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### "The News."

A second failure in getting our paper has caused us to appear in rather a unique style this week—in what our "devil" terms a "holiday rig." We have intelligence that our winter's stock of paper, ordered some two months ago, was frozen up in the Missouri river, and that which we have since ordered has not yet been received. We can assure our patrons that we have done the best we could; and so much do we dislike the idea of losing an edition, that we will adopt almost any means which will insure the regular issuing of a paper. Last week we published a half sheet; this week a whole sheet, colored. Next week, if we can do no better, we shall use common wrapping paper; and when we can no longer procure paper of any description, we shall try a hand at printing on a shingle. At any rate, *The News* must come out, and shall be kept going.

### Congress.

Nothing has been done so far, that we can learn, except voting for Speaker in the House, a protracted discussion upon "Help-er's Impending Crisis," by both bodies, and one or two private altercations, which fortunately did not result seriously. The slavery question was opened during the first days of the session by Clark, of Mo., in the House, and by Mason, of Va., in the Senate—both Administration Democrats.

### Troubles in Linn and Lykins Counties.

A new mode of fomenting disturbance in South-eastern Kansas has been adopted by the Administration in prosecuting all the settlers on the New York Indian lands for trespass. Some five hundred writs have been served, and the trespassers, as they are called, have been taken in large numbers to Fort Scott, there tried, fined and compelled to pay from three to five hundred, and in some instances one thousand dollars for the crime of having spent two or three years labor and deprivation to build up homes on soil which they were from the first assured did not belong to the Indians, or would not be occupied by them, and which the Government afterwards—nearly two years since—permitted them to file upon, under the pre-emption law. More than that—Governor Walker, and other officials of the Administration, pledged to the settlers a right to their improvements, thus virtually inviting settlements upon those lands. Now, recently, they have been forbidden to occupy them, and fined for having done so in obedience to instructions and guarantees from those who were supposed to know, or ought to have known, whether they had that right or not.

There is another class of men who do not reside on the so-called Indian lands, that have been indicted for taking timber, wood, etc., and fined generally to about the amount of their improvements. The people, very justly too, we think, are counselling resistance to this tyrannizing process of the Government, and will not submit to it. We should not be surprised to hear of bloodshed before the matter is got through with.

### State Election.

Twenty counties heard from give a Republican majority of 2096. The same counties gave Parrott a majority of 1855.

At the New York City election, held on the 6th instant, the vote for Mayor was as follows: Fernando Wood, (Mozart Dem.) 30,339; Havemeyer, (Tammany Dem.) 26,813; Opdyke, (Rep.) 22,716.

### The Judgeship.

The question as to whether Watson or Learnard is elected to the office of Judge of this district is still in doubt. As there is considerable interest felt in the matter, we republish the returns, making what changes have occurred since our last.

	WATSON.	LEARNARD.
Morris County,	—	27
Chase, "	—	52
Breckenridge,	148	—
Osaage, (reported)	—	13
Madison County,	19	—
Hunter, "	15	—
Builer, "	—	1
Coffey, "	—	22
Woodson, "	—	52
	182	167

This does not include Greenwood county, which is reported to have given a very considerable majority for Learnard. The friends of Watson claim that this county (Greenwood) has not yet been organized legally, and hence throw out the vote. But we do not see why the same logic will not apply equally well to Hunter county, and thus make just a tie between the two. It is further stated that Learnard's majority in Morris county is but 18, instead of 27, as above reported. If this be true, and the vote of Greenwood and Hunter are allowed, perhaps the 24 majority for Watson, as above stated, will offset the vote of Greenwood. At any rate the vote is a close one, and we advise all parties to abstain from betting.

### Shocking Accident.

Mr. W. C. Bywaters, a merchant of Americus, was killed in a most shocking manner on last Monday morning at the mill of Messrs. Kuns & Bruner, in that place. The accident occurred while Mr. B. was prying off a slab, in which act his coat was caught, and himself thrown upon the saw in such a manner that both legs were entirely cut off above the knees, and one arm. He died in a few minutes. Mr. Bywaters had leased the mill a few days before, on trial, with the intention of buying it. He was a man about forty years of age, of highest respectability and standing in that community, and leaves a wife and family.

