

Kansas.

The Constitutional Convention—Alma of the Free State Men—An Extra Session of the Legislature—The Militia to be Organized.

QUINDARO, Kansas, Nov. 9, 1857.—The Constitutional Convention having framed a pro-slavery constitution and closed its labors, the free State men, who have heretofore looked upon the whole thing as a farce, seem suddenly to have awakened to a sense of their danger.

As there seems but little hope of excluding slavery except by force, the latter proposition was strongly urged.

Even if Governor Walker consents to call the Legislature together, they have no power over the Constitution, or over the provisions of the Convention that framed it.

The Legislature if convened, will provide for a popular vote on the Constitution, depending entirely upon its moral effect.

Though it can have no legal force, yet most free State men here seem to think that if a tremendous popular vote is polled against the Constitution, and it is fully and legally shown that nine-tenths of the inhabitants of the Territory are opposed to it, that may deter some Northern Democrats in Congress from voting for it.

As the large emigration of last Spring was thrown out at the last election by the six-months residence clause, the free State majority is much larger than that would show, and it is confidently believed that if the Legislature will permit all who have resided thirty days in the Territory to vote, the majority against the Constitution will be fully ten to one.

The conviction among the free State men here is, that as every part of the program in the action to make Kansas a slave State has been so faithfully performed over all the opposition, there can be no doubt the last act will be carried through, and that a Democratic Congress will admit Kansas with this slave Constitution, even if ninety-one hundredths of the people of the Territory were known to be opposed to it.

No definite action was taken, but a committee was appointed, and it is expected that another meeting will be held in a few days.

THE RESULT OF THE CONVENTION.

[From the Chicago Times, (Senator Douglas' Organ) Nov. 12.]

We think it amounts to very little what has been the action of the Convention. One thing is certain, the constitution has not been submitted to the people, and that constitution is not worth the paper it disfigures.

The Susquehanna Lumber Business.—As every one of our citizens who contemplate building next Spring is interested in the price of lumber, and as the supplies come almost entirely from the Susquehanna, it may not be out of place to state the prospects of the lumber trade at that time.

The Hog Cholera is said to have made its appearance in the upper end of Huntington county.

Donnelly, who murdered Moses at the Sea View House last Summer, will be hung on the 8th day of January next.

The past week was remarkable, even in the city of New York, for brutal and murderous outrages.

By the bursting of the boiler of the steamboat Cataract, at Lisbon, in the Mississippi river, on the 17th inst., five persons were killed and fifteen scalded.

A protracted Meeting of the M. E. Church, at Lewistown, has been kept up for some eight or nine weeks past, and about a hundred have professed conversion.

UGH!—In looking over the schedule of articles to be presented to the different Indian tribes, for which the Secretary of the Interior invites proposals, we observe the item, "two hundred scolding knives!"

The Mormon War.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 17. The War Department to-day received some highly interesting official dispatches, including a proclamation of Brigham Young, declaring martial law in Utah.

He expressly forbids the United States troops entering the Territory without his authority for doing so, and complains that the Mormons have not been treated as American citizens, and that the Government of the United States has acted on misrepresentations, the object being to drive the Mormons from the Territory.

The language of the proclamation is emphatically in hostility to the authority of the United States, and is regarded here as a declaration of war.

When Col. Alexander was within 30 miles of Fort Bridger, which place is occupied by Mormon troops, he received a letter from Brigham Young, through the commander of the "Nauvoo Legion," warning the troops out of the Territory, but saying if they desired to remain till Spring they might do so, provided they give up their arms and ammunition, but they must leave; in the meantime he will see that they are furnished with provisions.

The letter was accompanied by two copies of the proclamation and a copy of the laws of Utah. The commander tells Col. Alexander that he is at the fort to carry out Young's instructions, and expresses the hope that Col. Alexander's answer and actions, will be dictated by a proper respect for the rights and liberties of American citizens.

Col. Alexander in his reply, dated Oct. 2, says he has given Young's communication his attentive consideration, and will submit the letter to the General commanding, as soon as he arrive here, (meaning camp Winfield, on Ham's Fork.)

