the survivor of the two, if the other was killed; or, at all events, this was inferred by the two men, if not actually expressed. The duellists were to fight in the air. Two balloons were constructed precisely alike. On the day denoted, De Grandpre and his second entered the car of one balloon, Le Pique and his second that of the other; it was in the garden of the Tuileries amid an immense concourse of spectators. The gentlemen were to fire, not at each other, but at each other's balloons, in order to bring them down by the escape of gas, and as pistols might hardly have served for this purpose, each aeronaut took a blunderbuss in his car. At a given signal the ropes that retained the cars were cut, and the balloons ascended. The wind was moderate, and kept the balloons at about their original distance of eighty yards apart. When about half a mile above the surface of the earth, a preconcerted signal for firing was given. M. le Pique fired but missed. M. de Grandpre fired and sent a ball through Le Pique's balloon. The balloon collapsed, and Le Pique and his second were dashed to pieces. De Grandpre continued his ascent triumphantly, and terminated his aerial voyage successfully at a distance of seven leagues from Paris.

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The Company have received \$291,000 land grant bonds in payment for land sold, and they have destroyed the \$21,000 bonds, and have reduced the amount of the bonds to that extent. The Union Pacific Railroad hold obligations of settlers amounting to \$243,745.08, secured by the land purchased by them, which is also pledged to the redemption of the land grant bonds. Should the sales of land continue as above, the whole issue of land grant bonds will be retired and cancelled within ten (10) years.

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The undersigned, Mortgagees and Trustees under the mortgage of the FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, which bears date February 1, 1867, under and pursuant to a request and notice of creditors, given under the provisions of the said mortgage, for default of payment of interest, will sell at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of September, A. D. 1870, at 12 o'clock noon, by M. THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers.

All the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and real estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate and being of the said Freedom Iron and Steel Company, and all the buildings, machine shops, machinery, fixtures, forges, furnaces, blast mill, ore rights, stationary engines, saw mills, railroads and cars of every kind belonging to the said Company granted in mortgage by the said Company to us by the said mortgage, viz:—

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The property known as the Freedom Iron and Steel Works, in Millin county, Pennsylvania, comprising two hundred and eighty-nine (289) acres of land.

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Also, the property known as the Greenwood Ore Bank, in Union township, Millin county, containing 91 acres of land, and 29 dwelling houses and stables.

Also, the property known as the Week's Saw Mill, in the same county, containing 2322 acres of land, with mill and all the machinery and appurtenances thereof. With two small tracts of land in Derry township, Millin county, each containing about one acre, more or less, respectively known as the Cunningham and Ryan lots, and two small tracts of land, containing about one acre and one-fourth of an acre, respectively, known as the Hostetter lot, and the Stroup House and lot, in Union township, Millin county.

Also, about 17,400 acres of unseated lands, in Millin county.

Also, the right to take ore on the Muthersbaugh farm, in Decatur township, Millin county, at a royalty of 25 cents per ton.

Together with about 907 acres of land, in Huntingdon county, known as the Greenwood Furnace tract, with two charcoal blast furnaces, known as the Greenwood Furnaces, with engines and fixtures, with mansion house, 27 stables, carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, 27 dwelling houses, offices and store, one grist mill, with stables and buildings of every description, railroads and cars.

Also, the property known as the Monroe Furnace, in Derry township, Huntingdon county, containing about 179 acres of land, with nine dwelling-houses, stables, carpenter shop, smith shop, store and office building.

Also, about 17,300 acres of land, in Huntingdon county (of which 657 acres are seated and partly improved). Together with all and singular the corporate rights, privileges, and franchises of the said Company.

The foregoing properties will be sold in one parcel or lot, in payment of the bonds of the said Freedom Iron and Steel Company, amounting to \$500,000, with interest from February 1, 1869, secured by the said mortgage to the trustees, under the terms of which this sale is made, and the said mortgage being a first mortgage on the said property. The terms of sale of the property above described will be as follows:—

\$2000 in cash, to be paid when the property is struck off. The balance to be paid in cash upon the execution of the deed to the purchaser.

The Trustees will also sell at the same time and place, and under the same request and notice of creditors, all the right, title, and interest of the Trustees, as mortgagees in trust, of, in, and to the following described properties, viz:—

The property known as the Yoder Farm, in Brown township, Millin county, containing 158 acres, 124 perches, composed of two tracts as follows:—

Beginning at stone in road, thence by land of John D. Barr, north 58 degrees east, 190 5-10 perches to stone; thence by land of Joseph B. Zook, north 44 1/2 degrees west, 292 1-10 perches to stone; thence by land of John Hooley, south 46 1/2 degrees west, 102 1-10 perches to stone; thence south 44 1/2 degrees east, 190 6-10 perches, to the place of beginning—containing one hundred and twenty-five acres and twelve perches net measure.

Also all that other certain tract of land adjoining above, beginning at stone in road, thence up said road, north 44 1/2 deg. west, 67 5-10 perches, to stone; thence by land of John Hooley, south 45 1/2 deg. west, 79 6-10 perches to stones; thence by land of David L. Yoder, south 42 1/2 deg. east, 66 8-10 perches, to stone in road; thence along said road and by land of Gleason Yoder, north 46 1/2 deg. east, 51 1-10 perches, to the place of beginning—containing thirty-three acres and one hundred and twelve perches, net measure.

The same being subject to mortgage given to secure bonds, amounting to \$11,735.34, upon \$2000 of which interest is due from April 1, 1869, and on balance of said bonds interest is due from April 1, 1868.

Also, the property known as the Williams farm, as follows:—

All that certain tract of land situate in Derry township, Millin county, Pa., bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at a chestnut, corner of lands of Philip Martz, thence by lands of William Henney and Samuel McManamy, north 37 degrees west, 190 1/2 perches to a hickory; thence by lands of Samuel McManamy, north 17 degrees west, 17 perches; thence by land of James M. Martin, south 75 degrees west, 22 perches, to a post; thence by land of Johnston Sigler, south 55 degrees west, 109 perches, to a hickory; thence by lands of Peter Townsend's heirs, south 37 degrees east, 91 perches, to stones; thence by land of heirs of John McDonald, deceased, and Mrs. McIlwain, north 49 degrees east, 95 1/2 perches, to a post; thence by land of Philip Martz, north 10 1/2 degrees east, 82 1/2 perches, to the place of beginning—containing one hundred and seven acres and twenty-nine perches of land, and allowance.

This property is charged with a mortgage, given to secure bonds for \$1250, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum, from November 5, 1868.

Also, the property known as the Stroup Ore Bank, in Union township, Millin county, containing about nine acres and eighty-nine perches.

The last named property is subject to a mortgage given to secure a bond for \$1000, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from July 29, 1868.

The terms of sale of the last three described properties will be as follows:—

Twenty-five dollars (\$25) in cash to be paid upon each when they are respectively struck off.

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