

Speech of COL. THOMAS H. BENTON ON THE NEBRASKA BILL.

Delivered in the House of Representatives Thursday, the 25th day of August, 1854.

THE STUMP SPEECH IN THE BILL.

Why, sir, the territory itself is the property of the States, and they may do what they please with it—permit it to be settled or not, as they please; cut it up by lines, as they please; chase white people away from it as they please.

After this farago—this olla-podrida—comes a little stump speech, injected in the belly of the bill, and which must have a prodigious effect when recited in the prairies, and out towards the frontiers, and up towards the heads of the creeks.

I will read it, and I hope without fatiguing the House; for it is both brief and beautiful and runs thus:—

“It being the true intent and meaning of this act not to legislate slavery into any State or Territory, nor to exclude it therefrom; but to leave the people thereof perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States.”

This is the speech, and a pretty little thing itself, and very proper to be spoken from a stump in the prairie. It has intent, and a true intent; which is neither to legislate slavery into or out of a State or Territory. Then why legislate at all? Why all this disturbance if no effect is produced, and things to remain just as they were?

I object to this shilly-shally—willy-won'ty—don'ty-can'ty—style of legislation. (Roars of laughter.) It is not legislative. It is not parliamentary. It is not manly. It is not womanly. No woman would talk that way.

Certainly it is a new subjection for the States. Hereafter they have been free to regulate slavery for themselves—admit it, or reject it; and that not by virtue of any grant of power in the Constitution, but by virtue of an unsundered part of their old sovereignty.

Three dogmas now affirm the non-intervention; squatter sovereignty, non-intervention, and no power in Congress to legislate upon slavery in Territories.

It is a bill of assumptions and contradictions—assuming what is unfounded, and contradicting what it assumes—and balancing every affirmation by a negation.

Amphibology is a cause for the rejection of bills, not only by Congress, but by the President when carried to him for his approval.

to be avowed, nor to be done in any direct or palpable manner. Paraphrases, circumlocution, and ambidexterity, and ambiguity, were necessary to cover up the design; and it was piled on until it was unintelligible.

SQUATTER SOVEREIGNTY EXPOSED.

And now what is the object of this movement which so disturbs Congress and the country? What does it propose to accomplish? To settle a principle, is the answer—the principle of non-intervention, and the right of the people of the Territory to decide the question of slavery for themselves.

The States in Congress are the guardians of the Territories, and are bound to exercise that guardianship; and can not abdicate it without a breach of trust and a dereliction of duty.

I remember many such military expulsions in the early settlement of the western country, often executed with severity; burning houses, cutting up corn, destroying fences, and driving off people at the point of the bayonet.

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lature, until they become a State government. Then, and then only can they settle the question.

For seventy years—since the year 1784, when the organizing mind of Jefferson drew the first territorial ordinance—we had a uniform method of providing for the government of territories, all founded upon the clause in the constitution which authorizes Congress to dispose of, and make rules and regulations respecting the territory and other property of the United States.

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DOUBTLESS there are many persons in Coudersport and vicinity who have never visited the famous Boston Store at the fast-growing village of Wellsville.

BOSTON STORE 94 THE DOOR. This establishment is one of the largest DRY GOODS and READY-MADE CLOTHING DEPOTS

in Allegany county. Hundreds of customers from Potter county buy all their clothing, boots and shoes, and other fixings, at this great mart of business.

We do not wish to make a great display to gain custom; but by taking a straightforward course we will endeavor to gain the respect and confidence of our Friends and Customers.

With a very extensive stock of TRUNKS, VALISES, AND CARPET BAGS, Choice black and colored Dress silks, Alpaca, Delaines, Thibet Cloths, Prints, Ginghams, and other Dress Goods—together with a general variety of Dry Goods.

Shawls, Shawls. In particular, we would call the attention of the Ladies to our great variety of Shawls, to every possible kind, altogether too numerous to mention.

MATRASSES. We have the largest stock of the different kinds of Matresses in Western New York. Hottel, Keenan can be supplied on reasonable terms.

