

but the Blue is filled with clear, pure water. From Blue Mont, at the north, a splendid view may be had of the town, the rivers, and the neighboring region. By a circuitous bend of the Kansas, an extensive peninsula has been formed south of the town, which is admirably calculated for a stock farm; and by a bend of the Blue, first to the west and then to the south, aided by the Kansas River, another peninsula is formed east of the town, bounded on the north and west by the Blue, and on the south by the Kansas. Here, for a long period, was the head quarters of the Kaw Indians, and so continued to be until 1840, when by a sudden rise of the river, an inundation was caused, resulting in the loss of many lives, and the destruction of much property; on account of which the place was abandoned.

A wagon road hence to Nebraska City has been completed; distance 150 miles. Overland immigrants, through Iowa, are recommended to select this route, as it will lead them directly to the Big Blue region, one of the most desirable portions of the Territory. Every thing is going on prosperously. Two Wyandotte Floats have been laid upon the town, whereby the title is put beyond all doubt. This is a very great advantage, and one possessed by very few other settlements. Two excellent ferries are in operation upon the Kansas and Big Blue rivers. A bridge will probably be constructed during the coming season.

The settlement contains a large structure as a Town Hall, twenty Cincinnati built houses, and others of "domestic manufacture," several stores, a good house of entertainment, and a very superior saw and grist-mill. A contract has been concluded for the erection of a Methodist Church building; the Congregationalists have also a house in contemplation.

The Manhattan Institute, a scientific and literary association of great merit, is full of promise, and is under great obligations to Mr. James Redpath, through whose indefatigable exertions, a large collection of val-