

room to get his "feed" without telling some one at the door who is going to vote for "I expect that soon no actor will go on to "strut and fret his hour upon the stage," will be allowed to go on with his part until he has first declared his political preferences; so that we shall have Hamlet in his black tights and sable plumes, hurrahing for Buchanan, Macbeth going in strong for Fillmore, and Othello yelling like mad for Fremont, and the "Black Republicans," while the "Sopes" will join in and give the most "Enthusiastic applause" or whoever they are a mind to.

Montrose Democrat.

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NORTHERN PENNA.
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Democratic National Nominations
FOR PRESIDENT,
JAMES BUCHANAN,
of Pennsylvania.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
of Kentucky.

Democratic State Nominations
FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
GEORGE SCOTT,
of Columbia County.
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
JACOB FRY, JR.,
of Montgomery County.
FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
JOHN ROWE,
of Franklin County.

Democratic County Ticket.
For Congress,
DANIEL L. SHERWOOD, of Tioga Co.
For State Senator,
WILLIAM M. PIATT, of Wyoming Co.
For Members of Assembly,
R. T. STEPHENS, of Susq. Co.
JOHN V. SMITH, of Wyoming Co.
For Associate Judges,
WM. K. HATCH, of Montrose,
JOHN SMILEY, of Gibson.
For Commissioner,
RICHARD COLLINS, of Apolaco.
For District Attorney,
WM. M. POST, of Montrose.
For Auditor,
TIMOTHY SULLIVAN, of Silver Lake.
O. S. BERKE, of Jessup.

ELECTORS AT LARGE
CHAS. R. BUCKALW, of Columbia Co.
WILSON MCCANDLESS, of Allegheny Co.

DISTRICT ELECTORS.
1.—**GEORGE W. NEUBERGER**, of Phila., Co.
2.—**PERCE BUTLER**, Philadelphia city.
3.—**EDWARD WARTMAN**, Philadelphia Co.
4.—**WILLIAM H. WHITE**, " "
5.—**JAMES McKAY**, Montgomery " "
6.—**JOHN H. BIRNEY**, Chester county.
7.—**DAVID LARRY**, Lehigh county.
8.—**CHARLES KESSLER**, Berks county.
9.—**JOSEPH PATTERSON**, Lancaster county.
10.—**ISAAC SLEWICK**, Union county.
11.—**FRANCIS W. HOGUES**, Schuylkill Co.
12.—**THOMAS OSTERBUD**, Wyoming county.
13.—**ABRAHAM EDINGER**, Monroe county.
14.—**ROBERT WILSON**, Bradford county.
15.—**GEORGE A. CRAWFORD**, Clinton county.
16.—**JAMIE BLACK**, Perry county.
17.—**H. J. STABLE**, Adams county.
18.—**JOHN D. BODDY**, Somerset county.
19.—**JACOB TURNER**, Westmoreland county.
20.—**J. A. BOGHANAN**, Greene county.
21.—**WILLIAM WILKIN**, Allegheny county.
22.—**JAMES G. CAMPBELL**, Butler county.
23.—**THOMAS CUNNINGHAM**, Beaver county.
24.—**JOHN KEARNEY**, Clinton county.
25.—**VICENT PHELPS**, Crawford county.

Black Deeds, Leases, Contracts, Bonds, Mortgages, &c., constantly on hand at this office. We also give notice that we will fill all of the above instruments at charges so moderate as to prove a saving to those having that kind of business to be done.

The Issue Correctly Stated.
Have the people of a Territory, like those of a State, the right to regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States? This is the question which American freemen are required to answer through the ballot-box in November next. The Democratic party maintains, and the Republican party denies, that they have such right. The issue is plain, and unambiguous. No man who has read the platform of the two parties, and within whose breast, shrouded in honest heart, will pretend for one moment that we have not correctly stated the point of difference between them, relating to the subject of Slavery. Now the right of self-government, for which we contend, belongs to the people of Kansas, as well as to the people of Pennsylvania. We hold that right sacred, why shall we deny to the settlers of Kansas the benefits that attach to its exercise? Where is the proof that they have ever surrendered this inalienable right to Congress, or any other legislative body? If it exists, it is to be found in the Federal Constitution. Will some one of our Fremont friends be kind enough to point out the clause in that instrument, which strips the inhabitants of a territory of the right to make the laws by which they are to be governed?

