

The provisions and guarantees secured against the encroachment of the government. As we have already said, the right of property in a slave is expressly conferred in the constitution, and guaranteed to every State. This in language too plain to be misunderstood, and no words can be found in the constitution giving Congress greater power over slaves than over any other property of this kind. It is therefore the opinion of the court that the act of Congress which prohibits citizens from holding property of this character north of a certain line, is not warranted by the constitution and is therefore void; and neither Dred Scott nor any one of his family were made free by their residence in Illinois. The plaintiff was a citizen of Missouri, but he was still a slave, and therefore had no right to sue in a court of the United States. The court having thus examined the case as it stands under the constitution, proceeded to other points, saying as Scott was a slave when he was brought back to Missouri from Illinois, he was under the law of the former and not of the latter. It has been settled by the highest tribunals that an individual does not acquire his freedom under such circumstances. As it appears to the court is not a citizen of Missouri, nor a citizen of the United States, who could sue in the United States courts, this court can give no judgment, and hence the result must be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Montrose Democrat.

J. B. McCOLLUM,
A. J. GERRITSON.

MONROSE, PA.
Thursday, March 26th, 1857.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR,
WILLIAM P. PACKER,
Of Lycoming County.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,
ELLS LEVINS,
Of Philadelphia City.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
NEMROD STRICKLAND,
Of Chester County.

Decision of the Supreme Court and the falsehoods of the Opposition.

From the Republican of last week we clip the following:

According to the decision of Judge Taney, slaves may be held, bought and sold as well in Pennsylvania as in South Carolina, inasmuch as the Constitution is superior to any State laws, and the Constitution guarantees to citizens the protection of their rights of property.

We print to-day, commencing on first page, an abstract of the opinion of the Chief Justice, and hope our readers will give it an attentive perusal, so that they will be able to correct the misrepresentations of the fanatical opposition respecting it. That the Constitution is "superior to State laws," and that it protects "citizens in their rights of property," we cannot doubt; indeed, it would be a worthless instrument, if it failed to do this. The conclusions drawn by our ingenious neighbor from these acknowledged qualities of the Constitution are decidedly refreshing, but as he did not expect intelligent people to swallow them, we pass them by without comment.

Again: The Republican asserts "the only point authoritatively decided by the Court was that Dred Scott was not a citizen of the United States, and that consequently the Court had no jurisdiction of the cause." Justice McLean says "there are several important principles involved in this case," among which he enumerates the following: "The power of Congress to establish Territorial Governments, and to prohibit the introduction of Slavery therein." Here the Republican and McLean are fighting each other. With all due respect for our neighbor, we must indulge the belief that Justice McLean's opinion is worth more than the judgment of a partisan editor.

Resignation of Gov. Geary.

John W. Geary has resigned the office of Governor of Kansas Territory, and issued his farewell address to the people thereof, from which we take the following:

On every hand I now perceive unmistakable indications of welfare and prosperity. The honest settler occupies his quiet dwelling with his wife and children clustering around him, untroubled and fearless of danger. Invasions of hostile armies have ceased, and infuriated partisans living in our midst, have emphatically turned their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Laborers are everywhere at work—furnishing derelict rapid improvements—merchants are driving a thriving trade—and mechanics pursuing with profit their various avocations. Increased estate in town and country have increased in value almost without precedent, until in some places it is commanding prices that never could have been anticipated.

We would like to spend the whole of this admirable address before our readers, but space will not permit. Gov. G. does not assign any direct reason for his resignation, but from expressions used by him in his address, we conclude that ill-health has induced him to seek the quiet of private life. He says that his "official duties demanded unremitting attention," and that his "health has labored under the pressure." We have not learned who is to succeed him.

FRISBENS IN PENNSYLVANIA.—It is a singular fact that not only the two United States Senators from Pennsylvania, and the State Supreme Judge, but the present Speaker, Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the House, the Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania, and the Democratic candidates for Governor and Canal Commissioner, are all practical abolitionists.

