

Crop Prospects.

The Clermont (O.) Courier says: There are various conflicting opinions in regard to the yield of wheat in this vicinity. On bottom lands, and some of the flat lands, the prospect is pretty fair; but there are many fields that it is thought will not pay for harvesting.

We have never seen a better prospect for fruit in this county than the present—with the exception of the peach crop. The trees are remarkably full of blossoms—so full that if two-thirds of them should produce apples, there will be great danger of the trees breaking down with their loads.

The Hillsborough (O.) News says: The prospect of the growing wheat crop in this county, as far as we can learn, are encouraging at this time. The frequent and copious rains of the last three or four weeks have entirely changed the appearance of the fields, and where a month ago the prospect was most gloomy, there is now a fair promise of a good crop.

Fruits of all kinds except peaches and cherries, bids fair to be abundant this year. The apple trees are heavy laden with blossoms, and in some localities even peaches will be plenty.

The Dubuque Herald of the 21st says: It is too early to be able to say anything very definitely about the growing wheat crop, especially in the section where it is mostly of the spring variety.

The spring wheat, of which a large breadth has been sown this season, has had to encounter an extraordinary dry season. This crop is badly in need of rain.

A correspondent near the center of Iowa, writes to us that in his vicinity there has been an unusual breadth of wheat sown and is coming up beautifully. A good deal of rain has fallen there recently, at least enough for the crop.

Our own conclusions are, that if the season is favorable and the wheat crop throughout the country turns out as it now promises, we will have a return of better times ere long.

The Peoria Transcript says: If any portion of our Western country can brag of glorious prospects for the coming harvest it is the country around Peoria. Wheat, oats and all other spring crops, look like painting—and as for the hay prospect, it is magnificent.

A passenger on the Vanderbilt, who witnessed the fight, gives the following account of the closing scenes: "On the last call of time, Heenan came up promptly, and the referee left. Sayers was not up to the time, but was sitting on the knee of his second, Heenan, after waiting for him, walked up to him, with his second behind him, and said: 'Give me this fight!'"

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REPUBLICAN STATE NOMINATION.

FOR GOVERNOR,

ANDREW G. CURTIN,

OF CENTRE COUNTY.

From Washington.

Editorial Correspondence of the Agitator.

WASHINGTON, May 4, 1860.

SLAVOCRATIC "HARMONY."

Up to the date of our last letter, the friends of Douglas in the Charleston Democratic Convention had every reasonable hope not only that their man would be the nominee but that he would be placed on a platform not obnoxious to Northern Democrats—that, in short, the candidate and platform would unite all factions of the Democracy in the "bonds of harmony."

As late as Saturday these hopes were still entertained, but clouds were gathering in the Southern sky which betokened a storm. On Monday of the second week the storm broke, and the old hulk of Sham Democracy is now being tugged upon the merciless breakers of sectionalism.

Principles recommended a Platform containing planks obnoxious to the Northern Democracy; and the latter reported a creed quite obnoxious to the South. The Northern Platform, (which Heaven knows was eriging and dirt-eriging and dough-face enough to satisfy any reasonable demands of slavery) was finally adopted, to the great disgust of the South; whereupon, to show their contempt for those who had always heretofore licked the dust off their boots, but who now for the first time refused obedience, nine States withdrew and set up a Convention on their own account. This occurred last Tuesday. Tennessee, Maryland and Virginia threatened to follow the seceding Gulf States unless the Convention would compromise matters by eating a little more dirt, which was agreed to in the adoption of the Tennessee Resolution.

This doctrine is, that no rights of property in slaves can be impaired by the legislation of Congress or by any Territorial Legislature. It will be at once seen that this is entirely inconsistent with Douglas's doctrine of squatter sovereignty. It does not go to the extent of the majority platform wished for by the seceders, which would make protection to slavery in the territories and elsewhere the imperative duty of all branches of the government.

So the three-fourths of the Convention which was left (one-fourth only having seceded) commenced balloting for a candidate. On the first ballot, Mr. Douglas received 145 votes, Hunter, 42; Guthrie, 37; Johnson, 12; Dickinson, 7; Lane, 6; and Jeff Davis, 1—in all 250. A resolution had already passed that 202 votes or two-thirds of all the electoral votes was necessary to a choice. On the Fifty-Seventh ballot—the last which was taken—Mr. Douglas had 152 votes, Hunter, 16; Guthrie, 66; Dickinson, 2; and the rest scattering. Finally, on Thursday, May 3d, after a session of ten days, the Convention adjourned, without making any nomination, to meet at Baltimore, on the 19th June next; and the seceders following their pious example adjourned to meet at Richmond on the same day. Such, in brief, is the history of the most extraordinary Convention which ever gathered together in this country for political purposes.

