

situated the new City — Topeka. The right kind of men and enterprise are found here; and though later in the start than her neighbors, she is thought to bid fair to equal any, and outstrip many, in the race for population.

“As we rode west from the high ground on the outskirts, we found ourselves in the midst of one of the most delightful farming countries I ever beheld; and often, as from some new point the landscape would present itself in a new and more attractive view, the exclamation would escape from one and another ‘How grand! What a glorious country!’ Far to the south was the line of timber pointing out the path of the Wakarusa, a little rivulet now, but soon, when swollen with the spring rains, to be a mighty, impetuous river, coursing its way onward to join the Kansas below Lawrence. Nearer rises a high mound, named, probably on account of its imposing appearance and lofty grandeur, Webster Peak. To the north, lies the valley of the Kansas with its rich bottoms and heavy forests. All the intervening country, for many miles in extent, is one of the most rich and rolling prairies that I ever beheld. It cannot be long ere the hand of industry and skill will convert this lovely country into an Eden.”

MANHATTAN.—This town is located on the fork of land made by the junction of the Big Blue with the Kansas River. The location is a beautiful and highly advantageous one, and the men who formed it, are distinguished for their enterprise, perseverance, energetic powers, and moral worth. The view from the summit of Blue Mont is magnificent, and it would be difficult to decide between this, and the panorama displayed from Capitol Hill, Lawrence, to which, if either, the preference should be awarded. The rich prairies in the vicinity, and the nearness of a good market for all the surplus stock of grain that may be raised, the purity of the streams, the abundance of living springs that swell out upon the sides of the