

Agricultural fair with President Hayes, Neosho Falls, Woodson County, Kansas

This is a sketch of the Agricultural Fair at Neosho Falls, Woodson County, Kansas. It shows a large group of people gathered to hear President Hayes who was on a tour of western states. The sketch was copied from Leslie's, October 18, 1879.

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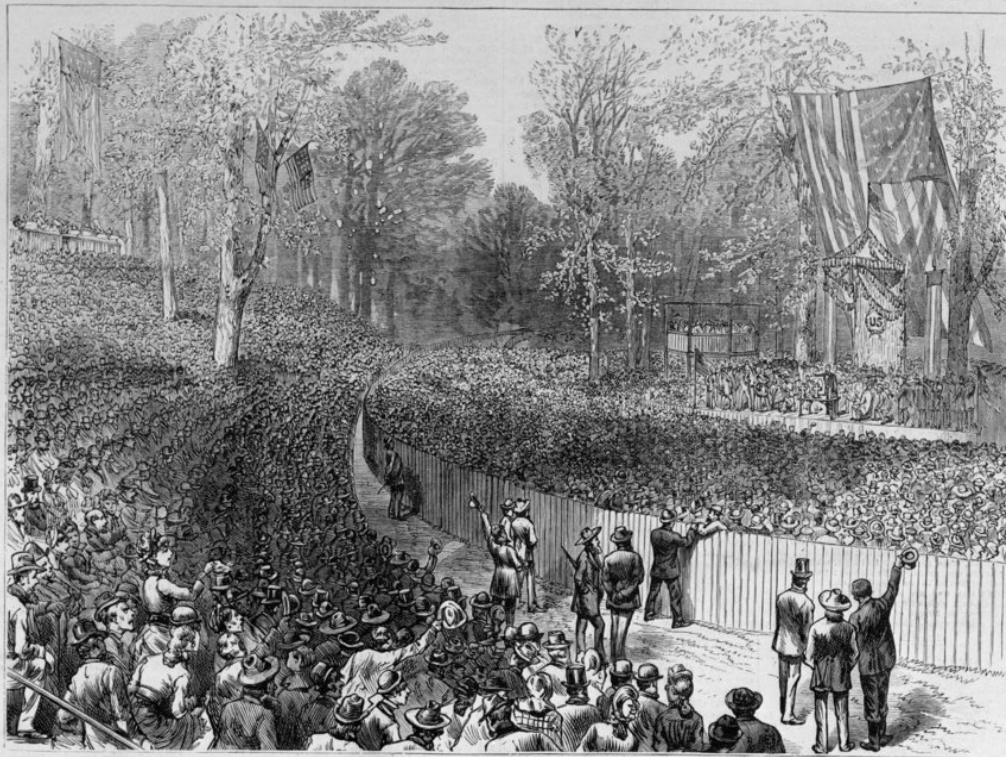


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PRESIDENT HAYES RESPONDING TO THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.



BUCKHORN CHAIR PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT HAYES'S WESTERN TOUR. THE VISIT TO THE FAIR AT NEOSHO FALLS, KANSAS.

THE Western tour of President Hayes and party was attended by many pleasant and gratifying incidents, his reception being everywhere most cordial and enthusiastic. But in no State was his progress marked by heartier popular ovations than in Kansas, the imperial young commonwealth of the West. No event in recent years seems to have stirred the people to greater enthusiasm than the visit of the President to the region which, now dotted with towns and cities and teeming with fertile and prosperous farms, was only a few years ago a barren waste.

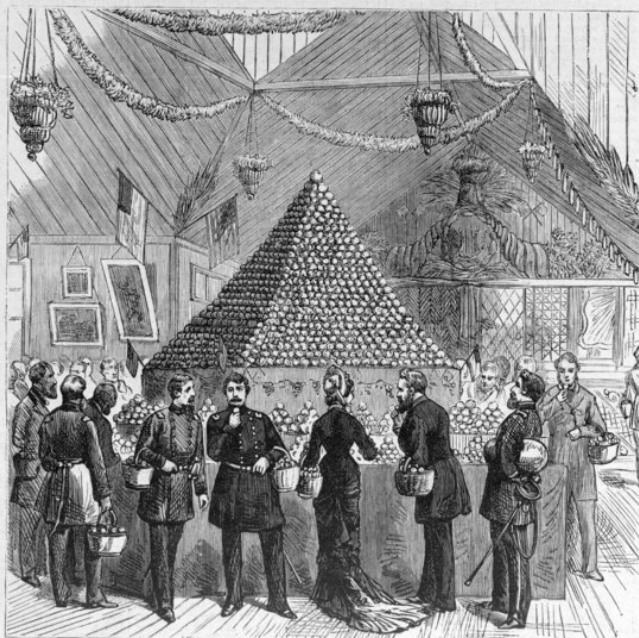
One of the objective points of the Presidential excursion was Neosho Falls, an invitation to visit an exhibition of the agricultural products of Southern Kansas at that place having been accepted before the departure from Washington. The President, accompanied by Mrs. Hayes, General Sherman, and one or two others, reached Neosho on the morning of the 25th of September, being met at the railway station by a vast concourse of people, and escorted to the fair grounds by the Capital Guards of Topeka,

headed by the band of the United States infantry and a company of boys, less than twelve years old, in the uniform of Zouaves, followed by a procession of carriages and civilians a mile long. The grounds were handsomely decorated and ornamented by various productions of the State, artistically and tastefully arranged. At the entrance was a magnificent arch of welcome, formed entirely of agricultural products and bearing the Goddess of Liberty. The reverse side bore the



SYMBOLIC ARCH AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FAIR-GROUNDS.

KANSAS.—VISIT OF PRESIDENT HAYES AND PARTY TO THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR AT NEOSHO FALLS, SEPTEMBER 25TH.—FROM SKETCHES BY H. WERRALL.



VIEWING THE DISPLAY OF FRUIT IN FLORAL HALL.