

A STUDY OF THE DICTION IN THE LAWRENCE REPUBLICAN

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PREFACE

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It had not occurred to me heretofore that I might find anything exciting or even interesting in the study of words. I have kept at a safe distance from that field all my life, thinking of it as dry and certainly far removed from my sphere. I have since learned a great deal more than a few facts about the words included in the present study. I have learned that these words hold romance, and bits of real life. The history of thoughts, the history of deeds, the story of people's lives are unfolded here. I have realized for how long a time the words, little, simple, every-day words that people use, live after them, and yet how soon they are gone, perhaps to be revived later, perhaps not. I have begun to realize how vastly important it is to make a complete and permanent record of these words before they have dropped out of sight forever.

In a life-time devoted to the study of words one could accomplish but a fraction of

all that there is to be done. In fact, the task is an ever-increasing one that requires constant application and will continue to require it as long as there are languages. For speech is ever moving. Although it harks back to the far yesterdays, it keeps abreast of today, as well.

It was through the suggestion of Dr. Josephine M. Burnham, Professor of English at the University of Kansas, and because of the desire of Professor Sir William A. Craigie of the University of Chicago, for work on periodicals in connection with the proposed American Dictionary, that I chose The Lawrence Republican, a weekly newspaper. My study is from Volume I, beginning with number one and going through twelve numbers, May 28, 1857, to August 13, of that year. This volume contains all but two numbers of a year's publication, and is the earliest file in the possession of the present Lawrence Daily Journal-World Company.

I have gone over these twelve papers, four full-sized and closely printed pages in each, reading them carefully and taking down the passages containing what I considered to

be significant words. I hope to present here a glossary of words characteristic of Kansas pioneer life and of the times in general. In the introduction I shall be concerned chiefly with a detailed inspection of the more outstanding words, treated in regard to their linguistic and cultural history.

I owe much, indeed, to Miss Burnham's never-failing enthusiasm and to the inspiration of her cheerful assistance. No problem seemed too difficult or too elusive to tackle after conference with her. I owe to her my delightful acquaintanceship with this new field and all it has brought to me.

I am indebted to Professor Craigie for his prompt replies to my questions as to suitable material and method for the study. I hope the words I shall send in to Chicago for use in the compilation of the proposed Historical Dictionary of American English, which is under his directorship, will be of some value to him, however small. To be the very least part of this great project is an honor of which I should be extremely proud.

To Mr. W. C. Simons, publisher of The Lawrence Daily Journal-World, I am especially

indebted for his generous permission to use the early files of his paper and for his furnishing me with a comfortable and convenient place in which to work.

I can hardly hope to have unearthed any data or information hitherto undiscovered. The field was new to me, and I brought little to it beyond an unpracticed judgment and an ever-growing enthusiasm. The task was long but not tiring because of the thrill of the story I saw unfold before me. I virtually lived in the atmosphere of pioneer Lawrence. It will be an added joy if the facts I have set forth here add an iota to the great science of words.

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INTRODUCTION

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PART I

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY LAWRENCE NEWSPAPERS

Lawrence was in the very center of the Kansas troubles beginning about 1856. The town held a place of importance in the territory, and several of the earliest of Kansas newspapers were printed there during those trying days. The date for the founding of Lawrence has been set as August 1, 1854,¹ when the first settlers, sent by the Emigrant Aid Society of New England, arrived to take up residence and to establish homes. This society, a money-making organization, planned to maintain in each of its colonies a newspaper, to be operated in the interests of the company, not those of the community. Dr. George W. Brown of Conneautville, Pennsylvania, edited such a newspaper for the Society.² The first issue of his paper, called The Herald of

¹W.C.Simons, "Lawrence Newspapers in Territorial Days," Collections of the Kansas State Historical Society, XVII. p. 325.

²Ibid., p. 327.

Freedom, was printed in Pennsylvania and sent to the territory headed, "Wakarusa, Kan., October 21, 1854."³ The second issue was printed in Lawrence and published January 5, 1855. The press was destroyed later in what was known as "Sheriff Jones' Raid," May 21, 1856, but another issue appeared November, 1856. Publication then continued until 1859 or 1860. In 1861 the paper changed hands and became The Kansas State Journal.

What was really the first free state, or antislavery paper in Kansas was named The Kansas Free State. It antedated The Herald of Freedom's initial Kansas publication by two days, appearing January 3, 1855.⁴ The equipment of this establishment was destroyed in the raids in 1856, and publication was not resumed.

May 28, 1857, was the date of the first issue of The Lawrence Republican, printed in Lawrence. It became a strong and influential free state journal in Kansas and continued to appear for several years, first as a weekly and later as a daily paper. In 1868 The

³Ibid., p. 328.

⁴Ibid., p. 328.

Kansas State Journal (successor of The Herald of Freedom) was consolidated with The Lawrence Daily Republican and The Ottawa Home Journal; they became The Republican Daily Journal, and the weekly Western Home Journal. These, with some others which lasted but a short time, were the predecessors of the present Lawrence Daily Journal-World, organized in 1876. It takes its volume number today from the first issue of The Lawrence Republican, although really entitled to go back to The Herald of Freedom of 1854, because The Herald of Freedom was a forerunner of The Kansas State Journal, one of the papers ultimately absorbed into The Lawrence Daily Journal-World.

Lyman and Norman Allen, intending to found a paper to be called The Lawrence Republican, asked an old school-mate in the East, T. Dwight Thatcher, to take editorial charge of the proposed paper. Thatcher accepted and successfully conducted the course of the paper for many years. He bought it from the Allens not long after its initial appearance.

Thatcher was "a brilliant young man and

an orator, whose voice was always raised on the side of a free state."⁵ The following statement, which appears in an editorial on page two of the first number of the Lawrence Republican, May 28, 1857, was probably written by Thatcher. "As a necessary and logical result, this will be an out and out Free State paper. We shall labor with all honesty and energy to make Kansas a free State, not only in name, but also in fact; not a State with a form of freedom and denying the power thereof, exerting its moral and political influence for the support and extension of despotism, but a State with the form and power both, with the essence as well as the semblance of liberty, and with its moral and political influence commanding and uncompromising on the side of universal justice and right."

And farther on in the same editorial, "Relying, therefore, upon the justice of the principles we shall advocate and the generous support of friends in Kansas and elsewhere holding these principles in common with ourselves, we hopefully and cheerfully enter upon our work."

This statement was apparently sincere, for it is well carried out. The paper is extremely

⁵Ibid., p. 334.

partisan in its views, of course, and gives but one side of the question of slavery or of freedom for Kansas. Its style in general is flowery and rhetorical. Those who oppose freedom are painted in the darkest hues and those who uphold its principles are praised generously and acclaimed as heroes for all time. And yet with all this over-expression there is a power behind the words that sweeps the reader along, persuading him, and often even firing him with enthusiasm for the cause of freedom.

The size of the page was a little larger than the average sheet of today, and was more closely printed. Each number, for the first year at least, contained four pages. On the first page, on the left, there were usually one or two columns of advertisements, then three or four more on the right hand side of page three. On the back, or page four, were three or four columns, on the right hand side. These "ads" contained practically no display, that is, the type was condensed, much the same as that of the ordinary reading matter, and there were no pictures except one or two small cuts illustrating plows and other farm

machinery. As the paper increased in age and importance the amount and size of advertisements grew proportionately. While the first number carried but one column of advertising on page one, number twelve had two there. On page three of the first number were two and a half columns of "ads." In number twelve this page had five and a half columns. Page four of number one carried no advertisements, but number twelve had five columns. The type used was becoming larger also, and the arrangement bolder, some "ads" being put in side-ways, or the long way of the column.

Page one often contained a poem or two, frequently the work of a local contributor, and a political address or treatise of some kind. When there was news from the East or from Europe it was usually put there, arranged in columns of short paragraphic items without separate headlines, but titled simply "News from the East," or "News from Europe." On page two there were editorials, almost always on the questions nearest the people at that time, slavery, the bogus laws and legislature, and the raids of the border ruffians. Here also appeared short, humorous stories or in-

cidents, features, and now and then a joke (surprisingly modern). Page three was usually reserved for what was called the "Local and Territorial Department," which included, as its name signifies, news from the locality and from neighboring cities. There were no headlines except modest titles over the articles. The news concerned discussions or quarrels between the free state residents and the invaders from Missouri, or an account of a pro-slavery judge's unfair decision in court, or the report of a city meeting and action taken toward making Kansas "free soil." On page four were sometimes short stories by anonymous authors. Poetry often appeared here, too, and this page contained the valuable column on agriculture conducted for a time by one X. Y. Z., who gave what seemed to be extremely helpful advice on matters pertaining to farming in Kansas.

There was little real news because of the difficulty of securing it from very far, and of publishing it while it was fresh. Cabling was just being perfected (see "Cable" and "Ocean Telegraph" in the Glossary, *infra*). Letters from subscribers who had gone into new territory were a source of news, as were also

exchanges from the larger papers of the North and the East. There were short telegraphic dispatches which gave the important news of the world in a few lines.

The paper was mostly, then, an editorial expression of the condition of Kansas in 1857, written for the settlers of that day (and for their friends "at the East") by those who lived in Lawrence and who were working doggedly toward an ideal. The language of the day, both literary and colloquial can be found in these pages, words every one knew and used constantly, and words that were meant to move the readers to prompt and decisive action.

PART II

A LINGUISTIC STUDY OF SOME CHARACTERISTIC WORDS FOUND IN THE LAWRENCE REPUBLICAN

The change and growth of language is slow and intricate. On the whole, it is very difficult, if not entirely impossible, to mark exactly the beginning or the end of the use of any particular word; yet now and then expressions can be traced definitely to their origins. This is especially true of colloquialisms that grow out of well-known stories or incidents. Besides the difficulty of discovering origins, there is that of finding the various meanings and connotations one word may have in different sections of the country. Many other problems arise in connection with such investigations, so that the possibility of learning all there is to know about any one word is remote without the help of many workers in the field.

The linguistic development and characteristics of some of the words found in The Lawrence Republican, May 28 to August 13, 1857, will be discussed in the following

pages. All words appearing here are also contained in the Glossary, infra.

Usages Now Archaic or Unfamiliar in This Section

Seventy-five years is a short time in the whole development of language, and changes are comparatively few in that period. Still, it is possible to notice in these writings of seventy-five years ago in Kansas several usages now archaic or unfamiliar here.

"Back country," meaning the interior or remote sections of the region, is comparatively rare today. Farmers now speak more often of plowing than of "breaking" the ground, although in 1857 the term plowing was less frequently used. "Pussy," meaning fat or corpulent, is little known today in the Middle West. Of course, the terms "emigrant," "immigrant," and "immigration," applying to those who come here for the purpose of taking up permanent residence, ~~are~~ now obsolete. To speak of "Freemen" brings back thoughts of the early days of Kansas, but the word has no vital political significance at the present time. These are the cases of words taking on special meanings in answer to the

special needs of the day. In the same category belongs "invader," designating the Missourians who crossed the border into Kansas to vote illegally or to terrorize the residents into submission to their will, a connotation now lost. Where we might expect the newer American meaning of the word "saloon" to have been used it was found referring to a public room for specific use, in the older English sense. In this instance it meant a "refreshment saloon" where ice cream was sold and served. The word "since" was used extensively in its sense of "ago." For instance, "We noticed, a day or two since, an auction sale..."

Such terms as "bed cord" and "daguerreotype" are not obsolete, but have merely passed out of general use with the putting aside of the articles for which they stand. The same is more or less true of "covered wagon," "crinoline," "hunting shirt," "hoops," "carpet bag," "pantalets," "side saddle," "ottoman," and "moccasin." These words are known and used today more as a matter of history than of present every-day need for them.

The locutions "at the East," "in the

East," and simply "East," were all found in adverbial use. The expression "at the East" has been supplanted by "in the East" in this section today. There appeared, in the old Kansas paper, all of these phrases within a few columns or a few pages of each other, "our friends at the East," "the papers East," "the factories down East," and "the people in the East." Of course, these expressions were not reserved for the East, but might be found applying to the South or North, as well. Usually the adverbial phrase designating the central and western parts of the country was "out West."

The form "knarled" appeared once in the sense in which "gnarled" is now used. It may preserve the older spelling of gnarl, now obsolete. "Whilst" is an old form of "while" that is seldom heard in Kansas today, except poetically. "Unexceptionable" is not used as often today as it was seventy-five years ago, probably because of its unwieldiness and lack of particular advantage over shorter and less complex words. "Voiceful," meaning "expressive (of)," is seldom heard now. "Significancy," though not obsolete, has given way to the shorter term, "significance." We may note

among the archaic forms the old past participle "holden." It was not used in a strictly legal sense, but as follows: "No one act of the Free-State men in Kansas has been more severely condemned...than their resolve to take no part in the election...ordered by the bogus Legislature to be holden next June." This occurs but once in the twelve papers, but is a good example of the tendency to retain ancient English forms; in other words, it illustrates the hard death that old words die. They are kept alive for ages by some people here and there about the world who will remain loyal to the end, and even after it.

It will be seen that there are in this group very few words truly archaic or obsolete even today. These terms have, for the most part, simply lost their particular applications and have fallen back into their ordinary meanings, or they stand for articles of commerce now out-moded.

Linguistic Productiveness of the Period

It is impossible here to make a list of words produced definitely within certain limits of time. All periods are productive in one

sense; and yet, perhaps, at times of stress or strife or intensity of feeling, colorful and striking words are produced in greater numbers, and can be rather easily enumerated. Some of the expressions and single words current at this particular period (about 1857) in Kansas are still in constant use; on the other hand, many of them have lost their color and life and retain only their historical significance. The period was probably as productive linguistically as any other in Kansas development. The following words and expressions did not all originate within the boundaries of the Kansas Territory or at exactly the time under consideration, but they were at least comparatively new and in constant use locally.

"Bleeding Kansas" was a term applied to Kansas because of the troubles of the eighteen fifties.¹ It was probably coined in newspaper headlines,² and was a highly distinctive expression. From one of the passages found in The Lawrence Republican it would appear that the phrase was often used contemptuously.³ "Ballot box" was

¹Thornton, First Supplement to American Glossary.

(When a dictionary is cited reference is to treatment of the term in question as found in regular alphabetical order in that dictionary.)

²Hyamson

³See Glossary, infra.

not a new coinage, but came at this time to stand for the right of bona fide residents to their vote, and so took on a new and definite significance.

"Bogus," a very important word in Kansas in this period, is an Americanism of uncertain origin. It may have come from the French bagasse, meaning "cane-trash," a word in use in the South.⁴ Or it may be from a corruption of the name ^{of} Borghese, a man who was a counterfeiter. His machine for making the counterfeit bills, and the bills themselves, came to be called "bogus."⁵ Still a third possible source is from an old English dialectal word, tankerabogus or tantarabobus, "devil."⁶ Whatever the origin, in Kansas the word meant virtually anything pertaining to or done by the invading Missourians. The laws they tried to force upon the settlers, the legislatures they set up, the state constitutions they framed, were all "bogus" to the residents. These same invaders were known in Kansas as the "border ruffians," or "ruffians." The dictionaries notice these terms as applying especially

⁴Thornton

⁵Bartlett

⁶W. N. I.

to Kansas affairs. The Kansans in 1857 knew exactly who were the culprits when the newspaper announced that "The ruffians murdered a free State man, Cantral, in cold blood, by way of revenge."⁷

The application of the term "plug ugly" to things "bogus" in Kansas is not obvious. "Plug ugly" was originally applied to a band of rowdies in Baltimore.⁸ The dictionaries do not mention the use of "plug ugly" in Kansas as a synonym for "bogus," a use which undoubtedly grew out of the Baltimore application.

"Isothermal line" was by no means new, but it had a definite place in the new twists given in this period, and was used to describe that line above which the keeping of slaves would be unprofitable. The dictionaries do not mention this variation in meaning. "Law of the thermometer" was also used in this sense. The following sentence appears in the Lawrence Republican, "There is, indeed, an 'isothermal line,' and a 'law of the thermometer,' which may make

⁷See Glossary, infra.

⁸Bartlett.

slave labor comparatively profitable or unprofitable..."

The words "emigrant," "immigrant," "emigration," and "immigration," (discussed above) were adapted to the needs of the hour and used to refer to the people coming in to settle. Apparently the two, "emigrant" and "immigrant," were used interchangeably, "emigrant" being preferred. It is not noted in the dictionaries that these words were extremely common at this time and in this region as names for new-comers, those from other states or territories and not necessarily from outside the boundaries of the United States.

"Gag law" referred to a bill that prevented or restrained discussion. The term was shortened to "gag" by newspaper writers. "Blue lodge" was the name used for a group just across the border, whence they raided Kansas settlements.⁹ The word "adobe," ^{referring to} a sunbaked brick or a house made of such brick, was added to the language from the Spanish. The "Bowie knife" and "Minie ball" were named for their inventors and

⁹ Bell, Ruth E. Some Contributions to the Study of Kansas Vocabulary. Master's Thesis, 1929.

became common words of the time. Trade and general class names were made up or brought from the past to fit the articles used by the people of the day. Such names as these appeared in The Lawrence Republican: "center draft plow," "horse rake," "horse plow," "fourteen inch plow," "lightning rod," "covered wagon," "sheet iron ware," "steam engine," "two horse moldboard breaker," "log or shake house," "side saddle," "slipper stirrup," "kip boots," "stirring plow," "old ground plow," "framed or frame house," "improved clipper," "landside," "muley saw," "Minie rifle," "palisade," "provisions," "Rockaway," (a carriage), "stage," "corn plow," "counter scales," "buffalo robe," "buskin," "cane seat chair," "breaker," "carpet bag," "carpet sack," "gun cotton," "Indian bread," "Indian meal," "hurricane deck" (applied to train cars instead of to steamers), "cars" (of a railroad train), and "daguerreotype."

New twists to the meanings of old words sprang up with the settling of the new territory, especially terms applying directly to the procuring of land and the establishing of homes thereon. "Squat" in the American

sense means to settle on another's land or on public land, paying no rent and having no legal title, but perhaps (not necessarily) with a view to obtaining one.¹⁰ The people who settled in such fashion were called "squatters." "Squatter sovereignty" was a somewhat broader term which applied to the doctrine that the people of the territories should be allowed to make their own laws and decide on their own institutions, especially that of slavery. In the latter sense "squatter" means any settler or resident of a territory. Other terms not new but springing into common and specialized use were "pre-empt," "pre-emption," "pre-emptible," "pre-emptor," "prove up" (to meet the requirements for receiving a patent for government lands.)¹¹ There were "land agencies" and "land offices" where the sale of these new lands was managed, and "land warrants," authorizing people to take up and settle on new lands. The land on which they settled was called a "claim." A "float" was a certificate preliminary to the purchase of land.¹²

A great many terms grew up around the

¹⁰W. N. I.

¹¹W. N. I.

¹²Thornton

controversy concerning slavery, several of which have been mentioned. "Abolition," used in reference to the abolition of the institution of slavery, has been in use since about 1788,¹³ but the terms, "pro-slavery," "pro-slaveryism," "free labor," "freeman," "free soil," "Free state," "fugitive slave," and "Fugitive Slave Act" are more specialized in their application to these particular times and circumstances. They were current and familiar to all. Such combinations as "slave holder," "slaveocratic," and "slave power" were added to meet the needs as they arose.

"Black Republicans" was a name applied by the Southerners to the Republicans of the North because of their antagonism to the introduction of slavery into the new states. Likewise, "dough face" meaning the Northern men who favored slavery, came to mean in general "a pliable politician, one accessible to personal influences and considerations."¹⁴ The word may have been invented by John Randolph of Roanoke, Virginia, and if so, he probably meant "doe-face."¹⁵ The "fire

¹³N. E. D.

¹⁴Bartlett

¹⁵Thornton

eaters" were a set of politicians favoring civil war.¹⁶ There were also the "nigger party," the "nigger worshippers," and "niggerdom" (referring to the pro-slavery states). "Nigger" itself is not an Americanism, but came into extensive American usage, especially during the time of the agitation preceding the Civil War. "Dred Scott" was once no more than an ordinary name, but has now come to mean a great deal in Kansas history and the history of the United States. "Underground railroad" is another phrase which took on new meaning. It is an Americanism in its use as designating that secret system by which antislavery partisans aided the negroes to escape into Canada.

A band of men resembling the "border ruffians" but farther removed from Kansas were the "Danites" or "destroying angels" of Utah, under Brigham Young. The name "Danite" was applied later to an anti-Douglas Democrat in the Illinois campaign.¹⁷ Thus do terms often change in meaning by being applied to other situations when their use in the orig-

¹⁶Clapin

¹⁷ W. N. I.

inal one is over. Or perhaps they may be accepted into general use with a broader meaning, as is the case with the word "hunker," which was used first as a nickname for such Democrats of New York State as were conservative and clung to old principles. From this meaning it branched out to take in all conservatives and those opposed to progress generally.¹⁸ (An adjective formed from the word will be discussed with nonce usages below.)

