



THE COMPILER.
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The new Congress will meet at Washington today. It is apprehended that there will be some delay, and much difficulty in organizing the House, neither party having a majority. The session will be long. Hon. R. M. Paine will commence his term at this season.

Republican Caucus.—It is stated that a number—about forty-two—of the Republican members of Congress held a preliminary caucus at the Astor House, in New York, on Monday night, and agreed to vote for Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, for Speaker of the House; Colonel Forney, of Pennsylvania, for clerk; Mr. Adams, also of Pennsylvania, for sergeant-at-arms, and S. Bowler, of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, for printer.

Was He a Republican?—So late as a year ago, on the 13th of October, 1858, the New York Tribune said—
 "Old John Brown, of Ossawatimie, and nineteen-tenths of his co-fellows of freedom in Kansas were and are Republicans, and migrated there under the impulse of Republican ideas and convictions."

Old Brown's wife distinctly repudiates the idea of insanity, and says that for twenty years he had meditated his recent crimes. Old Brown himself also denied that he was actuated by revenge for anything that occurred to him in Kansas, and indignantly repelled the charges of the N. Y. Post and Tribune in his favor.

Abolition Inconsistency.—The Opposition must have something to rail at, nor is consistency at all necessary in their railings. Secretary Floyd has been censured for not acting upon the anonymous warning he received of the Harper's Ferry insurrection, and Gov. Wray is even more severely denounced because he does just what the other is blamed for not doing.

A Mother's Grace.—An exchange contains the following:—"John C. Fremont headed the list of subscribers in California, to the monument to the late Senator Brodick. He gave \$500."
 The Charleston Courier adds the following statement, brief, but what a volume of crushing rebuke does it contain:
 "The mother of John C. Fremont was interred in this city, and her grave, we believe, is not marked."

"The editor of the Compiler surely knows that we resisted the establishment of what was termed the Know Nothing party."
Sentinel.
 The editor of the Compiler knows no such thing, but he does know—and so do the readers of the Sentinel and the public generally—that after the tyrannical order was established, the editor of the Sentinel placed the tickets of what was termed the Know Nothing party at his mast-head, and urged their election at the polls—thus contributing to a usurpation of the just rights of Catholics and Foreigners! It is too late in the day for the editor of that paper to endeavor to squirm out of the responsibility he incurred by giving weekly countenance and aid and comfort to the Know Nothing party—especially while, at this very time, he is an advocate of the principles of the "People's Party," one organ of which is composed of midnight Dark Lanternism.

The Compiler is still exceedingly anxious to saddle the responsibility of the recent Harper's Ferry affair upon the Republican party.—**Star.**
 Every reasonable man who knows anything at all of Northern politics, cannot but place the responsibility of that murderous affair just where we place it—upon the shoulders of the Republican party. The course of its orators and presses, ever since the formation of the party, (by the union of Abolitionists and Know Nothings), has had a direct tendency to foment strife and discord between the different States of this heretofore prosperous and happy Republic, and the Star and its disfigured managers have had a full hand in the deadly work. Now that the country is reaping the terrible fruits of their sectional agitation, those who have aroused the storm are trembling at its consequences, and seek to shift the responsibility of their agency in creating it. But their fear comes too late. They have been "caught in the act," and stand condemned before a patriots and law-loving people.

The Opposition journals in Pennsylvania generally take the ground that the Republican party is in no way responsible for Brown's murderous demonstration at Harper's Ferry. The Star is of course against this claim. But in the face of the lying attempt, an admission like the following may be regarded as a "sneaking" move:
 "Somebody in Massachusetts, in his speech at Syracuse on the 28th ult., (Oct.) said—'The Harper's Ferry outbreak was the consequence of his teachings of Republicanism.'"

Somebody in one of the most prominent and influential leaders of the Black Republican party! Mark that!
 The editor of the Compiler is famous for his "sneaking" moves.
 "They go—and he makes it a point to prove by the 'document' whatever he may say, as the Star managers have long since discovered to their annoyance. 'Depend on it,' say often ugly things in the way of speaking, and he goes on to do up the editorials of the Massachusetts journals."

