

half to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles ; generally hard timber, cedar, and the black walnut, the latter grows large ; often three feet across at the butt. It is computed that there is from six to eight thousand acres of timber in a radius of four or six miles. The best of lime stone quarries abound, laying up to the surface, and quarried out at a small expense, suitable for buildings, lime, or fence. There has also been a marble quarry discovered within eight or ten miles of this city, said to be very beautiful and abundant. It is believed the only marble that has been as yet discovered in the Territory. This of itself would be sufficient to claim the Capitol buildings at this point. I must not be understood as putting in a special plea for this city as entitled to the Capitol of the new State, that must ere long come forth from the occidental settlement of this wild, but most lovely country.

Like most of the new towns that have been laid off, it is surrounded by a very large and rich agricultural district, with gentle rolling, undulating prairies.

There is a population at this point, in a circuit of six miles, of about one thousand. And affording still great inducements for settlers wishing either Country or Town investments. The inhabitants composing this settlement are mostly from the Eastern States, and of a moral and intelligent character."

One of the most recently founded Free State Settlements is that of Millard, respecting which the following statement has been furnished us : —

"MILLARD. — The site of Millard was selected by a Company from Cincinnati, Ohio, and named in honor of Capt. David Millard, one of the early steamboat pioneers, who explored and ascended the River with the Steamer 'Hartford,' in the summer of 1855.

The town is situated upon a gentle slope in the forks of the Kansas River, adjoining the U. S. Military Reservation, near Fort Riley, in the midst of a beautiful and fertile country, and is the highest navigable point on the River. It is 140 miles from Kansas City, 130 from Leavenworth, and 100 miles from Lawrence.

The overland route, and U. S. Military roads to Sante Fe and California, and the Utah and Oregon trails, pass directly through the town.

In consequence of this great inland traffic, all kinds of produce bring high prices, with an increasing demand.

The Fort, also, affords an excellent market for all the products of the farmer.