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The Missouri-Kansas Legislature and its The administration at Washington, the Buchanan democracy, the spurious civil authorities of Kansas, the United States army, and Mr. Pierce's border ruffians ' how openly and a vowedly entered upon a war of extermination against, the free State settlers of Kaneas, upon the terrible charge that they are traiter, and in a state of armed insurrection against the laws and the regulariv constituted authorities of the ..tory. Follow us, readers, through a brief and dispassionate examination of this matter, and you will soon see who are the traitors and where this crime of treason be-

longs. The federal constitution is the supreme law. All laws, Congressional, State or Territorial, violative of this constitution. are null and void. This supreme law, therefore, over all the States and Territories -over New York and over Kansas-establishes the freedom of speech, the freedom of opinion, the freedom of the press, "the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for the redress of their grievances;" and it ordains, too, that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," and that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, ho rses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated," &c. And it further provides, that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation;" and it also declares that "excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted," &c. This is the supreme law of all the States and Territories-the federal constitution. And here we stick a pin, and proceed to another branch of our subject.

The Kansas-Nebraska law-the organic Territorial law of Kansas-was framed in pursuance of this constitution; and the saving feature of the act, which Col. Benton calls "the stump speech in the belly of the bill," distinctly declares that "it is not the intention of this act to legislate slavery into the Territory, or to exclude it therefrom, but to leave it to the people thereof, to be settled in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States," This is the organic Territorial law of Kansas. The settlers of the Territory are left perfectly free to settle their domestic institutions "in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States."stitution and of the popular sovereignty of the act of Congress known as the Kansas-Nebraska bill. Now for the traitors; and we shall find them without the aid of a tele-

On the day of his inauguration, the President of the United States took a solemn oath of fidelity to the constitution-the whole of it, to all the specifications we have given, and all that we have not given, including the special injunction that "he shall see the laws faithfully executed." Upon this last injunction hangs our main ques tion of the Kansas traitors, and we shall see presently who, what, and where they are. We are close upon their trail.

With an eve to the constitutional rights of the people of Kansas, the organic Terrifarial law provides that none but bona fide settlers in the Territory shall have the righ to vote, and this safeguard is hedged and fenced about with the necessary means for enforcing this just restriction of the elective franchise. Mark, 100, the Passident had sworn to maintain the constitution and to see this law "faithfully executed," But let us inquire now what he has done ; because, as the supreme executive guardian over the Territories, he is responsible for all those civil and military proceedings in Kansas, under cover of the law, which are among the most strocious, ferocious and infamous violations of law.

In the first place, President Pierce has adopted the Missouri-Kansas Legislature and officials as the legitimate government of the Territory. But Gov. Reeder had informed him otherwise, and had disclosed to him fully and specifically all the outrageonsly illegal means and instruments through which the said Missouri authorities were placed over the people of Kansas .-Subsequently, a special Congressional committee, detailed to Kansas for the purpose, to reject a man as a juror because he had entered into a careful and methodical inqui- said he was opposed to slavery; or that it ry, and from the sworn testimony of hun- is very unpleasant to be obliged to hang a drads of credible witnesses, the following facts were established :-

By the census of November, 1854, and that of January and February, 1855, it mane Senators uttered these very liberal was ascertained that the number of legal opinions, or voted for them in one bill, devoters in the Territory was 2,905. At the election of a delegate to Congress, the ther, and out off all these oppressive enactlegal votes cast only amounted to about 550, while the illegal votes were 1,700 and upwards. Little interest seems to have been taken by the residents at this time in of their personal interests, and engaged in repeal of sections or parts of the Missouri- worth on Tuesday evening, the 9th. From the teamsters was searched, and their arms. Gen. Lane.

