

FROM KANSAS.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune. The late Murders in Linn County...

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. Cobb, Editor & Publisher. WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, June 10, 1858.

All Business and other Communications should be addressed to the Editor to insure attention. We cannot publish anonymous communications.

We are requested to state that the first annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Editorial Union is postponed from the 16th inst. to the 20th of October next.

Hon. G. A. Grow will accept thanks for Vol. 1 of the Mexican Boundary Report.

We are also under obligations to Messrs. SEWARD of the Senate and Corvode of the House for favors.

Mr. Roy advertises a new Soap which he is manufacturing in liberal quantities for the home market. It is pronounced a fine thing by such as have given it a trial.

Mr. A. D. Cole advertises a new Marble Yard at Tioga Village.

Mr. DANIEL BENJAMIN is stopping in town for a few days with his Traveling Daguerrian Gallery. He exhibits some good pictures.

Rhode Island has elected Ex-Governor ANTHONY United States Senator for six years from the fourth of March next.

THE ACADEMY.—Our citizens are awaking to the importance of re-establishing the Wellsboro Academy. It is proposed to thoroughly renovate the old frame so as to render it sufficiently commodious and comfortable.

The proceedings in Court do not extend beyond the Argument List and some trivial matters in the Quarter Sessions. The attendance is not, therefore, large.

A CURIOUS WAIF.—Mr. THOMAS COON called at this office on Monday and exhibited some interesting specimens of animal remains...

When lying becomes one of the essentials to a daily supply of bread and butter, perhaps there is but a small excuse for setting it up as so much stock in trade.

Now, during the Kansas troubles of 1855-6-7, we are obliged to say that, of our ten or twelve Administration exchanges not one pretended to give its readers the well ascertained facts touching the true state of affairs in that Territory.

DESPERATE.—A strange story is told by the New Haven Journal, which paper says that a young man of Bethany...

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon last a Mrs. Potter, of Wellsboro Pa, accompanied by her son and daughter...

sleep and want of time to eat. Besides, what you find in one, you will find in all.

No sooner did the English swindle pass the House than these journalists set to work glorifying the Administration in general and Buchanan's Kansas policy in particular.

It so happens that certain pro-slavery men, resident in Missouri, as it is said, a few weeks since made an excursion into the Territory of Kansas.

But the Administration papers differ greatly in opinion with us upon this head. Such of them as have come to hand proceed at once to justify these Missouri murderers in shooting down those unarmed men...

To suppose that the northern masses can be duped into believing such monstrous doctrines as the Administration journals, big and little, are preaching...

ALMOST A HURRICANE.—A high wind attended with lightning, hail and rain, visited this region and many other neighborhoods in this county...

Accounts of serious damage to fences, buildings, orchards, &c., reach us from all parts of the county. Several hundred rods of fence on the farm of Mr. C. F. Butler...

On Troup's Creek, Deerfield township, two barns were unroofed and several orchards seriously damaged.

We have a rumor from Chatham to the effect that large logs were taken up and carried to some distance. Also, a rumor from Covington...

From all we can learn the storm had four principal tracks through the county where it approached the tornado in violence.

New Orleans is in the hands of a "Vigilance Committee." Owing to the fearful prevalence of high crime in that city...

Mr. LEWEL Todd has withdrawn his Call for a milk-and-water Convention to which we alluded last week.

Another Word About Fusion. The Republican platform we believe to be the true platform, and upon it we are resolved to stand.

But we have a word further with our "fusion" advisers.—we mean those counseling a Union with DOUGLAS and FORNEY on the Anti-Leecompton issue.

A WOMAN CAN KEEP A SECRET.—It has been demonstrated that in Schuyler county Ill., where an elderly couple in the vicinity of Rushville had a beautiful daughter...

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Communications.

For the Agitator. "Teacher's Wages."

MR. COBB: I presume the article in your paper, headed "Teacher's Wages," will be answered by able pens than mine before this communication can reach you, yet, being a party interested in this question, I cannot refrain from saying a few words.

In the first place, I failed to understand the "good and equitable reasons for this seeming disparity in teachers' wages."

If his assertions are all true, I think he throws some blame on our Superintendents, who give certificates to those who can only teach "ornamental branches...

When he asserts that woman seldom, or never is required to understand mathematics, philosophy or metaphysics...

He says, "we have a Newton, but where is the Newtona? We would refer him for a few moments to the writings of the late Dr. Dick, on this subject."

Again, in regard to school government.—We have no fears of that spirit of "young America," if the discipline of our schools is to be maintained by physical strength alone...

Another difficulty our friend suggests, appears to us very trifling. We do not know that a teacher is compelled to board one, or two miles from the school house.

It is very kind in our brother not to require such hardships of us; but it reminds us strongly of the little boy, who, after eating his own dinner, appropriated his sister's to himself...

