THE CLAYTON AMENDMENT TO THE NEBRASKA BILL.—
This important amendment, which was omitted by the
House of Representatives, reads as follows:
"Provided, The right of suffrage and of holding office
shall be exercised only by citizens of the United States."

This omission is very objectionable, and is calculated to
lower the value of the prerogative of suffrage, already con-
sidered low enough among the best men in the country.
It places emigrants, just from Europe, without having had
opportunity or time to study and become acquainted with
the workings of our institutions, on a political par with
those who have lived here all their lives! There is neither
safety, justice or policy, in this; and we do not think any
intelligent and honest foreign-born citizen can be found
who will say that there is. However, the right of suffrage
is not regarded as half so valuable as it was twenty years
ago. What the next twenty years will bring forth the
future must develop. Good fruits, we fervently hope.

As the matter now stands, every actual resident of the
Territories of Nebraska and Kansas, white and twenty-one
years of age, is entitled to vote and is eligible to office, at
the first election leading to the formation of a new govern-
ment! This is carrying out the principle of "Squatter
Sovereignty" with a vengeance. This will be a happy
country when it comes under the administration of such
sovereigns.

The clause of the bill which caused nearly all the strife
and contention is included in the 14th section, and reads
in this wise:

"That the constitution, and all laws of the United States
which are not locally inapplicable, shall have the same
force and effect within the said Territory of Nebraska as
elsewhere in the United States; except the eighth section
of the act preparatory to the admission of Missouri into
the Union, approved March sixth, eighteen hundred and
twenty, which was superseded by the principles of the legis-
lation of eighteen hundred and fifty, commonly called
the compromise measures, and is hereby declared inap-
plicable."

According to our telegraphic dispatches, published yest-
erday morning, the Nebraska bill, as amended by the
House, passed the Senate on the 26th by a vote of 35 to 13.
It, of course, immediately received the signature of the
President. Well, who cares? If there's a Southerner,
South of Mason & Dixon's line, disconnected with polici-
tics and partisanship, who has cared one straw about the
termination of the struggle, we have yet to learn his name.
In the South all has been indifference and apathy. In the
North, fanaticism and ferocity. Which section is the
gainer? Either? We think not.