

# THE GUERRILLAS IN MISSOURI.

**Retreat of the Rebel Forces under Coffee, Quantrell, Cockrell and Tracy lately Menacing Lexington, Mo.—Our Forces in Pursuit, etc.**

SEDALIA, Mo., Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Advices from the West are to the effect that the rebel forces under **COFFEE**, **QUANTRELL**, **COCKRELL**, **TRACY** and others, which were lately menacing Lexington, are in full retreat southward.

The rebels are 4,000 strong and have the two spiked cannon captured from Major **FOSTER**, at Lone Jack, on Friday last.

Col. **FITZ HENRY WARREN**, of the Iowa Cavalry and Gen. **BLUNT**, of the Kansas forces, are in hot pursuit with 3,500 troops and 14 pieces of artillery.

Yesterday, Col. **WARREN** was ten miles north of Johnstown, Bates County, and Gen. **BLUNT** twelve miles southwest of him. Both were moving rapidly. The rebels were only one hour ahead of **WARREN'S** cavalry.

There is every prospect that the rebels will be overtaken and captured or badly whipped at the crossing of the Osage River.

As soon as Col. **HOUSTON**, the commander at Lexington, heard of the defeat of Maj. **FOSTER** at Lone Jack, he made energetic preparations for the defence of that city. The old fortifications were extended to the river, to enable the troops to get water. All the adjacent buildings which might serve for the shelter of sharpshooters were blown up.

Col. **HOUSTON** also ordered all the hemp in town to be burned, to prevent the rebels from making hemp bales again for breastworks.

The warehouses and hemp thus burned were probably worth \$200,000.

The hemp and factory of Mr. **MCGEE** alone were worth \$75,000, on which there was an insurance of \$23,000.

The city is now entirely secure against attack.