

The title to the Town site has been secured, by means of a Wyandotte Float, which places its validity beyond all ordinary contingencies.

A traveller in that region, about two months subsequent to the period when the place was founded, writes, "passing a few cabins of actual settlers, we came upon a beautiful rise of ground, at the western end of a high and exceedingly rich bottom. Here is situated the new City—Topeka. The right kind of men and enterprise are found here; and though later in the start than her neighbors, she is thought to bid fair to equal any, and outstrip many, in the race for population.

"As we rode west from the high ground on the outskirts, we found ourselves in the midst of one of the most delightful farming countries I ever beheld; and often, as from some new point the landscape would present itself in a new and more attractive view, the exclamation would escape from one and another, 'How grand! What a glorious country!' Far to the south, was the line of timber pointing out the path of the Wakarusa, a little rivulet now, but soon, when swollen with the spring rains, to be a mighty, impetuous river, coursing its way onward to join the Kansas below Lawrence. Nearer rises a high mound, named, probably on account of its imposing appearance and lofty grandeur, Webster Peak. To the north, lies the valley of the Kansas, with its rich bottoms and heavy forests. All the intervening country, for many miles in extent, is one of the most rich and rolling prairies that I ever beheld. It cannot be long ere the hand of industry and skill will convert this lovely country into an Eden."

Improved Claims in the immediate vicinity of this place, are valued as high as \$1,000 and \$2,000; at the distance of three or four miles, they are estimated at \$300 or \$400. Good unimproved claims may yet be had within five or six miles, but are rapidly being taken up.

TECUMSEH.—This is a flourishing town on the south side of the Kansas River, near one of the California roads. It is situated between Lawrence and Topeka, twenty miles west of the former, and five miles east of the latter. The town site contains 320 acres, located on the dividing lines of Townships 11 and 12, and Ranges xvi and xvii. The river here makes a south-