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Exciting News from Kansas.

DONIPHAN, Dec. 24, Thursday, 9 A. M.

By express messenger from Lawrence we have just received the following dispatch:

A civil war is raging in Bourbon county. The pro-slavery men last week commenced a series of persecutions and prosecutions, of the free State men. Several houses were burned down. The free State men organized a vigilance committee and arrested several of the marauders. In no case, however, did they inflict other nor more than the usual penalties of a court of law —no personal punishments were inflicted. Missourians came over to assist the pro-slavery men. They arrested three of them—one the Rev. Mr. Stewart, whom they threatened to hang and imprisoned in Fort Scott. The free State men rallied. A scout party of fifteen came upon a body of Missourians near Barnsville, a town near Fort Scott, eighty strong, who gave them battle. Five free State men were captured, making in all eight prisoners.

Additional free State men assembled. The U. S. Marshal came down on them with a force of eighty men and demanded their unconditional surrender. The free State men refused to comply, demand, as the party advanced, by a volley of musket balls. The fire was returned. The conflict lasted an hour. The posse retreated to a distance, and finally fled in disorder. One man on the U. S. Marshal's staff was killed, and five free State men received no damage.

Col. Phillips, of the militia, arrived on the ground to command this force, with orders to defend the troops. He advanced on Fort Scott, but found that before he could give battle to the invaders, he would have to encounter several companies of Missourians. He retreated and encamped. [N. Y. Times.

Lane went down, and is now entrenched at Sugar Mound. The troops were within twelve miles of him, advancing to drive him from his position. His men held a council, and resolved to fight at the dangerous pass. Their leaders Jim Lane cordially endorsed their action. Be it remembered, that Lane is now the major-general of the legalized militia, and is therefore protected by law. A fight is probable. I will send more minute news by another messenger.

The Lawrence boys went up to Lecompton to day and demanded of Sheriar the arms seized by the dragoons from the emigrant train which came in under Eldridge. He was unwilling to give them up, but as they were going to use them forcibly, taken if he did not consent, finally agreed to deliver them up. The boys returned with them last night—20 rifles, and 176 muskets and carbines, in good order and condition.

The convention now in session has been exciting debates all day. The committee on resolutions disagreed, and presented three reports.

The majority report, signed by seven members, disapproves of voting for state officers under *Mrs. Channing's* constitution.

The first minority report (signed by Mr. Vaughan of the Leavenworth Times, and another delegate,) recommends that a full state ticket be nominated.

The third, signed by James Redpath alone, recommends that the election be participated in for the purpose of *destroying* the Lecompton conspiracy; that no man be nominated for any office under it who will not pledge himself *not* to put it into operation; that the Topeka constitution be submitted by the Legislative Assembly to a vote of the people: that loyalty to the Topeka constitution be made a test of fealty to the free state party; that the Legislative Assembly repeal the entire body of laws passed at the bogus session, and adjourn *sine die*. Mr. Thatcher eloquently supported his (the majority) report: Mr. Vaughan advocated his plan, also, in a happy effort. Gov Robinson is in favor of voting; Judge Conway, Mr. Phillips, Judge Schuyler, and others, took the same side. Mr. Redpath said they could nominate a state ticket, the very ty where they would fill the Lecompton injunctions. Mr. Thatcher thought Lecompton could nominate Capt. John Brown for governor, Mr. Robinson, for Governor, and then equally pointed, to all other minor offices.

The most radical and revolutionary speeches have been made to-day, and received with great applause. The revolutionary spirit is awakened; events may soon make it manifest in acts that will astonish the demagogues who think that by plausible sophistries they can enslave a free people.

May God defend the right!

COM. PAULDING.—Hiram Paulding comes honestly by his skill in arresting unlawful expeditions. His father was that celebrated John Paulding, the Peekskill farmer, who was one of the three captors of Major Andre. Hiram was born in Westchester county, and early in life entered the Navy, where he has gradually worked his way up through the grades of Midshipman, Lieutenant, Commander and Captain. He has ever been one of the most efficient and valuable officers in the service; and Government a short time since showed its appreciation of the fact by appointing him to the command of the Home Squadron, which he now holds.

We observe the *Atlas* intimates that the Commodore "exceeded his instructions" in so promptly capturing Walker. The same complaint was made by Arnold's friends against John Paulding. Nevertheless, history and public opinion justified the one, and will justify the other.—*Albany Evening Journal.*

PLAIN TALK.—The Richmond South thus expresses its opinion of the sincerity and honesty of those Northern men, who pride themselves upon being the special friends of the South:

"Old Mr. Dogberd has showed his cloven foot to the South at last. I never believed he was wholefooted. All that he has ever done has been to cajole the South to choose between evils, to take the best she can get, to sugar over poisonous pills, and to lull the Southern members to sleep, that South to swallow them. I never had confidence in him. *I have no confidence in any man north of Mason and Dixon's. They cannot be our friends and be honest.* The interests of the two sections are antagonistic. The Northern man who goes for our interest necessarily goes against the interest of the North, his country, and I can have no confidence in a traitor, no matter how high is his price."

SIAM ETIQUETTE.—When the Siamese ambassadors were presented recently to Queen Victoria they threw themselves on their faces, and remained on the whole length of the room on all fours, and the principal ambassador laid his chin on the step of the throne and read his address in that position, and after the formalities they all backed out in the same awkward style. The royal gravity was sorely tried by the ridiculous spectacle. When the distinguished foreigners were invited to a lunch in one of the state apartments they all pulled out their pipes and filled the hall with a cloud of smoke, to the great horror of the court Ware Sage, barkeeper at the Commercial Hotel, was killed by a slung-shot in the hands of a man named Bolen; and Charles Bull met his death at Hudson Hall from a bowie knife in the hands of a man named Duckwall. The parties are said to have all been previous friends, but committed the deeds while intoxicated. Bolen and Duckwall were arrested.

DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS.—The people of Kansas have determined to change the names of those counties that were called after the border ruffian leaders. Douglas county, however, it is said, will be permitted to retain its appellation. It is the only exception.

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