# Miners' Journal.

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## THE BORDER RUFFIAN LAWS OF KANSAS.

### Read, and then Decide who are the Aggressors.

Our cause needs no stronger attestation of its justice, than to quote the tyrannical enactments which oppress the people of Kansas, and have driven them finally in their despair of obtaining protection from the Federal Government, to take up arms against the invaders of their rights and homes. Read, fellow citizens, the following. They are among the enactments of the Territorial Legislature which the Missouri invaders elected for the people of Kansas. We copy from the Territorial laws as officially published:

**Slaves.**

*An Act to punish offences against slave property.*

1. Person raising insurrection punishable with death.
2. Aider punishable with death.
3. What constitutes felony.
4. Punishment for decoying away slaves.
5. Punishment for assisting slaves.
6. What deemed grand larceny.
7. What deemed felony.
8. Punishment for concealing slaves.
9. Punishment for rescuing slaves from officer.
10. Penalty on officer who refuses to assist in capturing slaves.
11. Printing of incendiary documents.
12. What deemed a felony.
13. Who are qualified as jurors.

*Be it enacted by the governor and legislative assembly of the Territory of Kansas, as follows:*

SECTION 1. That every person, bond or free, who shall be convicted of actually raising a rebellion or insurrection of slaves, free negroes, or mulattoes, in this Territory, SHALL SUFFER DEATH.

SEC. 2. Every free person who shall aid or assist in any rebellion or insurrection of slaves, free negroes, or mulattoes, or shall furnish arms, or do any overt act in furtherance of such rebellion or insurrection, SHALL SUFFER DEATH.

SEC. 3. If any free person shall, by speaking, writing, or printing, advise, persuade, or induce any slaves to rebel, conspire against, or murder any citizen of this Territory, or shall bring into, print, write, publish, or circulate, or cause to be brought into, printed, written, published, or circulated, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the bringing into, printing, writing, publishing, or circulating in this Territory, any book, paper, magazine, pamphlet, or circular, for the purpose of exciting insurrection, rebellion, revolt, or conspiracy on the part of the slaves, free negroes, or mulattoes, against the citizens of the Territory or any part of them, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE GUILTY OF FELONY AND SUFFER DEATH.

SEC. 4. If any person shall entice, decoy, or carry away out of this Territory, any slave belonging to another, with intent to deprive the owner thereof of the services of such slave, or with intent to effect or procure the freedom of such slave, he shall be adjudged guilty of grand larceny and, on conviction thereof, SHALL SUFFER DEATH, OR BE IMPRISONED AT HARD LABOR FOR NOT LESS THAN TEN YEARS.

SEC. 5. If any person shall entice, decoy, or carry away out of any State or other Territory of the United States, any slave belonging to another, with intent to procure or effect the freedom of such slave, or to deprive the owner the eof of the services of such slave, and shall bring such slave into this Territory, he shall be adjudged guilty of grand larceny, in the same manner as if such slave had been enticed, decoyed, or carried away out of this Territory, and in such case the larceny may be charged to have been committed in any county of this Territory, into or through which such slave shall have been brought by such person, and on conviction thereof, THE PERSON OFFENDING SHALL SUFFER DEATH, OR BE IMPRISONED AT HARD LABOR FOR NOT LESS THAN TEN YEARS.

SEC. 7. If any person shall entice, persuade, or induce any slave to escape from the service of his master or owner, in this Territory, or shall aid or assist any slave in escaping from the service of his master or owner, or shall aid, assist, harbor, or conceal any slave who may have escaped from the service of his master or owner, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than five years.

SEC. 8. If any person in this Territory shall aid or assist, harbor or conceal any slave who has escaped from the service of his master or owner, in another State or Territory, such person shall be punished in like manner as if such slave had escaped from the service of his master or owner in this Territory.

SEC. 9. If any person shall resist any officer while attempting to arrest any slave that may have escaped from the service of his master or owner, or shall rescue such slave when in the custody of any officer or other person, or shall entice, persuade, aid or assi t such slave to escape from the custody of any officer or other person who may have such slave in custody, whether such slave have escaped from the service of his master or owner in this Territory or in any other State or Territory, the person so offending shall be guilty of felony and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than two years.

SEC. 10. If any marshal, sheriff, or constable, or the deputy of any such officer, shall, when required by any person, refuse to aid or assist in the arrest and capture of any slave that may have escaped from the service of his master or owner, whether such slave shall have escaped from his master or owner in this Territory, or any State or other Territory, such officer shall be fined in a sum of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 11. If any person print, write, introduce into, publish or circulate, or cause to be brought into, printed, written, published, or circulated, or shall knowingly aid or assist in bringing into, printing, publishing, or circulating within this Territory, any book, paper, pamphlet, magazine, handbill or circular, containing any statements, arguments, opinions, sentiment, doctrine, advice, or insinuation, calculated to produce a disorderly, dangerous, or rebellious disaffection among the slaves in this Territory, or to induce such slaves to escape from the service of their masters, or to resist their authority, he shall be guilty of felony, and be punished by imprisonment and hard labor for a term not less than five years.

