

Pence in Kansas

By the following letter to the *St. Louis Republican*, from KANSAS, shows that Gov Geary is carrying out his proclamation, and peace is already fully restored! So that bone of BACHEMAN's Rileism is no longer to be gnawed by the Black Republicans.

The best proof of JIM LANE's cowardice and treasonary is in the fact of his running for life out of the Territory! Had he not been conscious of wickedness, he would have stood his ground and done as the rest did—ground his arms and retired in "good order."

Had Mr GALLOWAY and other Black Republicans in Congress, succeeded in defeating the Army Appropriation Bill, so as to have left the innocent people in Kansas exposed to the murderers and robbers, then the shrieks and howls might have been kept up until after the election, but failing in their treasonable intentions, peace and prosperity will soon be restored to that beautiful country.

There is a deep and damning depth to which all are consigned, who have been aiders and abettors in this nefarious warfare in Kansas, and we shall soon have men protesting in the roundest terms that they never had anything to do in raising money and men for this wicked war, an utter disgrace to all concerned in it, whether they hail from North or South.

Now let the people of Kansas settle their own affairs, and establish such a government and pass such laws as they desire, and the responsibility is with them, not with us in Ohio. We, as citizens of the great State of the West, have enough to do to take care of ourselves and see that those intrusted with our own affairs do the thing that is right, and see that while we are looking to Kansas, we are not robbed and swindled out of our own property and homes by a set of sharks, little better, if any, than the highway robber who meets you on the road at night. Nothing would be more convenient to such men than to get your attention turned from them to affairs in Kansas, in South Carolina, or any other place rather than looking after themselves.

(A correspondent of the *Missouri Republican*.)

Very interesting from Kansas.

Leocompton, K. T., Sept 26, 1856

Messrs Editors Since I have been in this section of the country, I have seen occasional copies of your paper, and I am so much pleased with its impartial tone and truthful statement of events, that with your permission I will enter into a correspondence with you, from this point.

I occupy a position here which gives me access to the earliest and most reliable information respecting passing events in this territory. I have been here but ten days, am in no way connected with either of the parties which divide and distract this beautiful country, have no enmities or prejudices, and am entirely prepared to do entire justice in any statements I make.

So great have been the misrepresentations and so grossly exaggerated the statements which have emanated from this Territory, that people in the East read them with incredulity or pass them by with disgust. Sheriff Jones and Secretary Woodson have been several times imprisoned, Gen. Pomeroy has been repeatedly killed, and Martin White and others have figured in the most startling and horrible positions, and there has not been a single word of truth in either of those statements.

Previous to Gov Geary's advent here, the condition of affairs was bad enough, if not worse than the most vivid picture ever drawn by human skill.

Murders and cold blooded assassinations without number have been committed, innumerable prisons perpetrated, women have been driven naked from their blazing homes in the dead of the night, houses, stores, and fields have been plundered and devastated, and other outrages committed entirely revolting to the most savage natures.

The inevitable consequences of such a state of affairs, are plainly visible and deeply marked upon this lovely Territory. Business has been paralyzed, confidence destroyed, despair and equal poverty seemed the only portion of the people.

For this gloomy and terrible state there seemed no relief. The civil government was inoperative, general contempt for all authority prevailed, armed bands of men making war upon each other held undisturbed possession of the territory, and the reign of terror prevailed.

The causes which led to so deplorable a condition of affairs are of interest to the patriot, the philanthropist and the philosopher. Who is to blame and what has produced this result?

As I am for peace, and entirely concur in the beneficent policy which is now being inaugurated here under the wise administration of Gov Geary, I wish not to say anything of a personal or political bearing.

The fact is, sirs, that politics and the selfish schemes of outsiders have been fruitful causes of the numerous train of evils which have afflicted this community.

One party has determined to force slavery here at all hazards. The other, with equal determination, have resolved that slavery shall not be tolerated here. So bitter has been the contest, and so excited have each party become, that they could see no solution of their political questions except by a resort to arms and mutual extermination. Reason had fled, argument was exhausted, moral suasion despised of, and the last resort of communities, civil war, adopted.

This state of things here was fast drifting the country into civil war, and its lurid flames would have soon enveloped the nation.

At this crisis, when a picked army of 2,700 Missourians were marching upon Lawrence with a fixed determination to "wipe it out," and to arrive Topeka in like manner, and to exterminate the Free State settlers of the Territory, Governor Geary arrived at Leocompton, the capital of this Territory.

Without a moment's hesitation he delivered his inaugural address, (which is a document of rare ability and wise moderation) issued his proclamation disbanding all unauthorized armed bodies of men, and took the field in person.

On the same day he captured 101 Free State men from Lawrence, who, in defiance of his proclamation, were attacking the Pro Slavery men of Hickory Point, and by his bold, manly eloquence he dispersed the army of Missourians, called into the field under Secretary Woodson's proclamation, and saved the town of Lawrence, with its churches and school houses, from destruction and its inhabitants from massacre.

The next day he was down upon Topeka, (Free State) arrested fourteen criminals, secured an immense quantity of stolen goods, and frightened Lane out of the country.

Warrants have been issued for John H. Stringfellow, and other Pro Slavery agitators, and every evidence has been given that Gov Geary is determined to do justice at all hazards, and impartially and fearlessly to discharge all the functions of the executive office.

The result of such a policy is everywhere apparent. The two weeks of Gov Geary's administration have been pregnant with the most beneficent results to this oppressed and afflicted country.

Business is reviving, confidence is restored, men talk more kindly of each other, the axe, the saw, and the nail, are heard in their different vocations.

Free State men and Pro Slavery men alike approach the Executive Chamber, with their petitions for redress, with entire confidence that their wants will be relieved and their wrongs redressed. Armed bodies of men no longer prowled about the country with daring impunity, citizens are returning to their claims, and every one feels that the benign influence of peace are being shed upon us.

I will close my hasty letter by relating a most interesting incident which occurred at the Executive office a few days since, as illustrative of the new Governor's policy, and as in my opinion full of hope of a better future for this Territory.

You may have heard of Col Titus, a Pro Slavery man whose cabin was burned by the Free State men under Captain Walker, one of Lane's most famous captains. In retaliation the Pro Slavery

men burned Captain Walker's cabin and drove him from his claim into Lawrence. The most bitter feud existed between Walker and Titus, who are both represented as gallant fellows, and the chosen representatives of their respective parties. The Pro Slavery men here speak kindly of Walker and say that he always treated their prisoners with much courtesy and humanity. These men, each approaching the Governor for a different purpose, accidentally met in the Executive Chamber. Their start of surprise and their sudden flush of hate was only repressed by the Executive presence. The Governor, entirely conversant with their histories and appreciating their positions, with that exquisite tact so natural to him, immediately arose and said, "Gentlemen, you have been enemies long enough, men of such generous natures and true instincts should be friends. I require the services of you both to assist me in restoring peace to this beautiful but distracted Territory. For my sake, and for the sake of the country you must shake hands and be friends."

From that moment they were friends, and it would have done you good to see the manly tear roll down their cheeks as they recounted the story of their wrongs, and pledged eternal friendship to each other.

The Governor immediately charged Col Titus with the duty of forming a volunteer battalion to preserve the peace of this neighborhood, and Capt Walker with the same duty for the vicinity of Lawrence.

Such a policy must break down prejudice and restore confidence.

"Let justice be done though the Heavens fall, pray to God for help and push on the column," is the motto of Gov Geary, and let me assure you that no earthly consideration can ever make him swerve from it.

Yours, truly,
THE CONSTITUTION.