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appendage to complete the picture. How gracefully that lady rides on her little pony, carrying her infant; and if two or three more in primitive style of her little dependencies are on the same pony, what matters it? There comes a company of young men and young women, lads and lasses; we think by their uncultivated appearance, they have come over from Missouri, for their stopping by the house, and staring through the big window-frames at us, as we sit quietly at the table writing, and their coarse, senseless laugh, indicate that they were not bred in Yankeedom. The peculiar fashion of the costume of some of these belles would greatly puzzle the creative genius that presides in some of the millinery establishments in the "City of Notions!"

If some idea of our mode of moving from Palmyra to Sumner will make one of the dear sisters whose husbands are members of Eastern Conferences, and who sometimes complain of the hardship of moving in the East, less disposed to find fault, a *faint* idea may be gained by the following account, but the like I hope never again to experience in Kansas. All things being duly arranged we set off, after long-continued rains, but indulging the hope that notwithstanding the badness of the roads, we should have ample time to complete our journey of sixty miles, between Monday and Saturday. Mr. Lovejoy drove the ox-team attached to the wagon, in which were the "household goods," whilst I followed passively, driving the horse in the buggy, at the same time holding an umbrella, our little boy, &c. We had gone but four miles, when crash went the wheel in the buggy and there was no alternative, but I must walk until we found some one in possession of tools, suitable to cobble up with; and on we went, with the wheel in the carriage, and a long rail from the fence to rest the body of the carriage upon as it dragged its weary length through the mud. At last we found a man who could assist in mending, and we went in and stopped for the night. His wife left the Territory two years ago, in the first war, and had never dared to venture back, and his cabin showed unmistakable evidence of its great need! Too tired to sit up, and yet I must cook my own supper for my family; and he was very kind in giving us a shelter. He was not a believer in Divine Providence, yet he said he believed "there was a Providence in the breaking of the wheel, for by that means he had bread enough baked up for him to last him for some-time to come!" The heat was so great we could only reach Lawrence the second night; and here commenced a series of troubles as we crossed the Kaw and struck on to the Indian land. We took an





early start, hoping to get across the dreaded reserve ere night overtook us. In this we were disappointed; the oxen came very near melting as we hurried along, panting constantly. At noon we ate our lunch in a little cluster of trees by a creek, turned the oxen loose in tall waving grass; but they were too tired to eat, and we hitched on hastily, for now and then a dark cloud rolled along, and we feared what might overtake us on these shelterless prairies. The heat increased to that of a burning oven—the noble animals with their tongues out at full length the whole afternoon, seemed almost to realize by instinct that we were endeavoring to avert something ahead. The sun was fast sinking; we dared go no farther, lest they would fall *dead* in the road; black clouds were rolling along the western sky, heavy thunder soon saluted our ears, and we almost held our breath! There we were, miles from human habitation, shelterless, bedless, supperless. I laid my little boy at full length on the carriage seat, whilst I sat down on the carriage-bottom, my back against the fender-board. Mr. L. laid down on the ground under the carriage, which I feared to do on account of the serpents, as the lady we left in our cabin had just been bitten, and it was thought for some time she must die. O how my aching limbs craved just one board on the floor of the dear paternal mansion; that would have been sufficient. Heavier and heavier were the peals of thunder, and about midnight, in the darkness, we hitched on again, lost our whereabouts, and finally left our goods standing in the road, and the oxen to their fate, and Mr. L. sprang on with me in the buggy to try and find a shelter before the storm struck. After a while we came in sight of a fence; we could just discern it in the dark, as Mr. L. was footing it on ahead to try and find where we were, and he said afterward he heard me cry out, "Thank the Lord for that." I thought it betokened a habitation near, but found afterward it was where the cattle belonging to Uncle Sam, for the Western expeditions, were herded. Again we entirely lost our way, unhitched the horse, turned him loose, and fatigue had so overcome my fear of serpents I was glad to lie down on the grass, and soon we heard a cock crow not far off! Mr. L. sprung into the carriage as soon as he ascertained where we were, and pulled for our lives to the nearest habitation, whose door we reached just as the day was dawning. The shower struck as we drove up to the gate, before we alighted from our carriage, and *such* a shower! It literally came down in buckets full. We crept into a bed that a good Doctor and his kind lady had vacated to learn who were the forlorn beings who





sought their hospitality at that unreasonable hour! At a late hour in the forenoon we were awakened by a kindly voice, who told us a breakfast was in waiting for us, of which we thankfully partook.

Mr. L. went in search of his team, which he found safe, but his goods were soaked through; but we could not unpack, and the beds, bedding, linen and clothing remained steaming and mildewing two days more till we reached Mt. Pleasant, the extreme verge of our circuit, Saturday, where our things had *another* soaking all night in the rain, and after it was passed we opened them to dry, and what a sight! My bonnet, one sent by the kind ladies in Manchester, N. H., two years ago, that had never been injured but a little, was entirely spoiled, so that even the materials were useless, and so with the other things. Mr. L.'s hat, my best clothing, and finally a looker on said there were \$50 worth ruined, and almost every article, more or less mildewed. I bore *all* with good courage till I came to the beautiful large family Bible, sent me all the way from New Hampshire, by my dear aged father, as his last gift to his daughter, and when I saw *that* soaked through, and coming out of the binding, I wept! How could I refrain from tears?

We were now within six miles of Sumner, and the roads were almost impassable by the rains, and we would go a short distance and get (as the Westerners term it,) "stalled;" and then Mr. L. must post off after a team to haul him out of the mud. He got stuck so often that I passed him, and finally, as he could not find a team in one place, I concluded I would go on and find some one to assist him. I drove along, lost my way, and endeavoring to extricate myself from my trouble, broke the shaft of the carriage in the woods, and there I was alone, with my little boy. I accordingly unhitched from the carriage, fastened the horse by the wayside, and went in pursuit of help. I halloed enough to waken startling echoes from the grove around me, and found a cabin, but the inmates were all gone from home. Some soon heard me and came to my help, and I posted them off to inform Mr. L. of my disaster, that he might not be needlessly alarmed. A corn-dodger was soon smoking in the old Dutch oven in the ashes, and a cup of Western coffee steaming before the fire expressly for my benefit, and in that unsightly cabin I rested my aching head, that for a week had been exposed to a burning sun. An old lady, an entire stranger, heard my voice some distance, and recognized it, though she had never heard of me, or heard my name, only as I was led, I believe, by the Spirit, to witness for Christ at a grove meeting held by the pro-





slavery Baptists a few Sabbaths previous. Who can question a Divine Providence even in small matters?

The next day we trod upon these premises that will soon look like a house; and though my health has suffered greatly, and is suffering this hot weather, I hope yet to do some good in Kansas.

