

The Feliciana Democrat.

From the Washington Union. INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OF KANSAS.

We give below a sketch of the proceedings of the late democratic convention held at LeCompton, Kansas, as furnished by a correspondent of the St. Louis Republican. While northern and southern sectionalists unite in their denunciations of Governor Walker in terms of unmeasured abuse, and are leaving no opportunity unembraced and no means unemployed to mould the institutions of Kansas, not according to the wishes of the people of the Territory, but in accordance with their own selfish views and prejudices, it is indeed a source of the deepest gratification to know that the great principle of popular sovereignty is at last to be vindicated and maintained in spite of the studied screams of fanaticism or the more courtly opposition of the undisciplined enemies of the Union and the constitution.

It is clear to our mind that the convention which met at LeCompton on the 3d instant fully and fairly represented the views and wishes of the whole national democratic party of Kansas. Discarding all sectionalism, democrats from slave States and democrats from free States met upon the broad and patriotic platform of nationality. Consulting their own ideas of interest and happiness, individual and collective, and uninfluenced by outside clamor and dictation, they have resolved to support a line of policy which they believe will allay excitement, remove irritation, satisfy the demands of justice, and cure to the common benefit of all. With only one dissenting voice they approve of submitting the constitution about to be framed to the vote of the people; and, as will be seen, they approve the course pursued by Governor Walker with an enthusiasm and a hearty unanimity which leaves no doubt as to the real position which he occupies in the confidence and affections of the people of the Territory.

On two points the correspondent of the St. Louis Republican is quite emphatic. The pro-slavery men of Kansas and Missouri heartily approve of the course pursued by Governor Walker. If the pro-slavery democrats of Kansas are satisfied with the governor, and if the people of a State which is more immediately interested in his acts than any other in the Union is satisfied with him, it will occur to any reasonable mind that our southern friends of the extreme school have no immediate, or even remote, cause for interference or alarm.

[Correspondent of the St. Louis Republican.]

LECOMPTON, July 3. The regular national democratic convention representing the several counties of this Territory, and regularly called by the central committee, assembled at LeCompton, the seat of government, this day.

It was largely attended, there being absent but thirteen out of sixty representative votes. They passed resolutions excluding all sectional distinctions, adopting the Cincinnati platform, and assuming the name of the national democracy of Kansas, embracing all democrats, whether from the North or the South. They passed resolutions, by a unanimous vote, pledging their support and co-operation to Gov. Walker, amid enthusiastic cheers, and nominated Gov. Ransom as their candidate for delegate to Congress.

A resolution was presented pledging support to the State constitution to be adopted, even if that instrument shall not be submitted to the people for ratification. After considerable discussion this resolution was rejected with but one dissenting vote, and the result was announced amid loud cheers.

This convention was composed of a large majority of pro-slavery men, but the whole democratic party of Kansas, whether pro-slavery or free State, will sustain the inaugural address of Gov. Walker, and the submission of the constitution to the vote of the people. Under these resolutions Gov. Ransom will be elected, and the democrats will carry the territorial legislature.

The constitution to be framed in September next, it is now certain, will be submitted to the whole people, and will be ratified by a large majority. I cannot, of course, now speak with certainty, but the prevailing opinion is that they will adopt a constitution securing the right to the slaves now in the territory, numbering about two hundred; the execution of the fugitive-slave law, and the appeal in constitutional questions to the Supreme Court of the United States; and that, at the same time the constitution is submitted, they will also submit a clause for the vote of the people, prohibiting or authorizing the introduction of slaves in future. It is conceded on all hands that a large majority of the people will vote to prohibit the future introduction of slaves into this territory. They have also endorsed Gov. Walker's Indian and land policy, and will insert it in an ordinance accompanying the constitution.

It is probable, also, that they will insist on the introduction of the Southwestern Indian Territory as a State, and probably secure the extension of their northern boundary to the Platte river, with the consent of Congress.

The complete success of Governor Walker's policy, through the hearty co-operation of the whole democratic party of Kansas, whether pro-slavery or free-State democrats, is now certain.

Just before the convention closed, and after all the resolutions had been adopted, a committee was appointed to wait on Governor Walker and request him to address the convention, which he did amid the most uproarious cheers—three times three and a tiger.

Henceforth you may consider the Kansas

difficultly as settled on the platform of Governor Walker, sustained by the whole democracy of Kansas, with scarcely a dissenting voice, and by the whole democracy of Missouri; which State fully understands the question, has fully endorsed Gov. Walker's plans, knows that they are the only plans that are practicable, and that, except for the course pursued by him, civil war would now be raging in Kansas; that the free-State democracy would be separated from the pro-slavery democracy, and that Kansas would be brought into the Union as an out-and-out abolition State.

Governor Ransom fully agrees in the whole policy of Governor Walker's address

TRUE HEARTS.

Give me true hearts—give me fond eyes, Where pure affection's sparkle lies, Where truth shines like the moonlit skies, Alive with burning stars; Give me a heart with honest beat, Where love's glad waves rejoicing meet, And kindly thoughts like angels greet, A heart no envy mars; That throws its gleam across the face, With cheerful and seraphic grace, That lightens up the darkest place, And smooths life's rugged jars.

