

Leavenworth Kit. Feb 9th 1816
Dr Edda. Just of the 20th ultimo has been recd.
I came over here on ~~Wednesday~~ having
been to Lawrence & the Shawnee Council
on business for a few days. I left Lawrence
on Thursday but did not reach here
till Saturday evening, owing to high
waters. The last 15 miles from Stranger's
Creek, which I clambered over on the frozen
ice, I walked in. As I was turning
the road on Pilot Knob, I met a funeral
train slowly & sadly wending its way, up
to the cemetery. It bore the mortal remains
of poor Tom Shoemaker! He died last
Thursday, of wounds inflicted by some
half-dozen Irishmen who set upon him
for abusing Mayor Murphy - broke his
skull with an iron poker & beat him
to a jelly. With characteristic justice, after
the forms of a trial, the accused were
discharged, amid applause accompanied
by a speech from Mayor Murphy
threatening a similar fate to all future
assailants of his fame. This is "murder
most foul" - quite equal to the Brown &
Phillips massacre. Then too the Carnival
of hell's fiends, presided over by Murphy -

- to rejoice over the triumph of infamy
as brought about at the so-called
trial. There is great excitement
growing out of Shoemaker's death. Pistols
, Knives, bludgeons & all instruments of
death are freely displayed, with much
menace & threats of summary vengeance
on the ruffians. It should not be
surprised, if a new outbreak should
occur. This event is, as you know, a
great loss to me. Besides that at present
it adds to the embarrassments growing
out of my not receiving remittances
as looked for from Ohio. Our business
affairs were quite complicated & this
melancholy event locks up some money
in which I have an interest, in the
hands of an administrator. I have
declined to administer the estate.

I am much disappointed & more than
that, at your views of the remittance
which was voluntarily offered me by
Father & in view of which I have incurred
liabilities in investments to nearly that
amount. Unless I can be relieved by
receiving that remittance, I shall be
forced to sacrifice some of my property.
I think if no better can be done =

= the money might be furnished me
for ninety days until I can sell
my property for what it is worth. I
can not do that while the river is
closed. If the amount proposed had
been placed in my hands, I could
have made 10,000 \$ of it by this time
& I repine at the hard fortune
which slows opportunities around
me in vain. There is considerable
money due me, in the way of fees, but
it comes in slowly of course as it will
take some time to close up the cases.

The aggregate of this fund will reach
for 900, \$. I have ^{see} the due bill on
Moore, but not the money, though I
will get it. Unless the LeCompt claim
is paid, I will sue it in time for
judgement at the next Court. There is
a prospect of the Missouri opening in a
day or two - the weather for some time
past has been warm & pleasant, the grass
is green & the Kansas river clear & free &
the Mo, said to be so below Kansas City.
I shall leave here for Ohio - about the
15 of March & must return about the 1st of
April. Be prepared to come with me.
I dined at Dr Davis' yesterday, one of the