We never felt the pressure of hard times as we do at the present. Money cannot be got in Kansas at fifty per cent. Were it possible to raise means, I should go East and stop through the hot season, and I believe my health would be restored again. I have asked in prayer that a door might yet be opened that I might once more look upon the faces of my aged parents, and meet the family circle after so long a separation! The will of God be done! I have to-day been looking over the list of camp meetings in the Herald, Kennebunk, Stirling, Wesleyan Grove, Eastham, &c.; and O how my heart leaps to attend them, and others, as in days of yore; and O, were it possible to procure means in these hard times, if God willed, I would again join the praying ones in the tented grove. Do pray for unworthy us at these several meetings, dear brethren, though we may not meet you there, as we so much desire. The God of battles be with you, and give you success!

Respectfully yours,

JULIA LOUISA LOVEJOY.

P. S. Occasionally unimportant errata occur in my letters, but I have never thought it best to notice them; thus, in the last, for "live fence," read "line fence," though there are "live fences" in different places, but not yet of sufficient growth to dispense with other fences; also, it was not "our cabin removed, as we were told at M[anhattan, letter May 27, 1858]," but another on the verge of the town site. Two more men have been murdered in Linn County. They went in pursuit of their stolen horses, and were shot by Missourians. Baker University, at Palmyra, is going ahead some, in spite of "hard times." One stone building up, and hope to have another soon. Lawrence Republican of this issue brings the intelligence that the Missourians are arming along the Southern Border for another invasion. Heaven preserve us!

J. L. L.



PALMYRA, KANSAS,  
Sept. 10, 1858.

MESSRS. EDITORS <sup>96</sup>:

Your readers are doubtless aware that, in June, we changed our residence, from Palmyra, to Sumner on the Missouri River. Since that time, numerous cares have prevented me from continuing correspondence with the Democrat. Two weeks since, we left our home in Sumner to attend the great camp-meeting, for the Territory in this place, where Mr. Lovejoy was violently seized with bilious intermittent fever, though now somewhat convalescent. "The pale horse, and his rider," has been making rapid strides through the Territory, and, for months past, scarcely a town or neighborhood where his noiseless, stealthy tread, has not spread dismay in families, and communities, sickness and death on every hand, caused no doubt, by the unparalleled amount of rain, and extreme hot weather. Fevers, of a bilious character, have almost universally prevailed, often terminating in sudden death, "congestive chills" have been of a very fatal character, and probably there have been more deaths in the Territory, within a few months past, than in the entire three years, previously.

But my letter will be made up of "scraps," and "patch work," whilst I sit by the bed-side of my sick husband, so I will pen what first comes to hand, "religiously," "politically" and "financially." Our camp-meeting, just closed, was a "great time," in every respect. It was holden in a grove, included in the "College grounds," connected with Baker University, which grounds, have been christened "Baldwin City," in honor of an eccentric Mr. Baldwin, of Berea, Ohio, or the founder of Baldwin University, who is expected to give a bonus, of \$10,000, for the name.<sup>97</sup> You should see the millionaire, (who has been staying here for months) bare-footed, with his old slouched hat, coarse cotton shirt-collar, and rusty clothes. But poor man, his heart was well nigh broken during our camp-meeting. His son, the head of a family, who had been here some time, and was expecting to take charge of the school connected with the University, as Principal, suddenly sickened, and died!<sup>98</sup> O! said the

<sup>96</sup>. *The Independent Democrat*, Concord, N. H.

<sup>97</sup>. "In 1858, the [Palmyra] town company purchased the section of land adjoining the town on the south, and donated it to the Kansas Educational Association, in consideration of which they agreed to locate an institution of learning on the said section. As the work on the university progressed, buildings were erected on the new town site, which was named Baldwin, in honor of John Baldwin, of Berea, Ohio, and soon, one by one, the business enterprises of Palmyra moved to the new town."—Andreas-Cutler, *op. cit.*, p. 355.

<sup>98</sup>. Milton Baldwin died August 30, 1858, before the college opened.—*Ceremonial Unveiling of Tablets Commemorating Historical Events at Baker University*, . . . June 1, 1941.—Pamphlet.



old man, I thought nothing could break my iron constitution—I thought I could pass through every thing, but this stroke has broken me quite down. There were about thirty Methodist preachers present—twenty-six at one time, on the Sabbath, knelt around the “sacramental board,” and three or four had gone to their respective fields of labor. Great, and, we hope, permanent good, will result from this meeting. There were more than 1,000 persons present, and some of the best talent in the M. E. Church in the Union.

There were representatives, from the Genesee, Erie, New England, Ohio, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas Conferences. Our newly elected President<sup>99</sup> of “Baker University” was present, and electrified the assembly with his eloquence. He has been Professor in McKendree College, Illinois, for many years. We welcome him to Kansas, where he intends to sleep his “last sleep.”

What do our Democratic friends in New Hampshire think of our Kansas vote? President Davis has just come up the Missouri River, and he said every thing seemed stagnant, with regard to Kansas, until the people heard the booming of cannon, that tolled the death note of “Lecompton,” [the constitution,] when all along the route, from Illinois, every man’s face was Kansas-ward; the depots were filled, the boats loaded, and according to present appearance there will be a heavy emigration, this fall, and we are hoping that “material aid,” will come to the settlers from some source, for such a crisis, financially, has never been felt in Kansas. Money cannot be hired for 50 per cent and many will be ruined in property, by inability to meet demands. Such a distressing time, in finances, among Methodist preachers, has never been known for half a century. Having but a small missionary appropriation from \$50 to \$150, and such pinching times for money with the lay members, the preachers fare hard. . . . Now, if any of our New England brethren, think the age that produced self-sacrificing men and women, has quite gone by, let them call at the cabins, of a score of Methodist preachers in Kansas, and learn the fact, that there are warm hearts still beating in many a manly bosom that are willing to suffer, to help on the cause of freedom and equality, and who have pledged their all “never to flinch or yield,” even, though called to face the “King of terrors,” till Kansas is redeemed.

