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PETER H. SMITH.

Nov. 19-1y.

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jan 7 12m

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March 18—6m

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Jan 14-5m

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October 15-1y Swan & Shirley.

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August 19 6m.

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Westport, Nov. 5, 1858. tf

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JACOB ENDRES,

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All work Warranted.

JACOB ENDRES.

Westport, Mo., May 22, 1859. tf

Fall and Winter Fashions.

Latest Style of Gentlemen's Clothing!

JOHN HARDING, Fashionable Tailor, Main street, Westport, (opposite the Star office), returns thanks for the kind patronage he has received since he opened shop, and hopes to merit a continuance of the same. He has just received the Fall and Winter FASHION PLATES AND REPORTS, to which he invites the attention of his friends and the public. [September 9 tf

Westport Nursery.

The subscriber offers for the Fall and Spring trade a full assortment of the following Nursery stock, which they warrant to be as represented:

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June 24 tf J. G. SAMPSON

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And every thing to be found in my line of business.

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April 15—6m F. ESSLINGER

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March 18—tf S. C. GALLUP.

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Nov 19 6m

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July 15 tf Westport, Mo.

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June 3 tf Westport, Mo.

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THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed Agent for the above named Company, applications made to him at the Counting Room of Messrs. J. & W. R. Bernard & Co., in Westport, Missouri, will receive prompt attention.

A. P. WARFIE, D. Agent at Westport.

April 1 1y

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May 6—1y

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New Millinery Shop.

MRS. EFNER,

WOULD respectfully announce to the Ladies of Westport and vicinity that she has opened a Millinery Establishment at the south end of Hunter's Block, west side of Main Cross Street,

Opposite the Post Office.

Having increased her stock in the East, she flatters herself that she can give entire satisfaction to those who may favor her with a call, both as regards PRICE and STYLE.

Bleaching and repairing promptly attended to.

October 29-6m

Call at the Drug Store of

Dr. J. O. Boggs, Westport,

And get One Bottle of

CORY'S

FEVER AND AGUE CURE,

Put up by M. S. CORY & CO.,

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And warranted free from all Mineral Poison

July 8 6m

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Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Work.

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STOVES FOR PARLORS OFFICES, DWELLINGS, &C. COOKING STOVES IN GREAT VARIETY.

All sorts of work in Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper.

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S. W. Corner 5th & Cherry Sts.,

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Nov. 12-tf.

BRANCH OF THE UNION BANK OF MISSOURI,

Kansas City, Sept. 7th, 1859.

NOTICE is hereby given that books for subscription of additional stock to the Union Bank, will be reopened on and after the twenty-first of this month, at their Banking House in Kansas City during banking hours.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Sept. 24 3m JOHN G. HARRIS, Cashier.

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The Company's Packets will leave Kansas City as follows: Monday Mornings at 6 o'clock A. M. and Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 7 o'clock P. M. Also a line of FOUR HORSE COACHES leave Kansas City every morning at 5 o'clock, making sure connection at Osburn with the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad.

Through Tickets can be obtained of E. W. PIERCE to all the principal cities in the United States. Passengers can take their choice to the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, the Packets or the Stage. Be sure and buy Through Tickets and save money. Baggage checked through.

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Nov 19 tf

For the SAC AND FOX AGENCY.

S. B. MILES runs a Stage regularly between Westport Mo., and the Sac and Fox Agency, as follows:

Leaves each end of the route every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

Arrives at each termination on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

All Baggage over forty pounds charged for extra. Baggage invariably at the risk of the owners.

Oct 22 tf STEPHEN B. MILES, Prop'r.

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NEW YORK, in 31 hours.
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By the St. Louis, Cincinnati and Columbus route, passengers can be accommodated with Ventilated Sleeping Cars upon all the night trains between St. Louis and New York and all the Eastern cities.

The St. Louis, Cincinnati and Columbus Route can not be surpassed for speed, safety and comfort, the three great items that interest the traveler.

