# The Emancipation Question. THE PARALYSING EFFECT OF SLA-

MARYLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS COMPARED. Hon. R. J. Walker's Second Letter. The Hon. R. J. Walker, ex-United States Senator and Secretary of the Treasury, devotes his second letter on the Emancipation Question to the effect of slavery in retarding progress and population, and illustrates the subject by a comparison of the advance of Maryland and Massachusetts in these respects. We reprint portions of the latter:

The census proves that our progress has been greatly retarded by slavery. If the North had retained, and the South abolished slavery, their relative positions would have been reversed; Virginia would have taken the place of New York, Maryland of Massachusetts, Delaware of Rhode Island, Kentucky of Ohio, Missouri of Illinois, and Tennessee of Indiana.

I shall begin with Maryland, because in proportion to her area she has greater natural advantages than any one of the thirtyfour States, and if the comparison of the free States is most unfavorable to her, it will be more so as to any other Southern State, as the census shows that, from 1790 to 1860, and from 1850 to 1860, the increase of population in Maryland per square mile was great er than in any other slaveholding State.

Maryland borders for 200 miles the great free State of Pennsylvania, and Delaware 130 miles, whose slaves has decreased from 8,887 in 1790, to 1,798 in 1860, and where slavery now exists in name only. Delaware (like Maryland) is also a loyal State, and would be the last to leave that Union, which it was her glory the first to enter, and by a unanimous vote under the Constitution of 1787. On the west Maryland is bounded by Preston county, Virginia containing in 1860 a free population of 13,312, and 67 slaves only. Of the eight counties of East-ern Shore of Maryland all but one border on Pennsylvania or Delaware, and of the West ern Shore, all but five border on Pennsylvania or this District. Those six counties which border neither Delaware or this District contain far less than one-seventh the population of Maryland.

Western Virginia, bordering Maryland on the south and west, has just voted, with great unanimity, to sibolish slavery, and proposes to become a free State. Within the heart of Maryland stands this District, where slavery is now abolished, producing serious losses and embarrassments to the State. The two counties of Prince George and Montgomery, adjoining this District, contained 17,790 slaves in 1860, being more than any other two counties of Maryland, and more than one-fifth of the slaves in the State. How long can slavery endure, and of what value is it in these counties, where every slave brought or sent to the District is free, and where it is already seriously contended that the language of the Constitution, "Slaves in one State escaping into another," cannot ap ply to this District. Indeed, with the feeling so intensified already by this rebellion against slavery, it cannot long exist in Maryland .-By advancing legislation and public senti ment the Fugitive Slave Law is becoming inoperative, and slaves in Maryland are now held by a more precarious to nure. I speak of the facts as they are, and not as sanctioning any violation or evasion of the Constitu tion. Indeed, unforscen events, as this terrible rebellion progresses, may sweep slavery from Maryland, without compensation or

colonization. But, independent of present and future perils, it is proposed to prove, mainly by the census, that all the material interests of Maryland would be greatly promoted by her prompt acceptance of the offer of Congress. We must consider the area, soil, climate, mines, hydraulic power, location, shore line, bays and the progress of wealth and popula n in all cases, except where expressly stated the population includes slaves and free.

The relative progress of Maryland has been slow, indeed. The total population of the Union, by the census of 1790, was 3,929,-827, of which Maryland, containing then 319.728, constituted a twelfth part (12 29.— In 1860 the Union numbered 31,445,080, and Maryland 687,031, constituting then only a 45th part (45.76). In 1790 the free States numbered 1,968,455, Maryland's population then being equal only to one sixth (6 12), but in 1860 the population of the free States was 18,920,078, Maryland's number then being equal only to one twenty-seventh part (27 52). But if Maryland had increased as rapidly from 1790 to 1850 as the whole Union, her proportion one twelfth part, would have made her numbers in 1860 2,620,315, and if her proportional increase had equalled that of the free States, her ratio, one sixth, would have made her population in 1860 3,153,392. From her small area (seven States being smaller), she would not have reached either of these results, but, before closing these letters, it will be proved that, in the absence of mile as Massachusetts and Baltimore, bearing the same ratio to this number as to Maryland's present population, would have contained in 1860 542,000, instead of 212,000, her present number.

I take the areas from the able report (November 29, 1860,) of the Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, then the commissioner of the General Land Office, where these areas are for the first time accurately given by actual admeasurement "excluding the water surface."-The population is taken from the census, the tables of 1850 and 1860 being compiled with great ability by the present Superintendent, the Hon. J. C. G. Kennedy. I compare first Massachusetts and Maryland, because they are the maritime and old States, and both in 1790 had nearly the same population; but as shown hereafter, with vastly superior natural advantages in favor of Maryland.

Area of Maryland 11,124 square miles, shore line, by tables of United States Coast Survey, viz :- main shore, including bays, sounds, &c., 503 miles; islands 298; rivers to the head of tidewater 535—total 1,336 miles.

Area of Massachusetts, 7,800 square miles, shore line by tables of United States Coast Survey, viz:-main shore, including baye, sounds, &c., 435 miles, islands, 259, rivers to head of tidewater, 70; total, 764 miles. When we mark the Potomac and its tributaries, the lower Susquehanna, the deep and numerous streams of the Chesapeake, the commercial advantages of Maryland over Massachusetts are vast indeed. Looking at the open shore of Maryland, and also at the Cesapeake Bay, the largest and finest estuary in the world, ble inlets, three-fourths of its length for both crop raised in this county in 15 years.

shores being within Maryland, and compare this deep and tranquil and protected basin, almost one continuous harbor, with the rock bound coast of Massachusetts, lashed by the stormy Atlantic, the superiority of Maryland

is striking.

