

# NORTHWESTERN NOTES.

## KANSAS.

The Marion *School Gleaner* asks if the children of the State wouldn't like to build a monument to John Brown.

Senator Ingalls sends the following to Judge Adams, of Topeka:

"UNLANDO, ORANGE COUNTY, Fla., April 9.  
—Senator Ingalls.—Dear Sir: I am one of the 101 prisoners of Hickory Point battles who were confined in Leecompton prison by order of Judge Cato. The reason for my imprisonment was that I made and fired the first cannon ball fired on the part of the North in the great struggle for freedom against slavery. It was made of type that belonged to the *Herald of Freedom* press, and it was fired at Fort Titus, Aug. 16, 1850. It was a six-pound ball. While I was detained in prison my farm was cleared of everything—hogs, hens, beans, corn, and potatoes. By a commission appointed to examine into the losses I was awarded \$500. But you know it was never paid. I am in my 74th year, and the hard usage I got in prison is telling sorely against me, and there may be others of the first settlers who would be glad to have their losses paid. The first settlers were good and true to the Union, and many of them, like myself, volunteered and fought to preserve it. The rheumatism I contracted in prison turned to dropsy, and I had to be operated upon while I was in the army; and then came an order for all captains to be mustered out whose companies fell below a certain number, and I was mustered out. Now, I would like to know if there is any chance of this greatest and richest Nation paying these little debts that are so justly due. I don't know whether I am entitled to a pension or not, but I was still in the doctor's hands when I was mustered out. I dislike the idea of being a pensioner, and if I could get that \$500 that is due me from the government it would greatly relieve my old wife

and self. Please let me know if you think I can ever get that \$500, and oblige an old settler.

"THOMAS DICKERTON."

The *Commonwealth* explains that the first Kansas battery mustered into the service for the rebellion was commanded by this same petitioner, Thomas Dickerton, to whom a commission, appointed by the Territorial Legislature, made the award claimed by him. The total of awards for property taken or destroyed at that period was large, but the claims were all disallowed by the State Legislature of 1857.