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AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES who was left as Acting Governor when Walker journeyed to Washington to state

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The Federal Governors.

It was in the Territory of Ransas that the sectional question of slavery or no slavery formed the absolute line of di-vision between the political parties. Until that question was determined, no other matters could receive attention. The Territorial Governors appointed by the nocratic pro-slavery Administration at Washington were, of course, Pro-Slavery Democrats, sent out-every man of themserve the Southern cause. But the that, once upon the ground and the situation grasped, these same Pro-Slav ory Demo trats-almost without exception ere won to the free-state side of the

Andrew H. Reeder, of Pennsylvania,

quarrel, speaks loudly for the justice of entered upon his official duties in Octo-ber, 1554. He was an enthusiastic Demo-crat of the Douglas school, a lawyer of reputation, and an honorable man. He

his case to the authorities, was summarily dismissed, December, 1857, as bonduct-ing himself too much after the manner of his official chief and effectually aiding the ig the free-state cause. General Denver, of Virginia, who came

General Denver, of Virginia, who came next upon the roll, announced his inton-tion to carry out the policy of his pre-decessor. He accepted the appointment unwillingly, determined to resign as soon as possible, which he did in October, 1858. He had striven ineffectually for fair deal-ing and political justics. Of all the Ter-ritorial Governors hitherto, he was the only one whose resignation was wholly voluntary. To him succeeded Governor voluntary. To him succeeded Governor Medary, of Ohio, whose administration fell in more peaceful times.

The Lecompton Constitution.

One of the promises by which Governor Walker induced the anti-slavery settlers to share in the October election of 1857

was that the Lecompton constitution should be submitted to popular vote. The pro-slavery Legislature, which was just

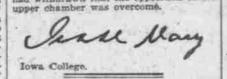


honestly desired to quiet the turbulent spirit already manifest on the border, and to deal fairly with all. Having traveled over his domain, he ordered an election for a Congressional delegate. By the ald of 1729 votes of Missouriana, who came into the territory on election day for the sole purpose of casting those votes, the pro-slavery candidate was elected and took his seat unchallenged in the House of Representatives at Washington. The following Spring similar tactics, with even more barefaced fraud and violence, deposited 80 per cent of the ballots cast and chose a Territorial Legislature of the desired complexion. Governor Reeder having canvassed the returns and heard the protests of the free-state settlers, was convinced, as he stated in public, that the principle of popular sovereignty had been utterly overthrown in Kansas, the rights of her citizens outraged, the coun-try conquered by force of arms. But re-gard for the wishes of the President and his party obliged the Governor to content himself with throwing out a few mem-bers as chosen by force and fraud, leaving the Legislature strongly pro-slavery still. Not content with this, that body showed its contempt for law and its defiance of the Governor by immediately seating every man to whom he had re-fused credentials. A bitter quarrel ensued, and charges against the Governor were made at Washington. He was vir-tually removed by the President, and at once actively joined the free-state party, becoming one of its trusted leaders. Shannon of Ohio, who succeeded Reeder, arrived in September, 1855, and put him-self at once with intemperate zeal upon the side of the lawless pro-slavery faction. The territorial government and the state government, under the Topeka constitution, were now contending for recognition, and the legic of events wrought a considerable change in Governor Shan-non's views. But his unwise course at the beginning of his incumbency rendered it impossible for him to play the pacific it impossible for him to play the pacific part which he inter undertook, and he finally fied in all haste to secure his own safety from the territory which he was incompetent to govern.

