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Letter from Kansas.

TOPKA, KANSAS, May 15, '70.
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between the Neosho river on the north and the Cottonwood river on the south, in one of the most beautiful and extended valleys the eye ever rested on. The town is rapidly improving. About as large as Bloomington; several wholesale stores, not one of Hell's whisky saloons. A substantial Normal School building, and school well managed. The Methodists and Christians have good houses and congregations. I felt myself at home in the latter on the 8th of this month. Though timber is scarce in all this State, yet here it is plenty. Water is scarce here. At this place we met Governor Crawford and Dr. Williams, formerly of Lawrence Co. Ind. More anon. M. SHORT.

To the Citizens of Bloomington and Prof. Gage in particular:

Leaving Emporia, and her industrious, temperance loving, and friendly inhabitants, we passed up the Cottonwood river to the west side of Chase county, thirty miles. The valley for twenty miles is very fine, from three to six miles wide. Ascending gradually we came to the table lands, or hills. These are destitute of timber, but are an immense meadow of grass. Here a reflecting mind can realize the force of that saying: "The cattle on a thousand hills." We saw one affable gentleman who had 800 head. Cottonwood Falls the present Shive Town of Chase county, is a small place, awaiting a Railroad from Emporia to pass through there. If they lose the Railroad the town will go backward. If they get it, it will improve. Have no Court House, only one public building, a very good school house, better than any in Bloomington. A Methodist church and some very kind members. A few Catholics. Ten miles west of this place we found a Christian church of warm hearts, whose kindness will not be forgotten until we go hence. One good brother offered Mrs. Short a fine pony, worth \$100, if we would settle in that county. More than half the houses we have seen in Kansas have been built during the last twelve months. But timber and dry weather are the great drawbacks to this large and fast improving State.

M. SHORT.

Mrs. Ann Redpath, Steuben co., deserted the dormitory and raised a child by her husband, to fit the previous fortunes of an innocent lecture named Snell.

The Terre Haute Journal says Mr. Voorhees will have no opposition for a re-nomination for Congress, in the Democratic Convention.

Two little sons of Joseph Cutler, aged respectively ten and eleven years, were drowned while bathing in a small pond near their father's residence, in Lake county, last Thursday.

Mr. John A. Heidinger, who is to have made sixty thousand dollars in the tobacco business, in Indianapolis, during the past fifteen years, has started with his family for a tour of Europe.

Miss Ruth Bundy, a maiden lady residing in Marshall county, was instantly killed, last Friday, by falling down the cellar stairs. Her head struck an old kettle, a leg of which penetrated the skull.

H. R. Daugherty, Esq., of Shellyville, is making arrangements for the publication of a new law book, of which he is the author. It will treat of those matters of law pertaining to the duties of Sheriff, in Indiana.

The Evansville Journal learns that a little daughter of Mr. Stewart, of Cannetton, was burned to death on Tuesday evening. She was in the act of filling a burning lamp with coal oil, when the lamp exploded and burned the child to death.

But there is one fact in connection with this reform man— for it is no less than mania—which is worthy of being noted. It is that he undercurrent which inaugurates it comes

Democrats, in localities where Democracy is hopelessly in the minority, and the full tide with which it impels is a Democratic victory. *Confederate Journal.*

The professional swindlers of New York have adopted a new dodge to swindle the unsuspecting. They are flooding the country with circulars addressed to those who were soldiers in the Union army. The document announces that discharged soldiers are entitled to 140 acres of land, assigned to them for services during the war, and that to obtain this bounty from the Government it is only necessary to forward to the "undersigned" a power of attorney accompanied by a fee for professional services. Soldiers should not pay the slightest attention to such swindling propositions, nor submit their claims against the Government to any but well known and reliable parties.

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Base Ball has another victim. While playing a game at Dover, New Hampshire, last Friday, a promising boy of fifteen was struck on the head by a ball and killed. It seems strange that the game could not be played without a ball heavy enough to kill by a chink blow. Base ball is a good thing in its way, but it strikes us when indulgence becomes so dangerous it has stepped out of the range of healthful amusements.

