

THE PEOPLE'S JOURNAL ⇒:⊗:× - JOHN S. MANN, EDITOR------COUDERSPORT, PA. CAR : : CAR THURSDAY, MORNING, MAY 29, 1856

To the People of Potter County. 'All who are opposed to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, to the exsension of Slavery into the Territories, and in favor of the admission of Kanas as a free State, are earnestly inwhed to meet in Coudersport on the 31st day of May next, at 1 o'clock, P M; for the purpose, of effecting a more perfect organization in our County, pre-Eratory to the ensuing Presidential and State elections, and of choosing delegates to the Philadelphia Conven-ISAAC BENSON. tions. Chairman of the County Executive Committee Coudersport April4th,1856.

A PREMIUM FOR THE BEST ACRE OF CORN As there is no agricultural society is this County to stimulate our farmors and the public generally, to ingreased agricultural interest, I thought this? Where can you find a people the following offer might do some little good :

To the boy under 19, who will raise the best acre of corn in Potter county this season, I will pay his Tuition at she Coudersport Academy for two Terms, commencing in December next. He must do all the work himself, ploughing, manuring, hoeing, and hervosting. Collins Smith, Nelson Clark, and Seth Taggart, or a majoriby of them, may decide to whom this. premium is due. JOHN S. MANN. May S, 1856.

F Mr. Sumner was improving at last accounts, and will doubtless resume his place in the Senate, unless suother Border Ruffian shall finish him. This murderous assault on Sumner, is the third one this session, by Southern members; and the assaults will increase in ferocity and numbers, until freedom of debates is entirely destroyed, or the people at the North unite and throw off the tyranny which cuslaving them.

F The Mansfield Express is among the best of our Country ex-

There is a letter from Kansas ontaining Judge Lecompte's charge to the Grand Jury, which every freeman ought to read.

The allies of Slavery, unable o defend the monstrous outrages of of the Border Ruffians in Kansas, seek to excuse them by charging improper conduct on the Eastern Emigrant Aid Society. We style this method of apologizing for the murders, Lynchings, and fiaudulent voting in Kansas, States. as infamous; and the manina free State who puts forth this miserable sophistry is worse than a slave holder. The Emigrant Aid Society has never countenanced wrong of any description; and none of the mean-spirited Northern allies of slavery, who glibly talk of its conduct as an excuse for marching an army into Kansas from-Missouri, can name a single act of the society which deserves consure. Next week we shall publish an extract from the masterly speech of Hon. Charles Sumner, which shows up the false charges in a way that makes the au thors appear the miserable defamers

of a noble association.

There is now a standing army n Kansas, obeying the orders of President Pierce, and assisting Missouri Sheriffs to execute the pretended laws of the Bogus Legislature. Has Louis Napoleon been my more odious in exerting his despotic power than tyrannized over more unjustly, and more outrageously than the Free State men of Kansas? Every principle of justice and honor is disregarded, démocracy is dethroned, and Despot. ism is the order of the day. Such are the fruits of repealing the Missouri Compromise. These dire consequences are directly chargeable to the party in Pennsylvania that nominated William Bigler, for Governor, If that Convention had protested in proper terms against the Douglas fraud, it could not have succeeded. And now that party unblushingly endorses the fraud. The scorn of every freeman should rest upon it and its can-

didutes.

There are a few men in this village, among them the pro-slavery candidate for Surveyor General, who the Border Ruffiaus, or the Bogus Legislature of Kansas. So there were men in every village in the days of the Revolution, who denied that Great Britain had done any thing wrong .---The Torics of 1856 are of the same changes-beautifully printed, ably stamp, and pastake of the same mean deeper sacrifices and a nobler devotion

venturers, with characters as bad as their own.-St. Louis Democrat. Weicommend the above brief paragraph to the attention of the Warren Ledger and its associates in this State, who have no word of rebuke for the authors of the outrages in Kansas .-

It is refreshing to turn from the servilty of the press in Pennsylvania, in the service of Sham Democracy, to the Independent press of the slave The St. Louis Democrat has always upported the nominee of the party, but is edited by a man with a soul in him; so he dares express his own cona strange hullucination.

victions of right and wrong, which cannot be said of the poor tools of party who edit the Nebraska papers of this State, not one of whom, so far as we have seen, have informed their readers, that Governor Reeder was indited for HIGH TREASON, and that an attempt had been made to arrest him while he was conducting the investigation before a committee of Congress, which investigation shows that every election in Kansas has been controlled by armed bands from Missouri.

