

SLAVE EXEMPTION.

A few weeks since we expressed our views in regard to the bill proposed in various quarters to exempt certain number of slaves—some the minimum and some the maximum—from sale under execution for debt.

The Alpha and Omega, the Genesis and Revelation of the slave expropriators, are comprised in the foregoing proposition.

We took the ground that the argument was fallacious, and the policy proposed calculated to produce exactly opposite results to those contemplated by its authors.

It is a singular fact, that the bill, as it stands, would exempt from sale under execution for debt, a large amount of property belonging to the first class; nothing more.

On this subject, the Republican, of the 8th June, an individual Mississippi paper—contains a very excellent article, extracts from which we take pleasure in publishing.

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FUTILITY OF LAWS AGAINST POPULAR SENTIMENT.

There are people in this world who learn something from their teachings (experience); but the number is lamentably small when compared with those who do not.

The Legislature of this State has, from time to time, enacted many wise and wholesome statutes, but most of that which is wise and wholesome has been completely nullified by the feelings, non-sensitibility, impracticable and contradictory laws, until it keeps our most experienced lawyers at hard study all the time to ascertain what the law really is.

There are other laws, organic and statutory, which are violated whenever circumstances call for their violation; and they are incompetent to their own violation, owing to the fact that public sentiment is so powerfully in favor of the violators and against the law.

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WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4, 1857. The annual Legislature of the Christmas season are over, and tomorrow business will be resumed in both the House and Senate.

As soon as Congress gets fully underway, the most important subject that will occupy its attention is the Pacific Railroad.

A railroad through a cold, bleak, inhospitable region, where deep snow is on the ground for six months in the year, would not only cost millions of money, but would be a failure as a speculation.

Not only that, but the failure as a speculation. The bill of the country has been so long in the making, that it is now a mere shadow of its former self.

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Dramatic and Literary Items.

BOSS—Miss Elsworth and Mr. Anderson were to close at the National on the 23d inst. Anderson's drama of "Clay and Son" had been received with much favor.

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A Swedish Tale.

In Palen, a mining town in Sweden, a hundred years ago, a young miner named Erik, who had been in the habit of visiting his father's grave, one day found it empty.

He was very much surprised, and he went to the church to see if he could find any trace of his father's grave. He found it empty, and he was very much surprised.

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A Good One.

Conny court was sitting, as usual, on the 11th inst. A man named John, who had been in the habit of visiting his father's grave, one day found it empty.

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