For through tickets apply at the office of the Kansas Stage Co., Pacific Railroad and Missouri River Packet Co's, and the North Mo. R. R.

Ask for tickets via St. Louis, Cincinnati and Columbus. At St Louis apply at the office of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company.

Omnibuses at St Louis call at all the hotels, and convey passengers and baggage to the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad free of charge.

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The Freight Arrangements by this route are complete. Merchandise for Missouri, Kansas or Nebraska will, if consigned to the care of O. & M. R. R. Agent, St. Louis, be forwarded as directed, either by railroad or first-class Steamers without delay. As good rates can be contracted via this route from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and all other Eastern and Northern cities on the most favorable terms over such roads as the shippers prefer, it will be necessary in order to insure the transit by this route to make contracts and mark packages "via O and M. R. R."

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Stock Men will find this route cheap, with the best possible facilities for feed and water at Cincinnati and other points of change with good covered, well ventilated and roomy cars. P. W. STRADER, Gen'l Freight and Ticket Agent Little Miami R. R.

T. LOUGH, Gen'l Freight and Ticket Agent Ohio and Mississippi R. R. [August 5-tf.

HOWARD ASSOCIATION,

PHILADELPHIA.

A BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION established by special endowment for the relief of the sick and distressed, afflicted with virulent and epidemic diseases.

The Howard Association in view of the awful destruction of human life caused by Sexual abuse and the deception practiced upon the unfortunate victims of such disease by quacks, several years ago directed their Consulting Surgeon, as a charitable act worthy of their name, to open a dispensary for the treatment of this class of diseases, in all their forms, and to give Medical Advice Gratis to all who apply by letter with a description of their condition, age, occupation, habits of life, &c., and in cases of extreme poverty, to furnish Medicine free of charge. It is needless to add that the Association commands the highest medical skill of the age, and will furnish the most approved modern treatment.

The Directors of the Association in their Annual Report, express the highest satisfaction with the success which has attended the labors of their surgeons in the cure of Seminal Weakness, Spermatorrhœa, or Seminal Weakness, Gonorrhœa, Gleet, Syphilis, the vice of Onanism, or Self Abuse, Diseases of the Kidneys and Bladder, &c., and order a continuance of the same plan for the ensuing year.

An admirable Report on Spermatorrhœa, or Seminal Weakness, the vice of Onanism, Masturbation or Self abuse, and other diseases of the sexual organs, by the Consulting Surgeon, will be sent by mail in a sealed envelope, free of charge, on receipt of two stamps to prepay postage. Other Reports and Tracts on the nature and treatment of sexual diseases, diet, &c., are constantly being published for gratuitous distribution, and will be sent to the afflicted. Some of the new remedies and methods of treatment discovered during the last year are of great value.

Address, for Report or treatment, Dr. J. SKILLIN HOUGHTON, Acting Surgeon, Howard Association, No. 2 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

By order of the Directors.

EZRA D. HEARTWELL, Pres't.
GEO. FAIRCHILD, Secretary.

September 9 1y.

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This popular Monthly Magazine has already a circulation of 100,000 but it is to be greatly improved for 1860. It will contain

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THE BORDER STAR.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY:

For the States and Territories.

WESTPORT:

SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 17, 1859.

1860.—There is no doubt in our mind that the coming year is to be the most important one of the century. The great battle for the perpetuity or destruction of the Union is to be fully fought during the coming year.

Our great confederacy was originally formed of "free and independent States;" and the bond of the Union is the Federal Constitution. When that shall be violated, either in letter or spirit, by the triumph of a sectional party that ignores its sacred provisions, as does the Black Republican party, the Union is at once desolved. That a single Southern State would afterwards allow its Representatives to sit in Council with their traitor enemies, no sensible person can suppose.

The issue is therefore no less important than that which was solved by the seven years struggle of our ancestors of the last century, for it is whether we shall preserve or lose all that was gained by their patriotic devotion, heroic suffering, and glorious triumph. Nearly another year remains in which to contest this issue by argument; and within that time the utmost energy and influence of every patriot is as imperatively demanded as in the days of the Revolution, or in case of a foreign invasion.

