

"Slave Stampede in Missouri,"

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The "deportation without compensation" movement is going on at such a formidable rate in Western Missouri as to threaten the absolute extirpation of slavery in that quarter in a short time. Under the encouragement and the armed aid which the movement receives from Kansas, the slaves, not only of the border counties, but of counties low down on the river, are swarming across the lines in droves, taking whatever movable property, such as horses, wagons, cattle, furniture, belonging to their masters they can seize, and making their way without molestation. On Friday night of last week fifty ran away in a gang from Lafayette county, carrying off six wagons, eighteen horses, and one carriage. The Lexington Union states that, during the last three weeks, not less than three hundred slaves have escaped from Lafayette county. These slaves all go to Kansas. The very organizations in that State engaged in enticing them from Missouri are said to be sending them down into the Indian country and selling them to the Cherokees and Choctaws. The persons engaged in this business are making large sums out of it.—*St. Louis News, 27th.*

Slave Stampedes on the Southern Borderlands

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