

The President has published an official proclamation establishing the boundary line between the United States and Mexico.

**RUFFIANISM.**—It is a pretty thing to all cool and calm observers that American society is tending to the supremacy of Ruffianism. The outrage of Rust (of Arkansas) upon Greeley; and on the Editor of the *Evening Star*, by ex-Governor Smith of Virginia; the murder of poor Keating by Herbert of California; the assault upon Senator Sumner (we say, advisedly, Senator Sumner, because he was assaulted for a speech in the Senate, and within the walls of the Senate-chamber) by Brooks of South Carolina; the violent intrusion into the hall of a Convention, and knocking down the door-keeper, by Price of Missouri and others of the Benton delegation; the outrageous and insulting speech of Sumner, transgressing all the proprieties of debate, and all the decorum of the Senate; the violence and abuse indulged in, and carried to the utmost extreme of tongue-license, by the *N. Y. Tribune* (but too well imitated by organs of the same party nearer home); are all parts of a general ruffianly procedure in our political affairs, which cannot much longer be borne. If it is unchecked, we shall have a ripe anarchy, the sure forerunner of despotism. The South is really no more ruffianly than the North, but it shows the lawless spirit, for the most part, in a different way; in acts of sudden violence, rather than in speeches and editorials, deliberately framed to insult, to belie, to irritate, and to madden. We say for the most part—for we remember Ellsworth and Newark, and the mobs which threatened the life of Mgr. Bedini, and we are obliged to own that even in the respect of physical outrage the North can boast of no advantage, unless it be that its outrages have been more dastardly in their cruelty than those of the South, less open, less sudden, less individual. What is to be the end of this? Will putting down slavery destroy ruffianism? It certainly will not, for slavery is far from being its cause, and slave-holders are neither the worst nor the most numerous ruffians. Speaking generally, it is true that individuals at the North are less apt to resort to a violence, by which they might endanger their own lives; but perhaps this is more honorable to their prudence than to their principles of order and legality; and, on the other hand, mobs at the North are far more to be dreaded than at the South, and are guilty of actions, infinitely more brutal and shocking. The horrible murder of prisoners at the North, by infuriated mobs, during the past year, is within the recollection of all. Massachusetts is in a fury because her Senator was punished for a foolish, almost treasonable, and wholly indecent speech, by having his head broke by an irritated young South Carolinian, who conceived that his State and his aged relative had been outraged; but Massachusetts forgets how her mobs destroyed a convent inhabited by innocent women, storming and setting it on fire in the dead of night, and that she has ever refused to grant compensation to the sufferers. The South Carolinian Representative caned a defenceless man, taken unawares (it is alleged); the Massachusetts mob outraged defenceless ladies. The Southern outrage was provoked by a speech full of studied insults and invective. The Massachusetts outrage was provoked solely by the holy prayers and the vestal purity of its unoffending victims—for whom, if their sex could not have obtained safety, the garb of religion should have commanded respect from any but a brutalized population. Massachusetts is in a paroxysm of indignation, and cries out that ruffianism is endorsed by the South, when Brooks is complimented with a silver pitcher by his constituents; but she forgets that when the verdict refusing public compensation to the innocent Ursulines, for the destruction of their convent, was rendered, the inhabitants of Salem and Boston fired a salute of 100 guns in honor of the injustice. There is a convent of Ursulines at Charleston, South Carolina, as there was one at Charlestown, Massachusetts. We do not read that the former was burned down by an infuriated mob, and that the legislature of the State afterwards, year after year, refused to compensate those when the State had failed to protect; but we read all this of Massachusetts: it is inscribed on her annals in letters of shame which will be visible long after it is forgotten that Preston Brooks nearly caned to death Charles Sumner, for a conceited, insulting speech, during the great slavery excitement of 1856. The latter deed is unjustifiable—it was an outrage: no doubt of it; but it was not the deliberate act of a deliberative body. We should not be safe under the laws of Massachusetts if we should consider ourselves perfectly so under those of South Carolina.—*St. Louis Leader*.

**PROGRESS OF CIVIL WAR IN KANSAS.**—The last news from Kansas seems to show that the Free-State men, having been reluctantly pushed at last to the extremity of fighting, are—in spite of the exultations of the *Journal of Commerce* and the Border-Ruffian press generally over their supposed cowardice—as superior to the desperadoes who have invaded the Territory in the use of arms as they are in every other particular. According to a telegraphic despatch to the *Washington Union*, forty men have been killed since the opening of the war. As a specimen of the spirit which is being aroused among the Free-State settlers, we refer our readers to a letter in another column of a woman who was an eye-witness of the sack of Lawrence, and who gives, from having been obliged to entertain parties of them in her own house, a graphic description of these Border Ruffians. It is true that there is now a report that Colonel Sumner is dispersing the Ruffians, as well as the Free-State settlers, but that is so entirely opposed to the previous course of the Federal authorities, that we must wait for confirmation before giving it credence. Advice from Lawrence to the 6th of June state that Mr. Up-ton, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Kansas Congressional Commission, had been captured by the Border-Ruffians, who released him at the request of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, after one day's imprisonment. General Whitfield is in command of 300 Ruffians in the vicinity of Prairie City, who had been dispersed by Colonel Sumner, but soon reorganised. A party of Free-State men were in the same vicinity watching their movements.—*New York Tribune*.

**THE RULING PASSION.**—Alanson Douglas recently died at Troy, leaving an estate of nearly a million. The ruling passion—getting and keeping money—was strong to the last; as will be seen by the following incident:—After bequeathing \$140,000 to each of his children, and making a handsome bequest to three Episcopal Churches at Troy, Mr. Douglas reminded his family that he had a verbal agreement with his milkman, which was to continue as long as they took milk from him; that for every dollar's worth of tickets one was to be thrown in.

**A ROUGE DETECTOR.**—It was lately remarked that an exceedingly brilliant auditory, amongst which were many elegantly dressed ladies, attended at Berlin a lecture on chemistry delivered by one of the most celebrated chemists of the age. After witnessing a number of beautiful experiments and hearing of the marvels of science, a young lady grew fatigued, and requested her husband to lead her from the hall. 'My love,' said the gentleman, on reaching the landing-place, outside, 'wipe your cheek, there's a large blue spot upon it.' The lady much surprised turned to look at her reflection in the mirrored window of a shop they were passing, and was almost petrified to observe that the rouge on her cheeks had become blue, in consequence of the chemical decomposition occasioned by the gas the professor had used in making his experiment. She quickly wiped her face and stifled her vexation in the thought that she should find herself amply revenged upon the other ladies in the hall. In reality, the lecture closing at this moment, the audience began to disperse, and the gentleman and his wife almost burst with laughter at the sight of cheeks of yellow, blue, black, violet, and other colours, which now made their appearance in the street. Some of the ladies who had manufactured for themselves ivory complexions rosy cheeks, coral lips and ebony eyebrows, were so transformed that they would have excited the envy of a peacock. It is whispered that a lecture from the professor would produce similar effects in other cities besides Berlin.—That chemist would be warmly welcomed should he visit Paris.—*Paris Letter*.

**BARNUM'S LAST DODGE.**—The *Illustrated Times* mentions a story, that, it says, is going the round of the Clubs to the effect that Barnum, the bankrupt American showman, has written to the Earl of Shaftesbury, inquiring whether it would be possible to induce "the persecuted Italian Protestants," the Madiai, to visit America and be exhibited, and offering Lord Shaftesbury a commission on the profits, on condition he interested himself in the undertaking.

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