

The Independent.

OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

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Unblushing Greediness.

Mr. Emery, a member of the House from Douglas county, has introduced a bill into the legislature to extend the boundaries of his county across the Kaw over into this and Leavenworth counties, taking the rich bottom lands all to herself!

Was ever a more shameless attempt at injustice perpetrated? But we do not believe there are men enough in the legislature to give countenance to such a fraud.

Our neighbors of Lawrence have the University, and it is all right; but if to give them this has excited their greed, and if the securing the railroad has inflated them, we propose that they be taught some decency, and be made to respect the rights of others.

But Douglas is ambitious. She wishes to extend her empire, become so strong as to control matters of legislation of the State: "Now do as we want you to, or you shall have nothing!"

Our neighbor of the Lawrence Tribune raises a mighty outcry over the "fraud" of electing a U. S. Senator—it is an awful thing in his eyes to defeat his pet and patron—a mere personal matter—but he has not a word to say about the fraud of attempting to wrong a whole County to enrich himself and his people!

But we are confident the outrage will not be permitted to win. Douglas County must not grasp all the State. She has been accused of considering Kansas her own property, and of thinking that what did not tend to her aggrandizement was not worth caring for.

Indignation. It is really amusing to see the fury of the office-holders! They have raised a fearful "tempest in a tea-pot," and seem absolutely to believe that the whole State is boiling over with indignation and wrath.

Sublime Impudence. Men holding a bribe of twelve hundred to two thousand dollars in their hands in the shape of fat offices, and then crying out "Fraud! Bought up!"

The gold fever is raging fearfully in many parts of the State, and will carry off its hundreds if not thousands—first to Bannock, then to poverty, then to the grave. One out of every hundred will be requisited as veterans.

Election of Senator.

As our readers well know, we have not favored the election of a U. S. Senator this winter, because, under all the circumstances, we did not regard it as the best policy.

But the Legislature has seen fit to go into an election, and as a good citizen, until the time for an election is defined by law, we are bound to respect and submit to the action of that body, whose assembled wisdom ought to outweigh our individual opinion, so as to cause us to yield the point, although our opinion itself might remain unchanged.

We have one objection to the election of Gov. Carney; we do not know where to find a person to fill his place in the gubernatorial office. As a Governor he and all Kansas may be proud of his record.

We hear a wonderful outcry about "fraud" in this matter. Well, who is defrauded? The people? To say that is begging the question.

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More than two years ago they were instituted. The moving motive for their organization was a noble one—the object the best that could engage the time, talent and labors of a patriot, except he were in the army.

But when Union Leagues, forgetful of the great object for which they were called into being, become mere political machines, and by dabbling in party politics and personal squabbles, thus becoming disunion instead of Union Leagues, they will lose their influence and be left to die the death of an unfaithful servant by the people.

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We are pleased to see our friends of the press in luck; we wish them all well; but they should not denounce every one who will not consent that they shall have all that remains and any addition that may come hereafter.

Our own opinions are unchangeable. We have no money from Gov. Carney, and we would not give a fig for any man's opinion who was bought up either with cash in hand or a fat office—not a fig. They might howl until doomsday, and the howling would have no weight with us; because they are paid to do it.

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Will the Election Stand? Certainly it will. A franchise is not annulable. There is not a precedent in the history of the Republic where an election has been set aside. Until a time is fixed by law, any time is legal for an election.

Exactly! friend Speer. But when we said the same thing, almost in the same words, just subsequent to the massacre, you denounced us vehemently, and were almost ready to have us mobbed!

We trust Lawrence will not suffer another disaster.

"Fraud!"

This is the cry of those who denounce the election of Gov. Carney to the Senate. These men are all in the interest of Gen. Lane, and they each one know that their "patron saint" never did a straight forward, honest thing in politics all his life; and for the simple reason that honesty is not in him.

