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SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 19, 1856.

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Extract from the Inaugural Address of Gov. Chase, of Ohio.

As man is more than his circumstances, as freedom is better than wealth, as rights are more important than institutions, it becomes us to look well to the fundamental ideas which determine the character of Government and the course of its practical operation.

The basis of American institutions is the democratic principle of equality among men. They rest upon the solid foundation of popular consent. The primary objects of their establishment are the defense and protection of personal rights. If they fail to secure these ends, it is the duty of the people who established to amend or change them. To organize and administer government upon these principles is the true work of a republican people.

While the democratic idea thus continues the basis of American institutions, various exceptions, under the pressure of real supposed exigencies, have been admitted to its universal application. Among these, Slavery, the creature of despotism and the deadly opposite of democracy, claims baleful pre-eminence.

When our country asserted her independance slavery existed in all the States. Its evil influences, social and political, were, however, well understood, and its irreconcilable antagonism to the rights of human nature and the principles of just government, was universally acknowledged.

The founders of the Republic, in framing our institutions, were careful to give no national sanction to this portentous anomaly; but they tempted no interference with its existence in the States. Outside of state limits they allowed it no shelter. Within State limits, they left it to the exclusive disposition of the States immediately concerned. No fact is better established by the records of the past, than the prevalence, during the earlier period of our history, of an almost universal expectation that slavery, excluded, by positive prohibition, from all national territory, would gradually, but certainly, and at no distant day, under the operation of the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and through the action of the State authorities, disappear wholly from every State of the Union. The foremost champions of freedom were citizens of Slave states, and occupied the highest stations in the State and National governments.

In 1784, immediately after the partial adjustment of the conflict between the claims of the Union and the pretensions of the States in regard to the territory between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi, through the cession, by Virginia, of the territory northwest of the Ohio, Jefferson proposed to provide forever against the extension of slavery by a positive prohibition of its existence after 1800, in any territory ceded or to be ceded, or in any State to be created out of such territory. This proposed prohibition received the votes of sixteen out of twenty-three delegates, and of six out of nine States in the Congress of the Confederation.—It failed to become a law by reason of that provision of the Articles of Confederation which made the concurrence of at least seven States necessary to an affirmative decision of any question. The great majority in its favor indicates, however, the prevalent sentiment of the time.

Three years later, the ordinance of 1787 impressed upon the soil of the territory northwest of the Ohio an inviolable prohibition of slavery. That ordinance was adopted by the unanimous votes of all the States in Congress. It covered every inch of territory subject to the exclusive regulation of the General Government.

In the same year the National Constitution was framed. Mr. Madison declared it "wrong to admit in the Constitution the idea that there could be property in man." No such word as slave or slavery found place in any of its provisions. All recognition of the rightfulness of slaveholding, and all national sanction of the practice, was carefully excluded from the instrument. In every clause which has been or can be construed as referring to slavery it is regarded as the creature of State legislation and dependent, wholly, upon State legislation for its existence and continuance. There is no trace in the Constitution itself, or in the debates of its framers, of any expectation or apprehension of the institution or maintenance of slavery by national law, or in national territory. No one anticipated its extension beyond the limits of its existing States.

But the people required additional security. When, therefore, Virginia suggested an amendment of the Constitution that "no freeman ought to be deprived of his life, liberty, or property, but by the law of the land," Congress refused to sanction this restricted guaranty, but proposed, for the adoption of the States, an amendment embracing a comprehensive and express interdict against all invasion of personal rights by the General Government. That interdict, made part of the constitution, by the consent of the States, is in these words: "No person, * * * shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law." So long as this provision remains unaltered, it is not easy to see how slavery can be constitutionally introduced anywhere, or continued anywhere, by national legislation or in national territory.

This brief statement will suffice to show what was the policy and what was the anticipation of the founders of this Republic in respect to slavery. Their policy was one of repression, limitation, discouragement; they anticipated with confidence the auspicious result of universal freedom. Persistent adherence to their policy would doubtless have realized their anticipations.