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OREGON CITY, O.T., NOVEMBER 1, 1856.

tending a . est settlement.

or three, the greatest violence and disorder ment for indemnity.

der party" succeeded in carrying the Terri- to support the constitution, and false to his torial Legislature, and in this way began sworn duty of seeing the "laws faithfully the troubles and the bloodshed in Kansas, executed," The rest, we presume, will be These are facts, and this is history, estab. attended to by the American people in the place, and that they must be driven off. of but war. Business is entirely suspended. lished by the sworn testimony of a cloud of November; for the whole demoralized

of recognizing this spurious Missouri Leg- son .- N. Y. Herald. islature as the lawful government of Kansas, we are brought within short range of the first, most conspicuous and most criminal Kansas traitors, and it is no less a per sonage than Franklin Pierce, President of act of infidelity to his constitutional oath Jefferson City Inquirer, by the officers of desire that he with his gang, and Captain merchants have boxed up their goods and "to see the law -the Kansas organic law the steamer Genoa:faithfully executed." Apprised of this ruthless armed invasion of spurious voters was the first duty of the President to repu. were still at work plundering the town. diate that bogus Missouri Legislature, and On Tuesday, 2nd, McKinney's whole to lay the facts before congress. But the train was captured by a party headed by ng that Missouri-Kansas Legislature, he ported.

"The tree is known by its fruit." The Legislature. They are unconstitutional, this writ. illegal, atrocious, savage and infamous, and Senators, in so declaring them, while they armed for Kansas, from Glasgow. still sustain the traitorous administration. Gov. Shannon had a short interview and the demoralized and utterly rotten and with Gov. Geary on board the Keystone, abandoned democratic party that would while lying alongside. enforce the bloody code, even to the slaugh. In addition to the above, we received ter of every free white acttler in Kunsas.

ic nomination.

These democratic Senators, who are now electioneering through the country for Mr. Buchanan as the anointed jegatee of Mr. Pierce and his policy of ruffian sovereignty denounce the treason, yet support the traitors. Illustrious democratic Senators, and artful dodgers! No one cares whether they are willing to repeal this or that section of the laws of Kansas; no one thanks them for saying in the Senate that the Missouri-Kansas ball and chain were cruelties, or that it was very wrong to chain and imprison a man because he had opinions of his own on slavery; or that it was unjust man because he had whispered that if he were a slave he would run away. No one -we repeat it-cares whether these busigned to upset another, which went forments at a blow, by compelling the President to sheath the sword. This is not the

the engrossing occupations necessarily at- Kansas Territorial laws : they would have him we have gained the following impor- and ammunition taken from them. While

men enough to turn the elections at all the every point, the free State settlers of Kan-tend to move from his position. doubtful precincts. When the judges ap sas are the aggrieved and outraged party. Mr. Irish states that a few days before the pro-slavery army. They told them

the borders would strike their tents, do a at the re-assembling of Congress should be little plundering, and cross the Missouri to a resolution in the House of Representatives for the impeachment of the President of the This is the way the ruffian "law and or. United States as a traitor-false to his oath democratic party, and their policy and their but were afraid to interfere, and the gang been removed. Yesterday, preparations In his infamous and truckling policy, then candidate, are involved in this Kansas tre- of marauders, under Capt. Miller, were for the defense of the town were complet-

> [From the St. Louis Democrat, Sep. 11.] LATEST NEWS FROM KANSAS. Attack on Tecumseh -- Warrants out for the Arrest of the Free State Men, ect.

The latest we have from the Territory, the United States. Here was his first overt are the following items, furnished by the heartily that many have expressed their ed to shoulder arms or leave. Some of the

from Missouri, and of the mockety, insult the name of Stowell, entered Tecumseh on the feelings of the inhabitants toward Capt. and contempt which they had thrown upon Thursday, 4th, and completely sacked the Miller and his marauders, Mr. Irish relates the bona fide settlers of Kansas, and their town of all the provisions and clothing it rights under the law and constitution, it contained. When our informant left they along the street, just after the first reports

party necessities of Mr. Pierce were more the notorious Brown in person, who was imperative than his oath; and so, in adopt- not killed at Ossawatomie, as before re-

became a traitor, in the vain delusion of Judge Lecompt, who is not now at the thus securing, through Southern nigger fort, has issued an order to the Marshal of driving sympathy, the Cincinnati democrat- the Territory to arrest Lane and other agitators.