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Congress. The absentees at Charleston not having returned, the House did not enter into the transaction of business, but continued to debate the great questions now before the people of the country.

Mr. Moore of Alabama made the only speech this session against the tariff bill, denouncing it as a Black Republican measure, to the great annoyance of old Tou Florence, who wants the people of Pennsylvania to believe that protection to home industry is a Democratic measure.

Mr. Alay of Massachusetts showed up slavery as an agricultural curse, by comparing the resources of several States where the two systems of labor obtain. Mr. Wade of Ohio, (a brother of the Senator), defended his indorsement of the Helper Book, and did not, like Sherman, excuse himself on the ground that he did not know what was in it.

But the great speech of the week was that of John Hickman of Pennsylvania. He looked much better in health than the last time he spoke. He stood among the Republicans and addressed himself to the Democratic side. It was a speech of great power and eloquence on the subject of Southern Aggression.

As soon as he commenced speaking men of all parties gathered around him to hear him more distinctly. Several Senators came, in the world having gone out that he was speaking to the House. He reviewed the history of sectionalism, and said that it had been nursed and animated until it has become the fruitful parent of all our afflictions.

It is not the sectionalism of the North but of the South—not springing from the few who understand the Constitution in all its bearings, but from the many, who, feeling their weakness, have united for strength—a sectionalism not created in the atmosphere which cools the laborious brow, but in the fetid air of rice swamps and cotton fields—a sectionalism now mild and persuasive, now fierce and persistent. He wished to impress this truth on the public mind, namely, that it is the determination of the South to extend rather than to reduce the limits of slavery. This array the different parts of the country in hostility, and in this connection he spoke of the eriging and dirt eriging Buchanan in contrast with the manly and inflexible Jackson.

The North will endeavor not to dissolve the Union themselves, and they were fast forming the determination to prevent others from dissolving it. As he said this he threw a glance of scorn at the Democratic side where sat Garrett of Georgia and Singleton of Mississippi, Keitt and others who had threatened to send us all to general and eternal smash, if the pro-slavery party get beaten next Fall.

He spoke of the humiliating concessions to the South in the compromise of 1850, including the Fugitive Slave Law which compels men to leave their fields and workshops to run after the panting negro while we are denied equality in the Union.

The present Executive—James Buchanan—has not rendered himself more notorious by his partiality than he has by the disgusting subserviency of his rule. His deception as a candidate was equalled only by his cynical demeanor to his true friends. He ("J. B.") and his followers had abandoned the popular sovereignty doctrine of 1856 because it failed to give Kansas to Slavery.

Those who opposed the President's demands had been branded with treason and trodden down under the iron heel of a fierce, petty and malignant tyranny. Certain members of the 33d Congress had sowed the seeds of fruit which has been now reaped at Charleston. In all the bloody history of Kansas the people found the President could be as false as any other man. He spoke of the absurdity of the South in their efforts to preserve the territory they now possess, but to acquire Mexico, Cuba, and Central America, as they say, for an outlet to their surplus labor. The South want and strive for unlimited slavery extension and the subjugation of the North.

They would fire this Capitol, but the North had the ability and power to save both it and them. In conclusion he said, he proved the accuser guilty, and sectionalism the accusation. I hope this speech will be placed in the hands of every intelligent democrat in the country.

FIVE NEW TERRITORIES. I spoke in my last letter of the proposed annihilation of Utah by the House Committee on Territories. Through the kindness of Mr. Grow, the Chairman, I am enabled to give the boundaries of those proposed, which will be better understood if the reader has before him a map of the United States.

Arizona includes all that portion of territory obtained from Mexico east of the Colorado and its northern affluents (Virgin river) and west of the 108th meridian. Its southern boundary will be the Mexican border, and its northern the parallel of 36° 30', separating it from Utah.

Arizona will thus form a block nearly square, including most of New Mexico west of the Rocky Mountains, and containing nearly two hundred thousand square miles.

Nevada will comprise all that part of Utah west of the 114th meridian, besides a small triangle between Virgin river and the California state line, and a narrow strip of what was formerly Oregon territory (now Washington) between the eastern border of that state and Green river. It will thus contain about 175,000 square miles, and include the now famous Washoe Mineral region.

