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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR,

HON. WILLIAM F. PACKER,

OF LYCOMING.

FOR CANAL COMMISIONER,

NIMROD STRICKLAND,

OF CHESTER.

News of the Week.

—The joint Committee of the Legislature of New York, on the Dred Scott case, have just submitted a long and windy report, composed in bad style, dictated in worse taste, and animated by the most malacious and vindictive temper. It is principally made up of a series of sophomorical tirades against the Supreme Court, which are unworthy of the Committee and disgraceful to the State — Appended to this pyrotechnic display of epithets against the Supreme Court, are a series of resolutions, declaring in substance, that the State of New York will not allow slavery within her borders under any circumstances or pretext—that the Supreme Court has lost the confidence of the people, and that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the respective Governors of the States of the Union — Then comes "An Act to secure Freedom to all persons within this [New York] State," which provides that no person shall be deprived of our citizenship on account of African blood, that slaves brought by their masters [illegible] involuntarily to the State shall be free, and makes it a felony for any person to attempt to hold a slave under such circumstances.

—The New York press is greatly excited at the case of an interesting young widow, of that city, whose late husband left her an income of $1[illegible] a year that she did not marry again If she marries the income is lost. Well, she has found a young gentleman whom she wishes to marry, and he is willing But the loss of the income is the trouble. She has offered the heir at law as a compromise, two-thirds of the income, and she to retain the one-third and marry; but he cruelly refuses — What shall she do? A husband and no income, or the $15,000 a year and no husband is the alternative. The will is binding, and she is in great distress. Meantime it is not quite certain that she could get the husband if she let the income was given up. It is a distressing case. In fact it is provoking: and her feeling towards that dead husband's memory must be anything but amiable But still the man had a right to say whether his money should go to other people's children or to his own kindred

—A bill is before the Legislature which proposes to raise the salary of the Associate Judges of the Commonwealth to a living figure, thus: For those whose attendance at Court does not exceed four weeks per annum, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for those whose attendance at Court exceeds four weeks and does not exceed six weeks, two hundred dollars, for those whose attendance at Court exceeds six weeks and does not exceed eight weeks, two hundred and fifty dollars for those whose attendance at Court exceeds eight weeks and does not exceed ten weeks, three hundred dollars for those whose attendance at Court exceeds ten weeks and does not exceed twelve weeks, three hundred and fifty dollars, and for those whose attendance at Court exceeds twelve weeks, four hundred dollars

—The Ohio Legislature talk of resisting the laws of the United States and a joint committee on the Dred Scott decision of the U. S. Supreme Court have reported some terrible resolutions, affirming that decision "must not, at least shall not, be consummated in Ohio," and saying "[illegible] to the South and their northern abettors, but *will confess*, that it will take more than one decision, fulminated by a Jesuitical Catholic Judge, to conquer a free Protestant people." The committee further say—"Endeavor to enforce that decision in our State, and from the blue waters of Lake Erie on the north to the beautiful Ohio on the south, from the hills of Pennsylvania on the east to the plains of Indiana on the west, but one voice will be heard, echoing and re-echoing the war cry of the Revolution — Give us liberty or give us death" Pretty good!

—A Frenchman recently wrote a book on the United present states of the confederation, [illegible] stars, the states it is expected will be added' The Governor of the United States is chosen every two years' Pennsylvania is a large town in Philadelphia, and the Chief Admiral and the Commander in Chief are one and the same person" That *wise* Frenchman would make a capital Black Republican Editor—he is so well posted in the details and theory of our government

—It is stated that Mrs. Polk, the esteemed widow of the ex-President, has determined to reside in Washington during the coming session of Congress Since her husband's death, Mrs. Polk has resided in Tennessee It will be remembered that the deceased President left to his window the charge of taking care of and publishing his memoirs, which, so far they relate to his administration, are said to be minute, full of interesting personal anecdote and abounding in reflections suggested by the events of public affairs and the conduct of his cabinet.

—A celebrated liquor importer in Boston recently had his pocket book, containing a large sum of money, taken from his pocket while entering church A few days subsequent he received the pocket book through the post, postage unpaid, accompanied with a note, in which the writer stated that after spending the money, he discovered to his utter horror that he had been making use of funds obtained in the famous liquor traffic He therefore returned the pocket book, and would do the same by the money should he be able to again lay hands on it

—Elizabeth Buchey was shot by her father, James Buchey, near Shepherdsville, in Bullit County, Ky on Tuesday last. She had been engaged to a young man in the neighborhood, but her father had broken off the match. On that day she desired to visit a neighbor, where her father suspected that she intended to meet her old lover He refused to let her go, became highly exasperated at her request, and finally drew a revolver shot her in the head, killing her instantly He then shot himself with the same pistol, fell and expired.

