Frauds Upon the State Revenue.

It has been nearly a year, since we published a statement to the effect that Boone and some other counties were defrauding the State of her revenue, by a system of dishonest assessment. Our remarks were founded upon the fact, that real estate, in those counties, was assessed at a ridiculous price, when compared to its actual value, or selling price. Our remarks fell dead at the time—no paper ever copied them, or said any thing in regard to the subject.—Perhaps the parties accused were too "respectable to have imputation cast upon them." We have now the facts and figures—furnished us in the Auditor's report for 1853 and '54—by which, we are enabled to nail down our charge. It will be cenceded that there is no variation in the value of negroes, in any of the counties north of the Missouri river. A negro might be sold to the highest bidder, in all of thece counties, and there would be but a very slight variation in the price he would bring. In fact a negro is as much worth the same in Calloway, Boone, Howard and Chariton, as one dollar is worth another.

No man in his senses will pretend that the negroes in Chariton, Carroll, Platte and Buchanan, were assessed too high; yet they average $400 and upwards. In some of the counties, in the table here published, they do not average $250. Had the slaves in Callaway been properly valued, the state revenue, from that county, would have been increased $3,270; the revenue from Boone, would have been increased $2,639. In the assesment of real estate outrages equally gross, but not so easily detected, have been perpetrated.

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There is no remedy, for this evil, save that of public opinion. Counties should be as careful to preserve their "honor bright," as individual members of the community.—We hope no county wishes to come into disrepute, as a dishonest member of our state confederacy. To such then, we would say, look well to your assessments.

The following table has been made up from the Auditor's Report, for 1853 and '54, and is strictly correct. It shows the average assessed value of negroes, in fourteen counties, on the north side of the river, for the past two years:

COUNTIES.	VALUE IN '53.	VAL. IN '54.
Warren	$267,00	$245,00
Montgomery	312,00	323,00
Callaway	205,00	214,00
Boone	250,00	296,00
Howard	365,00	376,00
Chariton	430,00	469,00
Carroll	335,00	400,00
Ray	420,00	300,00
Clay	361,00	380,00
Platte		446,00
Buchanan	385,00	467,00
Andrew	316,00	340,00
Holt	321,00	433,00
Atchison	480,00	372,00

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