To remain inactive in such an exigency in our National affairs, would be little short of treason to our country—suicidal indifference to our own welfare, and cruel carelessness for the fate of our children. If indeed the sun of our country's prosperity must finally set in blood, let us have the consoling conciousness of having done all in our power to avert the awful doom.

For our own part we are determined to labor day and night, if necessary, to render the *Star* of the utmost possible use in the momentous campaign which we regard as having already commenced.—We are for "the Union" while it can be maintained with honor, but when the price of "the Union" is subserviency of the dearest interests of the South to the North then we are for disunion. Our motto is "Equality in the Union, or independence out of it."

The time is approaching (the 1st of January) when many subscriptions expire, and we wish no one to be deceived as to our future course. If you like our views and sentiments, we ask your continued support—otherwise you may go in peace.

Several local articles written for our last week's paper were left out—for the simple reason that we did not have printers to set them in type. Our force for some weeks has been weak. We have not had hands enough to do half the work that has crowded upon us.

Among the articles omitted was a notice of the Concert given by our excellent *Sax Horn Band* and an abstract of the trial of persons implicated in the homicide of Elisha Purdom.

Hereafter we hope to keep our local department better posted up.

Our Sax Horn Band.

The concert given by our Sax Horn band one night last week was pretty well attended, notwithstanding the weather was excessively cold and disagreeable.—Our citizens turned out pretty liberally, and were well repaid for their trouble.—Illness prevented our attendance, but those who did attend speak in terms of the highest praise of the performances. We hope the Band will give another entertainment this winter, as many are anxious to hear them, who were prevented being present on the former occasion.

The surest way to make money is to save wherever you can do so. The cold season is setting in now and it is well for everybody to know how and where to get the cheapest and best *Clothing* for the winter. Well, reader, it is nowhere else but at *Hammerslough Bros.*, in Kansas City, right on the corner of Main and Third streets, known already well as "Oak Hall Clothing House. To be short *we know them*, and still better *we know* you will get the worth of your money there every time you trade with them. They have a plenty of everything in their line, and you will be sure to buy something of their thousand and one things exhibited at their large and spacious storeroom. Their immense stock of boots and Shoes they will sell at eastern cost.

The Prairie Farmer is an octavo sheet, of sixteen pages, published weekly at Chicago, Illinois. It is one of the oldest and most reliable agricultural journals in the West. Terms $2, per annum. Address Emery & Co., No. 204 Lake St., Chicago, Illinois.

Three Dollars will pay for the Prairie Farmer and Border Star for one year.

Editorial Odds and Ends.

Christmas is approaching, and our merchants and grocers are getting on their holiday goods. Street & Baker are first in the field with all sorts of fancy groceries and nic-nacs. Call and see them.

—Monday night week was one of the nights long to be remembered. It was as cold as the north-pole. The thermometer in the valleys of Westport was at 8 below zero; up on the hill, at J. G. Hamilton's, it was at 20 deg. below zero. The horns were frozen off of several poor cows on the prairies, and the whisky at one of our drinking houses was turned to ice. They had to cut it out with a hatchet and sell it in chunks.

—Godey's Lady's Book for January has arrived. It takes the shine off of every other Magazine extant. One copy of Gedey and one copy of the Border Star for one year for $4

—Street & Baker have our thanks for a box of delicious Raisins. They have plenty more of the same sort, besides a variety of other nice things, as enumerated in their advertisement.

—A Negro Man is wanted at this office for the coming year, and for an honest and sprightly one a fair hire will be paid monthly or quarterly.

—Capt. H. Clay Pate called to see old Brown some days before his execution, but Brown did not receive him very politely, and Pate gave him some plain talk, and they parted.

—A Coroner's Inquest was held last week on the body of Elisha Purdom, of this place. Purdom had been engaged in a severe fight some weeks ago, and had never recovered from his bruises. He died on Tuesday week. A post mortem examination showed inward bruises.

