

*Alanson Ford.*—The story has been told that he was pardoned through the influence of Freemasons. This is not so. He was pardoned because the Democrats of Missouri insisted he should be; and a petition signed by two-thirds of the Legislature, secured through the agency indirectly of some leading men in that party, and procured by a Mr. Swartwout, of Quincy, Ill. Being presented to the governor, he was set at liberty on the condition that he would remove to Connecticut, and settle there.