

of irresponsible ticket brokers in the large cities. Never has a movement so large as that from Europe to our Western States, been left so completely unprotected to the rapacity of unprincipled men.

A letter, from one of our most distinguished merchants, says:

"The competition of the different Railroads to the West, promises to destroy one *giant* fraud upon the emigrant, viz: the impositions of the various inland packet and forwarding companies. For one item, it was estimated a year or two since, that the *scalpers*, as they were then called, realized \$500,000 profit in one year, out of the emigrants who passed through Buffalo."

He then remarks, and very truly, as we conceive, that neither law nor philanthropy can contend with such rapacity. "It takes *commerce* to deal with evils like this." As another letter from the same source has said to us—"Benevolence may point the way, and law help to regulate the abuses, but when you are dealing with an emigration of 400,000 people, you must make your scheme of benevolence a profitable one, or it will only go a mile while the enemy goes round the globe." To prevent such abuses, in a business way, and by business arrangements, is one of the objects of the new company.

In providing proper arrangements for the safe transfer of American and Foreign emigrants to the West, the Emigrant Aid Company has another object in view. This is, to induce such emigrants, in large numbers, to settle in the new territory of Kansas, and to secure its freedom forever. One of our correspondents says of this region, that "it is the finest country out doors," and official accounts confirm this statement. We learn, however, that single families of emigrants pass through to the more northern districts of Nebraska, simply in fear that it will become a Slave State. This fear will be ended at once and forever, by the establishment, together, of a few thousand free settlers there this summer. This, as we have before remarked, is a perfectly easy process; 250,000 persons and more, will pass from the East to the West this summer. The Emigrant Aid Company will offer facilities and inducements which will turn quite enough of them to Kansas, to settle its fundamental institutions in the right way, before Congress has ended its deliberations.

We commend the Company's petition for incorporation to the Legislature for yet another reason. The establishment of a thriving Western Colony, under Massachusetts auspices, is another link between our markets and factories and the West.