

THE AGITATOR.

WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, June 4, 1857.

Editor: M. H. Cobb. All Business and other Communications should be addressed to the Editor to insure attention.

Republican Nominations.

- For Governor, DAVID WILMOT, Of Bradford County. For Canal-Commissioner, WILLIAM MILLWARD, Of Philadelphia. For Supreme Judge, JAMES VEECH, Of Fayette County. JOSEPH J. LEWIS, Of Chester County.

Our citizens should not fail to attend the Lectures of Prof. Edgerton at the Methodist Church, upon "The Progress of Creation," Geologically and Astronomically illustrated.

There is not a very full attendance upon Court. The lateness of Spring and the absence of very many litigants "down the River," combine to render the attendance slim.

The weather continues very beautiful. Tuesday was one of the most magnificent days our eyes ever beheld. Spring work is progressing rapidly and the forest is in full leaf.

We observe that the Apportionment Bill, which will be found in another part of this paper, is not well received by our Republican and American contemporaries.

A Dilemma.

The Southern Democracy, through the Press, demand that Kansas be given up to Slavery. They openly repudiate, as their Northern brethren do in secret, the Douglasian doctrine of Popular Sovereignty.

On the other hand, the masses of the democratic party North actually look to Mr. Buchanan as one pledged to make Kansas a free State. They do not understand Popular Sovereignty, any more than the leaders who know nothing about it and yet pretend to know all about it.

He took occasion in his Inaugural to discredit events in the history of Kansas as well authenticated as any recorded either in sacred or profane history.

"On arriving at Fort Gibson, and while there, he found letters in the Post-Office to his wife from Pratt, some of which were mailed at St. Louis, and others at Flint Post-Office, Cherokee Nation.

"Pratt, as soon as released, mounted his horse and left the city. McLean soon after obtained a horse and started in pursuit, and overtook Pratt about eight miles from the city and shot him. Pratt died in about two hours after receiving the wound.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—On Saturday evening last, one of the freight trains on the Central, while crossing the iron bridge opposite Cambria City, came upon an Irishman, who was about the centre of the bridge, unexpectedly and unobserved.

A woman in one of the towns of New Hampshire, who had been ill used by her husband, on finding him asleep one day, quietly sewed him up in the bed clothes, and then gave him a tremendous thrashing.

There is an attempt to make a display of fairness in regard to the coming election of delegates to the Kansas Constitutional Convention. But it is well to remember that there are not a few things in the past history of Kansas legislation that cannot be covered up by any mere display of fairness in present affairs.

With the President the question now is, "which? the Right, or the Left?" If he gives his influence to a submission of the Kansas Constitution that is to be a popular vote, the Southern wing of the party will secede.

We are permitted to extract the following from a private letter written by Mr. F. A. Root, late a resident of this village, but now residing in Kansas. The writer is well and favorably known to our citizens, and we therefore cheerfully give place to this fresh evidence of the barbarities practiced by the Democracy of Kansas upon men whose greatest offence was that of preferring Freedom before Slavery.

When in Wellsboro, I thought the Kansas stories were exaggerations, to a great extent; but I find hundreds and thousands of wrongs have been committed here by the pro-slavery party which have never reached the East. A great many have been found in the woods suspended by the neck, supposed to be Free-State men.

The editor of the Lockhaven Watchman was visited last week by a gentleman who legally invited him to take a trip to Philadelphia at the suggestion of Messrs. Sanderson & Flanagan, of the Daily News.

The Philosophy of Education.—Such as may have been present at the Lecture upon this theme by Prof. J. L. Edgerton, will not think it too high praise if we pronounce it the best discourse on the Practical that we ever listened to.

The lecturer commenced by making a very proper distinction between Knowledge and Education. As he happily expressed it—"The difference is as palpable as that of building a storehouse, or filling a storehouse. To educate is to build a storehouse; to get knowledge is to fill the storehouse."

"How to Behave." A Pocket Manual of Republican Etiquette and Guide to correct Personal Habits. Price, post paid, paper, 30c., muslin, 50 cts. New-York: Fowler & Wells, 308 Broadway.

Excitement in Ohio.—Fight between State and Federal Officers.—Deputy United States Marshal Churchill and eleven assistants left this city last Tuesday, to arrest four persons in Mechanicsburg, Chambersburg County, this State, charged with harboring fugitive slaves nine months ago.

Runaway Negroes.—On Saturday night last a regular stampede took place among the negroes in this neighborhood. We learn that two negroes belonging to Mr. Wm. Heysler, near town, one of Mr. Joseph Rensch's, and one of Mr. John Booth's, in town, and it is supposed a number of others of whom we have not yet heard, started for the land where negroes have the privilege of keeping themselves.

Our Correspondence.

Letter From Kansas.

QUINDARO, K. T., May 24, 1857.

FRIEND COBB: I hasten to write you again. I arrived here from Lawrence on Friday afternoon, 15th inst. Quindaro is situated on the Missouri River, about six miles above the mouth of the Kansas, and about 30 miles below Leavenworth.