There has been so much rain, crops will be very heavy. I never conceived an idea, of the rank growth of vegetation, as I now see

99. In September, 1858, the trustees chose Werter R. Davis of McKendree College, Illinois, as the first president. Dr. Davis was 43 years old when he came to Kansas.—*Ibid.*

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it on every hand. I now write from the same little cabin, from which many a "missive," has been sent forth to friends, and an occasional talk with "friend Democrat," and but a few rods from the little window, near which I used to write, corn may be measured 15 feet high, and I dare not tell the mammoth size of some vegetables. There are weeds, that are by actual measurement, 15 or 20 feet high, and grass is three feet above the horse's back, on one part of this claim, and in some places on the road along which we came from Sumner.—"Charlie" will have from 1500 to 2000 bushels of corn, on this claim, as he owns 80 acres of it, and has all the crops raised on the 160 together. If it would not discourage the New Hampshire boys from migrating West, I would just say whilst I write, this moment, "Charlie" has forgotten all about his big crops and is "shaking" with the ague, at my left hand. but he loves Kansas, still, and I will venture if you approach him, as the bed on which he now reclines, is trembling with sundry "agitations" of its occupant, with chattering teeth, he will answer, "Let me stay in Kansas, this terrible shaking, notwithstanding." You among the Granite hills who have not seen or felt the effects of the "fever and ague" can hardly realize how much we dread its approach, and this year you find but few families who escape. Its subject usually takes his bed, every other day, and in violent cases, the "fits" come on every day and last for weeks, and in many cases for months. Thus much for the present.

Yours respectfully,  
JULIA LOUISA LOVEJOY.

PALMYRA, K. T., Sept. 13, 1858.

DEAR HERALD <sup>100</sup>:—We left our home in Sumner, two weeks ago tomorrow, to attend the great camp meeting for the Territory, which commenced in this place the 30th ult., where Mr. Lovejoy was seized with intermittent fever, though now somewhat convalescent; and as we are detained here in consequence thereof, whilst I watch by his bedside, I will tell thee, thou faithful chronicler, some facts in relation to this great and good "feast of tabernacles." It was holden in a beautiful grove, on the grounds connected with "Baker University," which have been duly christened, "Baldwin City;" and their eccentric "namesake" is the founder of "Baldwin University," also, of Berea, Ohio; it is expected that a bonus of \$10,000 will in due time be forthcoming as an "attache" to the name. If

<sup>100</sup>. *Zion's Herald*, Boston, Mass.





you ask a description, "personally," of the millionaire, as we saw him last week, in an assembly of perhaps a thousand, here it is: A small, unimposing man of perhaps sixty years, an old slouched hat, a coarse cotton shirt collar, with no neckerchief about his neck, a rusty, much worn vest, and coat, pants, (that the lamented Watson would say) "were very much opposed to the extension of territory," being many inches too short, and a pair of coarse shoes, completed his attire—by the way, in warm weather the shoes are considered an unnecessary incumbrance, and bare feet are much preferred to plod about with. Poor man! how our hearts ached for him, as we saw him in that rustic temple, vainly endeavoring to conceal his grief! A dear son, grown to manhood, a husband and father, who had accompanied his parent to the Territory a few weeks since, and who intended to make "Baldwin City" his future home, at the commencement of our camp meeting sickened and died in a few hours, and no relative but his heartbroken father to follow him to his grave, dug by strangers' hand, so far from kin and home. "O!" said the bereaved parent, "I thought I could bear anything, but this has broken my iron frame all to pieces." The M. E. Church in Kansas deeply feel this stroke, for in him our hopes centered to help on the educational movement here, as he was elected Principal of the preparatory school connected with the University, which is to commence in a few weeks. "Peace to the ashes of the Christian stranger."

For thirty years we have annually attended more or less camp meetings in New England, but seldom have we heard better preaching, or "seen more religious interest manifested" than at our late meeting. There were about thirty preachers present, and at one time, around the "sacramental board," on the Sabbath, twenty-six "heralds of the cross" bowed together as members of one common brotherhood. Ah! sir, you, (Mr. Editor, I mean,) would not wonder at our emotions, as we stood at that rustic altar, and gazed at the scene! Four years ago the next March, single-handed and alone, with regard to a colleague, Mr. L. entered the Territory as a traveling Methodist preacher, and only a young local preacher, Rev. N. Trafton, who accompanied him, and the senior Dr. Still, from Missouri, who was a little ahead of him, though others followed<sup>101</sup>; and now "what hath God wrought," though his people

101. There were other Methodist ministers who preceded the Rev. C. H. Lovejoy to Kansas. Among them were the Rev. Thomas Johnson, who established the Shawnee Methodist mission in 1830; the Rev. W. H. Goode and the Rev. J. S. Griffing, who arrived in the fall of 1854. The Rev. Mr. Lovejoy came in March, 1855.—*Annals of Shawnee Methodist Mission* . . . (Topeka, 1939), pp. 8-10; Andreas-Cutler, *op. cit.*, pp. 327, 539, 1306.



have passed through the "furnace of afflictions." There are now in Kansas alone about thirty stationed preachers, and some of the most talented men in the different Conferences are now flocking in, as they find they can live here and save their scalps! There were present at our late meeting such men as Dodge, whose present station is Lima, N. Y., and who for many years has been one of the leading spirits in the Genesee Conference. Prof. Davis, of McKendree College, Ill., H. Moore, of Erie Conference, and a "Constellation" of others, all of whom named design to live and die in Kansas. There were representatives from more than half we think of the Conferences in the Union, or at least from New England, New York, Genesee, Pittsburg, Erie, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, and we did not learn from what other "hailing point."

There were, it is computed, more than a thousand persons in attendance, and at one time, as we strolled around the encampment from tent to tent, we found in almost every tent somebody, preachers or people, shaking terribly with the ague, as it has been general through the Territory, owing to great rains; and the "king of terrors" has been spreading devastation in every settlement, so far as we have heard from; probably more deaths from bilious fever within a few weeks, in different localities, than during the whole three years previous. Among the victims, we sorrowfully number one, whose rare virtues are seldom fully imitated, and who from the first acquaintance has seemed to us a model woman! We refer to our beloved sister Denison, wife of Rev. J. Denison, of Manhattan, K. T., formerly of New England Conference. Precious woman! I have rarely met her equal in meek, quiet resignation, in scenes most calculated to try an affectionate mother's heart. When we were stopping at Kansas City, on our way to the Territory, in the spring of 1855, she was called to lay her little Charlie, a beautiful boy, away in that stranger graveyard, and her husband too sick to superintend the interment or go to the grave with her; but she bore all with a martyr's spirit. And how she struggled uncomplainingly as the companion of a pioneer preacher, scores of witnesses will testify who will long cherish a remembrance of her virtues. O may "He who tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb," sustain that bereaved husband, and shield the five motherless ones, two Kansas-born twins, too young to realize their great loss. But to the meeting again, after this unintentional wandering.