Gen. Smith has likewise issued orders to bloody laws passed by the Missouri border Col. Cook, commanding fourteen compato God he will come, and that quickly!" ruffian Legislature of Kansas are on a par nies at Fort Riley, to give every assistance with the instruments employed to elect that and aid to the Marshal in the execution of

On Tuesday the Keystone arrived at we use but the words of Gen. Cass, Mr. Glasgow, with Gov. Geary on board, in have it, if they have to steal it. Douglas, Mr. Weller and other democratic charge of a company of one hundred men,

tleman who came down the Missouri river on the steamer Australia, which boat reached Jefferson City from above vesterday morning, that affairs in the Territory were unchanged. The pro-slavery forces had been quarrelling among themselves, and were almost entirely disbanded.

Lane was growing very bold and insulting, and had facetiously sent word to the people of Westport and Independence, that in a few days he would be "down and take breakfast with them." Leavenworth was desolate, her stores closed, dwellings deserted and business entirely suspended.

There were rumors in the city last evening, that a government dispatch had passed through on its way to Washington, conveying intelligence of a fight between the government troops, under Smith, and Lane's forces; but we could learn nothing reliable, and have no confidence in its

[From the St. Louis Democrat, Sept. 12.1 General Richardson Taken Prisoner and

gone manfully in for the repeal of the tant information respecting the condition in charge of their captors they were well At the next election, while another con- whole. They knew that the whole code of things in Kansas. On the same even- treated, no cruelty or indignity, other than to leave on Wednesday, 16th inst. as presented no larger number of legal was illegally adopted—the whole election ing of his departure from Leavenworth, the searching of their carpet sacks being voters than the previous one, the votes of which gave vitality to it was a fraud; they the people of that city were in a state of offered them. On being released they the pro-slavery party had risen to 5,427, knew that its test onths, its jury qualification at reports that were fly. were given one of the wagons and six oxand the free State vote to only 791. The tions, its suppression of the freedom of ing about that Lane contemplated an at- en to convey themselves to Missouri with. illegal vote was, therefore, 3,813, if the speech and of the press, and its violation tack upon the city that night. A lot of Word was sent also to the owners of the whole number of legitimate votes, 2,905, of the rights of conscience, were unconsti- government wagens had been placed on the train, that they could have their property had been taken at this election. The re-tutional and illegal, without their tardy outskirts, so as to quite encircle the city, by coming after it, and that it should be port of the committee estimated the illegal admission of the fact. It was, therefore, a and in some places where the space be- preserved for them. Two other trains, brazen mockery, a political trand, and an tween the wagons was rather wide, rough Bent's and Campbell's which it was feared In addition to the frauds thus committed insult to the people of this country, to pro- board fences had been put up. The Mayor would be captured also, were allowed to in voting, was witnessed a premeditated in. pose a repeal merely of certain sections of of the city had sent word up to the fort, pass unmolested by the Yankees, who gave vasion of the Territory by armed borders, a code, which partial repeal carried with it demanding assistance from the troops. As as their reason for capturing McKinny's who came some of them hundreds of miles, a confirmation, in affirmance, and an en- Mr. Irih was leaving, he learned that four train, that McKinney was an active proarmed, as already stated, and in companies, dorsement of that illegal legislation itself. companies of the troops had been detained slavery man, engaged with the pro-slavery under the command of officers, with bag. The Kansas traitors, the border ruffian under the orders of General Persifer F. army. gage trains and all the appointments of an Legislature of Kansas and their infamous Smith, and were marching down to put The Yankees told the captives that they army, for the avowed purpose of carrying laws, with all their atrocities, the administ the town under guard and keep off the ex- had under arms 1,800 men-900 at Lawthe election at all hazards. There being teation at Washington upholds at the point pected enemies. This plarm and great rence, 500 between Lawrence and Leaveneighteen districts, or places where the polls of the bayonet, and the rotten and demor- precaution was somewhat amusing to Mr. worth, and 400 between Lawrence and the