I have to say that these troops are here by order of the President of the United States and their further movements will depend entirely upon the orders issued by a competent authority.

Among the documents is a letter from Col. Johnston, dated from the camp on the Three Wings of the Sweet Water, addressed to Adjutant-General McDowell, New York, in which he confirms the burning of the contractor's trains by the Mormons.

"If I could communicate with Col. Alexander, I would direct him to take up a good position for the Winter, at Ham's Fork. The road is best between this and Ham's Fork with companies of Mormons, so it is doubtful if I shall be able to communicate with Col. Alexander."

It is supposed at the War Department that the troops are all in good condition, as nothing to the contrary is said in the dispatches.

The Indian Bureau has received advices stating that the Indians of Oregon and Washington Territories are in a comfortable condition, but that considerable confusion has arisen in consequence of the contract for supplies, owing principally to the credit system.

The alleged destruction of the provision train, which we mention on Friday last—the burning of 78 government wagons by a band of 700 Mormons, on the plains, about 250 miles east of Salt Lake city—cannot possibly embarrass the troops now on the way to Utah.

SINGULAR.—We heard of a singular circumstance the other day which occurred a few miles up the Lehigh. A little girl about four years old, awoke in the middle of the night and told her father that there was a negro in the cellar.

Mr. SUMNER has been sick during the entire voyage, but his health generally has been so much improved that it is thought he will be able to resume his seat in Congress at its opening.

JUDGE LOWRIE TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE.—By an amendment to the Constitution which says, "the judge whose commission shall first expire shall be Chief Justice during the term, and thereafter each judge whose commission shall first expire shall in turn be Chief Justice," Judge LOWRIE will hold the commission that will first expire, and will consequently be Chief Justice after the first Monday of next December; and his commission having six years to run, he will of course hold that office for six years if he so long lives.

SUSQUEHANNA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—The winter term of this institution will commence Wednesday, Dec. 23, and a somewhat different course of instruction has been adopted, as will be seen by the advertisement in another column.

The St. Louis Democrat says that Marcus J. Parrott, delegate to Congress from Kansas, has received his certificate of election. His majority is about 5000.

SLEIGHING.—We learn that there was sleighing in Quebec on Thursday.

Bradford Reporter.

E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR.

TOWANDA: Thursday Morning, November 26, 1857.

TERMS.—One Dollar per annum, invariably in advance. Four weeks previous to the expiration of a subscription, notice will be given by a printed wrapper, and if not received, the paper will in all cases be stopped.

CLIPPING.—The Reporter will be sent to Clubs at the following extremely low rates: 6 copies for... \$5.00; 15 copies for... \$12.00; 10 copies for... \$8.00; 20 copies for... \$15.00.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—For a square of ten lines or less, One Dollar for three or less insertions, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent insertion.

Job-Work.—Executed with accuracy and dispatch, and a reasonable price—with every facility for doing Books, Blankets, Hand-bills, Ball-tickets, &c.

Money may be sent by mail, at our risk—enclosed in an envelope and properly directed, we will be responsible for its safe delivery.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The U. S. mail steamship Atlantic arrived at New York on Sunday, bringing intelligence four days later from Europe, and two weeks later from India.

Loss of Life by the Flood.—The Canadiana Times says that Mr. Charles Kelley of that town, was drowned on Monday last. It appears that the rapid rise of water caused apprehensions to be entertained for the safety of Wilber's mill dam, and to avert the danger, Mr. W. went out with his two hired men for the purpose of raising the waste gate, so as to allow the water to pass off.

YATES COUNTY BANK.—A. S. DIVEN, Receiver of this Bank, writes as follows: "Unless the Court directs otherwise, I must close the whole thing in ninety days. This can only be done by selling the assets at auction for cash down; and this course, in these times, would not, in my judgment, yield twenty-five cents on the dollar to bill holders; while if the court chooses to direct that time shall be given for the Receiver to make collections, I think from fifty to seventy-five cents on the dollar may be made."