tion until November 7. The October elec tion meantime returned a free-state Leg-islature and Congressional delegate. In December the convention, by a shallow and ignoble trick-originating, we are told, in the high circles of the Washington Administration, called upon the people to vote only upon what were called the slavery clauses of the Consti-tution. The question was "the Constitution with slavery or the Constitution with no slavery." But by clauses not submitted to vote "the Constitution with no slavery" still made slavery perpetual so far as concerned the slaves already in the territory and their offspring. The free-state men, as a matter of course, refused to vote, but the new Legislature, which they controlled, submitted the whole Constitution to the people in Jan-uary, 1858, and it was voted down by an enormous majority. The slave state party had in their turn declined to vote, but an honest ballot had been taken and a comparison of the figures with those previous elections showed that Kin voters were at least two to one against voters were at least two to one against slavery. News of the Lecompton Con-stitution swindle revived the declining interest of the country in the fortunes of Kansas, Appeal had been made to Con-gress for the admission of the territory to statehood under the Lecompton Con-stitution and the Discount in acts stitution, and the Democratic party was soon in a violent wrangle over the vex-ing question." Douglas and many other Northern Democrats and party newspa-Portugers beingers and party newspa-pers protested against the messure, to which the President adhered tennciously. The election of January, which showed beyond question the real wishes of the Kansas settlers, effected nothing with the Administration. Every resource of of-field metropage may heavily been to ficial patronage was brought to bear to advance the cause of slavery. The bill passed the Senate, but hung fire in the House, and finally failed to pass. Dis-grapeful scenes occurred during the heat-ed Congressional debate. The bitterest and most scorching words were not enough; many of the members became engaged in actual fist fights, and only be cause more dangerous weapons happened not to be at hand was there no blood-shed or serious bodily injury. The wound-ed feelings were not soon healed. The Dred Scott Decision. The whole subject of slavery in the Federal domain came before the country in a new phase, while the status of Kan-sas was still unsettled. The Dred Scott decision of the Supreme Court will be considered more fully hereafter, for its important bearing upon party history. It is mentioned here only to show its meetion with the original subject of connection with the original subject of dispute in Kannas. Dred Scott, a negro slave, had sued for his freedom several years before on the ground that he had been taken by his master to the free state of illinois and to the free territory of the northern por-tion of the Louisiana purchase, where, according to the Missouri Compromise, slavery could not exist. In due course the case came before the highest court of the Nation, and two days after the inauguration of President Buchanan the decision was rendered. The negro was returned to slavery, since no negro of slave ancestry could stand before a court of the United States as a "claimen" com-petent to sue or be sued. The court then went on to discuss the other chief Constitutional points involved, and the dispute in Kansas, Constitutional points involved, and the decision pronounced the Missouri Com-promise act "not warranted by the Conpromise act stitution and therefore void." itution and therefore void." This ab-dutely knocked all foundation from the doctrine of popular sovereignty under which the long struggle for Kansas had

been carried on, for since Congress had no power to forbid sizvery in a seriitory, it certainly could not create a territorial Legislature which should possess that Legislature which should possess that power. No territory, then, could under any possible circumstances har out slav-ery, and the doctrine of popular sover-eignty worked only one way-to permit the citizens of a Faderal territory to vote the institution up, never down. Only a sovereign state could establish freedom.

Kansas & State. In 1858 the Kansas Legislature once more called a Constitutional convention, which met at Leavenworth. The free-state party was now supreme, and the Constitution adopted prohibited siavery. It was ratified by the people and sent to Washington. But once more the pro-slavery Senate refused the appeal, this time on the alleged ground that the pop-ulation of the territory was insufficient. The following year still another conven-tion adopted the Wyandotte Consiltu-tion, which also prohibited slavery. This was ratified by the people, sent to Con-gress, and Kansas was at last, after years of waiting and repeated refusals, admitted as a state. But it was not until after the Union had been dismembered In 1858 the Kansas Legislature once after the Union had been dism and the Senators from the seceded states had withdrawn that the opposition of the



A WISE MAN IN KANSAS CITY

Looked Like a Pinno-Mover or Hodcarrier, but Got New Yorker's Roll.

New York Sun, "I wouldn't ha' minded it so much if I'd got mine back here in the old burg, where any man's liable to stack up against a grafter that's got a new one rehearsed; but to have a dead new one sprung on me way out there in Kapsas City, and to have the bundle pulled off me by a guy that looked as if he was taking a day off from his job in a holler factory-well, say, gimme air!" mouned the Tammany man with the wide-brimmed Panama hat, making the figure on the table with the bottom of his highball ginss.

