

THE CELTIC INVASION.

Douglas, Catholicism and Slavery vs. the People of Illinois.

[From the Springfield Journal.]

THE PROPOSED ELECTION FRAUDS.—We invite attention to the following letter received on yesterday from one of the most substantial merchants of St. Louis. We ask our citizens, honest men of all parties, what shall be done to arrest the propose frauds? . Shall we tamely submit to the loss of our dearest right by the importation of hirelings from another State? Prompt and efficient action alone will meet the case, and we call upon the lovers of peace and good order, and all who desire to see the purity of the ballot box maintained, regardless of the success of this or that party, to, unite and band themselves together to prevent the outrageous frauds no in contemplation:

St. Louis, Oct. 21, 1858.

Editors Journal: So bold has the game become, that men are publicly hiring Irishmen in our streets to go into Illinois to vote for Douglas. The agents refuse to tell where the men are to be employed; but they are fully understood by the Irishmen. I heard one of them say, "Faith, and he does not want us to work, he wants us for *carpet bag men!*" This was said in a large crowd of Irish, who are at this moment taking tickets at the corner of Market street and the Levee. They go to Cairo, thence up the Central road.

John Henry & Co. have handbills up for one hundred and fifty hands, which is the number supposed to be necessary to carry Morgan County.

If the Republicans do not take the proper steps to correct this fraud on the ballot box, they richly deserve defeat. They should organize Vigilance Committees at every voting place in the State, that is within five miles of the railroads. They may rest assured that extensive preparations are making to carry several of the doubtful counties for Douglas *by taking Irish voters from this city and Chicago.*

Move quickly or all will be lost. You know the unscrupulousness of your enemies.

ANTI-FRAUD.

[From the Peoria Union.]

VOTERS BRING IMPORTED INTO PEORIA COUNTY.—We are informed that the general system of the importation of fraudulent voters that is now being carried out in this State by Douglas and his minions, has been already commenced in this county and Congressional district. The train from Chicago on Friday last set down some thirty illegal voters at Chillicothe, who at once distributed themselves throughout the adjacent country to await the day of election. This is the manner in which the free and independent voters of this district are to be overslaughed in the expression of their opinions by these corrupt hirelings of an unscrupulous candidate for an office he will never again reach. If this sort of thing is to go on unchecked, it simply remains for us to prescribe the only antidote known to us for the avoidance of the evil results that must follow. It is imperatively necessary, and we say it thus early in order to put our friends upon their guard, that prompt and fearless challengers be stationed at every poll, fortified with a "*licker*" containing the names of those who are legally entitled to vote in any precinct. Our friends should at once make out the list of names, and from it familiarize themselves with lurking strangers, and when the time comes, challenge them strenuously and unyieldingly. In this way alone is it that we can hope for anything like a truthful expression of the popular choice in this important contest.

[From the Prairie Beacon (Edgar County).]

IMPORTED VOTERS.—We understand that illegal Irish voters are gradually dropping into this county, to be ready for the coming election. We appeal to the better feelings of the better part of the Democratic party for the condemnation of such schemes of villainy. Trusting that they will appreciate the importance of keeping the ballot box pure, we hope they will promptly rebuke every attempt on the part of unscrupulous demagogues to introduce voters from abroad.

A gentleman at La Salle writes:

Some seventy Celts have left this place within a few days for points on the Illinois River for the object professedly of working on the Illinois River Railroad. Let the friends of justice on the line of that road see to it, that the purity of the ballot box is preserved at the ensuing election.