Mrs. I. H. Wood, says the Port Jervis Union, the Lady who shot Andrews, was taken before Judge DUYEE, on a writ of habeas corpus, and liberated on bail—her husband and Mr. JOS. VAN NOIR becoming her sureties.

On Sunday the 1st of November, Mr. Otis B. Smith, his wife and child, and a Mr. Bancroft, were passing a bridge in the village of Hammondsport, in a buggy, when the horse became frightened, and leaped over the edge of the bridge to the bottom of the creek, some fifteen or twenty feet.

The matter of the expiration of the commission of Chief Justice Lewis, whether on the 1st day of December or the first Monday of December proximo, formed the subject of an opinion delivered in the Supreme Court, at Pittsburg, by Justice Woodward, on the 3d instant.

The Lady's Book for December has two beautiful engravings at the opening—"Christmas Eve," and "Christmas Morning." Mothers and children will admire them especially.

A fire occurred in Rochester, on Saturday morning, which consumed the Eagle Bank Block and the Commercial Bank Block. Two firemen were killed by falling walls, and several others were seriously wounded.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED MAN.—The Gen. Hamilton said to have been lost by the recent steamboat collision near Galveston, is supposed to be Gen. James Hamilton, of South Carolina, who figured so conspicuously in Gen. Jackson's time, particularly in connection with the South Carolina rebellion.

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SHOCKING OCCURRENCE.—The Corning Journal, of the 12th inst., says that on Wednesday evening, Thomas Edger, of Gibson was killed by Jerome McBain, of the same place.

TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND TEACHERS.—The following are extracts from the decisions of the State Superintendent of Common Schools:—

PRIVATE EXAMINATIONS.—These have been tolerated heretofore to an injurious extent, and have consumed the time, and seriously crippled the movements of the Superintendents.

WE HAVE MADE THIS EXTRACT, and shall from time to time make others, in order that directors and teachers, who do not see the School Journal from month to month, may know what their duties are, and what the other school officers have a right to expect of them.

DREADFUL OCCURRENCE.—A terrible tragedy occurred at Port Jefferson, L. I., at 7 1/2 o'clock on Saturday Morning. Mr. HENRY WATERS, a farmer, and formerly a carpenter, residing at that place, suddenly rushed into the room in which his wife, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STURDEVANT, were at breakfast and commenced a deadly assault upon them with a square iron bar, without any apparent provocation except a jealousy of the manifestations of regard which Mrs. WATERS gave her step-children.

THEY HAVE A "FLOUR LEAGUE" at Hold daysburg, and on Saturday last, it sent an order to Pittsburg for twenty-four barrels of extra family, which is to cost \$5.64 delivered to the subscribers.

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GRAIN.—The Wheat market is firm, but active—sales of 12,000 bushels at \$1.06 for Milwaukee Club; \$1.20 a 1.25 for white Ohio; \$1.20 for white Michigan; and \$1.25 for red Delaware. Corn market unsettled; sales of 12,000 bushels at 80a82 1/2 for Western mixed; and 65a70a for Jersey yellow (new) Rye dull at 76c.

PROVISIONS.—The Pork market is dull at \$19 37 1/2a1950 for Mess, and \$1 75a17 for Prime. Small sales of Bacon at 12a12 1/2. Beef dull. Lard quiet, at 11 1/2a12c. Butter quiet. Cheese in moderate demand, at 6a8 1/2c.

TERRIFIC GALE ON THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS.—Cincinnati, Monday, Nov. 22.—The steamer Republic arrived from Louisville on Saturday night, reports that during the storm of Wednesday sixteen Coal boats capsized in the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers near Cairo. One hundred men were lost in them.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.—One day last week says the Eastern Argus, a merchant in Gardner, Me., offered to give a barrel of flour to the Rev. Charles Blake, a Baptist minister in that city, provided the young ladies would haul it to him.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE DECEMBER NUMBER of the Cosmopolitan Art Journal, and its typographical appearance is exceedingly neat. The number before us contains two beautiful steel engravings—the Greek Slave and Shake Hands—and is profusely embellished with elegant wood illustrations.

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