

LATEST FROM KANSAS.

A Pro-Slavery Constitution Adopted and Not to be Submitted to the People!

We have the proceedings of the Kansas Pro-Slavery Convention in session to make a Constitution, down to last Saturday night, Nov. 7th. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were consumed in a fierce debate as to the best method of forcing Slavery upon the people of Kansas. There were two propositions before the Convention. 1st. To submit to the people only the slave clause in this shape: "Constitution with slavery," "Constitution without slavery."

2d. To send up the Constitution to Congress without submitting it all. The former is called the Majority Report; the latter, the Minority Report. CALHOUN of Springfield, Illinois, stands chief sponsor for the former, and JENKINS of Westport, Mo., a native of South Carolina, is put forward as the leader of the Extremists.

The Douglas wing of the Convention wanted to submit the slave clause to the people, but not the body of the Constitution. The plan is, to force the people to vote for the instrument itself, whether they are for it, or against it. This Constitution legalizes all the laws passed by the bogus legislature, including the black code which punishes with death those who oppose slavery.

We have space only for a condensed sketch from the long report of the proceedings furnished by our correspondent.

John Randolph, a blunt, out-spoken pro-slavery delegate, representing Atchison Co., in the course of debate on Friday said, that "he was in favor of the minority report, because he considered the plan of the majority (Calhoun's) a *swindle*. The idea of submitting one clause of the Constitution and not allowing the people to vote on the whole was mean, cowardly and infamous—it was worse than a swindle, it was *scoundrelism*! He ridiculed the idea that the *love* of Democracy and the principles of Free Suffrage actuated the Douglasites in the Convention. Else why did they deny to the people the right to vote upon the whole instrument? He was in favor of submitting the whole or none, he was down on all sneaking, half-way dodges. For himself, he believed the Convention to be a sovereign body, and therefore it possesses the right to send up to Congress its Constitution without submitting it to the people at large. He was opposed, from principle, to letting the Abolitionists and Black Republicans vote down their Constitution, as they would do, if they had a chance. What he did he wanted to do openly; he was opposed to stabbing in the dark. He hated Judases, who kissed only to betray. The majority report was a cheat and a fraud!"

He was followed by MOBLEY, of Riley County, who pitched into both reports. He denounced the proposition of the majority as a base attempt to swindle the people, and the minority report as a high-handed outrage. He said the Douglasites wanted to slip poison into the Free Soilers' cup; while the Atchisonites were for blowing out their brains openly, and that was all the difference between them on the Slavery question. He then offered a substitute proposing to submit the whole Constitution to all the legal voters, with a proviso requiring every voter to swear to support this Constitution, if it should be ratified, the Nebraska bill and the Fugitive Slave law!" His substitute was tabled by a large majority.

Col. JENKINS, fugleman of the Ultraists, next spoke. He took the broad Southern Democratic ground, and claimed that the Convention held the sovereignty, and should decide not to submit the Constitution, or any part of it, to the people. He said the public good and the proper equilibrium between the Free and Slave States, required that Kansas should come into the Union as a *Slave State*. He *knew* it would be received if a Slave Constitution was sent up to Washington. He said that he had read a letter from President Buchanan, to a prominent member of the Pro-Slavery party in Kansas, to the effect that "*the Constitution would be received in the form as sent up by this Convention.*"

Next followed Wells, of Douglas county, who was opposed to both reports. He denounced in bitter terms, those who were designated as Abolitionists in the Convention. They were all National Democrats; there was not a Black Republican among them. Although he considered Republicans as enemies to the Constitution and country, yet they were citizens and entitled to a voice in the institutions under which they must live. We cannot get over this, and we should not, said he, make a Constitution in which the people were prevented from expressing themselves on the institutions under which they wish to live. This Convention only represents 2,000 voters, and there are 20,000 in Kansas. It was repugnant to all his ideas of right for 2,000 men to attempt to dictate to ten times their number and force upon them institutions which they hated and abhorred.—He did not believe that Congress would accept a Constitution so framed; he thought the Northern Democrats would not dare to vote for admitting a State under such circumstances, and if they did, the Black Republicans would destroy the party in every Free State. The destruction of the Democratic party in the North, would be a calamity which the admission of a dozen Slave States would not counter-balance.

Gen. CALHOUN, of Springfield, Ill., made a long speech in favor of the majority report, and of only submitting the slavery clause to the people. He was opposed to giving the "Topekaites" a chance to "vote down our Democratic Constitution." The majority report would *compel* the Abolitionists to vote for the Constitution, while they were voting down the slave clause, no matter how repugnant it might be to them. "In this way we have got them tight," said he, "and they can't help themselves." There are several provisions in the body of the instrument which sufficiently protect slave property, which, with the Dred Scott decision, is all that southern gentlemen should ask. By this means Kansas will come into the Union as a Democratic State, like Illinois!"

A dozen other speeches were made, which we have not room to sketch.

Judge Elmore offered an article to be incorporated into the Constitution, viz: "That from and after the ratification of this Constitution by the people, the further emigration of slaves into this State shall be, and is hereby prohibited." That this clause shall be submitted to the people in the following shape: "Constitution with slavery," "Constitution without slavery." It was voted down by 25 to 19. The regular majority report was next voted down by 25 to 17. A vote was then taken on the minority report, which provides for sending up the Constitution to Congress with its pro-slavery clause, without submitting it to the people at all, which was lost—ayes 23, nays 25.

The southern members then stormed and raged, and swore they would leave the Hall, never to come back. The Douglasites became alarmed. A motion to reconsider prevailed by ayes 28, nays 20. A motion was next made to table the minority report, which was lost on a tie vote—ayes 24, nays 24. The southern members again stormed. The final vote was then taken on the adoption of the pro-slavery minority report, and resulted, ayes 26, nays 23—*carried*. The ultras then followed up their victory by attempting to put the whole Constitution upon its final passage. After a fierce contest, the Convention adjourned at a late hour to meet at 9 A. M. Monday morning, Nov. 9th.

As the matter stood at adjournment, the Fire Eaters had achieved a signal triumph. A clause had been adopted in the Constitution, making Kansas forever a Slave State; and this Constitution was ordered to be sent to Congress without submission to the people in any shape—not even in the swindling form proposed by the Douglasites. We await our next news from that quarter with impatience. The people of Kansas are in a ferment. An explosion may take place at any moment. An extra session of the Legislature is talked of, and also a general convention of the Free State party, to decide upon the best policy to pursue in reference to the bogus pro-slavery Constitution. The affairs of Kansas are yet far from settled.

The Nebraska bill is working most beautifully!