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Upon a careful perusal of the "Notes," and a comparison thereof, with other matériel which has appeared, they are found fraught with information, such as is now eagerly sought after, much greater in amount, more graphically communicated, and condensed in less space than can readily be found elsewhere; it is therefore thought no better service can be done to the thousands whose attention is now directed Kansas-wise, than by causing them to be issued in a convenient pamphlet form.

"NOTES OF A TRIP UP KANSAS RIVER, INCLUDING  
OBSERVATIONS ON THE SOIL, CLIMATE, SCENERY,  
&c.

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In compliance with an invitation from Capt. Baker and C. A. Perry, Esq., the enterprising owners of the fine little steamer 'Excel,' we stepped on board at Parkville, on Friday, 16th June, as one of the pleasure party up the Kansas and Smoky Hill Rivers. And here let us say that too much praise cannot be awarded to these gentlemen for the successful efforts they have made and are still making, to find the channel and establish the navigation of the Kansas River; they have already accomplished some half dozen successive trips to Fort Riley; have delivered there all necessary government freight, with a speed, care, and a saving of expense, hitherto unknown; and they have further concluded to keep their fleet little craft on that river, for the purpose of aiding settlers in reaching, with comfort and convenience, the places of their destination in the beautiful Kansas country, so long as the stage of water will admit. This resolve of theirs is good, and will be at once profitable as a business arrangement, and well-timed as an immense convenience to immigrants. We do cordially wish them, as the pioneers of steamboat navigation in this gem of the far-west,—KANSAS,—all the honor, and all the profit to which their industry and enterprise so richly entitle them.

Our party was a most agreeable one; consisting of Dr. Hammond, U. S. A., and lady—Miss Nisbet of Philadelphia, sister of Mrs. Hammond—Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Baker, with