In one tent we found Rev. N. Taylor, of Neosho District, sick



with ague, unable to sit up during the meeting; in another, Bro. Dodge, of Genesee, who was undergoing the "initiatory process" in no mild manner! We begged pardon for ironical sympathy, that produced a smile instead of a tear, for we had passed through the ordeal again and again; he had been traveling extensively in the Territory, and had been perfectly carried away with its charming beauties, and had written home letters to the Northern Advocate, all a-glow with Kansas attractions; now his corpulent frame was prostrate in one corner of the tent, shaking and shivering in every limb; his teeth chattering as he raised his head from 'neath that smothering pile of bed-clothes, as we were introduced to him; his hand extended with—"What a beautiful country Kansas is," "but O! this ague," "I never felt anything like it before." "This is the finest country in the world; but O! this ague," (teeth chattering) "this is the only drawback." We told him to "keep up good courage," we had all traveled the same rough way, "and 'twould soon be over." We knew he *read* our sympathy was all of a superficial character; now and then a groan escaped from the sufferer. In a few moments the fever succeeded, and ever and anon the interrogation, (as some new phase of the disease exhibited itself,) "What does this mean?" and the answer, "What we have all experienced."

The church was greatly refreshed at this meeting, whilst one after another received the grace of God, and numbers, we believe, for the first time. One young man was converted in a tent at the verge of the background from the "stand," and rushing over seats and benches the whole length, never stopped till he reached the altar. We think there is far greater excitability among our Western brethren than New Englanders, who are bred in a clime near the frigid zone: For instance, when the Holy Ghost came down upon our tent's company, and rested upon each "like a tongue of fire," some of the Western brethren and sisters were pressing through the crowd, shaking hands with each other; (as preachers and people almost invariably do when God blesses them) others were prostrate, slapping their hands and shouting in ecstasies, whilst we Yankees could only weep and adore the great mercy of Christ risen and exalted. At another time, when a sister was telling the assembly the wondrous love of Jesus to the fallen race, one who has long been an official member in the West, strided back and forth in front of the altar, shouting every breath, and finally ended this singular exercise by jumping up and down, and shouting till the exhortation concluded.

Now we do not mention these matters in a condemnatory spirit by any means, but as being somewhat new to us, having never seen things on this wise in New England. The good effects of this meeting we fully believe will be seen and felt for years to come in Kansas and 'twould not be strange if the halls of our prospective University, raised near the site of this hallowed spot, would hereafter re-echo the voice of some of these young men who have consecrated themselves to God!

Professor Davis has for many years been connected with McKendree College, but now accepts the presidency of the first University in Kansas, and immediately enters on his duties as agent till the college buildings are complete. We welcome him to Kansas as just the man for this position; warm-hearted, whole-souled, energetic, and deeply pious; he will, if spared, make no ordinary mark on the literary institutions of Kansas. O how his sermons, full of the Spirit, fed the hungry multitude who hung on every sentence, and answered with shouts and tears!

It is a hard year financially with the preachers, notwithstanding the heavy crops. Money cannot be had at any amount of interest, however exorbitant, and some have demands that money only can meet. There was a great error committed at our last Conference, that all feel now but too late to be remedied; Bishop Janes, by the advice of the Presiding Elders of Kansas, Nebraska Conference (they not anticipating the pinching times that were to come,) carried away \$1000 that should have been distributed as "missionary appropriation," and the preachers here are now actually suffering for the want of it. I will give you a few facts that I know, personally: The preacher on Palmyra circuit, his family, his wife, and I think five children, no missionary appropriation, and his Presiding Elder announced at the camp meeting he had received only \$20 since Conference, last May. The one on Oskaloosa Circuit, wife and three children, no appropriation, and received about the same sum! The one on Sumner station, \$150 appropriation, and has received in cash \$5, and this where houserent and board is double that in New England. Each Presiding Elder in Kansas receives \$400 appropriation, and we think generally, if not universally, enough from each circuit to make one or two hundred more; but this inequality will, doubtless, be remedied another year, as it justly ought to have been the present. The circuit preachers mentioned do not live on their "claims," and raise their own crops, as some



may suppose, but devote their time to the work of the ministry only as they are obliged to take time to build them a house or cabin to shelter their families.

A more self-sacrificing body of men we do not believe can be found, than those who compose the Kansas Conference. Some of them have been through "war and flood," now shivering with cold, then pinched with hunger, fording dangerous streams, or wading through the water hip high; now swimming a swollen creek with horse and buggy, or grappling with the angry waves, that were bearing off its precious burden, (his box of books) and leaving one shoe in the bed of the creek, ne'er to be "fished up by hook and line," and thus drenched to the skin, riding miles in wet clothing! Now this is no fiction, but the actual experience of one whose aching head I have this hour been endeavoring to alleviate. For the present, dear Herald adieu.

JULIA L. LOVEJOY.

SUMNER, K. T., Nov. 23, 1858.

MR. EDITOR <sup>102</sup>:—There has not been such a dearth in the "news department" of Kansas, politically, for four years, as at present; and the universal cry of "hard times" in money matters has ceased long since to be talked of as news; and if a man meets his neighbor in the street, and passes him without a "dun," or if a man unlocks his door in the morning, and locks it again at night, with the exclamation, "I have not been dunned to-day," why that may be talked over as news! I ardently wish I could tell you such blessed news for your revival department, from this far-off land, as I read in the Herald last evening, from Sister Palmer's pen, giving a glowing account of the wonderful work of God in the British Provinces. Ah! that letter caused my poor heart to exult, and with tearful eye praise God; and for awhile I longed to be with her, but I checked the desire, and cried to God to come down in like manner among the people of Kansas. O, that this awful, death-like stupor might be shaken off the minds of the multitude whose all-absorbing idea, just now, is "hard times," and the untold treasures that are awaiting their search, at the "gold mines."

I see by the Eastern papers that you are already apprised of the "Pike's Peak" excitement here, and the accounts you get in New England are greatly exaggerated. Now if I can benefit any who design coming here in the Spring, I will give them information as

<sup>102</sup>. *Zion's Herald*, Boston, Mass.

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reliable as I can. Mr. Lovejoy recently conversed with a friend, direct from Pike's Peak, and his testimony was, "a fine country, and found gold, but had not facilities for mining purposes." Dr. S. Whitehorn, our son-in-law, who has lived in the vicinity of Manhattan for more than four years, came from there last week, and more than half a dozen men, direct from the mines, (and two, who had spent the last summer there, were loaded with gold dust,) came in there recently, the Doctor told us to-day, bringing thousands with them. He says he thinks two-thirds of the settlers around Manhattan will go there in the Spring. Already large companies from Leavenworth, Lawrence, Topeka, Oskaloosa, and other places, have started for the El Dorado, but we are inclined to think before they arrived half way to the goal, they were obliged to ensconce themselves in snug winter quarters, for the cold must be intense among the mountains. The distance from here to the "Peak" is six hundred miles, and I have no doubt the wing of Kansas Conference, at its next session, will be extended beyond the "mines," and one or more missionaries appointed to "Pike's Peak" and Utah; and, sir, we have serious thoughts of volunteering for either place!<sup>103</sup> Methinks I see one of your readers, fresh from the Biblical Institute, smile at the idea of one who has, for a quarter of a century, been in the itinerant ranks, offering himself as a missionary, with such an appalling array of hardships as must necessarily loom up before him, in either field of labor. Let such an one consider that we have, for almost four years, been learning a lesson in pioneer life, that nothing but severe experience can ever teach, and are willing and ready to plant the standard of the Messiah among the Rocky Mountains.

