

care of these poor fellows, who were all decently clad and supplied with blankets and are now occupying comfortable habitations at the expense of the English until they can be sent away to some other colonies—as, were they sent back to the coast, they would at once be resold.

The "Establishment for Liberated Africans" was formerly kept up here on a large scale, having been founded some eight or ten years since, and generally having under its care some one or two thousand negroes, who have been brought up here in some three hundred captured slaves, and of whom three thousand sleep their last sleep in one of the valleys. It was broken up a few years since; but hereafter all vessels taken with slaves, will be brought here. The court for adjudication will sit in due course of time—when condemnation of the vessel must ensue—and by the English, will be sold at auction, with the express stipulation that she shall be broken up—a stipulation that to me appears like a wanton destruction of property, as it will never tend in the slightest degree to check the traffic; and I have seen vessels almost new, and of much value, sold for a trifling and destroyed. The officers and crew, on the other hand who should be imprisoned or hung, are turned on shore without hindrance, to take passage to Rio de Janeiro, or elsewhere, and again plan their nefarious traffic.

We learn that about 15 or 20 slaves have recently been captured on the South Coast, some with their living freight, but most just prepared to receive them, and some with a large amount of specie on board. It is the officers of the men-of-war, that a check has been given to the traffic by the severe losses lately met with—but I fear not. Such losses only make more grasping the avarice that takes the very life-blood. The American Squadron on the Coast is too small for effective action, and they should be steamers, for all the work has been done under the American flag to its disgrace; but I learn that the present Commodore on the station has fresh instructions, giving greater encouragement and less restrictions than formerly, and consequently the "Cumberland" and "Da" are now on the South Coast, actively employed.

The Men that Democracy Demands.

We have seen a District Attorney turned out of office in New York simply because he would not support a dishonest swindler for Mayor. We have seen five or six Governors discharged from duty in Kansas because they would not sanction fraud and ruffianism. We are now getting the names of a whole army of office holders who are discharged from their places because they cannot second the injustice and tyranny of the President.

But, Mr. STANTON, in his New York speech, regales a case which shows, in a still stronger light, the character of the men which the exigencies of the Democracy now demand. In speaking of the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention he says:

"It was necessary for them to elect an additional or assistant clerk or secretary, and the name of a certain Mr. Hand was proposed. Some gentlemen rose and remarked that Mr. Hand was one of the clerks at the polls in Oxford; from which this immense return was made.

Another gentleman arose and proposed that he should be elected clerk by acclamation, and they actually did elect him by acclamation. [Applause and expression of indignation.] I was not present myself, but I had it from a gentleman who heard it with his own ears and saw it with his own eyes. He was elected by acclamation because it was suggested that he was one of the clerks at Oxford."

Here is a man elected Clerk of a grave Constitutional Convention by a unanimous vote of the "Democracy" on the simple ground that he had assisted in the most stupid and bare-faced forgery and fraud that the country had ever seen. This is "Democracy" in Kansas; but what we are now witnessing shows that, although the needs of the party may be greater in Kansas than elsewhere, the same law prevails all over the country. The Democratic party cannot maintain its present position without the aid of adroit scoundrels; and those who can be most useful to it in its work of despotism will stand the best chance of getting and retaining office.

M. S. RAILROAD.—We learn from New York that the unsecured creditors of the Michigan Southern Road are to a great extent accepting the proposition of the Company to pay such debts in the Bonds of the Company at 85 per cent. Under this process, and by the money furnished by the late negotiations, the road is rapidly being relieved from its embarrassments. The receipts for the first two weeks of February are \$30,105, against \$17,551, same time last year. A reference to the telegraphic reports of the Stock Market shows a gratifying advance, daily, in Michigan Southern stock. The N. Y. Herald says: "The annual meeting of the Company will be held at Adrian in April next; and there will be presented to the stockholders, by Mr. John J. Jarvis, the President, a very explicit account of the condition of the road."

—A bachelor geologist was boasting that every rock was as familiar to him as the alphabet. A lady who was present, declared that she knew of a rock of which he was wholly ignorant. You don't say—just name it, madam cried Caledon, quite self-possessed. I rock the cradle, sir, replied the lady.

A Congressman from Tennessee, a New England member of Congress from a section of country too poor to raise anything but calves and packasses. True said the New Englander, we do raise calves and packasses, but we don't send them to Congress, as your State does.

THE REGISTER.