Idaho, signifying "Gem of the Mountains," is the name proposed for the Pike's Peak territory. Its eastern boundary will be the 102d meridian; its western Green river; its southern the 37th, and its northern the 43d parallel of latitude. The Rocky Mountains will form a sort of back-bone, passing nearly along its center. Its extent will be about 150,000 square miles. By thus clipping the wings of Utah on both the east and west sides, the latter will be left with scarcely one-fourth of its present ex-

tent. A narrow strip east of Green river will be added to Nebraska.

Dacotah will include all the territory west of Minnesota, lying between the 46th parallel on the north, and the Missouri river on the south, with its tributary, the Niobrara, and thence the 43d parallel to the 105d meridian, which will be its western limit. The Missouri river will thus divide it into two sections, nearly equal in extent. The territory will contain 135,000 square miles.

The remaining country lying between Nebraska, Dacotah, the Rocky Mountains and the British Possessions, is to be called Chippewa, making an area of 130,000 square miles.

REPUBLICANISM SORTED. I mentioned in my letter last week that the Republicans of the State of Maryland were about to hold a Convention to elect delegates to Chicago. They met in Reehabite Hall, in the city of Baltimore, on Thursday last, about thirty delegates being in attendance.

Montgomery Blair (Son of F. P. Blair, Senr.) was elected President, and addressed the Convention in a neat speech, explaining Republican principles and congratulating the people upon the increase in the number of delegates. While speaking, the Hall began to be filled up with "Plug Uglies" and other rowdies and blackguards who are always anxious to volunteer into the service of the Slave drivers, who frequently interrupted the speaker.

A row they took place between the rowdies and the police, none of the Republicans "mixing in" though all were amply prepared to defend themselves. The business committees were all appointed before the row had begun. When the rioters prevented the further transaction of business, the delegates retired to the office of one of the delegates, a banker named Coale. At large—F. P. Blair, Senr., of Silver Springs, Judge Marshal, Dr. Wise and Dr. Harris of Baltimore. Two delegates were elected from each of the six Congressional Districts in the State, making sixteen in all.

A resolution was adopted recommending the delegation in the National Convention to cast the vote as a unit; and another resolution was adopted instructing the delegation to advocate the passage of a resolution, as a part of the platform of the Republican party, forming the Jeffersonian plan of colonizing the free negroes to some neighboring country, where, under the protection of the United States, they may establish a free and independent government.

The following persons were elected as a State Executive Committee:—William E. Coale, Dr. George E. Wise, E. Smith, John H. Gould, of Baltimore city; Chas. L. Armor, of Frederick, and Wm. P. Ewing, of Cecil.

A resolution of thanks was passed to the police board, for their offer of protection, and to Marshal Herring and the police for the protection afforded during the morning session; after which the Convention adjourned.

It is creditable to the newspapers of Baltimore, that not one of them justified the ruffianly proceedings of the rowdies. Indeed they all denounce this attempt to stifle free speech in unmeasured terms. Even the Sun, the Democratic organ, while it is shocked at the idea that there are Republicans in Maryland, takes occasion to say of the riot, among other things, as follows:—"The lawless demonstration in open day, by which a flagrant branch of the peace was committed, and citizens in the exercise of their rights, brutally assailed and driven from their hall of assembly, is but an added item to the long catalogue of similar atrocities which have so seriously compromised the reputation of our city. But it is one committed in defiance of better order and condition of society, and is not likely to pass without signal punishment."

Intelligent men know very well that persecution is the most effective mode of propagating truth or error. Every good citizen of Baltimore, however obnoxious may be the principles of the Republican party to him politically, will sympathize personally with his fellow-men lawlessly and violently assailed in the exercise of undoubted rights.

Surely the time is at hand when these things shall cease—cease by the strong arm of authority and the withering rebuke of the offended laws." H. Y.

The venerable George Griffin, LL. D., died in New York on Sunday last, aged 83 years.

Mr. L. Johnson, the eminent Type Founder of Philadelphia, died of paralysis in that city on Thursday last. In the death of Mr. J. "Art" loses one of its most useful members, and the type founders one who has done more for the promotion of their trade than any living man.

The Chicago Herald utters the following howl over the Charleston proceedings. Pity its sorrows: "We confess that we have but little heart to detail the sad scenes that are being presented in the Charleston Convention. We can only say that our fondest hopes are being blighted, and that in all human probability, before we reach another issue, the only organized link that now binds the Union together, will be severed forever."

We are glad to state that at last accounts the Union was in excellent condition, and doing as well as could be expected.

A Connecticut paper has a paragraph which gives one a curious idea of the Yankee integrity prevalent there. It appears that a "poor but honest" man was offered \$15 for his vote, at the recent election, but the bribe was spurned. No sooner did this strange selfdenial come to the knowledge of the man's friends than they sent him a barrel of flour, 100 pounds of meal, a bushel of rye, with perhaps some other things, with the additional assurance that he or his wife will never know want while there beats a heart that honors noble deeds among his townsmen." Such demonstrative admiration is suspicious.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

For the Agitator.