pointed by the Governor refused to receive The constitution and the Kansas-Nebraska his departure, Gen. Richardson, command- also that they had no idea of attacking the rotes, they were driven from their posts, or bill are on their side. They are not trailer of the northern division of the Kansas Missouri towns. They seemed to be accuntimidated into acquiescence by loaded tors in resisting the bloody code of Kansas Militia, had been captured by a squad of rately posted in regard to the position pistols presented at their breasts. Many of as the offspring of unlawful anthority .- Lane's troops. The particulars of the arms and movements of the pro-slavery he anti slavery electors were not permitted. They are clearly right in this resistance .- capture he had not heard. Richardson forces, as all they told the teamsters was to come near the polls, and, in some in- They are simply standing upon their lawful was conveyed to Lawrence, and delivered found by the latter to be correct on their stances, the ballots were found (bullot stuf. and constitutional rights as American citi- over to General Lane, who at once restor- arrival at the pro-slavery camp. fing) to exceed the tally lists in large quan. zens, in a common Territory of the Union; ed his arms, and calling out a small guard, When our informant left the Bull creek tities. When a free State voter was will- and every man of them who has suffered, escorted him outside of the town and dis- camp on the 4th, the greater part of the ing to be sworn as to his qualifications, he in person or property, from the bloody ruf. missed him with much courtesy, and many Missourians were leaving too, and net was driven off, with the cry of "shoot him," fian policy of the administration, in Kan- expressions of regret at his misfortune .- more than fifty men were left. The deter-

'rin him up." In every district but two sas, has a rightful claim upon the govern- Mr. Irish learned that Gen. Richardson mination, however, was expressed to rewas so pleased with the generosity of his turn on the 13th and attack Lawrence. prevailed, and after the election was over On the other hand, the first proceeding captors, that he has declared his intention to wage no more war against them.

> fight it out together. In illustration of that on Monday evening, as he was passing had reached the place that Lane was contemplating an attack, he was addressed by a lady from one of the houses, who asked him what truth there was in the rumors. and what Lane would probably do should the town be taken. He replied that he thought Lane was not coming, but that if he did come, he would do nothing more than drive out the disorderly Missourians. To this she replied with great emphasis and feeling :- "If that's all he will do, I hope

The Alabamians who are under arms, are exceedingly sick of the country, and are determined to leave. They say they must have money to get away with, and will

Atchison and Doniphan have become disgusted and returned to Missouri. The very small.

intelligence yesterday evening by a gen- ber of the citizens and men under arms will be here to morrow. We are cheered were on the banks, ready to receive some by his arrival. He promises to drive evewhich were expected. When they learned actual resident, and says he will call to his that Governor Geary was on board, they aid one thousand United States troops, and called him out. He appeared on the fifty thousand volunteers from the North it guard and made them a speech of about necessary. ten minutes' length, saying among other things, with qualifications attached, he would enforce all the territorial laws which were constitutional. The Governor then proceeded up the river and landed at the fort, where he had an immediate consultation with Gen. Smith. He stated his intention to proceed to Lawrence in a few days, oners for three hours. Col. Whipple's without any more troops than would suf- regiment captured a party of thieves at fice for a body guard.