Three Cheers For the contemplated Canal from Wellsville to Rochester; and hoping that the Plank Road will be continued on to Coudersport the coming spring, and that the sons and daughters of benighted Potter may be more frequently seen in our young City.

CHEST HANDLES, Drawer No. 4, Bolts, Ratches, Halter Snaps, Wardrobe Hooks, Barn Door Hinges, kept for sale by LEWIS MANN.

PATENT Pails, Bed Cords, Clothes' Lines, Horse Cords, curry combs, horse brushes, to be sold at MANN'S.

MACKEREL, Salmon, & Blue Fish at C. S. JONES'. SUPERIOR Sperm and Tallow Candles at C. C. Jones' Provision Store.

INDIAN Meal and Buckwheat constantly on hand at the NEW PROVISION STORE. GRAIN and Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for Goods at this ore. C. S. JONES'.

HAMS and Shoulders—a new supply at the NEW PROVISION STORE. BUTTER and LARD of the best quality at the NEW PROVISION STORE. CANDLES of all kinds—a new assortment at G. S. JONES'.

Premium Fanning Mills. Important to Farmers and Mechanics.

THE subscriber has purchased of J. Bamboorough the right to use in Potter and M'Kean counties his patent in the construction of Fanning Mills. He has also, at great expense, commenced the manufacture of a PREMIUM MILL which will clean from 100 to 200 bushels per hour.

Having met with uniform success wherever tried, I confidently invite the farmers of Potter and M'Kean counties to call at my shop in Coudersport and examine for themselves. A supply always on hand, to be sold on reasonable terms. JOHN RECKHOW.

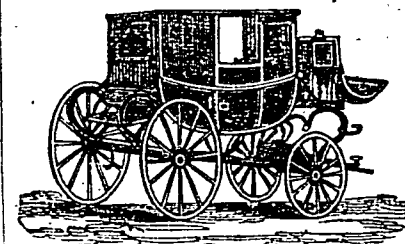
Tin and Hardware.

THE undersigned has connected with this Tin, Sheet Iron, Copper, and Stove Business, that of HARDWARE and CUTLERY—so that in addition to the business heretofore conducted by him, he is now ready to supply the public with almost every article of Hardware, Mill and Cross-Cut Saws, Hoop Iron, Nails, Cable and Ox Chains, Carpenters' Adzes and Broadaxes, Manilla Rope for Cables.

NEW GOODS FOR THE FALL TRADE. HOYT & LEWIS. WOULD respectfully inform the inhabitants of Wellsville and vicinity that they are now receiving a fresh and beautiful assortment of GOODS, which will be sold as cheap as the cheapest.

STOCK OF GOODS. We do not wish to make a great display to gain custom; but by taking a straightforward course we will endeavor to gain the respect and confidence of our Friends and Customers.

JOHN RECKHOW, Carriage and Sleigh-Maker. THE subscriber respectfully gives notice that he is prepared to do all the business in the above line, at the shortest notice, at his new shop, two doors west of the Coudersport Hotel.



BLACKSMITHING. RENNELLS & HITCHCOCK would inform the public that they still carry on the BLACKSMITHING BUSINESS, at their New Shop in the Borough of Coudersport, where they are prepared to execute ALL KINDS OF WORK in their line, with neatness and dispatch.

MILLPORT HOTEL. THE subscriber would respectfully inform the public and traveling community, that he has fitted up a house and stabling, for the accommodation of strangers and travelers, at Millport, Potter Co., Pa., and hopes by prompt and careful attention to business, to merit and receive a liberal share of patronage. HARRY LYMAN. Millport, Aug. 15, 1851. 131f

A. B. GOODSSELL, FIRE ARMS manufactured and repaired at his shop, East of the Bridge Coudersport, Potter county, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1848.

MUSIC. HUNTEN'S celebrated Instructions for the Piano-Forte: Bprowes' Piano-Forte Primer; Union Glee Book; A new supply of Sheet Music; For sale by T. B. TYLER.

The Clothing Department AT "THE PEOPLE'S CASH STORE." READY Made Clothing kept constantly on hand by the subscriber, made up and manufactured by the best workmen, from cloths selected for durability and quality.

