The town was surveyed by Mr. A. D. Searl. The streets, thirty-two in number, running north and south, are named after the several States constituting the Union. The main street is called Massachusetts, she having been the prime mover in the enterprise ; to the east of this are twelve streets which are designated by the names of the remainder of the "old thirteen ;" to the west are nineteen more, which bear the names of the other States, in the order of their admission, beginning with Vermont and ending with California. All of these are eighty feet wide, with the exception of Massachusetts Street, which is one hundred feet. At right angles to these, run other streets, which are named after individuals, distinguished for their Patriotism, Philanthropy, and Love of Liberty. Within the town limits are numerous parks, which bear, among others, the honored names of Washington, Franklin, LaFayette, Hamilton, Roger Williams, Fulton, and Clinton. The first elevation in the rear of the town, was called Oread Mount in compliment to Eli Thayer, Esq. This was originally set apart for Schools and Churches ; the still more elevated ground further back, known as Capitol Hill, was designed for County and other Public Buildings.

"It embraces an extensive, slightly rolling prairie for the business streets, and a large park, and also high table lands and beautiful inclined planes, for public buildings and residences. Its geographical position is not inferior to its topographical ; and that it will equal any other in character and enterprise, none will doubt who know the inhabitants."

The town contains many substantial stone buildings, a fine stone Hotel, already alluded to, and known as the Free State Hotel, three Saw Mills, a good Grist Mill, several large wholesale and retail stores, at one of which $20,000 worth of goods were disposed of the past year, two printing offices and many other establishments. Ground has already been broken for a Unitarian, and soon will be for a Congregational