We hold that Congress has no power to legislate Slavery into, or out of, the national territory—the property of the people of all the States composing the confederacy. Those who disagree with us on this point, and affirm that the legislative power at Washington can establish or prohibit Slavery in a territory ought to give their reasons "for the faith that is in them." Maintaining as they do, an oppressive doctrine—a doctrine robbing the citizen of a right for which the "Revolution" was waged, and you, they ought not to expect the sympathy and support of freemen, without proving conclusively that their position is authorized by the Constitution of the Republic, which every true American respects, and cheerfully upholds. The powers of Congress are clearly defined by the Constitution. When we claim that Congress has power to pass an act for the recovery of fugitives, we sustain our position by referring to the clause in the National Compact from which that power is derived. When men calling themselves Republicans, assert in confession assembled, that it is both the right and duty of Congress to shape the domestic institutions of the territories of the Union, they should cite in support of their declaration, the reasons for their opinion, and those reasons should be constitutional ones. The Democracy maintain that the people of a territory are competent and have the right to govern themselves. That right is God-given, and they have never surrendered it. Why forbid them to exercise it in regard to the question of Slavery? If all we say that because we think Slavery wrong, the freedom of an adjoining, yet separate, independent and distinct political community, shall not express their opinions on the subject? By what authority, and on what principle do we assume to govern, an independent community, a thousand miles distant? It is the duty of Fremont men to answer these questions, intelligently if they can, but at all events to answer them. Editors in the Fremont interest sometimes ridicule the idea of popular sovereignty, protesting to regard it as a "light discovery"—a party pretence to obtain power—a cheat and a humbug. They recklessly assert that until recently, nobody doubted the right of Congress to control the subject of Slavery in the territories. G. A. Grow has insulted his constituents by telling them in public meetings that the non intervention, or popular sovereignty doctrine, of the Democracy is but two years old, and designed to carry slavery into all the territories of the Union. In contrast with the reckless and false assertions of this honorable youth, and the miserable agitators who have led him astray, we place the opinions of Madison and Harrison, on this subject. In 1820, Madison in writing to Monroe, with reference to the power of Congress over slavery in the territories said:—

"On one side it naturally occurs, that the right being given from the necessity of the case, and in SELF GOVERNMENT, ought not to be extended further, nor continued longer than the occasion might fairly require. The question to be decided need not be, first, whether a territorial restriction be an assumption of illegitimate power; or, second, a violation of legitimate power; and if legislation from an acquiescence in the omission, or from a frustration of it, be the ground. On the first point there is certainly room for difference of opinion; though for myself I must own that I have always leaned to the belief that the restriction was not within the true scope of the constitution."

In 1820 Madison thought Congress had no power, "within the true scope of the constitution," to pass a "territorial restriction." So thinks and declares the Democratic party through its national convention assembled at Cincinnati. For this that party is denounced as pro-slavery—if justly, then was Madison pro-slavery. Read what Gen. Harrison said in 1821, in a letter to Monroe.

"I am, and have been for many years, so much opposed to slavery that I will never live in a State where it exists. But I believe that the constitution has given no power to the general government to interfere in this matter, and that to have slaves or no slaves, depends upon the people in each State or Territory alone."

The October election—Our State and County Tickets.
All the factions and firms with which the old Commonwealth is cursed, have combined to defeat the Democracy in October. Hated of the party that carries the national flag, has induced black and proscriptive spirits to fuse. The Know-Nothing with his fear of the Pope, and hostility to the foreign born, has united with, and now lovingly embraces the abolition fanatic, whose one political idea is the elevation of negroes to an equality with the whites. The bargain made by the wire-pullers of those political administrations, Know-Nothingism, and Black Republicanism, is something like this:—the "freedom strikers" agree to vote for the bigoted, and narrow-minded bigot of all things foreign, who agrees to return the favor by voting for a miserable Know-Nothing, and a professional agitator. The leaders make a mongrel State ticket, and the rank and file are invited to ratify the bargain and to sanction a base fraud. Will they do this? Can the noisy free-trader, be tricked off to benefit the Fillmore party which he professes to loathe? Will the national Know-Nothing, in open defiance of all his professions, vote to encourage a candidate for whom he professes to have given through the ballot box, the 16th day of the present month, that day we are to choose a Canal Commissioner, an Auditor General, and Surveyor General. The Democratic party professes to be the friends of the State for those offices, men of undoubted ability and integrity, men representing the principles of the organization by which they were nominated. The opposition presents a ticket

composed of "nigger worshippers" and "dark-lantern" bearers—the disgusting product of a base bargain. Let it be remembered that every vote cast for this fusion State ticket, is a practical endorsement of K. N. despotism, fraud and Black Republican treason. No independent man of the opposition will support that ticket. He will rebuke the attempt of his leaders to sell him, and vindicate the open, fearless course of our party, by voting for its candidates. We know Fremont men who boldly proclaim their disapproval of the bargain—who say they will never vote to sanction the proscriptive policy of the secret order. If they are honest in making these declarations they will not support the fusion State ticket. No enemy of Know-Nothingism, can support it without violating his principles—no lover of sectionalism can vote it—every lover of fairness in politics is bound to oppose it.