There were the "Know Nothings," a party group in New York who opposed the naturalization of foreigners, and who admitted no one into the organization whose grandfather had not been born in the United States. When asked concerning their policies and practices, they were instructed by their leader to reply merely that they did not know, in order to maintain secrecy.¹⁹ Hence the name "Know Nothing."

The politicians used many Americanisms, such as to "stump" a state, i.e., to go about giving political speeches. The tree stump was used long ago as a platform for such speeches, and out of this use came the verb; to "stump,"

¹⁸N. E. D.

¹⁹Bartlett

and the noun, "stump speech."²⁰ "Gerrymander" is an Americanism of rather definite origin, well known, and still in use. (See Thornton for discussion of the origin.)

"Uncle Sam" and "Yankee Doodle" are Americanisms, but their origins are obscure, with authorities in disagreement as to the probabilities.²¹ "Jonathan," meaning an American, probably had a more definite beginning.²²

"Filibuster" is an Americanism related to the Spanish filibuster and the French filibustier. The word first meant a "free-booter" or "marauder" and came into use in 1847. More recently it has taken on in America the meaning most familiar to us of an attempt to block the passage of a bill in Congress.²³

The word "cable" took on new significance as it came to mean the cable stretched underneath the Atlantic Ocean between two continents. In this connection the term "ocean telegraph" was coined, but has lost favor and is now seldom used.

Only a few of the words listed above

²⁰ Thornton

²¹ Clapin and N.E.D. for "Uncle Sam;" Bartlett and Glossary, infra for "Yankee Doodle."

²² W. N. I.

²³ W. N. I.

were new in that they had not appeared in any form previous to that time, but most of them were new in application. These settlers, in an uncultivated country, brought with them many words from their homes in the East or elsewhere and used them here in new and different circumstances. It can be seen, certainly, that the period was highly productive of new words and of new uses for old ones.

Slang of the Period

All periods produce a large volume of slang. Each day, in fact, coinages are being made that enter into the language as slang, and may hold sway for a while. Most of these expressions are lost in a very short time, it is true; and yet some slang phrases become so deep-rooted in people's memories and so wide-spread in usage that they persist for many, many years. A large number of the slang expressions popular in 1857 are still current today and show no signs yet of dropping out. These phrases are liable to change with the shifting of focus or controversial ground. An example of the latter case is the

expression "sound on the goose," or "all right on the goose." It is not known in Kansas today; yet seventy-five years ago one of the first questions asked concerning a new-comer was, "Is he sound on the goose?"²³ Its origin is entirely unknown and only this knowledge remains, that the phrase meant "sound" on the slavery question, or pro-slavery. What the "goose" was is not known, but "all right" on it meant orthodox on slavery. The expression was used in this sense even by antislavery partisans. The phrase was probably extended later and included other policies besides slavery as the "goose." It might even be so used today, as "all right on the prohibition goose," or favoring prohibition. Thornton and Clapin give the meaning as orthodox on the slavery question, or pro-slavery, while the N.E.D. and W.N.I. explain it as extended to mean politically orthodox. An example of the extended use was found in The Lawrence Republican: "Four Mormons, who were not sufficiently sound on the Mormon 'goose,' were pursued by Brigham

²³Lynn, Margaret, Free Soil. (N.Y., 1920), p. 45.

Young -- two of them killed..."

Another slang word that seems to have lost some of its currency is "rhino," a word of obscure and unknown origin, meaning money, frequently ready money, as "ready rhino." It is known to have appeared in "The Seaman's Adieu," a ballad dated 1670,

"Some as I know
Have parted with their ready rino."²⁴

Barrère and Leland present the following theories as to origin. (These theories must be considered as merely conjectural and not having the weight of authority.) "Dr. Brewer suggests that it came from the German rinos, a nose, alluding to the Swedish nose tax.... Again it may have been coined from the phrase 'to pay through the nose,' i.e. to pay a high price." They continue, "Probably as a Yorkshire and Northern word from the Scandinavian or Danish ren or reno, fine, brilliant, shining; a common synonym in every language for money, as the "shiners." In the Icelandic Skaldespraket, or poets' language...the word Rhine (Rhenfloden) is, however, given as one of the twenty terms for gold, because the great treasure of the Nibelungen lies in

²⁴Barrère and Leland

it.' (C. G. Leland; Notes)."²⁵ Authorities seem to agree, in any case, that the expression is very old and that its origin can hardly be attributed definitely to any one of these proposed theories. "Rhino" seems to be the present accepted spelling, "rino" having been used in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.²⁶ However, the word appears as "rino" in The Lawrence Republican of 1857. N.E.D. gives an adjective, "rhino-ceral," meaning rich or wealthy. This, too, is slang and throws no light on the origin of "rhino."

"Grog," the name of a mixture of spirit and water, unsweetened, is thought to have been taken from the nickname of Admiral Vernon, who was called "Old Grog" because of his wearing a grogram cloak.²⁷ "Grog" now means any intoxicating liquor.

The place where "grog" is sold has been called "groggery" or "grog shop" in America. Another slang term for a drinking place is "doggery." To be "corned" in America is to be drunk. Highly intoxicated is "blazing drunk."

²⁵Barrère and Leland

²⁶N.E.D.

²⁷W.N.I.

"Long nines" were cheap cigars,²⁸ or long clay tobacco pipes.²⁹ The word "opera" appears as undoubtedly meaning cigar,³⁰ and there is an advertisement of "segars" in one of the papers.

"Cute" and "cuteness" had reference then to keenness or cleverness. To "crawl fish" was an Americanism meaning to back out and deriving from the manner of movement of the crawl fish itself. "Flat out" is American slang meaning to fail in any enterprise, while "bust up" also means to fail or to be ruined. "Dicker" is an Americanism for barter, usually meaning in a small way or over small articles. To "croak" is to complain, and to "crack up" means to praise highly. "Cuss" and "critter" are colloquial words designating animals or persons usually, and thought to be corruptions of "curse" and "creature."

"Diggings," meaning dwelling place, has come to mean also neighborhood or locality in American speech. "Cow boy" is the name applied to a man who tends cattle in the West. "Colt" is a word probably

²⁸Thornton

²⁹N.E.D.

³⁰See Glossary, infra.

shortened from Colt Automatic Machine Gun.

It has been used to mean a knotted rope.³¹

Racoon, the animal, is known as "coon."

"Hog and hominy" meant colloquially "pork and corn," a standard dish in the West. There was a soft cake, resembling a pancake, that was known as a "dodger" or "corn dodger." Another American slang expression is "jug full," frequently used in the phrase "not by a jug full," meaning "not by a great deal."

"Toodles' coffins" was an expression evidently connected with Dickens' Toodles in Dombey and Son. It is little used to-day and like many other adaptations from stories has lost its power and significance.

"City father" was at first supposed to be a poetic allusion to the city rulers,³² but the connotation seems to have grown more utilitarian than poetic by 1857.

To "bolt" is political slang for turning back on one's party, voting against it, or opposing it in some way. "Old Union" was probably the name used by settlers in the territories to designate the United

³¹W.N.I.

³²N.E.D.

States. An "office beggar" was one who did favors with an eye to being rewarded with a government office. "Straw bail" was the worthless check or security given by persons who only pretended to be able to put up bail. A "packed jury" was one influenced by or partial to one side in the controversy; and to "stuff" the ballot box was to cast votes illegally. "Jump" meant to take possession of another's land or claim unlawfully.

Other examples of slang then current have been mentioned in preceding discussions. Of these the most important are "ballot box," "Black Republican," "bleeding Kansas," "blue lodge," "ruffian," "dough face," "filibuster," "fire eater," "gag," "gerrymander," "hunker," "Jonathan," "Uncle Sam," "Yankee Doodle," "squatter," "niggerdom," "stump," and "plug ugly."

Nonce Coinages and Usages

Often words that are "invented" to fit particular momentary needs find their way into widespread and permanent usage. A great deal of our slang originates in just this manner. In other cases nonce words

lose their significance and are dropped from sight.

Only once does the following expression appear in the first twelve numbers of The Lawrence Republican, "I'll come down and take a little New England with you." "New England" is used here to mean food or drink, perhaps, although no clue was given in the dictionaries. Apparently in this instance "New England" is a nonce term for a particular dish or drink peculiar to New England. At any rate, the expression is not known today in Kansas, and so its moment of usefulness is over.

"Pacificator" was the name applied, in a sarcastic sense, to Governor R. J. Walker of Kansas in 1857. It now retains no particular significance or application to any certain person. "Hunkerish" came from the noun "hunker," as "abolitiondom" from "abolition," "niggerdom" from "nigger," and "doughfaceism" from "dough face." The "border ruffians" from the "blue lodge" were ironically spoken of as the "chivalric boys," a nonce application of the word chivalric as used to describe certain

Southern traits.

"Liquid fire" and "familiar spirits" appear meaning intoxicating drink. The "neighbor-osity" of the Missourians is once spoken of. "Bughood" and "wormship" were coined to designate certain stages in the development of insects. "Ocean telegraph," referring to the transatlantic cable, is not current today. "Daguerrean" was used in place of the ordinary adjective, daguerreotypic. "Steam plowing" was an expression invented for an expected future need, but when the need arose it was met by other terms generally. "Hurricane deck," which ordinarily refers to the second deck on a small steamer, was applied to the top deck on a new kind of railroad car having two decks, but its use in this connection is now lost. "Business" as an adjective was once used in this particular phrase, "the most business part of town."

Words and Meanings Not Found in the Dic-
tionaries, and Supplementary Data

The following words are in some respect rare or unusual. They may be omitted from the

leading dictionaries in the sense used here, or they may antedate the examples listed in those dictionaries.

"Approach" as a verb meaning to come near with the purpose of offering a bribe to or influencing a person, especially in political office, appears in the first supplement to Thornton's "An American Glossary," (see Bibliography) but the date of his example of the word is 1893. The "isothermal line," that imaginary line above which it is unprofitable to keep slaves, is not noted with this meaning in the dictionaries, where it is given only in its scientific sense. "Blue lodge," a society of Missourians, did not find its way into the dictionaries, nor did "border ruffianism," a term coined from "border ruffian." "Bona fide residents" was used as the opposite of invaders who came over the border merely to vote, but the term is not specially noted in this connection. The shortened form of "gag law," "gag," did not have a place. "Hunkerish," a made-up adjective from "hunker," was not in the dictionaries. Its use in The Lawrence Republican was probably in the sense of conservative, or opposed to progressive, from the evolved

meaning of "hunker" applied to a "fogy."
The meaning of "Indian Trust Lands" is self-evident, although it is not defined. The meaning of "Indian float" is less clear. A "float" was a certificate preliminary to the purchase of government lands. Whether and "Indian float" is this certificate used for Indian lands or by Indians is not known.

To "bite short" and to "bite tough" did not appear in the dictionaries. The sentence in which they were used explains their meaning somewhat, but not fully, "Unalumed bread 'bites short;' alumed bread 'bites tough.'" These were probably no more than nonce coinages. To "bit," meaning to tap a tree, was not found in the dictionaries. "Kink" and "lap," verbs applying to methods of treating the soil, may or may not have been current at the time. No special meaning in this connection is given by the dictionaries. To "kink" the ground may have been to harrow it, and to "lap" it was probably to lay over or cover it. What a "rakish looking plow" would be can only be conjectured. A "swift witness" might have meant circumstantial evidence. The dictionaries give no hint.

"Bare floor," "boar pig," "cane seat chair," "carpet sack," "center draft plow," "cloth covered wagon," "cream soap," "improved clipper," "kip boots," "Jenny Lind Boots," "machine card," "old ground plow," "sheet iron ware," "sheet music," "slipper stirrup," "stirring plow," "tub hoop," "two horse moldboard breaker," "goose brant," "ocean telegraph," and "wash sink" are all self-evident in meaning to a greater or less degree, although they go unexplained in the lexicons. Some of them, of course, are trade names or nonce words that have no place in a dictionary even though they do throw light on the customs of the times.

There is no satisfactory explanation in the dictionaries of "piccary," a kind of fish; "window-sas" was probably intended to be "window sash." "Selectment" for selection was noted once in the newspapers.

The word "rusk" appears in a bakery "ad." If this is merely light bread made with yeast and eggs the term is not extraordinary, but if it means bread dried and

browned and reduced to crumbs, (the American sense of the word.) it antedates the examples given in the Century Dictionary for 1890. However, the probability is that light, soft bread was meant.

"Moth and rust," from a Biblical phrase, was not included in the dictionaries. "Mow, hoe and hold the plow" may have been a conventional or proverbial expression. "Toodles' coffins" is a literary allusion, now unfamiliar.

The preceding discussion will show something of the number of new words and new usages added to Kansas and American vocabulary during the early years of the West. These are only a few representative and especially significant words. Others will be found in the Glossary, adding to the total number and rounding out the types.

PART III

SOME OF THE WORDS FOUND IN THE LAWRENCE REPUBLICAN PRESENTED AS AN INDEX TO THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE TIME

In the following discussion many of the words treated from the linguistic standpoint will be mentioned again, this time with reference to the light they may throw on the cultural development and history of the time. It is hoped that these words will present in general a cross-section of early Kansas life.

Political Terms

Probably the most characteristic and significant words of this period are political in their aspect. Kansas was in a state of political unrest; the struggle to enter the union and the struggle to enter as a free state was in progress. There were combats and arguments between the residents and the Missourians, or "ruffians," the name itself implying the attitude of Kansas citizens toward these invaders. For the political parties of the day there

were such names as these, (see linguistic discussion above) "Know Nothing," "law and order," "National Democracy," "National," "Black Republican," "nigger party," or "nigger worshippers," "plug uglies" (the "border ruffians") "slave holders," "pro-slavery," "abolitionist," "tory," "hunker," "free soiler," "free state man," "fire eater," "chivalric boys," "dough face," "Danites," "borderer," and "Kansas Jeffries." These, of course, do not apply only in Kansas but were in use here extensively.

The nickname of Gov. R.J.Walker was "Pacifator," and the President of the United States, James Buchanan, was known as "old Buck." "Squatter sovereignty" was the right of the "squatters" or "settlers" to make their own laws and to decide the question of slavery for themselves, an important and disputed doctrine of the day. Politicians seeking re-election went about "stumping," or making "stump speeches."

Everything Missourian, especially the legislature and the laws the "borderers" tried to establish in the territory, was spoken of as "bogus," and the "border

ruffians" were sometimes called the "plug uglies." "Fugitive slaves" and the "Fugitive Slave Act" were well known terms, along with the "underground railroad," the "Dred Scott Decision," and the "gag law." The "border ruffians" from their "blue lodge" across the border made visits on the "bona fide residents" of the territory. These encounters, often with casualties on both sides, caused Kansas to become known as "bleeding Kansas," and the warfare was usually of the "guerilla" type.

Being "sound" or "all right on the goose," in its ordinary sense, meant being pro-slavery. Such terms as "slave power," "slaveocratic," and "slave holder" were common at the time. "Free soil," "free labor," and "free state" were the opposing terms.

All these names and expressions together give a hint of the bitter struggle, the hate, the loyalty, and the intense feeling on both sides. While the invaders were usually called by such names as "ruffians," "plug uglies," "bogus," "nigger party," "nigger worshippers," they called themselves the

"law and order party" and later the "National Democrats." To them the antislavery forces were "damned abolitionists" or "Black Republicans."

Expressions Relating to Territorial
Government and Land Settlement

People who came from the East to take up homes in Kansas brought here a set of words applying to that process and its attending circumstances. He who had just arrived, or had not yet reached his ultimate destination was known as an "emigrant," sometimes, also, "immigrant." The whole number of such persons was called the "immigration," or "emigration."

The "emigrant" would want, of course, to be stocked with "provisions" after he had built a little "log or shake house," or perhaps even a "frame house." At the "land agency" or the "land office" he would arrange to receive a "land warrant" and perhaps locate a "float." He would take care that he had "pre-emption" rights to this land and that it was "pre-emptible." When he had staked out his "claim" it was to be hoped that no one would "jump" it or take

possession illegally or by force. He would probably have a "quarter section" of land and would "prove up" as soon as possible. He might be known as a "squatter," especially if he had settled on government land with a view to acquiring title when it was for sale. Near by were probably "Indian Reserves" or "Indian Trust Lands."

When the time came to vote and the "settler" was now a "bona fide resident" of the territory, he would be incensed to find that the "Missourians" were coming across the border to "stuff" the "ballot boxes," or to vote illegally in order to carry the election for the pro-slavery side. The laws that were made by representatives so elected were called "bogus laws" and the law making body, the "bogus legislature." When mobs took the law into their own hands it was called "Lynch Law," and a prisoner punished by them in such a manner was "lynched." Corrupt judges sometimes allowed prisoners to be released on "straw bail," which is to say, none at all, or security concerning which the prisoner had lied. A "swift witness,"

(which was probably circumstantial evidence) might have been produced.

The men elected to rule the city were called "city fathers" and a man's inaugural speech was called simply his "inaugural." Cities laid out preparatory to settlement with shares for sale were known as "paper cities."

These are only a few of the many terms applying to the settler's new life in the West, but they serve to give the general atmosphere.

Agricultural Terms, Fauna, Flora, Etc.

Farming was one of the chief industries, but, although many were "cultivators," and many raised enough for their own needs, still "provisions" had to be imported.

The farmer first of all must "break the prairie" or "break the sod." There were several different kinds of plows on the market for "breaking" old or new ground. Such names as these appear in the columns of advertising, "center draft plow," "corn plow," "fourteen inch plow," "horse hoe," "horse rake," "improved clipper," "mould board," "old ground plow," "stirring plow,"

and "two horse mold board breaker." Then there was the "plowshare," "clevis," "plow handle," "landside," "whipple tree," and "coultter." In plowing, the careless farmer might leave unsightly "balks," or unplowed strips in his fields. He probably planted "corn," "sod corn," "wheat," "buckwheat," or some other such crop. When the "hay" was ready he would cut it with a "mower" or a "scythe," lay out the "swathes" into "winrows" and leave them in the sun to dry before piling into "cocks." In the work of plowing he may have been assisted by his "ox" or team of "oxen."

For other trades closely allied to farming at this time there were the "muley saw," "machine card," "grist mill," "steam engine," "ice house," and "hennery."

The plants and animals found in the locality were not especially characteristic in name except for a few like "buffalo." Animals mentioned are the "boar pig," "coon," "demi-wolf," "goose brant," "grizzly bear," "buffalo fish," "piccary," "prairie chicken," "red horse fish," "snipe," "wild horse," "wild turkey," and "wolf." Many plants are mentioned, among them "blue grass," "bread

fruit," "buckthorn," "coffeenut," "gramma,"
 "hackberry," "India wheat," and "quince."

Words of Domestic and Social Life

Some of the types of dwelling for the settler were "adobe" houses, made of unbaked brick, "log or shake houses," and "framed" or "frame houses." "Blinds" were wooden shutters in Kansas, while in England the word means cloth shades that pull down from the top. A "bare floor" was not fashionable; in other words, a carpet was an article to be desired. "Sofas" and "ottomans" and "cane or wood seat chairs" were among the pieces of furniture found in the homes. Evidently "bed cords," instead of slats, were still in use, for they were advertised by a furniture dealer. He also sold "mattresses." For decoration the homesteaders could buy "engravings" or "lithographs," and for amusement and instruction might have had, among other things, "periodicals," a "piano," and "sheet music."

Among the articles of dress and materials mentioned are "crinoline," "gimp," "cotton cloth," "hoops," "kip boots," "Jenny Lind Boots," "gaiters" "buskins" (half boots), "bolting cloth," "jean pants," "hair cloth,"

"hunting shirt," "waistcoat," "moccasin," "mantilla," and "pantalets."

"Pork and Indian corn," a standard dish, was sometimes called "hog and hominy." "Mess pork" was imported especially for the settlers from the East. (See Glossary, infra.) There were "barleycakes," "rusks," "dodgers," "Indian meal," and "Indian bread." "Ice cream" was a popular delicacy. "Pearlash," "saleratus," and "alum" were mentioned as being used in cooking.

"Saloons" for selling liquor were scarce and not desired in the community. However, places where "rum" was sold were known as "rummeries," "doggeries," and "saloons." "Grog" was sold at "grog shops," or "groggeries." Intoxicating liquors were sometimes called "familiar spirits" or "liquid fire;" and a man who was intoxicated was "corned" or even "blazing drunk."

If one traveled he probably took a "carpet bag" or "carpet sack" and went by "stage coach," or by boat on the river. A "hack" was a coach or carriage let for hire. A great many "wagons" were seen about the streets of the town. "Rockaways" were also mentioned as being in use. There were then,

as now, various expressions for money. One, very old, was "rino." Another was "rocks."

In times of trouble "pieces of artillery" appeared. There were "rifles," "muskets," "double barreled shot guns" and "Minie rifles."

It must be understood that these are but a few of the words recorded in an examination of twelve newspapers. They can be taken as a cross-section of the whole picture, however; and, in themselves, they give a fair idea of the living conditions, fashions, and customs of the people of Kansas in 1857. An investigation of the Glossary below will broaden the picture somewhat by presenting words not only in use in Kansas but other Americanisms and words adapted to American use.