SEC. 12. If any free person, by speaking or by writing, assert or maintain that persons have not the right to hold slaves in this Territory, or shall introduce into this Territory, print, publish, write, circulate, or cause to be introduced into this Territory, write, printed, published, or circulated in this Territory, any book, paper, magazine, pamphlet, or circular, containing any denial of the right of persons to hold slaves in this Territory, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than two years.

SEC. 13. No person who is conscientiously opposed to holding slaves, or who does not admit the right to hold slaves in this Territory, shall sit as a juror on the trial of any prosecution for any violation of any of the sections of this act.

This act to take effect and be in force from and after the fifteenth day of September. A. D., 1855.

We have no space for extended comment on the above laws, which are more tyrannical and odious, a thousand times, than those which the men of the Revolution resisted during seven years' protracted struggle. In fact but little comment is needed. Every man knows that previous to the enactment of the law constituting, Kansas a Territory, a powerful society was formed in Missouri for the express purpose of making Kansas a slave State. How they proceeded to carry out their plan, as soon as that act passed, was afterwards fully made apparent by the warlike irruption of its members and others into that Territory, taking violent possession of the ballot boxes, driving away the real inhabitants from the polls and not allowing them to vote at all. Thus were elected the members of their sham Legislature and their delegates to Congress. In consequence of these illegal and outrageous transactions, Whitfield has been denied admission as delegate to the House, and the acts of the Legislature have been declared to be a disgrace to any country, not only for their base origin but for their unconstitutional and tyrannical provisions. Their object was professedly to make Kansas a slave State, by first making it a slave Territory. The slave laws of Missouri, in a body, were consequently made at once the laws of the Territory, and the flagitious acts were subsidiary to this great design.

The furtherance of the same object, the judiciary, under the Jeffries of Kansas, Chief Justice LeCompte, was set into motion. Under his direction, some of the principal men of the Free State party, who had been already disfranchised, were indicted for treason for peaceably meeting to deliberate on their grievances, and see what could be recommended for a remedy, as they had a right to do by the provisions of the constitution.—These were arrested, thrown into prison, where their persecutors have confined them ever since. Not content with this, the Kansas Jeffries sanctioned the indictment of some of the most valuable buildings belonging to Free State men in Lawrence, as nuisances, and had them burnt, their contents pillaged, and the women found there barbaronsly abused.—These villains, at the head of whom was Atchison, now boast of their villainous exploits, and show in triumph the arms, horses, cattle, furniture, and other property, of which they robbed the lawful owners. Then they proscribed a settled plan to hunt Free State settlers, known to be such, and drive them from the Territory. At the same time, associations were formed to operate externally, in order to prevent the arrival of fresh emigrants from the Free States, disarming some, turning back others, while those from the Slave States were promptly permitted to proceed, and encouraged to come. The Missouri river is a closed river to free emigrants, and obstructions are thrown in their way by land approach to Kansas in every possible direction. In these high-handed measures, troops have come in aid from South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Not content with these, Pierce ordered Col. Sumner to march against the inhabitants of Kansas with a large body of U. S. troops, of which Gen. Smith has recently been sent to take the command. The inhabitants of Kansas are, therefore, subdued, or expelled, as Douglas threatened, while the trials for treason of the friends in whom they reposed their confidence, are appointed to take place in September.

Yet the noble hearts who at this moment are suffering persecution under those odious acts, have warm, firm friends on the floor of the House of Representatives—men who will not, all praise to them, yield an inch on the army appropriation bill, unless the Kansas proviso or its equivalent, is secured to them. All honor to the Republicans of the House. Let them remain firm in their position; for with them stand the mass of the freemen of the North. On Tuesday, in the United States Senate, Mr. Weller, a Democrat, but favorable to a compromise, made a spirited and effective speech. He regarded some of the laws of Kansas as the most atrocious that ever disgraced any Legislature, in any age; as infamous in the extreme, contravening the Constitution and the organic act, and degrading humanity. They prohibited the discussion of our very domestic institutions, which the people were called upon to determine for themselves. Therefore, it was the duty of Congress to blot them out.

Citizens of the Free North, ponder well the position you now occupy. Cognizant as you are of the tyranny exercised in Kansas; of the aggressive policy adopted by the slaveholders of the South, and that James Buchanan the nominee of that power, is an accessory to these wrongs *after the fact*, can you support the ticket that would perpetuate the slavocratic tyranny? Calmly review the field, Pennsylvanians, and decide where you will be found, when the day of battle arriver. Whether it shall be in the ranks of Freedom, or beneath the black flag of Pro-Slavery despotism.

