

Adventures of a Lady from Lawrence—Great Preparations for Another Invasion from Missouri—Straightened Circumstances of the Settlers

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Mrs. Dr. CUTTER has just arrived from Kansas, with the latest news. She left Lawrence on the morning of Saturday, the 23d inst., and came to Kansas City by stage, and there took steamboat to St. Louis. Mrs. CUTTER undertook the venture of braving the perils and insults of Border-Ruffianism, simply because *no Free-State man is allowed to pass*. She undertook to come by way of Leavenworth, but was met and dissuaded on the road by a U. S. Dragoon, who told her it was not safe—he had just passed a man's body not yet cold. So she resolved to face the difficulties of the *middle passage*.

That she was obliged to use stratagem to get through, may well be supposed—subjected, as she was, to the impudent inquisition of the ruffians at Westport and Kansas City. Precisely *what* plan her woman's wit devised to throw dust in their eyes, it is not well to state; it is enough that it succeeded. It was, beforehand, reckoned that Saturday would be a good day for the enterprise, as the loyal borderers are then more generally and hopelessly drunk than usual.

So great was the terror inspired by the scenes she witnessed, that it was not until she reached Chicago that she really felt free to speak without restraint.

Mrs. CUTTER goes East with letters giving a statement of facts as they now exist. She is a lady of great intelligence and prepossessing manners, and I suggest that if her sisters in Massachusetts, and the East generally, will make an effort to bring her into communication with themselves, they will see a way in which they can do great and lasting service in the cause of Kansas and their suffering friends.

THE CRISIS.

There is no doubt that a fearful crisis now threatens the devoted freemen of Kansas. The borderers of Missouri, *knowing well how weak their party is in Kansas*, are making the most gigantic efforts in their behalf. Men are mustering by hundreds—provisions, powder, cannon are all being concentrated for their use. *Twelve cannon* are reported to have gone forward. While one force is to be moved up the Kansas Valley, directly against Lawrence, another is to be led in by Gen. RICHARDSON from the north, as well to prevent anticipated escape as to be brought down upon the Free-State men from that quarter. Thus it will be seen, that the settlers are completely hemmed in, and, *in a prolonged struggle, must succumb to superior force, unless reinforced from the North. Shall that aid be given?*

That the Missourians now feel that they *have* the settlers in their power, is evident from the deliberate coolness with which they are proceeding to guard all the avenues of escape—even those that lead through Missouri. With them it is only a question of time.

DESTITUTION OF THE SETTLERS.

People at the East do not half realize the pressing, crushing *want* that is beginning to be felt in Kansas. Not only is food getting scant, but *many have scarcely sufficient clothing to satisfy the requirements of decency*. Worse than all, many of the best of our men are obliged to go through the military drill with *sticks* instead of *arms*! The Missourians, on the contrary, are well *clothed, provisioned, armed and mounted*! Does not the cheek of every Northern man tingle with shame at the contrast?

THE REMEDY.

It is *not*, clearly, in sounding resolves and subscriptions payable at some future time. What the heroes of Kansas want to-day is more *men*. With men they can sustain their position, and procure arms and provisions by the aid of their own right arms. But to send *men* to Kansas requires MONEY; and to make the aid effective, it must come *now*. Let every man who has a dollar to spare, or a hundred, send it *at once*, if he does not know any other safe way, to G. W. DOLE, Treasurer National Committee, Chicago.

In the way of clothing, much can be done by collections of ready-made garments, sent to the office of the Committee, No. 11 Marine Bank Building, Chicago. Let boxes be made up in every village and forwarded by express. Many can contribute in this way who cannot in money. Boots and shoes are very necessary. Why cannot a few hundred boxes of these be contributed at once and sent on in this way? One captain, in Lawrence, was obliged to appear on parade, *bare-footed*! and the circumstance did not excite a *spile*.

The men and women in Kansas are sacrificing their *ALL*—property and ease, and running a fearful risk of life, in support of a *cause* which is equally the hope of every true freeman. Will their brethren and sisters of the North, from the midst of security, ease and abundance, contribute the little *essential* to their safety and success?

EMIGRATION.

The movement of men to Kansas is comparatively small. In every town in the North, there is some man who could raise and head a company—large or small—to the rescue. Is it true, as charged by the South, that the dollar is the deity of Northern freemen?

BROWN'S TYPES.

It is a notable circumstance that the cannon balls used to reduce Titus' fort, the other day, were cast from the *type* thrown into the street in Lawrence in May last, by the ruffians acting under U. S. Marshal JONES.

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