The story of these years in Kansas is one of bloodshed and intermittent fighting, political corruption and political integrity, hardship and gaiety. The people worked hard, fought hard, and lived fully. Even a glossary can reveal that.

GLOSSARY

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN GLOSSARY

adj.adjective
adv.adverb
art.article
int.interjection
n.noun
U.S.United States
v.verb

(See Table preceding Introduction, page vi,
for list of the abbreviations of names of
dictionaries.)

All entries in the Glossary are from
The Lawrence (Kansas) Republican, Volume I,
1857. Date of the paper and number of the
column in which each word was found appears
to the right of the word.

GLOSSARY

A

Abate, v.

June 11, 2

She has sent over large bodies of her most gallant...sons, to abate certain serious "nuisances" in our midst such as printing presses, elegant hotels, and private residences.

A-begging, v.

July 23, 4

"Who bids? -- who bids? Don't let such a thing as this go a-begging..."

Abolitiondon, n.

May 28, 4

("A strictly grammatical word"--Clapin. This particular form not in N.E.D. First use of abolition meaning abolition of slavery 1788.)

Morning came, and with it Brown the official, trying his legs up a flight of stairs from the cellar, cursing as he climbed all abolitiondom for having stolen that precious four quires of paper...

About, adv.

June 25, 3

A drover was in with a good flock, which he was about selling South...

Abroad, adv.

June 4, 1

He shortly after disappeared and remained abroad until a few weeks since.

Abuse, v.

May 28, 1

J.W.B.Kelly had been beaten and shamefully abused at Atchison...

Adduce, v.

May 28, 1

...we only ask a fair and honest verdict from the evidence and arguments we may adduce.

Admission, n.

May 28, 1

But we believe the purity of our government, and the integrity of our institutions, can only be preserved by the admission of Kansas as a free state.

Adobe, adj.

July 2, 1

(Adopted in U.S. from Mexico -- N.E.D.)

The large and economical adobe brick, hardened in the sun and without fire, supersedes other material for walls and fences...

Afford, v.

June 4, 2

It is printed upon fine paper, is splendidly illustrated, and afforded at \$3 per year in advance.

Affray, n.

July 9, 3

Several other people were engaged in the affray, and several shots were fired...

Agoing, v.

July 16, 2

We are not agoing to drop the piece of cheese that the fox may hear us sing.

A-going, v.

July 23, 4

"...this splendid rosewood piano just a-going -- going -- who bids? -- just a-going, going -- gone."

Aggravate, v.

August 13, 1

The horrible Yankees of the place did not look even skeert, but one and all wore a most aggravating cuteness of expression.

Agreeable, adj.

July 30, 2

Agreeable to previous notice, the citizens of Big Springs and vicinity met in the Masonic Hall on Friday...

Along, adv.

May 28, 3

...nobody would pay the freight on them (Prohibitionists and similar documents)....They were kept along until they were sold, being bid off mainly for wrapping paper.

Americanism, n.

June 11, 1

If this be "Americanism," make the most of it!

Amianthus, adj.

July 23, 1

(A kind of asbestos.)

...three firemen, having their hands protected by amianthus gloves, carried a bar of iron, heated to whiteness, some distance...

Amount, v.

June 11, 2

...his lecture would all be very well,
if it only amounted to anything.

Ancient, adj.

June 11, 3

(Of long standing.)

...Miss Taylor...noticed the hauteur
of her ancient friend...

An, art.

May 28, 2

It shall be the object of this article
to state...the grounds for our belief
that that election will not be such an
one as Free-State men can consistently
engage in.

Appear, v.

May 28, 1

It appeared that there was but one
free state man in the whole council.

Appreciate, v.

June 4, 4

I see...our farms teeming with abun-
dant products, and greatly appreciated
in value...

Approach, v.

July 30, 2

("To come near a man for the purpose
of bribery"--Thornton, First Sup-
plement to An American Glossary.
Example dated 1895.)

"...an editor of a paper published
there had told him that an editor of
this place [Lawrence] had approached
him, saying, they were about to start

a Walker party in the Territory, and offering inducements to him to become an organ under it..."

July 30, 2

No one...who has been a reader of that shifting journal, the Herald, can for a moment doubt that its editor would approach such persons as...he might expect to influence in just the way here indicated.

Around, adv.

June 11, 3

Persons wishing an outfit...will do well to call around...

At, prep.

June 4, 1

"As American merchants at Paris, you are representatives of the United States on a foreign mission..."

Attenuate, v.

June 11, 1

It [conducting wire] must either break or become attenuated.

At the East, prep. phrase

May 28, 3

A friend at the East has sent us a recent number of the Albany Atlas and Argus...

May 28, 2

We ask those misguided men at the East...to look over these returns carefully...

At the South, prep. phrase June 18, 4

It is not as often found among the middle and more educated class at the South as in New England...

Auction, n. May 28, 1

...a pro-slavery meeting was held at which the Missourians were endorsed and the outrage on Mr. Phillips, a free state man who had been taken into Missouri, tarred and feathered and sold at auction to a negro, endorsed.

June 11, 3

The above-mentioned articles will be sold at public auction, to pay charges if not called for.

Auction room, n. July 23, 4

...the saucy young miss...has led her indulgent papa to the auction room to secure for her use that "magnificent rosewood piano."

Awfully, adv. July 9, 2

We would tell him to stick to it... that he was an awfully abused man...

B

Back up, v.

July 9, 3

The Missouri Democrat mentions as a fact...that Gov. Walker goes to Kansas "backed up by a large amount of Wall street capital..."

Back country, n.

May 28, 3

With a back country unsurpassed in Kansas...Doniphan bids fair to become one of the first towns in Kansas.

Back down, v.

July 23, 2

Henceforth, let it be understood that there is to be no such thing as "backing down" on the part of the Free-State men.

Back numbers, n.

June 4, 3

...it will be impossible to furnish back numbers from the commencement to those who shall hereafter send in their names.

Back set, n.

June 11, 1

...this retreating of the cable may be termed its "back set."

Backward, adj.

June 4, 3

The spring was cold and backward.

Bad whiskey, n.

June 11, 2

...she has volunteered, at a great expense and outlay --especially of bad whiskey -- to come over here several times...

Balk, n.

June 11, 3

But after plowing eight or ten acres the share gets thick...and the plow inclined to run out and leave those unsightly balks which disfigure some fields.

Ball, n.

July 9, 3

Perrin wound up the ball by playing the political clown, and by insulting Foster.

Ballot-box, n.

June 13, 3

The judges of the election shall provide suitable ballot-boxes wherein to deposit the ballots, cast at said election.

(Figurative use.)

June 11, 2

...he must bring back our ballot boxes from Missouri.

June 4, 2

We shall await the result of events, hoping that the ballot-box -- the priceless jewel of the American people -- may yet be preserved in its original and native purity, to every citizen of Kansas Territory.

Balm, n.

June 11, 3

1 Gross Balm 1000 Flowers for sale...
(Advertisement)

Bane, n.

July 16, 1

He is determined to be the author both of popular sovereignty and congressional sovereignty -- to supply both the bane and the antidote...

Bare-floor, n.

June 18, 4

...nobody has bare-floors now: how vulgar that would be!

Bark, v.

June 11, 4

...the light glared in his eyes and made him stumble, by which he barked his shins...

Barleycake, n.

August 6, 1

"But he says he's hungry. He'd rather have that one small barleycake..."

Barrister, n.

June 4, 1

James Christian, Barrister at Law and General Land Agent, Lawrence, K.T.

Basin, n.

July 2, 1

As the site for the great central city of the "basin of the Mississippi," which is to arise...this city has the start...

Bear story, n.

August 13, 3

Somebody has evidently frightened you by telling "bear-stories" about him, just as mothers sometimes do their little ones, you know.

Bed cord, n.

August 6, 4

Northrup & Chick...Have in store and are daily receiving the following... 300 doz. bed cords...

Bedstead, n.

May 28, 3

He is constantly manufacturing... Bedsteads, Bureaus, Wash stands, &c.

Bench, n.

June 25, 1

Meanwhile, the road, press, bench, state and bar, stood back in the majestic presence of the city council...

Berth, n.

July 2, 3

...it would be well for the traveling community to give that village a wide berth.

Bespeak, v.

July 9, 3

I had bespoken a mattress at Colman's...

Bet, n.

June 4, 3

...he...made a bet...of six dollars against a pair of boots, that he would get a Free State man's scalp before night.

- Bid fair, v. June 4, 2
The slavery question bids fair to produce discussion...
- Bill head, n. August 13, 3
Bill Heads ruled to any pattern, at J.Dodsworth's Book Bindery.
- Billingsgate, n. August 13, 1
...while the poor crazed creature resumed her torrent of billingsgate and rage...
- Bit, v. June 11, 4
Of course, he hadn't any auger to bit or tap the trees.
- Bite short, v. June 25, 1
Unalumed bread "bites short;" alumed bread "bites tough."
- Bite the lip, v. June 11, 3
...the proud Miss Mason bit her lip in silence.
- Bite tough, v. June 25, 1
Unalumed bread "bites short;" alumed bread "bites tough."
- Bite the dust, v. August 13, 1
He swore the traitors of Lawrence should bite the dust.

Bitter end, n.

July 2, 2

Even his own police, who seemed at the beginning so eager to support him to the bitter end, received clear light.

Bivouack, v.

July 16, 2

Have we no better business than to sneak around week after week and make mouths at those who...were bivouacking nightly upon the open prairies...

Blab, v.

August 6, 2

He enjoined it upon them to keep this matter still and not blab it about...

Black Republican, n.

July 16, 2

(First applied to pro-slavery Republicans in Civil War times. U.S.--W.N.I.)

The Black Republicans have boasted all the time that they had from three to ten Free-State men, to one Pro-Slavery man in Kansas...

Blast, n.

August 13, 3

The city bakery is now in full blast.

Blazing drunk, adj.

May 28, 4

...the brave official had become what is sometimes termed "blazing drunk."

Bleeding Kansas, n.

June 25, 3

...dear Democracy that...never alluded to our Territory except to tauntingly and contemptuously stigmatize it as "bleeding Kansas."

June 4, 4

Does she want to be "bleeding Kansas" for the benefit of political agitators within or out of her limits...

June 25, 2

...serving to bolster up the Border Ruffian sneer that "bleeding Kansas" was all a "humbug."

Blind, n.

June 4, 1

Burnett & Bailey, Dealers in Windows, Doors and Blinds...

(Advertisement)

Block, n.

July 30, 1

Well, the slaves were taken to New Orleans, were put upon the block and dispersed to the four winds -- the purchaser realizing a considerable profit by the "transaction."

Blow, v.

June 11, 2

They also threatened to instantly blow out their brains if they opened their mouths to tell anybody that they were under arrest...

Blue grass, n. July 30, 3

Cattle are said to be more fond of it [Hungarian grass] than of blue grass...

Blue lodge, n. June 25, 2

Every step in the "blue lodge" scheme to foist a slave Constitution upon Kansas has proved the wisdom of that policy.

August 13, 2

The blue lodges are again in full blast upon the Missouri border, planning another invasion.

Board, n. July 9, 3

You are always welcome to his squatter's log or shake house with the best his "board" will furnish...

Board of officers, n. June 11, 3

There will be a Meeting of the Board of Officers of "Baker's University," at Palmyra...

Boar pig, n. June 4, 3

...a gentleman rode a boar pig $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in 50 minutes.

Boat, n. June 4, 2

From St. Louis to Jefferson City, by the Pacific Railroad, is a pleasant afternoon ride, arriving in time for the evening boat to Kansas.

Body, n.

June 4, 3

It is beautifully situated...near a heavy body of timber.

Bogus, adj.

June 18, 3

(From French bagasse, "cane-trash" -- Thornton. From name of a counterfeiter, Borghese. -- Bartlett. May be from "tankerabogus" or "tantarabobus," English dialect meaning "devil".-- W.N.I.)

It claims to be a Free-State paper, though it advocates voting at the bogus election.

August 6, 2

...vote which he received as a delegate to the bogus, plug-ugly convention.

Bogus legislature, n.

May 28, 1

On the first Monday in January, 1857, the second bogus legislature convened at Lecompton.

Bolt, v.

June 25, 2

(To break away from a political party. U.S. politics -- N.E.D.)

The Judge bolts popular sovereignty -- when applied to Utah.

Bolting cloth, n.

July 16, 1

Johnson & Veale...Agents for the sale of Pittsburgh Salamander Safes and German Anchor Bolting Cloths.
(Advertisement)

Bombastic, adj. May 28, 1

They...end their address with...
bombastic assurances of patriotic
devotion to their country, their
party and their God.

Bona fide, adj. June 18, 2
(Special use in Kansas not noted in
the dictionaries.)

Gov. Walker says Kansas will not be
admitted under any Constitution that
has not first been submitted to the
approval of all the bona fide citizens
of Kansas...

Bonhommie, n. June 25, 1

Mr. Stephens...gives the following
specimen of Lee's bonhommie...

Boo, int. July 23, 4
(An exclamation used to express con-
empt, or to startle or frighten. --
W.N.I.)

How many are aware of the origin of
the word "boo!" used to frighten chil-
dren? It is a corruption of Bob, the
name of a fierce Gothic General, the
son of Odin, the mention of whose name
spread a panic among his enemies.

Book, n. July 16, 2

We speak by the book, for we have
traveled much over Kansas, and know
the above assertion to be true.

Bookseller, n. June 4, 1

O. Wilmarth, Bookseller, No. 30
Massachusetts street, Lawrence K.T.
(Advertisement)

Boot-jack, n.

June 11, 4

"You will find, Mr. President, that one fork of the antlers, at the foot of the chair, will make you a good boot-jack, so that you can draw your boots with ease..."

Boots and shoes, n.

June 4, 3

They...keep a fine stock of boots and shoes, hats and caps.

(Advertisement)

Border, adj.

June 11, 2

Already the pro-slavery papers of Border Missouri raise a shout of expected triumph.

Borderer, n.

August 6, 2

...fearful...that the Free-State sentiment of Douglas County...might prove too much for Johnson County, even though overrun by borderers from Missouri -- an unheard-of piece of gerrymandering is resorted to...

Border ruffian, n.

May 28, 1

(One of those pro-slavery men of Missouri who, during the Border War, used to cross the border into Kansas and Nebraska to vote illegally or to intimidate the anti-slavery settlers.-- W.N.I.)

In obedience to this proclamation, the free state forces disbanded, but the border ruffians in open defiance of it, re-assembled...

May 28, 1

The leading border ruffians...issued a proclamation to the Missourians...and marched again towards Lawrence.

Border Ruffianism, n. June 4, 3

...I thought some of the new comers might be interested in listening to what I could tell them of Border Ruffianism.

Borer, n. May 28, 4

It [Osage Orange hedge] does not suffer from the attacks of the borer or insects.

Bottom, n. July 2, 1

The "bottoms" of the rivers are very broad and level...

Bottom, n. June 4, 3

The "Shawnee Association" is undoubtedly at the bottom of this.

Bow, n. June 11, 3

See that he [ox] does not have...a bow so wide or deep that it will gall his shoulders.

Bowie knife, n. July 9, 2
(A short knife carried as a weapon in the wilder parts of the U.S. --N.E.D.)

...they have...found the intelligence of the people of Kansas as perfect a bulward against their sophistry, as was their courage and self denial against their pistols and bowie knives.

May 28, 1

This was on the 31st of March...when the invading hordes, with insulting banners...and with bowieknives and revolvers bore down upon the polls...

Box, v.

August 6, 2

...he should have his ears boxed for his meddling impertinence.

Box, v.

June 11, 4

He would "box" them [trees] with his ax; that is, cut out a big notch to collect the sap, and lead it to the troughs through a gimlet-hole and a hollow weed.

Brace, n.

July 16, 1

A brace of ring-doves floating down the breeze...

Braggadocio, adj.

June 11, 2

The braggadocio spirit of the slave catchers was properly resented...

Brand, v.

May 28, 1

They brand Lane, Robinson and Reeder... as...emies to the well being of the territory.

Bread fruit, n.

July 30, 1

The cactus and bread fruit grow here, giving unmistakable evidence of the character of the climate.

Break, v.

June 4, 2

People are now engaged to the extent of their ability in breaking, planting corn, gardening, and other agricultural interests

Break, v.

June 18, 4

Prairie should be broke [sic] at least four inches deep.

Breaker, n.

May 28, 3

...I [John Deer] shall send to Messrs. Allen & Gilmore...a large assortment of Breakers of all sizes, especially of my extra Two-Horse Mold board Breakers, which have received the highest commendations from all who have used them.

Break up, v.

June 18, 2

...with cheers for the Free-State Convention &c., the assemblage broke up.

Brick-layer, n.

June 25, 3

Several good brick-layers can find steady and profitable employment in this city.

Broadcast, adv.

May 23, 1

The pro-slavery convention...have issued an address which has been spread broadcast over the states.

Bronze, n.

June 11, 3

Printing in Bronze and Colors when desired.

(Advertisement)

Brook, v. May 28, 1

The blood and the manhood and the muscle of northern freemen could brook no more...

Brow-beat, v. June 11, 3

Mayor Wood...employed them [the police] to electioneer, brow-beat and bully for Fernando Wood...

Browse, n. June 11, 4

...part of the stock lived upon "browse"...

Buck shot, n. July 30, 1

One wolf came so near the wagon...that we gave him the contents of a double barreled shot gun, charged with buck shot.

Buckthorn, n. August 6, 1

It was a little nest of a cottage, sentinelled by knarled old fruit trees, and enclosed with a low buckthorn hedge...

Buckwheat, n. June 4, 3

Those who cannot break up prairie in time for corn, should prepare ground for buckwheat...

Buffalo, n. June 25, 1

We passed through one continuous herd of buffalo for forty miles.

Buffalo [fish], n.

July 30, 1

Other fish abound in great numbers, such as buffalo, red-horse, cat, perch, bass, etc.

Buffalo robe, n.

July 2, 1

The buffalo robe at once suggests his adaptability.

Bughood, n.

July 16, 4

I could discover none in the transitory state between bughood and wormship.

Bunch, n.

June 11, 3

See that he [ox] does not have a... Missouri stick...which will gall his neck, or produce a bunch...

Burden, n.

July 23, 2

...on the stump and in private conversation, he had made the State Constitution and Government the burden of his song.

Burg, n.

June 11, 2

...the party...made a descent upon the cabin of Mr. Hyde, about one mile from the burg...

Business, adj.

July 9, 3

These lots are in the midst of the most business part of the town.

Buskin, n.

May 28, 3

Ladies' Fine Kid Buskins...And every
variety of Ladies Shoes for sale...
(Advertisement)

Bust up, v.

June 11, 2

...we hope it [the Union] will not
bust up" just yet.

By-gones, n.

August 13, 2

We were told to forget the past, to
bury it, to let by-gones be by-gones...

C

Cable, n.

June 11, 1

The London Times, while admitting that the cable is a beautiful and perfect specimen of manufacturing skill, expresses serious doubts of its successful operation.

Calcareous, adj.

July 2, 1

They [the plains] are calcareous, and form the pastoral garden of the world.

Camp meeting, n.

August 13, 3

(Used chiefly among Methodists in America --N.E.D.)

There will be a Camp Meeting on Oskaloosa Circuit....The preachers and people in the district...are earnestly requested to meet us.

Candy, n.

June 11, 3

10 Boxes Philadelphia Candies, fresh, for sale...

(Advertisement)

Cane seat chair, n.

May 28, 3

His stock comprises 75 doz. Cane and Wood Seat Chairs...

(Advertisement)

Cant, v.

June 18, 4

...a plow often cants, with the clevis at the centre...

Cant, v.

June 18, 4

The team is hitched to the plow, and on it goes...the handles canting so far to one side as to throw it entirely out.

Cap the climax, v.

July 2, 2

...to cap the climax of outrage [he] takes both the Governor and the Secretary from the South?

Car, n.

June 11, 2

(In the U.S. general term for the vehicles adapted to the rails.-- W.N.I.)

...that no one else...knew of the affair until he had been some time started in the cars for the city.

Carp, v.

July 16, 2

Who that labored earnestly in the States last fall for free Kansas has come here now to play the critic... and sit and carp and make mouths at them!

Carper, n.

July 23, 2

...oracular carpers, and politicians striving to rise into newspaper notoriety had foretold the desertion and abandonment of the State Constitution...

Carpet bag, n.

July 23, 3

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in and Manufacturer of Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Valises, Carpet Bags...

(Advertisement)

Carpet sack, n. June 11, 3
(Not in the dictionaries.)

List of Trunks and Carpet-Sacks left
at the Cincinnati House...4 or 5
carpet-sacks, not marked.

Cart, n. June 18, 2

Our correspondent in this interrog-
atory puts the "cart before the
horse."

Cask, n. May 28, 4

This last is "washing fluid," which
is valuable for cleaning casks...

Catawba, n. June 25, 1

And the colonel, his face radiant
with benevolence and Catawba, went
about the boat...

