

Mr. Light, with sufficient property for all his wants, divides his time between many households, all copies of the deaf one he can forget; and in each of which he eagerly welcomed and cared for with watchful love his children continually developed before his eyes the traits which he has now learned to appreciate in his buried wife.— They have taken the place in society, for which their mother fitted them, have married into good families, are surrounded with refined friends, and made themselves attractive by whatever among the comforts and elegancies of life may be within their reach.— As Charles Light, an old man now, sits thus at the fireside of his children, and watches his daughters, ornaments together, bequeathing to their names comforters to the destitute, and his sons, forward in all good works, and many enterprises, tears, not of loneliness, but of gratitude, fill his eyes, and he thinks how the good wife, being dead yet speaketh.

Yea, let her own work praise her!

Reader, I would not disparage the excellent and useful virtue of economy, but only suggest, by this sketch drawn from actual life, that there are kinds of waste which lead to wealth, and kinds of accumulation which lead to miserable waste.

#### Taking the Benefit of Taney's Decision.

We learn from the Chicago Tribune, of the 17th inst., that "four descendants of Africans," who were indicted in the Recorder's Court of that city for stealing poultry, filed the following plea in abatement:

*Recorder's Court of the City of Chicago.—April Term, 1857.—Alexander Pierce, John Williams, John Taylor, Alfred Nicholson against The People of the State of Illinois.—INDICTMENT FOR LARCENY.—And now cometh into court the above-named chattels, erroneously indicted as persons, in their own proper bodies, and having heard the said indictment read, say that the above-named Recorder's Court ought not to take cognizance of the alleged crime in the said indictment above specified; because protesting (if, as such bodies they have the right to protest) that they are not guilty of the same, not being in any manner recognized or known by or to the Constitution of the United States of America, or of the constitution or laws of the state of Illinois as persons, protected by or responsible to the laws of the said; nevertheless, for plea in this behalf, the said bodies so as aforesaid erroneously indicted and compelled to answer, say that no cause of complaint appears to the people of this state against them; for this, to wit; that the said bodies so as aforesaid indicted, are not persons capable of committing crime and of being tried therefore in this court, but are articles of merchandise, and mere property, by the supreme law of the land; because they say that they are negroes, of African descent, their ancestors were of pure African blood, and were brought into this country and sold as negro slaves."*

Therefore, they pray judgment if the court now here will or ought to take cognizance of the indictment aforesaid, and that by the court here they may be dismissed and discharged.

To this plea Carlton Howe, the State's Attorney, demurred, and the defendants joined in the demurrer.

In support of the demurrer, the state's Attorney urged that, although the defendants were really *bona fide* slaves and subject to rendition to their masters, they were liable to be tried and punished under local or state laws for felonies committed by them within the state.

Mr. J. P. Thompson, for the prisoners, then made an elaborate argument in support of the plea, which he supported by copious extracts from Judge Taney's opinion in the Dred Scott Case, and contended that, under the decision of the Supreme Court in that case, which was now the established law of the land, there was no distinction between negroes of African descent and other property. He then applied this proposition to the matter in hand.

Our laws, he observed, "authorize the conviction of persons, not chattels. The court cannot sentence a chattel—not property. The warden of the state's prison cannot, and obey his master receiving an African slave or descendant, into custody. If a chattel commits a wrong act, he should be punished as a chattel, and not as a man." The fox that steals property cannot be indicted and punished as a man, but must be punished as a fox.

Judge Wilson, however, sustained the demurrer, saying that, "If Chief Justice Taney ever intended by that decision to make Africans or descend-

ants of Africans" as far chattels that they may appropriate other people's chattels, by larceny, without being answerable to the laws of this state, or the local police regulations, this Court does not recognize the validity of such decision."

A exception was taken to the ruling of the court, and the "mere movable chattels" were placed upon trial. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. The prosecuting witness, a descendant of an African, failed upon trial to swear to any facts which would go to establish the guilt of the accused, albeit his testimony before the grand jury was explicit and positive. The witness had probably heard the proceedings relative to the jurisdiction of the court in the case, and very naturally came to the conclusion that being himself a mere chattel, a piece of merchandise, he could not be held amenable to the laws for committing perjury, and might as well, under the circumstances, clear his friends as convict them.

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#### Republican Nominations.

For Governor,  
DAVID WILMOT,  
of Bradford County.

For Canal Commissioner,  
WILLIAM MILWARD,  
of Philadelphia County.

For Judges of Supreme Court,  
JAMES VEECH,  
of Fayette County.

JOSEPH J. LEWIS,  
of Chester County.

#### State Central Committee.

The President of the late American Republican Convention has appointed the following State Central Committee, viz:

LEONEL TODD, CHAIRMAN; Simon Cameron, John J. Cuyler, John J. Shinnick, Jose B. Atwater, Henry White, Lindsey Smith, C. E. Elsmaker, H. L. Beemer, David Newport, Wm. H. Keim, Peleg Durkee, Peter S. Miller, Thos. E. Cochran, E. C. Wetherpon, John Paul Jones, John Laporte, D. G. Gause, John N. Purviance, Robert F. M. Dowell, John H. Weis, Thomas Cooley, John Covode, Joseph Shantz, Joseph Casey, Geo. Bergne, Wm. D. Kelly, J. M. Selleck, James Edwards, J. B. Lane, Mr. Jacob L. Gorrier, Edw'd C. Knight, Edw'd D. Dillingham, John Cowell, T. J. Wirth, Saul E. Dimonock, David E. Small, B. Rush Parken, W. F. Miller, L. P. Willis, C. B. Curtis, D. L. Eaton, D. E. Finney, J. R. Eds., A. J. Turner, Robert M. Palmer.

