a novel and amusing one. It may lead to valuable scientific discovery. For our part, we should like to know what Master Fish thinks of his belt. He has no hands with which to take it off, and it is doubtful whether any of his companions will have the politeness to offer any assistance. They may look as keen at their little belted brother, and be shy of his society.

For the Liberia Herald.

Clay Ashland,
September 10th. 1852.

Mr. Herald:—Allow me through the medium of your columns, to give publicity of the doings of our citizens in this settlement. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, as the basis of our political principles in future. We fearlessly assert that by them, and them alone, will we be guided in voting, and therefore recommend them to the consideration of all our citizens throughout the Republic.

After due notice had been given, our citizens met in a town meeting, September 10th. 1852.

D. Simpson, Esq. was called to the Chair, and George M. Moore, elected Secretary.

On motion, Hon. D. T. Harris, stated briefly the object of the meeting, and proposed for the consideration of the meeting, the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas the political state of the country demands of the independent citizens throughout the Republic, patriotic concert, and wise and prudent principles, measures and actions, for the assurement of the safety of the states—and whereas in order to attain such an important and desirable end, it is indispensable that a wise and patriotic standard bearer of independent republican principles chosen, and a better plan to make such a choice, commends itself to the consideration in the appointment of delegates, by an equal ratio of representation, throughout the Republic, to meet in convention at Monrovia, on the last Monday in December next; then and there to make a national ticket of the most available men for the Presidency, and Vice Presidency. Therefore,

Resolved.—By this meeting of independent citizens, of the settlement of Clay Ashland, met in mass meeting in Clay Ashland, on this 10th day of September, 1852, that we do hereby fall in with the proposition to hold a convention as above, for the above named purpose; and we do recommend the appointment of delegates thereto, by the different counties and settlements, in this Republic, in a ratio of one delegate to every ten voters; and we do hereby make such an appointment on the said basis.

Resolved.—That we do recommend the following, as being the principles of the independent citizens throughout this Republic.

1st. Internal improvement upon the general system.

2nd. National protection to agriculture and the mechanic arts.

3rd. The promotion of education and national industy.

4th. Encouragement to domestic manufactures.

5th. Indemnification from the native African tribes, for the expense the government is subjected to, from time to time, in settling difficulties among them

6th. Sedulous protection to our domestic and foreign commerce.

7th. Strict construction of our constitution in all its parts.

Resolved,—That it is not advisable to allow a general system of balloting at present, in Liberia among the native Africans.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted with some slight amendments.—Quite a number of speeches were made on the occasion by gentlemen present; when on motion a committee was appointed to nominate delegates for the proposed convention.

The Committee after a short absence, returned, and reported Messrs H. W. Erskine. A. B. Hooper, R. Mc Murtry, and James Capps, as the gentlemen nominated for the convention, who were unanimously elected. Also a corresponding vigilance committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs Alx. Matthews Henry Clack, and George M. Moore.

Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Liberia Herald.

D. SIMPSON,
Chairman.
G. M. MOORE,
Secretary.

For the Liberia Herald.

Mr. Herald:—Believing that you feel an interest in every good institution of the day, and especially the cause of evangelical religion; we have taken this opportunity of sending you, for publication a brief sketch of the organization of the first Independent Congregationalist Church in this place. We deem it a waste of time to enter into all the details that gave rise to this organization. Suffer us, however, to say to you that it is not the startling impulse of a day, nor of a year; for previous to our coming to this country, we imbided this form of church government, but not finding a church here of the same form of government, we as a matter of course, united ourselves to the one that became the nearest, untill we could do better;—finally brother H. B. Stuart having called up on the brethren that thought as he did, and having obtained their consent to unite in church fellowship, to enjoy the ordinances of God as we were taught. On Sunday September, the 19th, 1852. Divine service was held at the house of brother H. B. Stuart, and a sermon was preached by him to a very respectable audience, from Math: 18th Chap: & 20th vers, "For where two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst of them &c"

At the close of the services it was recommended that next Lord's day, be observed by us as a day of fasting and prayer to God, for a blessing upon our undertaking, and that a sermon be preached by brother H. B. Stuart, on the government of the church. Through the politeness of a friend who freely tendered to us a house of his own, unoccupied, accordingly on Sunday the 26th ult: divine services was there held, and a sermon was preached from Isaiah 41, chap. 10 verse, to a large and attentive audience. At the close of the sermon we covenanted with each other in the presence of Almighty God, to obey Him in all of His ordinances as he has made them known to us, and will further make known to us. Brother Henry B. Stuart, was chosen to be our Spiritual Teacher, and brother David J. Hazzard, was appointed Deacon, and brother Jacob M. Snow, Clerk. The following names constitute the above church.

