

Who Refuse to Settle the Kansas Question?

It is beyond doubt that a number of sensible men in Congress, from the South, strongly inclined to accept the Crittenden-Montgomery amendment to the Senate Lecompton bill, because it would have had the certain effect of settling the question of Kansas.

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. Cobb, Editor & Proprietor. WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, July 1, 1858.

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

A letter from an occasional correspondent at Battle Creek, Mich., was mislaid and recovered too late for this paper.

We republish this week the revised list of Committees of Vigilance. Morris was inadvertently omitted in the list as first published.

"ASPIRATIONS FOR FAME." Your poem is much too long for publication, even were it faultless. But it has some prominent faults, metrical and rhythmic.

A heavy storm passed over Jersey Shore on the afternoon of the 22d ult., doing considerable damage. The Vedette says that, during the height of the storm, the lightning struck the telegraph wires.

The Mammoth Pictorial Brother Jonathan for the 4th of July may be found at the Book Store of Smith & Richards.

We may as well mention in this connection that persons within range of this Post-Office wishing to take any of the various Magazines will be enabled to procure early numbers at the Book Store.

We have received the annual Circular of the Huntsville (Ala.) Female College, for 1858, by favor of Mrs. Ruckman, late of this village and now a Professor in that institution.

We are requested to state that the proposed Celebration at Ocoola, announced last week, is indefinitely postponed, from prudential reasons.

We learn that Dr. Wm. B. Rice died at his residence in Deerfield, with the varioloid, on Thursday last. We have heard of no other fatal cases.

PLAGIARISM.—We call the attention of the editors of the Erie Constitution to a little instance of literary piracy in the columns of the last week's No. of that paper, by one "MADOK."

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It is not necessary to show that George Washington deemed Slavery and our then new-born Freedom incompatible; it is not necessary to show that Jefferson declared the bondage of African Slavery to be more unbearable than that of the colonies under the rule of Britain; it is not necessary to show that the voice of every great and good man of the old time was lifted up against the crime.

Friends, has it come to this, that the truth must not be told during one entire day in every year?—and that day the ancient SABBATH-DAY of the Nation, too? Is this the way to recover the ground lost to that better freedom whose root was planted two-and-eighty years ago?

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The Largest Gold Nugget in the World.

The following account of this 'waif,' which we would like to have 'picked up,' is from the London Times: Whoever wants to realize a digger's wild dreams must inspect this nugget—larger than ever yet miners hoped to find, or geologists believed to exist.

It was found at the Kingover diggings, by four men—Robert and James Ambrose, from Gravesend, and Samuel and Charles Napier, from New Brunswick.

Horrible Murder in Michigan—Religious Excitement. A horrible murder was committed on Tuesday in the town of Mill River Point, Macomb county, near the line of this county.

Yesterday morning the farmers in the neighborhood gathered together, and went to the house of the brothers, and there met a most horrible sight.

A CASE OF DOUBTFUL IDENTITY.—Robert McAuley went from Lucasville, Sciota Co. Ohio, about six years ago to California, leaving a family behind.

ARREST OF A ROGUES' WOMAN.—A woman named Mary Toucy was arrested in Lowell, Mass., on Tuesday week, for larceny of clothing.

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Mysterious Death at Wellsboro.

Miss Catharine Guhrig, an orphan, twenty-three years, a native of Bloomington, has been for some months past an inmate of the family of Dr. Holmes, of Wellsboro.

During this time she exhibited no signs of a depressed condition of mind, but was gay as any of the party.

Dr. Holmes came in about one o'clock the morning and observed no indications of restlessness on the part of the sleeper, was so near that every breath could be heard.

A YOUNG DEVIL.—The Baltimore publican gives the following as a new plot of the son of a very respectable citizen of that city.

Not long ago a young Newfoundland dog, the favorite of his father, was seized by this young Nero, who saturated the body with camphene or etherial oil, and fire to the inflammable fluid, which had effect of roasting poor Towser until the same came extinct, after the endurance of the intense, agonizing sufferings which a man's mind can conceive.

THE YOUNG DEMON, being well pleased the result of this grand experiment in itself, next endeavored to roast alive his little sister, a bright, intelligent child, six years old.

A PERILOUS POSITION.—To a Man in a Tree.—The Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin has the following story:

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