June 11, 3

20 doz. Sparkling and Still Catawba,
in store, and for sale at the City
Drug Store.

Celebrity, n. July 2, 2

Colonel Jack Hayes, of Texas celebrity...
will probably be transferred to Utah...

Center-draft plow, n. May 28, 1

Also Manufacturers of Tin, Copper, and
Sheet-iron ware; and Agents for John
Deer's celebrated Center-draft Plows.

Chalk out, v. August 6, 2

He believed when Walker held his secret councils with the President and his cabinet that they were chalking out a policy for Kansas.

Character, n. July 2, 1

"I can prove a character, if anybody doubts it."

Chase, v. June 4, 2

We repeat, don't chase a shadow.

Chattel, n. June 11, 2

The disappointed hunters after human chattels returned to Cincinnati...

Cheek by jowl, adv. June 11, 4

These houses stand cheek by jowl -- so near...

Chemical, n. June 11, 1

Dealers in Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals.

(Advertisement)

Chicanery, n. May 28, 2

They have seen Kansas history traced in lines of blood, the effect of which cannot be soon overcome by wily argumentation, political intrigue, or chicanery.

Chivalric boys, n. May 28, 1
(Not in the dictionaries.)

On the 11th Marshal Donaldson raised a force of ruffians, embracing Major Ruford's "chivalric boys"...

Choice, adj. June 4, 1

Finally the debtor revealed that he owned a puppy of a choice breed...

Chuckle, v. June 11, 2

The men who have robbed and ruined Kansas inwardly chuckle over the result.

Chunk, n. June 18, 4

"Well, it's a right good chunk of a horse for a journey..."

City father, n. June 25, 1

...the reporter...hits off such of our worthy city fathers as were among the guests...

Claim, n. May 28, 2

...a settler...had purchased a claim with a house on it...

Clean, adv. June 11, 2

...that letter contemplates action clean beyond and outside of the law...

Clevis, n. June 11, 3

Fasten the clevis of the evener of the matched span near one end, and fifteen inches from it fasten the plow clevis.

Coast-wise, adj. June 11, 1

The inter-State and the Coast-wise traffic in human beings...shall be broken up.

Coat-button, n. June 18, 3

...when the cool man caught hold of the warm man's coat button...

Cock, n. July 9, 4

Grass is injured by exposure to dews, and should be made into cocks after a day or two...for prairie hay makes well in the cock.

Code, n. May 28, 1

The code attempted to be forced upon them was not enacted for proper legislation...

Code of laws, n. May 28, 1

A code of laws was enacted by the bogus legislature...

Codify, v. June 18, 1

A large and necessary portion of the labors of your codifying Committee was destroyed...

Coffeenut, n.

July 2, 3

...there is the best timber I have seen in Kansas, consisting of walnut, burr oak, hackberry, coffeenut, ash, hickory and mulberry.

Colors, n.

May 28, 1

...an attempt is made to palliate the crimes...of which the pro-slavery party -- sailing under the colors of "democracy" -- have been guilty...

Colt, n.

June 11, 2

...a third one came up and commenced beating him with a colt, striking many blows in quick succession...

Come down, v.

July 2, 4

They had evidently "come down" to spend the honey-moon...

Commence, v.

June 11, 3

This contemplated Railroad is to commence at the mouth of the Platte river...

Commencement, n.

June 11, 3

...she [the city] is just at the commencement of her prosperity.

Commissioner, n.

May 28, 1

All territorial officers were filled by these "legislators," or by commissioners appointed by them...

Commons, n.

June 18, 1

...two-thirds of her [Virginia's] soil that was formerly fertile and productive has been exhausted and much of it thrown into commons.

Connexion, n.

June 18, 1

...to talk to us in that connexion of "fairness" and "justice," is to add insult to the wrong.

Contemporaries, n.

June 11, 2

...the Republican [newspaper] will soon have a list that will compare favorably with that of any of its contemporaries in the Territory.

Conveyancer, n.

June 4, 1

E.D.Ladd, Notary Public, Register of Deeds and Conveyancer.

Cool, adj.

June 11, 2

These are certainly very cool questions to ask the people of Kansas.

Coon, n.

June 11, 4

Ben and his master had many a tiresome tramp through the woods after coons.

Coquette, v.

June 18, 4

They...can coquette and flirt at the watering places...

Corn, n. June 4, 3
 (Maize, throughout the U.S. is called
Indian corn, or simply corn - Bartlett.)

Corn and potatoes are just coming up.

Corn, n. August 13, 1

His Serene Highness, Walker, a little
 higher than usual, in consequence of
 the inspiring qualities of the juice
 of corn...passed through...Lawrence...

Corned, adj. June 4, 1

...an old toper...a person who is very
 loquacious when "corned," but exactly
 oppsite [sic] when sober, said...he
 would tell them a story.

Corn plow, n. May 28, 3

Also Corn Plows, Cultivators, double
 and single Shovel Plows, Rolling Cut-
 ters and Clasps...

Cotton cloth, n. June 18, 3

Ten yards of good Cotton Cloth, at
 Bullene & Read's, for One Dollar.
 (Advertisement)

Coulter, n. June 11, 3

A straight coulter is cheaper, and
 less liable to get out of order than
 a wheel coulter and is generally pre-
 ferred for a large plow.

Counter scales, n.

May 28, 3

Counter and Platform Scales, of all sizes and patterns, furnished to order by Allen & Gilmore...

(Advertisement)

Coup de grace, n.

July 2, 2

This gave the coup de grace to the the rebellion...

Covered wagon, n.

August 6, 4

Not a day passes that we do not see from our window a number of cloth covered wagons, just arrived from the States, loaded with men, women and children.

Cow boy, n.

June 11, 1

(Western U.S. A man employed to take care of grazing cattle on a ranch.-- N.E.D.)

...dough-faces and cow-boys skulked away...

Cracker, n.

August 6, 4

Boiled Plum Puddings Without Eggs.-- Pour over twelve crackers, after they are broken, one quart of milk.

Crack up, v.

July 2, 1

...extended telegraphic dispatches from Washington appear...cracking up old Buck and his administration to the skies...

Craggy, adj.

June 11, 4

Four are married and plump, two maiden
and craggy.

Craven, n.

June 11, 1

...the cravens of the time declared
the act "unconstitutional."

Craw-fish, v.

July 30, 2

(To "back out." Colloquial, U.S. --
N.E.D.)

The intruding official then craw-
fished out in the same manner that
he had entered and the Constitutional
Convention resumed business...

Cream, n.

June 11, 3

1 Gross Woodland Cream, just received
at City Drug Store.

(Advertisement)

Cream soap, n.

May 28, 4

Take it [vessel] off, and in a few
hours you will have some nice hard
or "Cream Soap"...

Credit system, n.

June 4, 1

Much has been written in opposition
to the credit system, and justly.

Creed, n.

May 28, 2

Our political creed may be briefly
summed up...

Creek, n.

June 4, 2

Timber in sufficient quantities grows
on the bottoms and along the creeks...

Crimson, v.

June 11, 1

...that glorious day, whose meridian
sun...shall see...no master crimsoning
it [the soil] with the blood of his
victim.

Crinoline, n.

July 16, 4

And walking out this morning I saw,
in the Boulevard de la Madeleine, the
crinolines!

Critter, n.

June 11, 4

...it kept Ben and his master both
busy to keep the "critters out of
the 'crap.'"

July 2, 1

"Iv'e [sic] lived on the critter
[whiskey] for fifteen years..."

Croak, v.

August 6, 4

(To complain. W.N.I.)

We are not croaking, but we mention
our impression of things from observa-
tion and believe them to be true...

Crush, v.

August 6, 2

Perhaps he considers the awful rebellion as thoroughly crushed; -- perhaps he begins to feel that his indefensible conduct is crushing in another direction.

Cultivator, n.

May 28, 4

By many cultivators, it is feared that it [hedge] will not prove sufficiently hardy...

Curdle, v.

May 28, 1

Up to this time the pro-slavery party had been guilty of committing crimes at which the blood curdles.

Current, n.

June 4, 1

As far back from the Gardens as London Bridge, a steady current of people... gives the assurance that you are on the right road.

Cuss, n.

June 4, 1

(U.S. slang. N.E.D.)

...the puppy's tail was too long: -- had cut it off, and the little cuss bled to death!

Cut a dash, v.

June 18, 1

Some contemporary...tells a...story... so characteristic of a class who glory in "cutting a dash," that we reproduce it here...

Cut and dry, adj.

June 18, 4

...I am told that they have actually a code of laws prepared by their various committees, cut and dry, to put in operation as soon as they meet...

Cute, adj.

June 11, 3

(Used in the sense of cunning. U.S. -- N.E.D.)

The little Miss Taylor had the pleasure of saying a very cute thing...

Cuteness, n.

August 13, 1

The horrible Yankees of the place did not look even skeert, but one and all wore a most aggravating cuteness of expression.

Cut off, v.

May 28, 1

...new-made graves upon Pilot Knob seem to plead, with sad and mournful eloquence, against the cruel and untimely cutting off of those who sleep beneath.

D

- Daguerrean, adj. August 13, 4
(Not in the dictionaries.)
A Complete Set of Dauguerrean apparatus for sale...
- Daguerreotype, n. July 30, 4
Wonders of the Human Frame -- The eye is a daguerreotyping establishment...
- Dancer, n. July 18, 2
A party was given to the Governor last evening, and he is said to be a very nice dancer...
- Danite, n. July 16, 1
That the Mormon government, with Brigham Young at its head is... organizing bands of his own followers under the name of "Danites or destroying Angels"...
- Darn, v. July 2, 4
They had evidently come down to spend the honey-moon, and Jonathan had no doubt, "darned the expense."
- Dead letter, n. June 13, 1
Its [legislature's] pretended enactments are a dead letter.

Dead ripe, adj. June 18, 4

But if you wait till it gets dead-ripe, your crop will be on the ground.

Defalcation, n. June 25, 3

There is a defalcation in the State Treasury of Ohio of about five hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Defile, v. July 23, 2

...the advance guard of the dragoons appeared...and soon crossed the river, and defiled into town...

Delinquent, n. June 4, 1

Delinquent excused himself.

Demijohn, n. July 2, 1

...one Smith was arraigned for stealing a demijohn containing three gallons of whiskey.

Demi-wolf, n. July 2, 1

Dogs and demi-wolves abound.

Denizen, n. July 9, 4

"What is that crowd so angry about?" said a stranger the other evening to a denizen of the town.

Dentistry, n.

July 9, 3

Dentistry rooms have just been opened
by Dr. L. Kellogg...

July 9, 3

Dr. L. Kellogg, Demonstrator of
Operative, Surgical and Mechanical
Dentistry...may be found at his
office...

Desideratum, n.

July 30, 1

...water, a very great desideratum
in a prairie country, can be obtained
at little expense...

Devil, n.

July 9, 2

A Kansas editor...is glad ocassionally
to get out of sight and hearing of
exchanges, types, presses, compositors,
devils, and all...

Dews, n.

June 25, 4

"...you'll take cold in your bare
feet among these dews."

Diary, n.

June 4, 1

No "diary," like that of the enter-
taining Pepys, has yet been published
to perpetuate her influence...

Dicker, v.

June 11, 4

(Barter, haggle. U.S. -- W.N.I.)

He "dickered for it" [land]...

Dig, v.

July 2, 4

Dr. ___ desired us to "dig" out the difficult passages and we were discouraged.

Digging machine, n.

June 11, 3

An English Digging Machine has also been patented, which moves on legs...

Diggings, n.

June 11, 2

...finding they had got into the wrong diggings to catch fugitives, the whole party left in double quick time.

Dirty work, n.

June 11, 2

The people...do not like to see their neighbors seized...for the offense of not helping a pack of slave-catchers do their dirty work.

Disfranchise, v.

May 28, 2

At that, so called, election 4,908 illegal votes were cast, and the people of Kansas disfranchised by force of arms.

Dishing, adj.

August 6, 4

(Forming a concave or dish like surface. --N.E.D.)

She [cow] should be descended from the best milking stock; her head should be small...face long, slender and dishing...

Dock, v.

July 9, 3

His [pony's] tail is rather short,
and, I think, has been docked.

Dodger, n.

June 11, 4

...he only ate five slices of fried
pork, four potatoes with gravy...three
"dodgers," and six cups of coffee.

Doggery, n.

June 25, 3

(A low drinking saloon. U.S. -- N.E.D.)

...a committee of three was appointed...
to search out the doggeries and destroy
the liquors found about them.

June 25, 3

...the citizens of Quindaro convened...
to take into consideration the existence
of a few "doggeries" which were covertly
opened here within a few weeks.

Do-nothing, adj.

June 25, 2

That policy has been stigmatized as a
policy of inactivity, as a "do-nothing
policy."

Doom, n.

July 9, 2

...if we do not our doom is sealed.

Double-barreled shot gun, n. July 30, 1

One [wolf] came so near the wagon...
that we gave him the contents of a
double barreled shot gun...

Draper, n.

June 11, 3

...Miss Mason, whose father had made a splendid fortune as an enterprising draper and tailor, appeared at a magnificent entertainment...

Draught, n.

June 11, 3

But after plowing eight or ten acres the share gets thick, the draught is heavy, and the plow inclined to run out...

Dred Scott, adj.

June 4, 2

Fifthly, the Governor adopts the Dred Scott dictum of the Supreme Court.

Dress circle, n.

June 4, 1

Though an hour is yet to pass before service begins, the lower floor is filled, the dress circle is densely crowded...

Drill, n.

July 2, 4

They should be sown like peas, in drills two inches deep.

Drink, v.

August 6, 4

If farmers have no other water, they ought to construct large filters of charcoal and gravel, and filter it before drank.

Drop in the bucket, n.

May 28, 2

...all previous irregularities have been only as the drop in the bucket.

Drug store, n.

June 4, 3

The First Baptist Church...will hold its meetings in the Masonic Hall, over the Drug Store.

Dry goods, n.

June 4, 1

George Ford, Dealer in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, has just opened with a new and complete assortment.

Duds, n.

June 25, 1

Instead of packing up her duds and whisking out of the Union...Wisconsin planted herself upon the platform of the constitution...

Duel, v.

June 25, 2

But duelling is nothing more nor less than murder, of the coolest, most deliberate character.

Dwelling house, n.

June 11, 3

We have two Dwelling houses in Lawrence for sale.

E

Eagle, n.

July 2, 1

...birds of prey, eagles, vultures, ravens, and the smaller birds of game and song.

Earthquake, adj.

June 11, 1

...if any member of the Senate... shall suppose that legislature... will...be received by the people as a response to the earthquake voice uttered by them in November...the filling of these seats, in the coming year...will undeceive him.

East, adv.

June 4, 3

...it has served the very good purpose of exposing the falsity of the cry, raised by a certain class of papers East...

August 13, 2

Let our friends east understand then, that our position is not one of antagonism...

Eat, v.

July 9, 4

They [tobacco worms] commenced on the east side of the field and passed to the west, not only over my potatoes but other garden crops. I think they only eat my potatoes and tomatoes.

Eave trough, n.

May 23, 3

Our facilities are unsurpassed...for Tin Roofing and the manufacture of Eave Troughs.

Elbow, v.

June 11, 3

It will be...spacious enough to entertain a large number of people, when they get to elbowing each other...

Electrify, v.

June 11, 4

...Mr. Sloven electrified his family... with the announcement that he was going into the maple-sugar-making business.

Emigrant, n.

June 4, 3

(Special Kansas use not listed in the dictionaries.)

Emigrants of all professions --Squatters, Laboring Men of every avocation, will find in the Republican a constant... advocate of the...doctrine of Free Labor...

May 28, 1

...Lane took charge of a large body of emigrants, who reached Kansas during the month of August.

June 4, 3

On the last trip of the steamer Australia, from Jefferson City, she brought a number of emigrant voters from Georgia.

Emigrant Aid Society, n.

June 4, 2

(Not in the dictionaries.)

The emigrant aid society held its annual meeting in this city [Boston] today.

Emigration, n. June 4, 4
 (No notice of special use in the
 dictionaries.)

Emigration into our Territory will
 cease.

June 11, 4

The emigration pouring into the
 territory [Kansas] is multitudinous...

June 25, 1

The emigration to California this
 spring has been very large.

Empire state, n. June 11, 1

Maintain these principles, sir, and
 slavery will never darken...the soil
 of the Empire State.

Enchain, v. June 4, 1

Without any of what are sometimes
 called the charms of oratory, he
 enchained his audience for an hour
 and a half.

Endorse, v. May 28, 1

...a democratic majority in Congress
 has...even gone so far...as to ...
 refuse to adopt the Topeka constitu-
 tion, which had been endorsed by
 fully three-fourths of the residents
 of Kansas.

June 11, 4

"I can fully endorse you, Seth."

Engagement, n.

May 28, 1

At the first engagement at Ossawattamie, the ruffians were sorely beaten.

Engravings, n.

June 4, 1

Woodard & Finley, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in...Books, Stationery, Periodicals, Engravings and Music...

Engross, v.

June 4, 4

It is to secure these lands to the State before large bodies of them are engrossed by speculators...

Enquire, v.

June 4, 3

For further particulars enquire of S. N. Wood & Co.

Enslave, v.

May 28, 1

The code attempted to be forced upon them was not enacted for proper legislation...but to enslave the body and soul of every citizen...

Ensure, v.

June 11, 3

This...will doubtless ensure a democratic victory.

Establishment, n.

May 28, 1

Wholesale and Retail Millinery
Establishment, Massachusetts street...
(Advertisement.)

Evangelize, v.

May 28, 3

As to...the amount that can be furnished for evangelizing purposes... the address...should be named.

Ex-legislature, n.

May 28, 1

...ex-legislature then adjourned to meet at Topeka July 4th.

Exploit, n.

May 28, 1

And yet the murderers ran at large, boasted of their exploits, and openly defied the law.

Eye, n.

May 28, 4

...plant the beans [Lima] with the eyes downward.

Eye-witness, n.

June 11, 2

The assault on the Sheriff is detailed as follows, by an eye-witness...

F

Face, n.

June 11, 2

The face of the country from Tecumseh to Topeka is most beautiful.

Fair, n.

July 30, 4

...the vast collections of people who assemble at the Fairs, vieing with each other in exhibitions of products of the earth, and gleaming [sic] information which shall be of practical benefit in future operations...

Fall short, v.

June 4, 1

Be the object what it will...it will fall short of the work of fancy...

Familiar spirits, n.

May 28, 4

I shall deal in "familiar spirits" which will excite men to deeds of riot...robbery, and blood...

Fancy, adj.

June 11, 3

A Large Assortment of Fancy Letter, Note Paper and Envelopes for sale...
(Advertisement.)

June 11, 1

...dealer in Watches, Clocks, fine Jewelry, Revolvers, Fancy Goods, &c.
(Advertisement.)

June 18, 3

H.C.Hemmenway respectfully informs the inhabitants...that he will...open his New Store...where he will sell...Fancy and Millinery Goods...

Farce, n.

June 4, 2

An election may be held, but it will be a farce.

Fasten, v.

May 28, 2

...imported voters could be sworn in under that section and no tell-tale census list fasten the villainy.

Fat, v.

June 11, 3

Oxen will work and fat upon prairie grass...

Feed, n.

June 11, 3

The spring feed is of sufficient growth to sustain all but working and dairy stock...

Feel in one's bones, v.

June 11, 4

They feel in their bones, that, as American citizens, they have a right to it [political power].

Feeler, n.

June 4, 3

Mr. Wm. Phillips...stated that this was merely a feeler put out by the enemy, to test the fidelity of the people to their principles...

Fee simple, n.

July 23, 4

...not one...looks as if he could remember the time when he boasted the possession, in fee simple, of such a luxury as a soul.

Fellowship, v.

May 28, 3

That this association will in no manner fellowship any other ecclesiastical body which wilfully sustains... that system [slavery].

June 25, 2

...the church has been held in its anomalous...position of fellowshipping slaveholders and tolerating slavery... only by the conservatism of the clergy.

Female, adj.

June 18, 2

...a female seminary is in contemplation.

Fig, n.

August 13, 2

...that the Governor cares not a fig about the principle involved.

File, v.

June 11, 3

In filing, turn the plow over upon the handles, and file upon the bottom, keeping the file level with the land side.

Fillibuster, n.

June 4, 2

(A free booter, a marauder.- - Thornton.)

Walker, the fillibuster, has been forced to capitulate...

Fillibustering, n.

June 4, 2

Fillibustering is only another name for piracy and rapine.

Findings, n. May 28, 3

Leather and Findings, constantly on hand and for sale...

Finely, adv. June 4, 3

Spring wheat looks finely.

Fire away, v. June 4, 1

They told him to "fire away," whereupon he spoke as follows...

Fire-eater, n. August 13, 2
(A violent Southern partisan before the Civil War. Colloquial, U.S. -- W.N.I.)

The people of Kansas...should know, that there is a band of men at Le-compton -- fire-eaters -- disunionists of the darkest dye...

August 13, 1

To allay the excitement now existing against Gov. Walker amongst the Southern fire-eaters and disunionists... it appears that he has thrown himself completely into the arms of the Border Ruffians...