I need not say to you that this policy has not been adhered to, nor need I trace the gradual process by which the Constitution has been wrested from its original purposes, and the Government has been converted into an instrument for the maintenance and extension of slavery.

By cession from slave States, and by treaties with foreign Governments, vast territories have been acquired, in all of which the original policy of the Government required prohibition, but to none of which was prohibition actually applied, until resistance to the farther increase of slavery and slave power in the republic by the admission of Missouri as a slave State, led to the great contest between the extensionists and the restrictionists, which, in 1820, terminated in the adjustment generally known as the Missouri Compromise.

The terms of that Compromise were these: that Missouri should be admitted with slavery; that slavery should forever be prohibited in the territory acquired from France, north of 36 deg. 30 min., except Missouri; and that Congress should refrain, for the present at least, from legislative prohibition of slavery south of 36 deg. 30. This last term was only implied; it was not expressed.

This Compromise, in substance and effect, was a compact between the slaveholding and nonslaveholding sections of country, and was universally so regarded. It yielded to slavery absolutely the territory occupied by Missouri, and it left without the protection of prohibition all the residue of territory acquired under the French treaty south of 36 deg. 30 min. As the original policy of the country, and the true principles of the constitution required the exclusion of slavery from the whole of this territory, it was to be expected that this adjustment would be received with much dissatisfaction in the Free States. It was so received; but after a time, for the sake of peace, and in the full belief that its stipulations in respect to the territory north of 36 deg. 30 min. would be faithfully observed, the people generally acquiesced in the [illegible].

Concession invites aggression. Having succeeded in establishing slavery in Missouri, the slave power soon insisted upon the implied terms of the compromise as a positive stipulation for the allowance of slavery south of 36 deg 30 min., not only in the territory acquired from France, but in all other territory, whenever and however acquired, in which slavery might exist at the time of acquisition. This interpretation was tacitly admitted, and under the compromise thus interpreted, Arkansas, Texas and Florida came into the Union as slave States, and the small remainder of the territory south of 36 deg. 30 min., was allotted to slaveholding Indian tribes.

All the territory south of the Missouri line, whether acquired before or after the date of the compromise, was thus incorporated into slave States, or otherwise appropriated to slavery under the slaveholding interpretation of the compact. Nothing was left to Freedom for settlement by non-slaveholding freemen, except the territory north of Missouri line. The freedom of this territory, it was thought, was firmly and by Guaranteed by the Constitution, fixt in the original policy, guarded by a covenant [illegible] fulfilment of which so much [illegible] itself, so that it seemed impossible [illegible] Free States never ask more, the people of [illegible] invaded or endangered, dreamed that it could [illegible] proved illusory. What [illegible] anticipations [illegible] organization of government for this territory, with a view to open it for settlement and cultivation, the country was astounded by the demand of the slave power for the abrogation of the Missouri prohibition. At first the demand was heard with incredulous amazement, and then with unavailing indignation. It availed nothing to appeal to plighted faith; nothing to appeal to ancient policy or Constitutional guarantees. The great dominant power of slavery demanded the sacrifice of Freedom, and the oblation must be made. The Missouri Prohibition was repealed; the Compromise of 1820, performed to the letter, and far beyond the letter, by the Free States, was broken up and destroyed by the Slave States, to avoid the fulfilment of its only stipulation in favor of freedom.

The pretences under which this wrong was perpetrated, give additional keeness to the sense of injury.

It was boldly asserted that the prohibition was unconstitutional. The power to prohibit territorial slavery had been exercised by the first Congress under the Constitution in the act providing for continuing in full effect the ordinance of 1787. The Constitution, in express terms, had conferred on Congress the power to make all needful rules and regulations concerning the territory of the United States. This provision had been uniformly regarded as authorizing all necessary territorial legislation. Almost every Congress had exercised the power, and almost every President had approved its exercise. The very persons who denied the power to prohibit slavery, asserted the power to establish territorial governments and to define their departments and powers, and therefore, in denying the power of prohibition, were reduced to the necessity of denying that the greater includes the less.

