

“Slave Stampedes,” Boston (MA) *Liberator*, June 10, 1853
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Slave Stampedes.—Slaves are running away from Missouri, at the present time, in battalions. Three, belonging to Mr. R. Meek, of Weston, ran away on Wednesday of last week—two of whom were afterward apprehended. They were making for the Plains. Fifteen made a stampede from Ray county, the week before, and took the line of their march for Iowa. Several were captured in Grundy county, but the larger number made good their escape. It would be a glorious thing for Missouri, if all her slaves should take it into their heads to run away. If she only knew it, they are one of the greatest drawbacks to her advancement and prosperity.—*Alton, Ill., Tel.*