Firm, n. July 2, 4

The head clerk of a large mercantile house was bragging rather largely of the amount of the annual business done by his "firm."

First and last, adv. June 4, 2

Besides, good farming pays the best,
first and last.

Fit, n. August 6, 4

Bullene & Read keep a Tailor to make
their Ready-made Clothing, and he is
warranted to give the most "particular
Fits."

Fix, n. July 2, 3

Other free banks of Ohio may be in
the same fix.

Fix, v. June 4, 1

That will fix it the Capitol in
Kansas -- perhaps near Lawrence.

Fizzle, n. June 25, 2

Our readers will agree with us that
a more contemptible fizzle was never
perpetrated.

Flag-man, n. June 4, 2

We noticed, on this road, flag-men
stationed at short curves, cuts, and
other dangerous places...

Flag-staff, n. July 30, 1

The stars and stripes were run up
the flag-staff...

Flat out, v. May 28, 2
(To fail, to collapse. U.S.--N.E.D.)

Thus disgracefully does the Federal authority "flat out" the moment it is called upon to face a real difficulty and to protect the people's dearest rights.

Flattering, adj. June 11, 3

Reports...represent the crops as very flattering.

Flax, n. July 2, 1

Every variety of grain, grass, vegetable, the grape and fruits, flax, hemp, cotton, and the flora...attain extraordinary vigor...

Flimsy, adj. June 18, 1

For Governor Walker to urge us into the flimsy trap into which they hope to ensnare our people, is wrong...

Float, n. June 11, 3
(A notice of intention to occupy land in tracts newly offered for settlement. U.S.-- W.N.I.)

We learn of Gov. Robinson that he has not withdrawn his float from the south part of Lawrence.

Fly-about, adj. June 25, 3

If you do not wish to have a bustling, fly-about wife, you should not marry one named Jenny...

Fodder, n.

June 4, 3

...the plant yields less fodder and grain than it would if seasonably planted.

Footpad, n.

August 6, 2

...there is not a member of the rebellious gang, from Walker down to the dirtiest footpad of them all, who does not deserve a halter for his zeal.

Fop, n.

July 16, 2

"Tom," said an impudent wag to a conceited fop...

Forage, v.

May 28, 1

Scattering from Lawrence, in foraging parties, Buford's men scoured the country about like lawless pirates, as they were.

Fountain, n.

June 25, 3

Soda Water from the Fountain.
(Advertisement)

Fourteen inch plow, n.

June 11, 3

(Not in the dictionaries.)

Three horses will do excellent work with a fourteen inch plow.

Frame, v.

August 13, 2

...if report be true, indictments are framed against our prominent men for the offenses of last year...

Framed, adj.

June 11, 3

A partially built framed house owned by Mr. Collamore was leveled to the ground...

Frame house, n.

August 13, 1

The long straggling rows of cabins and frame houses did not go off in one sudden grand burst of spontaneous combustion.

Fraudulent, adj.

May 28, 1

...having provided for another election the fraudulent body adjourned sine die.

Free, v.

July 2, 2

Stephen Arnold Douglas...has been freeing his mind upon three important subjects...

Free labor, n.

May 28, 1

...we cheerfully unfold our standard, on which is inscribed our watchword and our motto -- "Free Kansas for free labor"...

Freeman, n.

May 28, 1

...we again appeal to Northern freemen to stand by us in the dark emergency that threatens our future progress and prosperity.

- Free of charge, adv. June 4, 2
 Passengers by this route are, also,
 conveyed to hotels...free of charge.
- Free soil, n. June 11, 1
 ...it [the flag] shall never wave
 over aught but Free Soil...
- Free soiler, n. August 6, 2
 ...the charge that the pro-slavery
 men in Kansas had sold out to the
 free soilers was infamously false.
- Free state, n. June 11, 2
 (Before the Civil War a state of the
 Union in which slavery did not exist.
 U.S.--N.E.D.)
 Kansas will be a Free State, but it
 will be because "National Democracy"
can't help it...
- Free state citizen, n. May 28, 1
 None are more devoted to our Union
 and Constitution than the free-state
 citizens of Kansas.
- Free state legislature, n. May 28, 1
 Upon the 4th of July the Free State
 Legislature convened at Topeka, pur-
 suant to adjournment.
- Free state man, n. July 16, 2
 No Free-State man will sue in the
 bogus courts.

Freestone, n.

July 2, 1

Plaster and lime, limestone, free-stone, clay and sand, exist beneath almost every acre.

Frown, v.

June 25, 1

Did ever any people with more striking unanimity -- frown down a movement?

Fruit tree, n.

June 4, 3

Fruit trees. John B. Wood has for sale 6,000 Apple Trees, 1,000 Pears, on Quince stocks, choice selections.

Fugitive slave, n.

June 11, 3

(Not listed in this special connection in the dictionaries.)

The Chatham, C.W., Freeman says that... thirty fugitive slaves reached that place by the underground railroad from the Southern States of the United States.

Fugitive Slave Act, n.

June 25, 1

The court thought the Fugitive Slave act of 1850 unauthorized by the federal constitution...

Full, tide, n.

June 4, 1

The charming novelty of so fair a canvasser, turned the full tide of the election in favor of Mr. Fox.

Furnish, v.

June 4, 1

The Lawrence Republican is published every Thursday morning...and furnished to subscribers at Two Dollars per annum...

Fustest family, n.

June 18, 4

And then our "fustest families" find it necessary...

G

Gabble, v.

July 23, 1

Those who have most objections to make...never contributed a dollar of the money about which they gabble so vociferously.

Gag, n.

July 9, 3

The people were exceedingly anxious to avoid trouble at Paoli, and submitted to the gag.

Gag law, n.

July 9, 3

(A law or regulation preventing or regulating discussion. U.S. --N.E.D.)

The Free-State men had no notion of gag law, and promptly stepped forward well prepared to protect free speech.

Gain ground, v.

May 28, 2

It [Missouri Democrat] is wielding an immense influence in Missouri...and is gaining ground every day.

Gaiter, n.

July 23, 4

Ladies' Extra nice Tan Cold Gaiters, only \$1.50. Every variety of Gents' and Ladies' Boots and Shoes...

Game, n.

May 28, 1

At these elections...all the free state nominees were elected, except at Leavenworth City, where the Missourians played their old game of invasion and illegal voting...

Gaming, n.

June 11, 3

"An editorial...appears...referring to an unfortunate loss by gaming in this city."

Gammon, n.

May 28, 4

...Mrs. Snipkins...declared that she was poisoned, and that Mr. Snipkins did it. "I didn't do it," shouted Snipkins -- "it's all gammon, she isn't poisoned."

Gas, v.

August 13, 1

...the people were attending to their ordinary business of buying, selling and gassing about politics...

Gent, n.

May 28, 3

Gents' Fine French Calf Boots are manufactured to order...
(Advertisement)

Gerrymander, v.

August 6, 2

(Artfully distributing a portion of territory for political purposes. -- Thornton.)

...fearful...that the Free-State sentiment of Douglas County...might prove too much for Johnson County, even though overrun by borderers from Missouri -- an unheard of piece of gerrymandering is resorted to...

Get, v.

August 6, 2

...it brought a good many men into the party that they could not have gotten into their ranks in any other way.

Getter up, n.

August 6, 2

Clubs of ten and over \$1.50 a copy,
and an extra copy to the getter up,
when desired.

Gimp, n.

May 28, 3

Mrs. M.P.Canfield will keep constantly
on hand a large...assortment of the
most fashionable Millinery Goods...
Lace, Gimp, Straw, Silk, Blend, Hair
and Illusion Bonnets...

(Advertisement)

Give the lie, v.

July 2, 2

But the practice of the "Democratic"
party has constantly given the lie
to its professions.

Give weight, v.

June 4, 2

If they think it will contribute to
give them weight and character to
have a few Free State delegates in
their body, they will admit them...

Glare, n.

June 4, 2

...whether amid the profusion of its
promises, the glare of its rhetoric,
and the brilliancy of its pictures,
the true intent...will be seen...is a
matter of some question.

Glassware, n.

June 11, 3

100 Boxes Physicians' and Druggists'
Glassware, for sale...

(Advertisement)

Glorious fourth, n. June 25, 4

It [peas] is indispensable at the "glorious fourth," provided it can be obtained.

Go-ahead, adj. June 4, 3

They are enterprising, go-ahead young men...

Go-by, n. August 13, 3

A man might as well have undertaken to give the question of freedom or slavery the go-by in the days of the Revolution, as now in Kansas.

Go for, v. June 4, 1

Only we go for moving the Capital, when it is moved, straight to the geographical center of the country.

Good looking, adj. June 4, 1

...a young and good-looking butcher in Clare market declined to accede to the dutchess's request...

Good men and true, n. May 28, 1

They brand Lane, Robinson and Reeder, and a host of other good men and true, as...enemies to the well being of the territory.

Goose, n. May 28, 2
 ("Right on the goose," sound, from a
 Southern point of view, on the
 slavery question.--Thornton. Polit-
 ically orthodox. U.S.--N.E.D.)

Mr. John Donaldson...from his kind-
 ness to the Free State prisoners
 during their confinement, was not
 deemed sufficiently sound on the
 "goose" and so of course did not
 get it [nomination].

August 6, 2

This was the history of the pro-
 slavery party in Kansas, and under
 all its names it had remained sound
 on the goose, and the charge that
 the pro-slavery men in Kansas had
 sold out to the free soilers was
 infamously false.

June 4, 3

Four Mormons, who were not sufficiently
 sound on the Mormon "goose," were pur-
 sued by Brigham Young -- two of them
 killed...

Goose brant, n. July 2, 1

...water fowl of every variety, the
 swan, goose brant, ducks, marmots, the
 armadillo...

Gosh all Potomac, int. July 2, 4

"Gosh all Potomac!" exclaimed our
 Yankee...

Get up, v. June 11, 3

The paper is well gotten up...

Governor, n.

July 9, 3

Prices of Engines, including pumps, fly-wheel and heater....When governors are wanted, add to the above prices \$50 for small and \$75 for large engines. The following prices include governors...

Go with, v.

June 4, 2

The wisdom of the Free State men in refusing to go with the bogus election is every day becoming more and more apparent...

Grade, v.

June 4, 3

...the ground has been cleared, the streets and levee, to a good extent, graded.

Gramma, n.

July 2, 1

This is the "gramma" or "buffalo grass."

Grand question, n.

June 18, 4

..."who is to elect the convention? That is the grand question."

Grant, n.

June 4, 4

There is...the question of Railroad grants made by Congress to all the new States but one...

Grateful, adj.

June 4, 1

"But there is one aspect in which your invitation is especially grateful."

Gratis, adv.

June 4, 3

Information given gratis, warranted genuine...

Green, adj.

June 11, 3

"Sally," said a fellow to a girl who had red hair..."you will set me afire."
"No danger of that," was the answer,
"you are too green to burn."

Green bag, n.

June 25, 1

...the knights of the green bag [lawyers]
rode ahead, leaving the victor to
solitude...

Grist mill, n.

June 4, 3

Wanted, at this new town...one Printing
Press, one Grist Mill, two Saw Mills...

Grizzly bear, n.

June 11, 4

He whipped a ton of grizzly bears...

Grog, n.

August 6, 1

(A mixture of spirit and water not
sweetened. Hence any intoxicating
liquor. --W.N.I.)

In the height of his glee Shannon is
said to have called for an extra glass
of grog.

Groggerly, n. August 13, 1
(A low drinking place. U.S.--N.E.D.)

There are...perhaps 10,000 groggeries,
from the elegant saloons down to the
meanest and lowest cellars.

Grog shop, n. May 28, 1
(A dram-shop, public-house. --N.E.D.)

Companies from the purlieus and grog-
shops of the south...took an active
part in outraging the free state
citizens...

Ground, n. July 9, 3

There was plenty of money on the
ground, but no visible speculators.

Guerilla, adj. June 25, 3

Counter organizations...were formed,
the guerilla warfare fully inaugurated...

Guitar, n. July 16, 3

Teacher Wanted. One competent to teach
the Guitar.

Gun cotton, n. June 11, 3

We understand that gun cotton is
extensively used in the manufacture
of ladies' skirts, in consequence of
its expansive properties.

H

Hack, n. June 4, 3
 (A horse or carriage let for hire.--
 W.N.I.)

Both evening and morning our streets
 are lined with hacks and coaches of
 the very first class...

Hackberry, n. June 25, 1

...a good variety of timber...con-
 sisting of black walnut, hickory,
 ash, burr oak, hackberry, mulberry,
 elm...

Hair cloth, n., June 4, 3

His stock comprises...12 doz. Cane
 and Wood Seat Rocking Chairs, Mahogany,
 Hair Cloth and Stuffed Seat Chairs.

Hand, n. July 2, 3

While our hand is in, we may as well
 caution our eastern friends against
 a little piece of meanness...

Handbill, n. July 23, 2

The charge that our charter was printed
 in handbill form for the purpose of
 circulation throughout the Territory
 is not true.

Handful, n. May 28, 2

A pretty small handful of men...to
 settle so important a matter as the
 constitution of a future State...

Haul, v.

July 30, 2

...we expected to see what we have seen -- the Herald hauling in its colors.

Haul up, v.

July 9, 3

He hauled up at last, however, and Foster, of Ossawattamie, mounted the wagon.

Have it one's own way, v.

June 4, 2

Let these bogus operations go on as they have commenced; -- let them have it all their own way...

Hay, n.

August 6, 4

After hay and corn is once put up, see to it that it is saved.

Head over heels, adv.

August 13, 3

Of course it pitches into the Free State men pellmell, shovel and tongs, head over heels.

Heat lightning, n.

July 2, 3

It resembled what is sometimes called "heat lightning"...

Hedge about, v.

August 13, 2

At the second general Territorial election the ballot-box was hedged about by degrading test oaths, and an illegal tax.

Heel, n.

August 6, 1

This dispatch coming on the heels of Walker's proclamation...is indicative of the design of Harney's appointment to this post.

Hennery, n.

August 6, 4

She supports a "hennery" and from her I derived my information in the matter.

Highfalutin, adj.

July 2, 4

(Bombastic in talk or behavior.-- Thornton.)

"Me and Patience find all right here -- room fixed up first rate -- gives a feller a highfalutin feeling..."

High school, n.

July 2, 3

It already has...a high school under the direction of an eminent teacher from the east.

High toned, adj.

May 28, 3

In presenting the Lawrence Republican to the public, we have been actuated by a desire to supply a long felt need of a high toned and reliable Free State paper in Lawrence...

Hill, v.

June 25, 4

...hoe them [peas] well, and keep the earth loose about the roots, hilling up slightly.

Hillo, v. August 13, 4

Never hillo until you are out of the woods.

Hillock, n. July 23, 4

...an aching void, which gold, though ye heap it like hillocks, can never satisfy and never fill.

Hind, adj. June 18, 4

Let this be done along the hind part of the share [of a plow].

Hit, n. June 11, 4

(A stroke of sarcasm, censure, rebuke. -- N.E.D.)

The following "hits" are so palpable, and of such application...that we transfer them to our columns.

Hit off, v. June 25, 1
(To reproduce, imitate. --W.N.I.)

Leaving General Cass, the reporter turns his attention to the city council of Cincinnati, and hits off such of our worthy city fathers as were among the guests...

June 11, 3

The Albany Evening Journal thus palpably hits off the "Democratic" insurrection...

Hog and hominy, n. June 25, 4
 (Pork and Indian corn. U.S.--N.E.D.)

...to say nothing of having a decent diet instead of "hog and hominy."

May 28, 4

...by the time hog and hominy come on for supper, his writing becomes slightly hieroglyphical...

Hold, v. May 28, 2
 (Past participle "holden" now archaic.--N.E.D.)

No one act of the Free-State men in Kansas has been more severely condemned... than their resolve to take no part in the election...ordered by the bogus Legislature to be holden next June.

Hole, n. June 11, 4

...he had made "a hole in the woods," and had a patch of half-tended corn...

Hoof, n. July 2, 1

This pastoral property transports itself on the hoof, and finds its food ready furnished by nature.

Hoofland's Bitters, n. June 11, 3

12 Doz. Hoofland's German Bitters, on hand...

Hoops, n.

June 11, 3

Simpson says the ladies do not "set their caps" for the gentlemen any more; they spread their hoops.

July 16, 4

You have long ridiculed the new fashion by which the dresses of the ladies are so beautifully distended. I was at first of your mind and thought the hoops unbearable.

Hoot, v.

June 18, 1

The owls would hoot through the cities now laid out in Kansas...

Horse hoe, n.

June 18, 3

James Blood Has in Store...Farming Implements, Including Breaking and Old Ground Plows, Horse Hoes, Scythes...

Horse-rake, n.

August 6, 4

Mowing machines and horse-rakes should be brought into requisition now if ever.

Horse thief, n.

July 9, 2

...we would even have him call them horse thieves.

Hostetter's Bitters, n.

June 11, 3

12 Doz. Hostetter's Bitters, for sale...
(Advertisement)

Hotel, n. June 4, 1

Mrs. M. P. Canfield, Wholesale and
Retail Millinery Establishment,
Massachusetts street, near Whitney's
Hotel, Lawrence, K.T.

House, n. June 11, 3

This House is new, and is well
supplied throughout with good new
furniture, making it a desirable stop-
ping-place for strangers visiting
Lawrence.

June 4, 2

We...found good accomodations at
the Quindaro House...

May 28, 1

Whitney House...Stages Arrive and
Depart from this House, Daily...

Hubbub, June 4, 2

Let the people of the whole country
understand, then...that this whole
Kansas hubbub and imbroglia, troops,
treason, bloodshed and all, has been
for the purpose of enforcing laws up-
on the subject of slavery...

Humble, v. June 11, 2

...they ask us to humble to those
bogus laws...

Humbug, n. June 11, 2

A National Democratic party to make
Kansas a Free State, is a very shallow
and a very simple humbug.

Humbug, v.

June 4, 2

But I only took up my pen to correct a few errors...and prevent strangers from being humbugged.

Hunker, n.

August 13, 1

(A conservative. A nickname first used in New York about 1845. U.S.--N.E.D.)

The decision of the slaveholding majority of the Supreme Court... appears to be as popular among the "polygamous saints" of Utah as among their beloved Hunker brethren in New Hampshire.

July 9, 4

The learned counsellor for the plaintiff being a hunker of the most hunkerish stripe, immediately upon reading the plea, wilted and allowed a nonsuit.

July 16, 4

Up to the time of that revolution which redeemed the State from its thralldom to Hunker politicians, there was no measure of Slavery aggression which her Senators...did not aid in consummating.

Hunkerish, adj.

July 2, 3

This has in times past, been considered rather a hunkerish neighborhood...

Hunting shirt, n. June 11, 4
 (A coarse shirt for hunting, often
 leather. U.S.--W.N.I.)

...the trapper entered...dressed in
 his deer skin hunting shirt and
 trousers...

Hurricane deck, n. June 11, 3
 (In the dictionaries only as the
 upper deck of a steamer.)

The New York Second Avenue Railroad
 Company have placed on the route
 some cars with an upper or "hurricane
 deck."

Husband, v. June 4, 1

Gains are lost by it, not husbanded.

Husbandman, n. July 9, 4

...when his crops are attacked by
 these pests, the husbandman can do
 nothing at all to stay the destruction.

I

Ice, v. June 25, 3
 Wedding Cakes...Iced and ornamented
 in the latest style.

Ice cream, n. June 25, 3
 Ice Cream, with any flavor, by the
 quart or gallon.

June 18, 3
 The Ice Cream had cooled him off.

Ice house, n. July 23, 4
 Common ice houses are built of a frame
 or posts planted in the ground, and
 rough boards nailed on the inner and
 outer sides, with the space between
 filled with sawdust, and a board or
 shingle roof.

Illegality, n. May 28, 1
 It substantiated the illegality of
 every election held under the enact-
 ments of the bogus legislature...

Imbroglia, n. June 4, 2
 Let the people of the whole country
 understand, then...that this whole
 Kansas hubbub and imbroglia, troops,
 treason, bloodshed and all, has been
 for the purpose of enforcing laws
 upon the subject of slavery...

Immigrant, n. June 18, 2

(Special Kansas usage not in the dictionaries.)

...among the immigrants of the present season, there are some Free-State men who doubt the propriety of the course hitherto adopted...

Immigration, n. July 23, 2

The immigration of this season had been appealed to, to array itself against the struggling patriots of Kansas...

July 2, 2

...the whole immigration of this season...was excluded from the ballot-box...

June 4, 3

We are having an unprecedented rush of immigration this season, which will add tens of thousands to the number of mouths to be fed next winter.

Improved clipper, n. May 28, 3

...I would mention the Improved Clipper, the No. 4, or English Cast Steel Plow, and the Michigan Double or Subsoil Plow...

In_{at}tractive, adj. June 4, 3

Persons visiting our town seldom fail to notice the general unfinished and inattractive appearance of many of our most important buildings...

