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Affairs in Kansas. -

EXCITEMENT AGAINST THE ABOLITIONISTS-

[From the Stringfellow Squatter Sovereign, Aug.7.] the desire of this meeting.

The most interesting coremony ever witOn motion of Mr. John Bennett, John The most interesting ceremony ever witnessed in this town was the whipping of a H. Blassingame and G. T. Challis were se-"live abolitionist," with the euphonious lected to complete this committee. On motion of Mr. Henry Addoms, copason for being a slaveholder. Mr. Thom-ason, on hearing of the matter, called on the gust eleventh, at which time the said comsaid Kelly, who gave him to understand mittee are to make their report. The above that he did not speak to men who owned resolution, having been adopted without a him out against the ground. A friend at. committee to obtain signatures. tempting to interfere was, by one blow from the powerful fist of Mr. Thomason, landed Kelly, reported that he was not to be found backwards "on the other side of Jordan."

A meeting of the citizens was called on the following morning, and a committee appointed to command Kelly to leave the the town of the article "tar," prevented the citizens from donning him a coat of tar and feather. If feathers. He left our town between two days; and should he ever come back, he

rope performance. Owing to the excitement caused by the meeting of the citizens of Atchison and vi- August. cinity was called to endorse the action of Mr. Grafton Thomason, who gave him one of the severest castigations ever inflicted on

Ten o'clock being the hour appointed for the meeting, a vast concourse of people as-

On motion of Robert S. Kelley, Dr. Dud lev McVay was called to the chair. On motion of Ira Norris, Robert S. Kel-

objects of the meeting. The speaker went death, over the actions of this abolition culprit, Sec. sentiments which were dangerous to be al- aid in importing, such documents, he shall lowed to be uttered in a slave State. He suffer death. also referred to the castigation administered to him by Mr. Thomason, of whom, as a for and unjust remarks.

sisting of Robert S. Kelley, Albert G. Smith fer death, or be imprisoned at hard labour and W. B. Brocket, were appointed by the for not less than ten years.

Chair to draft resolutions expressive of the Sec. 5. If any person shall assist in en-

reported the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

pose of abducting our slaves, and whereas, one J. W. B. Kelley, hailing from some infernal abolition den, has, both by words and slave to escape from the service of his masacts, proved himself a worthy representa-tive of such an association; and whereas, caping, he shall be imprisoned at hard laothers in the vicinity, whose idle habits and bor for not less than five years. apparent plenty of money induce us to be-lieve that they are hirelings of some such shall aid or harbor any escaped slave from infamous society, believe it due, not only to another State, such person shall be punished ourselves but the adjoining portion of Mis- in like manner as if such slave had escaped souri, to rid ourselves of so great an evil, from his master in this Territory.

and for the furtherance of this end do

Sec. 9. If any person shall resist any ofand for the furtherance of this end do

hailing from Cincinnati, having, upon sun-dry occasions, denounced our institutions slave, or aid such slave to escape from the and declared all pro-slavery men ruffians, we officer, the person so offending shall be im-deem it an act of kindness to rid bim of such prisoned at hard labor for not less than two company, and hereby command him to years. being informed of the passage of this reso-lution, never more to show himself in this shall, when required, refuse to aid or assist

Sec. 10. If any marshal, sherin, or con-stable, or the deputy of any such officer, and religious intolerance forever averted.

We adopt as a basis of organization leave the town of Atchison in one hour after wieinity.

this reasonable command, we inflict upon not less than \$100, or more than \$500.

this Aid Society, who are now in our midst lished, or circulated, or shall knowingly aid tampering with our slaves, are warned to or assist in bringing into, printing, publish,

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NO. 25.

said J. W. B. Kelly, whose presence among us is a libel upon our good standing and a

disgrace to the community.
Resolved 5th, That we have commence Reasonable deductions to those who advertise by the year.

three insertions, \$5,00. the good work of purging our town of all resident abolitionists, and after cleansing our towns of such nuisances, shall do the same for the settlers on Walnut and Independence creeks, whose propensities for cattle stealing are well known to many.

Resolved 6th, That the chairman apsaid Kelly, and acquaint him with the ac-

tion of this meeting.