The St. Louis News of Thursday evening has the following:

Latest from Kansas-Reitable Particulars, thousand men. Mr W. S. Honnold, one of the men who had charge of the Santa Fe (Mckinney's) ticulars of that occurrence, and other events at \$5,000 each. in Kansas. The train was captured on the Governor Geary has released all the Mr. Rial Irish, a native of Pontiac, 1st, by a company of men under Capt. Cut- prisoners that were in the hands of the mob point. If they had been in earnest in their Michigan, reached our city yesterday after- ter-not Brown, as erroneously stated. It at Leavenworth. humanity and sincere in their horror, they noon by Jefferson City and the Pacific consisted of three mules, three horses and The Missourians, generally, had fled the slavery question. They were thinking would not have confined their action to the Railroad, having left the city of Leaven- sixty-six head of cattle. The baggage of from Westport, fearing an attack from

were held, reserves of the invaders were alized nigger-driving democratic party Irish, as he had learned on the same day pro-slavery camp at Bull Creek. These held at different convenient points, from which upholds the administration is pledg- from a gentleman direct from Lawrence, forces are all under regular military diswhich were despatched, as were wanted, ed to its policy. In every way, and at that Lane had not moved, nor did he in- cipline, no man being allowed to leave the army of his own accord, as is the case with

LEAVENWORTH CITY, Sept. 5, 1856. A despatch from Atchison's command The condition of Leavenworth City is states that he has fallen back with his truly deplorable. On Monday night last, force (twelve hundred) to Westport, to Mr. Irish states, he was aroused from his reinforce, preparatory to attacking Lawbed at the Leavenworth Hotel, by cries of rence. Armed men from all quarters are the citizens that the Missouri mob were crowding into this place. The grentest plundering several of the grocery stores of excitement prevails, and nothing is talked The citizens gathered in large numbers, Nearly all the women and children have permitted to finish their robberies. This ed. Covered wagons are stretched around Capt. Miller is a notorious gambler and the town in the manner of a coral, which, scoundrel, and has under his command a without artillery, it would be no easy job to small gang of Missourians and others, who break through. The Kansas militia met go about pilfering and plundering indis- on parade, and chose Mr. Brindle, Major. criminately. The people detest him so Every man of the place has been compell-

TELEGRAPHIC. The prisoners Admitted to Batt\_Gov. Geary Promises to Drite out the Border Ruf\_

Sr. Louis, Sept. 15, 1856. Advices from Kansas to the 10th inst. say that the State prisoners were released

Gov. Geary has issued a proclamatio commanding all armed bands to disperse. Emery's band was taken before Gen-Smith, for arresting an officer of the army. Whipple's company had captured a pary of theives, on the 9th and taken eighty Delegation to the next Congress.

A fort capable of holding a thousand men had just been finished at Lawrence.

There was a jubilee at Lawrence on the 10th inst. Speeches were made by the State prisoners, and there was general re-

Mrs. Rebinson passed here today, en route for Boston.

LAWRENCE, Sept. 10, 1856. After a contest of two days the State pro slavery forces under Gen. Reid were prisoners have been admitted to bail by Judge Lecompte, and are 10-night with us. Governor Geary reached Leavenworth It is not beleived they will ever be tried. City on Tuesday evening. Quite a num- Governor Geary is at Leavenworth, and vote: two or three companies of Missourians, ry marauder from Kansas who is not an

Capt. Emory's banditti band near Leavenworth arrested an officer of the army yesterday, for which Emery's whole company were brought before General Smith. Rev. Mr. Nute is with us to-night.

We have had a jubilee of rejoicingpublic speaking in the street from the pris-Osanke yesterday, and took eighty horses.

We will complete a fort to-morrow on Mount Orlan, that will accommodate one

CHICAGO, Sept. 16, 1856. Mrs. Robinson arrived in this city to-day. train, captured by the free State men, call. She says the bail of her husband was fixed ed on us this morning, and related the par- at \$5,500, and that of the other prisoners

Job Printing. THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ARGUS IS HAPPY of inform the public that he has just received a terial, and will be in the spendy receipt of no. callty. PANDBILLS, POSTERS, BLANKS, CARDS, CIRCULARS, PAMPHIET-WORK General Smith had ordered all the fam

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lies seeking safety at Fort Leavenworth

The pro-slavery men report a battle at Planter's Bridge, on the 13th ult., between five hundred Missourisms under General Atchison, and a party of free soilers. The Missourians fled at the first charge.