LIGONIER, MARCH 4, 1858.

Confession and Execution of the great Malefactor.

In view of the demand for the whole account of McDougal's confession, trial by the Regulators, their further proceedings with him, together with his speech on the gallows, and account of his execution, we have concluded to embody the whole in pamphlet form, and issue it from this office this week.

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More Terror Stricken Down upon Out-Laws.

We have now to record a descent upon the foul nest of another land pirate's den. Messrs. SHERMAN and LAVERING, of this County, accompanied by the U. S. Marshal, and PAYNE as pilot, proceeded to a point near Lafayette, Ind., and there secured some twelve or fifteen of a gang of horse thieves, counterfeiting, robbers, &c.

In this, as in other instances, these arrests were made at the instance of PAYNE, who, in his previous course, had formed the acquaintance of members of this band. Time alone can tell the results that the information furnished by PAYNE will accomplish.

There has been a mutual self-protecting connection between these bands of out-laws, extending through, probably, one-half the States of this Union. One

of the gang having occasion to run off

property to a certain section of the country, he is furnished with the names of the persons and lodges in that section,

where it will be safe for him to stop.

Thus it has been that the band, living in this County, have become acquainted with the gentry of the same stripe in other sections.

When they have had occasion to visit other places, on their business, they have enjoyed the hospitality of such persons as those arrested at Lafayette, and are, in turn, tendered them in journeying through this section with their booty, the liberties of their homes.

The different bands keep up quite a trade and commerce, exchanging quite often stolen goods, horses, buggies, &c., &c.

Thus the goods or other property stolen here, are exchanged with some gang at a distance, so as not to have the property exposed near the place where it was stolen, and vice versa. Also,

should one be arrested, if his comrades at home could not, either on straw bail or other trick, figure him out, and the prisoner should be forced to trial, lo!

and behold, some gentry forsooth, would appear at the trial from a distance, and very clearly and distinctly swear an *alibi*. Thus, or in some other way, has these banded desperadoes furnished and fattened upon community.

Judges, Sheriffs, Prosecutors and probably Jurors, have, in some mysterious way, come in possession of these out-laws' money. Thus has community had these living vipers existing in their midst.

In very many places the preponderance was so great that good men seeing unmistakable indications of the bandit's proceedings, yet by the incendiary's torch were overruled and warned into the most perfect silence.

But times are now slightly changed in this and adjoining country. Credit in this, as in everything else, should be given to whom "credit is due," for the great work accomplished.

We trust that the foundations of this great iniquity are shaken beyond rebuilding, and that industry and enterprise may extend and flourish without molestation or fear of the bandit's grasp.

We shall continue to keep our readers informed of developments as, from time to time, they shall occur.

EDUCATIONAL NOTICE.

We call attention to the Educational Notice on our third page. We have this to say from our former acquaintance with Miss JONES, that any one attending her school, with an earnest desire to learn, cannot fail to be benefited. The last of our school-boy days were spent under Miss JONES' tutorage. Not setting ourselves up, however, as a model of Miss J's. scholarship, for our incompetency dates far back of her attempt to "brighten up our ideas," and learn them how to "shoot." But, boys and girls, if you wish from your hearts to learn, you may truly become model pupils under Miss J's. su- perintendence.

CHICAGO ELECTION.—The Republi-

cans have elected their Mayor by 1,300

Gregory McDougal.

HIS CONFESSION &c.

Further Particulars of his Execution.

GREGORY McDougal was brought before the Committee on the evening of the 25th of January, when he was informed, for the first time, of the doom that awaited him—that he was to be executed the next day at 12 o'clock. The gentleman whose duty it was to break to him this painful and unwelcome intelligence, addressed the prisoner in some very effecting and appropriate remarks, which seemed to effect him to such a degree that he appeared confused, and made some wandering remarks, such as, "Well, gentlemen, I am in your power, deal with me as you see fit—I have never been in Canada—I never had a brother there," &c., &c. He said he had committed many thefts, and commenced to relate them, but was told that perhaps he had better return to his room, where if he had anything to relate—any confessions to make, he would be waited upon by two or three persons who would commit to writing whatever he desired to communicate, to which he assented. He was then asked, if he would like to have a clergyman visit him in his room and confer with him on spiritual matters. He replied that he would, and desired to know if he could not have an opportunity of seeing his wife. He was told that his wife should be sent for immediately. He was then taken back to his room, and messengers dispatched at once for his wife and child, who arrived next morning at 7 o'clock.