THE ARMY BILL.—On Wednesday the Senate asked for a conference on this bill, and appointed Hunter, Crittenden and Bigler, while the House responded by appointing Campbell, of Ohio, Sherman and Stephenson. To show fully where the responsibility of the defeat of the Army Bill rests, we ask attention to the annexed remarks of Senators Clayton and Wilson. In response to the statement of Mr. Bell, that he hailed with pleasure the movement for another committee of conference on the bill.

Mr. Clayton was glad to hear the motion of the Senator from Virginia, but he thought it would have been much better to start right and pursue a straight-forward course, than to go wrong and have to back out. The majority of the Senate were wrong the other day when they undertook to adhere to their disagreement on the bill precisely like this, and he hoped they would now agree to another conference. He proceeded to comment with severity on what he termed the infamous laws of the Kansas Legislature, saying they should be repealed before the adjournment of Congress; *and if the Senate refuse to take that step*, the responsibility would rest upon them. One of those laws sentenced a man to hard labor for not less than two years for discussing the question whether slavery does or does not legally exist in Kansas. It was possible, he thought, that it might be fifty years, and if a man should live to the age of Methusaleh, he might be confined 900 and odd years for that offence. This was as tyrannical an act as was ever passed by the Stuarts, Tudors and Plantagenets of England. These laws also require test oaths to support the Fugitive Slave law; and there were hundreds of honest men in the Union who, while they never intended to resist that law would never take an oath to support it. Such laws as these he characterised as infamous and oppressive, and there were others as bad as there; and unless the committee should go the whole length, and repeal these abominable laws, the responsibility of refusing will rest upon the Senate as well as the House.

Mr. Wilson read extracts from the *Congressional Globe*, of the debate in former years upon appropriation bills, to show that the cause of the House in inserting the Kansas proviso, was neither unprecedented nor unparliamentary, and that the Senator from Virginia himself, (Mr. Hunter,) had voted for measures of general legislation, when inserted in appropriation bills. Then there was no pretence that such action was revolutionary or factious; but now the cry is raised that the responsibility of defeating the army bill must rest upon the House of Representatives, in consequence of their proviso, to which the Senate refused to agree. *The Senator from Virginia*, the other day, submitted to adhere, and said he was willing to let the issue go before the country and take the responsibility, but now the majority dared not accept that issue, and were willing to ask another conference, and that the Senator took the lead and made the motion.

This was neither more nor less than backing out, and it showed that their position was untenable. He proceeded to read extracts from articles written by James Madison, in the Federalist, to show that it was the right of the House to refuse appropriations, unless their equality as one branch of the National Legislature was conceded by the Senate.

On Thursday, Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing amendments to the Army Bill, said that they had met, and after a full and free conference, they had come to no conclusion. The trouble, it was well known, grew out of the condition of things in Kansas. The House adhered to its own amendment proposing to restrict the operations of the army in Kansas, providing that no portion of the money should be expended in the Territory to enforce the laws of the body calling itself the Territorial Legislature. The Senate thus far, have declined yielding anything on that point connected with the Army Bill. He was satisfied that the two Houses would not be able to agree on the proposition relative to the Army Bill, which will tend to relieve the people of the Territory from the difficulties now surrounding them. Mr. Campbell in moving that the House further adhere to its disagreement, said he was willing to go with him who would go the farthest, but he should be false to himself, his constituents, and his God, if he endorsed the enactments of the Kansas Legislature. Mr. Campbell's motion to adhere, was adopted —yeas 101, nays 97.

So far all compromise on this bill has fallen, because the Senate declines to yield the simple proposition that the army shall not be employed to enforce a law founded on fraud. Let the people rightly understand where the responsibility of the present dead lock rests, and sustain the Republicans of the House in their firm resistance to the tyranny which would be exercised in Kansas should the Army Bill pass without the Kansas proviso necessary for the protection of the freemen of that Territory.

## WHAT ARE OUR PRINCIPLES!

### Read their Endorsement by that Eminent Statesman, Henry Clay.

Let those who falsely term the friends of Freedom sectional, beware how they insult the memory of the greatest, purest, most national, and best statesman of American history.

Our Platform is the Platform of that warm friend of Pennsylvania; that advocate of the interests of the free working man,—Henry Clay. Read, freemen, what that immortal Statesman thought of the principles which our opponents have the audacity to term sectional. In our opposition to Slavery extension, and the studied aggressions of the Slavocracy, we go not a step farther than Henry Clay. We have no sympathy with Abolitionism; but we will perish ere we consent to relinquish another foot of Free territory to the slave driver's rule, or give up the right of Free Speech accorded us by the Constitution, and which constitutes the very life blood of Liberty.

