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PROGRESS OF DOUGLAS'S DOCTRINES.

In our comments upon the position of Senator Douglas we have argued that the Democrats of the North would rejoice at the opportunity of accepting a doctrine which, while it apparently binds them to the Constitution, does not conflict with their resolution, does not compel them to offer open support to the Southern question. The conservatives of the Northern States—even those who profess to agree with and sustain the Administration—can never be brought to the extreme Southern view which maintains the right and duty of Congress to enact a slave code for the Territories. The usual *thale* of their tenets in reference to this vexed topic is "non-intervention." They are willing to go thus far, but not beyond it. They consider that the old principle was embodied in the Compromise measures of 1850, and in the bill organizing the Territory of Kansas in 1854. They will stand up to the South as long as any attempt is made to force upon them new issues of a more stringent nature; but they will scarcely reconstruct if fresh attempts are made to bind them to the will of the fire-eaters.

These opinions have been recently confirmed by the action of the Maine Democratic Convention which, as befits the extreme North, leads off in response to the Douglas call. It is known that in that Convention the Administration wing of the Democracy succeeded in carrying the nomination for Governor, and likewise in selecting two out of the four delegates to the National Democratic Convention. The anti-Douglas men are, therefore, in full force in the Convention, numbering a majority of that body. It is consequently worth while looking at the resolutions adopted on the occasion—especially as they were accepted by a unanimous vote. The very first has an "awful squinting" towards Douglas in the very last sentence. Here it is:

Resolved, That all political power is inherent in the people; that all free governments are founded in their authority at their instance for their benefit; that the right of self-government is the fundamental idea of all republican institutions, and the capacity of the people to govern is the corner-stone of our political fabric. Applicable alike to the States and territories of our Union.

Resolved, That the second, third and fourth leave no room to hang a doubt on. They expressly and emphatically, and almost in the language of Senator Douglas, reaffirm the position assumed by him in his letter. Read them, Douglas Democrats, and tell us if they are the sentiments of the Administration wing of the Democracy?

Resolved, That the Democracy of Maine regard the great principle of self-government or popular sovereignty as the true principle of policy in reference to the organized Territories of the United States.

Resolved, That, acting upon the principle of non-intervention by Congress with slavery in the States and Territories, we recognize as unconstitutionally just and unwise the efforts of agitators, combined with associations formed in one section of the Union, to induce Congress to prohibit the introduction of slavery in the Territories.

Resolved, That we hold it to be the duty of the Democratic party steadfastly to adhere to the principles embodied in the Kansas-Nebraska measures of 1850, and ratified by the people in the Presidential election of 1852, as affirmed in the Kansas-Nebraska act of 1854, and to insist upon the right of the people of each State or Territory, as they may deem expedient, to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States; and that all attempts to legislate slavery into any State or Territory, or to exclude it therefrom, are in direct violation of the principles upon which our political institutions rest. Applicable alike to the States and Territories of our Union.

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