Under these circumstances, after the prohibition had remained unquestioned for more than the third of a century, the denial of its constitutionality rather provoked indignation than excited doubt.

It was also insisted that the doctrine of popular sovereignty required the repeal of the prohibition. This was a mere abuse of terms. The true idea of popular sovereignty demands as a primary essential condition the recognition of inalienable personal rights. There can be no genuine popular sovereignty where a portion of the population is enslaved. The prohibition of slavery is therefore a necessary prerequisite to a real sovereignty of the people. In the sense of the apologists for repeal popular sovereignty signifies nothing but the right of a portion of the community to enslave the rest. It begins by the denial of the natural rights of man. It must end in the total subversion of the fundamental principles of American institutions. For a free and independent people it would substitute a community of masters, dependants and slaves.

Such is the repulsive theory. In practical operation it has not proved more attractive. As embodied in the Nebraska-Kansas bill, it has been fruitful of nothing but evil. It has not conferred a single substantial benefit upon the settlers of either Territory. In no respect are they distinguished from the settlers of Minnesota, where slavery is prohibited, except by exposure to its evils. The sole special effect of the Nebraska-Kansas act upon the Territories organized under it is to open them to the introduction of slaves. In one of them it has led to desperate attempts to effect that object—to invasion, usurpation, violence, bloodshed—almost to civil war. Crimes like these are not the legitimate fruits of that doctrine of popular self-government, to the maintenance of which our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their honor.

In all these things our own State has a deep and peculiar interest. Our own history furnishes the most complete vindication of the policy of slavery prohibition. We occupy, in part, the soil protected from the blight of slavery by the Ordinance of 1787. For more than a half a century the people of Ohio have been accustomed to regard the Ordinance with mingled emotions of gratitude and pride. Conspicuous among its provisions, and fit companionship with its sacred guaranties of religious freedom, of liberality towards emigrants, of inviolability of private contracts, of the security of private property, and universal education, stands the great interdict against slavery, acknowledging and impartially protecting the rights of man as man.—The words to which we always recur when seeking in the Ordinance the peculiar springs of our wonderful prosperity and progress, are those which embody this prohibition. Never did the noble pioneers who laid the foundations on which we now joyfully build, complain of that interdict as an abridgment of any rights, personal or political. On the contrary, they have ever spoken of it as the pillar of fire by night and of cloud by day, which guided and protected them in the wilderness. More than any other State, Ohio, as the first born of the Ordinance, and indebted to the Ordinance for her proud position as the third State of the Confederacy, and first among the new States, is bound to cherish and defend its great and beneficent principles. In so doing we shall be fellow workers with their illustrious framers in their own declared policy and purpose of extending the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty whereon these republics, their laws and constitutions are erected, and fixing and establishing those principles as the basis of all laws, constitutions and governments which forever hereafter shall be formed in American territory.

No political duty appears to be more urgent than this.

