

erecting monuments designating the townships, ranges, and numbers of the sections.

LAND DISTRICTS.—During the last session of Congress (1856–57) an Act was passed, establishing three additional Land Districts, in the following words, viz. :

“That all that portion of the ‘Pawnee Land District,’ in the Territory of Kansas, created by the thirteenth section of the act approved twenty-second July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled ‘An act to establish the offices of Surveyor General of New Mexico, Kansas, and Nebraska, to grant donations to actual settlers therein, and for other purposes,’ which is situated north of the north or left bank of the Kansas river, and east of the line which divides ranges eight and nine east, shall constitute a separate district, to be called the ‘Delaware Land District;’ all that portion of said Pawnee District which is situated south of the nearest township line to the parallel of thirty-eight degrees of north latitude, to be hereafter determined by the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall constitute an additional district, to be called the ‘Osage Land District;’ and all that portion of said Pawnee District which lies west of the line dividing ranges eight and nine east, and north of the nearest township line to the parallel of thirty-eight degrees of north latitude, shall constitute a district to be called the ‘Western Land District.’ the location of the offices for which shall be designated by the President of the United States, and shall by him, from time to time, be changed as the public interests may seem to require.”

CLAIMS.—A few desirable unoccupied ones may still be found in the vicinity of Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan, Osawattomie, Hampden and Tecumseh, and a far greater number near the more recent settlements. The earliest immigrants will of course have an opportunity to select the choicest locations. Claims may also be purchased of the present holders for an advance of from a few dollars, to a thousand or more, upon the Government price. Some in the vicinity of Lawrence, Topeka, and Leavenworth, have changed owners at a higher price than above specified. To whatever business the settler intends to direct his attention, he should *by all means take up a claim*, as it will be constantly increasing in value, and therefore must prove a good investment.

EXTENT OF TERRITORY.—To quiet the fears of those who apprehend that *all* of the desirable portions of the Territory have been, or in a short time will be, secured,