Resolved 7th, That the proceedings of this meeting be published, that the world may know our determination.

On motion of R. S. Kelley, Esq., the chair appointed a committee of three, with Grafton Thomason, Esq., as chairman, in A FREE SOILER WHIPPED-MEETING IN compliance with the sixth resolution, to notify said J. W. B. Kelly, of Cincinnati, of

way from Cincinnati, Ohio, by Mr. Grafton ics of the resolutions above and the pro-Thomason, late of Clay county, Mo. Mr. ceedings of this meeting were ordered to be Thomason, a short time ago, lost a valuable made out, and a committee of three be renegro woman, who, it was thought, was in- quested to circulate them, with a view of obduced to drown herself by the thieving taining signatures, thereby showing who secondrel who is the subject of this article. Kelly, who was heard to express himself in tionists-all who refused to endorse the acthe matter, severely repronched Mr. Thom. tion of this meeting to be taken into connegroes. Mr. Thomason did not wait for dissenting voice, the chairman, in complia further expression from him, but seized ance with its provisions, appointed Ira Northe independent individual and nearly wore ris, John Bennett, and L. L. Boles, said

in the city or neighborhood, but acting un-der the belief that "discretion was the better part of valor," had left sometime during

Many matters were discussed in regard to will be forced to go through with a tight say that the foot of no abolitionist pollutes

The resolutions were then signed by sevactions of one J. W. B. Kelley, an arowed eral hundred persons who were on the abolitionist, and to some of his expressions, which were made publicly on our streets, and which nearly resulted in his death, a

chusetts, is now before the Legislature of Kansas :-

Section 1. Every person, bond or free, convicted of raising a rebellion of slaves, free negroes or mulatos, shall suffer death. ley was elected Secretary.

N. J. Ireland, Esq., being called upon, in an appropriate and explicit speech stated the overt act in furtherance thereof, shall suffer

Sec. 3. If any free person shall, by speakand referred to the many instances in which he has been heard to cast reproach upon the any slave to rebel, conspire against or murinstitution of slavery, and the uttering of der any citizen of Kansas, or shall import or

Sec. 4. If any person shall entice decov. or carry out of Kansas any slave belonging slaveholder, he had been making uncalled to another, with intent to deprive the owner thereof of the services of such slave, or pro-Ou motion, a committee of three, con- cure the freedom of such slave, he shall suf-

ticing, &c., as above, shall suffer death, or

Sec. 6. If any person shall entice or carry away out of any State or Territory of the Whereas, by recent occurrences it is now United States, any slave, and shall bring known there are among us agents of the such slave into this Territory, &c., he shall underground railroad, for the express pur- suffer death, or be imprisoned at hard labor

Resolve: Ist, That one J. W. B. Kelly, ficer while attempting to arrest any slave

Sec. 10. If any marshal, sheriff, or conin the arrests or capture of any slave that Resolved 2d, That in case he fails to obey may have escaped, such officers shall be fined

leave, else they, too, will meet the reward or circulating within this Territory, any —hemp.

Resolved 4th, That we approve and applied our fellow-townsman, Grafton Thomhe shall be punished by imprisonment at laceded to the Federal Union, known as the laceded to t

Sec. 12. If any free person, by speaking or by writing, assert or maintain that persons have not the right to hold slaves in the Territory, or shall introduce into Kansas, the said Federal Union; and that, or the print, publish, write, circulate, or cause to be introduced into the Territory, written, printed, publish, or circulated in this Territory, written, printed States of America; and that, in the exercise of the same sovereign will, it is her right, without let, hindrance, or molestation from any power whatsoever, to second from the said Federal Union; and that, or the said Federal Union; an tory, any book, paper, magazine, pamphlet, or circular, containing any denial of the rights of persons to hold slaves in this Territory, such persons shall be deemed guilty f felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term not less than two

Sec. 13. No person who is conscientious ly opposed to holding slaves * * * * shall sit as a juror on the trial of any prosecution of any violation of any of the sections of this act.

vears.

Act to be in force after September 15, 1855.

