



Republican or Democratic—Where To?

It has been evident to the observing mind for many months past, that the varied and multifarious elements found in the ranks of the Free State party could not much longer hold together.

At the present day, the two forces mentioned above are to be found embodied in the Democratic and Republican parties of this nation.

The Democratic party, by making itself the subservient tool of the Slave Power, has placed itself in opposition to the manifest destiny which had decreed that the priests of humanity, the prophets and apostles of that creed which found so glorious an expression in the Declaration of Independence, shall become the ruling motive power of this government.

with an organization, no matter what name it may assume, whose motto is "Power to the Strongest."

Therefore, in the open divisions that must speedily ensue within the Free State ranks, the question comes to which of the present National parties will the mass of our people tend?

That the time has come to take the preliminary steps for division, it needs but a single glance over our political field to determine.

The Lawrence Republican has also followed in the same path; so with the Leavenworth Times, the Quindaro Chindowan, our namesake of Atchison, Freedom's Champion; the Kansas News has long been known as favorable to such a movement;

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The Composer.

Few, very few, unacquainted with the printing office, little imagine the duties devolved upon the compositor.

In most offices, the compositor has a certain number or squares as his day's work. This is expected of him whether his copy is plainly written, or whether the author's ignorance or carelessness will scarcely allow him to decipher the words in order to form ideas.

A Model Officer.

A correspondent of the Herald of Freedom writing from Bourbon Co., K. T., under date of May 20, says that Capt. ANDERSON, commander of the troops stationed at Fort Scott, made a wanton attack upon a Free State man named HAMILTON, whom the correspondent represents to be a quiet and inoffensive man.

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The Marquis of Winchester is said to be the richest man in the world. His wealth is estimated at £21,000,000, or \$105,000,000.

The Late Rains and the Crops.

The heavy rains which have lately prevailed throughout this section of country have somewhat dampened our heretofore flattering prospects of having exuberant crops this season.

Potatoes have suffered severely. A disease similar to the old malignant affection which so universally existed all over the world about a dozen years ago, has made its appearance among the potato crops of this vicinity, and potatoes that have attained an eatable size are rapidly hastening, "to that bourne, &c.,"—or more politely speaking, are "rotting so'they squish."

The wheat crops begin to feel more or less affected by the rains. The common rust is prowling about and finding an occasional victim, and if not headed off ere long will count them rather too profusely.

Corn never looked better than at the present time. The crops appear to regard the rain with cool indifference.

Cabbages are wilting somewhat, but a little sun will bring them "up standing" again.

Oats are somewhat indisposed, but hopes are entertained of their soon approaching to a state of convalescence.

Garden sauce and vegetables have suffered considerably.

Prior to these late rains vegetation of every description, was in an extremely advanced and flattering state, and gave promise of a more abundant yield than the crops of any other season yet witnessed by the Kansas farmers.

Illinois Democracy.

The "unterrified," consistent and unalloyed Democracy of Illinois held a convention at Springfield a few days since, and adopted the following among other resolutions:

4. That the principle of non-intervention on the part of Congress, either directly or indirectly, in the formation of the domestic institutions of States and Territories, further than to ascertain that any constitution presented be republican in its form, is the acknowledged doctrine of the Democratic party, and that any attempt by the Federal authorities to go behind the record and inquire into the manner in which the people have chosen "to form and regulate their own domestic institutions" would be a gross assumption of power, not given by the Constitution of the United States nor sanctioned by Democratic principles.

7. "That we cannot but regret the ruinous course taken by the only Senator in Congress from the State of Illinois who claims to be a Democrat, and decidedly condemn the overweening conceit with which in his speech of December 9th, 1857, he attempts to account for what he chose to consider the President's ignorance of the true principles upon which the contest of 1856 was decided, and we no less earnestly condemn the suspicious alacrity with which the same Senator sought by vehement and arrogant denunciation to ingratiate himself into the good opinion of the enemies of the Democratic party in the North."

Our accounts from New Hampshire up to the third inst., represent the spring as having been very cold and backward. The fruit trees were just in bloom, but looked finely, giving promising signs of a good crop of fruit.

Ex-Senator Dave Athison, the original leader of the Border Ruffians who invaded Kansas, is said to be in the Indian Territory, preparing a campaign against the Free State settlers of that Territory.

The damage by flood in Mississippi is estimated at \$30,000,000.

A New Platform.

The Woman's Rights Convention adopted, after full debate, the following platform:

Resolved, That the most sacred and important right of woman is the right to decide for herself when, how often, and under what conditions, she shall assume the cares of maternity.

Douglas Jerrold, once writing on the idea contained in this resolution, said:

"Is it not wonderful that, down to the present time, women have never discovered their own tremendous strength? They have only to be of one accord, and in some hundred years at most, the human race will fade clean from the earth—fade like an old multiplication sum from a school boy's slate."

Candle-box Calhoun, his Generalissimo McLean, Henderson, Clarkson and several other worthies are at Kansas City, feted and caressed by the citizens of that place.

The Richmond, Ky., Messenger, mentions a freak of nature which is without a parallel in the animal kingdom. It is a colt with but one eye.

Latest accounts from Utah inform us that all the Mormons are "going South." Salt Lake city and the northern provinces are nearly all deserted.

Geo. D. Prentice, the editor of the Louisville Journal, has enrolled himself as a member of the Sons of Temperance. He joined them on the night of the 27th ult., and made, it is said, some very touching remarks upon his past life, and his prospects in the future.

Wm. H. Russell, the army correspondent of the London Times, gets \$10,000 per annum, and all expenses paid. His letters from the Crimea gave him a reputation which his recent communications from India will do much to establish.

The last division of the Utah army left Fort Leavenworth on the 13th inst. It consisted of several companies of Cavalry under Major Emory, and a large body of Infantry, mostly new recruits, and a large number of supply wagons.

An old fellow being visited by his pastor, he assured him that he could not be a good Christian unless he took up his daily cross; whereupon he caught up his wife and began lugging her about the room.

Col. Kane arrived from Utah at Fort Leavenworth, on Sunday, the 13th inst. He was the bearer of dispatches to Washington, and left immediately on the Steamer Emigrant for St. Louis.

Mrs. Goldschmidt, (Jenny Lind) recently gave birth to twins—one of each sex. Here we have another edition in two volumes of 'Goldschmidt's Animated Nature.'

STILL THEY COME.—An item of news from England states that Queen Victoria is in a fair way to add still another to the royal family. There is something too much of this.

It is reported that an American paper is soon to be started in St. Louis, by Geo. D. Prentice, of Louisville, Ky., and Col. Wm. F. Switzer, of Columbia, Mo.

Fain, of Kansas notoriety, has been appointed Marshal of this Territory, in place of Winston, who is removed. Winston served about sixty days.

The papers along the upper Wabash say that it is hardly possible that a single acre of corn will be raised on the river bottom farms this season.

Gen. Harney and staff left Ft. Leavenworth on Tuesday, the 15th inst., for Utah. They expected to reach Camp Scott in thirty-five days.

There were 163 additions to the Rev. Henry W. Beecher's Church on Sunday of last week.