Sickness has abated some since the cool weather came on. There has been much rain this fall, and consequently the streams have been much swollen, so that the roads have at times been almost impassable, and many very afflicting cases of drowning, by persons endeavoring to ford or swim the creeks. The stage-driver that goes with the daily line from Leavenworth to Lawrence was drowned, and two span of horses, endeavoring to ford "Stranger Creek;" and down the same creek, not far from here, floated a dead horse, with saddle and bridle on; his owner had been unhorsed and drowned;

103. Pike's Peak and Cherry Valley were added to the Manhattan district at the annual conference in 1859, with the appointment to be supplied. The Rev. Charles H. Lovejoy was returned to Sumner.—*Minutes of the Fourth Session of the Kansas and Nebraska Annual Conference, of the Methodist E. Church* . . . (Omaha, N. T., 1859), pp. 13, 14.





and how many have lost their lives in that creek, within one year, I cannot tell. Your New England readers can form some idea how rapidly that stream rises, when I tell them I have repeatedly forded the stream at the very spot where, just before, it was twenty feet deep, and seething and foaming like a boiling cauldron! Mr. L. started for Lawrence, but could not cross the stream, and returned, and waited a week for the waters to subside, and pushed ahead, as he always does when difficulties are to be surmounted. Crossing the Wakarusa, he found the toll-bridge gone on his return, and the waters rolling like a sweeping flood; but his Quarterly Meeting was to commence the next day, at Sumner, fifty miles off, and the roads in a dreadful condition, and he must get home. The danger was appalling, and perhaps the attempt rash, but the horse he held by the bit was a spirited animal, and in he plunged, and swam across the stream, with the buggy, and all landed safe on the other shore, save the fender-board was broken, and a bag of potatoes (that Methodist preachers in Kansas are very glad to carry to their families) went down the stream! His clothes were well soaked with water, but a call at a Methodist inn soon set all right again, and he went on his way rejoicing. Not so with a man, not far from the same spot, and near that time. He started to carry home his hired girl, crossed the stream as it was rising, turned about to go home; in that time the stream had risen twelve feet; plunged in with his span of horses, but all were drowned, driver and horses. We felt sad as we stood on the banks of the Missouri, at the time of high water, and saw a noble animal, with a lariat attached to him, come floating by where we stood. We spoke of the melancholy history that might be connected with his fate, were it known; perhaps he and his rider were suddenly engulfed in a watery grave; or, peradventure, he had come all the way from Nebraska, or from near the Rocky Mountains.

There is one matter connected with temporalities, (as my letter cannot be filled with anything of special interest, as I wish it might be, in matters pertaining to the prosperity of the church,) that I have long designed to mention in the Herald, to induce our New England friends to cease being duped as they have been, in buying "shares" or "lots," in paper towns in Kansas, where perhaps there are not three log cabins, to bear the name of town, or city, as the case may be, and probably never will be, or for some time to come, any more. There are towns on the Kaw and Missouri rivers, where a man may make a good investment; but ungodly speculators have



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filched thousands from the honest and good in this way. A dear brother in the ministry, in the Maine Conference, who has no money to spare, recently wrote to Mr. L., inquiring about an investment he made in "Council City," Kansas. Now that good brother was sadly duped, and would have done better with his money, for his needy family, to have purchased as many feet of land in the Aroostook region, in Maine. Many have made independent fortunes in buying "shares" in *real* towns, such as Manhattan, Topeka, Tecumseh, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Oskaloosa, Sumner, Atchison, Palmyra, Wyandott, &c. I hope what I have written may do those good for whom it is designed, as the information is for none else.

The boats are still running on the Missouri River. A little snow has fallen, but the weather is mild. A large emigration has come in from Iowa, as their crops were destroyed by heavy rains.

Respectfully,

J. LOUISA LOVEJOY.

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### RAILROADS VS. THE PEOPLE

From *The Weekly Free Press*, Atchison, November 9, 1867.

GREASY.—When the passenger train on the C. B. U. P. R. R., yesterday morning reached the vicinity of Monrovia the wheels of the engine began to slide so that further progress up the grade was difficult. After using all the usual appliances in such cases, and spending some hours in attempts to climb the grade, the train ran back about three miles, put on all steam, and succeeded in making the ascent. The rails had been thoroughly greased by somebody. A notice in another place offers a reward for the detection of the offenders.

### FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

Five hundred dollars reward will be paid for the detection, arrest and conviction of the party or parties implicated in obstructing the train at Monrovia, on Friday, November 1st, 1867.  
CENTRAL BRANCH U. P. R. R.  
ATCHISON, Kan., Nov. 2d, 1867.

From *The Western Observer*, Washington, May 26, 1870.

A few days ago, as we were going south by rail, we saw a little incident on the cars which demonstrates the craftiness of the gentler sex, and particularly the business capacity of the one under whose management the conductor was so nicely beaten out of a hundred miles ride. A family, consisting of a mother, a boy 14 years, and a girl under 12 years, took the M. R. Ft. S. & G. cars at Kansas City, for Fort Scott. The family were Irish, and evidently of the poorest class. On the entrance of the conductor to collect fares, the boy slid off his seat and hid himself under the skirts of his mother and sister, and when the conductor had passed through the car, he again emerged to view. This concealment was repeated after stopping at every station, and was so deftly performed that the boy stole his ride to Fort Scott, and left the cars with his mother and sister without once attracting the notice of the conductor. This little bit of bye-play afforded much amusement to the passengers, and led to the discussion of the question whether it is any part of the duty of a conductor to hunt among the drapery of his lady passengers, in search for possible stowaways.—*Atchison Patriot*.

### BAD SPELLING ON THE MARAIS DES CYGNES

John Speer in *The Kansas Weekly Tribune*, Lawrence, January 13, 1870.

