Bypaths of Kansas History

TURNING THE TABLES

From The Kansas Tribune, Lawrence, January 10, 1855.

A shrewd Indian of the Shawnee Nation suggests the establishment of a Mission amongst the white people of Kansas. He says a murder was a thing almost unknown until the white folks came in, and now skulls can be found bleaching along all the roads. The sarcasm is pretty well deserved.

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EDITORIALS IN ADVANCE

From the Fort Scott Democrat, December 16, 1858.

Since the times are so very close, we have concluded to take a few more subscribers to read the editorials for the Democrat over the shoulders of the compositor. It is getting to be quite a fashionable practice in our office, and we are unwilling to give news in advance, unless at increased rates. Yearly patrons will be charged twenty-five dollars, with the privilege of questioning the compositor in regard to the propriety of the article, and who was its author.

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ADMINISTERING LOYALTY OATHS IN 1861

From the Olathe Mirror, June 20, 1861.

We have been informed that when one company of the U. S. troops was passing the Union Hotel in Kansas City, one day last week, a man came out and hurrahed for Jeff Davis. In an instant the company wheeled about and levelled a ten-pounder at the building, giving the women and children five minutes to leave, when it was the intention of the commanding officer to level it to the earth. He did not molest it, however, as all the inmates came out and took the oath to support the constitution and the Union.

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DRYING UP SALOONS IN 1874

From the Dodge City Messenger, February 26, 1874.

The new method of closing saloons, recently inaugurated in Ohio, is fast spreading all over the country. They are about to try it in Leavenworth and we presume Grasshopper Falls [now Valley Falls] will be the next on the list. The way it is done is as follows: The Christian ladies of the town form themselves into praying bands, and hold prayer meetings in the bar-rooms if allowed to do so, and if not, on the sidewalk outside. One band relieves another and the meeting is kept up until the saloon keeper is converted or his business ruined.—Grasshopper Falls Kansas New Era.

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