"Trapped your roll out there, hey?" said the other man at the table in a tone of, no particular interest. "S'pose some Kansas City doll threw her arms around your neck on the street and velled that you were her long-lost cousin, and when you convinced her to the contrary, you found when you held yourself up that you were minus the wad, ch? Say, you ion't call that a new one, do you?" "I know some knockers that are good

enough at it to build a battle-ship-come to the home sack, I called you out," replied the Tammany man, mourn fully. "Nix, it wasn't any doll. He might have been a hodcarrier or a plano-He mover, though, by the looks of him-but wise! Say, lemme tell you how wise that one was:

"The second afternoon I broke into Kansas City I got mixed up with a bunch of those Clark people from Montane, and ond afternoon I broke into t was too sprinty a game for me. When had four of those murdering Mamie Taylor things lined up in front of me at one and at the same time, I figured it out that if I stayed along with that

gang of indians for another 20 minutes it would be a case of two crapshooters on the hotel staff picking me up at the head and feet and lifting me up to my bunk like a scuttle of coal. "I never butted into a bunch in my life like that Clark outfit, and I've mixed

it up with a-plenty of crews around this way that could go the distance at that. They'd heave in a basin of the old red every minute all day and up to 4 o'clock in the morning, and then they'd go upstairs to their rooms, change their collars and cuffs, come downstairs to the dining-room with eyes as clear as moss signtes and nerves as steady as hitching posts, eat a couple of pounds of steak for breakfast, with dozen or so o' wheat cakes on the side, and 20 minutes later start right in again on the pink stuff in the tail tumblers as if they'd been rest ing up on a farm for a month or two. I used to think that some of the gang

around this way were stayers, but we're only quarter horses slongside of those Montana Blackfeet.

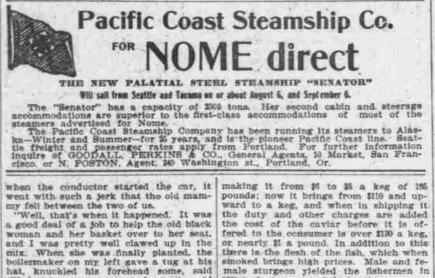


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there is the flesh of the fish, which when smoked brings high prices. Male and fe-male sturgeon yielded the fishermen in hat, knuckled his forchead some, sold 'Giad to've met a gent from the old town.' whistled between his teeth to sig-nal the conductor, and got off. 'I went to the end of the line, took a return car and got back to the hotel, where I fall in with some of my own gang, which meant some more spend. That's when I found out about my absent roll. 'That's when the sreat light burst 1809 in both eggs and flesh on an average 140 each, and specimens of the female alone have been known to bring nearly \$100.

sum. The story of the rapid disappearance of the sturgeon in the Delaware is the story told of every other water in all parts of the country. The industry has roll. That's when the great light burst upon me. I went right away by myself to gone from the Chesapeake and lower Sus-quehana, and the catch is decreasing in think it over, and then I sailed over to the Great Lakes in the same proportion headquarters and whispered my little twirl to the man, who smilled oilily. as in the Delaware. It is the same all along the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. It 'You've been up against one of the is not so much heedless methods of fishstars, if it's going to do you any good to know that,' he told me, still smiling ing or the ruthless destruction of the young that is causing this rupid extermthat way-it tickles 'em almost fooliah out that way when a New York man gets a con dose. 'That Duck was Altoona ination of the sturgeon-for the fisher-men are thoroughly alarmed at the situation and are doing what they can to a con dose. That Duck was Altoona Tim, and it's his graft to flash the make-up of a horny ifand, He works, the open cars quite a lot. We didn't know he wab in town, but, of course, we'll go right after him this minute. He's probably wearing a plug hat and jewelry and drinking champagne on a parlor car bound for somewhere or other by now, but we'll go right after him, anyway--honest Injun, we will. preserve the young from harm-as it is the phenomenally increased demand for the caylar and flesh.