[From the N. Y. Herald.] State rights and Southern rights--Anti-know Nothing meeting in Charleston,

lately organized under the name of the American party. The hall was filled by the hour 8 P. M., and a few minutes thereafter the name of the the meeting was organized, on motion of Major W. McK. Parker, by the call of the Hon. W. D. Porter, one of the State Senators, to the chair.

The chairman briefly explained and commented on the objects and purposes of the call which had resulted in the meeting.

The address and resolutions were then read, as follows :-

When South Carolina, after a long period of political excitement, settled past differences, and, through a constitutionally organized convention, proclaimed to the world the principles which were held in common by her sons, and, in her sovereign capacity, de-fined her position in regard to the Federal least, she might be spared further agitation sister States of the South would know where the jurisdiction of Congress, incompatible to find her in time of need. We desire only with the safety, domestic tranquillity, the to find her in time of need. We desire only with the safety, domestic tranquillity, the to keep the ship of State fast at her mooringhts and honor of the slaveholding States,

ings. We did not seek progress, but simply to maintain steadfastly the position taken by the highest authority known to our institutions. South Carolina, we had hoped, would, in quiet dignity, "bide her time" for further action.

The Negro Law in Kansas.

The following bill, which is a very good natch for the Personal Liberty law of Massa-ing for themselves the name of the "American duction of slaves into the Territories of Utah and New Mexico; or any act repealing or materially modifying the laws in force for the recovery of fugitive slaves.

Order of Know Nothings, but lately assuming for themselves the name of the "American duction of slaves into the Territories of Utah and New Mexico; or any act repealing or materially modifying the laws in force for the recovery of fugitive slaves.

4. Resolved, That we sympathize with movements, having outstripped the numerous fanatical developments in the free States, has reached our State, and has introduced professions, it practically repudiates the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty, rejects the right of free discussion, denies the inestimable blessing of freedom of conscience, sacrifices personal independence, threatens the subversion of the rights of the States as sovereign members of this confederacy, and, in its assertion of the indisputable and rightful sway of the majority, annihilates the independence, safety, and welfare of the slaveholding States.

It then becomes, as we conceive, the imerative duty of all who regard the preservtion and faithful construction and enforce ment of the Constitution of these United States, as a high political duty, who are re-solved to maintain the rights of the States, sense of the meeting.

The committee, after retiring a few minutes, returned, and through the Chairman ten years.

ticing, &c., as above, shall suffer death, or be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than and particularly of the slaveholding States, and particularly of their sovereignty, and the political rights and privileges, as well of the people as of the States, as set forth in the onstitution of the Union, and in that of the State of South Carolina, to array themselves, not in secret, but openly; not bound together by oaths, but by the strong ties State which they belong; not by the order of any grand council, but in obedience to their own free and generous impulses; not subject to control, except such as the es-tablished laws of their country and their conscientious convictions of duty may suggest—in opposition to this combination now styling itself the "American party," in order that its course may be stayed; the manifold evils it has produced, and will produce, be abated; its unwholesome effect on the moral character of our State be removed, and the blighting curse of political proscription

We adopt as a basis of organization for

such a party of opposition, the following:

1. Resolved, That as citizens of the State of South Carolina, we recognize the ordithis reasonable command, we inner upon not less than \$100, or more than \$500.

The such punishment as the nature of the case and circumstances may require.

Resolved 3, That other emissaries of to be brought into, printed, written, publish, or circulate, or cause of the fundamental law of the body politic, equal in authority as a declaration of right, with the Constitution itself, and we proclaim, as a cardinal principle of the present

ason, for the castigation administered to the hard labor for not less than five years. United States of America; and that, in the

We consider the proceedings of said convention as having authoritively defined the position of South Carolina and her relation to the Federal Union. And in the opinion of this meeting, the obligation of the third degree, as set forth in the Constitution of the National Council of the United States of North America, known as the Order of Know Nothings, is a direct denunciation of the principles of this ordinance, and the position assumed in these proceedings, and the trumph of the Order in this State would ef-

feet a political revolution within her limits.

