

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

The facilities afforded by this mysterious conveyance seem to be every day increasing, and it is a matter that demands the calm consideration of every slave-holder in our community.— That we have abolition emissaries among us tampering with slaves, not only providing them with means to escape, but personally superintending them in their efforts is now no longer a matter of doubt. This system of negro stealing, once a matter of so much risk, is now boldly done in our midst, and slaves taken away in broad daylight, and shipped to their place of destination. Steam boats and railroads are ready to convey them while there are those in the city, who on an emergency, find the means of facilitating their egress by furnishing them with carriages and horses. This wholesale plunder will prove destructive to slave property in St. Louis and the adjoining river counties, unless steps of the most extraordinary kind are taken to prevent it.— There are boats which stand high in public favor that will, to say the least of it, compromise themselves in the estimation of all citizens who do not regard nigger stealing as a virtue, if they do not be more strict in the character and color of the passengers they carry. We speak by the card, and the African exodons of the last few weeks, in addition to what we know was contemplated justify us in the conclusion, that the loose system of carrying negroes on certain boats should be remedied and that speedily. It may not be intentional, and we do not believe it is, nevertheless, officers of boats cannot be too guarded in examining, and that critically, this class of passengers.

This state of affairs in this community has grown out of recent political agitation, that not only had their origin in the North, but sent Abolition emissaries among us, and, strange to say, found journals in Missouri to support and approve their conduct. The farmers and slave-holders of this State, if they lose their property, are indebted to the kindness of certain presses which have done their utmost to foster a sentiment by the advocacy of men and measures antagonistical to their interests. They have given "aid and comfort" through their columns, if not in express terms, at any rate by a course of policy that has given encouragement to Abolitionists to come into our State, form plans and run off slaves, with a boldness that could not be predicated on any hypothesis other than a feeling of safety in their nefarious designs, based upon the fact that in a slave State or community where a press could favor them, it was no great personal danger to steal. The attempt that is being formed by certain fanatics of the North to colonize Kansas and Nebraska with Abolitionists is a part of this plan, and is approved by these same journals. The attempt now is not only to surround Missouri with a cordon of States, impregnated with free niggerism, and all the other disgusting issues, from the seething cauldron that is constantly kept boiling by these fanatics, but they invade our country through their agents, and steal away the property of our citizens.

We have reason to know that there is a regular agency established in this city, with two branches of the underground railroad. It is laid with black rails, but its constructors are white men. In other words, there are associations of negroes in this city who are in correspondence with Abolitionists, who furnish them with money and advice, and who are constantly running off slaves. Chicago seems to be the centralization of negro stealing from this community, and we have names of some of her citizens who are engaged in it. We have lately seen a letter from a negro woman who ran away from Mr. Sarpy, giving an account of her escape, whereabouts (Chicago,) and the manner in which it was done. She refers in the letter to other slaves in the city, calling them by name, whom she anticipates will shortly be on, ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT, and congratulates them upon their speedy release. Before closing her message to her sable friend, this fugitive pink seems to be in raptures at a contemplated walk she is going to have on the Lake shore, in the company of some white ladies. The letter was obtained just in time to prevent one or two of the parties from escaping. One of them, a negro man, had sold a horse and dray, and was just ready to start for Chicago, when he was nabbed and locked up in jail. A few evenings since, by the same management, several slaves belonging to Mr. Lewis, who resides near Howell's Ferry, on the Missouri river, by the aid of some white rascals, had everything prepared to leave. A skiff was ready to run them to Alton, with a white man to conduct them; but unfortunately an old negro woman, though tempted and almost promising to go, could not give up her home and her kind protectors, and told her mistress, Mr. Lewis being absent at the time, and the thing was frustrated. We have some other items and shall revert to this subject again. In the meantime we would advise those who have any interest in this kind of property to be wide awake.—*St. Louis Republican of Wednesday.*