Both the United States and Pennsyl-vania Fish Commissions have had their attention called to the danger which threatens the industry, and strong ap-peals have been made to them to undertake artificial propagation, but owing to the parsimony of Congress and the Leg-islature of Pennsylvania neither can yet onest Injun, we will." "Well, Altoona Tim's still en route formewhere or other, but he hasn't come see its way clear to do so. The mere back and handed me my \$150 up to data. work of taking and hatching the eggs I telegraphed my wife to draw another is comparatively an easy task, but the

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James Bachanan

Geary of Pennsylvania followed in September, 1856. He had been chosen no less for his executive gifts than for his Democratic sympathies.

The Presidential campaign was at its height when Governor Geary reached Kansas, and he saw that Kansas must be pacified with all speed or the Demo-cratic party was doomed. He declared to the Missourians that one more of their raids would defeat Buchanan. So detor-mined and so skillful were the Governor's measures that a short-lived quiet did actile over the territory in course of a few weeks, and had Geary been honestly supported by the Federal Administra-tion, he would no doubt have succeeded in establishing justice and order in Kansas. But he too, soon leaned too plainly toward the free-state party, and, loging favor at Washington, he was forced to resign

Robert J. Walker, of Mississippi, was the fourth Governor of Kansas. By the time of his appointment, in the Spring of 1857, the hope of making Kansas a slave state had been abandoned as fualare state had been abundoned as fu-tile, and all Administration energies were to be concentrated upon the effort to make a Democratic state. It was for this purpose that a man eminent and ex-perienced in party tactics was chosen for a position so inferior. Governor Wal-ker proved an excellent official, winning the confidence of the free-state settlers and mouchs them to take part for the and inducing them to take part for the first time-in October, 1867-in the election for the Territorial Legislature. But the high-handed proceedings of the pro-slav-ery party in respect to the Lecompton constitution drove Governor Walker also into the ranks of their opponents. He could not countenance the iniquity upon which President Buchanan was deternined-of forcing the Lecompton constimined-of forcing the Lecompton consti-tution upon the free-state population of Kansus-and, yielding to the President's wishes, he took himself out of the way. Even his Territorial Secretary, Stanton,

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classed, and I didn't intend to be put out in a punch and miss the fun, so I told the circle of Clarkites that I was with that I wanted to see a man at the hotel desk and 'ud be back in a minute. Then I drilled out the front door and hopped on an open car that was passing. I want-ed to let the wind blow on me, and I wanted a chance to think it over. I didn't know where the car was going but the end of the line was good enough for me. 'The end-seat hog game don't go out

there, and so the duck who was on the outside moved back to let me have his both. He was a husky-looking geezer, in rough togs, a white shirt with nothing to show for the collar but a big bone collar-button, and a burn straw lid. He looked like a horny hand all right, and he was

pulling on a corncob pipe. We had the seat to ourselves. I passed him the prop-er thank for moving along and giving me the outside seat, and then the conductor came along and I reached into the change hole in my pocket for the nickel. I was all out on the change game, and so I dug into my left-hand waistcoat pocket for the main wad, which I got out after some bother, for it was a vig bundle of the smaller ones, and it fit tight. I stripped a two-spot off the roll and handed it to the

sy-ard, and then soaked the roll-it fig-ured up about \$190-in that left-hand vest "The bollermaker on my left didn't appear to be paying any attention to my end of it until after the conductor slipped along, but he then turned his mo bon face to me with a yappy grin and said he: w

"'From the old town, huh, pard?" "Take the head of the class, and don't guess any more,' said L. "That's where I'm from. 'Used to work there myself,' said the

plano-movor guy, good-naturedly. 'Ban a donkey angine at Havemeyer's Sugar Works. Ever been through 'em?' 'Well, I played 'em for a few last