The papers state that our representative, Hon. S. H. Woodson, met with an accident on his route east. A letter from a station on the North Missouri R R of date the 25th ult., says:

Last night Col. Sam. Woodson of Jackson came near meeting with a serious accident. He fell out of a baggage car while looking for his trunk, while stopping at Cameron, and struck the back of his head and shoulders with great force against the ground. He is nearly well this morning, and will probably not be detained from reaching Washington in time.

At last accounts Col. Woodson and his accomplished lady were in Washington Ctiy, in the enjoyment of excellent health.

The citizens of this town have long felt the want of more business houses and of a larger capacity;—a want which has, no doubt driven a large amount of trade—which of right belongs to our merchants—to seek other markets. But all this alienated trade may easily be brought back to its proper channel and retained, by our business men erecting houses of sufficient capacity to accommodate all, and by offering such inducements as will make it the interest of our farmers to give them their exclusive trade.

We will inform our New Mexican friends that we are willing to publish their communications — with animadversions upon their public functionaries—if their letters are accompanied by responsible names, with permission to give up the names if called for. We do not mean that the names of the authors are to be published at the bottom of their articles, but the names must be in our possession and accessible to parties aggrieved. The editor does not intend to get himself embroiled in other people's squabbles.

We have received through the mail a copy of "The Impending Crisis of the South: How to Meet it," by Hinton Roxan Helper, (formerly of North Carolina. It was very kindly sent us from New York, and postage paid, by M. Pinner, who for a time edited an abolition paper in Kansas City. The Star had frequent occasion to pay its respcts to Pinner last winter, and we suppose Pinner has taken this mode of reciprocating.—"Small favors thankfully received."

"The South can take care of themselves, if no remedy can be found in the general government."—[*Senator Hunter.*

These words should be pondered and treasured. They should be engraved upon every southern shield, and emblazoned upon every southern banner. Let us all feel and know—and act upon the feeling and knowledge, that "the South can take care of themselves, if no remedy can be found in the general government."

The expenses of "the Union" are chiefly extracted from the south, while the benefits and profits of "the Union" are chiefly pocketed by the north. This is a fact.

Kentucky Senator.—On Monday last Hon. John C. Breckenridge, Vice President of the United States, was elected U. S. Senator by the Kentucky Legislature—in place of Hon. J. J. Crittenden, whose term expires on the 4th of March next.

Never chase a lie. Let it alone and it will run itself to death.

[For the Border Star.

Southern Correspondence.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec 1st.

Editor "Star:"

Since my last visit here, some five years ago, this city has increased in population and commerce to such an extent that, on my arrival, I scarce recognized it. Our great southern staple forms a vast embankment along the entire extent of the levee, and the roads, for miles back, are lined with wagons richly freighted with the products of southern industry. The cotton crop this year has been unusually large and commands good prices—12 1 2 and 13c., being the average for medium grades.

Business, in all its branches, is active, and laborers' and mechanics' wages are good; public and private buildings are rapidly going up; commercial colleges and literary associations are being instituted; a sweeping tide of emigration is setting in toward Arkansas, Missouri and Western Texas, making this a point for reinforcing supplies, and life, activity and general prosperity are the order of the day.

Amid all these evidences of the "restlessness of the public mind" politics are in a state of comparative repose. In reference to the nomination of the approaching Charleston convention the sentiments of the people differ but little; their preferences, of course, would dictate the selection of a southern man, yet any sound northern democrat, whose political antecedents constitute an assurance that he will vouchsafe to the south her constitutional rights, would be greeted with their hearty support. Douglasism is dead.—"squatter-sovereignty" would slay a greater man than Stephen ever was.

The Harper's Ferry invasion is still a subject of comment and conversation here, although but little importance is attached to it—it being regarded simply as the freak of a madman, and had it not eventuated in the shedding of innocent blood, would from its utter absurdity, have been a source of mirth rather than otherwise.