Checked GINGHAMS in variety, and prices to suit. WROUGHT NAILS at MANN'S STORE.

SPENCER'S COLUMN GROCERY STORE.

I here take liberty to inform the People of Coudersport and Potter County that I am still at my New Stand opposite the North side of the Public Square, where may be found GROCERIES of all kinds constantly on hand, with many additions thereto; such as Drugs, Medicines, Dyestuffs, Stationery, Yankee Notions, Perfumery, Toilet Soap, Jewelry &c., besides many articles that I have never kept before to numerous to mention.

GROCERIES. Tea, Sugar, Coffee, Spices, Saleratus, Ginger, Mustard, Tobacco, Snuff, Nutmegs, Mace, Cloves, Confectionery and a few boxes of Kibbe's Wild Cherry and Blood Root Cough Candy, and Millard's superior Gum Drops.

Drugs Medicines, Patent Medicines, Oils, Spirits of Turpentine, Camphine, Burning Fluid, Soap, Candles, Cloth, Teeth & Blacking Brushes, Blacking Miscellaneous.

Cap, Letter and Note Paper; all kinds of Stationery, Steel Pen Holders, Wafers, Sealing Wax, Sand, Ink, Pocket Books envelopes, Visiting Cards, Jewelry, Fine Cutlery, and a variety of Fancy Articles, to gether with Silk Thread etc. etc. D. W. SPENCER.

JUST received a quantity of that Splendid Pompadour Philocome—ala Reza.—The purest and most perfect article for the growth and preservation of the hair. Warranted Genuine Beef's Marrow. For sale at D. W. SPENCER'S.

Molasses that is molasses selling at 3-6 per gallon at D. W. SPENCER'S. Candles, such as sperm, tallow, &c., for sale at D. W. SPENCER'S.

COD Liver Oil, Lithontripic, and many other popular medicines for sale by D. W. SPENCER.

'Halloo! Halloo! Halloo! SPENCER is in town! Mountains of SREADY MADE CLOTHING for almost nothing. have bought this coat, this vest, and these pants, 'aint broke e ther! Hurrah! All the boys shall have one of Spencer's coats! Hurrah! But, to be candid, friends, there's nothing like it in all the country.

HARRISON'S INK for Marking Cloth, Toilet Soap &c., at SPENCER'S. PULVERISED CORN STARCH for food for sale at D. W. SPENCER'S.

X. BAZIN-EXTRACT for the Hdkfs, the most noted and best article of the kind in use, also Extracts for flavoring all to be had at SPENCER'S.

A LARGE quantity of Cologne, Hair Invigorator, Tooth Powders for sale at D. W. SPENCER'S. SODA, Cream Tartar, Magnesia, Alum, Chalk, Salts, and Glue for sale at SPENCER'S Grocery Store

NEW ARRIVAL OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES at D. W. SPENCER'S. COPEL and Coach varnish can be had at SPENCER'S on very reasonable terms.

NEW arrival of Groceries and Fish at SPENCER'S. WINTER-FAINED Linseed Oil, ect for sale at SPENCER'S. OIL of Tar, Merchant's Gargling Oil, to be had at SPENCER'S.

WANTED, by D. W. Spencer, from one to two thousand dollars in County Orders, at the face. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR at D. W. SPENCER'S.

A Quantity of first-rate CHEESE just received at C. S. JONES'. GARDEN and Field Seeds for sale at SPENCER'S. NEW article of summer Hats at SPENCER'S.

A better selection of Coffee not found in the county than at SPENCER'S. ASSORTED Pickles in jars for sale by G. S. JONES. PICKLED CHERRIES at C. S. JONES'. TEA by the chest or pound for sale at D. W. SPENCER'S.

MATRASSES IN WELLSVILLE, AT THE Great Boston Store,

No. 94 MAIN STREET, MAY be found constantly on hand and for sale, an extensive variety of Spencer & Granger's superb Matresses, of every sort, kind, and price, from a \$3.50 palm Matress to a super-English Hair Matress at \$10.00.