2. Resolved, That we protest against the proposition put forth by the Grand Council of the Order, in Philadelphia, that "the maintainance of the union of the States is the paramount political good"-a doctrine In accordance with the call, a meeting was held in Charleston, on the 15th inst of citizens in favor of State Rights and at the very foundation of the sovereignty of Southern Rights, and opposed to the party the States, and under every violation of the Constitution, however flagrant, and under every degree of oppression and injury, however destructive, demands of the States eternal and unresisting subjection to the contral power; and we disapprove as heretical in principle and eminently dangerous to the South, the idelatrous devotion to the Union of these States, so prominently and constantly inculcated by the constitution and ritual of the order, when contrasted with their silence as to the necessity of preserving unimpaired the rights of the States

respectively.

3. Resolved, That we hail with unfeigned satisfaction the recognition by the democratic parties of Georgia and Louisiana of the resolutions adopted by the people of Georgia, assembled in convention in 1851;

and, as we believe, South Carolina, too Union, we had hoped that, for a time at "will, and ought to resist, even (as a last resort) to a disruption of every tie which and party distraction. To the allegiance of her citizens we trusted for unformity of principles at home, and we felt assured that her District of Columbia, or in places subject to

> or any act suppressing the slave trade be-tween the slaveholding States, or any refusal to admit as a State any Territory hereafter applying, because of the existence of slavery therein; or any act prohibiting the intro-duction of slaves into the Territories of Utah

can party"—a party which, in the rapidity in their manly efforts to maintain their of its growth and success of its early moverights, and the rights and interests of the Southern people, and that we rejoice at their recent victories over the paid adventu rers and fanatical hordes of Northern aboli into it principles and practices, new, danger-ous, and distracting. Notwithstanding its ken by the people of Missouri in the settlement of Kansas, and the decision of the slavery question in it, is both natural and proper; and that it is their right and duty to extend to their Southern brethren in that

Territory every legitimate and honorable sympathy and support.
5. Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, the existence and progress of the organization known as the order of Know Nothirgs is opposed theoretically and practically to the principles which have hitherto characterized South Carolina as a State, and the Southern Rights party everywhere, and render a rally and reorganization of that party in South Carolina a matter of imperative duty with those who remain steadfast in

the faith. 6. Resolved, That this meeting disapproves utterly and entirely of the introduc tian of religious tests into the politics of the country, and believes such a connexion opposed to the Constitution of the United

States, and anti-American in spirit and pol-7. Resolved, That while we regard the which unite those who have enjoyed the facility with which foreigners of all kinds rich blessing of civil freedom and religious are admitted to the rights of citizenship, tolerations; not for the advancement of selfish purposes, but for the good of the communities in which they live, and of the legislative reform, we unhesitatingly and uncompromisingly reject, as a remedy, the formation of secret affiliated political asso ciations, possessed of powers so novel and despotic as those of the order of Know Nothings; and we utterly repudiate the indiscriminate condemation and unqualified exclusion from the privileges of citizenship of all foreigners whatsoever, which is the practical result of the triumph of the Order, as illiberal, unjust, unwise, and peculiarly

anti-American.

8. Resolved, That in addition to these stringent objections, we are opposed to the Know Nothing Order-

Because, by its secresy and mystery, its oaths and ritual, it is calculated to promote insincerity and duplicity, and to stifle the bold, open, manly conduct and conversation which characterize the man of honor and the freeman.

Because its tendency is to organize a band of spies in every community, to watch the conduct and catch the words of the unsuspecting, to be reported to their secret councils, and made the foundation of political

And because its practices strike at social

confidence, annd all that is dear and valua-

9. Resolved, That it is due to the fraternal harmony which hitherto has existed here, to the future yet certain perils which, as citizens of these slaveholding States, we must meet, and to resist which, successfully, there should exist unbroken unanimity, that we should, with the utmost earnestness, appeal to those who have been led into thi Order, to come out from it, and strip it of its power to do evil, and to all, of whatsoever political designation they may have been, to unite in opposition to an organization which, if successful, must prostrate the rights of individuals and States, and in the obedience it exacts to the will of a majori. ty, extinguishes the hopes and rights of a

minority.

