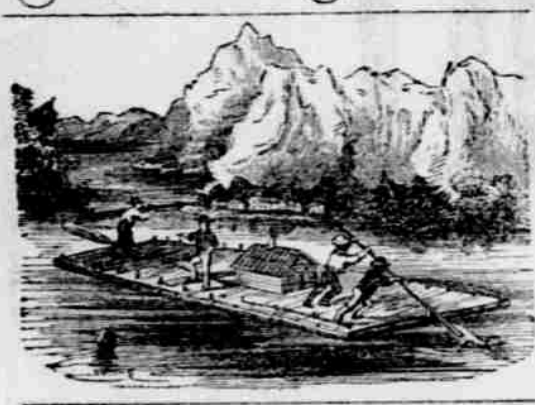


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POLITICAL SLAVES.

A portion of the Democratic party seem to be the mere echo of party leaders. They are willing to stoop as low as the Slave Power chooses to demand...

Our neighbors of the Clearfield Republican, however, disregarding the opinions of these lesser lights of Democracy, and following the lead of those resplendent and dazzling luminaries, the Washington Union, the Pennsylvaniaian, Senator Bigler and statesmen of his kidney...

We are somewhat curious to know how those who voted for Buchanan because they were assured he was in favor of "Free Kansas," will now regard him and those who gave assurances to that effect.

POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY was heretofore by its friends construed to mean, that the people of the Territories alone had the right to regulate their domestic institutions...

THE NEW YORK PRESS.—The first number of a new weekly illustrated journal, with this title, has reached us from New York.

U. S. TREASURY ESTIMATES.—The annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury is published. The estimates of appropriations for the ensuing year reach an aggregate of \$74,064,755.67.

LETTER FROM THE WEST.

ARCHER, Richardson Co., N. T., 7th November, 1857. FRIEND ROW—Thinking that a knowledge of the times, the seasons, and the doings in Nebraska may be of some interest to you...

The echo of the cry of "hard times" has reached us from the East, and the people here as well as there feel its consequences. Money commands from five to ten per cent. a month here...

The corn and potato crops here this fall are good, and the husbandman has been amply rewarded for his labor. I will give you an example of potato raising here...

The difficulties with the Mormons are increasing and growing more serious every day. A bearer of despatches to Gen. Harney, at Fort Leavenworth, stopped here to-day.

The second Court ever held in Richardson County, has just terminated. We hold court, eat, and sleep, all in the same little house here. Sometimes the Judge is supplied with a chair upon which to sit while he charges the Jury...

ARCHER, N. T., 19th Nov., 1857. FRIEND ROW—I see by the Journal of the 28th October, that you had not then received correct and reliable news from the Kansas election...

NEW YORK CITY ELECTION.—The election for Mayor of New York took place on Tuesday last, and resulted in the choice of Daniel F. Tiemann, the people's candidate, over Fernando Wood, Democrat...

and that they were all-wise and powerful. But their wisdom and power, Gov. Walker and Sect. Stanton considered as foolishness and weakness. That was the rock upon which they, Walker and Stanton, and their former adherents, split—the point upon which they joined, issue and commenced the fight which has been kept up until the present time...

On the 17th inst., Maj. Vanderslice, Indian agent, visited the Soc Indians, for the purpose of taking an enumeration of them preparatory to paying them the money due them from the General Government. When the enumeration was completed, the payment began. Some \$8000,00 were distributed to between three and four hundred of them.

The hard times have arrived in Nebraska, but are not so much felt as in the east. We have plenty of "fresh breezes" here now. The wind has blown almost hard enough for the last thirty days to take the hair off a man's head.

WHAT COL. BENTON THINKS OF IT.

The veteran Benton yet retains that old leaven of honesty in him which was also in the statesmen of the generation to which he belongs. He has recently written a letter to ex-Chief Justice George Robertson, of Kentucky, who has lately published in the National Intelligencer his views against the decision of the Supreme Court touching the Dred Scott case.

I was breaking down under the appalling attack which fell upon me when I was writing the "Examination," and had to leave some heads unfinished, and also to add some part after I had given up this world. My physician, Dr. May, saw with astonishment that I rose from what he knew I considered the bed of death, (and which he feared to be so), and went to my table and wrote.

LEHIGH COUNTY.—Israel Sensinger, of Washington township, week before last, shot an Eagle, which measured two feet across the back. On Thanksgiving afternoon, a lad named Charles Miller, of Lehigh township, was out gunning, and the gun barrel exploded in discharging a shot, tearing off a part of one of his fingers and severely shattering the bones in his hand.