Without further preface, we ask attention to the annexed extracts from Colton's "Last Seven Years" of the Life of Henry Clay:

"Sir," said Mr. Clay, "I have said that I never could vote for it, and I repeat that I never can and never will vote for it; and no earthly power shall ever make me vote to plant Slavery where Slavery does not exist."—*Page 318.*

"And now, sir," said Mr. Clay, on another occasion, "coming from a slave State, as I do, I owe it to myself, I owe it to truth, I owe it to the subject, to say, that no earthly power could induce me to vote for a specific measure for the introduction of slavery, where it had not before existed, either south or north of that line," (the line of 36 30)—Page 355.

"I shall not enlarge," said Mr. Clay, "on the opinion which I have already announced to the Senate as being held by me, (to wit: that Slavery had been abolished in Mexico, and consequently did not exist in the territory acquired from Mexico by the United States.) My opinion of the variety of forms in which legislation can take place—that is to say, by the edict of a Dictator, by the Constitution of the people of Mexico, and by the test of the legislative authority of Mexico—by all these modes of legislation, my opinion is, that Slavery has been abolished there."—*Page 364.* Again: "I cannot agree to an amendment (of the territorial bill for new Mexico) which in point of fact, assumes that slavery has an existence there at this time, and which assumes in point of law, that, under the Constitution of the United States, there is a right to carry slaves there. I cannot vote for either proposition."—*Page 370.* Again: "Why," said Mr. Clay, "these United States consist of thirty States. In fifteen of them there is slavery, and in fifteen of them slavery does not exist. Well how can it be argued that the fifteen slave States, by the operation of the Constitution of the United States carry into the ceded Territory their institution of slavery, any more than it can be argued, on the other side, that, by the operation of the same Constitution, the fifteen free States carry into the ceded Territory, the principle of freedom. * * *

"Can you come to any other conclusion than that which I understand to be the conclusion of the *public law of the world, of reason, and of justice, that the status of law, as it existed in the moment of conquest or acquisition, remains until it is altered by the conquering or acquiring power?*"—*Page 138.*

Again: "There are gentlemen," *said Mr. Clay*, "who maintain that, by virtue of the Constitution, the right to carry slaves south of that line (36 deg. 30 min.) already exists. If I had not heard that opinion avowed, I should have regarded it as one of the most extraordinary assumptions, and the most indefensible position that was ever taken by man. The Constitution neither created nor does it continue slavery. Slavery existed independent of the Constitution; and it was dependant not upon the will of *Congress*, but upon the laws of the respective States. The Constitution is silent and passive upon the subject of the institution of Slavery; or, rather, it deals with the fact as it exists in the States, with the having created it, or continued it, or being responsible for it in the slightest degree. * * *

*If slaves are voluntarily carried into such a jurisdiction*, (where Slavery does not exist,) *their chains instantly drop off, and they become free, emancipated, liberated from their bondage.* * * *

If the Constitution possesses the paramount authority attributed to it, (that is, to protect slavery in the Territories,) the laws even of the free States of the Union would yield to that paramount authority. * * * YOU CANNOT PUT YOUR FINGER ON THE PART OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH CONVEYS THE RIGHT OR THE POWER TO CARRY SLAVES FROM ONE OF THE STATES OF THE UNION TO ANY TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES."—*Page 175.* Again: "I cannot agree that under the constitution of the United States, there is a right to carry slaves into New Mexico."—*Page 190.*

Again: "And now sir, for the first time after the three great acquisitions of Texas, Florida and Louisiana have been made, and have redounded to the benefit of the South—now for the first time when three Territories (California, Utah and New Mexico) are attempted to be introduced without the institution of Slavery, I put it to the hearts of my countrymen of the South, if it is right to press matters to the disastrous consequences which have been indicated no longer than this very morning—even extending to a dissolution of the Union? Mr. President, I cannot believe it."—*Page 343.*

MALIGNANT CHARGES AGAINST FREMONT.—The Democracy are becoming desperate. The tool Bigler—brother of the man who left California for California's good—who is hated and despised in Clearfield, his own County, where his operations have been confined to amassing wealth, at the expense of the poor, hardworking lumbermen of the Susquehanna, has undertaken the dishonorable task of raking up old and settled accounts and by garbling and misrepresentation to pervert them to the prejudice of Fremont who had transactions with the government.

The testimony of Gen. Cass, Hon. John A. Dix, of New York, Hon. John J. Crittenden, Hon. Thomas F. Rush, Hon. William Allen, of Ohio, Hon. Arthur P. Bagley, of Alabama and Hon. John C. Calhoun are adduced to show that the pecuniary obligations were contracted in good faith by Mr. Fremont for the purpose of subduing California, and expelling from it the military forces of Mexico. Those eminent men believed him trustworthy, and that if an error had been committed, it was in the fact that in the transactions he had been imposed upon by exorbitant charges. How forcibly the candid opinions of Cass, Dix, Allen, Rusk, Bagby and Calhoun, contrast with the false charges made by the miserable Jackalls, who are now engaged in vain endeavors to tear the laurels from the brow of John C. Fremont, achieved in the service of his country and the cause of science! As for ex-Governor Bigler, after he gets through this pretty piece of business, we advise him to emigrate from Pennsylvania, for the Old Keystone can well spare a man ignoble enough *to attempt* an impeachment of integrity as strict as that possessed by Fremont.