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of one hun-dred, who shall be charged with the organ-

and Hon. James Simons.

Principles and Objects of the American Party of South Carolina, Adopted at a Meeting of the State Council,

held at Charleston, on the 14th August,

1. Resolved, That we ratify and accede to the principles of the American Order, promulgated by the National Council of the organization, held at Philadelphia in June ast, subject to the modifications herein contained. To this ratification we attach the following declarations:
1. That with reference to the organiza-

ion of the American party in the United States, the American Order of South Carolina is an independent body, whose self gov-ernment is supreme, and acknowledges no obligations and duties other than those imposed or adopted and ratified by its State Council, in due form of constitution, ritual, platform, or resolves.

2. That the primary and fundamental culiar domestic institutions, the South must look to principles and objects of the Order were herself. That no national party organization will and are—to the consummation of the end—that "Americans shall rule America;" the essential modification of the naturalization laws, with proper safeguards to preserve the adopted, and to subscribe and verify the same. purity of the elective franchise; that citizenship shall be constituted the basis condition of the privileges of office and suffrage; and, incidental to these, the restriction, by its influence through suffrage and in official appointments, of all politico-sec-tarian designs, and of all other than native civil influences. That the jurisdiction of the Order does not extend to and over the political or private opinions of individual long sought-for route for connecting the Atlantic members, or the political action of subordinate Councils, upon any other subjects, po- desideratum to the commercial world is certainly litical or religious. That any agreements the most grand and important enterprise of this pon the latter can only be binding to an "fast" age, and worthy the attention and consideraextent which good faith may impos

3. That the judicial power of the United States extends to all legal questions under their Constitution, treaties, and laws; but a depth of from six to ten fathoms, and from theace that the States, like other sovereign parties to a compact, are the final judges of the nature and extent of the federal compact, and that "each has an equal right to judge for itself, as well of its infraction, as of the mode and measure of redress."

4. That constitutional liberty is the supreme object of our republican system .-Subject to this principle, do we construe and accede to the third article of the Phila delphia platform, to wit :-

these United States as the paramount political good; or, to use the language of Washington, "the primary object of patriotic de-And hence-

 And hence—
 Oppositions to all attempts to weaken or subvert it. 2. Uncompromising antagonism to every

principle of policy that endangers it.
3. The advocacy of an equitable adjustment of all political differences which threaten its integrity or perpetuity.

4. The suppression of all tendencies to political division, founded on "geographical discrimination, or on the belief that there s a real difference of interests and views 5. The full recognition of the rights of

the several States, as expressed and reserved by the general government, of all interference with their rights by legislative or exe- Straits. cutive action. 5. That we hold no obligations into which

we have entered, and especially those which have relation to the Union, to be inconsistent with our allegiance to our State, with our duty under either the State or federal all saved. constitution, with the rights and powers "reserved to the States respectively or to the people," or with our rights as freemen make out her name. He stated that fourteen wha-under the latter to resist wrong and injury. lers have been lost this season. He could not, That those obligations have sole reference to a Constitutional Union, and we hold none other to be binding upon us, either as mem- It appears further that up to the 1st of July none bers of the American Order or as citizens.

2. Resolved, That the term "Catholic,"

1. Appears for her that up to the 1st of July none of the fleet had done anything in whaling.

All

and all semblance of a religious test, be stricken from the official records and obligations of the American Order of this State, and that all natives be eligible to the Order, and capable of its suffrage, who shall renounce all foreign, temporal and ecclesiastical jurisdiction and influence. 3. Resolved, That while we deprecate

Romish politico-secturian influence in America, we are inexorably opposed to any "law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," or any law which applies "a religious test." That

our opinions as men, however, approve only the principle of self-government in church as State, and we do not approve an ecclesiss-tical polity which has its source and author-ity in a foreign land and single potentate; and that we forbear to sustain those who,

from either political or sectarian motives, oppose our contemplated reforms.

4. Resolved, That we disapprove of the adoption of my law which shall affect or disturb the previous existing legal privileges conferred on naturalized citizens.

5. Resolved, That in view of mobocratic tendencies and radical doctrines and practices, we shall ever seek to maintain and conserve "law and order," in consonance with our American republican system.