### The Speakership.

We have advices from Washington up to the 14th inst., at which time the House had failed to elect a Speaker, and it was feared that many more days would elapse before an organization could be effected. The Republicans had nearly succeeded in concentrating their whole strength on Sherman, of Ohio; he having received on the last ballot 110 votes. The administration party had united on Bo-cock, of Virginia, and on the last ballot this gentleman received 88 votes, while the American and Opposition candidate (Gilman) received 22 votes. Scattering, 13. Necessary to a choice, 116. We incline to the belief that all ballotings which may be had without the adoption of a plurality rule will result just about the same as those already reported, and that after a few more ballotings the plurality rule will be adopted, and Sherman elected without difficulty. So mote it be.

### Harper's Ferry.

A dispatch from Charlestown, of the 30th, says that preparations were being made for the approaching executions. The prisoners were surrounded by nineteen military companies, and every road was guarded for miles around. Green and Copeland were to be hanged at 11 A. M., and Cook and Coppie at 3 P. M., on Friday, the 16th. All were composed, and looked calmly on their approaching doom.

**THE SLAVE TRADE.**—A correspondent of the New Orleans Crescent states that the yacht *Wanderer* has returned to the coast of Africa for another cargo of slaves, and that an agent is traveling in northern Louisiana, making arrangements for the sale of the negroes.

### LAWRENCE CORRESPONDENCE.

LAWRENCE, K. T. Dec. 15, 1859.

The election here for officers under the Wyandott Constitution, with the Republicans, has been a bitter, and, to such as felt no interest in the personal issues, involved a painful struggle of factions. And the consequences, though happily to a less extent than was feared, are sufficiently obvious in the result. There were no less than thirty calling themselves Republicans, that refused to vote for M. F. Conway, and some of these, it is said, carried their resentment so far as to vote for Halderman. Few ballot-boxes, it is fair to presume, have been made the receptacle of such a mangled lot of tickets as was received by that of Lawrence on the sixth instant. The mania for scratching tickets was so extended and virulent as to encourage the presumption that the "Old Scratch" himself was not only present but took an interest in the result.

There is no reason to suppose that the favorites or leaders of the respective factions encouraged, or were gratified by such procedure; on the contrary, those who were thus derelict to party obligations, and principles even, seemed to be actuated by personal caprice and spleen. From men devoted to the success of a great cause—to freedom, we have a right to expect higher motives, purer intentions and greater disinterestedness than have been evinced by individuals to whom we refer. The "rule or ruin" motto is a desperate one, and rather than charge our friends who have thus "gone off in a tangent" with having adopted it formally or practically as thieves, we would class them with the juvenile who, failing to control his games according to his youthful fancy, with moody brow and pendant lip turns from his comrades with the summary exclamation, "Now, then, I won't play." Seriously, it is no idle matter to jeopardize the interests of a great contest, merely for the gratification of personal pique or prejudice. And it is to be hoped that such as have been guilty of this, will by and by be able to learn that a gain may be accomplished sometimes by making now and then a little sacrifice. As it is we may congratulate ourselves that their folly has been comparatively innoxious, when it was possible to have been fatal.

There are also charges of foul play at Leavenworth, as the disproportion in Conway's support there must in some manner be accounted for.

But it is not impossible that the result there is partially, to say the least, chargeable to the account of his own imprudence. His recent speech there undoubtedly did not increase the number of his supporters. But, then, General Scott made unfortunate speeches and a similar indiscretion might be excused in one of less experience.

Business here is in a fair condition, and will continue so as long as corn, potatoes, and fuel continue to be a legal tender.—Money is out of the question. The Kaw is frozen, so that teams are crossing on the ice, and our citizens are wisely availing themselves of the opportunity to fill their ice-houses.