Sisters, keep the subject in agitation! "There's a better time coming."

For the Agitator. "No Not 'all True.'"

FRIEND AGITATOR: This negative response arose some time since, as I read your remarks upon the liquor law, which it seems to be down upon us with all its prospective blessings to the trade.

As a moralist, and especially a temperance advocate, I dissent from your submission that moral reprobation is a law of the moral universe.

From thorough conviction I hold, that the many revolutions occurring in moral progress, is more justly attributable to the unwarrantable haste of reformers themselves...

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of that community—although the law may be in accordance with the truth? Would it not be rather the part of wisdom to labor longer, and convince at least a majority of the community to be governed, before attempting to bind them by legal enactment?

It is human nature and human privilege to resist any innovation upon human action, upon the part of equals; unless those innovating equals (in point of privilege) first convince those most concerned, of the justice or reasonableness of the measure.

This is common sentiment, in every republic, I think. What though a law may be passed which is not suited to the perceptions, minds, or present condition of a free people; they will either treat it with disregard and silent contempt, or they will bid open defiance to it.

As witness of the first, look at the "Sunday laws," the "small bill restriction," and for a thundering demonstration of the latter, we may cite that monstrous national outrage upon human rights and human reason—the fugitive slave law.

There is too much partisan rivalry among reformers. As the sectarian missionary wants to commit his convert to his sect; so the moral reformer is sometimes anxious to sectionalize, or partisanize his convert.

Now, such is not only bad policy in itself, but we look in vain for precedent in the practice and precepts of our great exemplar.

He did not impose greater burdens upon his followers that they were enabled to carry; nor faster than they were convinced of error and remedy.

Then again, there were many who desired to see the "days of the Son of Man," and were not permitted to do so.

Shall we, then, expect to see a world regenerated and brought into new life, in the face of all present hindrance, which has been ages in deterioration?

To be sure, we expect that in the main, the world of mankind is now on the moral advance; but a "quandam cannot be born at once"—much less an entire world.

It is an axiom, that quick growth is ephemeral; and that is conclusive evidence, to the reasonable observer, of the stability of human progress in the aggregate.

It is also a truism, that "vows made in storms are forgotten in calms." I would not by these citations, discourage the efforts of my more sanguine brethren, in trying to reclaim the impenitent; for it may be a present benefit to him or his; but such efforts remind one of crumpling buds from a sturdy tree in order to destroy its vitality...

Let our efforts be directed to the youth—especially the female portion, as being most likely to produce permanent good to the cause of temperance.

Yes! "It is ours to labor and wait." Not "The last of '55 and '56 were not enforced by temperance men. Why? Because of their impracticability." O'Connell observed, that, "no legal enactment could be framed, through which an acute lawyer could not drive a horse and wagon."

So this brings us again to the conclusion, that when we enact laws in advance of the standard of morals in community—i. e., a majority of community; they will be "driven through!" Was it not so in your borough?

CHATHAM.

Our Correspondence.

Horrible Tragedy in Linn County.—More Pro-Slavery Murders.—Five Free-State men killed in cold blood, and five others wounded!

QUINDARO, K. T., May 25, 1858.

FRIEND COBB: I hasten at your earliest opportunity, to give you briefly, the particulars of the most horrible and cold-blooded murder ever perpetrated in Kansas.

The news reached here last night, in an "Extra" of the Lawrence Republican issued Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with a communication bearing date, "Moneka, Linn Co. K. T., May 20, 1858."

It appears that a party of Missourians, numbering in all thirty-two, came into the "Trading Post," situated on the Military road leading from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Scott...

where it crosses the Osage river, about three miles from the State line. They were not seen until they emerged from the timber and rode up to the store. Here they took Mr. G. W. Andrew and John F. Campbell prisoners.

They then started off in another direction, and overtook a Mr. Stillwell from Sagat Mound, who was going up to the river for a load of provisions. He was taken prisoner, and the others were ordered to get into his wagon and ride.

In a short time after they overtook a missionary by the name of Reed. He was ordered into the wagon and Andrew dismissed. They continued on for two miles and a half when they had taken twelve men. These were conservative men, and were taken when at work, without resistance and unarmed. Some of them had recently come to Kansas and had never been implicated in the troubles here.

On arriving at a deep ravine in a skirted timber, the commander ordered a halt. The prisoners were formed into a line about fifteen feet in advance of the horsemen, who the command was given to "present arms, fire!" Every man dropped. Four were killed outright and all but one of the others were badly wounded. The ruffians then wheeled their horses and galloped off. A few minutes elapsed when three of them returned and commenced searching their pockets for money. They were kicked and rolled over very roughly to see if they were dead. One was found to be slightly wounded when a ruffian put a revolver to his ear and fired; at the same time remarking that