The Arkansas river has overflowed its banks and flooded the whole lower country, destroying stock and property to the amount of \$100,000.

The News.

Gov. Gorman, of Minnesota, has issued a proclamation for an extra session of the Legislature of that Territory, on the 7th of April, for the purpose of enacting the necessary laws to enable the people to form a State Constitution, and also for the purpose of disposing of the lands granted at the last session of Congress, in aid of the railroads of the Territory.

It is said that President Buchanan contemplates a summer residence on the heights of Georgetown, to avoid the sickness with which former inmates of the White House have been afflicted during that season of the year.

The Bank of New-Castle, the credit of which has for some weeks been impaired, has finally stopped payment. The amount of coin in the bank on the 27th inst. to redeem notes amounting to over \$100,000 being just four dollars. The Cashier, Mr. Wagonseller, has, it is said, absconded with fifty thousand dollars.

Hon. John A. McClelland of Illinois has been recommended by prominent politicians of that State for the mission to Russia.

The new Apportionment Bill pending before the Legislature proposes to make a Senatorial District of Susquehanna, Wyoming and Wayne, and of Susquehanna and Wyoming, a Representative District.

In the Pennsylvania State Senate, March 23, Mr. Harris introduced a resolution condemning in very emphatic terms the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case. The resolutions asserts that the decision is a "flagrant outrage" and of "no binding authority over a free people."

It is said that Robert J. Walker has been tendered the appointment of Governor of Kansas; but that he has declined the post.

Cyclopedia of Modern Travel; a Record of Adventure, Exploration and Discovery, for the past 50 years, prepared and arranged by Bayard Taylor.

This is the title of a magnificent octavo volume of 950 pages, handsomely bound in dark leather, embellished with five fine portraits on steel, and illustrated by over forty wood engravings and thirteen nautic maps.

Mr. Taylor is a good scholar, a fascinating writer, an experienced traveler, and eminent fitted to render a work of this character interesting and instructive. It is a book of great merit, and we doubt not it will meet with a ready sale.

Oliver Lathrop of Springville is the only person authorized to solicit subscriptions for the "Cyclopedia" in this county. We agree with our neighbor of the Republican, that Mr. Lathrop deserves the thanks of the community for introducing two such valuable books as the "American Statesman" and "Cyclopedia of Travel."

From the Washington Union.

History of the Dred Scott Case.

It is due to the public that we remove the impression sought to be made by political agitators, that this case was got up and pushed to a final conclusion in the Supreme Court by the friends of the present administration, as a party movement, or otherwise. On the contrary, it has been done solely by those who now complain of the result. The suit was instituted and prosecuted by them; but whether for political effect, or with the hope of securing a different conclusion, we shall not attempt to determine. The true history of the matter is this:

Scott instituted a suit in the Circuit Court of Missouri to obtain a discharge from servitude for himself and family. On the trial it was proved that he had been a slave in Missouri; that his master first took him to the military post at Rock Island, in Illinois, and subsequently to Fort Snelling, in Minnesota, and that he and his family subsequently returned with him to Missouri. It was contended in his behalf, that inasmuch as his owner had voluntarily taken him to places where slavery did not exist by law, both he and his family became free, and remained so after returning to a slave holding State. The Circuit Court decided in his favor. On appeal to the Supreme Court of the State, a tribunal held that he and his family, on returning to the State, continued slaves. Between the announcement of the opinion of the Court and the filing of its mandate in the Circuit Court, Scott voluntarily dismissed his suit in the State Court, thus evading the decision against him; and thereupon instituted another in the Circuit Court of the United States. In this Court the question of jurisdiction depended upon his being a citizen of Missouri, and the defendant a citizen of another State. If the Court should be of opinion that he was a citizen, then he claimed that he was free, because his owner had taken him to Illinois, and also to a part of the Louisiana Territory north of the Compromise line. The Circuit Court rendered final judgment against him; and thereupon he appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where the same question was raised and twice argued by his counsel, and also determined against him. The cause was last argued by George T. Curtis, brother of Judge Curtis, and Montgomery Blair, son of Francis P. Blair, for the plaintiff, Scott, and by Senator Geyer and Reverdy Johnson for the defendant. Messrs. Curtis, Geyer, and Johnson are Whigs, while Mr. Blair's political sympathies are understood to be with his father. On the first argument neither Mr. Curtis nor Mr. Johnson attempted to show that the defendant's argument is ample proof of the importance of the questions involved and the difficulty of solving them. On the last argument, the court was filled with intelligent and anxious listeners. The Court took time to deliberate and prepare their opinions. Each Judge formed and expressed his own. The reasons sustaining his conclusions are placed upon record by each, and his countrymen will read and reflect, and test them by the rules of common sense and every day reason. No judicial tribunal can reasonably object to criticisms based upon such principles. Truth will never suffer by being subjected to the standard of reason and right.

