

on the stream whose name it bears. It is nearly upon a line with Leavenworth City, Lawrence, Centropolis, and the Sac and Fox Agency. It is on an elevated prairie, in one of the most fertile and picturesque portions of the Territory. Stone, timber, and water abound. Liberal inducements are said to be offered to bona fide settlers to locate here.

OSAGE VALLEY.—Much that has been said of the Neosho, is equally applicable to the Osage region, in which we include not only the Osage River proper, but its principal branches and tributaries. Among the settlements here made is

OTTAWA.—This is situated fifteen miles S. E. of Lawrence, and forty S. W. of Kansas City in Missouri. It is one of the oldest and best located settlements in Eastern Kansas. It is on the Ottawa Creeks, of which there are three, about nine miles in length, separated by the intervention of from one and a half to two and a half miles of rolling prairie.

These Creeks are a portion of the head waters of the Osage River; they unite nine miles from their source, and finally empty into the Marais de Cygne, which unites with the Potawatomie, twenty miles further to the S. E., and forms the Osage, which empties into the Arkansas in Missouri.

Claims were taken on the Ottawa Creeks prior to the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, and in anticipation of its becoming a law. This section of country lies high, it being the dividing ridge or swell between the Valley of the Kansas on the North, and of the Arkansas on the South; tributaries of both of these streams having their sources in this region. The Ottawa Reserve bounds the settlement on the South, and the Shawnee Reserve on the East. The mail route between Lawrence and Osawatomie runs through this settlement, as also the great Santa Fé road.

Palmyra and Prairie City, two and a half miles apart, are within this settlement, located on and between the