There is not a man in Kansas or out of it, who has ever heard Gen. Lane in a private caucus, that does not know he is always for trickery. He delights in gaining a point by stratagem. He seems to think no victory is complete unless it has been gained by some kind of intrigue. Brought up in the lap of the most profligate portion of the old Democratic party, he imbibed all its bad features, its low cunning, its corrupting practices, and, unfortunately, took in none of its virtues—unless it be that of dogged perseverance.

Now these are facts—facts that his friends know—know best of any, for they have been familiar with them. For men in the interests of such an individual to cry out "fraud" against any one, is like a harlot preaching virtue. Its insincerity is only equalled by its impudence. It is Satan turned teacher of righteousness. But beneath the counterfeit angel's garb, the cloven foot projects its direful length, uncovers by a scrap to hide its base deformity.

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We venture to say that the reign of "Border Ruffianism" in its palmy days presents no case which will more than parallel this! Who ever heard tell of such a thing? Common decency, leaving justice, precedent, courtesy and right out of view, would have indicated a less hasty course and a fair trial! But such was not the case.

The thing over-reaches itself. The bitterness of spirit shows malice and hatred, and a lack of every element of Union. What is a Union League worth when it sows the seeds of discord, and becomes a mere political club for putting this man up and pulling that one down? Its noble object is lost, and it is useful no longer.

P. S. Since the foregoing was in type we notice an article in the Bulletin of somewhat similar import, and the truthful remark that every one who voted for the resolutions violated a solemn oath.

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A reliable lady states that she recognized in town, a few days ago, one of the identical Quantrill murderers. Citizens have been hated upon the streets, molested and abused, by persons representing themselves as Union pickets.

Let a strong and efficient guard be continually posted around the town; see that your arms are in order for effective use, every man resolving that his house shall be a citadel. Had we done thus, Quantrill's recent slaughter would have been averted."

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What is Specie?

A question of no small moment has been recently decided by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, defining the meaning of the term specie. The case was this:

A gave B a note payable in specie. At maturity B demands gold and silver. A refuses to pay in coin. B sues to recover in gold or silver. The case comes before the Supreme Court, which says:

"A judgment in a suit upon a note must be rendered for a certain sum of money, expressed in dollars and cents. Execution must issue for this sum, with costs; and the amount is to be collected. If we were to add to the amount of the note and interest a further sum—for example, \$100 as a premium on specie—the execution would still be collectable in money. If the officer could seize a sufficient amount of gold and silver to pay the execution and costs, he would pay to the plaintiff the amount of his debt. If the defendant's goods should be sold at auction on execution, and the purchasers should pay in specie, the same result would follow. If land should be set off on execution, its value would be so changed by the condition of the currency as to affect the interests of the parties materially. It may be that the judgment will remain unsatisfied till gold shall, in merchandise, sink below par. This would again affect the interests of the parties and the value of the judgment. The weekly fluctuations of the gold market are constantly operating in the same way. But these are matters which are beyond the reach of courts of law. They involve values, and sometimes equities which no judicial tribunal can adjust or regulate. All that courts can do is to treat as money that which the statutes of the United States, legally enacted, declare to be money."

It will be observed that the Court decides that a government has the power to say what shall be money, and that what it enacts to be money is money. This is worthy of note.

If the wording of the note had been in gold or silver, instead of specie, it would hardly have made a difference in the decision.

The Vote. Gov. Carney received 68 votes for Senator—over two-thirds of the legislature! Such a majority is almost unprecedented. But he has merited the confidence of the people and every vote he received.

The Hannibal & St. Jo. railroad is now in running order, and not closed for repairs, as has been reported. Trains are running on schedule time.

THE OTHER SIDE.—The Conservative insist that Marshal McDowell, Jim. for their official services, because they are friends of Carney. Very well—but why not extend the list? D. W. Wilder is receiving \$2,000 a year from Government, for wearing out the seat of his breeches in Leavenworth. Sid. Clarke is receiving \$150 per month from Government, for writing communications to the Conservative, and defaming Gov. Carney. F. P. Baker is receiving \$110 per month, and "forage," as Commissioner on the Enrollment Board, and has never been near the board. We might extend the list. Why not stop the pay of these men also?—White Cloud Chief.