—It is calculated the profits realized yearly from the African slave trade amount to about eight hundred dollars, while the capital invested does not perhaps exceed four millions; that there is a fleet of forty vessels manned by a total force of nearly a thousand men, and that by means of the fleet some thirty thousand slaves are exported yearly from the coast of Africa [illegible] that New York and Boston furnishes the capital engaged in this nefarious traffic.

—No clue has yet been obtained of Capt Gibson, whose disappearance from Buffalo we have heretofore noticed, and his friends are in a state of profound anxiety And traces of him are lost at Columbus, Ohio It is ascertained with a good degree of certainty that he went as far as that place, but it cannot be learned that he has been seen at any of the hotels there, or among the business men, with whom he would be likely to have intercourse

—Quite a row occurred at the theatre in Louisville, on Thursday evening 9th inst. It was the benefit night of Lola Montez, and she wanted a carpet instead of green baize on the floor of the stage. The stage manager refused this, and appealed to the audience, when a war of words took place between him and Lola. The manager afterwards made a speech, and so did Lola. She refused to play, and the money taken was returned to the ticket holders.

—The Buffalo papers record an accident to a freight train on the Erie and Buffalo road on Friday night, by which a number of cars loaded with merchandise were thrown from the track and pretty badly smashed to pieces. It was occasioned by running upon a displaced rail.—Several passing trains were delayed by the wreck upon the track. No person seriously injured.

—Samuel W. Brady died in Winchester, Va., last week. He was one of the three survivors of the Dade massacre in the Florida war, and was a soldier in the whole of the Scott campaign in Mexico. At Chepultepec he was foremost among those who scaled the walls, and was so severely wounded as to be at first reported in the list of the killed.

—The Indian Massacre reported to have recently occurred on the Des Moines river, in Iowa, is said to be without foundation, and to have been concocted and sent forth to prevent persons from attending the land sales in Iowa, commencing on the fourth day of May next, at the Osage, Fort Dodge, and the Sioux city offices.

—A respectable lady of Rock Island stepped into a hardware store in that city, a few days since, and walking up to a young man, presented a pistol at his breast and fired. The ball struck a steel rule, and his life was thus saved.—She was arrested. This was the mode adopted for wiping out a slander against her fair fame.

—Edward Hawkins, a young man, stole a horse in Estill, Ky., last week, and was arrested by Constable James Land and a Mr. J. Irwin. While they were taking him to jail, however, he shot them both and escaped, it is supposed, to Ohio.

—It is supposed that the cold weather has done some injury to the cotton and sugar crop in Louisiana.

The Fate of a Clerical Politician.

We have always doubted the parity of that class of religious teachers who step aside from their legitimate field of labor—the preaching of Christ and him crucified—and become "politicians in clerical robes." And the recent developments in the case of the Rev Mr Kalloch, of Boston, indicted and tried in that city for adultry, has not served by any means to clear away those doubts. This reverend adulterer, it appears, was one of the three thousand New England clergymen who, when the Nebraska-Kansas bill was before Congress, forgot that they were mere men, and "protested in the name of Almighty God" against its passage. To say nothing about the absurdity of such a protest, from such a quarter, it always seemed to us to have been the height of clerical arrogance, if not of absolute blasphemy. But it was not this protest, and the Rev Mr Kalloch's connection with it, that we proposed to discuss in this article—but a matter of a more recent date, in which that reverend politician has figured in no very enviable light, and which if properly viewed by the people will serve to warn them against such wolves in sheeps clothing

It appears that this Reverend Mr. Kalloch was one of the master spirits of Fremontism in New England during the last campaign—that in the pulpit and on the stump, he was eloquently denunciatory of such *pace* in [illegible] and profound statesmen as James Buchanan and Lewis Cass—and that after the election was over, he continued this [illegible] administration to his flock, as the following extract from an election cheering speech, delivered at a Fremont supper at Rockland, Maine, by the Rev gentleman, fully shows

"We have laid that anti quated old fogy, Lewis Cass, on the shelf of final retirement We have buried Franklin Pierce, the most [illegible] gated scoundrel [illegible] Fremont, under the patriot mound [illegible] [illegible] We have [illegible] Buchanan [illegible] Democracy with but a [illegible]

[illegible] preceding paragraph, [illegible] the same [illegible] Republican party that most [illegible] [illegible] the Reverend lecturer has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr Holton [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]