Teachers' Institute.

UNION ACADEMY, April 27, 1860.

As the coming session of the Tioga County Teachers' Institute is to be held at this place, commencing May 15th, we have only to say to all who contemplate attending that ample accommodations will be made by the Committee of Arrangements, for the comfort and convenience of teachers and friends at a distance.

Board can be obtained at reasonable rates, and at convenient places. It is not yet definitely settled who will be our foreign aid,—but whatever assistance may be obtained, let the teachers themselves not come with the idea of being merely passive spectators. Let us have such a representation of teaching talent as is seldom seen in Tioga County.

We would be especially gratified to greet as many of our patrons from our own, and surrounding townships as can make it convenient to be with us. Come and let us reason together. A. R. WIGHTMAN.

An Extensive Saw Mill. The following, in relation to a saw mill at Bell Ewart, C. W., we copy from the Barrie Advance.

A. J. Fisk, the manager of the immense establishment, was formerly from this county, and is known as one of those active, energetic men, who will succeed wherever placed.

We confess we are not a little indebted to American enterprise in the development of our resources, and especially along the line of the Northern Railroad. The manufacture of lumber at Bell Ewart has been carried on very extensively for years past at the mill of Messrs. Sage & Grant, (gentlemen whose headquarters are at New York) under the efficient management of Mr. A. J. Fisk, from Tioga, Pa., to whom we are indebted for the subjoined statement of business done for the year ending March, 1860.

The facilities possessed by Messrs. Sage & Grant for supplying the foreign market, render their business entirely independent of local trade, which, indeed, they do not pretend to cultivate. The lumber is conveyed directly to the Railroad wharf in Toronto, from thence shipped by sailing vessels to Oswego, and again by rail to Albany.

It will thus be seen that the forests of Lake Simcoe are brought into requisition in the large cities of New York and contiguous States, and to a considerable extent in the metropolitan city itself. In the article of lumber alone, the consumption by our near neighbors is almost indefinite; and taking into consideration the always increasing demand, and the unlimited resources of our northern country, the facilities for transportation by water and rail, the trade as yet is but commenced, and must in a few years assume important dimensions. It is astonishing to witness how much of business and industry such an establishment as that of Messrs. Sage & Grant creates; the employees make a considerable community in themselves, and when controlled by such order and system as is practiced at Bell Ewart, cannot fail to make the impress that all good settlers do. The results for a year foot up thirteen millions, two hundred and twenty-five thousand, four hundred and sixteen feet of lumber, or an average of fifty thousand, two hundred and eighty-six feet a day—the number of running days being only 263. Here is the statement:—

Statement showing number of days the Mill ran, how many in each month, and the amount of lumber cut:—

Table with columns: Month, No. of running days, Amount of lumber cut. Rows include March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March.

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"With the verdict of that jury, it is almost needless to say, this Court is entirely satisfied. It could have been no other without a disregard of the duties which they owe to the society of which they are members, without disregarding their oaths. If human testimony can demonstrate the perpetration of a murder, it has demonstrated that you are the perpetrator of this. Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced against you? If you have now is the time to say it.

The Court here paused for an answer. The prisoner deliberately raised his head and said: "I have nothing to say on that subject. I refer you to my counsel." Mr. Shipman arose in his place and said: "I have nothing to say, may it please your honor."

The Judge resumed: "It remains for me to pronounce the sentence of the Court, which is hereby by the Court considered and adjudged, that you, Jacob S. Harden, for the felony and murder in the first degree of Hannah Louise Harden, of which you have been convicted, in manner and form as charged in the indictment, be taken to the jail of this county of Warren,

whence you have been brought, and there kept until Thursday, the 28th day of June next, and that on that day, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon within the prison of the county of Warren, where you shall be confined, or in an enclosed yard of said prison, or within an enclosure erected for that purpose adjoining such prison, at the discretion of the Sheriff, you be hanged by the neck until you be dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

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Large table listing mercantile appraisement for 1860, including names of firms and their respective amounts.

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Notice is hereby given that an appeal will be held at the Commissioners' office in Wellsboro, on the 12th day of June next, and at any time in Western Hill on the 16th day of June next, at which time and place all persons aggrieved by the foregoing appraisement will be heard and such abatements made as are deemed proper and just; and that the same shall be a defence before me. D. T. GARDNER, Wellsboro, May 10, 1860. Mercantile Appr.

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