

inconvenience to the Agriculturist, and requires for removal an expenditure of much time, money, and labor, in order to place the ground in an arable condition. The Law of Compensation is here found admirably exemplified; as the under-supply of wood for fuel will be more than made good by resort to the vast deposits of bituminous coal* which undoubtedly exist in the Territory—the under-supply of timber for building purposes is remedied by the abundance of lime and clay—the deficiency of fencing stuff by suitable material for walls; and in a few years, should the Osage Orange be cultivated, which will grow luxuriantly, hedges will supersede the necessity of any other means for forming inclosures.

Though timber, to a person from a lumber region, would seem scarce, the scarcity is not one that will necessarily be constantly on the increase, as settlements multiply, and the lands are reclaimed from their present state; inasmuch as the limited growth arises, not from uncongeniality of climate, unsuitableness of soil, or absence of seed, but from the frequent prevalence, year after year, of vast prairie fires that sweep every thing before them, and thus stint, or entirely prevent the growth of tree or shrub. Arrest the fires, and woodlands will soon abound. Small, however, as the proportion of woodland is said to be, one of the Company's Agents, found no difficulty in contracting for 600 cords of standing wood at 25 cents per cord, and 600 logs of timber at 50 cents per log, the logs averaging half a thousand each. The price has somewhat advanced since, in consequence of the greatly increased demand; still purchases can be made at fair rates. The Herald of Freedom, of Jan. 26, 1856, says,—“If those who listened to the reports of returning Pioneers last Spring, that there was ‘no timber in Kansas,’ could see the

* These have not as yet been thoroughly explored; but during the writer's visit to various sections of the Territory, his examinations though comparatively limited, were sufficient to convince him that with suitable means, and at small expense, inexhaustible supplies of this important article may be procured, at numerous localities.