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THE LAW OF NEWSPAPERS.
1. Subscribers who do not wish to receive notice to
the contrary are considered willing to continue their
subscription.
2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their
papers, the publishers may continue to send them till
all cash charges are paid.
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their pa-
pers from the office to which they are directed, they are
held responsible until they have settled their bill, and
ordered their paper discontinued.
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forming the publisher, and the paper is sent to the
former direction, they are held responsible.
5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a
paper or periodical from the office, or removing and
leaving it uncollected for, is "prima facie" evidence of
intentional fraud.

Our Principles.

First. We shall maintain the doctrine that no for-
eign ought to be allowed to exercise the elective
franchise, till he shall have resided within the United
States a sufficient length of time to enable him to be-
come acquainted with the principles and imbued with
the spirit of our institutions, and until he shall have
become thoroughly identified with the greatest inter-
ests of our country.

Second. We shall advocate a passage of a stringent
law by Congress to prevent the immigration hither of
foreigners, who are either paupers or criminals, and to
send back to the countries from which they come, all
such foreigners of these classes as may, in violation of
such laws, hereafter reach our ports; and to require
the President of the United States to demand from
any government, which may send hither such classes
of its subjects, immediate and ample satisfaction for
such outrages, and a proper indemnity against the re-
petition thereof.

Third. We shall oppose the election or appoint-
ment of any foreign-born citizen to any office of trust
honor or emolument, under the Federal or State gov-
ernments, or the employment or enlistment of such
persons in the army or navy in time of war; main-
taining, as we do, the opinion that the native-born citi-
zens of the United States have the right to govern
the land of their birth; and that all immigrants from
abroad should be content with the enjoyment of life,
liberty, and property, under our institutions, without
seeking to participate in the election, administration,
or execution of our laws.

Fourth. We shall advocate and urge the adoption
of such an amended form of an oath to support the
Constitution of the United States, and to be adminis-
tered to all persons elected or appointed to any office
of trust, honor or emolument, under the Federal or
State governments, as will effectively exclude from
such offices all persons, who shall not directly and ex-
clusively swear to maintain and bind the force of the
Constitution of the United States, as paramount to
all obligations of adhesion or allegiance to any for-
eign prince, power, potentate, or authority, whatever,
under any and all circumstances.

Fifth. We shall oppose, now and hereafter, any
"union of Church and State," now in the way that class
of religious sects seek to bring about such union.

Sixth. We shall vigorously maintain the vested
rights of all persons, of native or foreign birth, and
suffrage at all times, against the slightest interference
with such vested rights.

Seventh. We shall oppose and protest against all
abridgment of religious liberty, holding it as a cardi-
nal maxim, that religious faith is a question between
each individual and his God, and over which no pol-
itical government, or other human power can rightfully
exercise any supervisory control, at any time, in
any place, or in any form.

Eighth. We shall oppose all "slighter law" doctrines,
by which the Constitution is to be set at naught, vi-
olated, or disregarded, whether by politicians, by reli-
gious, or by the adherents or followers of either, or
by any other class of persons.

Ninth. We shall maintain and defend the Consti-
tution as it stands, the Union as it is, and the rights
of the States, without domination or guarantee there-
by, opposing at all times, and to the extent of our
ability and influence, all who may assail them, either
of them.

Tenth. At last, we shall see our utmost exertions
to build up an "American party," whose maxim
shall be:

AMERICANS SHALL RULE THEIR COUNTRY!

[From the Baltimore Clipper.]
Love's Appeal.
BY FINLEY JOHNSON.

O, never wound a loving heart
By words unkindly spoken;
O, you may further wound
The links by which we're bound,
And show their fragrant wreath
In crumbling ruins laid.
No tone so kind and gentle as
Can soothe each tie.

Good, gentle, kind and loving hearts
Are fragile, brittle things;
One word of harshness out, a star
Shall dim from their brows;
And O, how oft do they
With such a cruel power,
As to destroy the hopes of us
Within a single hour.

Then I've met an army of sons
On those poor souls of sin;
Whose ignorance and bigotry
Hill up and held their light within;
For though their hearts are erst a'er
With love and truth and kind words,
Yet when we speak of them by kind words
And their Savior's side.