LAWRENCE IS IN ASHES.

The threat of Douglas that " we will subdue you," has been carried out by the entire destruction of one free State Town, and this by an army collected under the order of the United States Marshal for the Territory of Kausas. We cannot give the details to this work, but the following editorial in the Tribune will give some idea of the march of slavery in Kansas :

" The King is dead-Live the King!" Lawrence, the heroic focus and citadel of Free State principles and efforts in Kansas, has been devastated and burned to ashes by the Border Ruffians; but most of its inhabitants still live, and the cause honored by their more hopeful to-day than if their villain assailants had again been driven back discomfited as they were last December. A few bare and tottering chimneys, a charred and blackened waste, now mark the site hallowed to ail eyes as that where the free sons of the North have for two years confronted the myrmidous of Border Ruffianthe brave and true men who laid the foundations of Lawrence, and who, for many anxious months, have toiled for ty! Though one stone should never again be there placed up m another though the crime which has crushed out Lawrence should have extinguished it for ever-the champions of Liberty through future ages shall reverently visit its site as another Bunker Hill lost a friend. or Marathon, and shall be inspired to

burden to the tax-payer-if it fills our ouses-if it is a curse which loosens f, in a word, it renders a man a brute. in outcast, a felon, and the destroyer of his body and soul-(all of which are hest citizens)-then the legislatures who are willing to license this traffic, and permit a few-men to grow fat upon it, on the plea that such a trade

DEATH OF JOHN KEATING.

It becomes our painful duty to an nounce the death of this earliest friend of our county. He departed this life at his residence in Philadelphia, on Monday, the 19th instant, in his ninetysixth year.

He will be remembered by all the old settlers as a kind-hearted and liberal landholder. He had a great at- the school year, (June 1.) or as soon tachment for Potter and M'Kean coun- as possible after that date. ties, which he manifested in liberal also been distributed, and Directors donations to their Academies and other will notice that the affidavit requires public institutions. Always gentle- no signature of the President of the manly and courteous in his relations with others, his life was an example which might be safely followed by all. During his pilgrimage of nearly one hundred years; he passed through many strange vicissitudes; was connected

more or less intimately with many of

the great political events, and the people who wrought them ; and the reminiscences of his life would possess an unusual degree of interest for persons wholly unacquainted with him. He was Irish by birth, but from his infancy resided in France, and his family wore extensively connected with the courage and devotion is stronger and nobility of that country. Political changes made him a resident of the United States; and when, in 1830, on the accession of a new dynasty, he was invited to return to his old possessions, and to occupy a high place in the government, his loyalty to the dethroned family forbade, and he reism, intent on the transformation of mained a private gentleman in the land Kansas into a breeding-ground and for- of his adoption. He was familiar with tress of Human Slavery. Honor to most of the celebrated and interesting characters of Philadelphia, engaged in nearly all her benevolent institu deny that any wrong has been done by and watched over its growth and safe- tions, and is probably more generally mourned than would be any other so aged a man. To us who have known him so long and well-to many of the old settlers on his lands, his death is a most sorrowful event. We have

> THE REIGN OF VIOLENCE. Anti-Slavery men have long foretold that the Slave Power of this Nation would have to be overthrown, or the whole North become abject slaves The murderous attack lately, made on Sumner, because he dared speak as becomes a freeman, will convince all who are not intentionally blind, of the truth of the prediction. J. S. P., after describing this attack to the Tribune. thus closes a letter from Washington, under date of May 22. Does any man doubt the correctness of this statement 1

ment of Regulators and political ad- therefrom immense profits, why should that man, especially on great and lead- be resisted by a single man in Law not any citizen be allowed the same ing issues. We have no disposition to privilege? On the other hand, if the | trump up a charge against Gov. Polwhisky business is wrong-if it is a lock outside of evidence; but these monstrous social evil-if it is a heavy | are times when our public men must | a lie, and the result is this inflamatory show where they stand. Straws may prisons and penitentiaries, and poor- tell which way the winds blows sometimes-we think they do; and the the tender ties of the family, and carries | straws from Northumberland certainly distress to unnumbered hearthstones -) drift southward with a vengeance. The Miltonian is dumb to our questionsprobably playing Douglas under the scanty cloak of its lignity. The Chroncharged upon it by thousands of our icle takes up the glove and contents itself with disclaiming for the Governor, any interest in other than the executive department of Government. We knew that before; we asked to may be regulated, are guilty of a great know whether the complexion of his crime; or else they are the victims of mind could be determined by the proslavery course of his home paper. We repeat that question ; and if it remains unanswered as it has for two or three weeks, silence will be properly considered as assent. That is all.