After a short exhortation and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wolcott, he made the following

CONFESSION:

I was born in Wallaceburg, Kent Co., Canada, in 1831. My parents were respectable, and gave me a good opportunity for an education, but I did not improve it. My father was a professor of religion. I was married to Margaret Jacobs when I was 19 years of age. I have four brothers and one sister. My father died when I was 19, in Canada. He was engaged at the time of his death, in merchandizing, in Wallaceburg. His name was Laughlin McDougal. I was engaged at the time of my father's death in keeping tavern. I continued in this business about two years.

I commenced my career of crime about four or five years since. My brother Miles was at work on the Great Western Railroad, where he was arrested for robbing a house and stealing a horse, and confined in the Chatam jail. I went to the jail in company with John McGregor, John McDougal and James McDougal to release my brother. The jail was surrounded by a wall. McGregor, John and myself climb over the wall by the aid of a ladder. (James dared not venture.)

We took the ladder and stowed against the door, which was made of wood, and burst it in. We went into the Hall and so into the jailor's bedroom. We found no one there but the old man who appeared frightened, but he tapped her lightly on her head with his hand, and said "don't be frightened mother, I'll not hurt a hair of your head, I only want the keys of the prison." She immediately gave us three—one to each of us—and also went to the bed, and from under the pillow took a bag about fifteen inches in length and handed to us, which I took and put in my pocket.

There was something heavy in the bag but did not look to see what it was. I then went to the grate-doors and on the opposite side were the guards, who called out "run here boy's" upon hearing which my comrades turned and fled, but I went up to the door and told the guards to stand back or I would shoot them. I tried to unlock the door, but

found the key which I had did not fit, and that the boys had gone with the one which did. I then started to pass out, and the old lady followed me and demanded back her purse of gold. I stood a second or two, and then handed it back, and said, "here mother, take your gold, I do not want it."

The old lady's name was Payne. I then went out and joined my comrades, and travelled home on foot, a distance of twenty-six miles. The officers pursued us, and got to my house before we did, but we managed to keep out of their way. I then went to Chemung County, N. Y., where I fell in company with one Sherman Mallett, and with our wives came to Burr Oak, Michigan, and there met with Wm. Latta. Bought a place opposite, and stayed there several weeks repairing the place. Mallett hired a horse at a livery stable and drove to Port Mitchell, broke open a store, and stole a lot of silk goods and kid gloves.

he put in an overcoat and started for home, but lost a piece near the tamack, took the rest to Latta's.

About six weeks after Latta came and proposed to John McDougal, Sherman Mallett and myself, that he would furnish us with some counterfeit money, if we would get some goods. We went to Waterford in Elkhart County, and broke open a store and stole dry goods, to the amount of some \$300.

We took them to about three miles west of Lima and hid them in the woods. We sold a part to Latta, and a part to Jeremiah Misner for counterfeit money made at Perry Randolph's.

The Factory at Fawn River was broken open, I think by Charles Smith and a man called Red Head. The goods were taken to Wm. Hill's. I went in company with Mallett, Wm. Ray, and John McDougal to Detroit, and there passed about \$60 in paper on the Westminster bank, Rhode Island. I had some six or eight hundred dollars of this money.

I sold a part of it to Mallett's comrades in New York. Mallett and I hired a span of gray horses at Romeo, Michigan, and drove them to Chemung County N. Y., and sold them to Edward Howard, who lives about five miles from Havanna. We then exchanged some of our counterfeit for 20's on the Black River Bank and came back to Freedom, Mallett passed two 20's on the way home. I gave mine to Latta.

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My wife, then, for the first time, became acquainted with my true character. I went back to Wallaceburg, Canada, and stole a pair of horses from Raymond Baley, and rode them seventy miles east of London, and took them into the Pinery. I stopped with a man by the name of Carrington, and made shingles a few weeks; the horses being secreted, I finally made a sleigh, stole a set of harness and brought them to Carrington's. I started for Buffalo on Christmas, 1856, and put up at the Grankin House. I sold one of the horses to a merchant, and the other to Lyons at Black Rock. I then returned to Canada and hired a horse and cutter at Ingleside and came to Wallaceburg, and took my cousin with me. About six miles from Wallaceburg, we stole a pony from a stable; came to Tecumseh, Michigan, and there traded off the pony for another horse, and came to Freedom. Went to Perry Randolph's and left one horse there. Went to Bill Hill's and traded both horses for a sorrel mare. Bill knew they were stolen. I then started for Wallaceburg in company with my wife and cousin. We stole a pony below Detroit, and went about twelve miles when my cousin stole a sorrel mare. We sold the pony about ten miles from Port Dover. We took the other two horses to Buffalo, and sold them to Bill Hill's, and I sold mine to Kremer. Payne and I next went to Ontario and pulled some 4 or 500 pair of Buckskin Gloves, from McKinley; sold some to Bill Hill; some to Ulmert, and some to Joe and Bill Hall.