A former member of Harvard College.—I re-
vived a tradition in the case of J. P. Russell, who
died in 1854. On Friday last, he was brought to
certain conditions his property, amounting to over
\$100,000. (After the decease of his mother, now near
eighty years of age.) By his will, his aged in-
chelor is well provided for during her life.
He gives his library to the College, and also
donates the greater portion of his entire estate
to the institution, on condition that the Col-
lege should not receive any more students than
the restrictions here mentioned. He is a member
of the General Hospital, Dr. President of the class of
1825 at Harvard. He was a single man.

WAKING UP STEVENS.—We have heard of an old
minister in Kentucky, who purchased a whistle, and
with his hearers went to sleep as usual, he emitted
from it a very shrill sound. All were awake, and
stood up to hear him launch forth thus: "Well, you
are a set of smart specimens of humanity, ain't you?
As he slowly gazed at his wondering people, he
preach the gospel you are to sleep; when I play the
flute you are awake, and look like a rash of horsets
with a pole in their nostrs."

"Massa says you must sartin pay de bill today,"
said a negro to a New Orleans shop-keeper. "Why
I ain't afraid I am going to run away, is he?" "No-
zactly dat, bet look ahead?" said the darky slow-
ly and mysteriously, he's goin' to run away himself,
and darefave wants to make a raise?"

A WITTY TOAST.—At a late freemen's supper at
Burlington, Edward Bradley gave the following
toast:—"Ladies of '56, like the freemen's bucket,
hooped, and, like freemen, delighting in the exhibition
of their hose."

Exciting News from Kansas.
CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—It has been ascertained in
Kansas that the pro-slavery forces are concentrating
arms and ammunition at different points for the
purpose of a general attack on the Free-Soilers immedi-
ately after the adjournment of Congress. Twelve
blocks of buildings have been erected at different
points which are well supplied with arms of all kinds,
and garrisoned by Missourians. A meeting at Kan-
sas City had resolved to send 2000 men into the Ter-
ritory. A Lexington meeting had resolved to send
its quota also. The border towns of Missouri are
intensely excited, and a general muster of Missourians
is demanded.

The attack on Franklin by the Free-Soilers was
for the purpose of getting possession of the arms col-
lected there. One block of houses were captured
with 50 stand of arms, and one cannon.

SPEECH OF HON. JERE. CLEMENS.

Delivered at Blue Spring, Near Decatur,
ALA., ON THE 26TH OF JULY, 1856.

MR. CLEMENS SAID: We have met togeth-
er under extraordinary circumstances.

For the first time in the history of the country,
the question is directly submitted to the people,
"whether Americans are competent to rule America," or whether the
administration of public affairs, shall be
committed to those who have never read
the Constitution, who are ignorant of the
laws, and unfamiliar even with the lan-
guage in which they are recorded. Here-
tofore, amid all the changes of parties and
politics, the patriot has been enabled to re-
flect with pride that there was at the bot-
tom of every one a basis of sound Ameri-
canism, and however we might differ,
however bitter might be the discussions,
those differences engendered, still it was
admitted on all hands that American prin-
ciples swayed the heart, and sought to
shape the public policy to the advancement
of American interests. The Irish brogue
and the German accent were indeed famil-
iar to us, but they were heard in plaintive
notes, not in thunder tones. It was the
gentle pleading of the oppressed and the
deserted, who had fled to our shores for
refuge from the chain gangs of tyranny, or
the deadlier tortures of hunger, not the
hoarse bawling of the Pretorian auctioneer
offering the Republic for sale at the Presi-
dential shambles. In scattered places—in
the great cities for instance—foreign arro-
gance had begun to manifest itself, and
those who ought to have been grateful for a
shelter beneath the temple of liberty,
were sometimes heard insisting on the
right to minister at the altar; but these in-
stances were rare, and the people of the
country looked with distrust upon the early
efforts to crush this building treason, be-
cause they regarded the danger insignifi-
cant, and believed it would soon die out
of itself. No one imagined at that day that
the right of foreigners to make laws by
which we are to be governed could ever be
seriously mooted. Sometimes, in fourth of
July orations, or college anniversaries, the
fact that a foreigner held a particular office
was referred to as an evidence of the ex-
treme liberality of our people, but no where
in the wildest dreams of the school-boy or
the enthusiast was there painted the com-
ing of a day when that liberality should be
shown of its merit, and the recipient of it
should insolently exclaim, "I owe you no
thanks. It was not a boon I asked, but a
right I demanded. I have as much right
to make laws here as you have, and I in-
tend to exercise that right."