SCHOOL BLANKS,

Blanks for the Annual District Reports have been forwarded to the different districts, and Directors are respectfully requested to fill them up and return them to me at the close of

Blank Certificate and Affidavits have Board, as was the case last year, but that the signature of the President to the certificate which preceeds the affidavit, should be made in the presence of the Justice, at the same time that the oath or affirmation is made.

J. B. PRADT, Co. Supt. Coudersport, May 10, 1856.

THE POTTER KANSAS FUND.

PITTSBURG, MAY, 16, 1856. J. S. MANN :- I received the enclosed copy of a letter from Gov. Robinson, forwarded to me from home. The letter speaks for itself, and needs no comments. JOSEPH MANN.

LAWRENCE. KANSAS,

April 23d, 1856. DEAR SIR :--- Your letter of March 4th, has been received some time since, and was not answered on account of the absence of Gov. Robinson. He has now returned and desires me to say that he has this day drawn on you for \$100.

At a proper time public acknowl-edgments of all moneys received by the Committee of Safety will be made. For the present we can only render you our heartfelt thanks for the tangible evidences of sympathy contained in your letter, and assure you that the donors of that \$100 shall be ever houored with grateful memory.

Very Respectfully,

C. ROBINS ON. By G. W. DEITZLER. To Joseph Manu, Millport, Pa.

KANSAS CORRESPONDENCE. LAWRENCE, May 15, 1856.

EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL ? 1 stated n my letter of the day before yesterday that Governor Robinson started with the duty of communic tang to your Exfor the East a few days ago on private business. I write to inform you that on Saturday last he was taken by a mob at Lexington, Missouri, and is there held formation from various pare of the Territory and the adjointing State of Missouri, of the a prisoner. He was taken on board the steamboat upon which he was gothe steamboat upon which he was go-ing to St. Louis. The mob wanted to hang him instantly, but the leaders Shannon of these facts, and to call upon him knew better than to do that. They charge him with TREASON, and swear that he shall be given up to Shannon, and if he don't hang him, they will come up from Missouri and do so. Considerable excitement prevails here at increasing in force in the nation every this moment, and it is quite a hard task hour, and has been ever since the for the Committee of Safety who are now in session, to keep company "A" -made up mostly of young men-of the Lawrence Militia from marching to Lexington and taking the Governor from the hands of that villanous mob; and also the rifles which the pirates there did not know how to use after they had stolen them.

rence. But true to his nature and his cause, he goes to Lecompton with proclamation. But the people of Lawrence would not permit him to place them in the wrong. A public meeting was held yesterday morning. Judge Wakefield in the chair, and Wm. Hutchinson Sec'y. at which the following preamble and resolution were passed unanimously:

"Whereas, by a proclamation to the people of Kansas Territory by L. B. Donaldson, United States Marshal of said Territory, issued the 11th day of May, 1856, it is alleged that certain judicial writs of arrest have been directed to him by the first District Court of the United States &c., to be executed within the county of Douglas, and that an attempt to execute them by the United States Deputy Marshal was violently resisted by a large num-ber of the citizens of Lawrence, and that there is every reason to believe that any attempt to execute these writs will be resisted by a large body of

armed men; Therefore, "Resolved by this public meeting of the citizens of Lawrence, held the 13th day of May, 1856, that the allegations and charges against us contained in the aforesaid proclamation, are wholly natrue in fact, and the conclusion encircly false which is drawn therefrom; that the aforesaid Deputy Marshal was resisted in no way or. manner whatsoever, nor by any person whomsoe er, in the execution of the said writ, except by him whose arrest the said Deputy Marshal was seeking to make; and that we now as we have done heretofore, declare our willingness and determination, without resistance to acquiesce in the service up m us of any judici il weit ag inst us by the United States Marshal for Kansas Territory, and will farmis 1 him a posse for that purpose if so requested ; but that we are ready to resist if need be unto death, the riviges and desolation of an invuding mob."

Copies of this preamble and resolution were sent to the Marshal, Gov. Shannon, Col. Summer at Furt Leavedworth, and Col. Cook at Fort Roley. Indeed, the people of Lawrence wills submit to any writ by the United " States authorities; but to a Territori-

al writ served by Territorial authority, (unless with the aid of the United States troops.) they will never yield till the last man in Lawrence dies.