The question of slavery, it is almost universally conceded, transcends in present importance all other political questions of a national character. The repeal of the Missouri Prohibition, abrogating the Missouri compromise, opens anew the whole subject of the relations of slavery to the Union, to the States, and to the Territories. In determining the true line of duty, under these circumstances, it seems to be the part of wisdom to recur to the acts of the founders of the Republic and to the principles of the Constitution. To me these guides seem to indicate a plain path. They lead back to the original national policy. That policy, I have already remarked, while it sanctioned no outside interference with slavery in the States, contemplated no extension of it beyond State limits—regarded slavery in all its relations as subject, exclusively, to State legislation, and absolved the General Government from all responsibility for its extension or continuance. Our return to that policy should be signalized by the restoration of the guaranty of freedom to the Territories which have been deprived of it by the retrograde legislation of Congress. Had the policy originally adopted been persistently pursued, the question of slavery would have ceased long since to vex our repose and disturb our councils.—Should that policy be restored, may we not confidently expect the restoration, also, of those relations of harmony and good will which characterized the era of its adoption, and that through the repeal of all national legislation in support of slavery and the constitutional action of State Governments, the ardent desire of our Fathers for the deliverance of the whole country from the great evil, may at length be fulfilled? No worthier objects than these, in my judgment, can engage the united efforts of freemen. Frank and cordial co-operation for these noble ends, excludes all invidious and unjust discrimination on account of birth or creed, endangers no right of any individual or any State, but promises the happy result of a more perfect Union, established upon the solid foundations of exact justice and equal rights.

The Fertility of Kansas.—Hon. Sterling G. Cato, the Territorial Judge, in a recent letter to his brother, of Eufaula, Ala., says:

"The people here are quiet and orderly, sharp and intelligent; a little rough in manners, but warm hearted and cordial. This is as fine a country as any on the face of the earth, and the profits of its productions would far exceed those of the cotton fields of the South. All kinds of grain, grass, clover and hemp yield a rich product. I have no doubt but that slave labor would yield in hemp, corn and grain, at least from thirty to forty dollars per acre annually. I have seen no poor land; it all seems to me richer than the best Chattahoochee bottom, and most of it is just such land as in the adjoining Missouri counties is now selling at twenty to fifty dollars an acre. Corn is now selling at twenty cents per bushel, and the product estimated at one hundred bushels an acre; and hemp crop (six tons per hand) at $140 per ton, and you see at once how labor is more productive here than at the South. It is impossible to give an adequate idea of the beauty and fertility of the soil and country; generally rolling, [illegible] a great deal of timber, but as I [illegible] abounding in coal for fires, and stone [illegible] ing and fencing; good wells of water [illegible] tained anywhere, besides fresh [illegible] ning through the prairies [illegible]."

Six Railroad Accidents.—The New York papers of Wednesday give reports of six railroad accidents, a majority of them of a serious character. Still another accident occurred between Albany and Chicago on the Hudson River Railroad this afternoon, by which a man so severely injured that he is not expected to recover. Another occurred on the Harlem Railroad, by which a woman's neck was broken. Two occurred on the New York Central, and one not far from Chicago.—An extraordinary number, even under existing circumstances, which are very much against safe travelling. There does not seem to have been anything of importance elicited by the Jury having in charge an investigation into the cause of the accident at Spuyten Duyvel Bridge, which was not previously known. A high wind and tide, and an unusual accumulation of ice, are the only causes given for the occurrence of the accident.

Anti-Nebraska Caucus at Washington.—*Washington Jan. 16.*—Midnight.—The Anti-Nebraska members of the House held a caucus at the Capitol to-night. Mr. Campbell, of Pennsylvania, was in the chair. Ninety members were present, including three of Mr. Penington's men. The meeting was more harmonious than was anticipated. Mr. Waldron offered a series of resolutions which were subsequently withdrawn, declaring in effect against offering individual propositions independently of general consultation.

He and Mr. Lester, Messrs. Kunkle, Grow, Norton, Watson, Simmons, Banks and others participated in the discussion regarding the binding effect of the previous formal nomination of Mr. Banks, who to-night made a speech wishing gentlemen not to consider themselves under implied obligations to vote for him. A vote was then taken as follows:

Banks 66; Campbell, of Ohio, 12; Pennington, 4; scattering 7.

The nomination of Mr. Banks was then declared unanimous, and a committee of five were appointed, authorized to call the caucus together on the application of ten members.