To a person unacquainted with French the name of the noted Marais des Cygnes is a jawbreaker to pronounce or spell. As we first came into Kansas on the old California road, we met a farmer with his team about half way between here and Kansas City, and made various inquiries about different



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portions of the country, to which he responded that he considered the Marais des Cygnes the best he had seen. "How do you spell it?" we asked, taking out our note book. "Well, there," he replied, "I cannot tell you." But we had to spell it; and how does the reader suppose we did it? Finding that old memorandum book, a few days ago, we saw the name as we wrote it fifteen years ago: "Merry Dezine." We have the satisfaction that we were not the only man who could not spell that name, for, by reference to the old New York *Tribune* files, we observe the learned Kansas correspondent of that journal spelled it "Merodesin." Why cannot the hard names be anglicized?

### IN THE HARNESS EARLY

From the *White Cloud Kansas Chief*, February 3, 1870.

BOUND TO MAKE THE RIFFLE.—Last week, a young married couple, bound this way, on their wedding tour, reached the opposite bank of the river, when the owner of the conveyance would not venture to cross on the ice. The young man was bound not to be put back, so he came over and got a buggy, pulled it across himself, put his bride in, and came trotting back in shafts as if he were used to it!

### A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME!

From the *Weekly Champion & Press*, Atchison, July 2, 1870.

The Delaware Indian word for love is "schmelendamowitchewagan."

### BRIDGE TROUBLES

From the *Wichita Eagle*, May 22, 1873.

The Big Arkansas river has been slowly rising for several days. The stockholders of the big bridge [at Wichita] are anxiously praying for a continuation of the rise. For nearly seven months the river has been fordable, and the way that big corporation is wanting to sell out is amusing.

From the *Eagle*, June 12, 1873.

Belle Plain has built a free bridge across the Nennescah, but the teamsters tell us that near one end of the bridge there is a slough in the road; said road is fenced, and that the owners of the fenced land charge teamsters ten cents for the privilege of driving through their field, in order to avoid the slough and reach the bridge.



## Kansas History as Published in the Press

The series of articles by W. W. Graves, editor of the *St. Paul Journal*, entitled, "History of Neosho County," has been continued in the *Journal* in recent months. Articles were published on September 5, 19 and 26, October 31, November 21 and December 26, 1946; January 2, 1947, January 16, June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4, 11 and 18. The history of the Osage Catholic mission at St. Paul was featured in the *Journal* in illustrated articles appearing from January through May, 1947.

Among historical articles concerning Wilson county published in the *Neodesha News* under the title, "Diamond Jubilee," were: Pioneers and their social gatherings, December 12, 1946; reminiscences of the late Mrs. B. T. Frost, who came to Kansas in 1869, December 19; list of post offices in the 1860's and 1870's with the date each was established, December 26, and the first school in Neodesha township, January 2, 1947. Mrs. Kate Winter Pingrey was the author of the following articles printed by the *Neodesha Register*: Neodesha's first water supply and early day fire fighting equipment, January 9, 1947; historical sketch of Neodesha newspapers, February 6, and "Development of Transportation," February 20.

"Across the Years" is the title of a weekly historical column, written by W. E. Baer, which was started in the *La Cygne Journal*, January 3, 1947. Beginning with events in 1869 the installments for the first eight months of this year traced principal happenings in the community in the 1870's and 1880's and mentioned the business firms. Among the events noted by Mr. Baer were: The laying of a switch at La Cygne by the Missouri River, Fort Scott & Gulf railroad and its designation as a station on October 14, 1869; the incorporation of La Cygne as a city of the third class in August, 1870, and its selection as the Linn county seat on February 14, 1871; the removal of the county seat to Pleasanton in 1874; the stop of Henry Ward Beecher to dine in the spring of 1878, while en route from Fort Scott, and a list of some marriages in Linn county from 1878 to 1885.

"Notes From the Early Days," weekly column in the *Protection Post* sponsored by the Protection Historical Society, has been continued in recent months. Among the subjects were: The reminis-

cences of Mrs. Albert Thornhill concerning the middle 1880's, May 30 and June 6, 1947; "Protection's Founding and Incorporation," June 20, 27 and July 4, and the first church service in Protection in 1885, July 11.

Articles of general interest in the June, 1947, issue of the *Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science*, Lawrence, include: "Prehistory and Environment in the Central Great Plains," by Waldo R. Wedel; "Jack Rabbit, Cottontail, and Vegetation in a Mixed Prairie," by H. Leo Brown; "Kansas Mycological Notes: 1946," by S. M. Pady, E. D. Hansing and C. O. Johnston; "The Pocket Gopher in the Rexroad Fauna," by Dorothea S. Franzen; "Migration Records of Birds in East-Central Kansas," by R. F. Miller and Ivan L. Boyd; "Kansas Botanical Notes, 1946," by Frank C. Gates; "Early Observations on the Elk in Kansas," by Donald F. Hoffmeister, and "Structure and Convergence in the Lansing Group, Wilson County," by J. R. Chelikowsky and Virgil BURGAT.

Historical articles dealing with Kansas in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star*, included: "It Was a Great Day in 1888 Abilene When Town Tried to Become Capital," June 12, 1947, by C. M. Harger; "The Spirit of Bishop Quayle Lives in Bibles He Collected," June 15, by Edward R. Schauffler; "Contrast in Harvests Over Forty Years Show Revolution on Farm," June 23, by Cecil Howes; "When Wild Bill Cleaned Up Hays," July 10; "Split-Log Drag on Kansas Roads," July 24, and "Last Indian Reservation in Kansas May Be Broken Up in Near Future," August 2, both by Cecil Howes; and "At 80, W. A. Ayres Is Ready to Start Another Term in Government Service," August 12, by Henry Lyon. Articles in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* included: "Kansas Had Plenty of Mountains Until Wyandotte Convention Lopped Them Off," June 7; "Dust in Kansas Predated Plow," June 10, and "Ellsworth, Kansas, 80, Plans Pioneer Fete, Recalls Rip-Roaring Trail Days," July 9, both by Cecil Howes; "Century-Old Story of Council Grove, Kas., Began With Seth Hays's Cabin," July 16, by Dwight Pennington; sketch of the life of Mark W. Delahay, who persuaded Lincoln to make a speaking trip to Kansas in December, 1859, August 5, and "'Rain Makers' Toured the Kansas Plains With Strange Equipment in the 1890's," August 15, both by Cecil Howes; a review of the controversy over murals painted by the late John Steuart Curry in the state house, August 23, by Jessie Benton, and





"Newton and Wichita Harking Back to Birth at Ends of Cattle Trail," August 29, by Cecil Howes.

A history of Claflin, written by O. A. Copple, was published by the Claflin *Clarion* during the summer of 1947. It included historical sketches of schools, newspapers, churches and banks, and lists of mayors and postmasters. The town was named for the maiden name of Mrs. O. P. Hamilton, Copple said. Mr. Hamilton was an incorporator of the town company. The Claflin Town Company filed its charter in March, 1887, and the city was incorporated by order of the board of county commissioners of Barton county on July 18, 1901. Installments of the history were printed in the *Clarion* on June 19, 26, 1947; July 3, 10, 17, and August 7 and 14.