Where is Governor Shannon, and what is he doing, do you ask? I will answer: for fortunately for President Pierce and the Democ a ic party generally, he has put himself on record. in which record he proves himself to be waat nobody ever doubted as was just the tool for Pierce and the Ruffians, toadie enough for the former, and dutenter enough for the litter. But to the record : LAWRENCE CITY, May 12, 1856.

To his Excellency; Wilson Stannon, Governor of Kunsas Territory.

edited, and up with the times in every thing. But this, it seems, does not satisfy some of its over-nice patrons. In fact, there are a few grumblers in every community, whom it would be impossible to satisfy. We would rather meet half a dozen outright oppopouts, than one grumbling friend.

Doctor T. C. Ledyard will be in this village on Monday next, June 2nd, "to operate in dentistry," and will remain as long as his services may be required. Dr. L. is a proficient in his profession and we believe will give satisfaction to those who call on him.

Mr. William Ayres sold a calf on Monday last to Mr. Glassmire, of Club No. 2. President-Holman Morshe Coudersport Hotel, which is a gan; Recording Secretary-D. D. Kel--credit to any farmer. It was not quite three months old, but the meat after it was dressed weighed 184 lbs., and the skin 17. We found the steak superior to any thing of the kind ever sold in this market.

Why are not Douglas, Pierce, and Sham Democracy, willing to admit Kansas into the Union as a State at once ! That would restore peace to the Nation, Simply because the Missouri Compromise was repealed for the purpose of enabling slavery to subdue Kansas, and the authors of that | zation of No. 2. in this county ? bill, will do nothing that does not tend to carry out that purpose. Let any man who desires the admission of Kansas as a free State, look at the facts calmly and he will soon see what party stands in the way of such admission,

That bill of costs in the contessed election case, makes our hunker friends squirm badly. This is natural, as they are responsible for every dollar of it; and the weak attempt of D. W.C. James, to explain it away, is about as silly as his "black flag" false- fellow in trampling upon the laws of few, is a gross outrage on the mass of more than one. Those organs are mention.

spirit as those of 1776.

The letter of Governor Robinson, in another column, will show the donors to the Kansas fund, that their contributious have been received by their brethren in Kansas, and that the last, as had been threatened for some aid thus rendered was received with ten days previously. No shadow of gratitude. We envy neither the head Pretext for this gigantic crime appears nor heart of that man who could as yet to have been invented by the sneer at this contribution, and none but a hunker of the meanest cast would do it,

No. 2. The friends of Free Kansas in the Roundtop School House neighborhood, met on Wednesday evening, 14th inst, and organized Republican. sey; Cor. Secretary-Charles Cool-

edge; Treasurer-Geoige Read. This club will meet Saturday evening of each week at the Roundtop School House, and all the friends of free speech and free men are earnestly requested to attend regularly. Wellsboro Agitator.

That is the way to save Kansas .--Let the people of every Township meet together and talk over the matter in a friendly way, and they will pretty certainly decided against the extension of slavery. When shall we have the pleasure of announcing the organi-

THE TESTIMONY TAKEN BEFORE THE KANSAS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

tigation. Those who desire to know

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by the exulting though tearful contemplation of its glorious dust.

Few details have yet reached us by telegraph, and these entirely through hostile channels; but they leave no room for plausible doubt that the black deed was consummated on Wednesday Border Ruffians, though their coulederates in the Free States will doubtless devise one at the earliest practicable moment.

The Spring Term of the Coudersport Academy commenced on Monday last with forty-four students. There will doubtless be over fifty within a week. We are much encouraged with the prospects of the school.

FREE WHISEY, OR THE MAINE LAW.

