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BUCHANAN COUNTY.—By the census of 1860 it appears that this county had a population of 23,861, being the largest of any county in the State besides St. Louis. Of this number, there were 2,011 slaves and 51 free colored persons. While this county has a ratio of one slave to 11 whites, Platte county has one to four, Clay one to three, and Howard five slaves to nine whites.

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