From this statement, it is evident that Scott's name has been used by a class of slavery agitators for political effect. Having been beaten in Missouri, and in the United States Circuit and Supreme Court, they now attempt, for the same purpose, to appeal from the decision of the Judiciary to political clamor, and other judgments are expected to prevail. Time will show whether they have calculated the result with accuracy.

Jack Shepley, a young negro of Bethlehem, N. Y., who owned real estate, ran away with, and married a white girl of 17 years.

Central Committee.

In pursuance of a resolution of the last Democratic State Convention, I have appointed the following named gentlemen to be the State Central Committee, for the ensuing year:

CHALES R. DUCKALEW,
Chairman.

Philadelphia.—Hon. Richard Vaux, Ed. W. Webb, Dr. Andrew Neffinger, Gen. Wm. Bell, Wm. A. Porter, John C. Kirkpatrick, Eugene A. Hays, Sr., George W. Hobbs, Jr., Dr. Edward Moritz, Geo. Williams, Alex. Brown, George Mege.

Montgomery.—Edward Sotterdwalte, Henry W. Bonark.

Chester and Delaware.—Robert E. Moanigh, Joseph R. Morris.

York.—Dr. C. H. Hunter, E. L. Smith, Bucks.—Robert Tyler, Stokes L. Roberts. Lancaster and Lebanon.—George Sanderson, H. M. North.

Northumberland and Dauphin.—W. B. Sipas, Jas. M. Bay, Richard Haldeman, Jesse C. Horton.

Northampton and Lehigh.—Geo. Davis, Jno. N. Hutchinson, M. H. Hanum.

Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne.—Samuel McLean, S. S. Drober, O. H. Mott, W. F. Wood.

Adams and Franklin.—Henry Riley, J. W. Douglas.

York.—W. H. Welch, Jacob E. Seidel, Cumberland and Perry.—Thomas M. Bidle, C. J. T. McIntyre.

Clinton, Leominster and Sullivan.—H. L. Duffenbach, John W. Maynard, James DeBlair, Cambria and Huntingdon.—R. B. Petrekin, Gen. Adolphus Patterson.

Columbia, Luzerne, and Asa Brondage, Bradford, Susquehanna, &c.—D. A. Gorton, Gen. John Blundig.

Tioga, Potter, &c.—D. E. Sherwood, Edwin B. Eldred.

Merzer, Venango and Warren.—Hon. M. C. Trout, L. T. Parmelee.

Erie and Crawford.—Murray Whallon, Jno. P. Davis.

Beaver, Butler and Lawrence.—Gen. Jonathan Ayres, Gen. Charles Carter, John Graham.

Allegheny.—Hon. P. C. Shannon, R. Bidle Roberts, Chas. Barnett, Wm. Black.

Berford, Somerset, &c.—Hon. W. T. Dougherty, W. J. Bare.

Armstrong, Indiana and Clarion.—J. Alexander Fulmer, W. W. Barr.