Inaugural, n. May 28, 1
(An inaugural address. U.S.--W.N.I.)

Both President Buchanan, in his inaugural, and Governor Walker, in his letter of acceptance, have pledged themselves to obtain "an open, honest, and independent expression of opinion..."

June 4, 2

On our fourth page will be found the inaugural of our new Governor.

Indian bread, n. May 28, 4
(Bread made of Indian corn.--W.N.I.)

"...if you do not admit by the next day that it is the perfection of Indian bread, I shall call you no epicure in coarse diet."

Indian corn, n. June 4, 3
(Maize. U.S.--W.N.I.)

...the last week in May is better than any earlier date to plant Indian corn.

Indian float, n. June 4, 2

For, that the General Government will allow two or three men to jump a whole city of fifteen hundred or two thousand inhabitants, locate an Indian float, and divide the town between them, I do not believe.

Indian meal, n. May 28, 4

Indian Bread... "4 tea cups of Indian meal..."

Inspirate, v. May 28, 1

Inspired by a cause as pure and holy as that for which Washington fought and Warren fell, they rallied under a common banner...

Instant, n. May 28, 2

A convention...was held at Lecompton on the 25th instant to nominate delegates to the Bogus Constitutional Convention.

Instanter, adv. July 16, 2

...if the prop of Federal bayonets were withdrawn [it] would drop to pieces instanter.

Inter-meddler, n. July 23, 1

Who are these inter-meddlers in other people's matters...

Interrogatory, n. June 18, 2

For answer to the first part of this interrogatory, we refer our correspondent to the proceedings of the Legislature...

In the East, adv. June 4, 2

It is true that in the East there is still a prejudice among delicate youths against sturdy yeomen...

In the West, adv.

June 25, 4

I have learned...that farmers in the West do not generally live as well as farmers in the East.

In time, adv.

June 4, 2

The train...made a quick and pleasant run, arriving in Jefferson City promptly in time.

Invade, v.

May 28, 1

Nor were the invading Missourians and Southerners the only opponents with which the free-state men of Kansas were compelled to contend.

Invader, n.

May 28, 1

An army of invaders marched towards Lawrence, scattering terror in their course...

May 28, 1

Col. Sumner...was superseded by Gen. Smith of Louisiana, who was expected to side entirely with the Kansas invaders.

Invasion, n.

May 28, 1

At these elections...all the free state nominees were elected, except at Leavenworth City, where the Missourians played their old game of invasion and illegal voting...

Iron, v.

July 16, 3

Double and single wagons ironed and
furnished to order.

(Advertisement)

June 4, 3

Judge Lecompte refused to admit him
to bail...and ordered him to be ironed
and the jail closely guarded.

Irrigation, n.

July 2, 2

They may be easily and cheaply
saturated by all the various systems
of artificial irrigation...

Isothermal line, n.

June 18, 1

(Special Kansas application not
noticed in the dictionaries.)

There is, indeed, an "isothermal line,"
and a "law of the thermometer," which
may make slave labor comparatively
profitable or unprofitable...

Jean pants, n.

May 28, 4

...full regalia, consisting of red shirt, jean pants, a full caped coat... and a belt with revolvers and bowie knife.

Jenny, n.

June 25, 3

...every cotton-spinner knows that jennies are always on the go.

Jenny Lind Boots, n.

May 28, 3

Ladies' Fine Kid Jenny Lind Boots...
And every variety of Ladies Shoes for sale...

(Advertisement)

Jilt, v.

August 13, 4

Then softly he whispered -- "How could you do so? I certainly thought I was jilted..."

Job work, n.

July 9, 2

Job Work done on reasonable terms...

(Advertisement)

John Doe, n.

June 11, 1

...the Legislature has been engaged in passing bills for the relief of John Doe...

Jonathan, n. July 2, 4
 (A generic name for the people of the
 U.S. and also for a representative
 United States citizen. --W.N.I.)

...among the arrivals was one of the
genus verdant -- a regular no-mistake
 Jonathan -- with his eyes wide open at
 the novelties he met at every turn.

Journeyman, adj. June 25, 3

Three good journeymen Tinnners will
 find Steady Employment...
 (Advertisement)

Jug-full, n. August 6, 2

They had not abandoned the idea of
 making Kansas a slave state by a jug-
 full...

Jump, v. June 4, 2
 (To take possession of suddenly or
 fraudently.--W.N.I.)

For, that the General Government will
 allow two or three men to jump a whole
 city of fifteen hundred or two thousand
 inhabitants, locate an Indian float,
 and divide the town between them, I
 do not believe.

Junto, n. June 25, 2

Now when our readers are informed
 that this "junto" consisted of some
 of the firmest and truest men that
 Kansas has ever had...

K

Kansas Jeffries, n. May 28, 1
(Not in the dictionaries.)

...twenty-one were sentenced by the Kansas Jeffries to five years hard labor with ball and chain.

Keen, adj. June 25, 3

The Louisville Courier tells of a rather keen sheep affair in that city.

Keep company, v. June 4, 1

Some people turn up their noses at things in this world, as if they were in the habit of keeping company with a better one.

Keep dark, v. August 6, 2

He enjoined it upon them to keep this matter still and not blab it about, but lay low and keep dark...

Kick out, v. June 4, 2

...our cause will be all the stronger, when...we go to Washington and demand that that Constitution be kicked out of Congress.

Kidnapper, n. June 25, 2

In the case of the kidnappers of Solomon Northrup, we learn that a no1.prog. has been entered and they are now at large.

Killing pace, n. June 11, 3

This certainly was a killing pace, but Mahen lapped him inside the first quarter...

Kill time, v. June 18, 4

Pleasure seekers and men of leisure go to "kill time"...

Kiln, n. June 4, 3

Messrs. Totten & Green are just burning a fine kiln of 168,000 bricks, already contracted for the Free State hotel.

Kink, v. June 18, 4

For winter wheat, most farmers like to kink it a little, as it harrows up better.

Kip boot, n. June 4, 3

Extra quality of Kip Boots manufactured to order by Brooks and Pike.

Kite, v. June 18, 4

The team is hitched to the plow, and on it goes, kiting along the surface...

Knarl, v. August 6, 1
(Obsolete form of "gnarl."--N.E.D.)

It was a little nest of a cottage, sentinelled by knarled old fruit trees...

Knife, n.

July 16, 2

Even the enforcement of bogus laws, the collection of taxes, and the "knife to the hilt," are all forgotten...

Know Nothing, n.

May 29, 3

(A political party prominent 1853-56 in the United States.--N.E.D.)

Mr. Perrin...displayed full as accurate and extensive an acquaintance with Kansas history as could be expected from a New York State Know Nothing.

June 25, 3

The Know Nothings have been severely beaten in the recent elections in Kentucky and Virginia.

L

Lame, adj.

June 11, 2

If the law is lame, then they should be made to taste some of the blessings they themselves were attempting to administer to their betters.

Land, v.

June 18, 4

If it [plow] lands [runs to land] too little, regulate it the other way.

Land agency, n.

May 28, 1

General Land Agency, and Emigrant's Intelligence Office...

Landing, n.

June 4, 3

It...possesses, without doubt, one of the best levees and the most unchanging landings, of any town in Kansas on the Missouri river.

Landmark, n.

August 6, 1

This evening, too, was a triumphant landmark in her life.

Land office, n.

May 28, 4

(An office for the allotment of government land.--Thornton.)

He must make oath at the Land Office, that he gets it [pre-emption] for his own use and benefit.

Landside, n.

June 11, 3

...it [the breaking plow] should have greater length of landside and of beam, and still greater of mould board...

Land side, n.

June 18, 4

(In plowing, the side of a furrow next to the "land."--W.N.I.)

A very good way is to drop the corn in every third furrow, close to the land side...

Land warrant, n.

June 4, 3

...land warrants, without respect to date, can be used in payment of pre-emption claims.

Lap, v.

June 18, 4

For this year's crop, lap the sod flat, otherwise it dries up.

June 11, 3

...their [rods] relative position can be changed so as to lay the sods flat, or lap them.

Lap, v.

June 11, 3

(To get or be a lap in the lead of one's competitor.--W.N.I.)

This certainly was a killing pace, but Mahen lapped him inside the first quarter...

Lap-stone, n. July 23, 2

...the shoemaker pounded his lap-stone, all as though nothing had happened...

Latterly, adv. June 11, 1

More latterly the press on this side of the Atlantic has seized upon the topic...

Laver, n. June 18, 1
(A vessel, basin, or cistern for washing.--N.E.D.)

Sometimes after the spring has ceased its eruptions, it continues to deposit its silica, and thus to form a laver or cistern.

Law and order party, n. August 6, 2
(Not in the dictionaries.)

In order to get this class of northern men to act with them, the pro-slavery party agreed...to change the name of the party from pro-slavery to the law and order party.

May 28, 1

We arraign the self styled "law and order party" of Kansas as guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors...

Lawn, n. June 18, 3

Lawns, Brilliants, Silks, Prints, Laces, Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Hosiery, and Musquito [sic] Bars, for sale...
(Advertisement)

Lay low, v.

August 6, 2

He enjoined it upon them to keep this matter still and not blab it about, but lay low and keep it dark...

Lay out, v.

July 2, 3

This town, recently laid out, is located in one of the most beautiful portions of Kansas...

Lead, n.

May 28, 1

At Palmyra or Black Jack, Captains Brown and Shore routed a band of plunderers under the lead of Pate, from Missouri.

Lemonade, n.

June 25, 3

Lemonade from the pure juice of the Fruit.

Lend, v.

May 28, 1

President Pierce lent his sanction to the invaders and authorized Shannon to call out the United States troops.

Letter paper, n.

June 11, 3

50 Reams Fine Letter Papers, "Congress" and other brands, just received...

Level, v.

June 11, 3

A partially built framed house...was leveled to the ground.

Liberty pole, n. July 9, 3
 (A tall flagstaff surmounted by a
 liberty cap or other symbol of
 liberty.--W.N.I.)

...a procession...marched to an arbor
 that had been prepared on a beautiful
 eminence near by, and where a liberty
 pole had been raised...

Light, adj. July 2, 4

Keep the ground light about young
 fruit trees, and free from grass and
 weeds.

Lightning rod, n. June 25, 3

10,000 feet of Lightning Rods just re-
 ceived and ready to put up.
 (Advertisement)

Lining of one's pockets, n. June 4, 2

...the Committee only seemed to look
 to the lining of their own pockets,
 without regard to the rights of others.

Liquid fire, n. May 28, 4

Having just opened a commodious shop
 for the sale of "liquid fire," I em-
 brace this early opportunity of in-
 forming you that on Saturday next I
 shall commence the business...

Literary society, n. August 6, 4

The second story is to be used on
 Sunday for religious worship, and is
 to be free to the literary society of
 the town...

Lithograph, n.

June 11, 3

City Drug Store...Periodicals, Lithographs, Sheet Music, Etc....

July 9, 3

Town Associations Can have their sites surveyed, plotting and lithographing done by calling...

Lobby, n.

May 28, 2

...Mr. Stanton has spent his time in Washington city, devoting himself to the lobby and the management of some important suits before the Court of Claims.

Locality, n.

May 28, 2

We lately had the pleasure of visiting this beautiful locality...

Log, adj.

July 9, 3

You are always welcome to his "log or shake" house with the best his "board" will furnish...

Long nine, n.

August 13, 4

(A cheap cigar.--Thornton. A kind of long clay tobacco pipe.--N.E.D.)

What a splendid figure the apostle Paul would have made...with a quid of tobacco and a long nine in his mouth.

Long Tom, n.

June 11, 4

"What do you call your gun?" "Long Tom," answered the trapper...

Locker-on, n. August 13, 4

The depot, for a moment crowded with railroad agents and lookers-on, was soon deserted...

Love, n. July 23, 4

...there arose before me visions of large establishments...while in close proximity were shadows of baskets of champagne, fast horses, rich silks, loves of bonnets, splendid mantillas, brilliant jewels...

Lozenges, n. July 30, 2

...a couple of boys...were observed sauntering up Buckeye street...scattering lozenges upon the side-walk, about the size of peppermint drops.

Lug, v. August 13, 2

...we find a most scurrilous attack upon the Free-State men of Kansas and the Herald of Freedom lugged in as testimony.

Lynch, v. May 28, 1

(To inflict punishment, without the form of law.--Clapin.)

...the Rev. Pardes Butler had been lynched, tarred and feathered, and sent down the Missouri on a frail raft...

M

Machine card, n.

May 28, 3

Agents for the sale of James Smith &
Co.'s superior Machine Cards.
(Advertisement)

Make good, v.

June 4, 3

But by this time he had made good his
escape, and was thought to have left
the country for good.

Manufactory, n.

July 2, 3

It is the duty of the citizens of Kansas
to encourage home manufactories of every
kind...

Marauder, n.

May 28, 1

On the 5th of August another contest
took place between the respective
parties...and a set of Georgian
marauders were driven from their post.

March, v.

August 13, 1

The offensive town will not give him
an excuse to destroy it. The alterna-
tive of marching his troops is dreadful.

Mare's nest, n.

June 11, 3

The New York Herald is noted for find-
ing "mares' nests."

Martingale, n.

August 13, 3

The saddle, bridle and martingale
cost \$42.

Mattress, n.

July 2, 3

...it is not necessary to send to
St. Louis for the luxury of a spring
mattress.

Meanwhile, n.

May 28, 1

In the meanwhile actual residents of
Kansas were adopting initiatory measures
for the organization of a state govern-
ment...

Meat-eater, n.

August 6, 4

Meat-eaters must, therefore, look to
Missouri for their bacon.

Meeting, n.

June 4, 3

(An assembly for worship.--W.N.I.)

Lawrence will furnish church-room for
them all, if they will only go to meet-
ing.

Melee, n.

June 11, 2

One fellow...during the melee, jumped
out of the buggy, and made his escape...

Memorial, n.

June 18, 2

An act was passed...for submitting to the people a memorial to Congress praying for immediate admission to the Union.

Memorialize, v.

June 11, 2

...a committee was appointed to memorialize Gov. Walker, in regard to the course to be pursued, in order to secure a representation in the Convention...

Merchantman, n.

June 25, 4

The merchantman in which he sailed from home was wrecked...

Meridian, adj.

June 11, 1

...that glorious day, whose meridian sun...shall see no slave...

Mess of pottage, n.

June 18, 1

We struggle for our birthright, and we must not sell it for a "mess of pottage."

Mess pork, n.

June 4, 3

Just Received, by the subscriber, 800 tierces Mess Pork, expressly for the Yankees.

(Advertisement)

Metropolitan, adj.

June 11, 1

...the Legislature has been engaged in passing bills...to give a new charter to our metropolitan city...

Mettle, n.

August 6, 1

He came to the Senate with scarcely any reputation, but it was not long before he began to show his mettle.

Mill machinery, n.

May 28, 3

Mill Machinery, Printing Presses, Iron Fronts, Columns...furnished to order...

(Advertisement)

Milk, n.

July 23, 4

...while wheat, for instance, is in the milk, or while yet soft, there is very little woody fibre about it, but let it get hard, and it has a thick covering called bran.

Milker, n.

August 6, 4

There are certain points in a milker that can hardly be mistaken. She should be descended from the best milking stock...

Minie rifle, n.

August 13, 3

(Minie balls were invented by Captain C.E.Minie of France. The rifle is adapted to the balls.--W.N.I.)

Gov. Medary...procured an order from the Department directing a supply of Minie rifles and cavalry accoutrements to be forwarded to the Territory...

Missourian, n.

May 28, 1

The Missourians poured into the territory, violating the sanctity of the ballot-box...and thwarted the voice and the will of the actual residents.

Mob, n.

May 28, 1

Col. Emory led on the infuriated mob, who committed the most horrible acts of violence.

June 4, 3

While talking with Woodson, they were seized by a mob.

Mob, v.

June 25, 1

..."you mobbed Fain the other day, when he went down there to access the taxes."

Mobocrat, n.

June 25, 1

(A leader of a mob.--N.E.D.)

"You Lawrence men are a regular set of mobocrats."

Moccasin, n.

June 25, 1

(A shoe of deer skin, distinctive of the American Indians.--W.N.I.)

We obtained some very nice moccasins.

Monthly, n.

June 4, 2

We are in receipt of the first two numbers of the "Chicago Magazine," a new monthly...

Moon-struck, adj.

July 16, 2

...to call them horse thieves, "moon-struck politicians," &c., is a part of their programme.

Mope, v.

July 2, 4

...it is so interesting to mope about the house and imagine yourself a victim.

Moth and rust, n.

June 4, 1

...the very credit they chuckle over, is "moth and rust," consuming their substance.

Moulding, n.

June 18, 3

Seventy to one hundred of the most recent styles of Mouldings are now on hand.

Mower, n.

July 9, 4

...all cannot have a mower, and the scythe will answer a good purpose yet.

Mow, hoe, and hold the plow, v. June 4, 2

We are a farmer's boy ourself, and have "mowed, and hoed, and held the plow" for many a day.

Muly saw, n.

July 16, 3

It [steam saw mill] ...is arranged for three circular saws, a muly saw and shingle machines...

Mulish, adj.

July 16, 2

..the stubborn, mulish, Black Republicans are alone responsible.

Musket, n.

June 11, 2

Their arms were muskets, double barrelled shot guns and rifles...

Muster, v.

August 13, 1

Had they mustered in their old forts and prepared for war?

N

Nab, v.

June 4, 3

But he was nabbed and marched off to the court house.

National, n.

July 9, 3

(Political party. U.S.--W.N.I.)

In some of the townships, too, there is a "fair sprinkling" of "nationals," who refuse to renounce their party allegiance...

National Democracy, n.

August 6, 2

...it was agreed that the party should change its name from the law and order party to that of the National Democracy.

Neighbor-osity, n.

June 11, 2

(Not in the dictionaries.)

In the exuberance of her benevolence and "neighbor"-osity she has furnished us with almost the entire Missouri code of laws for our government.

Net, adj.

July 2, 2

...the net proceeds of the concerts... are to be devoted to the relief of the destitute...

Nett, adj.

May 28, 3

...the nett profit shall be equally divided between the purchaser and the subscriber.

New comer, n.

June 4, 3

He stated that he was too much of a new comer to wish to be an adviser, and would rather be a listener...

New dress, n.

June 18, 3

The Chester County Times... comes to us enlarged, and in a complete new dress.

New England, n.

July 2, 4

"...I'll come down and take a little New England with you."

News, n.

June 18, 4

A popular writer, speaking of the proposed oceanic telegraph, wonders whether the news transmitted through salt water would be fresh.

Next, adj.

June 18, 2

The Judge is a witty speaker and will probably talk as long to a crowd without tiring them as the next man.

Nice, adj.

July 2, 2

The extra inaugurals made a nice little job of printing for somebody.

Nigger, n.

June 11, 4

They observe that white laborers in the territory are worth more to them than the niggers...

Niggerdom, n.

July 2, 2

(Negroes or niggers collectively.--
N.E.D.)

I am sorry to say that the conduct of Buchanan shows him to be a miserable doughface in the hands of the minions of Niggerdom...

Nigger party, n.

July 2, 2

(Not in the dictionaries.)

Although the number of Free State men, perhaps, treble the Nigger party, the election must be carried by the latter.

Nigger worshipper, n.

July 9, 2

(Listed in N.E.D. without definition or examples.)

...there is not a "border ruffian" or "nigger worshipper" in Kansas who would not be put to flight by such a document.

No account, n.

June 18, 4

The antipathy which Eastern farmers have to this crop...is of "no account" here.

No go, adv.

July 30, 2

But the Republicans anticipating this trick, made arrangements to be at the Capitol, ready to take part in the organization...and the Democrats, finding it no go, proposed an armistice...

No-mistake, adj.

July 2, 4

...among the arrivals was one of the
genus verdant -- a regular no-mistake
Jonathan...

Note, n.

June 11, 3

40 Reams Commercial Note, for sale
very cheap...

(Advertisement)

Notice, n.

June 4, 1

Boots made to order at the shortest
possible Notice.

Notice, v.

June 11, 3

...no communications will be noticed
unless the name of the author accompany
it.

O

- Obloquy, n. June 4, 4
 We will become a by-word of reproach
 and obloquy.
- Ocean telegraph, n. June 11, 1
 (Not in the dictionaries.)
 ...he yet thinks enough has been done
 to show that the Ocean Telegraph pro-
 ject is feasible.
- Octavo, adj. June 4, 2
 The report...fills 363 octavo pages...
- Office-beggar, n. July 2, 2
 (Not in the dictionaries.)
 How does it come that he can select
 no person for the office in Kansas
 but hungry office-beggars...
- Official, n. May 28, 4
 ...the brave official had become
 what is sometimes termed "blazing
 drunk."
- Old boy, n. May 28, 3
 "...I can't say I think much of the
 old boy's taste..."
- Old ground plow, n. May 28, 3
 Also a great variety of Stirring or
 Old Ground Plows...

Old Union, n. June 18, 3

Our acquaintance with one of the editors...in the good days of "Old Union," was most agreeable.