See the advertisement of Ollie Haun, the Pawnbroker in another column. Those desiring to know something of the Mysteries and Miseries of city life will find it an excellent medium of information.

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Thank you, Mr. Ledger, for the compliment—sorry we can't return it. This is the difference between us neighbor. — you go for niggers, skin and all—we go for saving their souls, and letting the skins have a chance to get as hard as your heart when we are satisfied, they'll be insensible to any brusles the world may subject them to. The Republican party are gaining strength every day by your wise exposition of its principles. By the way, how does the "reaction" work down your way?

#### More Victories.

The City of Indianapolis having been an eye-witness to the outrages practised in the State Legislature by the Democratic party, has just elected the entire Republican city ticket by over 200 majority. Last Fall the city went for Buchanan. The township elections in the same State are almost uniformly, thus far, anti-Democratic.— *Tribune.*

We commend the above to the attention of the Warren Ledger, as still further evidence that there is a North; and that the reaction in Indiana is most hopeful.

John S. Mann, Esq. editor of the Potter County Journal has recently been made a Colonel by appointment from the Governor, Colonel Mann sounds sort of euphoniously. No doubt he carries the honor gracefully. — *Bridgewater Gazette.*

We have always regarded John S. Mann, as a *whole man*, but he is not the *man* we have taken him to be, if he has been fishing after such high-falutin' titles to prefix to his name.— *Mercer Freeman.*

This joke has been carried about far enough. Our associate was misled in some way in making the announcement. If my Mercer friend had known our Quaker principles, he would not have been so ready to wish draw his good opinion. When we accept the Commission or title of Colonel, we shall start for Colonel Walker, or some other war like chief, to enlist in his service. — J. S. M.

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attacks as the above on Free State men; but while they pass over in silence the destruction of Corinth, Rosses in Missouri, and Kansas, we still think their fury against Lincoln and Redderick, occasioned by the fear that the Free State cause will eventually triumph, in spite of all the obstacles thrown in the way by Buchanan's Democracy.

We never had much confidence in Jim Lane, nor Governor Geary, Redderick, Roberts, and the other prominent National Democrats, who went to Kansas singing the praises of the Kansas-Nebraska bill; but when they began to show symptoms of being men instead of tools, and the whole tribe of Northern Doughties began to denounce them, we thought perhaps they really intended to act for Freedom, and hence we sympathize with them. For the same reason the Democratic and its associates would crush them out of existence. This shows the spirit of the party.

#### Free Labor Contrasted with Slave Labor.

The Buchanan press of Pennsylvania are just now very busy trying to convince their readers that slavery is a good thing. All history proves the contrary. A single glan in the free and slave states of this Nation prove that slave labor curses the soil that is tilled by it. As a general rule free labor shuns the slave states but an exception has been made in Western Texas, where the Germans have established flourishing colonies of free labor. Now see how every thing prospers around them, compared with slave labor in Texas. Here is what F. T. Omillard says of one of these German towns and its Hotel.

"There was nothing wanted; there was nothing too much for those little inn which the pedlar who has tramped through the Rhine-land will ever remember gratefully. A long room, extending over the whole front of the cottage, the walls pink, with striped panel, and scroll ornaments in crimson, and with neatly-framed and glazed pretty lithographic prints hanging on slides; a long thick oak table, with rounded ends, set beneath it at sides; entwined oak chairs; a sofa covered with cheap pink calico, with a small vine pattern; a stove in the corner; a little mahogany cupboard in another corner, with plates and glasses upon it; a sunny atmosphere; and, finally, four thick-beamed men, from whom the attack proceeded, who all bow and say 'Good morning,' as we sit on their beds in the doorway.

"The landlady does not do a ready understanding, and the workers rise immediately, and she spreads the white cloth at one end of the table before she leaves the room, and in two minutes' time, by which we have got off our coats, and washed our hands at the stove; we are asked to sit down. An excellent soup is set before us, and in succession two courses of meat, neither of them pork, and neither then fried, two dishes of vegetables, salad, compote of peaches, coffee with milk, wheat bread from the log, and beautiful and sweet butter—not only good butter as I have never tasted south of the Potowmack before, but such as I have been told, a hundred times, it was impossible to make a similar butter in the north. And, finally, four thick-beamed men, from whom the attack proceeded, who all bow and say 'Good morning,' as we sit on their beds in the doorway.

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Mr. Victor Pirolli, a democratic member of the Board of Education of Bradford county, introduced his bill to the following effect:

"Whereas, The existing legislation in Mexico may now be in a position of new territory; and

Whereas, measures are now pending in Congress, having in view the appropriation of money and the conferring of authority, to the treatymaking power to this end, therefore,

Resolved, &c. That our Senate is to

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and they passed unanimously, to the

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YES—Texas, Alabama, Arkansas,

Baldwin, Beaufort, Bluffton, Black, Bluff,

Boggs, Bogard, Bonner, Bonfield, Bull,

Burns, Bush, Bushnell, Clark, Colvin,

Cook, Daly, Dickinson, Dickson,

Donaldson, Edge, Evans, Fassett, Fans

ford, Ferguson, Fenstermacher, Forsyth,

Fox, Gealey, Gould, Graeff, Goss,

Haley, Harris, Haynes, Haymaker, Hill,

Hinds, Hunter, Ide, Jacoby, Jackson,

Kaufman, Kratz, Kerr, Kinslow,

Kline, Klingensmith, Knox, Kriek,

Laidley, Laughlin, Lawrence, Lee,