

Local and News Items.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 15, 1858.

The last issue of the Free Press makes our word true, when we said last week to our Republican friends, "Beware of the LIES of your enemy." The person who wrote the article on "County Affairs," did know that he was writing a lie. A person has only to read it, to know it.

We say again, Republicans beware of the falsehood of your enemy, who is the enemy of Freedom and of Free Principles.

Acknowledgment.
The lady who sent us the fine sample of "popped corn" receives our hearty thanks. While we were pampering our gustatory organs with the delicious morsels, a wish came involuntarily into our mind, that we might be served with sufficient courage to "pop" the all-important question to some one of the many fair ladies of our village.

Call at W. R. HAWKINS, if you want to buy goods cheap, who has just received a new stock direct from New York and is selling for "ready pay."

The Issue—Plainly Stated.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY hold that the Constitution of the United States does not recognize property in slaves; that slavery is strictly a local institution; that the Territories are the property of the United States; that Congress possesses full legislative power over the Territories, and that it is the right and duty of Congress to prohibit slavery therein.

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRACY stand by the Dred Scott decision which asserts that the Constitution recognizes slaves as property; that the Territories are held for the common use of the people of all the States; that neither Congress nor any other tribunal acting under the authority of the United States, has any right to deny that protection to slave property in the Territories which it allows every other species of property; consequently any legislation unfriendly to the free enjoyment of this right of property in slaves would be in conflict with the Constitution.

If we have misstated the position of parties on the Slavery question, we ask "Democratic" organs of this city to set us right. If they concede the slave to be a fair citizen, we ask them to place the above paragraphs in their paper, and keep them standing until after the election.—We will do the same. Let us present the matter plainly before the people, that there may be no skulking away from or misrepresenting them. —(G. H. Eagle.)

Fact for Voters to Remember.

REMEMBER that John J. Adams, the Dred Scott, Leocompton candidate for Auditor General, was a State officer at the time the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad bonds were compromised, and that he was one of the agents through whom the State lost over THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, in a single transaction.

REMEMBER that Gen. B. Cooper, the Dred Scott, Leocompton candidate for Congress in this District, was also a State officer when the claim of the State against the Road was RELINQUISHED FOR "FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS in cash," and seventeen thousand in something else.

REMEMBER that the Leocompton State officers received SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS of Government Stock Bank bills, by which the people were defrauded out of that amount.

REMEMBER that the Leocompton paid a fraudulent claim of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, to the Phenix Bank.

REMEMBER that the Leocompton paid on the same year as the above, and mostly in the same month, other fraudulent claims amounting to THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

REMEMBER that they permitted interest on over \$900,000 of the State debt they had created, to remain unpaid until it had more than doubled, while they kept the money in the Treasury FOR THEIR OWN PRIVATE USE, paying to the State in seven years for interest on the surplus, less than sixteen hundred dollars.

REMEMBER that they lost to the School Fund by a fraudulent sale of a single section of mineral school lands, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

REMEMBER that Chas. E. Stuart, the Dred Scott, Leocompton candidate Governor, has promised that, if elected, he will restore THE SAME STATE OF THINGS as that under which THESE STUPENDOUS FRAUDS were committed.

REMEMBER finally, that the Dred Scott Leocompton Democracy of Michigan, are committed to this fraudulent, blighting policy, and are doing all in their power to fasten it once more upon the State, by electing Chas. E. Stuart and his Pro-Slavery colleagues to office.—Det. Adv.

The Gold Pen and Super-Royal Question.

The Treasury enters, in their despair to regain access to the Treasury, have charged the Republican party with extravagance in the purchase of pens and super-royal paper. The accounts for these items under Democratic and Republican rule, compare as follows:

1854—Democratic, \$5,679 18
1857—Republican, 4,177 91
In favor of Republicans, 1,502 27
The same quality of super-royal paper audited to the Democrats in 1854 at twenty-eight dollars per ream; the Republicans procured for twenty-six dollars.—This is only another proof of the frugality of the Republican administration.

The Detroit Tribune in speaking of Union and split tickets makes the following opposite remarks:

Did any Republican ever hear of the Democratic party when in a majority, proposing Union tickets? We think not.—Certainly we never heard of such a thing. Democracy is one thing and Republicanism is another. Their aims are opposite, and a union between the two only weakens the party efficiency of each, without contributing to the success of the principles of either. It we are going to build up a Republican party let us do it—not by dissipation, but by consolidating our strength. If we are going to build up a Union party let us do that—commencing by placing our influential majority at the mercy of the Democrats.

