

Women Lynched.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Republican, dating at Fort Union, New Mexico, February 27, says—
You are aware that Fort Union is the depot of the supplies for the army in this territory. A gang of thieves, whisky sellers, and abandoned women, have, since the opening of its establishment, infested the rocks annexed themselves at other points in the vicinity of the post. The civil authorities have endeavored in vain to abate these nuisances. Despite of their efforts, the soldiers were induced to plunder the public property to the amount of thousands of dollars, for the purpose of buying whisky and gratifying their passions—and drunkenness increased. At length the commander of the department established a reserve of eight miles square, and gave orders that no citizen should be suffered to settle on it—that every person attempting to do so should be removed; and the Legislature of the Territory passed an act punishing all lewd women, pursuing their profession, with thirty stripes, after having their guilt proclaimed by a town crier, and then to be bound out to hard labor for three months, with a chain around their ankles—Well, in pursuance of the above order, several whisky sellers and prostitutes were at different times arrested, confined, then put off the reserve, and advised not to return. A variety of gentle means were tried with them, but to no purpose. At length a party of Mexicans (men and two women) were arrested in a den in the rocks, where they were selling liquor to the soldiers and debauching them. They were confined for one night in the guard house, and the next day the men were properly punished, and the women had their hair cropped, received ten light blows on their backs, over their clothes, and were drummed out of the camp. The remedy has been effectual—This description of women and thieves have been rather scarce about the post since

The Apaches have been plundering on the Rio Abaja, more or less, all the winter. Capt. Steele, from Fort Conrad, lately pursued a party, killed and wounded several of their number, and retook the stock which the Indians were driving off. It is supposed that this may lead to some trouble with the red skins.