Still less could it have been imagined
that a time was coming when the fact of
being born on a foreign soil would be re-
garded as a merit, and the physical charac-
teristics of the Irishman, or the Dutchman
be accepted as a certificate, of a qualifica-
tion above all native pretensions. You
have listened as I have, I know, with sick-
ening disgust, to the insolent argument so
often repeated in broken English, that
Americans deserve no credit for living in a
free country, because we were born here
and could not help it, whereas our foreign
population, urged and impelled solely by
an inherent love of liberty, have come of
their own free will to worship at the shrine
which is ours only by the accident of birth.

I might question the quality of that love
of liberty which seeks security from personal
oppression, but leaves a father's grave or
a mother's ashes to be desecrated by a tyrant's
step, and watered by a helpless sister's
tears. I might question the fitness of those
to maintain free principles in America who
dared not strike for them at home—who
loved freedom well enough to run away
from the land where their infancy was reared,
where the honors of their fathers were
now mouldering, where a more liberal
and more generous government was to be
found than in their native land.

It is not enough to fling out the
banner of justice beneath their native
skies, and win with their own hands the
right to govern themselves before they offi-
cially volunteered to govern us. If I
chose to enlarge upon so fruitful a theme,
I think I might after the triumphant tone
with which this foreign dogma is announced
and cover the most impassable creek with
blushes. I might, as well, without doing
violence to past history or contemporary
testimony, that many of them had left their
country, "for their country's good," and
that the free choice of which they boast so
much was a choice between safety and com-
fort on this side the Atlantic, and a poor
house or a whipping post on the other.

But I have no wish to recall unpleasant
remembrances, or indulge in expressions
more harsh than the occasion demands.—
Besides, there is much to be forgiven to an
arrogance which could never have reached
its present bloated proportions without
native aid. There is a greater criminal to
be arraigned before the bar of public opin-
ion—a viler and more detestable spirit to
be rebuked—a more dangerous enemy to
republican institutions to be crushed.—
That criminal is the great anti-Know-
Nothing, Democratic, Mac Whig, Sag-Night
party, with professions of love for the peo-
ple forever on its lips, and schemes to per-
petrate for every thing from the highest office
down to casting a cannon ball in the most
insignificant foundry, raising a corruption
fund to control by bribery a State election
—boasting of manliness when it is steeped
to the lips in hypocrisy, and habitually
breaking faith with all but the worst of its
minions. Rapidly sinking under the weight
of many and various sins, the ignorance
of the foreigner and bigotry of Catholic

offered a chance for support, and it matter-
ed nothing to them what might be the ulti-
mate result of the pernicious connexion, so
that their present hold upon the public
treasury might be secured for another Presi-
dential term.

The American in this canvass who fails
to hold them to a just accountability, will
be untrue to his high mission, and every
hour expended in defence of American
principles will be so much time abstracted
from the greater duty of exposing the cor-
ruption that degrades the selfishness that
blasts, and the blustering imbecility that
covers with ridicule the Republic. The
task of defending belongs to our enemies,
not to us. They are in power, not we.—
They have administered this government
in such a manner as to bring shame and re-
proach upon it, and it is their business to
answer at the bar of the people for the vi-
olated trust. At an extraordinary time,
and under extraordinary circum-
stances, a nation's destinies were confided
to their keeping. No foreign war depleted
the public treasury. No heavy debt was
pressing upon us. No unfavorable season
bled the crop of the husbandmen. No
hostile fleet crippled commerce. No
domestic contentions dotted the land with
intestine fires. Within and without there
was peace, prosperity, abundance, and con-
tinentment. The ashes of a past sectional
controversy had ceased to glow, and scarce-
ly a speaker remained to indicate the pres-
ence of a fitful life in the smouldering
heap. From its million tongues a nation
sent up rejoicing anthems, and patriotic
hands were locked in a firmer clasp at the
renewed assurance of the durability of free
institutions, and the capacity of a free peo-
ple to settle all disturbing questions among
themselves upon principles of justice, mod-
eration, and brotherly forbearance. Amid
the general joy, men forget the asperities
of politics, and almost refused to remember that
there had been such a thing as party divisions. With an
accord approaching unanimity, Franklin Pierce
was selected from an extreme Northern State, and borne
triumphantly to the Presidential chair. It was a cold
day, that fourth of March, 1853. The snow and the
sleet came down from the dim clouds above, and the
wind whistled mournfully among the columns of the
White House, but not a word was said, and no gloomy
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