The railroad fever appears to be quite prevalent in various sections. Its notable symptom is fatulency.

News of the Week. After some hard fighting our forces under Col. Mulligan, drove the rebels under Gen. Early in Western Virginia, and compelled them to retreat up Shenandoah valley. Our success is reported "signal and brilliant." The enemy also lost many by desertion.

Over 1,000 rebel deserters were registered in one day at Chattanooga.

Affairs look better in East Tennessee. We earnestly hope the rebels will be prevented from getting a foothold there.

The rebels under Johnston, it is said, fear open mutiny. The recent conscription act of the Congress, driving all men into the ranks, and compelling the old soldiers to remain in the army, is said to be hateful to all classes. These deluded Southerners are getting their rights, sure enough!

The loss by the destruction of Colt's revolver and rifle factory at Hartford, Conn., will exceed a million of dollars; 900 men are thrown out of employment by the catastrophe. The origin of the fire is a mystery—supposed to be the work of an incendiary. We have been in the building, however; it was old, of wood—at last in part—and hardly safe for carrying on such work. We are scarcely surprised that the fire occurred without the work of an incendiary. We think it might reasonably have been expected. The insurance will cover about 60 per cent. of the loss.

The steamer Emma was fired into by the rebels 15 miles below Helena on the 6th. Three shells exploded in the vessel—one of them in the ladies' cabin.—They were charged with Greek fire, which was extinguished. No material harm done. This firing into boats should be put a stop to. It is murder, and not war, unless the boats are engaged in the service.

It is said regiments are to be consolidated and raised in number to 2,400 men each. What a lot of officers will be thrown upon the "cold charities of the world" by this arrangement.

The rebels have occupied Corinth and Jackson, Miss. Sherman will soon be after them there.

The rebels are alarmed at the movements of our forces in the lower part of Tennessee.

Our men under Gens. Kilpatrick and Warren, made a reconnaissance in force across the Rapidan a few days since.—They scoured up a concealed body of the enemy—had a fight in the darkness of night, and returned, after having accomplished the object of the movement.

The railroad will be opened to Knoxville, Tenn. to-day, it is thought. This is good news, as our men there have been on short rations and in need of clothing.

The railroad depot at Chattanooga was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Loss \$100,000.

Gen. Caldwell had a brush with the enemy on the Rapidan. He came near being drawn into a trap by the story of some deserters, but escaped the snare with the loss of 35 killed and wounded.

The rebels are sending our prisoners from Virginia to Georgia. This looks like the rebel capital was to be abandoned.

Gen. Lee and Jeff. Davis are not on good terms. Lee wishes to be Dictator of the South.

Some guerrillas captured the steamer Levy on the Kanawha river, with Gen. Scammon and staff and 40 soldiers on board, who were asleep at the time.—The vessel was burned by the captors.

Through rebel sources we have reports of several small successes of their armies, at different points.

The Latest. Two corps of the army of the Potomac crossed the Rapidan in the face of the enemy, taking some prisoners.

Gen. Sherman is said to have 70,000 men for his expedition. Destination unknown. Reported against Mobile.

The recent movements in East Tennessee were only for the purpose of obtaining forage.

Things look hopeful on the whole. Activity seems to prevail, and movements along the whole line are anticipated at the earliest practicable period.

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Administrator's Sale. By virtue of an order of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, I will sell at private sale, the personal property (or so much thereof as can be disposed of to advantage) belonging to the estate of Lewis Stafford, deceased, principally as follows: 2 Work Benches, 1 set Turner's Tools, some Tinware, a quantity of Sheet Tin, (part of it 14 x 20, the rest 10 x 14), 1 Cook Stove, Gridlons, Pots, a lot of Sheet Iron, Bucket ears and Birets; 2 Iron Heaters, a lot of Solder and Rosin, 35 lbs. Stamped Copper Bottoms, 1 set Union Scales, &c. Persons wishing to purchase any of these articles should make application soon. JAMES A. MANN, Administrator. 180-4w

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