Our Candidate for Congress.
The Bradford Times, thus speaks of DANIEL L. SHERWOOD, the candidate of the Democratic party, for Congress.

"Mr. Sherwood, as will be recollected by most of our citizens, formerly represented his Senatorial District in the State Senate, with credit to himself, and advantage to the people. Tioga county is entitled to the representation in Congress from this District by every fair consideration, and had it not been for the schemes of Wilmont and his satellites, no voice would have been raised against her choice."

It will be recollected that a resolution, concurring in Tioga's candidate for Congress, was unanimously passed by our Democratic county convention. The concession was an act of justice to Tioga, Bradford and Susquehanna have had the representative in Congress, for a long time past. Recently they have been badly misrepresented in that body. Tioga now presents for our suffrages, one of her own citizens, a sound defender of acknowledged ability, and undoubted integrity. We assure our friends in Tioga and Bradford that the Democracy of Susquehanna will give Mr. Sherwood their undivided support. The candidate of the opposition need expect no favor at the hands of the democrats of his will not touch him. He has betrayed them, and they are glad of an opportunity to tell him through the ballot-box, what they think of his conduct.

We are often asked why we refuse to support G. A. Grow. The old whigs, now Know-Nothings, or Black Republicans, tell us that Grow has not changed—that he is a democrat, and has not deserted his party, or its principles—they are supporting him, and say they have not changed—formerly they fought him and heaped all sorts of abuse on his head. Now, if neither they, or Grow, have changed, and not two years ago they were his political enemies, how happens it that he and they are united, and holding aloft the same black, disunion banner? Let us have the answer to this question. The truth is G. A. Grow, has deserted and arrayed himself against the doctrines he used to advocate. Look at his course in the House during the last session of our national Legislature! First, in the organization of that body he stands on the record as having voted to make Bank's speaker—Bank's declared his willingness to "let the Union slide"—he represented a bitter sectionalism—he had thrown away his manliness in a Know-Nothing Lodge. The Democracy of Susquehanna never instructed Mr. Grow, to vote for such a man—a man holding sentiments at war with every principle ever maintained by the Democratic party. Did Mr. Grow represent the Democracy when he helped to make Callom of Tennessee, Clerk of the House? Callom is one of those politicians denounced by Grow as pro-slavery, originally a whig, and when Grow voted for him a Know-Nothing.

Mr. Grow's conduct as Chairman of the committee on Territories completely annihilates his right, or claim to be called a democrat. He refused to do his duty, so that his party might be benefited. He wronged the people of Kansas to help Fremont. Kansas desired peace and justice—the Democratic State offered both—the Black Republican House said she should have neither until after the presidential election. G. A. Grow, occupying the position he did, could have given peace to Kansas. Nobody doubts this; he is hardly braver enough to deny it. For his refusal to do justice in this matter, we are invited by men who have all their lives opposed Democracy, to send Grow to Congress this fourth time! Neither do democrats approve Mr. Grow's course on the Army bill.—That bill was just in its provisions.—It provided for the support of the Army employed on the frontier.—It was such a bill as is passed every year.—No objection was raised to it, but a proviso "tacked" on withholding money from that portion of the Army employed to keep peace in Kansas. Mr. Rowland while he supported the proviso, admitted that it was an "unusual and inconsequential method of legislation." And such it certainly was—what business had a small majority of the House to attempt to coerce the Senate and executive into measures which they did not approve? The position of those who say

maintained the proviso to the Army bill, was this. They could not agree with the Senate and executive on the Kansas question; abiding by the ordinary and constitutional forms of legislation, they could not get their measures through, therefore say, we will stop the supplies of government, and disband the army, if the Senate refuses to agree with us. Their conduct was clearly revolutionary. It was the attempt of one wing—a minority of the legislative power, to force the other two coordinate branches to adopt the opinions of that minority, rather than see the government shattered to pieces.—Mr. Grow was active in this work of revolution. He boasts of having adhered to the proviso to the last. What conservative citizen is willing to uphold him in such a course? We do not believe there is one man in this community who, in his sober moments will say such conduct is right and in harmony with our governmental theory. Yet, by force of party drill, the mass of the opposition will probably support Mr. Grow. The Democracy are unwilling to shoulder the responsibility of his wicked, unpatriotic course. They mean he shall never again have occasion to pay letter writers, to herald him through the press as "Mr. Great Majority Grow."