We do not write these remarks in any spirit of simple party drill, for we despise a man whose vision is so circumscribed that he can see nothing beyond the blind machinery of party, and who will cling to party traditions when principles are abandoned. But we write them with a conviction that if the Republican party of Michigan does not awake to a sense of its danger from internal dissensions, and rebuke that lawless spirit which scorns the decisions of its regularly organized party tribunals, plots against its candidates and fosters outside movements, calculated to retard its efficiency, they will find only too late that a big majority is a great curse, and instead of being an element of strength, it is an apology for all sorts of office-seeking excesses and a presage of defeat. First a county will be won from us, carrying patronage and local power to the enemy, then a Senator or Representative, then a judicial circuit, and finally the State. We want more unselfishness in pressing the claims of office, and a more patient submission to defeat, when it is inevitable that some one must be defeated, and a solid appreciation of the Republican party in its entirety paramount over all its incidents.

More Glaring Frauds—Over \$97,000 Taken from the Educational Fund.

Almost every mail from Lansing brings us intelligence of new and glaring frauds committed upon the people by the Leocompton when in power. Last week it brought us news of discovery that they had defrauded the university fund out of \$25,000.00, and this week, as will be seen by an article from the Lansing Republican in another column, we have the discovery of a fraud which throws this robbery, alarming as it is, quite in the shade. It gives us the startling fact, that in addition to this extensive grab upon the University Fund, it has just been discovered that the Leocompton have robbed the COMMON SCHOOL FUND of the State, of the enormous sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SEVEN CENTS! The items which make up this sum, will be found specified in the article from the Republican. Will our readers examine them carefully, ponder upon them, and then act.

Add to the sum taken from the University Fund, the gross amount of the frauds which have been discovered to have been perpetrated upon the Educational Fund of the State, is NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY EIGHT CENTS. How much more remains undiscovered, it remains for time and the Republicans to reveal. The aggregate would undoubtedly amount to several hundred thousand dollars, which have been taken from a fund sacredly set apart for educating the people of the State. Indeed we know that they cheated the Common School Fund out of not less than \$250,000, in the fraudulent sale of a section of School Land, containing valuable copper mines, only one small advertisement having been published in an obscure corner of the Lansing Journal. What are we to expect next?

Financial.

Reader, do you know how much State tax you pay? Do you know the per centage on the valuation of your property?—You have heard it charged that the Republicans have bankrupted the State and are impoverishing you by exorbitant taxation. How much is it? Just 48. 100ths of a mill, or nearly half a mill on the dollar. If your property is valued at one hundred dollars, you pay nearly five cents, if you are valued at one thousand dollars your tax is forty-eight cents. Can you name any State where the State tax is so light? In New York, the State tax is one and a half mill on the dollar—in Ohio it is three and a half mills on the dollar—in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, the State tax is more than six times as much as it is in Michigan.

Now let us ask you how much you pay to support the general Government and the Administration of James Buchanan? Their own estimates of the expenses of the general Government the fiscal year, is \$104,000,000—or about five dollars each, to every white person in the United States—and while the State tax is only ten cents to the person, the tax on Sugar alone the last year was \$12,000,000 or fifty cents each person, for the benefit of the Sugar growers of Louisiana.

Will not the tax payers reflect on these things and ask themselves the question, which imposes the greatest burden, the Republican State Administration, or the Democratic National Administration?

Eleven Democrats of Loais County have published an address denouncing the heresies of modern pro-slaveryism and announcing their intention to support the Republican as the true Democratic party. Their names are: R. D. Hudson, M. H. Allen, Geo. W. Fish, D. W. Lincoln, E. Trowbridge, James Dakin, J. Woodruff, S. S. Gago, H. Weeks, A. Reynolds and Joseph tower. Sensible, reading men are renouncing the Democratic party everywhere. Only the ignorant and wilful persist in sticking to the miserable humbug of modern Democracy.

Keep it Before the People.