The pioneer experiences of Adam Hilkey who located in the present Overbrook community in 1880, were described in the Overbrook *Citizen* and Scranton *Gazette-Record*, June 26, 1947.

Beginnings of county government in Smith county were discussed in an article in the *Smith County Pioneer*, Smith Center, July 10, 1947. Smith county was organized by proclamation of Gov. James Harvey early in 1872, and the first meeting of the county commissioners was held at Cedarville, the temporary county seat, on March 9 of that year. Smith Center was chosen as the county seat in an election in November, 1872, receiving a majority of all votes cast in a contest with Cedarville and Gaylord. The *Pioneer* on August 28 printed a photograph entitled, "Street Scene in Gaylord Sixty-one Years Ago." It was from a collection of the late Mrs. Jane Gedney.

The eightieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Ellsworth and the organization of Ellsworth county was observed with a three-day celebration, July 10-12, 1947. The plat of the Ellsworth townsite was filed for record on July 18, 1867. A 34-page "Pioneer Day" edition issued by the Ellsworth *Reporter*, July 10, contained a chronological history of the community for the period of 1867 to 1930, inclusive. Biographical sketches included: James B. (Wild Bill) Hickok; Ben Thompson, notorious gunman; William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody; Capt. Eugene Millett; Maj. George E. Alden; George Seitz; Ira E. Lloyd; T. G. O'Donnell; E. W. Wellington; Arthur Larkin; W. E. Sherriff, and George Huycke. Rosters of Ellsworth mayors, postmasters, senatorial representation for Ellsworth county from 1867 to date, and the vigilante committee

of 1869, appeared in the issue. Among the historical articles were: Founding of Ellsworth; naming of Ellsworth city and county; "Ellsworth's Famous Shooting," a recital of the slaying of Sheriff Chauncey B. Whitney, by F. D. Streeter; "The First Settlement on Thompson Creek"; "Pre-Historical Sketch of Ellsworth County"; historical sketches of the churches and public schools; experiences of Henry V. Faris, who located in the county in 1860; "Terminus of Union Pacific in 1867"; "Indian Raids," and "History of Ellsworth County Newspapers." The edition included many photographs of buildings of the late 1860's and 1870's, and a sketch of Ellsworth in 1871, drawn by Bernard Wardlow.

Another proposal to permit the sale of Huron cemetery in downtown Kansas City, now pending in congress, has brought forth considerable discussion and recalled previous measures of Kansas City residents to resist moves to dispose of the historic Wyandot Indian burial ground. The colorful history of the cemetery was reviewed by Grant W. Harrington in an article in the *Kansas City Kansan*, July 13, 1947. Burial of members of the Wyandot tribe who died in an epidemic in the 1840's was the beginning of the cemetery. It is also the resting place of Kansas soldier dead, who were killed in the Battle of the Blue and of one veteran of the War of 1812. In 1906 congress authorized the sale of the burial ground but two girls, Lyda and Hellena Conley, lineal descendants of the Wyandots, took possession of the cemetery. The fight was carried to the courts. The Conley sisters received an adverse decision in the United States supreme court a few years later but nevertheless their efforts to preserve the burial ground were successful when Sen. Charles Curtis obtained repeal of the statute permitting the sale. Lyda Conley died in 1946 and was buried in Huron cemetery beside her father and mother. On Memorial Sunday, 1947, a monument over the grave of Lyda Conley was dedicated.

Early history of Great Bend was related by its newspapers in connection with the city's diamond jubilesta held July 20-26, 1947, in celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the start of the city. The Great Bend *Herald* issued a 36-page edition July 4, which included the following subjects: Beginnings of Great Bend; taking Barton county census in 1870; 1875 census of Buffalo, Great Bend and Lakin townships; 1875 census of Great Bend businessmen; Barton county's first bond issue; historical sketches of churches; the Wayne Pritchard collection of 11 pioneer automobiles, and in-





interviews with Frank G. McKinney, Miss Laura Chapman, Mrs. E. J. (Jennie) Ingersoll and Mrs. Mary Feder, early settlers. A 40-page diamond jubilesta edition was printed by the *Great Bend Tribune*, July 19. Among the historical features were: Roster of mayors; a sketch of the public school system; description of the first hotel; population tables of city and county showing annual enumerations from founding to date; building of railroads to Great Bend; description of Koen ditch, irrigation project constructed from Arkansas river to Cheyenne Bottoms in the late 1890's; horse-drawn streetcar line opened in 1887; history of city library; the Santa Fe trail through Barton county; sketches of churches and clubs; extracts from the diary of Capt. Lambert Wolf during the establishment of Fort Larned; first telephone line; oil development in Barton county; sketches of the experiences of Frank Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Ingersoll, Frank McKinney and Will Osmond, early settlers, and a historical map of Barton county, drawn by A. A. Yarmer. Jubilesta events included the staging of an "armed holdup" of a Santa Fe train near Great Bend on July 24 and the dedication of the Great Bend municipal airport, formerly an army air field for the training of B-29 fliers, July 26.

The *Hutchinson News-Herald* began in August, 1947, the printing of a series of views of Kansas historical and beauty spots. Most of the photographs were made by Russell W. Walker of St. John. These pictures included: "Cave Hollow," north of Carneiro, August 4; Smoky Hill river roller mill, Lindsborg, August 12; "Hell's Half Acre," hard layers of sandstone, near Carneiro, August 18; early territorial capitol at Lecompton, August 25; "Cathedral of the Prairies," St. Fidelis Catholic church, Victoria, September 1.

Lucas observed the sixtieth anniversary of its founding with a celebration held on August 6-9, 1947. The Lucas Town Company was incorporated in December, 1887. A "History of Wolf Creek Valley. . .," by R. T. Fowler, and recollections of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spalding of early days in what is now Lucas community were printed in the *Lucas Independent*, July 30, 1947. Spalding was born in Pottawatomie county in 1867 and moved to Russell county with his family in 1875.

Sterling celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding with a two-day program at the annual old settlers' picnic, August 7 and 8, 1947. The townsite was laid out in 1872 under the name of Peace and the community retained that name until April 18,

1876, when it was incorporated as a city of the third class under the name of Sterling by Judge Samuel R. Peters of the ninth judicial district. A historical sketch of the city was published in the *Sterling Bulletin*, July 31, 1947. Harry Porter of Sterling was elected president of the Rice-Reno County Old Settlers Association at the annual meeting, August 8. Will Hodge was elected vice-president and H. C. Bruce reelected secretary. Mrs. Ted Buel was the retiring president. A series of articles by Mrs. William Fleeson, reviewing the history of Sterling and vicinity, commenced in the *Sterling Bulletin* August 21.