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They are Responsible.
 The Republican press, as a general thing, still deny that the leaders of their party are responsible for the insurrection at Harper's Ferry. But this denial will not avail them before the people. What are the facts? Mr. Sewan, in his speeches in the Senate, and elsewhere reflects his sentiments, in a favor of negro equality, and the efforts of himself and his party have secured to the negro in New York the right to vote and control the elections; and the same rights have been secured him by Chase, Gibbons and Cowles in Ohio; while in Massachusetts the same party with Blake and Wilson at its head have secured, or are endeavoring to secure, to the negro, in addition to the right to vote, the right to marry white women, and to hold office. Now these are all well-known and acknowledged leaders of the Republican party, and so long as they are endorsed by their party friends, the party itself has to bear the odium that attaches to their acts and the sentiments they promulgate. Indeed, the freedom of the negro has become so great an object with the leaders of the Republican party, that neither the Constitution of the country, nor the union of the States is held paramount to it, for Mr. Sewan has said that a "higher law" than the Constitution was needed, and Governor Bangs has, in advocacy of the same cause, expressing a willingness to let the Union "slide."

It is in vain, therefore, for the Republican press to attempt to shake off the responsibility of the Harper's Ferry outbreak which so justly attaches to their party. Their acknowledged leaders have sown the whirlwind, and the Republican party must expect to reap the storm which an indignant people are preparing to heap upon its head. Nothing can save them from the fearful consequences of the reprobate teachings of the great lights of their sectional party.—**Land Intelligence.**

John Brown's Doings in Kansas.
 JOHN D. PENNYBACKER, the member elect of the Virginia Senate from the Rockingham district, furnishes the Harriensburg Register with an account of his experience with Ossawatimie Brown in Kansas, which proves the abolition martyr to be a robber in the lowest acceptation of the term. Mr. Pennybacker was United States Survey Examiner in the Territory, and was with Capt. Pate's party when it was captured by artifice at Black Jack. He says "I never would not have spared his prisoners' lives then, but that his own two sons were in prison at Leocompton. The statement continues—
 "While in his hands, I heard Brown's son boast of the horses that he had stolen from Missouri and elsewhere. I also saw a party start out for the purpose of robbing an Indian trading post (Joseph Bernard's) and saw them return loaded with the goods (some \$8,000 worth). Old Brown exclaiming as they came in, 'well done, my boys!' Brown told himself that his hand was against every man free State or no State, who was not willing to join his band, and that he would kill one as soon as the other. His son Frederick was killed at Ossawatimie by Martin White, a free State man, who had resorted to John Brown's company, and with whom he had been ordered to leave the Territory. An Indian boy was afterwards whipped at Ossawatimie, and I believe he then left the Territory. Of his subsequent operations there I know nothing. That he, without provocation, inhumanly murdered men in their beds, I know. That he committed robbery and theft, of goods and horses I heard from his own son and his own men, and saw with my own eyes; but that he ever gave an excuse that he was attempting to run off slaves while doing this 'Kansas work,' I never heard from him or any one else. There was not a slave within fifty miles of Ossawatimie Creek, where he committed the murders, and not one of the murdered men had ever raised an arm against him."

Thus much for the religious fanaticism and humanity of Brown, "the martyr." His boldness, daring, and unscrupulousness pointed him out as a fit instrument for carrying out the designs of men too cowardly to execute their own base schemes.

