

Case of Booth and Rycraft.

From The Milwaukee Free Democrat, Feb. 3. On Saturday, the 3d inst., the Supreme Court in session at Madison, on the petition of John Rycraft and Sherman M. Booth, unanimously discharged them from custody under sentence from Judge Miller, on a charge of violating the Fugitive Slave Act.

This decision of the Court was peculiarly soothing to the vanity of E. G. Ryan, Esq., who boasted, after the conviction of Rycraft, that he had drawn the indictments, and claimed that the conviction under it was owing to his legal skill in framing it.

Office-Seeking in Pennsylvania. The Leisings Chronicle, contains a letter from H. H. Hibbard, written, we presume, by Mr. Hickok, the now Deputy Superintendent of Common Schools, from which we make the following extract, in relation to the doings of the office-seekers and the Governor:

Popular Sovereignty. Congress has just given evidence of the little value it puts upon the doctrine of "popular sovereignty," as witness this item from the proceedings of the House.

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. COBB, EDITOR. All Business and other Communications must be addressed to the Editor to insure attention.

WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, Feb. 15, 1855.

LECTURES.—The Wellsborough Literary Association has engaged the services of the following Lecturers: Cassius M. Clay, 16th and 17th. Rev. Alonso Potter.

The Universalist Conference meets at Mansfield on Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th insts. Several distinguished speakers are expected to be present and address the assemblage. All are invited to attend.

Our thanks are due T. L. BALDWIN, Esq., for documents.

Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, have enacted stringent Prohibitory Laws since our last issue.

More Triumphs!—Harian from Iowa, Durkee from Wisconsin, Wilson from Massachusetts and Seward from New York—a glorious company of anti-slavery men, have been elected to the U. S. Senate within a few weeks.

Cassius M. Clay, the most eloquent advocate of human freedom in the Union, will lecture at the Court House on FRIDAY EVENING 16th inst. Subject—"Slavery."

This distinguished gentleman is so widely known that commendation is unnecessary.

See Labor, Young & Co's, new advertisement on third page.

Also, A. Bixby's notice of Cayuga Plaster, just received and for sale at a reduced price.

Also, MacLaurin's new system of Penmanship, said to be the greatest discovery of the age.

Also, D. S. Ireland's Sash and Blind Factory.

ORLANDO LYON, of Illinois, lectured on "The Influence of Intemperance on National Character," on Monday evening at the Court House, to a full house.

Are Christian Men proper Subjects for the Gallows?

When men become so quickened with a love of justice for the sake of humanity as to frame laws for the punishment of offenders that through punishment reformation may come, instead of destruction to the life and budding usefulness of the reformed, then society will have put away one of the most inconsistent of its inconsistencies, and will exhibit a better degree of harmony in its development.

And again: Sobriety and industry are held as external virtues. Not to be sober, industrious and honest is to be detestable.

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Laterly—as in New York and Massachusetts—a different policy has been adopted. Not satisfied with success won thus unobtrusively; aspiring to measure their strength with existing organizations, and having in a measure fallen under the management of some of those hungry seekers after office, who infest every party, they essay to take the field as a political organization, and refuse to sustain any but their own nominees, no matter what measure of qualification embodied in the candidates already before the public.

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Our sentiments exactly. If woman is endowed with reason and common sense, she has a right to enjoy all the benefits that accrue to man from the possession of these qualities.

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Freedom Loses Either Way. The citizens of Ray County, Missouri, in the resolutions adopted at their County Court House, on the 1st instant, denounce the sending of emigrants into Kansas by New England Societies, as a movement calculated to thwart the natural and legitimate operation of the Kansas Law.

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Evil Consequences of Free Trade. Our Yankee nation imported, in 1853, very nearly \$288,000,000 worth of goods. Of these \$31,000,000 were for goods free of duty, and presumed to be of a character that could not be produced at home.

No CHANGE IN THE CABINET.—The Washington Union of a late date, has the following authoritative notice:

It is well known that we do not attempt to contradict the numberless falsehoods daily sent, or which purport to be sent by telegram or otherwise, from this city in relation to the President and the different members of his cabinet; but the intention of Mr. Guthrie to resign is announced with such an assurance of reliable authority, that we deem it proper to say that it is without the slightest foundation in truth.

INNOCENT AS A CHILD.—A New Orleans paper makes the following statement:—

The instructions of the Michigan Legislature to her Senators relative to the Missouri Compromise and the Nebraska act, give them Cass a great deal of trouble.

Anti-Slavery Resolutions. Mr. Lott, of Warren county, has introduced into the House, anti-slavery resolutions, instructing our Senators and requesting our representatives in Congress to vote against the admission into the Union of every State whose constitution permits slavery, and to join every constitutional effort to check the advance of this national evil.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD COLLISION IN A SNOW STORM.—A MAN'S HEAD CUT OFF BY THE LOCOMOTIVE.—A serious collision between the freight train and the night express train from Hornellsville took place on Saturday morning, between Ateca and Londen, on the New York City road.

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL.—We believe this to be an excellent preparation, and shall therefore not hesitate to recommend it to our readers.

A GRAPHIC SMILE.—Henry Ward Beecher says that an honest man inside of a Know-Nothing lodge has "the peculiar advantage that flies have in a spider's web—the privilege of losing their legs, or buzzing without flying, and being eaten at leisure by big-headed spiders."

THE SAD RESULT OF IGNORANCE.—The Detroit Advertiser relates an instance of an ox being killed and a sled broken to pieces by a railroad car, and all because the ox could not understand French.

A YANKEE HAS INVENTED A MACHINE FOR EXTRACTING THE LIES FROM QUACK ADVERTISEMENTS. Some of them are never seen after entering the machine, as only the truth comes out.