*The Journal-Free Press*, of Osage City, published a 16-page seventy-fifth anniversary edition on August 13, 1947, in connection with the city's diamond jubilee which was celebrated August 20-22. Osage City was incorporated as a city of the third class about April 1, 1872. The anniversary edition of the *Journal-Free Press* contained a roster of mayors from the incorporation of the city to date, and pictures of many old and present-day places.

Reminiscences concerning the pioneer experiences of the John Jacob Buhrer family in Pawnee county in the late 1870's and 1880's were published in the *Larned Chronoscope*, and *The Tiller and Toiler*, August 21, 1947. The Buhrer family settled in Pawnee county in 1878.

Hanover celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation as a third class city with a diamond jubilee on August 25-27, 1947. The city was incorporated on July 5, 1872, by Judge Andrew S. Wilson, Washington, of the twelfth judicial district, three years after it was laid out by G. H. Hollenberg, builder of the Hollenberg Ranch Pony Express station. Gov. Frank Carlson was the principal speaker at the celebration and after his talk drank from a water pitcher once used in the White House by John Quincy Adams. The pitcher was provided by Wayne Wilson of Hanover, a direct descendant of the Adams family. Mr. Wilson's grandmother, the late Katherine Adams Jessup, was a granddaughter of President Adams. Brief historical sketches on the incorporation of Hanover were printed in the *Hanover Democrat*, July 11 and August 29, 1947.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation as a third class city was celebrated by Newton August 30 to September 4, 1947, sponsored by the Harvey County Fair Association. A historical sketch of the fair association beginning with the original "Agricul-



tural and Mechanical Association of Harvey County" organized in 1872, was published in the *Newton Evening Kansan-Republican*, August 23, 1947. Newton was first incorporated on February 22, 1872, and the *Kansan* was established the same year.

H. Bart White, who arrived in Johnson county in 1856, was the oldest old timer registered at the forty-ninth annual old settlers' reunion held in Olathe September 5 and 6, 1947. His reminiscences were recorded in the *Olathe Mirror*, September 11. Officers of the association for 1948 are: Howard N. McKee, president; J. Fred Marvin, vice-president; Miss Annie Sutton, secretary, and H. E. Julien, treasurer, all of Olathe.

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A decision to arrange for the early publication of the second volume of *Chase County Historical Sketches* was made at the annual meeting of the Chase County Historical Society held September 6, 1947, at Cottonwood Falls. The first volume of the sketches was published by the society in 1940. F. W. Schneider was appointed to direct efforts to obtain a suitable place to keep Chase county relics of early days. Officers of the society were reelected. They are: George T. Dawson, Elmdale, president; Henry Rogler, Matfield Green, vice-president; Mrs. Helen Austin, Cottonwood Falls, secretary; Tom R. Wells, Elmdale, treasurer, and Mrs. Clara B. Hildebrand, Cottonwood Falls, historian.

The early history of Herington was featured at the annual meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society held August 28, 1947, at Lake Herington. The Herington townsite was originally known as the Aelieth ranch and was owned by a Swedish nobleman before it was acquired by M. D. Herington, from whom the city derived its name, according to Mrs. Ray Tripp. Miss Drusilla Herington told of the Herington family moving to the ranch in 1881. Other speakers and their subjects included: W. H. Alward, history of railroads at Herington; Paul Knuth, Herington schools; Mrs. Henry Kandt, ladies' band organized in 1913; Mrs. F. C. Laine, history of Presbyterian church; Ray Tripp, early businesses in Herington; Bruce Crary, early newspapers; Dave J. Ballantyne, history of the post office; Mrs. Bruce Crary, history of library; W. H. Mott, beginnings of good roads movement, and Frank Davis, Kansas City, establishment of National Old Trails Road Association. President Truman has been president of the National Old Trails Road Association since his association with the Auto club at Kansas City earlier in his career. The 1948 meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society will be held at Lyona church, located in eastern Dickinson county between Junction City and Herington. The Rev. C. E. Zeigler is the pastor. Officers of the association are: Mrs. Carl Peterson of Enterprise, president; Mrs. Elsie Rohrer of Elmo, first vice-president; Fred Ramsey, Solomon, second vice-president; Mrs. H. M. Howard of Abilene, secretary, and Walter Wilkins of Chapman, treasurer.





Sen. B. F. Bowers was elected president of the Franklin County Historical Society at the annual meeting held in Ottawa, September 20, 1947. Officers reelected were: F. H. McCune, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Averill, secretary, and Miss Clara Kaiser, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Three directors were chosen for three-year terms. They were C. A. Smith, Wellsville; Mrs. Ada McCracken, Ottawa, and Hiram Allen, Williamsburg. Other directors are Mrs. Dorothy Belt Needham, Lane; B. M. Ottaway, Pomona; A. P. Elder, J. M. Conard, Mrs. W. A. Penny and E. Lister, all of Ottawa. Prof. B. Smith Haworth of Ottawa University was the principal speaker. Mrs. C. E. Reed, daughter of one of the founders of the Greenwood Baptist church in the Pomona area, presented to the society a history of the church. Manuscripts presented included the early-day experiences of the late Joshua Baker and of Mrs. Fanny Crain. A stereoscope and stereoscopic pictures made by Underwood and Underwood, famous photographers, whose early careers began at Ottawa, were exhibited. A. P. Elder, age 93, was the oldest person present at the meeting. The oldest native of Franklin county in attendance was Mrs. Mary Keene, 90, of Ottawa.

More than 100 persons attended the second annual homecoming of the Kennebec association held on Landon creek, eight miles south of Russell, on August 3, 1947. Arrangements were made for the appointment of a committee to work out plans for a permanent memorial in memory of the pioneers of the county. The purpose of the association is to preserve the history of the community at the junction of Landon creek and Smoky Hill river. Charter membership in the association, which is still open, is near the 300 mark.

Thousands of persons from Sumner, Sedgwick, Cowley and Butler counties attended the 74th annual reunion and picnic of Quad-County old settlers held August 28, 1947, at Mulvane. Dr. Carl S. Mundinger, president of St. John's College, Winfield, who recently returned from a trip to Germany, was the principal speaker.

The third issue of the *Bulletin of The Shawnee County Historical Society*, Topeka, appeared in June, 1947. Articles included: "92 Years of Newspapers in Shawnee," by Arthur J. Carruth, Jr.; "Topeka's Year I," by Dr. John D. Bright; "Chronology of Shawnee County," by George A. Root, concluding the year 1855, and "Olive Packard Owen," by Robert Stone.



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