Millin, Juniata and Union.—D. M. Dull, Charles Merrill.

Fayette and Westmoreland.—Hon. Joo. L. Dawson, Col. A. E. Wilson.

Schenlykill.—Hon. F. W. Hughes, Benjamin Clavis.

PHILIP JOHNSTON,
President of the Convention.
Harrisburg, March 16, 1857.

From the Buffalo Courier of the 16th.

Foul Murder.

On Friday afternoon the citizens of East Hamburg were thrown into the greatest excitement by the startling intelligence that a wealthy and respected citizen had been shot by a neighbor. The facts, as we learn them, are as follows: About two o'clock on Friday, Daniel Albert was driving along the road past the house of James Getty, when he came out with a shot gun, approached quite near to Mr. Albert, and, without speaking, discharged one barrel of his gun, the charge taking effect in the groin. Not disabled, and to prevent the firing of the other barrel, Albert swung upon Getty, and in the scuffle that ensued, the remaining charge went off, blowing off Albert's thumb and lodging in his thigh. The report of the shot brought a son of Mr. Getty's to the scene. His father told him that he had shot Albert, and desired him to harness a horse, carry Albert home, and go for a doctor.

Dr. Hamilton, of this city, was immediately sent for, but could do nothing to save the life of the wounded man. He advised to take his deposition, and returned. Albert lingered till about four o'clock Saturday morning, when he died.

These men were both wealthy farmers, and a feud had existed between them for years, growing out of a variety of circumstances which it is not proper, pending a trial, to relate. Getty is fifty-two years of age, and is a head of a large and highly respectable family. Albert was a bachelor, about the same age, and was a good natured, jocose man. Since the difficulty between the parties, he had taken occasion to annoy Getty in a variety of ways, but, as we understand, with no malicious intent. It appears that there was no immediate provocation on his part for the murderous act which terminated his life.

Mr. Getty was arrested by an officer at East Hamburg and lodged in jail at this city, where he is now lying. He was much overcome by the news of Albert's death, and wept profusely. He has retained Albert Swain, Esq., as his counsel. His estimable family are plunged in the deepest grief by this frightful deed.

Altogether, this is one of the most cold-blooded murders we have ever known, illustrating the doctrine of total depravity, rather than moral insensibility.

A letter was received by the United States District Attorney, from Charles J. Helm, dated at the Commercial Agency of the United States at the Island of St. Thomas, 4th March 1857, in which he says:

I have the honor to inform you that the steamer "Hesperus," Baltimore, which sailed from New York on the 21st of January last, bound for the coast of Africa, arrived at this port on the 27th ult. The crew, of a part of the crew, mutinied, and murdered the captain and the cook, and brought the vessel to this port (St. Thomas) immediately upon the arrival of the vessel, the first mate, C. H. W. Petrus, came on shore and reported to me the facts, very nearly as narrated by the steamer in his deposition. It then applied to the authorities here, and obtained a sufficient force, and had all the mutineers, six in number, arrested and placed in prison. On the following day I had them brought before me, and took the depositions of the two mates, the second mate not being present when the first mate gave his deposition. On the following Monday I had the boy Henry Kirby brought before me, and his examination took place without any of the crew being present. He is a smart fellow, and gave a very clear and I do not trustful statement of the facts as far as he knew or remembered them. I have sent by the ship Centurion the entire crew to you as prisoners. The depositions taken by me, exhibit in my opinion, the perpetration, by four of the crew, of the most cold-blooded, awful and atrocious murders on record.

