

public opinion, to effect a moral revolution, that to be followed by a proper political reconstruction, the same to be accomplished by the least possible exercise of force.' This, he said, was all well enough in theory, but it would not work in practice. It was too slow. In the initiatory stages of the movement it might do well enough, but the time had come when something more decisive was called for. He was not an Abolitionist in the common sense of the word, but he was a friend of freedom the world over, and was ready, at any time, to unsheathe his sword against oppression. 'Did I know John Brown, of Ossawatimie?' 'No, I did not know him, though I had often heard of him.' Well, said he, I don't like him; he and I don't agree. He has treated me badly; but he is a brave man and an efficient soldier. He has come home burning under a sense of the wrongs he and his countrymen suffered in Kansas at the hands of the slaveholders, and is determined to make reprisal. He wants to organize a band to go South, establish himself in the mountains, and inaugurate a species of guerrilla warfare for the liberation of slavery. Are there any among your friends that would cooperate in such an undertaking? To the best of my knowledge and belief there was not one. Well, he would find them somewhere; for he was bent on fighting the slaveholders with their own weapons—the use of which they had so well taught him in the battles of Kansas.

"Such, in substance, was the conversation between Captain ——— and myself, of whom or from whom I have never heard since that time. But soon after this, I heard from another source that John Brown was still meditating a descent on the slaveholders, and was only waiting to find coadjutors. And about six weeks ago, a highly respectable gentleman, just returned from foreign travel, stopped in this city, and, in the course of a conversation I had with him, dropped expressions implying his knowledge of Brown's intentions, and, what surprised me most, of his approval of them. Ascertaining my sentiments on the subject, he did not make me a confidant, and not anticipating any serious result, nor any immediate result of any kind, I made no particular inquiries.

"This is the extent of my knowledge in regard to this startling affair. When I heard the first rumor yesterday, I credited it, and believed that John Brown had a hand in it, subsequent disclosures have proved that I was right."

From Arkansas.

The citizens of Batesville are taking steps to improve the navigation of White River.

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