Inundations in Spain.—Gaunt famine strides on stilts through the provinces, for the fiend cannot pass with dry feet. The waters are out every where, save where they have been arrested by the sharp hand of winter; the heavy rains, the torrents which rush down from the mountains, have converted the valleys, which would have been filled with waving corn, into desolate swamps or huge lakes. The crops are utterly destroyed in many parts of Spain; the vines have also suffered much from the inundation, or rather from the torrents, which, in rushing down the declivities, have laid bare their roots. The people are in an appalling state of misery.

Reynard and the Locomotive.—A fox, on Monday last, who had been chased, took to the the track of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad as the train came whizzing along. Reynard kept his courage up for some time, but the engineer, to have a little fun, opened the throttle valve and pitched after him with a will. It was "pull Dick, pull devil," for some minutes, but the locomotive gained on him, and poor Reynard was brushing the snow off the cow catcher with his tail, when, fortunately for him, a cow pit suddenly offered him safety, and down he dipped into it, and remained till the train passed over.

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Steam Engine for Sale. ONE Second Hand Steam Engine, twenty-five horse power, 12 inch cylinder, 4 feet stroke, nearly new, and all complete, will be sold low for cash. Enquire at the store of D. LITTLE & CO., No. 112 Second street.

Dissolution. THE partnership heretofore existing between R. W. Hawkins and Dick Braun, under the name and style of R. W. Hawkins & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. R. W. HAWKINS, DICK BRAUN. Pittsburgh, Dec 19, 1855.

Warren's Improved Fire and Water Proof Composition Roofing. HAVING been for the last eleven years exclusively engaged in the manufacture of the above roofing, now much used in all the principal cities of the Union, during which time it has been tested under every variety of circumstances, and been improved and perfected wherever experience showed that it could be done, and having been called upon by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to do a job in this city in 1853, and again to cover the Passenger Depot in 1854, for both of which jobs they transported our men and materials from Philadelphia free of charge, we have been induced to open a branch of our business in this city, and being prepared to fill orders to any extent, we offer our roofing to the patronage of the citizens of Pittsburgh and vicinity. Its cheapness, durability and perfect protection against both fire and water render it the most desirable roofing in use. The best pitch for this roofing is from one-half to one inch to the foot—but we can under favorable circumstances apply it to a much greater pitch, even five or six inches to the foot. Those having leaky roofs of any kind can have them re-covered by this method with the positive certainty of having good tight roofs. We append the location of some of our roofs, which may be examined. For further information and reference, please call at our office. All work warranted. R. H. WARREN & CO., 24 Fifth street, Pittsburgh. The above roofing may be seen on the following buildings: Duquesne Depot, Liberty street; Fourth Ward Public School House; Sixth Ward Public School House; Maurice Bunts's new building, Smithfield st., above Fourth; Capt. Jas. O'Hara Denny's new Warehouse, Third st., below Market; Algeo's new building, Fifth st., below Smithfield; Mitchell, Herron & Co.'s Foundry Buildings; McCartney's Auction Rooms, in Allegheny City. R. H. Davis' Dwelling, Beaver street, above Ohio; Peter Peterson's new Warehouse, Federal st., above Robinson.

EPISCOPAL ALMANACS—Seward's Pocket Almanac for the year of our Lord, 1856, containing lists of the Bishops and Clergy in each diocese and other statistical information, together with the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Also the Church Almanac for the year of our Lord 1856. For sale by KAY & CO., 55 Wood st.

THE LADIES are reminded that we still have on hand a fine assortment of Fine Setts, Collars, Sleeves, Collarettes, Hdkfs, Infant's Robes, &c. which we are offering at much less than regular prices. JOS. HORNE & CO., 77 Market st.

SPLENDID GARDEN FARM FOR SALE —Situate in Chartiers township, adjoining Fleecedale, 4 miles from the city; contains 80 acres, which has been enriched and worked as a Market Garden for some years. The improvements consist of a comfortable house, good new barn and stabling, new stone milk house; an orchard of 600 trees, of the very best quality of fruit; a greater portion of the ground is enclosed with a good board fence. This property is especially recommended to gardeners; will be sold, and is offered at one hundred dollars per acre lower than property sold adjoining—for the reason that the owner has purchased in the West. For terms apply to B. McLAIN & SON.