Misdirected and Affected Sympathy.
 Never since the sentimental Sterne poured out his pathos over a dead Donkey, while he could allow his nearest relative, in her old age, to suffer from poverty and sickness and sorrow without offering the smallest assistance or solace, have we had such a display of affected compassion as that made by the political persons and Abolition essayists over the rebel and murderer Brown. Mr. Hallet, of Boston, thus commented on the conduct of these pseudo-philanthropists:
 "The poor child-bereft old man!" exclaims the Rev. Mr. Ward Beecher in his sermon on slave insurrection. And how came he child bereft? In Kansas, he and his sons guided their nets to settle but to fight, had carried four defenceless men in cold blood, dragged from their beds at midnight! Up to that time, says the Kansas Herald of Freedom, not a hair of John Brown's head, or of any of his sons, had been injured. Three months after that the man of blood was attacked in his turn and one of his sons killed. Three years after this he is found conspiring with Northern Abolitionists to raise a servile war in Virginia, and he carries his sons into, after dragging men from their beds at midnight, and shooting down the mayor and other citizens at Harper's Ferry, are themselves slain in the act of robbery, invasion, and murder. And thereupon anti-slavery philanthropy in the pulpits cries out, 'poor child-bereft old man!' Mr. Hall, who addressed him of a recent serial of parricide in France. The man had been cruelly murdered by his father and mother, and of course he was an orphan by his own crime, just as John Brown is 'child-bereft' by his crimes. The parricide was convicted and on his trial he pleaded for sentence was asked by the judge if he had anything to say. Nothing, said he, only I pray you to have pity upon a poor orphan!"

That "intelligent looking stranger," at "one of our public schools," who, as reported by the Star, would have taken the Compiler for a southern journal of the most approved Capellus school, was most probably a travelling Abolitionist, visiting this to feel the pulse of the leaders of his party in regard to the formation of a secret society for forwarding the designs of sectionalism. If so, he fell in with the right party in encountering the Star managers. They are the kind of patriots "after his own heart," always ready to take the lead in such midnight enterprises, as they were when dark lantern Know Nothingism sprang into existence.

The Star. In announcing the Fair and Festival for the benefit of the "People's Band," pronounces their band wagon "creditable to the party," (a hint!) while the Sentinel has no doubt "that citizens of torn, without respect to party, will attend." They must be intended as double-barrelled shots, only in different directions.

Promoter General Heaz has released the expenses of the wall service of the U. S. States, for the last fiscal year, about \$1,000,000.

The warehouses at New Oxford are taking in large quantities of grain.

Restoration of John Brown.
 John Brown, convicted of the high crime of treason, insurrection and murder, met his doom on the scaffold at Charlestown, Va., on Friday last. Brown brought out of the prison at 11 o'clock, and in half an hour after, everything being in readiness, the trap dropped, and he was launched into eternity. He made no speech, nor were religious services held, the prisoner not desiring any. Shortly after 12 o'clock the body was taken down and placed in a fine oak coffin, and in the evening sent to Harper's Ferry and given to his wife, who immediately started with the remains for Albany, N. Y. His wife visited him on Thursday, but preferred being at Harper's Ferry during the time of the execution. There was no disturbance of any kind, a strong force of military having been on the ground—probably 1,500.

Before being taken from prison, Brown took leave of the other prisoners, urging them to be firm, and not betray their friends. He charged Cook with misleading him in regard to the disposition of the negroes to rise, but Cook denied it. Brown expressed thanks for the kind treatment he had received.

It would almost seem that Truth and the Sentinel had become strangers to each other. In the last issue of that paper it is coolly stated that in New York the Democrats "bargained with the Know Nothing leaders, who, for certain considerations, agreed to support four of the Democratic candidates for State offices," "so as to get control of the State Canals." This is a most palpable falsehood. It is universally known that what are termed the "Straight-out Americans," not fully approving of Seward's Abolition Republicanism, and unable to elect a ticket of their own, resolved to vote for five of the Republican and four of the Democratic State candidates, for no other reason than to show that they hold the balance of power, thereby to secure better terms in the future from their natural allies, the Republicans. This is the only reason for their course, and no one knows it better than the editor of the Sentinel. That he does not give the real truth in regard to the matter, renders his motive for asserting a falsehood very plain.