Henry B. Stuart.
David J. Hazzard.
Jacob M. Snow.
Ann Snow.
Rebecca C. Stuart.
Margaret Stuart.
Sarah A. Stuart.

And here we conclude by returning our thanks to our friends and fellow citizens, for the very friendly feelings they have manifested towards us, in assisting us in fitting up the house with comfortable seats, for we were not able of ourselves. Also we take great pleasure ourselves in returning our thanks to the members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches in this place, for their friendly visits with us. By request the following named gentlemen submit their names to be placed here as well-wishers to the institution.

Rev. R. E. Murray.
do Isaac Roberts,
do A. J. Bates.
Isaac Johnson
Stephen Britten.
William Candy
E. Hall.
R. S. Jones.
B. A. Payne
G. W. Brown.
H. C. Hicks.

JACOB M. SNOW.
Clerk.

Greenville, Sinoe
October 5th. 1852.

Foreign Papers will please copy.

For the Liberia Herald.

Pursuant to notice, a public meeting was held at the Court House on Wednesday evening the 28th. Sept: 1852. for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention, to be held at Monrovia on the fourth Monday in December next

On motion of J. B. Philips Esqr. that the Hon: E. J. Roye take the Chair: carried.

Motion that J. L. Baxter act as Secretary for the evening: carried.

The Hon: gentleman on taking the Chair, acknowledged the compliments, and in an able speech introduced the following Resolutions.

Resolved.—That the object of this meeting is to chose its part of the delegates to assemble in the national convention to be holden here the last Monday in December, 1852. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, at the ensuing biennial election in May. As it is a very general understanding of the people, throughout the Republic, irrespective, of party, to change the administration at that time the Constitutional Republican party, of which this meeting is a part, desire through delegation to look up another set of men Who are both honest and capable.—Who will regard the letter and spirit of the constitution as the rule of their official conduct, & as standing above every man, without exception, which constitution is the basis upon which the laws are to be modeled.—Who will regard the interest of the whole people and county, by the enactment of good and practical laws, the publishing them & maintaining their supremacy to the letter of their intention To explore and open roads into the interior, and to do such other improvements as the wisdom of the Legislature may suggest, if there be, after the regular appropriations, unappropriated funds in the Treasury.

In a word, to make the people prosperous, and the Nation happy and respected both at home and a broad. If such things be in the province or power of the Chief Executive, his cabinet, and the Legislature. The delegates whom we the people chose this evening, are expected to look up and sustain such men, (of the above named principles who enjoy a reputation as such throughout the Republic) in the national convention. If such men should be there nominated. We here, as such a party avow ourselves undivided and unanimous in the support of the nominees to the Presidency.

J. B. Phillips Esqr. addressed the meeting in reference to the necessity of the adoption of the resolutions briefly sketched, some of the paramount questions at issue in the anticipated political contest. He says I stand now where I stood in the struggle of Fifty One opposed to the re-election of the present incumbent, and am for a change, the resolution was adopted—great enthusiasm.

On motion of B. Lewis that the Chair appoint a committee of three to nominate fifteen delegates, the motion was adopted and the Chairman appointed the following named gentlemen J. B. Philips Esqr. B. Lewis Esqr. Mr; John Foursyth.

On motion that the meeting adjourn until the committee shall have made up their report, at which time due notice will be given by the committee: carried; and the meeting adjourned until the aforesaid time.

E. J. ROYE
Chairman.
J. L. BAXTER
Secretary.

Adjourned Meeting
Saturday evening
Hon: E. J. Roye in the chair;

On motion the committee reported the following named gentleman as delegates to the national convention Dr. J. M. Moore chairman, Hon: E. J. Roye, Mr. Thomas Hunter, Mr. Wm. Draper, J. B. Philips Esqr. J. L. Baxter Esqr. Mr. J. O. Hynes, Mr. John Evans, Mr James Johnston, Mr. F. P. David, Mr. M. Worrell, Mr. H. W. Ellis, Mr. I. Brown, Rev. J. T. Richardson, and Capt. G. Ammons.

On motion that the committee's report be received and adopted, unanimusly carried

Several gentelman addressed the meeting, J. B. Philips moved that the Chair appoint a Corresponding and Central Committee, to consist of three each, namely, Dr. Moore Chairman of the Corresponding Committee, & J. B. Philips, Esqr. Chairman of the Central Committee.