6. Resolved, That we renounce and repudiate all connection with those Councils State and subordinate) or members in the non-slaveholding States, who have rejected the American platform of the National Council on the slavery issues, and hold that they no longer constitute a part of the Or-der or party which adopted it.

General Politics.

1. Resolved' That now, as formerly, we stand by and will maintain the well known State Rights republican principles of South Carolina, which have been declared in her official resolves; we approve the principles of free trade, and insist upon a reduction of the tariff, we oppose internal improvements by the federal government; we condemn the administration of President Pierce, for the appointment of foreigners to represent our country ization of a Southern Rights party, in opposition to the order of Know Nothings.

Letters were read from Hon. A. P. Butler, Hon. L. M. Keitt, Hon. P. S. Brooks, abroad, and for appointing and retaining free soiler, factions in the free States to secure federal dom-

ination and spoils.

2. Resolved, In the language of Gen. Quitman: That the institution of negro slavery is not only right and proper, but the natural and normal condition of the superior and inferior races, when in

That as the chief element of our country's prosperity, it constitutes a great interest which is entitled, like other great interests, to the fostering care and protection of the federal government, within the sphere of its powers,

That legislation or action, directly or indirectly nostile to this interest, is at war with our compact of union, and should be resisted by the States and the people affected by it at all hazards.

That the preservation of the institution of slavery in Cuba, which can only be effected by her independence and separation from the malign influence of European governments, is essential to the safety and preservation of our own system.

culiar dome-tic institutions, the South must look to fully protect us. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to superintend the publication of the pla

That upon all matters connected with our pe-

J. CUNNINGHAM, Churleston
J. S. RICHARDSON, Summittee
On
T.J. SISTRUNCK, St. George,
Collision

Inter-Oceanic Ship Canal -- We learn from a reliable source, says the Washington Star, that some enterprising citizens of the United States and New Granada have discovered and explored the and Pacific oceans of a ship canal. This great tion of every civilized people and government.

The plan, as we understand it, is to go up the Atrato river some fifty miles from its mouth, with to the Pacific-a distance of some sixty miles more -without a single lock or other obstruction in the contemplated canal.

A liberal grant has been made by the govern ment of New Granada to the persons engaged in this grand undertaking; and the whole route, from one ocean to the other, has been accurately surveyed, and the facts developed are beyond doubt or question, so far as the feasibility of the work is

concerned. Nothing of which we are advised can equal the importance of this project, and the facts presented to mare clearly presumtive of the practicability of the enterprise. When we get the report in full of the engineer who surveyed and measured the route, we will present it to our readers.

Great Destruction of Whaters --- Fourteen Ships Lost. By the sloop Kamchadell, which arrived here

vesterday, 63 days from Castree, in the Gulf of Tariary, we have news of the whaling fleet in the North Pacific. It appears that on Aug. 4th, when near Round Island, (Houssole Straits) the Kamehadell spoke the whaling bark Milnwood, of New Bedford. Cap. Sylvin, of that vessel, reported that between the various sections of the Union. the ship King Fisher, Palmer, and the ship Enterprise, Russell, both of New Bedford, had been wrecked on Company Island, near Boussole Straits. in the constitution, and a careful avoidance. The ships and cargoes were totally lost; the crews were taken on board other ships bound through the The ship Jefferson, of New London, was totally

lost on Cape Elizabeth, (Sagg Hollow Island.)-The crew and officers were all saved. The ship Edgar, of Cold Spring, was totally

lost on Jones Island. The crew and officers were Capt. Sylvia further reported that he saw, off Jo-

nas Island, a ship bottom up: but he could not however, ascertain their names. This is sorry news to go to the East by the steamers to-morrow. weather which had prevailed up to the above date. -Cul. Chronicle.

The Kinney Expedition.

We learn, says the Penama Star & Herald, that quite a number of unemployed foreigners will leave Aspinwall in a few days to join the Kinney expedition in Nicaragua. We hope they will be more successful than they have been on this isthmus. Col. Joseph W. Fabens takes his departure from our city this morning for Nicaragua to join