So also in regard to New Jersey. There the Democrats have gained, as in nearly all the other States, and because of such gains, the Sentinel makes the astute declaration that there was a "bargain" between the Democrats and Know Nothings. The Democratic party has been too long and too earnestly opposed to that bigoted and proscription faction, to seek to "bargain" with it in any way.

Justice R. Gibbons is one of the members of the Republican State Central Committee of Ohio—sufficient evidence of his Republicanism—and he is the author of this atrocious declaration:
 "I look forward to the day when there shall be a state of nature, and every man for himself, and every man against his neighbor; when the words of the benedictory shall light up the lawns and cities of the South, and let out the real nature of slavery. And though I may not mock at their calamity, nor laugh when their fear cometh, yet I WILL HALL AS THE BAY OF A POLITICAL MILLENIUM!"

And yet the Star managers will insist, when "brought to the scratch" on the Harper's Ferry insurrection, that the Republican leaders, like the pickpocket in the play, "did it do nothing!"

The Opposition are resorting to every means to rid themselves of responsibility for the treasonable outbreak at Harper's Ferry. The very natural alarm of the Virginia people, the wise precautions of Gov. Wise, are ridiculed in unmeasured terms, as though threatened outrage upon the peace and safety of a community was a thing to be laughed at. The Star, always ready for any disreputable work, so it but help to keep up Know Nothingism and Republicanism, is also engaged in this. As a fitting commentary upon, and crushing rebuke of, such a course, we copy the following paragraph from an exchange. It shows still a "green spot" in the desert of New England clerical sectionalism:
 "The *Supremacy of the Law.*" The Rev. Dr. Bacon, in his discourse to his people on Thanksgiving day, took the opportunity sharply to rebuke what he denominated an unmanly, unparliamentary, unchristian spirit, manifested at the North in regard to the treasonable affair at Harper's Ferry. He specified three particulars in which we were in the wrong. 1st. In deriding the fear occasioned by the invasion. 2d. In blaming Virginia for maintaining her laws. 3d. In sympathizing with the insurgents in their unlawful act. On each of these points the doctor spoke with great plainness and force, and to the satisfaction of most of the large congregation present. But the reproof was just, timely and important.—**Harford (Conn) Courier.**

The Star managers, had they been present, might have felt the reproof, but they would not have acknowledged it. One of their leading principles of action is to "deny well."

Letter from Charlestown.
 (Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.)
 Charlestown, Va., Nov. 29.
 As the day of John Brown's execution approached, the number of visitors drawn to this place, either to see the prisoners or the military, and its surroundings, is daily on the increase. Representations from the neighboring counties flock in crowds, but the military, as well as the authorities, have issued peremptory orders to allow no one to enter the jail.

The timid and unphilosophical have hourly alarms about the approach of lawless bodies of armed rescuers, but I do not apprehend that ten of our soldier and civil citizens have ever been haunted to their dreams by any phantasmagoria in the shape of rescuers or Abolitionists.

The following is a copy of a genuine letter received at our postoffice. The letter is authentic beyond question, as the main facts are corroborated by the testimony of persons here. I received it but a moment ago, and hasten to lay it before your readers. It will be read to John Brown this morning, to John Brown, commander of the Army at Harper's Ferry, Charlestown, Jefferson county, Va., Charlestown, Tennessee, Nov. 20, 1859. John Brown—Sir: Although vengeance is not mine, I confess that I do feel gratified to hear that you were stopped in your fanatical career at Harper's Ferry with the loss of your two sons. You can now appreciate my distress in Kansas, when you then and there entered my house at midnight and arrested my husband and two boys, and took them out of the yard, and in cold blood shot them dead in my hearing. You can't say you done it to free our slaves; we had none and never expected to have any. I am a widow, with a child, a disconsolate widow, with helpless children. While I feel for your folly, I do hope and trust you will meet your just reward.—Oh, how I grieve to hear the dying groans of my husband and children. If this cruel grief you any consolation you are welcome to it.