COSMOS.

The full summing up of the vote at the New York election shows that the Republicans have elected their Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, and Judge and Clerk of Appeals by majorities ranging from 45,000 to 49,000, and a Senate and Assembly by about 35,000. The Republicans also elected a State Prison Inspector, over the united Democratic and American vote, by 600 majority. The Democrats and Americans barely elected a Secretary of State, Canal Commissioner, State Engineer and Surveyor.

Teams now cross the Missouri river on the ice at Leavenworth in safety.

### LOCAL.

Wood, and all kinds of farm produce, will be taken on subscription to *THE EMPORIA NEWS*.

The Rev. J. C. Fraker will commence holding a series of meetings in McElfresh's building, on Saturday, the 31st, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The public are requested to attend.

**Ice.**—Messrs. Proctor, Baneroff, Bigsby and others are now busily engaged putting up ice.—There is a prospect that some forty or fifty tons will be stored away in the different ice-houses.—The ice on the Cottonwood is nearly one foot thick.

The friends of Dr. J. H. Watson partook of an oyster supper at his residence in this place last Saturday evening. The attendance was large.

Dr. W. B. Swisher, of Fremont, we learn was on last Wednesday morning thrown from his buggy and severely injured.

There is to be a meeting of the tax-payers of this county in Emporia, at one o'clock this afternoon, to consider upon what course they will take with regard to paying the tax levied by the County Board of Supervisors for building a Court House. The call for the meeting was signed by nearly all the responsible men in the southern and eastern portions of the county.

Mr. W. M. Rawson is digging a well on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Mechanic street.—He has reached the distance of twenty feet, and the indications for water are good. A well is very much needed in that locality.

Messrs. Britton & Priest's mill has ceased sawing, while "the sound of the grinding is very low." Much inconvenience is therefore felt by those in want of lumber and corn meal. The company are now engaged in making new pumps, and also a water tank for the use of the mill. We are informed that when these improvements are completed the proprietors intend running the mill both day and night.

In this number of *THE NEWS* will be found the advertisement of H. S. & L. Fillmore, Lawrence. They have on hand the largest and best assortment of Dry Goods ever brought south of the Kaw River. They don't expect to sell their entire stock in Lawrence, so they offer good inducements to the Neosho trade. If any of our readers should go to Lawrence to buy goods give them a call before purchasing elsewhere.

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**WINTER WHEAT.**—We hear our farmers express considerable fears that their fall sown wheat has been killed by the long period of dry, cold weather we have had. No rain has fallen in this latitude for nearly three months, nor any snow; and if this weather continues much longer, the wheat—in the language of one of our farmers—"will dry up and blow away, roots and all." We trust there will be a change before it is entirely too late.

**MILL MEETING.**—A meeting to consult in aiding the erection of a flouring mill at this place was held at Fick's store on last Monday evening, at which H. W. Fick was called to the chair, and J. Stotler was appointed secretary. The object of the meeting was explained by Dr. Baneroff.—Propositions were received from Messrs. Ordway, which met with the favor of all present. Their plan is for a mill 30 by 40 feet, basement 30 feet high, and two stories above. A committee of three, consisting of E. P. Baneroff, J. C. Haaskell and Dr. J. F. Newlon, was appointed to take general supervision of the matter—solicit subscriptions, secure the mill site, and obtain permission of those owning land along the stream to erect a dam. The mill is to be located on the Cottonwood, about one mile south of town, and will cost about \$7000. We are confident the work will go on immediately.

Procter & Co. have a lot of barrels and casks for sale.

### MARRIED.

In Emporia, on Thursday evening last, by Rev. G. C. Morse, Mr. JOSEPH V. RANDOLPH to Miss ANNA M. WATSON—both of Emporia. The above was an interesting and joyous occasion to a large circle of friends who were in attendance. Well, "Jo," has gone the way of "the few" among us, and henceforth the places that knew him (as a bachelor) will know him no more in that capacity. Peace be unto him and his.