

THE KENTUCKY RUNAWAYS.—The numerical strength of the recent stampede seems not to be known by our Kentucky neighbors. The discrepancies in the number of slaves said to have run away, according to the statements of different papers, are so great, that the whole matter has probably been exaggerated.

A telegraphic despatch was received in Lexington on Tuesday, from Paris, to the effect that five of the escaped negroes and one white man had been taken near Cynthiana, and lodged in jail. The Observer says:

“The information further is, that the whole country in that direction was aroused, and that no doubt was entertained that the whole of the negroes would be taken.”

Another despatch, received at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, mentioned the arrival in Paris from Cynthiana, of Mr. Donner, who stated that when he left six or seven more of the slaves had been arrested.

A private despatch was received at Louisville from Lexington Wednesday evening, which stated that the excitement was increasing, and that an armed expedition was starting from that city for Harrison county.

A postscript in the Maysville Herald of Wednesday afternoon, says:—“We learn that a company of men from Harrison county, under the lead of Gen. Desha, of that county, had arrived at Germantown in this county in pursuit of the runaways, and reported them as encamped on a ridge near Reed's Mill on the North Fork, *with two white men.*”

In another article the Herald states that fourteen negroes, and one white man who was supposed to be conducting them, had then been arrested in the lower end of Mason county. Strong bands of armed men were in pursuit of others, and although the slaves had divided into small parties, to prevent discovery, a confident belief was indulged that few of them could finally escape the vigilance of their pursuers. The river shore was patrolled for miles, and it was generally believed that many of the remaining had taken the back track.

The young man who was shot in Harrison county, in assisting to capture the negroes who were carried into Cynthiana, was not dead at last accounts, tho' very badly wounded.

Slave Stampedes on the Missouri Borderlands