A man by the name of John Wilson stole Spencer's horses, and took them about 35 miles north of Cincinnati, and sold them to an old farmer, and then pulled apart brown horses, and brought them to Burnam's, and put them to my wagon, and I sold them to Dusky and drove them to Thomas Reed's in Chataqua, Co., N. Y. I took a mare and colt from Burnam's to Michigan, four miles east of Albion, on the Jackson road, and traded to Wm. Hill for a horse.

I traded a horse to E. W. —* He is with us. I gave him counterfeit money, and he told me he passed it. He was initiated before I saw him.

These men are the kind of men that are the cause of so many horses being stolen.

Also, —* I would not be afraid of his exposing me if he knew I had a stolen horse.

Stealing from the peddler at Rome—myself, Kessler, Hadley, Stout, Harsh, Gore and Snitzer hid the goods under a hay stack. Myself, Gore and Snitzer went to Springfield, and one our way back Gore went into a shoe shop and took two guns, one deer skin and an accordion. Gore, I think, took them north.

We then came to McKinzie's wagon and took the box out and hid it in the bushes. A few nights after I gave it to Forsyth to peddle out. Forsyth the magic man. On being questioned he stated that he robbed a man by the name of Alexander McCoy, of a watch, on the ice at Wallaceburg, soon after I tried to get my brother out of jail. I ran up behind him and pulled his watch, when he fell down on the ice, but not hurt; he came to my house next morning for a drink.

Upon being questioned in regard to a certain Scotchman, robbed in the western part of New York, he said:

Mallett and Wm. Roy went to his house, the man was setting smoking his pipe,

they asked him for a drink, he got them some water, when Roy knocked him down, he asked what he wanted. Roy

said they must have his money, he said he put it in the bank. They poured

out wheat and flour and raked it all

through in search of the money, after

which they put some live coals in a kettle and set him on it, but he still said it

was in the bank. They took an old watch and left. A man by the name of N. Jones pointed the place out to them

by writing them a letter to York State,

in Chemung Co. Jones lives near Georgetown in Canada.

DEKALB COUNTY.—Miles Payne,

and stole dry goods to the amount of \$200; also, a jeweller's store and took two or three hundred dollars worth of watches and jewelry. We took our jewels to Canada. We hired a horse and buggy of a man by the name of Fish, and drove it to Perry Randolph's and sold it to Woodford.

Next went to Pennsylvania and broke into a grocery and got about a hundred dollars worth of tea and tobacco. Mallett hired horses and buggy of Woodford and we went down to Ellicottville, where we got in company with a man by the name of Phipps, and we went some seven miles, to a man by the name of Ozen, and I held the horses while they went into the house. They hurt Ozen badly by striking him with a stick. They got twenty-four or twenty-five dollars.

Fort WAYNE.—Large luff ticket agent Ott Holcomb, Bill Jackson, keeper of the Mad Anthony Saloon, and Joel Cuttell, deals in counterfeit, Sam Gowers uses counterfeit and secretes horses, he gave me counterfeit money himself.

LAGRANGE.—Constable Louther deals in counterfeit and horses; James Pitts signs the bills, on Pretty Prairie; Ad. Nimmmons used to. Misner signs his own.

There is an old man that usually stops at Perry Randolph's—he cut their plates, or does their engraving. I think he is there now. John Goodrich secretes stolen horses, he secreted two for me at different times, he also deals in counterfeit, has asked me for it; Holsinger's horse was taken was taken by Hupt and sold to Wm. Hall, four miles from Albion, Michigan. Dan Wilson and Ben Wilson deal in counterfeit and secreted a couple of horses for Payne.

McDougal was at Burnam's in Dec. 1857. He saw Dr. Hogan and Hogan said that he had sold Burnam a Christ-