Omnibus, n. May 28, 3

Arrangements are being made to place a daily line of omnibuses between this point and Topeka.

Onion, n. July 2, 3

The country was generally good, with hundreds of acres of wild onions and wild rye.

On the hip, adv. June 11, 2

We have our enemy "on the hip;" if we only hold him firm, we will soon have him on his back.

Open air, n. June 11, 2

...the meeting adjourned to the open air.

Opera, n. July 16, 3
(Not in the dictionaries in this sense.)

We have read of cigars with a fire at one end and a fool at the other....we do semi-occasionally puff an "opera," if we find one that suits.

Ottoman, n. July 16, 4

Thus said Madame Valdemont, reclining upon the ottoman...

Out and out, adj. May 28, 2

Those...who desire a good out and out
Free Soil paper...should send for the
Missouri Democrat.

Outbreak, n. May 28, 1

...the Topeka constitution was voted
upon by the people, with no outbreak,
except at Leavenworth City, where the
election was prevented and the poll
book stolen.

Outfit, n. July 2, 2

Here is the most favorable place for
getting their outfits and laying in
provisions...

Outlay, n. June 11, 2

...she has volunteered, at a great
expense and outlay...to come over
here several times...

Outrage, n. May 28, 1

Although we have recounted outrages
at which the heart sickens...a darker
chapter yet remains unwritten.

Outstanding, adj. August 13, 3

The late rains are bringing forward
outstanding crops very finely.

Out West, adv.

June 4, 2

But any one who has spent any time in farming "out West," will see that this is a mistake.

July 9, 4

Then again how few good mowers there are "out West."

Overdrive, v.

June 11, 3

There is far greater danger of over-driving than overdrawing them [cattle].

Ox, n.

June 11, 3

But don't abuse the patient ox.

Oxen, n.

June 11, 3

Our prairies must yet be broken by muscular power, and oxen and horses perform labor...

Oysterman, n.

July 23, 1

...I went through a narrow street or alley in which was an oysterman's shop.

P

Pacificator, n.

August 6, 2

This is "law and order," as defined since Buchanan became President, and Walker went to Kansas as "pacificator."

Packed jury, n.

May 28, 1

...the trial of the free-state prisoners took place at Leecompton before a packed jury of bitter pro-slavery partizans...

Paddle, v.

June 4, 3

Jonathan Baxter crossed the Thames... in a butcher's tray, in one hour and ten minutes, paddling with his hands.

Pair of stairs, n.

June 4, 3

...a farmer rode a pony up two pair of stairs and down again...

Pale face, n.

August 13, 2

(A white person, so called by the American Indians.--W.N.I.)

The look of wonder on their faces seemed to say "what will the 'pale faces' do next?"

Palisade, n.

June 25, 3

This settlement consisted of a large double log house with other cabins, all surrounded by heavy palisades...

Palliate, v.

May 28, 1

In this pamphlet an attempt is made to palliate the crimes and excuse the outrages of which the pro-slavery party...have been guilty in the territory.

Palliative, n.

May 28, 4

Mr. John McBradner...sends the following remedy or palliative [for toothache]...

Palm-leaved, adj.

June 25, 4

He stood still a moment, staring... on the palm leaved paper that covered the side.

Pamphlet, n.

May 28, 1

In this pamphlet an attempt is made to palliate the crimes...

Pantalets, n.

June 11, 4

School girls in pantalets romping...

Papa, n.

July 23, 4

...the saucy young miss.. has led her indulgent papa to the auction room...

Paper town, n.

July 2, 3

It is not simply a "paper town."

Paralyze, v.

May 28, 1

The citizens were almost paralyzed with amazement as they looked upon the angry and demoniac throngs by which their homes were surrounded.

Paraphernalia, n.

August 6, 4

Not a day passes that we do not see... a number of cloth covered wagons... loaded with men, women and children, and provided with the necessary paraphernalia for making a new home.

Pariah, n.

July 2, 1

"...I have genius, and am treated like a pariah..."

Parley, n.

June 11, 4

...an old...politician seized the President's hand and attempted to have a parley...

Pass, v.

June 25, 1

"Yes; I generally pass for one [preacher]."

Pass muster, v.

May 28, 2

No one can...suppose, that such a wholesale disfranchisement as this is to pass muster.

Pay out, v.

June 11, 1

...any severe strain in paying it [cable] out must...either attenuate or break the copper conductor...

Peace and prosperity, n. June 4, 4

Where would be her peace and prosperity?

Pearlash, n. June 11, 4
(Crude potash purified.--W.N.I.)

If our Western friends can...keep
the pearlash out of their bread, all
the yellow people...will soon be re-
stored to whiteness.

Pellmell, adv. August 13, 3

Of course it pitches into the Free-
State men pellmell, shovel and tongs,
head over heels.

Penny, n. July 9, 4

I consider that man "penny wise and
pound foolish."

Perfectly, adv. June 11, 3

...there suddenly sprung up a gale
that was -- to use an expression
common at the time -- perfectly
horrible.

Perplex, v. June 4, 1

Garrick perplexed the pencil of
Gainsborough in a different way.

Petifogger, n. July 16, 2

Some sprig, just fresh from a fifth
rate pettifogger's obscurity east,
comes here and...presumes to sit in
judgment upon old veterans...

Pew, v.

July 2, 3

...no sooner had the...head of Franklin Pierce's administration got decently pewed than the Dr. beckoned his friend, the sexton...

Phiz, n.

June 4, 1

...said Jake, with a grin on his phiz...

Piano, n.

July 23, 4

...the saucy young miss...has led her indulgent papa to the auction room to secure for her use that "magnificent rosewood piano."

Piccary, n.

July 2, 1

...water fowl of every variety...the piccary, reptiles, the horned frog...

Piece, n.

July 2, 4

He kept on charging, but without firing, until he had got six charges in the old piece.

Piece of artillery, n.

May 28, 1

...the border ruffians...2,500 strong, with five pieces of artillery, marched towards Lawrence.

Pilot, v.

June 4, 1

Arriving late last...evening, the necessary instructions were eagerly sought to enable me to pilot my way to the Surrey Gardens...

Pinery, n.

July 23, 4

All are familiar with the story of that traveler, in the pineries of North Carolina...

Pin money, n.

June 4, 1

It [credit system] is the next thing to paying interest on pin-money.

Pit, n.

August 13, 1

The man is evidently playing to the Southern pit.

Pitch, v.

August 13, 3

Of course it pitches into the Free-State men pellmell, shovel and tongs, head over heels.

Plague-spot, n.

June 18, 1

Where would the towns and cities, the railroads and commerce be, with such a plague-spot on our energies?

Plank, n. July 16, 2
 (One of the principles of which a
 political "platform" is constructed.--
 Clapin.)

One of the planks of their platform
 was, the immediate admission of Kan-
 sas as a State under her present con-
 stitution.

Platform, n. May 28, 1
 (A political programme or manifesto.--
 Thornton.)

On the 10th of March, a free-state
 convention assembled at Topeka, and
 adopted a platform which will be
 found appended to this address.

Play, n. July 23, 4

But I concluded that all things, like
 Toodles' coffins, would come in play
 some time.

Play into the hands, v. June 4, 2

In any event, you will only play
 into the hands of the men who have
 robbed and outraged you.

Play off, v. August 13, 2

In this connexion we may as well call
 attention to a little trick which the
 "Herald" has been playing off for a
 few weeks past.

Plead, v. June 4, 1

...poverty was plead in extenuation.

Plenty, adj.

July 30, 1

Strawberries are very plenty in New York.

Plow handle, n.

June 11, 3

...as each is connected separately with the plow handle by a bolt and nut, their relative position can be changed...

Plug ugly, n.

July 16, 2

(A term assumed by a gang of rowdies in Baltimore. It originally belonged to certain fire companies.--Bartlett.)

...the usurpers -- or, as Vaughn of the Leavenworth Times significantly terms them, the "plug uglies"...

Plug ugly, adj.

July 30, 2

Only a pitiful minority of the actual voters of Kansas, cast their votes for delegates to the plug ugly convention, soon to assemble at Leecompton.

Plumper, n.

June 4, 1

(A vote or votes given to one candidate only.--W.N.I.)

...the butcher kissed her, gave a plumper for Mr. Fox, and dragged all Clare market at his heels.

Ply v.

June 4, 3

On this road there plies a good daily line of coaches.

Pocket, v. July 9, 2

...he must pocket the insult.

Poll, v. June 25, 1

...less than two thousand...votes
have been polled.

Poll-book, n. June 18, 2

At Leavenworth, the poll-books were
destroyed, and the election broken
up after nearly 300 votes had been
cast.

Poodle-dog, n. July 9, 2

Our Kansas ladies have not yet
learned...that it is more proper
for a lady to carry in her arms
a nasty poodle-dog than a sweet and
smiling babe.

Post, v. August 6, 4

At eight o'clock the main body of
the army posted themselves on the
outer edge of the town.

Post, v. August 6, 4

The author has had good opportunities...
to become posted in the peculiar phases
of political matters...

Powder and ball, n. June 11, 3

...if these failed, he would try
powder and ball.

Powers that be, n. June 11, 3

No, the tactics of the powers that be in Kansas have materially changed...

Prairie chicken, n. June 18, 4

They [beans] ...are a sure crop unless the prairie chickens destroy them.

Pray, v. July 9, 3

...petitions are in circulation... praying the Postmaster General to take the mails from the river route...

Pre-empt, v. May 28, 4

(To secure land, by being the first settler occupant of it, in conformity with the pre-emption law.--Bartlett.)

When you pre-empt it is not necessary to pay for the land, until the land is offered for sale by government.

Pre-emptible, adj. May 28, 4

(Capable of being pre-empted.--N.E.D.)

Any lands owned by government, not military or Indian reserves, are pre-emptible, whether surveyed or not...

Pre-emption, adj. May 28, 3

(Pre-emption rights, the right or title which an original settler or squatter has to become the first purchaser of unsurveyed government land of which he has taken possession.--Bartlett.)

Particular attention paid to contested pre-emption claims.

Produce, n. July 2, 2

Kansas is at present importing produce largely from the east.

Programme, n. July 9, 3

...Mr. Stevens announced...that Gov. Walker would address the people next day after the sales....Stanton also had his part to play in the programme.

Proof positive, n. May 28, 2

Judge, then, of our astonishment at beholding...proof positive of a disregard of that law...

Pro-slavery, adj. May 28, 1
(Favoring slavery. Specialiaically U.S. history.--W.N.I.)

...the trial of the free-state prisoners took place at Lecompton before a packed jury of bitter pro-slavery partizans...

May 28, 1

...various warlike encounters took place between the free-state and pro-slavery parties, in which the latter were generally worsted.

Pro-slaveryism, n. June 18, 1
(Not in the dictionaries.)

The Leavenworth Journal appears to be somewhat disconsolate at the present aspect of Border Ruffian Pro-Slaveryism.

Prospect, v.

June 4, 2

After prospecting a while, I located at this place...

Prosy, adj.

June 11, 3

...at the risk of being very prosy, I propose considering how we shall do the work now.

Pro tem, adj.

June 11, 2

Hon. Lyman Allen was elected President pro tem...

Provender, n.

August 13, 2

The horses are eating up all the grass about the city, and provender from the surrounding country is necessary for their subsistence.

Prove up, v.

May 28, 2

(To show that the requirements for receiving a patent for government land have been fulfilled. U.S.--W.N.I.)

...a man buying a claim with a house already on it, must himself erect one before he can prove up and take the duplicate for his land.

Provision, v.

July 30, 1

(To supply with provisions, especially food.--W.N.I.)

On the 7th instant eight of us left Lawrence in a two-horse wagon, provisioned and equipped for a trip to this point.

Provision, n. June 4, 2
(A supply of necessaries.--N.E.D.)

...Mr. Lykins commenced a store-house...and in September began filling it with groceries, provisions, &c.

June 4, 3

Should the season prove unfavorable, there would undoubtedly be a great scarcity of provisions, and we fear much suffering.

Prune, v. July 2, 4

The most important thing in the management of a hedge is its pruning.

Pshaw, int. July 2, 2

Pshaw, Mr. Brown, if good Gov. Walker wants to go down to Washington...why let him go!

Puff, n. July 2, 1

...his favorite reporter...writes back for the Times long, laudatory puffs of what his Excellency is saying and doing...

Purlieus, n. May 28, 1

Companies from the purlieus and grog-shops of the south...took an active part in outraging the free state citizens...

Pussy, adj. June 11, 4
(In New England, often heard for
"fat," or "corpulent."--Clapin.)

One of these men is old, short, and
pussy...

Quill, n.

July 2, 4

"You may judge of its extent...when I tell you that the quills for our correspondence only, cost two thousand dollars a year!"

Quince stock, n.

May 28, 3

Fruit Trees. John B. Wood has for sale 6,000 Apple Trees, 1,000 Pears, on Quince stocks, choice selections.
(Advertisement)

Quire, n.

May 28, 4

...a book of some four quires of foolscap...

Quondam, adj.

June 11, 3

...we are mistaken if they don't find our quondam friend T. S. Demary on hand...

R

Rack, v. June 11, 3

...a large two-story store building...
was also much racked and damaged.

Racy, adj. August 13, 3

...this fellows [sic] lies are rich
and racy -- he does it as though it
were a pleasure to him.

Rag man, n. June 18, 4

...the fashions change so often that
nobody has old clothes but the rag
men and the paper makers now!

Rakish-looking, adj. June 11, 3

...but let it [breaking plow] always
be "a long, low, rakish-looking craft."

Rascality, n. May 28, 2

...we shall show...such a record of
black and damning infamy as will find
no parallel even in the past history
of Border Ruffian fraud and rascality.

Ready-made, adj. June 11, 3

A new and very complete assortment of
ready-made clothing is now offered for
sale in Lum's building...

Real estate broker, n. June 4, 1

Ladd & Prentiss, Real Estate Brokers
and General Land Agents.
(Advertisement)

Rear, v. July 30, 1

...no one who has not seen...the site
on which the future Eldorado is to be
reared, can have any conception of its
beauty.

Rebel, n. August 13, 2

If Justice Clark is a "rebel," Chief
Justice Latta is a far bigger "rebel."

Re-commence, v. May 28, 1

A convention of the people assembled
at Lawrence...re-commenced the election
of delegates...

Red-horse [fish], n. July 30, 1

Other fish abound in great numbers,
such as buffalo, red-horse, cat,
perch, bass, etc.

Redound, v. August 6, 4

This patriotic host was about to engage
in an enterprise that was to redound to
their everlasting glory...

Register, n. June 4, 1
 (One who registers or records.--W.N.I.)

E. D. Ladd, Notary Public, Register of
 Deeds and Conveyancer.
 (Advertisement)

Registry, n. June 4, 2

...in nearly half the counties in the
 Territory no census and registry has
 been made!

Rehash, n. July 9, 2

The articles are a mere rehash of
 Gov. Walker's stump speeches...

Rencontre, n. July 9, 3

Another of those unfortunate and
 fatal rencontres which we had hoped
 never to record in Kansas, occurred
 at Leavenworth...

Repast, n. July 9, 3

At noon all were provided with a
 bountiful repast -- a free dinner...

Reporter, n. June 4, 2

We shall have a reporter on the
 ground, who will furnish a full
 account of the proceedings.

Repudiate, v. May 28, 1

At this convention the bogus laws
 were also repudiated...

Residence, n.

May 28, 1

If it were but possible for every intelligent qualified elector of our country...to come out here and...listen to the accounts of those who have passed the fiery ordeal of a two year's [sic] residence...loud and deep would be the indignation against the pro-slavery party.

Resident, n.

May 28, 1

...yet they had the impudence to believe that the actual residents of Kansas would be forced to acknowledge their legality as a legislature and the binding force of their enactments.

Rhinology, n.

July 16, 1

The Rhinologic science -- that's the name -- I mean to say the maxims of mankind associate the human nose and mind!

Rich, adj.

June 11, 2

(Highly entertaining or amusing; also, preposterous, outrageous.--N.E.D.)

...and that Kansas should become hostile to Missouri (decidedly cool and rich -- become hostile to Missouri!)

Richard Roe, n.

June 11, 1

...the Legislature has been engaged in passing bills for the relief of John Doe, and to pay the claim of Richard Roe...

Rile, v. August 13, 4

Old Buck is a good deal riled with Brigham Young...

Ring, n. June 25, 2

...the tide of popular sentiment will not allow him to go out of the ring at present.

Ring-leader, n. August 6, 2

The ring-leaders of the Democratic party -- the large prize-fighters and prize-hunters...

Rino, n. July 9, 3
(Obsolete spelling of "rhino" meaning "money." Origin unknown.--N.E.D.)

One full share of 10 Lots...will be sold for \$400...it is a great sacrifice, but the owner says he "must have the Rino."

Road, n. June 4, 2

No road [railroad] in the United States is better managed or run with more precision and regularity.

Rockaway, n. July 23, 4
(A four wheeled carriage.U.S.--N.E.D.)

Fanny was soon in the rockaway and we drove off...

Rocks, n. June 18, 4
(Money.U.S.--W.N.I.)

Money borrowers are rushing over...
with their pockets full of stocks
and bonds, hoping to return with
their pockets full of "rocks."

Rod, n. June 11, 3

In fact, rods instead of mould board
are generally preferred by those who
have tried them.

Roof-tree, n. June 4, 1

...under the roof-tree of home they
"rejoice with exceeding great joy"...

Rookery, n. August 13, 4

"...I shall sell this old rookery
at once, and be off."

Rose-tree, n. June 11, 3

I saw a rose-tree surrounded by a
tuft of grass...

Round, n. July 9, 3

We notice a paragraph going the
rounds of the papers...

Rowdyism, n. July 9, 3

...I have staid in the enjoyment of a
good table and a comfortable lodging,
free from the annoyance of rowdyism
and intemperance.

Ruffian, n. May 28, 1
 (Probably shortened from "border
 ruffian." No special mention in
 the dictionaries.)

The ruffians murdered a free State
 man, Cantral, in cold blood, by way
 of revenge.

Rum, n. June 11, 4
 (Colloquially, any intoxicating
 liquor.--W.N.I.)

Bad bread kills almost as many people
 as bad rum.

Rummer, n. May 28, 4
 (A kind of large drinking glass.--
 N.E.D.)

Brown of course has to take...very
 friendly rummers of whiskey punch...

Rummery, n. June 25, 3
 (A rum-store, liquor-shop. U.S.--
 N.E.D.)

It has been...the prevailing sentiment
 in Quindaro that no rummeries should be
 allowed to exist here...

Run, n. June 4, 1

"My Old Kentucky Home," "Old Dog
 Tray," and all his other songs have
 had a great run.

June 4, 2

The train...made a quick and pleasant
 run...

Running order, n. July 30, 2

So, then, the Convention is "in running order," and a State Government in a fair way to be established.

Run away, v. June 25, 4

...he supposed his father had never forgiven him for "running away."

Run out, v. June 4, 2

...any land which does not occasionally receive a deposit of organic -- decayed vegetable -- matter...will... finally run out...

Runt, n. July 9, 4

Cows should be kept well that they may bring you good calves and an abundance of milk, instead of "little runts" and not milk enough to feed them.

Ruse, n. August 6, 1

The Utah expedition is then only a ruse, to direct public attention from the main plot...

Rusk, n. June 25, 3

(Bread or cake dried and browned in the oven, and reduced to crumbs by pounding. U.S.--N.E.D. A light, soft bread made with yeast and eggs.-- W.N.I.)

An assortment of fine Cakes...Fresh Bread and Rusks every afternoon.

(Advertisement)

S

Sable, adj. June 4, 4

Is the sable African alone entitled to your sympathy and consideration...

Sack, v. June 25, 3

After the sacking of Lawrence, in May, 1856, the Buford hordes divided up in marauding bands...

Saddle, n. June 11, 4

There are so many of this family in every neighborhood that we are really afraid that the saddle will be put upon the wrong horse, if we do not give the locality.

Sail, v. May 28, 1

...an attempt is made to palliate the crimes...of which the pro-slavery party -- sailing under the colors of "democracy"-- have been guilty...

Salad, n. June 25, 4

"The season" for salad is till winter...

Saleratus, n. June 11, 4

(The prepared carbonate of soda and salt used for mixing with flour in order to expand the dough and make the bread light.--Bartlett.)

Saleratus is becoming almost as necessary with our people in the production of bread, as flour.

Sally, v. July 30, 1

...soon after three of the party sallied out, and within half an hour killed another...

Saloon, n. June 18, 3
(A hall for public entertainment or amusement, also a public room for specific use.--W.N.I. A place to sell and drink liquor. U.S.--N.E.D.)

...a decidedly cool and refreshing luxury for this hot season can be had in the shape of ice cream, by calling at Stearns' refreshment saloon.

Salubrious, adj. June 4, 4

This is one of the most salubrious and fertile portions of this continent.

Sand hill crane, n. July 2, 1

The plains also swarm with poultry -- the turkey, the mountain cock, the prairie cock, the sand-hill crane, the curlew...

Satrap, n. July 2, 2

All we want is for the general government to keep its troops and satraps at home.