Gross Misrepresentations.
The Independent Republican of last week, says:—

"There are some who do not read the papers, or only such papers as the Montrose Democrat which represents our brothers in Kansas as wicked wretches, who are engaged in murdering and abusing the innocent Border Kaffians—who have no idea of the fact that the so-called Democratic party is even now engaged by bloodshed and violence in forcing Slavery into Kansas against the wishes of its inhabitants."

It is difficult to conceive how a sentence could be penned, more thoroughly steeped in misrepresentation and falsehood than the above. It is calculated to mislead people, who do not read our papers and who are ignorant and simple enough to believe the Republican a truth-telling journal. Our position with reference to the unhappy state of affairs in Kansas, has been frequently defined. We have endeavored to view the subject in its proper light, independent of all partisan considerations. That class of persons, styled Border ruffians have never had our sympathy, or one word of approval from us; neither have we labored to convince our readers that the emissaries of the Boston Aid Society are pure and spotless as angels, and engaged in a patriotic work. The advocates of Fremont, have, in defiance of the report of their own Committee maintained from pulpits, stumps, and through the press, that the so-called free State party is in the right,—that the wrongs committed in Kansas are chargeable solely to the Missourians. This the opposition knew to be incorrect, to be disproved by the testimony taken before the Committee sent out by the Republican House of Representatives—why then do they persist in misrepresentations on this subject? The answer is obvious. They do it to promote the interests of their party. They make a partisan view of the question; their party thrives on Kansas troubles, therefore the public has to be troubled. Men who refuse to put an end to the difficulties in Kansas—whose Representatives in Congress vote against the repeal of despotic and repulsive laws enacted by what they term a "bogus legislature," have no business to complain of those laws, or to hold them up to public execration. We maintain now, as we have ever maintained that the Emigrant Aid Society, have occasioned more difficulties in Kansas, than anything else. They have stimulated resistance to the legal authorities of the Territory—they have occasioned civil war. It matters not where they are formed or by whom sustained, we condemn them; composed of members of Congress or Border Kaffians, they are odious.

Whether the money used in fitting them out comes from the pocket of a South Carolina cotton planter, or the full purse of a Massachusetts cotton goods manufacturer, we care not. Associations formed in any State for the purpose of controlling the domestic institutions of a Territory are manifestly wrong. Their effects, as seen in Kansas, are evil. We condemn the "wicked wretches" of all other parties. Dare the Republican do as much? But it is charged that the Democratic party is "now engaged by bloodshed and violence in forcing Slavery into Kansas against the wishes of its inhabitants." Why not accompany the charge with the proof, if it exists. The charge is untrue, and every intelligent man knows it to be untrue. The Democratic party desires that the actual settlers of the Territory, "acting through the legal and fairly expressed will of a majority" of the same shall form their own constitution, and admit it into the Union with or without slavery, as they see fit; and to protect the actual settlers we offer the army of the United States. Does this look like forcing Slavery into Kansas? Answer, you miserable falsifiers, prove your statements, else be more cautious how you make them.

Carson League Candidates.
It is believed by many that it is the design of the fusionists, should they get a majority in our state Legislature, to revive the odious "Jug law" passed and repealed under the administration of Pollock. The belief is strengthened by the fact that the candidates of the opposition for the State Legislature are many of them Carson League men. Look for instance at their nominees in this district. S. B. Chase is a very active member of the League. In January 1855, he wrote as follows.

Messrs Editors—Permit me through your columns to call the attention of your readers to the existence of a Carson League at Great Bend, which has been recently established, and proves most effectual in suppressing the illegal traffic in ardent spirits. The objects of this league are to enforce our present license laws, and punish every violation of them; and to secure the early passage of a law, entirely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, in our State. So far as I have observed it has acted like a charm to break up the gross violation of our laws, which has so long characterized our place, and taken in connection with the order of Good Templars,

will force the Rum traffic from every channel except its one legitimate one; and with the hearty cooperation of the friends of Prohibition throughout the State, we hope to soon entirely dry up these fountains of crime, misery and destitution, through the instrumentality of a wholesome Prohibitory law.

Let every township hold of this work, and we will soon have leagues enough to warrant the organization of a State League.