HON. JAMES H. COOPER.—This gentleman has been nominated in the Fifth Congressional District, by the Americans, as a candidate for the Legislature. The more frequent selection of candidates possessing the ability and integrity of Mr. Cooper would tend to elevate the character of the Legislature of our State.

## Local Affairs.

### METEOROLOGICAL NOTATIONS.

*Reported by Dr. A. Heger, of Pottsville Sci. Association.*

| Aug. 8th mo., 31 days. | Thermometer's Mean. | Highest. | Barometer's Mean. | General Observations. |
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| | | | | *Topograph. & Geograpiacal.* |
| Saturd 23 | 74 | 83 | 29.10 | Height of Pottsville, (corner of Market & 2d. streets) above mean tide, 633.957 ft. |
| Sunday 24 | 69 | 81 | 29.04 | |
| Monday 25 | 66 | 72 | 29.10 | |
| Tuesday 26 | 67 | 73 | 29.23 | Latitude, 40° 43' 15". Population in 1850, 7,800. |
| Wedn'y 27 | 69 | 79 | 29.41 | 95 miles. |
| Thurs'y 28 | 73 | 78 | 29.29 | |
| Friday 29 | 72 | 76 | 29.28 | |

23—S. W. light; rather cloudy.
24—N. W. fresh; partially cloudy.
25—Do.: Mostly cloudy—showery—fre. clear.
26—N. W. fresh; nearly clear.
27—S. S. W. light; do.
28—Do.: do.—Thunderstorm.
29—Do.; rather cloudy, showery.

☞ *A Rousing Fremont Meeting* was held in Tremont on Wednesday evening, at which Dr. Elder spoke for about two hours. The campaign for Fremont and Freedom has opened vigorously in this County.

☞ *A Bouquet.*—The Junior is indebted to "A Friend" for a floral gift. The flowers which compose it are among the last of Summer, but we trust that the friendly spirit which prompted the gift may bloom long after the medium of its delicate expression, has withered into dust.

☞ *Police Cases.*—Raphael Cake, aged 13 years, has been held to bail by Squire Reed in the sum of $200, to answer the charge of robbing the money drawer of Jno. Moser, of this Borough.

On Wednesday, Robert Lean of Ashland, charged with selling liquor on Sunday and without a license, was held to bail by Squire Reed, in the sum of $400 to answer.—Elias Miller, of the same place, charged with selling liquor without a license, is also held in the sum of $200 to answer. The authorities of the County should promptly follow up the good work, by arresting every man who violates the liquor law.

☞ *Fremont Meeting at Cumbola.*—A Fremont meeting was held at Cumbola on Thursday evening. The greatest enthusiasm was manifested. Between 3 and 400 were assembled. Dr. Pulcston addressed the meeting in the Welsh and English languages. During the evening several right hearty cheers were given for Fremont and Freedom, and at the close a Fremont club was organized and 40 enrolled their names as members. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Westwood, and the club organized by the election of W. Davies, J. P., President; David Rosser, Vice President; John Hicks, Treasurer, and Nathaniel Griffiths, Secretary. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next meeting be held at New Philadelphia, on Thursday evening next.

*Resolved*, That a report of this meeting be sent to the "Cambro American." That we recognize that paper to be the true exponent of the principles of Freedom, and the feelings of the Welsh population of this County.

*Resolved*, That we treat with indignation the contemptible efforts of the "Dryck a Gwllyedydd" to circulate false statements and injure the cause of Freedom.

NATH. GRIFFITHS, Secretary.

☞ *Doctor Elder in Pinegrove.*—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Pinegrove on Saturday evening last, composed of members of the different political parties, to listen to an address from Doctor Elder of Philadelphia, on the interesting topic now in the present political canvass. "Free Speech" informs us that it was a conclusive and triumphant vindication of the great principle of human rights which underlies this campaign. It possessed every element which a political address should have—free from every personality, dignified in manner, convincing in argument and high in its moral tone—hence calculated to carry conviction to the minds of his hearers. If we could reach every political stump speaker in the State pleading for the right, we would urge him, by all the tremendous interests involved, to imitate the Doctor, by appealing to the "higher law" of justice, conscience, and political accountability, for the success of the cause. The object to be attained is too far-reaching in its consequences to bring the low principles of party demagogueism to bear upon the minds of the masses.

We understand that the Doctor proposes addressing the citizens of the different parts of the County, and if he succeeds in making the same impression everywhere as he did at Pinegrove, we feel assured that the result will manifest itself in the ensuing elections in a gratifying manner.

