

MAPS.—There have been quite a number of Maps “got up,” all purporting to convey an accurate idea of Kansas. The only one of much worth, with which we are acquainted, is styled a “MAP OF EASTERN KANZAS by E. B. Whitman and A. D. Searl, General Land Agents, Lawrence, Kansas, 1856; Boston, published by J. P. Jewett & Co.” Price in cloth covers 50 cents.

On this are carefully indicated all rivers and creeks, with their names, the main travelled roads to the various sections, post offices, towns, trading posts, forts, Mission stations, Indian Villages, Government and Indian Reserves, noted mounds, guide meridians, base and township lines, &c., &c.

The authors intend to issue new editions, from time to time, to keep pace with the Settlements which may be made.

PLANS.—A Plan of Lawrence has been published from actual survey; price, mounted and varnished, \$1.25; in sheets, on drawing paper, 75 cents; on bank note paper, suitable for mailing, 50 cents.

Plats have also been published of Millard, Osawatomie, Manhattan, Topeka, and Quindaro, and perhaps other of the Settlements; but of this we have no knowledge. One of Wyandotte, we understand, is in preparation and will soon be issued.

MINORS' RIGHTS.—The question is often asked us, whether a minor is entitled to pre-emption rights? To this our answer has been, he is not, unless the head of a family. Our reply is based upon the rules prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, in accordance with the 12th. section of the Act entitled “An Act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights.” By the following paragraph, extracted from the Herald of Freedom of April 12th. 1856, it would seem exceptions are made in favor of *pro-slavery* minors!! The Paper says: “The Instructions, from the General Land Office to the Register of Land Offices in Slave States, are, to allow minors who own or hire slaves, to pre-empt land.” We agree, in the main, with the editor, if this be so, that a simi-