

THE WAR ENDED.

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NINETY OF LANE'S MEN CAPTURED BY GOV. GEARY — LANE RETREATING — CONFERENCE BETWEEN GOV. GEARY, COL. COOKE AND THE OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA, ETC.

The following account of affairs as they recently transpired near Lawrence, has been furnished us by a gentleman just returned from there; and may be regarded as perfectly reliable:

The troops under Gen. Heiskell's command, consisting of one regiment of foot and two of mounted men, numbering in all between twenty-four and twenty-five hundred, with four pieces of artillery, moved from their camp near Westport on the 13th inst. On that and the following day they marched between thirty-five and forty miles, and reached the town of Franklin, three miles from Lawrence. When about four miles from Franklin an express came back at full speed, and told the General that the enemy had engaged his advanced guard, and they were then fighting. The column was put in rapid motion, the footmen already very much fatigued, and their feet blistered, going at a half trot. They kept up this pace, except a few minutes at the Waterworks for water, until they got nearly to Franklin, where, as it turned out, a large picket-guard of the Yankers had killed one of our men, and pushed off to Lawrence. By the time the main body of the troops reached Franklin it was five o'clock, and they were eager to go on immediately to Lawrence: but, considering the lateness of the hour, the exhausted condition of the footmen, and the total ignorance of Lane's strength and the position of his fortifications, it was decided to be better to rest the men and make the attack at daylight in the morning. They accordingly encamped for the night near Franklin.

About midnight an express arrived giving information that Col. Cooke, with the United States troops under his command, had taken a position in front of Lawrence for its protection, and early in the morning Col. Cooke sent a note to Gen. Heiskell to that effect. Great disappointment was felt on all hands at the lost opportunity to engage and crush the hired thieves and the murderers under Lane; and universal regret was expressed that the movement was not continued into Lawrence the evening before. It turned out that as soon as the approach of Gen. Heiskell was learned in Lawrence, couriers were dispatched to Leecompton imploring Gov. Geary for protection by the United States troops; and he, as must be admitted, in the plain discharge of his duty, ordered Col. Cooke's command immediately to Lawrence, where they arrived about 11 o'clock at night.

About 10 o'clock in the morning Gov. Geary and Col. Cooke arrived at Franklin, where the troops were assembled, and a conference was arranged and held between them and the field officers and captains of companies of Gen. Heiskell's command. The conference was opened by Gov. Geary who addressed the meeting at some length. He expressed his great pleasure at meeting with the gentlemen present.

He told them that he hoped and believed that their interposition for the vindication of the laws and protection of the suffering citizens against the cruelties and villainous outrages committed against them by the organized banditti roving through the Territory, was no longer necessary. He said that his mission was to bring peace to its borders, that he was armed with power sufficient for that purpose, and he was determined to accomplish it. He was glad to inform them that, having arrived in the Territory only three days ago, he had already conquered and captured a large body, having taken between ninety and one hundred of them prisoners. He said that if he had not had to come here to meet them, he would now have been at the head of Col. Cooke's command in pursuit of the rest of the banditti. He impressed upon them the importance and solemnity of the occasion; referred to the consequences that might follow to the country, to the Union, and to our children, and our children's children, as the result of the conference now held in this humble place; and closed by appealing to them to dissolve their present organization, and cooperate with him, under the laws and instructions governing him, for the restoration of peace and the due execution of the laws of the Territory.

Gen. Atchison, Gen. Reid, Col. Cooke, and others, addressed the meeting, responding fully and cordially to the views and feelings expressed by the Governor, and urged a compliance with his wishes. Col. Titus also addressed the meeting—urging with much feeling the

outrages and injuries he had suffered at the hands of the marauders. He told the Governor of the ransoming of his house, of its burning, of the from \$5,000 to \$10,000 of which they had robbed him, and held up his mutilated arm in proof of their desperate efforts to destroy him. He said his heart beat tumultuously for revenge; but he was willing to await the result of the efforts about to be made to bring the outlaws to justice.

The conference closed by the Governor retiring, and requesting the continuance of the meeting, full consultation among themselves, and that they would give him the result of their deliberations.

The meeting was then organized by calling General D. R. Atchison to the chair, who, on taking it, said:

As was well-known to all present, the gentlemen composing this meeting had been in conference with Gov. Geary, who, in the strongest language, had deprecated the inhuman outrages perpetrated by those whom he characterized as bandits now roving through the Territory, and pledged himself in the most solemn manner to employ actively all the forces at his command in executing the laws of the Territory, and giving protection to its bleeding citizens, and who had also appealed to us to dissolve our present organization and stand by and cooperate with him in holding up the hands of his power against all evil doers, and who had also retired from the meeting with the request that it would consult and determine what course would be taken. Now the object of the meeting was thus to consult and determine what should be done. General Atchison further, as Governor Geary had also done, impressed the meeting with the importance and solemnity of the occasion, and that it was a time for men to exercise their reason and not yield to their passions, and also to keep on the side of the Law, which alone constitutes our strength and protection. A Committee was appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting; which, after retiring a short time, reported the following preamble and resolutions, that were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Under the proclamation of acting Gov. Woodson, we have reached the town of Franklin, three miles from Lawrence, on our way to the latter place, in search of an organized band of murderers and robbers, said to be under the command of Lane, who have plundered and butchered large numbers of our fellow-citizens, with the intention of overpowering and driving that band from the Territory; and *whereas*, we have here met and conferred with Gov. Geary, who has arrived in the Territory since we were here called and who has given us satisfactory evidence of his intention and power to execute the laws of the Territory, and called on us to dissolve our present organization, and to leave the preservation of the peace of the Territory to his hands; and *whereas*, Gov. Geary has assured us his intention to muster into service a portion of the militia of the Territory for the purpose of giving the strongest assurance of protection to its citizens; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That, relying upon the assurance of Gov. Geary to give protection to our peace, in the spirit of order loving and law-abiding citizens we cordially conform to his wishes by dissolving our organization, and will disperse to our homes as speedily as the circumstances under which we are placed will admit of.

2. That the Governor be requested to organize and place in the field immediately one battalion (part mounted and part footmen) of Kansas militia, and distribute them over the Territory in such a manner as will best protect the settlers in their homes, persons and property.

3. That, in view of the condition of things in Southern Kansas, we respectfully recommend to the Governor that he station a company of one hundred mounted men at Potawatamie Creek, in Franklin, Anderson, and Lykins Counties, to give protection to the law-abiding citizens of that section of the country.

4. That we respectfully recommend Col. H. Titus (Colonel of the Douglas County militia) as commander of the Territorial militia now to be mustered into the service.

G. W. CLARK,
SAML. J. JONES, } Committee.
H. T. TITUS, and others, }

A copy of the preamble and resolutions was ordered to be furnished to the Governor.

(Signed)

D. R. ATCHISON, Chairman.