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From the Pittsburgh Telegraph. Mr. Sumner's Early Political Career.

Mr. Sumper was ten years at the bar, as a successful practitioner and student, writer and lecturer on the science of law, before he took part in politics. His able. General Ord has forwarded to when he pronounced before the authoribe found in his own words: "In our assistance be given the settlers, and that age there can be no peace that is not the forts in the Indian country be reinwhich this novel declaration is made to ammunition with which to protect them-serve the purpose of a title page. The selves. Stock is stolen, men murdered any modern writer to the cause of this side of the Atlantic; its political trains. significance was largely due to the atmosphere in which it was delivered and the peculiar situation of parties at that time. The slave power was never more solent. But Mr. Sumner was not at all times they cured miraculously; but that a dismayed by the adverse criticism from patient of his had taken then for sometime the Boston Whigs, that followed his the Boston Whigs, that followed his speech, and late in the following year he spoke again on the same subject, and been taking capsulas sold in bottles, and not even more vigorously, and in 1846 in an DUNDAS DICK & CO'S. spoke again on the same subject, and address to the Whig Convention on "The Anti-Slavery duties of the Whig Party," announced boldly his uncompromising hostility to Slavery. His posi tion was directly contrary to that of William Lloyd Garrison, the latter refusing allegiance to the Constitution on the ground that it countenanced Slavery, while the former held that this apparent sanction was a perversion of the spirit of the instrument. He insisted that Slavery as an institution was nowhere recognized in the fundamental law of the land, and that the framers found it necessary to concede for the time certain privileges to the slaveholders which they imagined the growth and progress of the country would sweep away with the institution itself. The watchword he put forward for his party was, "The Repeal of Slavery under the Constitution and Laws of the Federal Government." On this point, the following extract from his address is interesting as his SOLD AT ALL DRUG STORES. first statement of a plan for the work of Abolition, which did not reach completion for nearly twenty years.

"The time has passed when this can be opposed on constitutional grounds It will not be questioned by any competent authority that Congress may, by express legislation, abolish slavery, first, in the District of Columbia; second, in the Territories, if there should be any: third, that it may abolish the slave trade on the high seas between the States; fourth, that it may refuse to admit any new State with a constitution sanctioning slavery. Nor can it be doubted that the people of the free States may, in the manner pointed out by the Constitution, proceed to its amendment."

In urging that constitutional means should be adopted to gain this end, he

"There is in the Constitution no compromise on the subject of slavery of a character not to be reached legally and constitutionally, which is the only way in which I propose to reach it. Where-ever power and jurisdiction are secured to Congress, they may unquestionably be exercised in conformity with the Constitution. And even in the matters beyond existing powers and jurisdiction there is a constitutional mode of action. The Constitution contains an article pointing out how, at any time, amendments may be made thereto. This is an important article, giving to the Constitution a progressive character, and allowing it to be moulded to suit new exigencies and new conditions of feeling The wise framers of this instrument did not treat the country as a Chinese foot, never to grow after its infancy, but anticipated the changes incident to its growth."

This was shortly followed by a public letter, bestowing a withering rebuke on Robert C. Winthrop, then a member of the House from Massachusetts, for his vote in favor of the Mexican war. Of course these vigorous utterances rendered it clear that Mr. Sumner could not long remain with the Whigs, and in 1848 he joined the Free Soilers, whose principles he had already promulgated in his speeches, and supported this candidates, VanBuren and Adams, in the

Presidential contest of that year. The Fugitive Slave law agitation in Massachusetts in 1850, brought Mr. Summer to the front rank of the apponents of that odious measure. In an address before the Free Soil State Convention, he said of one who has preceded him to the grave but a few days, that "other Presidents may be forgotten, but the name signed to the Fugitive Slave bill can never be forgotten.

ere are depths of infamy as well as heights of fame." Webster entered the Fillmore cabinet in 1850, and Mr. Sumner was chosen to succeed him, after a struggle that the whole country watched with eager interest. He took his seat in the Scoate, deeply impressed with the importance of the hour and pledged, in a letter to the Legislature, to "oppose expiration of the time paid for. all sectionalism, whether it appear in unconstitutional efforts by the North to carry so great a boon as freedom into the Slave States, or in unconstitutional efforts of the South, aided by Northern

allies, to carry the sectional evil of slavery into the free States; or in what-seever it may make to extend the sectional domination of Slavery over the National Government." His first ut-terances on the subject nearest his heart were made on the 25th of August, 1852, when he delivered his famous speech on a motion to repeal the Fugi tive Slave law, entitled "Freedom Na-tional, Slavery Sectional," From that hour to the day of his death, his Senatorial career bore the righest fruits of his brilliant and profound intellect.

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