Winter, when the market was going up,' said L 'but the market didn't soar any more after I got my checks down. That's the limit of my tag-playing with sugar.' "My truckman seatmate seemed to be next to that, all right, for he swelled the grin, and then we got into a general line of chawerino. He'd been in Kansas City a whole lot longer than he wanted to be, he said, and he had it in mind to take another hack at the New York end of the Atlantic seaboard before long. Said he had to pretend out there that he was

to it, and so on. He moved a fittle closer to me, in order to tell me what a burn town ne honestly thought Nansas City was, mying that he'd get a ducking in that mud stream out there if any Kansas Cityite happened to overhear him taking a bite out of the town, particularly for the benefit of a stranger. the benefit of a stranger. "We were rattling along out in the sub-

urbs, when a big black mammy with a basket spotted our seat as the one where she wanted to plant, and when the car she wanted to plant, and when the car stopped she climbed up. I'm such a con-firmed end-seat hog myweif that I let her crowd by me, and my pal, the plano-mover, didn't want to be shut off from the delight and instructiveness of my conversation, for he let her crowd by him, too. It was a tight fit, for the old mammy was up near the 500 mark, and a be had a big market basket along too. she had a big market basket along, too. She was still trying to wedge herself by, and was right between me and my seat-mate who longed for the old town, and

me, and she's been giving me the sad and wistful gaze about that ever since-not about the dough, v' say but I there. not about the dough, y' see, but I think she's got it doped out that I must ha' bought a pearl tiars for the Queen of the May with the roll that was pulled away from me. And all this in Kansas City-just stick a pin in that, will you?-in Kansas City, and me a smooth, fair-haired boy that knows it all, having been born and brought up in a ward

where the "Suy, that's a good trance," broke in the other man at the table, yawning. "Give it to us straight, what limit were you playing when you dropped that

"Kin-nocker," said the Tammany man. "I didn't touch a Chinese visiting-card from the time I left New York until I got back.

STURGEON AND CAVIAR.

Rapid Destruction of the Fish Threaten Early Extermination.

Philadelphia Ledger. It may surprise some persons to learn that a full-grown female sturgeon is as that a full-grown female sturgeon is as valuable a creature as the fur seal. Yet this is a fact. It may also interest and surprise many to be told that more than a million dollars are invested in the shur-geon catching industry in the Delaware River alone, and that more than seven-eighths of the caviar sold in this country as Russian caviar is made a few miles below wils city from aggs of the stur-geon caught in this vicinity. Yet both these things are true also. these things are true also. The slaughter of the fur scale in Behring

Sea and their threatened early extinction by Canadian poschers produced at one time widesprend excitament throughout the country, and for a while caused de-cidedly strained relations between the Governments of the United States and England. The sturgeon is as perilously near extinction as the fur seal. At the rate this valuable fish is disappearing, and unless something is promptly done to prevent it, in five years there will be near to each. be none to catch.

be none to catch. To show how rapidly the sturgeon are passing away it is only necessary to refer to the report of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. According to that document between the years 1880 and 1889 it was not the Atlantic seaboard out there that he was dead stuck on Kansas City, and all that, but that, on the dead quist, he'd rathor be in or around New York with a broken back and 40 cents to the bad than be Governor of Missourd. That line of spici kind o' warmed fre up to the duck with the bone collar-but ton, and I toid him he had the right idea of it, and so on. He moved a little closer to me, in order to tell me what a bum to me, in order to tell me what a bum Delaware Bay and River was over 5000. Last season it was \$50. It cannot take long at this ratio to bring extermina-

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en, and it might perhaps be well if the United States and Pennsylvania were to join forces in sturgeon hatching.

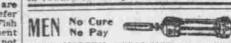
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London Mail. While the British housewife is bewailing the ever-increasing scarcity of "gen-erals" and house and parlor mnids, the Queensland Government agents in the country are shipping young women to their colony in thousands. Some idea of the extent to which the demand for single women in Queensland is being sup-plied from the country districts of England may be gathered from the fact that on last Thursday alone 215 healthy young domestic servants were dispatched to the Brisbane hiring depot by the colony's agents, and with the farm laborers, their wives and families, the total shipment for the day comprised 430 persons. For the readiness to quit England for

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