Isaac Pritchard, of Waterloo township, Fayette county, had a flock of thirty sheep nearly all killed by dogs, a few nights ago, and the township has to pay damage in the sum of \$48. The township got off cheap, but the dogs had all the fun. There is more devil to the square inch in a sheep-killing dog, than there is even in a half-starved rat.

A HOUSE BUILT IN ONE DAY.—Joseph Durand, a Frenchman living in the fourth ward, on Tuesday of last week concluded he must have a new house on his lot, and drew the plans for it. On Wednesday afternoon he purchased the lumber and material of the Eagle manufacturing company and had them hauled to his lot. On Thursday morning he had fifteen hands at work, and at night the house had been raised, sided, the roof shingled, the floors put into position, and the family moved in. We also heard that the chimney was built the same day. The house is a good sized one, 24 by 36 feet. This Aladdin-like performance was celebrated on Thursday night by Mr. Durand and his friends, the former investing in a keg of beer for the occasion.—South Bend Register.

The St. Louis Times says: "It is given out in railroad circles that, on and after the first of May, the fare to New York will be reduced over the lines to \$30. The present fare is \$36 50, and as the reduction was agreed upon in the Ticket Agents' Convention, it is not probable that there will be much, if any further reduction during the summer, except on round-trip excursion tickets."

A Detroit bartender, who got tired of such fooling, shot a man who refused to pay for the drinks. He was insane at the time, but after he got the man killed, he took a drink of benzine, and said he never felt better in his life. But he was insane for a minute. He will make solemn affidavit to that.

The Ecumenical Council is getting as badly demoralized by absenteeism as Congress. "May I go home?" is the constant petition which salutes the holy ear of the Pope. An article in Appleton's Journal states that "Spiritualism has long existed among heathen nations and savage tribes. One of the old Mosaic missionaries, century ago, gives an account of sorcery as he found it in Greenland, corresponding precisely with the manifestations of modern mediums."

Maryland proposed to punish prize-fighters and their trainers by imprisonment for from one to five years, and spectators of a prize-fight by a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000.

The Early Called.

TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. LAURA G. MCCOY.

Inscribed to those who loved her best.

When earth's fairest things had perished, Neath stern Winter's icy sway, Once beloved, and fondly cherished, Posset in life's fair morn away— Friendless, the world's last light, With affection's holy spell; Where e'er death the young life blighted Sorrow's shadow never fell.

Every lover, of tender feeling, in her loveliness, had shrunk, And left her, like a broken blaster, Shone the jewels, of her mind. Hers, a joyous, sunny spirit, Dwelling in form most fair; While her love, like Summer sun-shine Lightened every shade of care;

in the faithful heart, that crowned her With a love, unmarred by fours; Shuddering purest joy around her; Seven peaceful happy years; Al! fear'd the tearful vision failed, Heaven's pitying love to see: When the rose-life bloom, plenteous, And our dear ones, cease to be.

Friendship's voice to thine replied, And affection's answer sing;

But in dreamless sleep, she slept, Whose true heart, was all thine own; Al! how oft, shall memory thrill thee, With sad thoughts of what was; And unbidden, bring once more, Many a fair and vanished scene.

When the sun-set fires are burning, In the moldered west;

And tired footsteps, homeward turning, Seek their cherished place of rest;

Oh! how deep the long heart's anguish,

Turning in its voiceless woe,

To the peaceful home, love-lighted, And a few short months ago.

ANTS.—As the ant season is at hand, housewives and others who are troubled with them may probably use the following trap to advantage: Procure a large sponge, wash it well and press it dry, which will leave the cells quite open; then sprinkle over it some fine white sugar, and place it where the ants are troublesome. They will soon collect upon the sponge and take up their abode in the cells. It is only necessary to dip the sponge in scalding hot water which will wash them out. Put on more sugar and set the trap for a new haul. This process will soon clear the house of every ant.

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