

THE AGITATOR

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The Kansas Resolutions in the House of Representatives.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 18, 1857. EDITORS GAZETTE:—On yesterday the Kansas resolutions were again discussed.

After he had conclusively demonstrated the utility of all such objections, when tried by established and acknowledged principle, and their inconsistency with democratic precedent.

Kerr, of Mercer, followed in a plain farmer-like statement of the facts of the last campaign. Mr. Kerr spoke with earnestness and energy.

Williston, of Tioga, who had opened the debate then followed. In his opening speech he had produced a strong impression.

In the close of his speech he took a rapid glance into the future, and showed what must be the fatal result to the States, the Union and both the white and black races if this "withering, God-abhorred curse be permitted to spread over the continent."

The Philadelphia Evening Journal, says Mr. Williston a very fine compliment in the following:

"The Kansas resolutions are still pending. Eyster of Pittsburg, Kerr of Mercer made very fair speeches in favor of their passage. But, indeed, one of the most surprising speeches I ever heard in this body or in the Senate, was made by Williston, of Tioga."

The Philadelphia Inquirer, has the following, relative to the debate: "Mr. Williston, of Tioga, again spoke at length upon the resolutions. His speech was one of greater power and vigor than the one he delivered before."

And the Reading Democrat, pro-slavery says: "The Kansas resolutions are still pending. Several speeches were made by the anti-Buchanan men upon them to-day."

SINGULAR ACCIDENT AND NARROW ESCAPE.—As Mr. J. Owen was being shined in the Delavan House, he perceived a large piece of sheet lead, which had been detached from the skylight, falling directly over his head.

The Painesville (Ohio) Telegraph says, that on the night of the 26th ult., an express train came through on the underground railroad, despite the storm, bringing three young and vigorous chattels, worth at least \$1,800 each, as the article is now selling.

The weather has been so soft and Springlike as one could desire for a week.

E. A. PENNINGMAN, Esq., a prominent Philadelphia politician, died in that city on the 9th inst.

By reference to our Harrisburg news it will be seen that the cause of Freedom is being nobly and faithfully sustained by Mr. Wassarott.

Downed.—A man named Van Ostrand, of Tioga, left a grocery near that village on the evening of the 13th inst., and was missing for several days.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—One Sadler, hailing from Bradford county, with a cargo of medicated strychnine, alias whiskey, was taken before Justice Sordell on Tuesday, charged with dealing out his wares without the fear of the law before his eyes.

It came out in the investigation that one barrel of the fellow's whiskey (we beg Original Whiskey's pardon for the libel) disappeared very mysteriously on Monday night.

Things Considered. Greatness, and a strongly marked individuality, will be found always together. They would seem a mutual necessity; but the latter precedes and is the parent of the first.

As it is with individuals, so it is with parties; for a party must partake largely of the ruling traits of its constituent members. No party can acquire any permanent strength, which is forever seeking to win the influence of little cliques of discontented outsiders.

We have thought it necessary to say this much in explanation of what we mean by the Republican party in its permanent organization. We have stated those views unreservedly in this place, within the past month.

1. The maintenance of the Union, as a paramount duty. Republicans set a value upon the Union corresponding to its worth as a bond, securing to all men the enjoyment of their inalienable rights, and the just exercise of the privileges springing from those rights.

2. The Compromises of the Constitution faithfully adhered to and fulfilled. That depends upon what construction the powers that be, choose to put upon those compromises.

3. No sectarian interference in our Legislation or no proscription of persons on account of religious opinions. We recognize this as the exact ground occupied by the Republican party; but we do not understand it to be the ground occupied by the American party.

4. Free schools for the education of all classes, with the Bible as a text-book used therein. The success of Freedom demands the education of all classes; Republicans are therefore in favor of free schools and the education of all—bond, as well as free.

as free. They charge upon the hierarchy, that they deny to 4,000,000 of men, women and children the blessing of education; and the member for the American continent for Vice President, blighted the passion of 100 human beings, and to whom he denies the reading of that very Bible so strenuously insisted upon as a text-book by the great American party.

5. Opposition to any interference of Church hierarchy in politics. Republicans hold that churches, as such, have no voice in the enactment of civil laws, nor in the administration of civil government.

6. The protection of American labor, American rights and interests, and the improvement of Rivers and Harbors. The Republican Platform speaks directly to those questions.

7. The purification of the ballot-box, a reform in the naturalization laws, the enactment of a registry law and the prohibition of convicts and foreign paupers landing on our shores.

8. Opposition to the extension of Slavery over Territory now free. Of course Republicans intend to oppose the admission of any more Slave States—that is one of our grand objects. But we never, during the last campaign, observed in the columns of the News, one single earnest appeal for the stay of the progress of Slavery.

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THE PROPOSED GENERAL BANKING LAW.—Mr. Ball, of Erie, reported a bill for the enactment of a General Banking Law, on the 9th inst., in the House.

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of 83, respectively provide: That the said Association shall not enjoy its name and succession to exceed 15 years; that it be privileged to hold such real estate as may be necessary for its accommodation in transacting business, such as may be held as security for loans, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts contracted previously, and such as it may purchase at sales under judgments or mortgages held by it; but it may not hold real estate acquired under mortgage or judgment, more than five years.

Section 8, requires that one-half the capital stock be paid in specie, before transacting business. Section 11, authorizes the Auditor General to furnish to each banking association circulating notes in blank, to the full amount of its authorized issue.

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Peter's Magazine for March has been received. An illustrated article upon the costumes of Southern Europe, by the editor, forms the chief attraction in the letter-press department.

Communications

Ma. EYROR:—I had no intention for expectation of becoming the instigator of a popgun war, when I wrote my first article. My intention was simply to state facts as they exist, and point out remedies for the existing evils.

Frank, in his first article, says: "farmers are the backbone—the bone and sinew of the nation." Then they compose the body, and other classes the brain. In other words, they compose the physical portion and other classes the intellectual.

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