On motion that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Herald & Carried.

On motion that the meeting adjourn: carried.

E. J. ROYE
Chairman.
J. L. BAXTER
Secretary.

Monrovia,
Saturday evening
30th, September 1852.

For Liberia Herald.

Mr. Herald:—I am happy to inform you, that our Steam Mill is in successful operation; all difficulties have been surmounted. At the commencement of our operations, we employed a Goldman; but we discovered in the sequel, "that all that glitters are not gold;" this induced us to make trial of better metal having a rough customer about the diggins," named Lewis Rough, he was called in, and we found him "Rough & Ready;" in a few days an entire revolution was effected, steam put on, and she worked admirably. Our friends throughout the Republic, will, we hope, give us every encouragement, the Steam Company, will make every effort to keep on hand a good supply of lumber of the best kind within its reach.

A few days ago, being on a visit to Farmersville, I was agreeably surprised to find two looms at work, on opposite farms, one by Mrs. Jessie Ramsy from Georgia, the other by Mrs. Leah an Evans, from South Carolina,—this will operate as an encouragement to cultivate cotton, it has already created a demand for the article.

The Steam Mill at Bassa will soon be in operation; we rejoice at it; we go for the whole Republic of Liberia.

Yours truly
SINOE.

Greenville, Sinoe, 1852.

For the Liberia Herald.

Mr Herald,—In the latter part of September, there was a meeting held in the Court House for the purpose of electing delegates to the general convention to be held in December, and inasmuch as there was not a sufficient notice given, in order that the body of citizens might have knowledge of the fact, It is therefore due the public to state, that there were not at that meeting more than one dozen individuals, and some of them not citizens—therefore it may be considered as only a counterfiet.

A Citizen.

Monrovia Oct. 15th. 1852.

For the Liberia Herald.

ORIGINAL.

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

Approach not the altar
With gloom in thy soul;
Nor let thy feet falter
From terrors control.

God loves not the sadness,
Of fear and mistrust;
Oh! serve him with gladness,
The gentle, the just.

His bounty is tender,
His being is love;
His smile fills with splendor,
The blue arch above.

Confiding, beleiving;
Oh! enter always,
His courts with thanksgiving;
His portals with praise.

Nor come to the Temple,
With pride in thy mein;
But lowly, and simple,
In courage severe

Bring meekly before him
The faith of a child;
Bow down and adore him,
With heart undefiled.

And by the still waters
And through the green shade,
With Zion's glad daughters,
Thy path shall be made.

E. W. S.

Greenville Sinoe, October 9th, 1852.

Mr. Herald.—Dear Sir, please to give a place in your columns for a few remarks.

We feel it our duty to say something about this part of our beloved country, as it is the first time that we have had the privlege of being here, and we must say that we have been agreeably disappointed, The location is a beautiful one, not to be surpassed by any that we have seen. We have visited all the settlements in the country, and have been more pleased with all that we have seen. The people are also very kind; we have received the kindest attention from all classes of this community; much might be said in favour of Sinoe, but we have not time now. Our Churches in this county are exerting great and glorious influences. We have been very successful in building this year: the church in Greenville was dedicated on the 18th. of April: this church is 36 feet long and 26 feet wide, and as well as the seats were all made by the members, as was much of the other work A church has been put up in Reedsville, 28 feet by 18; this was made by the people, and is a very good house for the kind; it is closed in with mats and covered with thatch: it was dedicated on the 16th of August, at which time our meeting was a glorious one. A new church also has been put up at Louisana; this is a good building; it was dedicated on the 25th Sept. At the assistance that this church had cost about $150 besides the peoples' labour: it being our third quarterly meeting we enjoyed a great time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Several persons were added to the church. The house is 36 feet long and 20 feet wide, and is the best church now in this county; and the building of it has cost less than any house of the same size. For the cheapness of the workmanship, we are indebted to the Rev. E. D. Taylor, who is preacher in charge, & who done the largest portion of the work. We are also indebted to the administrators of the estate of the late Rev Plato Hutt;—Doctor James Brown, & D. C. McFarland, who managed the affairs greatly to the benefit of the church. Brother Hutt lost all that he had after paying off his debts towards building of a church in that place; the people of themselves have done the balance. And we are now making an effort at Lexington, and our work has begun there, we have already got the frame, and the lot cleaned off; the house is to be 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, we are doing what we can. Here we want help; but however we shall try to get the frame up before Conference. And there is still another settle-

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