The weekly Variety discourses as follows in relation to our present License law. They may answer the logic who can :

In the first place, it is our firm conviction that any attempt to regulate the liquor traffic is not only a fruitless attempt to build upon a quicksand, but it is, as an effort to prevent the free use of ardent spirits, an absurdity. The question, as presented by the two great parties in the contest, is literally -Total prohibition or indiscriminate sale & consumption. As much as persons may wish to occupy "mildle ground," there is really no such tangi-ble position. We must be either for We give to day under the head of or against liquor. If the sale of in-Kansas correspondence, another in- toxicating drinks can be legally assignstallment of the testimony taken before | ed to one man-if it is right for one the Congressional committee of inves- | man to deal in whisky --- , why should any one man whose inclinations point His policy has been from the first, to the facts in regard to the troubles in in that direction, be prohibited from meddle with no department of Govthat Territory will do well to read reaping a profit in the same traffic. If ernment but his own; and while he this testimony. It will enable the the sale of ardent spirits as a beverage allows up dictation to the Governor, people of the country to appreciate the is an intrinsic right, the then attempt he does not dictate to the printer .beauties of Squatter Sovereignty, and on the part of the Legislature to es. Lewisburg Chronicle. the conduct of the Pierce administra- tablish a monopoly in this business, tion in sustaining Atchison and String- and place it in the hands of a chosen has an accredited organ, sometimes

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The thing of which this violence is merely the natural manifestation, is passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill. To attempt to abate the expression simply by denouncing the examples of it, is futile. We shall have to go deeper and extirpate the cause. The slave power has taken this nation by the throat; and the hold must be broken or these events will go on and multiply, and become more and more aggravated and humiliating, till the North is finally and totally subdued.

J. S. P.

Let the Govarnar Show his Hand.

We clip the following from the follows: Wellsboro Agitator, and we regret that Governor Pollock, who promised so much while a candidate, should have done so little since his election, that it becomes necessary to inquire where he stands :

AN ERROR.-One of our exchanges speaks of Governor Pollock's "organs." We are confident that Gov. Pollock has no "organs," public or secret.

Very good. But every public man people of the new Territory a govern. I the luxury of strong drinks, and reap selves in harmony with the views of his writ on that gentleman, nor was very inconsistent if Shannon bad

I stated in my last that the Marshal did not return for Reeder as he had promised. He went back to Lecompton and issued the proclamation which

To the People of Kansas Territory.

"Whereas certain judicial write of arrest "Whereas certain judicial writs of arrest have been directed to me by the first District Court of the United States &c. to be execu-ted within the county of Dougias, and where-as an attempt to execute them by the United States Marshal was viocen.y resisted by a large number of the citizens of Lawrence, and in there is overy reason to be issue by large number of the childra of Lawrence, and as there is every reason to be leve ha-phy attempt to execute these wris will be re-sisted by a large body of armad men; "Now therefore the law abiding citizens of the Ter-ritory are commanded to be and appear at the second as more in the and in ntory are commanded to be and appear at Lecompton as soon as practicable and in numbers sufficient for the proper execution of the law. Given under my hand this 11th day of May, 1856. I. B. DONALDSON, U. S. Marshal, Kansas 'Perritory.''

This proclamation contains and em bodies an unqualified falsehood, as I

was present when 'his Deputy stated to Gov. Reeder what his errand was, bood, with others too numerous to Congress, and impusing upon the the people. If one may dispense with reason, supposed to express them- and he did not even attempt to serve is its consistency. It would have been

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DEAR SIR: The undersig

viz: "Whereas, we have the most reliable inorganization of guerilla bands who threaten the destruction of our town and its citizeus, in the name of the people of Lawrence for protection against such bands by the United States troops at h's disposal.'

All of which is most respectfully submitted. All of which is most respectfully submitted. Very truly, &c., C. W. Tortherz, W. Y. Robears, JOHN HETCHINSON

A special messenger was sent to Lecompton, and returned with the following reply :

Executive Office, May 12, '56.)

Kansas Territory. } GENTLEMEN : Your note of the 12th inst. is recieved, and in reply I have to state that there is no force around or approaching. Lawrence except the legally constituted posse of the United States Marshal, and the Sheriff of. Douglas County, each of whom I am informed have a number of writs in. their hands for execution against per sons now in Lawrence.

I shall in no way interfere with either of these officers in the discharge of their official duties. IF THE CITI-ZENSOF LAWRENCE SUBMIT THEMSELVES TO THE TERRITORIAL LAWS, and AID and ASSIST the marshal and SHERIFF in the execution of process in their hands, as all good citizens are bound to do when called on, they, or all such, will entitle themselves to the protection of the law; but so long as they keep up a mutary or armed orgunization to resist the Territorial L ws and the officers charged with their . execution, I SHALL NOT INTERPOSE to: ave them from the legitimate consequences of their illegal ac.s.

1 have the honor to be Yours with great respect,

WILSON SHANNON. To Messrs, Topliffe, Hu chinson, & Roberts, There is one thing about this letter which 1 like very much, and that