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**Pittsburgh Weekly Gazette.**—The article of our "Daily's" Gazzette offers to our readers the following statement of making that, "Jubilee known or distributed by any member of the Legislature, or every merchant, manufacturer and shop-keeper in Western Pennsylvania, and Ohio."

We are particular—Neither the Editorial Room nor Private Secretary—nor the Editor himself, nor any member of his family, nor any person connected with him, has ever been in the service of the South.

Heads Master, and page of this paper.

**WHY ARE WE DRIFTING?**

We drift, because we are drifting at Washington is correctly ascribed in the country at large. The slavery agitation has reached a crisis more momentous than has ever before existed. The South no longer professes to be waging in its own defense. That plea, on which so many daring aggressions upon the rights of the free States have been carried successfully through, is now abandoned, and no longer necessary, as a means of palliating other purposes of aggression.

Second.—Slavery is now entangled upon a broad scale, pregnant with vast schemes and mighty consequences, has set up. This decisive

and was recognized and adopted by the constitution.

Second.—The constitution applied to and extends over the entire territory of the United States, without the action of Congress, and over that territory be organized or unorganized, as it may be, it extends over the States.

Third.—This constitution, in its own nature, violates, without the aid of law and independent of law, slaves' slaves wherever it (the constitution) goes or may be held to operate.

Fourth.—No Congress, nor the territorial, nor any State legislature, has the power to legislate for the exclusion or prohibition of slaves.

And, finally, the principles were laid down, shewn forth by Calhoun, in the course of the last year of his life. He had before him to have them to elaborate them and point out the mode of their application. They have since blundered, as too monstrous and dangerous to be bruited by less experienced, able, and dangerous plotters against the perpetuity and integrity of the constitution and the system of Government based on it. These pretensions, when first advanced, were not understood by us, but they hoped that their projector, with all his power of intellect and strength of purpose would fail to implement them among any considerable number of his followers, or that they would die with him, that they would disappear when no longer supported by his subtle mind and body, on which it was founded.

The careful and conscientious men of our political history know that this was not an isolated opinion, but it was fully supported by the experience of the past, or by any of the signs of the future, for slaves never yet relinquished a demand, however arrogant, nor surrendered a claim, however unfounded. The very few years that have elapsed since the period referred to have demonstrated the fallacy of this presumption.

Mr. Calhoun, in his speech to the South, received from his Governors from Washington, as they now receive their Custom House officers.

We have no enemy to the South, but we love our country better than we love it. We love Republicanism, Democracy, and freedom better than we love other aristocracy, or despotism, or slavery.

It must be made now. We have now to choose between a firm maintenance of our rights, or present degradation and future subjection.

The issue, we are convinced, is between a vigorous resistance to the insolent pretensions of the enemy, at this time, or a hasty civil and social war at no distant day.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

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