☞ *A Beautiful Work of Art.*—We take pleasure in calling the attention of our citizens to Andrieu's Panorama now on exhibition at the Baptist Church in this Borough. As a representation of the magnificent scenery of the South and West, it is correct; as a work of art it is without exception, the most perfect which has ever been exhibited in this Borough. Those of our citizens who have seen it, pronounce it beautiful—far exceeding their anticipations. Rev. Messrs. Gray, Pryor, Gracey, Morgan, and many others among our citizens, have expressed their satisfaction in unmistakable terms, and tendered to the talented artist, Andrieu, their compliments. This evening, we learn, the fine double Panorama will be again unfolded at the Baptist Church, for the benefit of Mrs. Andrieu, the accomplished wife of the artist. The exhibition will commence precisely at 8 o'clock, and we advise all who wish to enjoy a treat rarely offered here, to go early and secure a seat. We anticipate that the Hall will be crowded at an early hour.

*Apropos* of the impression that the Panorama has made, remarks like these were yesterday made by citizens. Judge Palmer, said: "Andrieu's Great Panoramas of the South and West are the most magnificent I ever saw." Rev. Mr. Pryor, of the Episcopal Church, said: "I recognised instantly the portrait of Rev. Bishop McClosky, in the views of Detroit City, and many other distinguished men could easily be pointed out, in unusual accuracy for a panoramic work."

☞ *Fremont and Freedom in Pottsville—Outpouring of the Masses—Formation of a Fremont Club.*—On Wednesday evening last, pursuant to call, a meeting of the friends of Freedom was held at Hill's hotel, in this Borough. Early in the evening, large numbers of adopted as well as native born citizens began to assemble in the vicinity, and by the time the meeting organized, a dense mass was congregated around the platform devoted to the officers of the meeting and the speakers.

The meeting organized by selecting John W. Roseberry, Esq., to preside, assisted by the following named gentlemen as Vice Presidents:—Col. John T. Werner, Col. John Bannan, John Franklin Harris, Capt. Frank Pott, John Sillyman, John S. Morris, Jeremiah Reed, Benjamin Cook, and Lewis Reese. Secretaries, James W. Bowen and Theodore Garretson.

The meeting was addressed in the most eloquent and effective manner by Richard Edwards, in Welsh, Dr. Pulcston in English and Welsh, and by B. Bartholomew, Esq., in English. The enthusiasm elicited by the speakers, proved how deep an interest is felt in the success of the Principles which now animate the Freemen of the country.

After the meeting a large number of names were enrolled as members of a Fremont Club, and measures were adopted to elect permanent officers, and draft a Constitution and By-laws for its government. The Club will be fully organized next week.

The citizens of Schuylkill County are thoroughly aroused in the cause of Fremont and Freedom, and the various meetings which have been held during the past week in the County, prove that a deep seated feeling exists, which will be fatal at the ensuing elections to the hopes of the Pro-Slavery, Sham Democracy.

☞ *Fremont Club.*—Dr. Pulcston of New York, an ardent advocate of the principles of Freedom, is now engaged in the noble cause of organising the friends of those principles in this Region. He organized a Fremont Club in St. Clair last evening, and this evening he will form one at Ashland.

Dr. Pulcston is the Editor of the "Cambro American," a weekly paper published in New York, in Welsh and English, the organ of the Welsh in this country, which circulates extensively in this State, where the Welsh vote is very important. The Welsh, as a nation, have hitherto taken but little interest in politics—a large number of them, have even neglected to take out their naturalization papers. Dr. Pulcston's mission is directed principally to his countrymen—all of whom come out as one man to the present contest, determined that Freedom shall no longer be trampled upon by the aggression of the Slave Power. Taffy, although unwilling to take much prominence in political matters, is on hand when the liberty of the citizen is at stake. The Welsh acted a prominent part in the days of the *Revolution*—*we are indebted to one* who boasted of his Cambrian blood, for that undying instrument, the Declaration of Independence; the instrument upon which is based the principles of our Republican Platform—the principles which proclaim freedom to down-trodden man, in all parts of the world. There were no fewer than seventeen men of Cambrian birth or origin, who signed that immortal Declaration—and among those brave patriots who fought and bled on the field of battle in our Revolutionary struggle, were 14 generals, 7 colonels, and a large number of subordinate officers of the Cambrian race. In the present contest the Welsh will not be found wanting. Dr. Pulcston has convened meetings in most of the Welsh districts around us. He will be joined by some eminent speakers from New York, and we doubt not his efforts will be crowned with success.

☞ *An Enthusiastic Fremont Meeting at Minersville—A Thousand Fremont Present.*—On Tuesday evening, at very short notice, a meeting of the friends of Fremont and Freedom assembled at Seltzinger's Hotel, in Minersville. The meeting to the number of about a thousand was composed of equal numbers of Englishmen, Scotchmen, Welshmen and Americans, and was fully organized by the election of Mr. Williams as President, assisted by Messrs. Lloyd, Ball and others as Vice Presidents.