That Charles E. Stuart, the Democratic nominee for Governor, defended the acts and insisted that the inhuman and tyrannical laws, made by the Kansas Legislature, elected by the Border Ruffian invaders should be forced upon the people. That Charles E. Stuart endorses the infamous Dred Scott Decision, which lays down the doctrine, that the Constitution carries slavery into the Territories, and that it cannot be excluded therefrom by any action of the people, while in a Territorial condition.

That the Democracy of Michigan endorse the soundness and validity of the shipmaster currency issued by Secretary Cobb.

That they believe that a negro has no rights which a white man is bound to respect.

That Charles E. Stuart voted against a committee to investigate the Kansas frauds in 1856.

That the Democracy of Michigan endorse Charles E. Stuart in voting for the infamous Toombs Bill.

That the Democracy of Michigan admire the pig and puppyism of Charles E. Stuart, who, having ignored his Anti-Leocompton career of last winter, now endorses in FULL the Administration of James Buchanan.

That the Democracy of Michigan endorse the "prudent and economical course" of James Buchanan, in making enormous government loans, without making the least provision for their redemption.

That Charles E. Stuart introduced a Bill into the U. S. Senate for the building of a Slave Pen on the Free Soil of this State.

That the Democracy of Michigan heartily and sincerely desire, that our great public works—the Agricultural College, the House of Correction, the Insane Asylum, the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, the Penitentiary—shall be suspended, because forsooth it requires money to carry them on.

Facts for Mechanics and Laborers.

Almost every branch of industry in this city, is at a dead lock, or is painfully depressed. Many manufactories have been compelled to suspend operation, and all have greatly diminished the numbers of hands they formerly employed. The consequence, is that hundreds and hundreds of laboring men are out of employment, and hundreds of others are working on short pay. Why is this? It is because the leaders of the Democratic party have arrayed themselves against all protection to American industry, and have adopted a policy which encourages British manufacturers, while it breaks down and crushes out our own. The national administration sent to Scotland for Iron Pipes that could have been made better and quicker at home. If the policy of encouraging our Iron and other domestic manufactures had been pursued, every Iron manufactory in Detroit would be in successful operation, and from two to three thousand men, now out of work, would here find employment at good wages, and all kinds of business would have been active and prosperous. The late financial crash was caused by the millions upon millions of dollars annually sent to England for articles that can be made at home. Will laborers—we mean by the term, all who work for a living—think of these things, and apply the remedy, as their brethren did in Pennsylvania?—Det. Adv.

It is now stated, with no little confidence, that General Walker, the celebrated filibuster, is on his way to Nicaragua, at the head of several hundred men. Arms and ammunition have already gone forward, and the force is to land from the Pacific side. Rumors of a similar character have been in circulation for some time, but they attracted little or no attention. They have now, however, assumed a tangible form, the government waving been duly apprised of the movement. The result it is impossible to imagine. The last expedition of Walker has a signal failure, for he was arrested and sent back before he was fairly in operation. But he succeeded in escaping conviction in New Orleans, and appears to be determined to try his fortune once more. Whatever may be the thought of this adventurer in other respects, he possesses indomitable energy, and it is to be regretted that his talents are not devoted to a more praiseworthy, or at least a more practicable, cause.

MR. EDITOR.—The Liber change for November, will be on 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, if there is any. Shipwrecks it will happen on some of those days, more than probable 17 18 will be the heaviest weather, or the rest of the time will be safe.

W. W. RRAN.

Don't Split your Ticket.

Republicans don't split your ticket!—Vote a clean, unspotted ballot. Don't allow yourself to be influenced to vote for any Candidate on the opposition ticket, from sympathy, or any other cause.—VOTE A CLEAN REPUBLICAN TICKET.

CONJUGAL AFFECTION.—A woman went in to an apothecary's shop the other day, with two prescriptions, one for her husband and the other for her cow. She inquired what was the price of them, and the apothecary replied it was so much for the man and so much for the cow. The woman, finding that she had not money enough, reflected for a moment, and said, "Give me, at all events, the medicine for the cow; I can send for my husband's tomorrow."

Local politics run high in the western country. A candidate for county clerk in Texas offered to register marriages for nothing. His opponent, undismayed, promised to do the same and throw in a card.

A. Sherman & Co's Column.

\$30,000

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FALL & WINTER GOODS

Now Opening at the Old Stand of

A. SHERMAN & CO.

The credit System abolished. No more "trust" after the 1st day of October, 1858, but

Cash or Ready Pay

We will sell Goods from

FIFTEEN TO TWENTY PER CENT.

