

Miscellaneous Selections.

Free Soil Democrats Take Notice.

The following article which we clip from the *Luzerne Union*, shows how you have lost caste by opposing the Nebraska inquiry. Free soil men, to be true to the Democratic party in these days, must be false to their principles. If they will not uphold slavery aggressions, they must leave the ranks of the Democracy. We wonder what is to become of all the "recreant Democrats" in this regard.

RECREANT DEMOCRATS.—The Detroit Free Press gives the ear-marks of recreant Democrats in Maine and Michigan; and as other localities and latitudes are infested with similar politicians, it may be well to hold up the mirror, that all may see their pictures.— "When we hear a democrat," says the Free Press, "condemning the action of the party on the Nebraska bill, or on some other question, in most cases out of ten, on inquiry, we find that his head is sore—that his 'claims' have not been recognized—that he has been disappointed in respect to some office he was anxious to obtain. And, perhaps, on further inquiry, we find that he has been an office-holder for a quarter of a century or less, and can't stomach the doctrine of rotation, though in his case it is only tardily applied. In Maine or Michigan, they are found in coalition with abolitionists, why it can't be helped. The Democratic party will live without them."

San Juan—A Chance for Poets.

The New York Evening Post says:

"Our navy has achieved a great victory; with a single scoop-of-war, one of our gallant captains has scared the inhabitants of a foreign sea port into the woods, and burned their houses to ashes. The efficiency of Lucifer matches for combustible purposes has been vindicated, and the impudence of Jamaican negroes has been rebuked. All that is now wanting is some good poets to assist in transmitting this great victory to posterity."

It accordingly offers the following list of prizes for the five best poems on the affair:

First premium,	\$25.00
Second premium,	10.00
Third premium,	5.00
Fourth premium,	1.00
Fifth premium,	66 1/4

Candidates for the highest premium are limited to one hundred lines: those writing for the lower prizes need not stop until they feel perfectly relieved. Poems received until noon on the 2d of August. A reliable committee of Democrats has been appointed to examine the pieces, consisting of Judge Bronson, E. F. Purdy, John McKeon, and Fernando Wood, with John Brown, the fiery Ferryman, as final arbiter.

Now we shall have a rush. The first premium will, of course, be appropriated by William Ross Wallace, without competition, but there may be some chance for the lesser lights in the scramble for the fifth.—*Daily Register.*

Inalienable Rights of Americans.

The following are not enumerated in the Declaration of Independence:

To know any trade or business without apprenticeship or experience;

To marry without regard to fortune, state or health, position, or opinion of parents or friends;

To have wife and children dependent on the contingencies of business, and in case of sudden death, leave them wholly unprovided for;

To put off upon hireling strangers the literary, moral and religious training of children;

To teach children "no good trade, hoping they will have, when grown up, wit enough to live on the industry of other people";

To enjoy the general sympathy when made bankrupt by reckless speculations;

To cheat the government, if possible;

To hold office without being competent to discharge its duties;

To build houses with nine and six inch walls and go to the funerals of tenants, firemen and others killed by their fall, weeping over the mysterious dispensations of Providence;

To build up cities and towns without parks, public squares, broad streets, or ventilated blocks, and call pestilence a visitation of God;

To license rum-selling and deplore the increase of crime;

To hold slaves and prize of freedom;

To make Franklin Pierce Autocrat of Kansas and Nebraska and clamor about "popular sovereignty."

Prescription of American Mechanics by the Democracy at the Capitol.

We have received at too late an hour for publication, a letter from Washington detailing a system of proscription, by the "powers that be," which is most unjust and oppressive.

An Irish Catholic huckster, carrier, or "taken on" as a bricklayer, on the public work, to the exclusion of an American, who served an apprenticeship at the business. In every department of labor, or official duties, foreigners are preferred by the Democracy; and such is the aversion to an American, that poor men shortly deny their birth place, and assume the bribe to get employment paid for by their own taxes. The Superintendents, Overseers, etc., are all driven to do the bidding of "Democracy" with a will. It is unfortunate that such recreant Americans are in our midst, and out down trodden countrymen at Washington, we trust will bide their time, when they can realize the virtue of the old adage—"that a change of pasture makes fat cattle."—*American Banner.*

Justices of the Peace.

As many of our County Justices will not get their pamphlet Laws of 1854 until after August 1st, we copy the following Act relative to their duties for their information. It will be found in page 678.

"That from and after the first day of July next the sheriffs and the justices of the peace of the several counties of this Commonwealth shall be required to return to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace of the respective counties, all the recognizances entered into before them, by any person or persons charged with the commission of any crime, excepting such cases as may be ended before an alderman or justice of the peace, under existing laws, at least ten days before the commencement of the session of the court to which they are made returnable respectively; and in all cases where the recognizances are entered into less than ten days before the commencement of the session to which they are made returnable, the said aldermen and justices are required to return the same, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed."

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