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TWENTY YEARS AGO. I've wandered in the village, Tom—I've sat beneath the tree— Upon the school-house playing ground which sheltered you and me...

EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH OF ION. WM. BIGLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA: Delivered in the Senate of the United States, Monday, December 8, 1856.

known that there was a popular majority against Mr. Fremont in New York over forty-five thousand, and in Ohio of eleven thousand, and in Iowa of one hundred and fifty thousand... I have a word to say.

has ever pretended to advocate the establishment of slavery in Kansas! No man of one of the orators whom I met in the canvass, whether from the South or North, did any such thing... Mr. Wade. Will the gentleman allow me to ask him one question? He is not so explicit as I could wish.

found the increase of slavery with its territorial extension; and some, doubtless, voted the republican ticket because they believed that the prohibition of slavery as to Kansas was to retard the growth of the institution... Mr. Bigler. You can raise the question and have it decided.

the control of all branches of the government. Now they control none. Then there were eleven slaveholding States, and one non-slaveholding. Now there are sixteen free and fifteen slave States, with six or seven Territories to come in as free States... Mr. Bigler. I do not raise a constitutional question. There is one, and let it be decided.

a pleasant one. I have no sympathy with the crime of slavery, and with the man who commits it... Mr. Bigler. I think that is the substance of the quotation I was about to read. The senator from South Carolina remarked:

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