Give me true hearts, that like the sun, Enliven all they shine upon, And lips from which soft phrases run, Like summer's warbling streams, Look up sad heart—see! earth how fair, Though round the coils that snake Despair, Behold! God has thee in his care, Then nurse joy's happy beam! The blossoms burst their shackles now, And dance like elms on each bough, The birds sing in days golden glow, Then hope, heart—hope and dream!

From the Southern Cultivator.

EDUCATION IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

In an able and interesting report made by the President of the Virginia State Agricultural Society, Philip St. George Cooke, Esq., we find the following earnest appeal in behalf of popular education. "It is a very remarkable fact that amongst all the numerous and varied pursuits of man, the very one of those pursuits which has the most intimate, the most extended, and often the most recedite connection with all the laws of physical nature, with all science, with all art, in short, with the whole range of knowledge—a pursuit, too, upon which depends the subsistence and the very existence of the human species—upon which is based the well being, the happiness, the progress and prosperity of individuals, of states, and of nations. It is remarkable, I say, that the pursuit of agriculture should be the last and the best to be benefited and advanced by all the vast progress that has been made in other departments of skill, knowledge, and industry. And why is this? First, the science and art of agriculture having their infinite connections, near and remote, with all knowledge, the general subject is more difficult to be understood, and fully known as it is one of the most extensive and recedite that can engage the human mind; and, in the next place, because throughout all history, and in every country, the very men who are most interested and engaged in agriculture, have been precisely those who have been least cultivated and improved by means of scholastic exercises and education suited to their pursuits."

The last remark above quoted hits the nail square on the head. It is no reproach to farmers to lack mental culture, when they had no fair opportunity to attend school so as to acquire a good education. This fact, however, is no good reason why they should not vote for giving all coming generations a better chance to improve the noble faculties of our common nature than they enjoyed. Without some material increase of knowledge, our future progress must be in desolating the land we cultivate, not in making it more fruitful. But hear Mr. Cooke: "In our southern states, the entire class of proprietors or cultivators of small landed estates, the managers or overseers having in a great measure the more immediate supervision and control of the landed estates of wealthy proprietors, are universally and utterly ignorant of every principle of physical or natural science. "And it is reasonable to believe that the loss to southern agriculture, each year, in consequence of this lamentable state of ignorance, if such loss could be prevented, and could the amount so saved for a single year be appropriated and applied to educational purposes, that it would itself be sufficient richly to endow as many agricultural schools and colleges as are required by our southern states. When we contemplate the vast amount of ignorance, the total want of education existing amongst the mass of the agricultural population of our state, we shall be at no loss to conjecture that the pecuniary loss to Virginia from this cause is immense indeed."

The writer of the above proposes to add three Agricultural professorships to the University of the State; which would be a valuable addition to its educational force, although, in our humble opinion, to teach the profession of agriculture properly, it should be divided among not less than six professors, or the least number employed to teach the profession of medicine in colleges. Some of the Agricultural Schools in Europe have thirteen professors; but six in this country would do the work, if duly qualified, in a worthy and effective manner. Public opinion is growing up to demand the advantages which schools devoted to the elevation of tillage and husbandry as an enlightened calling may readily afford and place within the means of all. Every friend of improvement in agriculture and in those with whom it is a

profession, should speak out on the question. If the president of every agricultural society would take the high ground occupied by the President of the Virginia Society, he would be every where sustained by the agricultural press and our country would soon be in advance of all other nations in both the science and the honors that legitimately appertain to this the greatest interest of mankind. It has something substantial to build upon; something most enduring to uphold the wisdom and virtue devoted to the supply of its manifold wants. Its friends should have faith, and work accordingly. We have often wished that we had an agricultural society to do what we once hoped that the United States Agricultural Society would achieve. The writer labored more than a year to get that institution organized at the seat of the Federal Government. Our object was not shows of fat oxen or babies, but to reach hundreds of thousands and millions by cheap publications, and thus create that popular kind of sentiment which supports every well considered effort to increase our agricultural knowledge. To make the human family think, and think to the consummation of a good purpose, they need not a little plain talking in order to set their best thoughts in motion. We know from personal experience that there is a marked affinity between mental rust and rusticity. A little more scrubbing and rubbing of the intellect is needful on many a plantation to keep it bright. We find an agricultural library valuable for its daily conversation, its cheap and pleasant instruction, and the interest it awakens in even the dullest routine of the isolated farmer's life. As social companions, books conceived by the best minds the world has ever produced, are alike above all praise and all price. It would be an improvement of our home philosophy if it made us think a little more of the soul and less of the body, and not dower and peril the former, while we push the latter recklessly into an untimely grave. L.

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SILVER WARE—Just received, a supply of forks, spoons, butter knives; &c., for sale by march 15 NAUMAN & STRAUSS

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Particular attention will be paid to the furnishing Balls, Dinners, Weddings, &c., with cakes, candies, sweetmeats, fruits, wines, cordials, and such other articles as may be wanted for such occasions.

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