S. B. CHASE.
Great Bend Jan 23d 1855.

What have they done?
Last Session the "freedom strikers" had a majority in the popular branch of the national Congress. They had things their own way. Well, what did they do? Nothing, but shed "crocodile tears," shriek piteously over "bleeding Kansas" and increase their own pay. They succeeded admirably well in keeping their constituents excited, and prejudicing them against the institutions and people of fit-on-sovereign, independent States! What act did they pass calculated to heal the wounds of Kansas? In what way did they serve the country? Come, ye who howl against Democracy, be so kind, as to show us from the legislative records of your country, the wisdom and patriotism of your clammings in Congress.

What do they propose?
We desire an answer to this question,—the people have a right to know what you propose to do, and how you propose to do it. It is not enough that you declaim against slavery and the present administration; your aim is to get control of the government; suppose you succeed; what then? You say you are opposed to the admission of any more slave States; suppose that, the people of a Territory, having the requisite population ask admission into the Union with a constitution authorizing the relation of master and servant; will you for that reason, exclude them? We desire to know what position you occupy in this matter, are you prepared to deny to the people of a Territory the right to form their domestic institutions, in their own way, subj. et only to the constitution of the United States? Will the organ of Fremontism in this county throw some light on these points?

Boo-hoo Inn.
Under the above caption, the editors of the Republican express their contempt for those who think with Washington—"it is of infinite moment that we should properly estimate the immense value of our national Union to our collective and individual happiness; and who say with Jackson "the Union must and shall be preserved." We cannot expect those editors to generate a Union upheld by the national compact, or constitution, which their political associates denounce as "a covenant with death and a league with hell." The enemies of our constitutional rights of fifteen sovereign States; they violate the fundamental conditions of the compact made by our fathers, and must be expected to sneer at those who are determined to carry out said compact in letter and spirit.

EDITORIAL BRIEVITIES.
The Journal of Commerce says the driving out of Slavery at New York, still continues, notwithstanding all the efforts made to prevent it. A vessel of this description left port last Saturday; and though the circumstance was well known, there were no facts so conclusive as to justify her detention.

Gov. Geary seems determined to put an entire stop to the difficulties in Kansas, and to that end is dispersing both parties of intruders. But as our State election comes within two weeks it cannot be expected that matters will be permitted to keep quiet till then.

We shall of course expect to hear of terrible outrages in a few days, for the State election is too important to be neglected. Lane made an attack just in time for the other elections, and the public may as well draw in a full breath and prepare for listening to the recital of something new, within the next ten days. "We must keep up this Kansas excitement; it is our only hope of carrying the North." So says the Republican party, and they will do it.

If they can get some lawless scoundrel on both sides to kick up a fuss, and then report it ten times as bad as it is, their object is thus far attained.

We learn by our exchanges that Will mot (Fremont man) and E. Joy Morris (Fillmore man) are to address a Fusion meeting in Perry county. Queer company for David, at home, denouncing Fillmoreism, away from home striking hands with it!

The Republican of last week in speaking of the fusion meeting says:—

"The short speech of Rev Mr Landon stirred and roused that vast audience as the wind do the ocean. Some of his imagery was as beautiful as any that we ever heard or read, but we will not mar it by attempting to report it." They ought to have reported this beautiful passage—the election of James Buchanan would be worse than a SHOWER OF HELL—FIRE & BRIMSTONE!" We quote the Parsons exact words. Their shrewdness in not reporting his "beautiful imagery" is quite commendable indeed.

The Parsons don't seem to care as much about "freedom and brimstone" as most people do, and he rather inclines to be fond of it, if we are to judge him by what he says.

Isn't it about time the Fremont Electoral Ticket was formed in this State? or will his party do as they have done in Indiana and other States—unite on the Fillmore electoral ticket; and as they have already done for State officers. Members of Congress &c. Remember the Pa., "Union Ticket!"

has but one "Republican" on it, the others "pro-slavery" K. N's, and yet the party of "Freedom in this county are required to support it!"

ANOTHER CHALLENGE, AND BACK-OUT.
An arrangement was made for the Democrats and fusionists to have a discussion in Indiana county on the 23d.

Missrs. Schnabel, Henry D. Foster and others were selected by the former, and Burlingame, Thad. Stevens and Co by the latter. The result, as we gather from different reports was this—thousands of all parties assembled, the Democratic speakers were on hand, and those of the opposition except Burlingame, he was absent. When the hour arrived the Democrats sent word that they were ready—Thad. & Co., replied that in an hour they would decide whether to meet them or not.—The Democrats waited a while, and mean time the fusionists fixed up a stand outside of town, and Thad. made a short speech, and the Democratic speakers were on hand, and those of the opposition except Burlingame, he was absent. 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