The deposition of Christian H. W. Petrus, a Dutchman, taken at the Commercial Agency, at St. Thomas before C. J. Helm, consular agent, exhibited the following statement of facts:

On the tenth of February, while upon the high seas, John Smith, by direction of the captain, was sent to the wheel; John Morris was sent to the foretop to set up some rigging and I went with him; when I came aft and saw the captain strike John Smith with his fist or open hand, I cannot tell which; the captain and some of Smith's crew were taking them. The election of Mr. Buchanan to the Presidency was a death-blow to their

hopes. Against the distinctive measure of their organization, two-thirds of the American people were found arrayed in the great trial of September. The general satisfaction displayed by the country at the election of Mr. Lincoln, seen by thousands who had not voted for him, the sense of relief everywhere evinced, at Fremont's defeat—the happy tranquility and restoration of confidence, the re-establishment of nationality of his American people, the re-establishment of peace to Kansas; the advancement of the general welfare of the country, all combine to crush out from Black Republicanism nearly all its vitality, and the starting exposures of the corruption Committee, and the inauguration of Mr. Buchanan, destroyed what little was left, and nothing remained of the party but its black core. Having thus been killed, a general sermon preached over its remains, and this has substantially been done by the delivery of the late decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott case. So far as the action of that Court on the great question of the times, the Constitutionality of the Missouri Restriction, is concerned, it occurred at a peculiarly opportune moment. The American people had given their verdict in November and it had been ratified and confirmed by the highest legal tribunal in the country. The policy of Black Republicanism is authoritatively pronounced unconstitutional. The judgment of the Democratic party is affirmed. The free spun theories of the opposition are annihilated and destroyed. They built their hopes upon the sand, and the rain came, and the wind blew, and it was washed away, while the great Democratic party having founded their superstructure upon rock, Constitutional truth, it has withstood all the tempestuous war that was waged against it, and now shines forth more resplendent than ever, from the very assaults to which it was subjected. The theories of Black Republicanism have been tried and weighed both in the popular and judicial balances of the nation, and having been found wanting, stand condemned. Black Republicanism, having no longer any considerable influence upon the country, they are doomed—unconstitutional—and therefore as totally impracticable as the establishment of monarchy, or the creation of titled orders, Dukes and Barons, among us. Any future attempt to advocate them as practical measures will be tantamount to demagoguery, which will excite the contempt of every sensible man. The Constitution, as expounded by those whose decision is final and binding, brands Black Republicanism as incompatible with its provisions. He who advocates the latter does it in defiance of the former. The two cannot survive together. One must perish. He who stands by the Constitution opposes Black Republicanism. He who adheres to Black Republicanism opposes the Constitution. What patriot, who loves his country and her institutions, who has made us a great and powerful nation, will hesitate in selecting between the Clunker of American Liberty and greatness, and the rotten platform of a rotten and defunct party?

ANOTHER PUTNAM ADVENTURE.—A few weeks ago, Thomas E. Putnam of Chest County, Clatsop county, B. while on a hunting excursion observed a ledge of rocks, which his experienced eye detected as being the haunt of a bear. It being late in the evening, he went home, but returned next morning accompanied by his brother. They soon found a narrow passage between the rocks that led into a dark and dismal cave. On arriving at the mouth of the cavern, Thomas, after throwing down his gun, and resting a moment, was startled by the sound of a rifle fired through the narrow entrance, and after groping about in the dark for some time, had the pleasure of laying his hand upon Brain's back. Having ascertained the position of the animal he returned to the entrance of the cave, and got his gun, and then went back into the cavern to visit his new acquaintance, while his brother remained outside to act as sentry, providing the animal attempted to escape. Having come up to the place where he placed the muzzle of his gun against the animal and fired. A furious growl from the beast accompanied the report of the gun, and young Evans hurried out of the cave as soon as possible. He, however, put another load into his gun and scrambled back into the cave again. This time he succeeded in putting a ball through the vital part of the animal's body. It was dragged out and weighed, and the carcass was taken to the place where the muzzle of his gun against the animal and fired. A furious growl from the beast accompanied the report of the gun, and young Evans hurried out of the cave as soon as possible. He, however, put another load into his gun and scrambled back into the cave again. This time he succeeded in putting a ball through the vital part of the animal's body. It was dragged out and weighed, and the carcass was taken to the place where the muzzle of his gun against the animal and fired. 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