Lower than now are, or ever have been sold in Van Buren County. Now is the time to make your purchases. We are enabled to offer the most splendid, desirable and reasonable assortment of

DRY GOODS,

Ready Made Clothing,

HATS & CAPS,

BOOTS AND SHOES,

YANKEE NOTIONS,

AND GROCERIES,

That have ever been offered in Western Michigan.

SHAWLS, SILKS, SATINS, RIBBONS, GLOVES, COLLARS, HOSIERY, BELTAINES, PARAMETTAS, MERINOS, COBURGS,

and every other style of Ladies Goods, which are fashionable, durable, and cheap, will be found in Sherman & Co's New and Mammoth

STOCK OF MERCHANDISE.

OUR GOODS

FOR CASH

AND

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To Farmers, Professional Men, and the Ladies, particularly we say, examine our

NEW STOCK AND SEE

The cheapest and most desirable assortment of Merchandise ever exhibited in Paw Paw.

THERE IS ALSO A

TAILORING

Our Goods are just bought in New York, Hartford, and other cities of the East, under the present financial pressure, and will be sold at prices unsurpassed by any establishment in the State. We are "in earnest" and mean what we say, when we reiterate that we shall sell goods at from 15 to 20 per cent. lower than have ever before been purchased in Paw Paw. We do not talk for effect, or attempt to "gas," or use "soft solder," but to present an uncolored statement of facts, as you will be convinced by calling at our counter and pricing for yourselves. We have connected with our Store a

S. Holmes & Co's Column.

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CHEAP STORE,

Where you will find a fresh arrival of

NEW GOODS,

Just received direct from the Importers and Manufacturers in the Eastern Cities.

AN IMMENSE STOCK OF

FALL & WINTER GOODS

NEW AND FRESH,

Are now offered to the people of Van Buren Co., from which they can make their selections.

PILES OF

DRY GOODS

Of every kind, which embody all the elements of

FANCY, TASTE, FINISH, BEAUTY, STYLE, DURABILITY, AND CHEAPNESS.

*Meet the eye on every side, at

S. HOLMES & CO'S GREAT

FURNISHING BAZAAR

A new era marks the progress of trade. The old Credit System yields its ramparts, and

"Ready Pay"

Young and vigorous, sweeps the board. We offer

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Sellick & Foot's Column.

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BUY GOODS!

Hard Times Made Easy

BY CALLING AT THE

"LONG BRICK STORE"

WHERE

SELICK & FOOTE

Are now daily receiving their Fall Stock of

MERCHANDISE,

Comprising everything in the

Ready-Made Clothing,

BOOTS & SHOES,

AND GROCERY LINE.

Which for Extent, Variety and Cheapness combined, surpasses everything hitherto brought to the village of Paw Paw. The public are invited to call and avail themselves of some of the most

DECIDED BARGAINS

Ever heard of in Western Michigan. To the people abroad, as well as to those in our immediate vicinity, we would say that we are now prepared to offer inducements to buyers of Dry Goods and Groceries,

NEVER BEFORE

Presented by any tradesmen in this section of country. The Ready-Pay System of doing business, which has for many years characterized this establishment, will still be indubitably observed, and we feel confident that this system will meet the views of all intelligent people. In addition to the above

WE ARE NOW RECEIVING

A large quantity of

Salt, price 82 25 per Bbl
20 Hbl's Sugar, prime article, at 9 cts. " lb.
30 Hbl's Sugar House Syrup, only 4 cts. " gal.
200 " Water and Stone Lime.
15 " Purester Vinegar.
Lined and Sperm Oil, Glass, Sash, and Stone Ware; also, a new lot of that celebrated

TEA, TEA,

actually worth 75 cts., which we sell at 80 cts.—And, in fact, we have in store and are receiving every description of Goods, which

WILL BE MARKED VERY LOW

TO INSURE A

Speedy Sale.

SELICK & FOOTE, (Successors to E. SMITH & CO.) Paw Paw, August 3, 1858.

LARD, BUTTER and FLOUR for sale by S. & F.

PORK and WHITE FISH—S. & F.
20 CORN of seasoned WOOD, wanted at 25 cts. Merchants Office.