FARM IN ROBINSON TOWNSHIP FOR SALE—Situated 9 miles from the city and 4 miles from the village of Mansfield, on the Noblestown Road.—The Steubenville Railroad runs through the place; contains 76 acres and 34 perches—50 acres cleared, balance good timber; about 8 acres bottom land; 10 acres of coal pit open. The improvements consist of a comfortable Log Dwelling, new Frame Barn, Stabling, and a fine young orchard. The place is well watered; and the soil of the best quality. Possession given on the 1st of April next. Call and get further particulars from S. McLAIN & SON, No. 21 5th st.

BARGAINS IN CLOAKS—We have today rec'd a few Cloth Cloaks which we will sell at $6.50—sold early in the season at $16. MURPHY & BURCHFIELD. Winter Goods of various kinds selling off at reduced prices.

SUNDRIES—5 bbls. rendered Tallow; 4 bbls Lard; 8 kegs Lard; 25 bus new Clover Seed; 60 bus new Peaches; 40 do do Apples; 20 bbls superfine Flour; 50 sks Buckwheat Flour; 100 do new Molasses; 500 bbls large and medium No 3 Mackerel; 50 ½ do do No 2 do; 20 qrs do No 1 do; 50 bbls Cod Fish, in store and for sale by WATT & WILSON, 253 Liberty st.

BUTTER AND EGGS—3 bbls prime Roll Butter; 1 bbl Eggs; 6 kegs do packed do, rec'd and for sale by JONES & COOLEY, 141 Water st.

A. A. MASON & CO. will open this day 50 pcs more of those All Wool Plaids at 50c per yd.

BIRMINGHAM PROPERTY FOR SALE —Six building lots, three of which front on [illegible] st. and three on Virgin alley, 20 [illegible] by [illegible] deep, a comfortable Frame Dwelling [illegible] of the lots. Price for the whole $3,000. Apply [illegible] S. McLAIN & SON.

DRY GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES, purchased at [illegible] A. A. Mason & Co. are now [illegible] [illegible] of Dry Goods at [illegible] over 1000 cases and packages [illegible] much less than cost of [illegible].

Dried Apples, for [illegible] SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

FRUIT—100 [illegible] W. R. Cheese, for sale by R. DALZELL & CO.

CHEESE—[illegible] bbls Flaxseed for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

TRAVELING SHAWLS—A. A. [illegible] & Co. have just opened another case of these Traveling Shawls, at $4 and $5, usual price [illegible].

EGGS—1 box Eggs for sale by R. DALZELL & CO.

CARB. AMMONIA—500 lbs just rec'd and for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO.

INDIGO—2 cerroons just rec'd and for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO.

LARD OIL—20 bbls No. 1 for sale by J. SCHOONMAKER & CO., 12 Wood st.

LINSEED OIL—20 bbls, warranted prime, for sale by J. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

STRAW PAPER, extra large and heavy, for sale by J. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

PACKING AND TEA PAPER, large and heavy, 20 reams for sale by J. SCHOONMAKER & CO., No. 12 Wood st.

STAR CANDLES—15 boxes for sale by J. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

BUSINESS PAPER—Twenty Thousand Dollars to loan on good business paper. Apply to S. McLAIN & SON, No. 21 5th st.

BAKER'S FANCY—125 bbls extra high ground Farmer's Mills, for sale in lots to suit, by DAVID C. HERBST.

INDIANA FLOUR—175 bbls extra from Indiana Wheat, City Mills, [illegible], for sale in lots to suit, by DAVID C. HERBST.

800 LBS. Bradley's Knitting Yarns on hand and for sale at JOS. HORNE & CO'S. Market street.