MARIA DOYLE.
 N. B.—My son, John Doyle, whose life I begged of you, is now grown up, and is very desirous to be at Charlestown on the day of your execution; would certainly be there if he could get to the jail, but he might as well just the rope around your neck, if Gov. Wise would permit.
 M. D.

A party of gentlemen at once subscribed the amount, but the letter being detained, it was ascertained young Doyle could not arrive in time.

All applications for passes for civilians to attend within the military lines at the execution are refused by the Governor on the ground that it would conflict with the military programme. He said that no civilian could, under any circumstances, be admitted within the military lines, the outer one of which would be nearly a mile from the scaffold. Not a word of what John Brown may utter, if he should say anything, will therefore be audible to the men forming even the line next the gallows.

The case of this exclusive of all persons other than the military to be that, in the event of an attempted rescue, an order to fire upon the prisoner will be given, and that those within the lines, especially those sufficiently near the gallows to hear what Brown may say, will be liable to be shot. A half dozen more are required in the Diamond.—Those just set out were, we believe, procured at the Nursery of Mr. Wm. Watson, near Petersburg.

Gov. Wise's Military Precautions.
 The Patriot and Union of Wednesday says—The news of the recent attack on Old Brown into a martyr, and display a spirit calculated to incite others to engage in resentful acts. The very ones that ridicule the military preparations of Gov. Wise to prevent a rescue. If these editors had the courage to hold their own tongues they would open their mouths in Virginia at the head of a party and snatch Old Brown from the gallows, or perish in the attempt. But they have no mind to play the part of heroes or martyrs, preferring to keep their precious persons out of danger while they teach others to engage in the cause of negro liberty. Gov. Wise is pursuing the proper course in calling out a large military force to prevent an attempt to rescue Brown, for we are satisfied that if such precautions are not used the irrepressible conflict would make another attempt on Virginia. To prevent a rescue, and open the country to the military, is not only a duty, but it is also a duty to the public, and we are glad to see the military preparations of Gov. Wise to prevent a rescue. If these editors had the courage to hold their own tongues they would open their mouths in Virginia at the head of a party and snatch Old Brown from the gallows, or perish in the attempt. But they have no mind to play the part of heroes or martyrs, preferring to keep their precious persons out of danger while they teach others to engage in the cause of negro liberty. Gov. Wise is pursuing the proper course in calling out a large military force to prevent an attempt to rescue Brown, for we are satisfied that if such precautions are not used the irrepressible conflict would make another attempt on Virginia. To prevent a rescue, and open the country to the military, is not only a duty, but it is also a duty to the public, and we are glad to see the military preparations of Gov. Wise to prevent a rescue.

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General Thomas Turner, who, although barely knee-high to a grasshopper, made a large fortune for P. T. Barnum, and a song one for himself, is reported to be about to unite himself in wedlock with a lady of youth and beauty. The authorities differ about her height, and it is reported that three feet six and six tenths is her measure.

Friday, the 12th inst., is the day fixed for the execution of the remaining prisoners at Charlestown.

Orphan's Court December 27th.

Local Affairs.
Death of Judge Lee.
 Hon. T. Collins Lee, Judge of the Superior Court at Baltimore, died at his residence, in this city, on Saturday morning week, from an attack of paralysis, sustained several days previously. He remains were interred in the Congressional Burying-ground at Washington on Monday. Judge Lee will be re-entitled by our citizens as a participant in the opening ceremonies of the Gettysburg Railroad last winter, and as having made one of the happiest speeches on the occasion of the visit of the Baltimoreans to the College. He was a gentleman of fine cultivation and rare social qualities, and his death will cause a void not easily filled in that community. We esteemed him living, and lament him dead.

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Teachers' Institute.
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Sales of Property.
 Mr. Samuel Horist, of this borough, has purchased the farm of Mr. George W. Shriver, in Cumberland township, for \$3,420, cash. Mr. Cornelius Houghton has sold his farm of 94 acres, in Mountpleasant township, to Mr. Radisill, of York county, for \$2,000, cash—and purchased the farm of Mr. C. C. Clean Currents, in Cumberland township, for \$5,000, cash.