Mortality in Maryland, by the late census, viz: deaths from the 1st of June, 1859 to 31st of May, 1860, 7,370 persons. Same time in Massachusetts, 21,304, making the ratio of deaths to the number living in Maryland, one to every 93 (93 20), and in Massachusetts one to every 35 (35 20), and in massachusetts one to every 57 (57 78), and the percentage of deaths in Maryland 1.06, and in Massachusetts 1.73. This rate of mortality for Massachusetts is confirmed by the late official report of their Secretary of State to the Legis-

As to area, then, Maryland exceeds Mas sachusetts 43 per cent. as to the shore line, that of Maryland is nearly double that of Massachusetts, having 68 miles more of main shore, bays and sounds, 38 miles more for islands, and nearly eight times the number of miles for rivers to head of tidewater. As to climate, that of Maryland, we have seen, is far the most salubrious. This is a vast advantage, not only in augmented wealth and numbers, from fewer deaths, but also as attracting capital and emigration. This milder and more salubrious climate gives to Maryland longer periods for swing, working and harvesting groups a more substitute. vesting crops, a more genial sun, larger pro-ducts, and better and longer crop seasons, great advantages for stock, especially in win ter, decreased consumption of fuel, a greater period for the use of hydraulic power, and of canals and navigable streams.

The area Maryland fit for profitable culture is more than double that of Massachusetts, the soil much more fertile, its mines of coal and iron, with the fluxes all adjacent, rich and inexhaustible, whereas Massachusetts has no coal, and no valuable mines of iron or fluxes. When we reflect that coal and iron are the great elements of modern progress, and build up mighty empires, this advantage of Maryland over Massachusetts is almost incalculable. The hydraulic power of Maryland also greatly exceeds that of Massachusetts. Such are the vast natural advan-tages of Maryland over Massachusetts. Now let us observe the results. Population of Maryland in 1790, 319,728; in 1860, 687,024 increase, 367,300. Population of Massa chusetts in 1790, 378,717: in 1860, 1,231,065
increase, 852,348. Difference of increase in favor of Massachusetts, 485,048. Excess of Massacusetts over Maryland in 1790, 58,989, and in 1860, 544,031. This result is amazing when we regard the far greater area of Maryland and other vast natural advantages. The population of Maryland in 1790 was 28 to the square mile (28.74), and in 1860 61 to the square mile (61.76), whereas Massachu setts had 48 to the square mile in 1790 (48.55) and 157 to the square mile in 1860 (157.82), to the Thus Massacusetts had only 20 more to the square mile in 1790, and 96 more to the square mile in 1860.

But if the areas of Maryland and Massachusetts had been reversed, Massachusetts with the area of Maryland, and the population of Massachusetts of 1860 to the square would have numbered them 1,755,661 and Maryland, with the area of Massachusetts and the population of Maryland of 1860 to the square mile, would have had then a on of only 481,728 upon that basis, leaving Massachusetts in 1860 1,273,393 more people than Maryland. Thus is the assertion in a former part of this letter now proved, "that in the absence of slavery, the population of Maryland in 1860 would have then been at least 1,755,661, and Baltimore at least 542,000." But, in view of the many ed. other natural advantages of Maryland, as shown in this letter viz : in climate and salubrity, in shore line and navigable rivers, in fertility of soil and hydraulic power, in a more central location for trade with the whole Union, and especially with the West, and nearer supplies of cotton-and above all, in coal and iron, it is clear, in the absence of discharged. slavery, Maryland must have contained in 1860 a population of at least two millions .-By the census of 1790 Massachusetts was the fourth in population of all the States, and Maryland the sixth, but in 1860 Massachu setts was the seventh and Maryland the nine teenth, and if each of the thirty four States he same ratio from 1860 to 1870. as from 1850 to 1860, Maryland will be only the twenty fifth State.

rible effects of slavery on Maryland, and is Reading Railroads. Let Mifflin county only one of the dreadful sacrifices she has made in retaining the institution. As to wealth, power, and intellectual development, the loss cannot be overstated.

We shall give the conclusion of this convincing letter next week.

### LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A Cyclorama, exhibiting a series of views of the War will exhibit at the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday even-

RECRUITING .- The war spirit, which had been in a great measure destroyed by a set of politicians who think more of parslavery, her population in 1860 would have been at least 1,755,661, or the same per square vived within the last week, and we should not be at all surprised to see Mifflin county place two companies in the field instead of the one called for. Mr. Waream is approximating a full company, and Mr. Mc-Manigle can probably command at least fifty at this time, while others we hear of have squads sufficient to fill both. This afternoon the county commissioners will meet, when arrangements will probably be made with the citizens for paying a liberal bounty to each volunteer.

> Capt. Waream's company is to leave this morning, with, we believe, a full compliment of names.

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Resolved, That our hearty thanks are due to Gen. Burns for the free use of his property as an encampment, and to the ladies and gentlemen of Lewistown and the region there about for the innumerable attentions bestowed upon us during our sojourn among the mountains of Pennsylvania; that we will remember with the liveliest interest our visit to this beautiful and romantic region of country.

Resolved, That our visit to the sabbath

schools, prayer meetings and churches of this region has been highly edifying to our hearts, and given us an exalted idea of the moral and spiritual condition of this community.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to the editors of the "Gazette" and "Democrat" for their good wishes and kindly expressions toward us. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions

be published in the newspapers of the bor-

ough.

Col. McCox.-The 107th regiment has unanimously called for the appointment of Captain T. F. McCoy, who has been engaged in the Quartermaster's Department at Harrisburg since the commencment of the war, as their Colonel, and unless the Governor has already filled the post, we have no doubt he will be appointed. Capt.

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