



Junction City, Kansas, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1863.

Western Kansas is arousing from the lethargy in which it has been plunged since 1860, and is taking on new life. Her farmers are full of hope; her business men wear smiling faces; speculators are on the alert; and all things speak of the bright prospect which is before her.

All new States have had their season of drawbacks and discouragement. For many years Illinois was doubted by thousands who sought her vast prairies to find homes; crops failed, there was no market when anything was raised, and multitudes left her undeveloped riches, discouraged and disheartened.

Enigration is like a great tide that ebbs and flows periodically. And the great current of emigration, which has been slackened for the past few years, will soon commence its flow, and why will not the mighty stream set towards Kansas? No other State offers superior inducements to the settler.

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The Kaw Valley and Its Pests.

The following, from a correspondent of the Leavenworth Times, speaking of the Pottawatomies and their Reserve, is as near the truth as can be said of the Indians of Kansas.

The correspondent says: "A trip up the river disgusts one with Indians. For years the filthy, shiftless, drunken Pottawatomies have held exclusive possession of the finest body of land in Kansas."

"We dined at the Mission. This is the headquarters of the Agent, who receives a good salary for distributing Government funds among the Indians, which serve to increase their natural laziness and predisposition to live off others, either by theft or beggary dependence."

"The Catholic church has also established here a mission school and a house of worship, and is faithfully striving to reclaim these degenerate sons of the forest. The Catholics are a persevering and energetic people, but if they succeed in making anything respectable out of the Pottawatomies, I for one shall be disappointed."

Colored Soldiers to be Protected.—General Orders No. 252.

WAR DEPT., ADJUTANT GEN'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, July 31.

The following order of the President is published for the information and government of all concerned:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, July 30.

It is the duty of every government to give protection to its citizens, of whatever class, color, or condition; especially those duly organized as soldiers in the public service.

The law of nations and the usages and customs of war, as carried on by civilized powers, makes no distinction as to color in the treatment of prisoners of war as public enemies.

It is therefore ordered that for every soldier of the United States killed in violation of the laws of war, a rebel soldier shall be executed; and for every one enslaved by the enemy, or sold into slavery, a rebel soldier shall be placed at hard labor on the public works, and continued at such labor until the other shall be released and receive the treatment due to a prisoner of war.

(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN. By order of the Secretary of War. E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

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A Fight with the Indians.

FORT HALLACK, INDIAN TERRITORY, July 10, 1863.

This part of God's creation is about filled up with wandering parties of Indians, and some of them are not disposed to be very peaceable.

A few days ago, a party of about one hundred Utes came down near the post, and sent in a delegation, who professed to be very friendly.

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Reported Fight Between Kansas City and Shawnee.

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