Also, Lounges, Bolsters, and Pillows. All of which are offered to Hotel and Boarding House keepers, and all others who have common sense enough to know that a filthy Feather Bed, to make the best of it, is but a breeder of disease and a life curtailer,—at lower rates than can be found at any other store in the county.

Sole Agents (in the county) for the sale of the above goods. LANCEY & Co., 645 Broadway, Boston Store, Wellsville, Jan. 13, 1854.

Pure Oil—Important to Sawyers and Machinists. THIS article will be furnished by the barrel or gallon, warranted neither to smoke nor "gum up." Purchasers will find it an object to get my prices before they supply themselves elsewhere. T. L. SMITH. Wellsville. 612-3m

BLEACHED Elephant Oil—a superior article to Whale Oil—for Lamps or Machinery. T. L. SMITH. WELLSVILLE. LARD OIL for sale at the Wellsville Hardware Store. T. L. SMITH.

MILL SAWS, Shingle Saws, Siding Saws, Lath Saws, Cross Cut, Tenon, Pitt, Drag Saws, Hand Saws, Key Hole, Wood Saws, furnished with any stamp or factory, to suit the purchaser. T. L. SMITH. WELLSVILLE.

FILES.—I sell an article which is superior for durability and execution to any English File in market. T. L. SMITH. WELLSVILLE. CORDAGE.—Rope—all sizes—from 1/4-inch Cable to a skein of saddler's silk. (Wellsville.) T. L. SMITH.

MACHINE BELTING.—Patent Vulcanized Rubber & Riveted Leather Belts; a large stock of all sizes on hand. (Wellsville.) T. L. SMITH. MARLIN ROPE for sale by T. L. SMITH, Wellsville.

TEAKLE BLOCKS—At the Wellsville Hardware Store. T. L. SMITH. HEMP and Rubber Packing, Lacing Leather, Copper Rivets, Belt Punches, at (Wellsville) T. L. SMITH'S.

NEED BUCKWHEAT, sale at the Coudersport Mills, by D. G. CRITTENDEN. PARKER Mill Nails.—Builders will find these Nails a more taper shape, tougher iron, and superior in every respect to any other Nail in market. T. L. SMITH. Wellsville.

Academy Text Books. Full supply for sale low at TYLER'S. Perpetuate Family Faces. ALL who desire to do so should not long delay going to Casey's DAGUERREAN GALLERY. The subscriber is weekly producing beautiful miniature portraits in the most pleasing style and the at most reasonable prices.

A Pleasant room is open and every one is welcome to call and examine specimens whenever they choose. Those who wish to be sure of a sitting should not come late in the day. Gallery open only on Saturdays. 6-30f J. W. CASEY.

JUST RECEIVED—a new and splendid lot of Cooking and Parlor Stoves at 68f J. W. SMITH'S. ZINC AND MINERAL PAINTS, with directions for using, at 52f T. B. TYLER'S.

TWICE a week from New York new goods are received. T. L. SMITH. WELLSVILLE. A NEW supply of Fluid and Camphine Lamps—some new and beautiful patterns just received and for sale low at TYLER'S.

Notice. THE Governor of the State of New York has appointed the subscriber a commissioner for the State of New York, to take the acknowledgment of Deeds and other instruments, and to administer oaths pursuant to an act of the Legislature of said State. ISAAC BENSON. Coudersport, Dec. 12, 1851. 43f

Wanted. SKINS, or HIDES, for which Boots and Shoes will be exchanged, and some cash will be paid. Wm. CROSBY. Place of business, one door North of Johnson's Store. 30f

PLUG TOBACCO—Fine Cut, Chewing, and Smoking, by the pound, at SPENCER'S. "Afflicted, Read." DR. J. I. FURMAN, Professor of diseases in Horses and CATTLE, respectfully informs the public that he has located in Hebron township, (enquire at Joseph Stone's), where he is prepared at all times (Sundays excepted) to attend to calls in his profession. He is of long experience in the business, and hopes by his superior skill and assiduity to secure the patronage of the public. 6-492m

New Goods. D. W. SPENCER has a large stock of Groceries, Clothing, Drugs and Medicines, and a general assortment of Fancy Articles, and many other things too numerous to mention, which will be sold low for or ready pay.