

erly bend, and its course for several miles, both north and east, can be seen from almost any part of the high and beautiful bluff on which the town lies. The bluff is about ninety feet above the river, and on a general level with the surrounding prairies. The site slopes towards the river, from the crowning ridge of a most beautiful and fertile prairie, from which can be seen one of the finest landscapes in the Territory. The river here, as well as for several miles either way, is skirted on both sides with tall walnut, oak, cotton wood, and other trees. On the west side of the town are Shunga-Nunga and Stinson's Creeks, and on the east Tecumseh Creek,—all heavily fringed for several miles back with good timber. The country about Tecumseh is not surpassed by any portion of the Territory, in beauty, fertility, and natural advantages;—its character being an intermixture of timber and prairie, peculiarly adapted to agricultural purposes. The fertility of the soil, the excellence of the water (obtained from wells 28 to 42 feet deep) and abundance of timber and best quality of building stone, are inducements of no ordinary character for immigrants to settle here. Good coal can be obtained in large quantities within five or six miles; limestone, which makes excellent quick-lime, is abundant; the river affords every desirable variety of sand and gravel, and is well stocked with fish. The general grade and slope of the town is such, that the streets will require no grading hereafter, nor underground sewers. Being on the south side of the river, and on high land, it is remarkably free from all miasmatic influences; and while protected from severe blasts of west, north, and east winds, is open to the dry and pleasant winds from the south. The location is central. Distance, by ordinarily travelled roads, from Doniphan, 60 miles; Atchison 60 miles; Leavenworth 45 miles; Westport 60 miles; Sac and Fox Agency, 35 miles; Osawatamie 40 miles; Council Grove 60 miles; Fort Riley 65 miles; Nebraska line 75 miles; Southern Boundary Line 135 miles.