The bill as agreed upon by the Committee of Conference, and passed by the Senate, and House, arranges the district representation in the following manner:

Table with 2 columns: SENATORIAL DISTRICTS and Representative counts for various counties like Philadelphia, Chester, Delaware, etc.

Whole number of Senators, 38

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS.

Table with 2 columns: Representative Districts and Representative counts for Philadelphia City, Delaware County, Chester, etc.

Whole number of Representatives, 100

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

CINCINNATI, Friday, May 29, 1857.

Excitement in Ohio.—Fight between State and Federal Officers.—Deputy United States Marshal Churchill and eleven assistants left this city last Tuesday, to arrest four persons in Mechanicsburg, Chambersburg County, this State, charged with harboring fugitive slaves nine months ago.

The Kansas treason prisoners, after four months' close confinement in miserable tents and shanties, with a detachment of troops to guard them, and being kept for eight months longer under heavy bonds—and in the case of several of them, an arrest while on their way to the East, and a forcible reconveyance to Kansas to the great damage and interruption of their business—have at last, been discharged on a nolle prosequi.

Who is to recompense these gentlemen for having been made, through the agency of the United States Government, and by the contrivance, if not the direct procurement, of the Administration at Washington, the victims of what this nolle prosequi admits to have been a miserable Pro-Slavery political trick?

A fund of \$96,000 has been subscribed in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to purchase a plantation to be presented to Ex-President Pierce, \$4,000 more are wanted, the sum required for the estate in view being \$100,000.

A PANTHER FISTICUFFED AND BOOTED TO DEATH.—Mr. W. R. Stockend, a sinewy, stout, active young Scotchman, associated in farming with Mr. T. Linklater, Pennington Plains, in this county, recently killed quite a large panther, six feet seven inches in length, in a fair fist and boot fight—the circumstances attending which are related as follows:

It seems that at the further end of a large field, about a quarter of a mile from the house, Mr. Stockend discovered quite a movement and disturbance among a lot of hogs that were kept in the field. He at once proceeded in the direction to ascertain the cause when to his surprise, at a short distance from the hogs, he saw that a favorite young dog was engaged in a conflict with a panther.

The fight lasted, first to last, about fifteen minutes, in the course of which Mr. Stockend was somewhat severely handled. His shoulder was badly scratched—he received a severe wound from the teeth of the animal in the thigh, and was badly scratched in several places, although by no means dangerously, or by which he will hereafter be disabled.

The New Law of Evidence.—A breach of promise case recently tried at Rochester, in which, under the operation of the new law of evidence, the parties were called as witnesses, illustrates most strikingly the benefits of a practice which has been familiar to the English Courts for several years.

WHAT THE MORNING PAPERS SAY.—The Bulletin refers to the meeting of the committee appointed by the Commercial Convention, which is to meet at Columbia, S. C., on the 15th May, to select and prepare a series of school books adapted to the Southern institutions of learning, in every department of study.

PROTESTANT EVANGELISM.—Evangelism on the part of Protestants is gaining great triumphs in France and Germany. In many places, it is said, the churches can hardly contain the numerous inquirers. The French Government has been strongly urged by the ultramontane party among the clergy to put a stop to this system of proselytism; but M. Portalu, (since dead) the Minister for Education, opposed himself to every such effort, and his course in this matter received the approval of the Emperor, from regard, it is understood, to the good opinion of England.

SLAVE WHIPPED TO DEATH.—A man in Pulaski County, Ky., a few days since, whipped his slave to such an extent he died. He punished him six mornings in succession, and on the seventh day the slave died. The negro desired to see his wife, who was owned by and lived with another party. The master refused permission; the negro disobeyed, and visited his wife in the evening, returned early next morning. For this the unfortunate man was whipped to death. The brute who committed the inhuman act made his escape, and is being pursued by the officers.—Cincinnati Gazette.

RETRIBUTIVE.—A man residing in Moravia somewhat distinguished for severity, and known as rather a hard man, in order to gratify his penchant for blood, braided a wire into the lash of his whip with which to cut his horses. His little boy besought his father again and again not to do it, but he was inexorable. He finished his cruel instrument, but at the very first stroke at his horse he hit a buckle or some hard substance, breaking off a small fragment of the wire, which flew back and struck the eye of the cruel man, and put it out. We withhold his name.—Auburn Advertiser.

ON THEIR WINDING WAY.—We learn that a number of escaped slaves (how many we do not know) arrived in this place, on Sunday night last, from Washington county, Md., in a buggy and carriage, which, together with the horses, were found in the yard of the hotel of Mr. J. Bland, on Monday morning. It appears they succeeded in getting on the 5 o'clock train of cars, and are now on their "winding way" to the land of freedom, somewhere in Queen Victoria's dominions.—Chambersburg (Pa.) Repository.

Gov. Pollock reached home a few days since, and looks quite well considering the arduous duties he had to perform during the recent session of the Legislature. He has examined and approved of more bills than any of his predecessors, and is doubtless rejoiced to breathe our pure mountain air once more, in the midst of his family, and friends.—Millonian.