The meeting was addressed in an eloquent manner by Dr. Pulcston of New York, and Benjamin Bartholomew, Esq., of this Borough, and at the termination of the meeting, a Fremont Club was formed, as members of which 120 persons signed their names.

The assemblage was one of the most intelligent, respectable and influential that ever met together in our sister Borough, and we expect from the enthusiasm evinced on the occasion, and the deep interest felt in the subject of Free Labor and Pro Slavery Tyranny, now agitating the country, that Minersville will nobly do her duty at the approaching State and Presidential elections.

On Tuesday evening the Sham Democracy of Minersville disturbed and attempted to break up the meeting by various unworthy stratagems, but without success. The meeting remained calm and unmoved, listening attentively to the truths emanating from the able speakers, and despising the abortive attempts made by the Ten Cent Jimmyite rabble to disperse it.

We expect that Minersville will nobly do her duty, first at the State Election and then in November. No man capable of bearing arms must shirk the fight.—Every vote for Free Labor, Free Speech and Free Territory is a condemnation of the sentiments of the men of the Revolution, of our revered statesmen, Clay and Webster, and a blow to Pro-Slavery tyranny, which will be effective to stay its aggression. Freemen of Schuylkill, are you prepared *en masse*, to take a noble stand for Freedom, or will you permit yourselves to be driven into a tame, unmanly support of the piratical, low wages, slavocratic doctrines of the silent occupant of the Cincinnati Platform? Let your choice be wise, for on the result of this contest depends the future welfare of this county, the priceless principles of pure Americanism.

☞ *The Union County Convention—The Nominations.*—Pursuant to call the friends of Fillmore and Fremont assembled in County Convention in Schuylkill Haven, at the house of Charles Saylor, on Monday, August 25th. The Hon. Henry D. Foster, of Westmoreland county, was appointed temporary chairman, and M. P. Fowler appointed secretary.

On motion R. M. Palmer, Dr. Coryell, H. Huhn, Peter Dodson, Daniel Madenfort, A. Heebner and Dr. O. M. Robbins were appointed a Committee to examine credentials and after a short absence reported the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention.

Pottsville—*South Ward*—C. Little, T. R. Bannan.
do *N. E. Ward*—J. B. Olwine, James Glenn.
do *N. W. Ward*—R. M. Palmer, J. W. Hass.
do *Middl: Ward*—S. Heffner, G. Shartle.
Blythe Township—E. R. Webber, Chas. Harsh.
Barry " do J. M. Stenger.
Branch do O. M. Robbins, G. Drake.
Butler do J. F. Davis, Ira Lake.
E. Brunswig—C. Focht, M. N. Bensinger.
E. Norwegian—John Eisenhuth, J. W. Hatch.
Eldred—Peter Rentz, J. Kehler.
Foster—J. A. McCool, A. Stager.
Frailey—B. E. Rudy, A. Eisn.
Hubley—P. Shoener, Charles Saylor.
Minersville—*E. Ward*—E. P. Burkhart, S. Williams.
do *W. Ward*—Wm. Lloyd, C. Harper.
New Castle—E. Phillips, J. Lindenmuth.
North Manheim—A. Keifer, W. C. Kitchen.
South Manheim—B. W. Bartolet, Jas. Emerick.
Orwigsburg—J. P. Palm, Samuel Leffler.
Palo Alto—C. Tobias, C. Moser.
Pinegrove Borough—Peter Felburt, T. G. Warntz.
do Township—J. Harvey, W. Rhoads,
Port Carbon—A. Hoebner, Ross Bull.
St. Clair—R. H. Coryell, Thomas Irvin.
Schuylkill—Jacob Schuck, D. Madenfort.
Schuylkill Haven—*W. Ward*—H. Burkhart, T. Z. Zulick.
Tamaqua—*N. Ward*—M. P. Fowler, W. Brock, Jr.,
do *S. Ward*—Henry Huhn, P. Dodson.
do *E. Ward*—J. M. Reinhart, E. A. Denniston.
Tremont—J. R. Fensler, Wm. Hoff.
Union—W. Kistler, J. Bitler.
Washington—John Conrad.
Wayne—James Berger, J. Mennig.

On motion of R. M. Palmer, a Committee of seven was formed to select permanent officers. The chair appointed R. M. Palmer, Drake, Ross Bull, J. R. Fensler, J. Reed, A. Denniston, the Committee.

On motion of C. Little, a Committee of seven was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the Convention. Messrs. Little, Fowler, Bannan, Zulick, Davis, Focht and Irvin were appointed the Committee.

The Convention then adjourned until 1½ o'clock.

At the appointed time the Convention re-assembled, and the Committee on organization reported the following gentlemen for the offices named.

*President*—ANDREW KEIFER.

*Vice Presidents*—A. Stager, B. E. Reedy, W. Lloyd, J. B. Olwine, D. O. M. Robbins, W. Brock, Jr., M. Eistler, Peter Filbert, T. C. Zulick, A. Heebner, J. P. Palm, and C. Focht.

