

CITY & STATE ITEMS.

The Col. Titus who has rendered himself so notorious by the part he has taken in the affairs of Kansas, it appears is a native of Trenton, where he has several relatives now living. For this information we are indebted to a correspondent of the Tribune, who says:

"Titus is an old filibuster. His life has been one of romance and hairbreadth escapes. He was born in Trenton, N. J., and was the son of Theodore Titus, said to be the finest looking man of his time. Twenty years ago, when he was eighteen years old, his father moved to Whitehaven, Pa., on the Lehigh river, where his mother was shortly afterward killed by an accident on the inclined plane railroad, and which nearly cost him his life also. Not long after his father failed, and moved to Wilkesbarre, in Pennsylvania, and some time subsequent to that he left home, though quite young, and went farther South and settled in Florida. He engaged in the Lopez expedition to Cuba, from which he escaped while better men were garroted, and made a good thing of it by selling the arms and property of the expedition, through the agency of Mr. H. T. Moore, in New York, and pocketed the proceeds, which amounted to about \$5,000. He acknowledged in Kansas that filibustering has been his business for the last fifteen years. He says he went to Kansas because no better field offered; but that there is altogether too much brains, money, enterprise and pluck to contend against, and he abandons it as lost to Slavery, for the wider and more inviting field of Central America."

Theodore Titus was the son of John Titus, who formerly owned the farm on which the State Lunatic Asylum now stands, and also Titus's Mills. After his death the farm was sold, and it was afterwards owned by his nephew, John Titus, Cashier of the Trenton Bank. Theodore Titus married a Miss Howell, daughter of Elett Howell, and sister to Philip F. Howell, both of whom were formerly men of considerable note and influence in Trenton.

Col. Titus is said to be a brave man, and yet when Col. Walker and his Free-State "Sharpshooters" attacked his house and took Titus and his men prisoners, he begged Walker to save his life, and the latter magnanimously spared the alleged house-burner and horse-thief from the fury of his men. Titus, it will be remembered, wrote a letter severely censuring Walker afterward, but subsequently apologized to the latter for having done so, saying that he did it only to save himself in the South, where for several years he has claimed his legal residence. He is a handsome man, supports a full black beard, is about thirty-five years of age, wears a black Spanish or Kosuth hat, decorated with a black ostrich feather, and prides himself on adventure, but prefers a different kind of human nature to deal with from that which he found in Kansas.