Mr. Joseph Hill has sold his farm in Strawn township—250 acres, to Mr. Jacob Wertz, of Lancaster county, for \$12,500 cash—\$50 per acre.

Robbery (Chicago).
 On Saturday week a young man was arrested at New Oxford on the charge of stealing thirty dollars from a fellow workman.—He was taken before Justice McSherry and in default of security committed to jail to await his trial at the next term of Court.

Peirce's Store Threat.
 This disease has prevailed to an extent all alarming in different sections of our country. It seems to be more fatal among children than with adults. In Fairfield and neighborhood quite a number have died. One family (Mr. Turner's), lost five children from this fell destroyer,—their ages ranging from 15 years down.

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 Mr. Samuel Horist, of this borough, has purchased the farm of Mr. George W. Shriver, in Cumberland township, for \$3,420, cash. Mr. Cornelius Houghton has sold his farm of 94 acres, in Mountpleasant township, to Mr. Radisill, of York county, for \$2,000, cash—and purchased the farm of Mr. C. C. Clean Currents, in Cumberland township, for \$5,000, cash.

Mr. Joseph Hill has sold his farm in Strawn township—250 acres, to Mr. Jacob Wertz, of Lancaster county, for \$12,500 cash—\$50 per acre.

Robbery (Chicago).
 On Saturday week a young man was arrested at New Oxford on the charge of stealing thirty dollars from a fellow workman.—He was taken before Justice McSherry and in default of security committed to jail to await his trial at the next term of Court.

Peirce's Store Threat.
 This disease has prevailed to an extent all alarming in different sections of our country. It seems to be more fatal among children than with adults. In Fairfield and neighborhood quite a number have died. One family (Mr. Turner's), lost five children from this fell destroyer,—their ages ranging from 15 years down.

Wm. B. McClellan, Esq. was sworn in and re-entered upon his duties as District Attorney on Monday last. His office is on Middle street, next to the Court House.

Henry W. Watson, Esq. of Rev. Dr. Watson, formerly Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place, has been admitted to the practice of Law in the Courts of Northumberland county, and has removed from his home in Milton, where he read law with ex-Gov. Pollock, to Williamsport, which will hereafter be his residence.

By a recent fire in the immediate vicinity of Baltimore, Mr. Geo. Keple, known to many of our citizens, lost *twenty-eight cows and two horses—all burnt.* A horse belonging to Mr. Jones Soaks, of this county, Mr. Keple's father-in-law, was also consumed. The loss by this devilish act of incendiarism falls heavily upon Mr. K., who is ill able to bear it. He is a very worthy man, and may here will sympathize with him in being thus suddenly deprived of the accumulations of years of labor. No punishment could be so severe for the wretch who fired the building.

On Saturday evening week, a Railroad Meeting was held at Waynesboro, and was well attended and money enough subscribed to make the necessary survey for the contemplated Railroad from Gettysburg to that place.

More Disclaimers.—Dr. S. G. Howe has published a letter disclaiming all knowledge of the Harper's Ferry outbreak. So one after another whom the friends of slavery charge with being connected with the movement, disclaims it, till the whole are pretty nearly exempted from *blame.*

And while thus "disclaiming all knowledge" of the matter, Dr. Howe was making tracks for Canada to avoid being called as a witness to disclose his knowledge of it—Which shall we believe in this case, the Doctor's words or his acts? He says he knows nothing about the matter, yet he runs away awfully to avoid telling what he knows! And the disclaimers of others are entitled to little if any more credit. Every criminal disclaimers, but neither pretensions, judge or juror considers that sufficient to "exempt" him from trial and punishment.

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Local Affairs.
Death of Judge Lee.
 Hon. T. Collins Lee, Judge of the Superior Court at Baltimore, died at his residence, in this city, on Saturday morning week, from an attack of paralysis, sustained several