*Secretaries*—Chas. Harsh, J. W. Hatch, Dr. R. H. Coryell, and H. Huhn.

The gentlemen named took their seats and the Convention proceeded to nominate candidates for the various offices.

The following nominations were made:

For Associate Judges—Geo. Wiggan, James Silliman, Jeremiah Reed, Isaac Myers. Israel Reed and Solomon Foster.

For Assembly—Charles Frailey, Jacob Hammer.

For District Attorney—J. T. Shoener, R. M. Palmer.

For County Commissioner—Jno. S. Boyer, Daniel Madenfort, Israel Reed, Jno. F. Seltzer, Abraham Hesbner, and R. E. Rudy.

For Coroner—C. W. Taylor, P. R. Palm and H. R. Silliman.

For Surveyor—Jacob Mennig.

For Director of the Poor—Ross Bull, Jacob Schuck, A. A. Bartolett and Geo. F. Weist.

For Auditor—Andrew Foster.

On motion the Convention proceeded to ballot for candidates for the several offices.

On the first ballot for Associate Judge, Geo. Wiggan received 29 votes; J. Silliman, 46; Jeremiah Reed, 35; Isaac Myers, 5; Israel Reed, 6; and Solomon Foster, 11. Both gentlemen having the largest number of votes, being from Pottsville, the vote was reconsidered and another ballot had, when Geo. Wiggan received 48 votes; James Silliman, 45; Jeremiah Reed, 22; Isaac Myers, 9; Israel Reed, 5; and Solomon Foster, 2.

Geo. Wiggan and James Silliman having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly nominated.

For Assembly—Charles Frailey and Jacob Hammer were nominated by acclamation.

R. M Palmer Esq., having withdrawn his name as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, J. T. Shoener was nominated by acclamation.

For County Commissioner—John S. Boyer received 8 votes; Daniel Madenfort, 4; Israel Reed, 6; Jno. F. Seltzer, 15; Abram Heebner, 24; and B. E. Rudy, 6. There being no choice, a second ballot was had; the names of Messrs. Madenfort, Boyer and Reed having been withdrawn, John F. Seltzer received 42 votes, Abram Hoebner 14, and B. E. Rudy 11. John F. Seltzer was declared nominated.

For Coroner—C. W. Taylor received 29 votes, P. R. Palm 31, and H. R. Silliman being withdrawn, C. W. Taylor received 28 votes, and P. R. Palm 36. P. R. Palm was declared nominated.

For Surveyor—Jacob Mennig was nominated by acclamation.

For Director of the Poor—Ross Bull received 15 votes; Jacob Schuck 1, A. A. Bartolet 8, and Geo. F. Weist 40. Geo. F. Weist was declared nominated.

For Auditor—Andrew Foster was nominated by acclamation.

On motion, the nominations were then made unanimous.

The Committee on resolutions made the following report which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, We, the people of Schuylkill County have in County Convention assembled, without distinction of party, except in a firm and steadfast opposition to the alleged principles and corrupt practices of the present national administration,

*Resolved*, That we have no sympathy with the principles of the Know Nothing doctrine, or any wages for American Mechanics does not suit our notions of the dignity of labor or true political economy; that we hold the piratical doctrines of the Ostend Circular, to which his name has been attached, as a libel on a Christian people, which if practically carried out, would rule us out of the civilized nations of the world; and above all, we will oppose his election, because he is pledged to a continuance of the filibustering, imbecile and corrupt practices of the administration of Frank Pierce.

*Resolved*, That while we deprecate the repeal of the Missouri Compromise as the primary cause of the troubles in Kansas, we likewise condemn the promoters of violence on either side in that territory; and that we call on our representatives in Congress to do all in their power, irrespective of party considerations, to uphold the rights of the legal voters, and to secure to the people a fair expression of their opinions on the subject of the Principles which now animate the Freemen of the country.

*Resolved*, That we would have union and concert of action for the sake of the Union, and are ready and willing to make any concession except that involving a sacrifice of principle and the rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution of our common country.

*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves in a strong, earnest and faithful support of the ticket nominated by this Convention, and that we waive all minor considerations of individual preferences for parties or men in order to accomplish the one main and common object of our united efforts, viz:—the defeat of the so-called Democratic ticket.

*Resolved*, That our Representative, Hon. James H. Campbell, has reflected honor on our district, and is deserving of the entire confidence of his constituents, and that we recommend him for re-nomination.

*Resolved*, That R. M. Palmer, Henry Huhn and Henry W. Lewis, be the Conferees of this County to meet those of Northumberland for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress.

*Resolved*, That the County Executive Committee have power to fill any vacancy caused by the declination, removal or otherwise, of any candidate nominated by this Convention.

*Resolved*, B. Bannan, R. M. Palmer, Chas. Frailey and B. Bartholomew addressed the Convention, after which it adjourned