

Of the Places in this section, no one is more worthy of special notice than—

OSAWATOMIE. — This town is situated upon the Osage river, about one hundred miles from its source, in the midst of a growing country, unequalled in the character of its soil and climate. The site was selected in 1855; it was surveyed and platted by A. D. Searl of Lawrence. It has a good house of entertainment, the best as regards "comforts" in the Territory; a blacksmith's shop, and several stores. It is in a section that is said to be more heavily timbered than any other in the Territory. In addition to the ordinary forest trees, red cedar and sugar maple are here found.

It is connected with Kansas City, Mo., by two excellent lines of stages. Possessing a steam Saw Mill, lately erected at the cost of \$12,000, and with other improvements of a similar nature in progress, it seems to be the centre around which the wealth and energy of that section is gathering.

It is located in the forks of the Osage, between the Marais de Cygnes and the Potawatomie branches. It is about 40 miles from Kansas City, Mo., and nearly the same distance from Lawrence, K. T.; the three places forming a triangle.

The name is *Yankee Indian*, derived from Osage and Potawatomie. A writer under the signature of Old Settler, says: "this place is located on the Osage, one mile above its junction with Potawatomie creek. For three miles their course is but about one mile apart, and the divide gets up so high as to overlook the heavily timbered bottoms of the two rivers and their branches. Upon this high Prairie, skirted on each side with oak openings and ridges, lies half of the town site of Osawatomie. The other portion is sixty feet above the bed of the river. Here there is a great abundance of timber of the best quality, limestone, coal, brick, clay, &c. Already houses of good style are built. For some months regular religious services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Adair, Congregationalist, and Mr. Finch of