

The Bogus Census.

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The theory about purging the census lists, so accurately shadowed in the bogus Constitutional bill, has not yet been practically developed.

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latter mental qualities. A strong common sense, joined to a correct habit of thought, renders one what by the critics is termed, "a good writer," and "good writers" greatly outnumber either the brilliant, or the profound.

There are some articles which, though well-constructed and not objectionable in many other points, still are not suited to the columns of the newspaper.

Some think it a high honor to get their thoughts in print. That by no means follows. There is no honor accruing from the mere publication of the best thoughts of the best men that ever lived.

Individuals are said to have "called" to preach, to practice law and physic, to teach, to paint and to write in marble; but nobody has a "call" to plow, shoe horses, or to wash and iron.

We have written this partly from a sense of duty towards the very many who send us articles which are not suited to our columns, which, aside from the subject matter, abound in bad syntax, bad spelling, bad penmanship and bad everything; which pretend to be poetical effusions, and resemble poetry as a horse resembles an alligator.

The Tunkhannock Democrat, Honedale Herald, Venango Spectator and various other of our pro-slavery exchanges, have all along intimated as decidedly as they ever intimate their preferences for Freedom, their desire that Kansas should come into the Union as a Free State.

We really hope that what may be written under this head may not be misunderstood. We cannot say less with justice to ourselves and profit to those (and their name is Legion,) suffering with periodical attacks of Cacathes Scribendi—which, being interpreted, meaneth—an itch for writing.

Valley is a fine farming section about 40 miles long by 5 or 10 miles wide. It is abundantly watered and skirted by large tracts of timber. It is a beautiful country, and is destined to supply the staff of life to a good proportion of a large and growing population in this section of the State.

Mr. E. Potter moved that he fix the compensation of the Superintendent at \$1000 per annum. The proposition was being called for, a vote was taken when the motion was lost.

On Monday of last week, the Junior Editor of this paper, having wrapped his last remaining shirt collar around a good sized brick, and deposited both in the crown of his hat, bade farewell to a few sorrowing friends, whose small bills yet remain unpaid, and throwing himself recklessly into one of Captain Roor's stages, left for Pennsylvania, or some other unknown part of the United States.

Horrible Accident.—A man sawed in two.—The London (C. W.) Free Press says that on Wednesday of last week, a most shocking accident occurred in a circular saw mill at Wallingham.

An Outrageous Fraud on an Old Woman.—The Medina (Orleans County, N. Y.) Tribune says that a desperate and villainous fraud was practiced upon an old woman living on the Ridge Road in that town a few days since.

The Akme.—We have received from the publishers, a number of the Jackson County Banner, published at Black River Falls, Wisconsin—about which place our correspondent C. V. E. said some rather unpleasant things in one of his Letters from the West last winter.

Hollydaysburg, May 8. Conviction of Mr. Kim of Murder.—The murderer of Dr. Negeross, McKim, whose trial has occupied the court during the last four days, was convicted last night of murder in the first degree. The evidence was entirely circumstantial, but of such a nature as to leave no doubt of his guilt.

The Manifesto of Free Kansas.

An Address to the People of the United States and Kansas, by the Free State Convention.

The Committee appointed by the Free State Convention, held at Topeka, Kansas, on the 10th day of March 1857, to whom was committed the charge of preparing an Address to the American people, accomplished their work, and we present to our readers the following synopsis of the address:

The Pro-Slavery Convention, which assembled at Leocompton, January 12, 1857, have issued an "Address," which has been spread broadcast over the States. In this pamphlet an attempt is made to palliate the crimes and excuse the outrages of which the Pro-Slavery party—sailing under the colors of "democracy"—have been guilty in the Territory.

The burden of the address is, that the Free-State party initiated and inaugurated revolutionary and incendiary proceedings, that they rallied against the enforcement of legal enactments, laughed to scorn the authorities, and beat back the officers of justice, thereby necessitating the "law and order men" to take up arms for the preservation of peace and for the punishment of traitors.

He is supposed to have worked his passage to New York on a Swifsure Tow Boat by "tending bar," an occupation for which both from inclination and experience, he is peculiarly fitted. He was last seen in company with an orange woman, and a cake of gingerbread, on the Jersey Ferry Boat, and from his wild and unsettled appearance it is surmised that he may have been trod on by the elephant during his stay in the city.

The above reward, and no questions asked, will be paid for information of his present whereabouts. N. B. Newspapers favorable to the cause of Humanity are requested to insert the above conspicuously, and send their bills to the Treasurer of the N. Y. Society for the Reform of Juvenile Delinquents.

AN OUTRAGEOUS FRAUD ON AN OLD WOMAN.—The Medina (Orleans County, N. Y.) Tribune says that a desperate and villainous fraud was practiced upon an old woman living on the Ridge Road in that town a few days since.

Both President Buchanan, in his inaugural, and Governor Walker, in his letter of acceptance, have pledged themselves to obtain "an open, honest, and independent expression of opinion from the bona fide residents of Kansas." We look to see this pledge redeemed, and feel satisfied that, if it is, the next Delegate to Congress and the next Legislature of Kansas will be preeminently Free State, and that, with a free Constitution, Kansas will come into the Union.

been obtained; and the result may be regarded as significant of the prevailing opinion in Kansas on the question of Freedom or Slavery.

Having thus delineated the course of events that have transpired in Kansas—having shown how the Free-State party, though embracing more than two-thirds of the actual settlers, have been deprived, through fraud and violence, of any representation in legislative assemblies, and of any voice in the enactment of laws or the selection of Territorial officials, and being threatened with the enforcement and adoption of a Slave Constitution, by Congress, for Kansas—we appeal, with the deepest sincerity and earnestness, to the Northern people, without distinction of party or creed, to aid in averting such a National calamity.

None are more devoted to our Union and our Constitution than the Free-State citizens of Kansas. For the institutions of our country none can have a deeper or more loyal attachment. But we believe the purity of our institutions can only be preserved by the admission of Kansas as a Free State.

From our new-made homes in the distant West, far from the comforts and conveniences of settled society, yet struggling amid the hardships and difficulties coincident with a border life, and suffering from the trials and sorrows to which we have been particularly subjected, we again appeal to Northern freedom to stand by us in the dark emergency that threatens our future progress and prosperity.

Thus will the schemes and plots of political demagogues be foiled, and the freedom of our new State be attained. To the cause and for the principles which have become endeared and sanctified through our sufferings we acknowledge an unwavering devotion.

THE U. G. R. R.—The branch of the Under Ground Railroad running from this place to Niagara Falls, has been doing a pretty fair business this season, no less than ten persons—whose color, according to Judge Taney's decision, would prevent them from ever becoming citizens of the United States—having been sent from here over to good Queen Vic's dominions.

At Slide Island, April 13th, THADEUS M. MUNN, adopted son of A. T. and Emeline Olmstead. In Middlebury, April 28th, LEWIS EUGENE, only son of Jefferson and Susan Niles, aged one year and nine months.

THE STATE CONVENTION of Universalists of Pa. will hold its next annual session at Stylvania boro (Columbia Falls) on Wednesday and the following Thursday, June 3d and 4th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

ILLNESS OF MR. PETRIKIN.—We learn that Col. Petrikin, member of the Legislature from the Lycoming district, is lying very dangerously ill at Harrisburg. His disease is the Washington National Hotel malady.

Pantaloons costing \$60 a pair are among the Spring fashions announced in New York.

WILL MAKE GOOD, WHITE BREAD, and is worth every cent it costs. We intend to buy all kinds of Produce and pay the CASH. Therefore we shall sell our Groceries and Provisions for CASH.

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