Saucy, adj. July 23, 4

...the saucy young miss...has led her indulgent papa to the auction room...

Saw, n.

June 4, 2

He is evidently acting upon the old saw; "He who runs away, may live to fight another day."

Sawmill, n.

June 4, 2

A large and powerful steam sawmill is on the way, and is to be in operation in a few weeks.

Sayings and doings, n.

June 4, 1

No "diary"...has yet been published to...preserve her sayings and doings...

Say-so, n.

July 23, 2

But, admitting the Governor's say-so to be true, we would like to know of him, if the people of Lawrence ever asked for that bogus charter...

Scalp, v.

May 28, 1

On the same day two free state men were murdered and SCALPED near Leavenworth...

Scalp, n.

June 4, 3

Suspicion rested strongly on Fugit, as he was seen to exhibit a scalp...

Scape-grace, n.

June 25, 3

...the scape-graces were driven from the Territory.

Scene, n. June 11, 3

There was a scene, then, but there was no help for it.

Scoundrel, n. June 11, 2

...when all the while the old scoundrel
[the devil] hadn't a foot of land on
the globe.

Scrape, n. June 25, 4

...Ellsworth was a...boy that everybody loved, despite his faults, and the scrapes he was always getting his neck into.

Scuffle, n. June 4, 1

Some disguise...is seen through in the first domestic scuffles...

Seamless, adj. July 16, 3

Just Received and for Sale, A Large supply of Ladies' Seamless Skirts...
(Advertisement)

Seat, n. May 28, 1

An act was then passed for the removal of the seat of government to the Shawnee Mission...

May 28, 1

...the legislature ousted all the free-state members of the house...and gave their seats to their pro-slavery opponents.

Second fiddle, n. July 9, 3

...his mission seems to consist in playing second fiddle to the other performers.

Segar, n. June 18, 3

10,000 Prime Havana Segars, just received at the City Drug Store.
(Advertisement)

Selectment, n. June 4, 3
(Not in the dictionaries.)

Judicious selectments will be made by S. N. Wood & Co.
(Advertisement)

Self-deceived, adj. June 4, 1

...it matters little to whom the self-deceived one is united.

Sell out, v. July 2, 1
(To betray by secret bargains. U.S.--N.E.D.)

...if the Times has not been "sold out" to the Border Ruffian party, it looks very much as if it had been "chartered"...

Semi-officially, adv. June 11, 2

It is rumored semi-officially that if this is not complied with, writs will be issued...

Sentinel, v.

August 6, 1

It was a little nest of a cottage,
sentinelled by knarled old fruit
trees...

Set one's cap, v.

June 11, 3

Simpson says the ladies do not "set
their caps" for the gentlemen any more...

Settler, n.

May 28, 1

...having shown how the free-state
party, though embracing more than
two-thirds of the actual settlers,
have been deprived...of any represen-
tation in legislative assemblies...

June 4, 4

...unless the Convention submit the
Constitution to the vote of all the
actual resident settlers in Kansas...
the Constitution will be...rejected
by Congress.

Sewer, n.

June 18, 1

A New York editor thinks, from the
manner shirts are being made in that
city, there ought to be an inspection
of sewers.

Shabbily, adv.

June 11, 2

...if the truth were told, it [the
Union] has used us rather shabbily...

Shadow, n.

June 18, 4

Don't let us run away after shadows.

Shake, adj.

July 9, 3

You are always welcome to his [squatter's] "log or shake" house...

Sham, n.

May 28, 2

But we rather suspect that he himself begins to feel pretty sensibly that this whole matter is a sham.

Share, n.

June 4, 3

Doniphan City Shares for sale by S. N. Wood & Co.

Sharper, n.

July 23, 4

What a host of weazen-faced sharpers crowd around him.

Shawl, n.

July 9, 3

Lost...a light, printed, Cashmere Shawl. The Shawl was large, with white ground work, and a red border.

Shear, v.

July 2, 4

The sides should also be sheared six or eight inches annually...

Sheet, n.

July 2, 3

The Freeman's Champion is the title of a new Free-State paper....It is a spicy little sheet, full of point and pith...

Sheet-iron ware, n.

May 28, 1

Also Manufacturers of Tin, Copper,
and Sheet-iron ware; and Agents for
John Deer's celebrated Center-draft
Plows.

Sheet music, n.

June 11, 3

City Drug Store...Dealers In...
Periodicals, Lithographs, Sheet
Music, Etc....

Ship, v.

June 11, 1

Both the vessels are being fitted
and altered in order to be ready to
ship the cable in July.

Short, adj.

June 4, 3

Men out of employment, and short of
cash, can be supplied with both...

Shot-pouch, n.

June 11, 4

(A sportsman's pouch or bag for carry-
ing shot.--N.E.D.) .

"Do you remember this shot-pouch?"
asked the trapper, putting his hand
upon a square leather bag which hung
with other trappings over his shoulder.

Shoulder to shoulder, adv. June 11, 2

They have stood together in trials
of the past, and they stand shoulder
to shoulder now.

Shovel and tongs, n. August 13, 3

Of course it pitches into the Free-State men pellmell, shovel and tongs, head over heels.

Side-saddle, n. July 23, 3

To the Ladies. Your attention is called to my well-selected Stock of Side-Saddles, Fancy Riding Whips...
(Advertisement)

Sign, n. June 11, 4

The trapper...said, "Yes, it is not easy to forget your sign, you are Col. Buchanan, and I am right glad to see you..."

Significancy, n. May 28, 2

All others spring from this, and are of no significancy or authority without it.

Simon-pure, adj. July 2, 4

We have...nice fresh Simon-pure tomatoes...

Simple minded, adj. July 30, 2

The real Walker proclamation...was almost unanimously pronounced a hoax by the quiet and simple minded citizens of our goodly city...

Since, adv.

June 4, 3

Information Wanted -- Of James D. Barnes, who resided in Kansas about two years and suddenly disappeared about eighteen months since.

May 28, 3

We noticed, a day or two since, an auction sale...

Sine die, adv.

June 18, 2

An adjournment was made sine die...

Sink or swim, adv.

June 11, 3

A meeting of the citizens...was held... resolving to stick by the Topeka Constitution, "sink or swim."

Six-pounder, n.

June 11, 2

The fine six-pounder...spoke out in thunder tones as the two bodies were called to order.

Skeert, adv.

August 13, 1

The horrible Yankees of the place did not look even skeert...

Skulk, v.

June 11, 1

...dough-faces and cow-boys skulked away...

Slaveholder, n.

June 11, 1

We must maintain...the...distinction between what slaveholders call property in man, and what the world recognizes as property in things.

Slaveocratic, adj.

June 18, 2

("Slaveocracy," persons or interests representing slavery. U.S.--W.N.I.)

He excoriated this miserable slaveocratic sham, which rejoices to call itself "National democracy"...

Slave power, n.

June 11, 1

(The political power of slaveholders.--Bartlett.)

...it is the duty of the people of the Free States...to wrest the General Government from the hands of the Slave Power...

Slavery, n.

May 28, 1

We wish but the slavery or freedom of Kansas may be settled, once for all, by an honest and legal vote of the actual residents...

Smart, adj.

June 11, 3

The abolitionists...have been making smart speeches about resisting some other laws.

Smile, v. August 6, 2

...if Walker...will only let the people alone...they will soon have fine farms and homes smiling with plenty.

Smith, n. June 18, 4

...many smiths never saw a breaker before they came here.

Snipe, n. June 25, 1

If he is a sportsman, the second sentence...will be about race-horses, dogs, guns, grouse and snipe shooting.

Sod, n. June 18, 4

All the old land is now planted, so our question refers only to the sod.

June 11, 3

...their relative position can be changed so as to lay the sods flat, or lap them.

Soda water, n. June 25, 3

Soda Water from the Fountain.
(Advertisement)

Sod corn, n. August 6, 2

Sod corn promises now for about a half crop.

Sofa, n.

June 4, 3

His stock comprises...Rocking Chairs
and Sofas...

(Advertisement)

Some, adj.

July 2, 3

They have a well selected stock of
cloths and clothing...and are said
to be some in giving their customers
a good fit.

Sovereignty, n.

May 28, 1

...a large northern emigration [sic]
poured into the territory to test
the question of "popular sovereignty"...

Speak, v.

July 9, 3

Two Shares in Doniphan at \$500 each,
a bargain, don't all speak at once.

Specific, n.

July 2, 3

Perhaps some of our readers know a
specific for them [tobacco worms].

Specs, n.

June 11, 2

...he must rub up his specs...

Spicy, adj.

August 13, 3

If now it will only keep up and continue
those spicy little fictions...

Splash, v. May 28, 4
 (Alteration of "plash." Dialectal.--
 N.E.D.)

The principal objections to it [hedge]
 are, that it grows too rampant, re-
 quires frequent pruning and splashing,
 and, at best, is coarse and straggling.

Spoliation, n. August 13, 1

...the Border-Ruffian usurpation which
 has subjected them to indignity, alarm,
 spoliation and murder.

Squat, v. July 30, 1
 (To settle on land, especially new or
 unoccupied land, without right or
 title, or with view to getting one.--
 W.N.I.)

...that is you may "squat" on them
 [government lands] and hold a quarter
 section on which you have made improve-
 ments...

Squatter, n. June 13, 1
 (A person settling on land without
 legal title.--Thornton. Sometimes
 a person who settles lawfully on
 government land with view to ac-
 quiring title.--W.N.I.)

No donation should by its terms con-
 flict with the claims of a squatter on
 the soil.

Squatter sovereignty, n. May 28, 2
 (The doctrine that the squatters had
 the right to make their own laws.
 U.S.--W.N.I.)

What a commentary is here on the prac-
 tical workings of the delusive theory
 of "squatter sovereignty."

Stage, v. July 9, 3

...we hope they [the mails] will never be returned to the vexatious delays and losses of staging by land.

Stage, n. May 28, 1

Stages leave every morning for Leavenworth, Delaware, Quindaro...

July 30, 3

The Missouri river has a good stage of water, and freights from St. Louis range from 40 to 50 cents per hundred pounds.

Stamping ground, n. June 11, 4

...Mr. Sloven leaves "the old stamping ground," and goes into a new settlement...

Stars and stripes, n. July 9, 3

...where a liberty pole had been raised, from the top of which floated the stars and stripes.

States, n. June 11, 3

Nearly every citizen of Kansas has friends in the States.

Steam engine, n. May 28, 3

Manufactures of Steam Engines and Boilers, Saw and Grist Mill Machinery...

Steam plowing, n. June 11, 3

The era of steam plowing has not yet dawned upon us.

Stirring plow, n. May 28, 3

Also a great variety of Stirring or Old Ground Plows...

Stop, v. August 13, 3

Come prepared to stop six days.

Store-stock, n. June 11, 4

...Mr. Sloven's farming was not productive, though Ben and he did make something...but not enough to keep the family in "store-stock"...

Straw bail, n. May 28, 1

(Worthless bail by persons who swear falsely to ownership of property. U.S.--W.N.I.)

...scarcely was he put in prison when Lecompte issued a writ of habeas corpus, had him released and set at liberty upon straw bail.

Strike off, v. July 2, 2

...we shall publish it next week, and strike off a large edition so that all may be accommodated.

Stuff, v. May 28, 1
 (To put fraudulent votes into a ballot-
 box. U.S.--W.N.I.)

This was on the 31st of March...when
 the invading hordes...bore down upon
 the polls, ousted the judges and
 clerks of the election, and stuffed
 the boxes with illegal ballots.

Stump, v. August 6, 2
 (To travel over, delivering speeches for
 electioneering. U.S.--W.N.I)

We have been absent for nearly two
 weeks, on a stumping tour through the
 southern part of Kansas.

Stumping, adj. May 28, 3

Mr. Perrin made a speech of some length,
 rather in stumping style...

Stump speech, n. May 28, 2
 (An election address.)

The manifesto is to be generally pro-
 mulgated, backed up by stump speeches
 throughout the Territory...

June 4, 3

The people of Kansas, as I suppose,
 believe these promises, like the
 "stump speech in the belly" of the
 Nebraska bill, to be made simply for
 effect, and to divert attention while
 a great fraud should be perpetrated.

Subjoin, v. June 4, 3

We subjoin some of the items of the
 cost of making brick ~~here~~...

Subscription book, n. June 4, 3

The Subscription Books of the Lawrence
Republican Are now opened. Send in
your subscriptions. (Advertisement)

Sugar-off, v. June 11, 4

Mrs. Sloven...engaged to "sugar off"
in the dish-kettle...

Suite, n. June 11, 2

Gov. Walker and suite are in town...

Summer-like, adj. June 4, 3

The weather, for the past few days,
has been quite warm and summer-like.

Supplies, n. May 28, 1

The supplies they brought, together
with the evidence they furnished to
the free-state men that their strug-
gles...were not unappreciated, cheered
and animated them...

Swath, n. July 9, 4

(A row or line of grass, corn, or
other crop, as it falls when mown
or reaped.--N.E.D.)

I think it will not pay to use a
rake, nor to spread the hay. If
necessary turn the swaths over once
and then pitch three swaths together...

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Table, n. July 9, 3

In these quarters I have staid in the enjoyment of a good table and a comfortable lodging...

Take, v. August 6, 1

This was the authoress's first book. It had been issued but a very short time, and it had "taken."

Taking, adj. June 25, 3

...the farce was a taking one.

Talk, n. June 11, 2

...the inhabitants are in favor of the Free State organization. (Cries of "good, good, that's the talk.")

Tally, n. May 28, 4

...the tally of whiskey had become quite full and Mr. Brown also.

Tar and feather, v. May 28, 1
(A punishment inflicted by a mob. U.S.--
N.E.D.)

...a pro-slavery meeting was held at which the Missourians were endorsed, and the outrage on Mr. Phillips, a free state man who had been taken into Missouri, tarred and feathered and sold at auction to a negro endorsed.

Tasty, adj. June 11, 3

It will be the neatest and most tasty house in the place when completed.

Telegraph, v. June 11, 2

...U.S. Marshall Seifert telegraphed... to the Secretary of the Interior...

Territorial, adj. May 28, 1

The time came at last for electing a territorial legislature and a Delegate to Congress.

Territory, n. May 28, 1

The Lawrence Republican Is published every Thursday Morning, at Lawrence, Kansas Territory...

Thick set, adj. July 9, 3

He [pony] is thick set, paces fine, is or was shod all round.

Thimble rigging, n. July 30, 1
(Gamblers' sleight-of-hand game.--W.N.I.)

The following resolution and the present position of those who enacted them, remind us very forcibly of the thimble rigging game of gamblers.

Thin soil, n. June 4, 3

Deep plowing would not answer in thin soils...

Thunder, adj.

June 11, 2

The fine six-pounder...spoke out in thunder tones as the two bodies were called to order.

Tinker, v.

June 18, 4

It [plow] must be "tinkered."

Tin roofing, n.

May 28, 3

Our facilities are unsurpassed...for Tin Roofing and the manufacture of Eave Troughs. (Advertisement)

To-be, adj.

June 4, 2

The act providing for the election of delegates to a Convention to form a Constitution for the to-be State of Kansas, made certain...steps necessary.

Toodles' coffins, n.

July 23, 4

("Toodles," a character in Dickens' Dombey and Son.)

But I concluded that all things, like Toodles' coffins, would come in play some time.

Tornado, n.

August 13, 2

This town, although burned by the Ruffians last summer, and much injured by a tornado this season, is still progressing rapidly.

Tory, adj. June 11, 1

...the tory Taney's of that age adjudged the declaration "unconstitutional."

Tow-headed, adj. June 11, 4

...there were five tow-headed young Slovens inside.

Trading post, n. June 25, 1

Mr. Booth, at the Indian trading post, informed me that they had tried to raise corn and could not.

Train, n. June 25, 1

Each train was driving along from three to seven hundred head of loose stock.

Transmogrify, v. July 16, 3

All who are ambitious of transmogrifying "iron into gold," will doubtless read the advertisement with that fascinating caption.

Trapper, n. June 11, 4

The most interesting feature...was the presentation...of the elk-horn chair to the President by Mr. Seth Kinman, the California trapper.

Trim, v. June 4, 1

...the puppy's ears were awkwardly large; he had trimmed them...

Tub hoop, n. June 11, 3

The parties had quarrelled about a tub hoop...

Turn, n. June 11, 3

But Miss Taylor...determined to bring her up with a short turn...

Turn out, n. June 11, 2

Considering the quiet of the times... the turn out is good.

Two horse moldboard breaker, n. May 28, 3
(Not in the dictionaries.)

...I shall send...a large assortment of my extra Two Horse Moldboard Breakers...

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Ultima Thule, n. August 6, 1

...the Ultima Thule of her desires were gained. She was famous!

Uncle Sam, n. July 9, 2
(The United States government.--W.N.I.)

Kansas -- The youngest and smartest child in Uncle Sam's family.

Underground railroad, n. June 11, 2
(A system by which fugitive slaves were helped to reach Canada.--W.N.I.)

He is charged with being in correspondence with underground railroad directors.

Understrapper, n. August 6, 2

Walker knows this, as do his hirelings and understrappers...

Unexceptionable, adj. June 25, 3

...hotel accommodations at Quindaro [are] unexceptionable.

Union, n. June 11, 4

"No, sir," replied the trapper..."I am from old Union..."

Unticketed, adj. June 4, 1

...you must take an early start, so as to be near the entrance when it is opened to the unticketed crowd.

V

Veil, n.

June 11, 3

Curtis...says that the wearing of veils permanently weakens many naturally good eyes...

Verdant, adj.

July 2, 4

...the servant was thrown into hysterics by a verdant mistake.

Villify, v.

August 13, 2

But when we find its columns quoted all over the East to villify the private and public character of the Free-State men of Kansas...

Voiceful, adj.

May 28, 1

(Expressive of. Chiefly poetical.-- N.E.D.)

Though the past is voiceful with the wrongs and oppressions to which we have been forced to submit...we can forget it all...if simple justice is granted us in the future.

Wag, n. July 16, 2
 "Tom," said an impudent wag to a conceited fop...

Waggon, n. July 9, 2
 ...we took a seat beside the driver, on board a four-horse waggon [sic].

Waistcoat, n. June 11, 4
 He wore his hunting shirt open at the neck, exposing a red flannel waistcoat...

Walking papers, n. June 4, 1
 The king then gave him his walking papers, and sent for the countryman...

Wash sink, n. July 2, 4
 "Here are all the conveniences for washing," said the landlord, stepping to a mahogany wash sink and raising the lid.

Watering place, n. June 18, 4
 They can coquette and flirt at the watering places...

Weak-minded, adj. June 11, 2
 Their last and only hope is to induce enough weak-minded Free-State men to take part with them, to compromise the Free-State party generally.

Weazen-faced, adj. July 23, 4

What a host of weazen-faced sharpers crowd around him.

Wet blanket, n. June 18, 2

His speech was a wet blanket on the substitute; and decided its fate.

Whale oil soap, n. June 25, 4

We have always found...for our trees, when infested by insects, a good thick solution of whale oil soap...

Wheelbarrow, n. August 13, 1

...I resumed my walk, not, however, before noticing an old woman who sat upon a wheelbarrow...

Whilst, adv. June 4, 4

They will meet, whilst living the bitter curses of a ruined people.

June 4, 3

Whilst some droop their heads and study what to do, others pitch in and get rich.

Whipple-tree, n. June 11, 3

(The swinging bar to which the traces of a harness are fastened.--W.N.I.)

Near the other end of the stick, attach the third horse with whipple-tree, and let the off horse go in the furrow.

Wild horse, n.

July 2, 1

...here are the infinite herds of aboriginal cattle peculiar to north America,-- wild horses, elk, antelope, white and black tailed deer, mountain sheep, the grizzly bear, wolves...

Wild turkey, n.

June 25, 1

...and of game, any quantity of buffalo, elk, deer, antelope, wild turkey, prairie chickens, quails, &.

Will, n.

June 25, 4

"I've a good will to run away."

Window-sas, n.

July 23, 1

...how often I wished, as I leaned against the window-sas that the dear little treasure was my own.

Winrow, n.

July 9, 4

...pitch three swaths together, which makes a good winrow.

Wipe out, v.

August 6, 4

The pro-slavery people were to "wipe out" this ill-fated town under authority of law.

Wire, v.

August 6, 1

...when caught on the weak side of the argument, he will wire out of it with all the ingenuity of a special pleader.

Wire-puller, n.

August 6, 2

How impotent the efforts of demagogues and wire-pullers to seduce the people!

Wishy-washy, adj.

July 30, 3

It takes a firm and decided stand in the cause of freedom, and is none of your wish-washy, milk-and-water "conservatives."

Wolf, n.

July 30, 1

This day we saw a number of antelope, deer, and at one time three mountain wolves in a gang.

Wolf in sheep's clothing, n. July 2, 2

Let them beware of those wolves in sheeps [sic] clothing who would be glad to divide and distract the Free-State party.

Worst, v.

May 28, 1

...various warlike encounters took place between the free-state and pro-slavery parties, in which the latter were generally worsted.

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