I view this matter, however, in a different light. Ossawattomie Brown was but the agent or representative of that fanatical school of which he was a pioneer. While the faction were ranting, he was acting; while they were preaching, he was practising; while they were urging criminal coercive means for manumission and invasion, he was giving those measures "a local habitation and a name;" what they were in theory he was in practice. Why, then, in justice's name, should his colleagues and coadjutors see him suffer while they pass unscathed? To-morrow, when the hangman's noose is put about the neck of their deified champion, and the grim and ghastly horrors of an ignominious death stare him in the face, how will these "higher-law" *philanthropists* act?—those steel-nerved, lion-hearted shriekers who have heralded every election during the last four years by irrigating the soil of Kansas with their *patriotic* blood—the valorous Lane; the Quixotic Doy and his "three Lawrence boys;" the "moss-aint," Beecher; the chivalorous Lovejoy;—where will they be? Will they be on the spot, expostulating with steel and lead, and carrying out their "heaven-ordained and thrice-blessed mission" with weapons which the god of battles and the "Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Society" have given them, or will the lilly-livered Judases roll up their sanctimonious eyes in holy horror and return to their "Boston" or their Lawrence to glut their sympathising "gudgeons" with oily tongued omelets on the "depravity of human nature" and the horrors that find their source in slavery!

We wish this eternal howling in reference to the south and her institutions could come to a close, and if we wait a century, or a thousand centuries, a better pretext for the final settlement of this "irrepressible conflict" will not occur.—The abolition faction has sent its embassador to the south; the south seizes him, while engaged in his embassy, and hangs him. Now let these fanatics come to the rescue, and show, by something more than words, that they are what they profess to be, or let them for evermore hold their peace and cease their boasts of "what they *would have done* to Sampson."

The period of probation for free colored gentlemen in Arkansas will soon expire, and a large body is organizing to take up its line of march for Kansas. The free nigger laws of this State are getting rather too stringent for the discursive flights of manumitted Cuffy's fancy, and he, too, is about to migrate to the classic grounds of Wyandott constitutionified Kansas; while, owing to a general failure of the chicken crop throughout the south, it is plausible to suppose that each of the southern States will contribute its modicum toward augmenting the tide of wool and ivory which is about to concentrate beyond your western borders.

Deeply sympathizing with you on reflecting upon the sort of neighbors you are destined to have,

I tearfully subscribe myself,

Yours in condolence,

Wauzee.

We see by the Jackson papers that our old friend N. R. McMurry of the Gazette is a candidate for County Treasurer. We have known Nat since we were little "shavers," in long shirts and ran up and down the Rolling Fork together.—[Harrisville Democrat.

Slightly incorrect. *We* use to be along the Rolling Fork and have often seen Tom Fogle and Nat M'Murry running up and down that classic stream and dabbling in its pellucid waters;—but *not* "in *long* shirts." Their shirts were extremely short, and presented very unseemly aspects to our modest eyes.

Old Brown's Age.—Old Brown was born in Terrington, Connecticut, May 9th, 1800, and was consequently fifty-nine years and six months old when hung.

Hon. James Guthrie.

Of Mr Guthrie's career as Secretary of the Treasury it is almost unnecessary for us to speak, for it is well known to the public, and we shall therefore only alude briefly to a few prominent points. It was soon discovered that a master mind, was at the helm of financial affairs, and one, too, that saw with an eagle glance every item of wasteful extravagance. It was the first time that the superior faculties of Mr. Guthrie had enjoyed the opportunity to make their mark upon the entire nation, and certain it was that every portion of the country felt the weight and influence of them He took the oath of office as Secretary of the Treasury on the 8th of March, 1853, and *on that very day* saved the nation nearly one million dollars. This he did by countermanding at once some of Mr. Corwin's extravagant orders. Mr Guthrie soon investigated every portion of the department under his control, cut off many useless offices and infused new life and activity into every collection district in the Union. "Retrenchment" was his motto, and fully and ably he carried it out. There were no Gilphins and Gardners in his day, and it was currently reported that what a man got illegally from the Treasury while "Jim Guthrie" was at its head, would never make him rich. We believe Mr. Guthrie did more to convince people that they ought to be honest in politics as well as in other respects, than perhaps any of his predecessors. In a word, he created a moral tone among the government employees which was at once healthful and full of promise.

