

**KANSAS ITEMS.** The House committee on Territories have agreed to report a bill abrogating all the bogus Kansas laws, and providing against the passage of similar laws in any of the territories of the United States. Ex-Gov. Reeder is about to present a memorial contesting Whitfield's right to a seat in the House, on the ground that the election was a mere voluntary act, having no legal force, because no law existed authorizing the Governor to call a special election. He contends that, as the House manifests a disposition to reconsider its decision of last winter against the admission of a delegate, as the simple choice of the Territory unofficially expressed, his claim on that ground is stronger than Whitfield's.

Latest dates from the territory are to Dec. 27th. A public meeting had been held at Lawrence to take measures for the establishment of a college. That is Yankee-like, says the Springfield Republican. Before the sawmill is fairly operating, they lay the foundations of a University. A memorial was adopted asking Congress to grant lands for the purpose. The boards of trustees elected includes Govs. Geary and Robinson, Rev. Messrs. Nute and Lum and Gen. Pomeroy of Kansas, Amos A. Lawrence of Boston, L. C. Bacon of New Haven, and Ex-Gov. Slade of Vermont.

Christmas was celebrated by the parade of the Stubbs Guards, in the uniforms presented by the ladies of the Oread Institute, of Worcester. Among them were the twenty young men who were convicted of manslaughter by Lecompte's court, and sentenced to ten years' confinement and hard labor. They are sometimes called "convicts." They make their home in the Lecompton prison most of the time, but when an order is received commanding the Guards to turn out, the "convicts" obey orders and fall into the ranks, perform their duties as members of the company, and then return to their cells. Their keeper, Capt. Hampton, permits them to visit their friends and to be their own guard. While the free-state prisoners are thus allowed the largest liberty, on account of the confidence the officials have in their word of honor that they will not make their escape, Cushing, the pro-slavery man convicted of the murder of another pro-slavery man, has been sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, and the barbarous ball and chain has actually been fastened upon him—the first instance of its use upon a Kansas convict.

During the last three months, Essex county has added more than \$7000 to her previous contributions to the Kansas relief fund.—A company of Kansas settlers is organizing in Michigan, who expect to reach the territory early in March, under the guidance of Rev. A. St. Clair.—The Kansas Herald of Freedom acknowledges the gift of \$100 from Amos A. Lawrence of Boston, to assist in placing that paper on a firm basis.