

inexhaustible quantities, abounds within the city limits. Brick of superior richness of coloring and hardness of finish, are furnished at the yard at less than six dollars per thousand. The purest limestone and sand for building, can readily be procured within the city limits and the immediate vicinity. Within a range of three miles from the city, several veins of stone coal have been opened which our smiths pronounce but little inferior to the Pittsburg, Pa. coal. Convenient to Topeka, there are large tracts of excellent timbered land. It is connected with all the prominent places in the Territory, by old and well travelled roads—among which is the regular established route from Independence, and Kansas City, Mo., to California, making its crossing of the Kansas River at this place, by the old and well known Papan Ferry.”

It was here that a Convention of Delegates assembled, and framed the Constitution of the projected State of Kansas; and here also the first Legislature under the Constitution, contemplate assembling on the fourth of March next.

The Kaw land, over against Topeka, on the opposite side of the Kansas River, contains a fine tract of heavy timber, one mile in width, and twenty-one miles in length.

Within a circuit of four miles around this town, there were by estimate, when the writer was there, a thousand acres of cornfields, which at a very low calculation, would yield 25,000 bushels of grain; a large amount considering that it was on the sod, that a few months only had elapsed since the first furrow was cut, and that there was a constant demand on every one's time, for the multiplicity of purposes requiring attention at the birth of a settlement.

A traveller in that region, about two months subsequent to the period when the place was founded, writes, “passing a few cabins of actual settlers, we came upon a beautiful rise of ground, at the western end of a high and exceedingly rich bottom. Here is