

# KANSAS.

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I have just returned from Topeka, via Tecumseh and Leecompton, and called upon the prisoners. At Tecumseh fourteen are indicted for manslaughter, and have the promise of a trial this week. At Leecompton I saw the "convicts," nineteen in number, and instead of "wearing ball and chain, and working on public works," several of them are employed by the citizens, and paid high prices for their work. They are considered the best mechanics in town, and, upon giving their word of honor, are allowed to work at their trade. Notwithstanding the Pro-Slavery organs call them "thieves and assassins," and they have been convicted to five years in the penitentiary, their word is sufficient guarantee to one of Uncle Sam's officers that they can be found when called for.

No attempt has been made by the authorities to re-arrest those who made their escape through the prison-walls in Tecumseh. The writ-servera have not made their appearance in Lawrence for some time past. I suspect they have suspended judiciary matters for the present, for the purpose of attending the Leavenworth land-sake. No disturbance has yet occurred between the purchasers, but no part of the city has been sold yet, and the trouble will be likely to originate there, if anywhere. They will probably commence some time this week to dispose of the town lots. The gentry from the South are the principal buyers, thinking, perhaps, the best way to establish Slavery in Kansas is to own the

However, Col. ~~Irwin~~, while in Kansas city, on his way to Nicaragua, drank to Kansas "a free State."—The Colonel shows that he has been an extantive fillibuster. Holding up one of his hands, which was very much deformed, he replied that he had it probed with a Spanish lance while in Cuba. Then showing the other, which was still worse, remarked that "the d---d Yankess shot a Sharpe's rifle ball through that one, and into his shoulder also." The conquest of Kansas has been accomplished, but her citizens are not subdued: At every triumph of the slave oligarchy, they seem more determined that Kansas shall be free.

There are no troops on the Nebraska frontier now, as all have been ordered to the Fort, except Company "H," Capt. Noble commanding, who remain at Leecompton to guard the town. I have just learned from one of the officers that this company will be probably kept there all Winter for that purpose. I can learn nothing more relative to Gov. Geary's and Judge Leecompton's quarrel. What the autocrats are doing in relation to the dismissal of this high functionary, remains to be seen. His "Honor" will not be likely to submit without a great deal of reluctance, if at all.

We have just heard of the appointment of another man in the place of J. B. Donaldson, as Marshal of the Territory. Whether he will be as faithful in maintaining "law and order," as his predecessor, and retire with as many "honors" and "abate" as many "nuisances," time can only tell. Donaldson ought to go and live beside Shannon, in some rural retreat, with an easy access to a whisky barrel, and there soliloquize upon the past, and never be disturbed in the future. They both make a good old grandmotherly appearance, and would never injure the country, unless used for tools, as they have been in subjugating Kansas.

But I believe in the ancient maxim, "Say nothing but what is good of the dead."

Lieutenant Harvey and his company are going to the southern part of the Territory to start a new town. Gov. Geary thinks he has no further use for their services. He has probably dismissed them to give the marshals a chance to serve their processes, as the colonel and several of his company are under indictment.

Reports from southern Kansas say that since the cold weather commenced, affairs have assumed a more pacific nature. The Free-State Legislature will convene on the first Tuesday in January, and memorialize Congress, if nothing more, unless Col. Sumner or some of his suspects are ordered by Frank to disperse them. His Excellency's message reached us this evening. I know not what the people in the States may think of it, but for one to read it that is acquainted with Kansas politically, it is enough to make him disgusted with a Republican government. That portion relating to Kansas, when analyzed, amounts to a tissue of falsehood, and the Pro Slavery men in the Territory know it to be so, whether they do in Washington or not. The Free State Hotel progresses very slowly, owing to the intense cold weather. Gov. Robinson left this morning for the East. The Kaw River is frozen over sufficiently to bear foot passengers.