Military.—We are pleased to learn that the students of Richmond College have organized a volunteer corps, and have offered their services to Gov. Wise. Yesterday evening the election of officers took place, resulting in the election of—

J. M. Binford, Captain.
C. W. Farish, First Lieutenant.
Otho R. Pate, Second Lieutenant.
Lemuel S. Lapard, Third Lieutenant.

Speeches, eloquent and patriotic, were made by C. Tacitus Allen, of Lunenburg; Austin E. Owen, J. M. Binford, Wm. Poindexter, Richmond; M. B. Wharton, of Culpeper; C. W. Farish and Otho R. Pate.—[*Richmond Dispatch.*

Otho R. Pate was formerly deputy postmaster at Westport—a young gentleman of clever abilities and upright deportment. Glad to hear that he is a leading spirit at Richmond College.

Republicanism in Missouri.

We copy the following from the laws of Missouri, for the especial benefit of our Republican, alias Free Democrat alias Abolition friends of this State.

Chapter 50, article 1, section 10, page 556, Revised Statutes of Missouri, says:

"Every person who shall publish, circulate or utter, by *writing speaking or printing*, or by any picture or device, any *statement, argument or opinions*, the tendency of which is to excite any slave, or other colored person in this State, to *insolence*, or *insubordination* towards his master or owner; or to rebellion, insurrection or murder, or to escape from his master or owner, shall upon conviction, be imprisoned in the penitentiary, not more than five years; and, upon conviction for the second offense, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than five years."

Non Intercourse Advocated.—The merchants and business men of Richmond, are about to hold a public meeting, for the purpose of importing goods direct to Southern ports; they have also enrolled their names in a "Southern Rights' Association," the object of which is to pledge themselves not to trade with the Northern cities, till the people in that quarter learn to let the institutions of the South alone. As forty millions worth of manufactured articles from the North are annually sold in Virginia, this non-intercourse determination, if carried out fully, will affect the business of Northern manufacturers and merchants.

Let the blood of Brown and his comrades be the "seed" of the Abolition church—let their execution be "grist" taken by the South to the "Abolition mill," and let the infernal machinery grind on; the South is able to protect herself, and, what is more, *she intends to do it*. We are under no obligations to reform the fanatics of the North. Let the North do her own work—we shall do our duty to ourselves. If we cannot conquer Abolition at the ballot-box we are ready to meet it either in the Courts or in the field.—[*Richmond Whig.*

Singular Coincidence.—On the 16th of December, 1857, the Jay-hawkers resisted Deputy U. S. Marshal, at Bain's Fort, on the Osage. December 16th, 1858, Montgomery and his band invaded Fort Scott, murdered John Little, and robbed his store; and on the 16th of December, 1859, three of their number expiated their crimes on the gallows.—[*Fort Scott Dem.*

"Woman is love y to the sight,
As gentle & the dews of even,—
As bright as morning's earliest light,
And spread as the moss of heaven."

A Startling Fact.—Of the seventy-five men who assisted Montgomery at the murder and robery of John Little, less than a year ago, over one half have since found a bloody grave. Some by the assassin's knife, some by the well aimed rifles of those they have sought to plunder, some at the hands of Judge Lynch, and some sank beneath the avenging fire of an outraged people at Harper's Ferry. How fearful are the consequences of crime.—[*Fort Scott Democrat.*

An exchange says that "a scamp in Vermont hung a hooped skirt up in his corn-field as a scarecrow." If there was a pretty woman inside, it would serve the purpose better. The field would be so full of Green Mountain boys that the crows wouldn't dare to go near.