WARREN COUNTY.—Near Wrightsville on the 21st ult., a young man named Jaquin, shot a Panther, which measured 7 feet. Large quantities of Potatoes, Buckwheat, and garden vegetables, were caught out by the cold weather. Thomas Witham, harvested a small piece of corn, which yielded at the rate of 101 bushels to the acre.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

LANCASTER COUNTY.—On the 27th a stage upset on the Millersville turnpike, breaking it almost to atoms. On the same day a child about 5 years old was run over by a carriage in Lancaster City, both wheels of the carriage passing over it.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.—A few nights ago a person attempted to break into the store room of D. Frank, in Brookville. He moved the shutter and raised the sash of the back window and was about to enter, when the clerk who slept in the store awakened and gave the alarm. The scamp made good his escape.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.—Silas P. Wheaton alias Ballou, who was tried at Easton for burglary, was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar, restore the property, undergo imprisonment of five months in the county jail, and pay costs.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.—On the 1st inst., at Blair, Mr. Dennison Wilkinson, of Blairsville, was struck by the Mail train going west, causing instant death.

CENTRE COUNTY.—Joseph Way, one day week before last, shot an Eagle in Halfmoon township, which measured six feet four inches from tip to tip. A colored man was arrested in Bellefonte, beginning of last week, for a threatened violation of the person of a lady of that place.

DELAWARE COUNTY.—Last week, as Dr. Ogier, of Whitefield township, was crossing the Columbia railroad in his carriage, he was run into by the passenger train west, dashing his vehicle to pieces, killing the horse, and injuring the Doctor so much that he died in half an hour after the occurrence.

BUTLER COUNTY.—On the evening of the 28th ult. the jail was discovered to be on fire, and the flames were promptly extinguished. It was fired by a prisoner named Jacob Koyler, who since his incarceration, seems to occupy his whole time devising means to destroy property and annoy Sheriff M'Kea, the jailor, and what is called politics have sadly run down since that time.

ELKS COUNTY.—On Saturday, Nov. 28th, Elias Hancock of Fox township aged about 17 years, while engaged in chopping down a tree in company with another young man, met with an accident which has named him for life. While in the act of chopping down a tree, his feet slipped, and in order to save himself caught hold of the tree and unfortunately relieved the blow of his companion which cut his hand completely off the wrist.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Rumors are current in Louisville, Ky., that Pascal D. Craddock, for the alleged murder of whom, in August, 1856, several respectable persons were under arrest, has been seen in Texas, within two months past.

The foreign advices, per America, are regarded as very discouraging as to any further immediate shipment of American products, as well as to the large quantities that have already been shipped, and now on the way.

The President has determined to leave the responsibility of the Kansas issue with Congress, as he believes it belongs wholly with that body to arrange the difficulties which now threaten. At the same time no serious apprehensions are entertained on the subject, tho' the debate will likely be an exciting one.

The Texas legislature has passed a joint resolution to raise a regiment of Rangers, for the protection of the frontier from Indians.

The Dred Scott Decision is making sad work of the Fugitive Slave Law. Another master is in the hands of Justice, in Indiana, for trying to get back an alleged slave, while the slave himself is bulletted from Court to Court, in a tussle between Indiana and the Federal Government for the possession of his corpus.

The influence of Senator Douglas is already very obvious, at Washington, on the state of opinion about Kansas. There are indications of a powerful opposition from the Democratic side in Congress to the Lecompton Constitution.

The Treasury Report will take decided ground against the present organization of banks, and advocates a mode by which small notes may be expelled.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger estimates the number of turkeys served up on Thanksgiving day at sixty thousand. What a city of gobblers.

In Kenawha county, Va., last week, a young lady sued a gentleman for damages for breach of promise. It was proved in the evidence, says the Valley Star that the young lady was a flirt, and the jury accordingly awarded her one cent damage.

The Iowa Methodist Conference, lately in session, passed strong resolution against the use of tobacco among Christians. William T. Tuckerman, formerly treasurer of the Eastern Railroad, was arrested at New Haven on Sunday evening, for mail robbery.

On Monday, Flour sold in Pittsburgh at from \$4.35 to \$5 per barrel. In Philadelphia prices ranged from \$5.25 to \$6.50, as per quality.

OUR LOW TARIFF.—The Genesee Telegraph has the following sensible article on the subject of our present low tariff. The facts set forth are easy of comprehension, and cannot be controverted.

It seems to be incontestible by any fair argument, that the causes of our present financial difficulties, have been first, the low Tariff; and second, the extension or abuse of the credit system, growing out of it.

A few notorious facts will make this more apparent. In the first eight months of the present year, the excess of the importation of goods at the port of New York alone, over the exports, was the enormous sum of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars.

LIST OF DEPRECIATED BANK NOTES.

Table listing various banks and their depreciated notes, including locations like New York, Philadelphia, and other cities.