THE GREAT VICTORY IN MAINE.

"Was not that Thunder." Great Triumph for Freedom.

Republican Majority Overwhelming.

The Portland Advertiser of Monday has returns of the vote for Governor from 430 towns and plantations, giving the following

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Net Republican gain The Advertiser says:

"The vote of this year will be about ten housand heavier than the vote of last year, which was the largest thrown in this State by some fourteen thousand.
"Gov. Wells falls short of the vote he

received last year more than 3,000, and Mr. Patten falls behind Reed's vote of last year more than 4,000. "We think Mr. Hamlin's vote will come

well up to 70,000, his majority over Wells and Patten to about 19,000, and his plurality over Wells to 25,000." . The new Legislature looks thus :

1856. 1855. Senate Bepub. 30 Anti, 1 Repub. 2 Anti, 29 Heuse " 125 Anti, 26 Repub. 60 Anti, 91 Some change here.

Congness.-The Portland Advertiser In the 1st District, the Hon. John M. Wood is reelected over his competitor, the Hon, Josiah S. Little, by a majority of about

In the Ild District, Charles J. Gilman, Esq., is elected over Mr. Phillsbury, the nominee of the Democrats and Straight

In the HId District, Nehemiah Abbott, the Republican candidate, is elected over Brown with his guerillas, should be placed sent them off. There is not a single free Henry Ingalls by a majority of more than 2,200. In the IVth District, the Hon, Freeman

H. Morse is elected over the Hon. David Bronson, the candidate of the Straight Whigs and Democrats, by a majority which can only be reckoned by thousands. In the Vth District, the Hon. Israel

Washburn, jr., is elected over Abraham Sanborn by a majority of 3,000. Mr. Sanborn was the candidate of the Buchancers. In IVth District, we have a dispatch from Calais, stating that the Hon. S. C. Foster, the Republican candidate, is elected by a majority of 1,200 over Arno Wiswell,

Maine thus elects a united Republican

Laren.-Since publishing our tables yesterday, we have received the vote for Governor in 65 towns and plantations, leaving only 13 all very small, to be heard from. In these Mr. Hamlin's majority appears to be 18,950. The net Republican gain in the same towns is 26,757. The following is the vote :

Hamlin, 43,009 Wells. 5,995 Patten. The vote for Governor in all but nine

small plantations in Washington County, which has probably cast a nearly divided

Wells and Patten, 6,764

Republican majority 1,295 As Mr. Foster's vote is equal to Mr. Hamlin's, so far as known in the District, we have no doubt that he has been chosen by a plurality of at least 1,200 .- Boston Atlas.

Tennessee.

Col. Thornton having lately stated, in a speech at Memphis, that there were three hundred Fremont voters in that city, Fowlke's Financial Express of the 6th Oct., says : "We take no great interest in politics; we leave

this for those who want office, and who have more taste, and greater information of politicians and public measures, than we have. We believe that we have full five hundred voters who prefer Framont to either Fillmore or Buchausa in this city and county, and would cast their votes for him is preference to either of the other candidates for the Presidency, provided there was a Fremont ticket in the State. We may be mistaken, but we do not believe we are. We think the opinion expressed by Col. J. B. Thornton really below the number of Fremont voters in this city. This is our honest conviction; and, with the disposition evinced by some to strike down Col. Thornton for the simple statement of a fact, if it be a fact-if not a fact. for an erroneous opinion, if it he an error-we cannot, in justice to our sense of duty, refrain from the giving of our opinions upon the subject; and while we state this conviction of ours as a mere opinion and not as a positive fact, yet we can give reasons for the 'faith that is in us' on this subject '