

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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CARLISLE LAND ASSOCIATION.—A number of gentlemen of Carlisle, having formed themselves into an Association, for the purpose of purchasing Government lands, have adopted articles of Association, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—Hon. James H. Graham.

Secretary—William Bentz. Treasurer—A. L. Sponler. Directors—Wm. M. Beeten, W. H. Trout, John D. Gargas, A. A. Line, Robert Moore.

The first meeting of the Directors took place on Saturday evening last, when Maj. A. A. Line was appointed Chairman of the Board. JAMES W. BRY and JOHN D. BRATTON were elected Trustees of the Association for the present year, in whose names all the lands will be purchased.

The day was also used for another purpose, by no means as innocent as the sending of affectionate notes. The illustrious and malicious writer sent his insulting caricatures, which they forwarded to those who had incurred their displeasure.

The President's Proclamation. We publish to-day the opportune proclamation of President Pierce in reference to the threatened serious difficulties in Kansas. As it will be read by all our readers, we need not give a synopsis of its contents.

Webster's Dictionary for the Common Schools. To-day we publish in another column, a report by Mr. Gerrit, of Berks county, in favor of furnishing our Common Schools with Webster's unabridged dictionary.

SALES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.—Handbills for the following sales of stock, farming implements, household furniture, &c., have recently been printed at this office.

MINISTER TO ESCHLAND.—The appointment of the Hon. Geo. M. Dallas, as Minister to Eschland, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on Monday.

THE STEAMSHIP PACIFIC.—Great anxiety has been felt concerning this vessel, due to New York some two weeks since.

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MORRIS'S BUNCOMBE RESOLUTION.

We mentioned in our last that the two Know-Nothing papers of this county, the American and the Herald, appeared to be in great trouble because Messrs. HANSEN and ANDERSON, members of Assembly from this county, voted against the buncombe resolution (offered by that Know-Nothing blegman and demagogue, MORRIS of Philadelphia.)

In another point of view, does it not come with a very bad grace from Know-Nothing to advocate the rights of conscience to American citizens in foreign countries?

It is to be expected that the proclamation will be denominated by the fanatics of the County—that the President will be assailed by Abolition leaders and presses—that his motives will be impugned, and that the high purpose which impelled him to act, will be styled by some "another bid for delegates to the Cincinnati Convention."

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EXECUTIVE PARDONS.—AGAIN.

"There are none so blind, as those who won't see." The Herald of last week contained another long homily in vindication of Gov. POLLOCK and the pardoning power. Our neighbor starts off by assuring us that, notwithstanding he holds an office under the Governor, he is still a freeman; and he would not intimate to the doings of the powers that be.

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. SPEAKER BANKS has announced the following Standing Committees of the House for the present Congress. It will be observed that the first named upon nearly every committee is a full-blooded Abolitionist:

Committee on Elections: Washburn, of Maine, Stephens, Watson, Spinner, Oliver of Mo., Hickman, Coffax, Smith of Ala., and Bingham.

Committee on Claims: Washburn of Ill., Howard, Cobb of Ga., Jones of Tenn., (who was afterwards excused on his own request.) Davis of Md., Sage, Phelps, Campbell of Penna., Dowitt.

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THE KANSAS PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, indications exist that public tranquility and the supremacy of the law in the Territory of Kansas are endangered by the reprehensible acts or purposes of persons, both within and without the same, who propose to direct and control its political organization by violence; and whereas, the Executive authority of the United States, in its capacity of a peace-keeping power, contemplates the maintenance of the Territory, but near its borders, persons, inhabitants of remote States, are collecting money, engaging men, and providing arms for the same purpose:

And whereas, all such plans for the determination of the future institutions of the Territory, if carried into action from within the same, will constitute the fact of insurrection; and if from without, that of invasive aggression, and will in either case justify and require the forcible interposition of the whole power of the Government, as well to maintain the laws of the Territory as those of the Union.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education, having had under consideration the subject of supplying a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language to each of the Common Schools of this State, respectfully report:

That after a full and free discussion of the proposition, in a joint meeting with the Educational Committee of the Senate, and in presence of the Superintendent of Common Schools, and his Deputy, they have arrived at the conclusion that it is one whose utility and importance command it, in the most forcible manner, to the favorable action of the Legislature.

A correct knowledge of the language we speak and write is absolutely essential as a basis to perfect education. Without it, the superstructure we may rear, under the best master, will be loose and unsound, incongruous and unsightly. The only sure way to attain this knowledge is by an early acquaintance with, and constant and careful study of some recognized standard, which teaches in the most comprehensible and accurate manner, the orthography, the derivation, the pronunciation, and the meaning of words.

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