

Letter from Redpath I ON KANSAS AFFAIRS:

We publish the following letter to the Chicago Tribune, from James Redpath, dated—

LAWRENCE, K. T., June 4, 1856.

Civil war is raging in this Territory. Three engagements have been fought between the People and the invaders of Kansas. Twenty-one men have been killed.

The first engagement came off on Thursday night. A company of seventy men—Missourians, South Carolinians and Alabamians; after scouring round the country all day, driving off and plundering the Northern emigrants, were surprised and attacked by a party of Free State boys, commanded by a young priest, formerly from Iowa, who fired upon them as they were passing a wood, and shot six and mortally wounded one of them. As soon as their companions fell, the invaders fled in great disorder.—Only one volley was fired.

The Free State company numbered twenty-one men. They took some prisoners, two wagon loads of provisions, ammunition and arms, two or three horses, and four splendid mules. They liberated the prisoners, after disarming them. No Free State man was killed or wounded.

The scene of this exploit is the Neosho Valley.

It is rumored that the same company, on the following day, attacked another party of invaders, in the same vicinity; and, after several rounds between them, killed four Missourians, without any loss on the part of the Free State men.

News has just reached us that a pitched battle on the prairie will come off to-day, at Hickory Point. In a skirmish last night, four of the invaders were killed, and one of the squatters dangerously wounded.

The invaders numbered one hundred and twenty men. Fifty-two of our boys are keeping them at bay until they are reinforced. A courier has just arrived in Lawrence, with a call for fifty men.

A guerilla party attacked Mr. Walker's house, and one, who was wounded, has since expired.

Guerilla parties are scouring the country in all directions, plundering, driving off the Northern emigrants, killing their cattle and burning down their houses.

The Northern men have resolved to retaliate. An armed company, called the Northern Retaliators, has been organized in Lawrence, and will start in a day or two, and never disband until every Missourian, who is not an actual settler, and every member of Buford's organized gangs of highway robbers, are driven into Missouri, or out of this Territory.

The United States troops have orders from Gov. Shannon to disband the guerilla parties, but as the robbers can easily keep out of the way, this movement can afford no protection to the Northern settlers.

Of Gov. Shannon I shall have something to say before my letter is signed. With a Northern traitor in the White House, and a Northern out at Lecompton—with Harney at the head of the Territorial Army, and Lecompton on the Judicial Bench—the Northern men have no hope for justice, but in their own resolution and courage, and from the North. If the North is the friend of Kansas, now is the time to prove it.