

observed of the Newton Pippin, that although when carried to Western States it increases in size, it very frequently deteriorates in flavor; whereas in Kansas, the fruit not only acquires a larger growth, but a more luscious flavor. The culture of the Grape will prove a highly remunerative business in a few years. The Chinese Sugar-Cane, which is now attracting much attention, might undoubtedly be cultivated to good profit. Corn, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Potatoes, (common and sweet) Barley, most kinds of Garden Vegetables, all have a luxuriant growth, and yield abundant harvests. Melons attain a high degree of perfection; the writer was furnished with some raised on Wild Cat Creek, in the vicinity of Manhattan, which could not be surpassed by those of other climes.\*

Among the *native products* are two varieties of Grape, a very fine Plum, the Crab-Apple, (affording a fine grafting stock,) the Pawpaw, Hazel Nut, Pecan Nut, Walnut, Yonkabin, &c. Among the smaller fruit may be mentioned the Raspberry, Strawberry, and Gooseberry.

GAME. — Game is quite abundant in some sections of the Territory, though but little occurs in others. Several varieties of squirrels, ducks, geese, turkeys, prairie hens, &c., were seen by the writer. In the Neosho valley, and other parts, deer are found. Herds of buffalo were within sight from Fort Riley, while the writer was in that section, although the present regular range of this animal, which is likely soon to become extinct, is farther W. and N. W.

The streams abound with gar, buffalo, whitefish, and a large variety of others of the finny tribe.

PROVISIONS.—There has been no deficiency of these; (excepting during periods of, and consequent upon, disturbances;) for in Lawrence, as elsewhere, the demand produced a supply, by prompting those residing on the

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\* They have been seen *four and a half feet* long; sweet potatoes, four feet and eleven inches in length. Capt. Bickerton says, "I have seen radishes as big round as my leg above the knee—my beets were so big that they had to boil them in a wash-boiler."