

enworth and Kansas City. This is the old "Fremont route." Another branch of the same will soon be commenced, running from Atchison directly West. A bill also passed Congress last winter, granting public lands to other roads, which makes our system complete, as follows: A road running Southwest from Topeka towards Santa Fe, New Mexico. One from Lawrence in the same direction, and connecting with it. One in the Neosho Valley, and one from Lawrence directly South through the centre of the Ottawa Reserve, in the direction of Galveston Bay, Texas. These roads must all in time be completed. They are upon natural routes, will be needed by the business of the country, and the Government aid proffered will help them through.

SPECIAL CLAIMS OF OTTAWA SETTLEMENTS.

The advantages of soil, timber, water, stone, coal, &c., on the Ottawa Reserve have already been set forth in this circular. But two or three other points of interest to the immigrant may be noticed.

1st. *The location of the Reserve* in the centre of as good a country as there is in the State and in the heart of the State itself.

2d. *A village* will be laid out on the Marias des Cygnes river, on an excellent natural location, than which there is no better in Southern Kansas. It is at a ford, where the entire travel from three southern counties and parts of others, now crosses the river, and where, by the construction of a bridge and a little working on roads, much more travel may be centered. Roads now converge here for the South, Southeast and Southwest, and roads run North, Northeast and Northwest. This point is twenty-three miles South and one half mile West from Lawrence. The Pacific Railroad is now graded one-third of the way from Leavenworth to Lawrence, and will be completed to Lawrence within twelve months. The Leavenworth, Lawrence & Fort Gibson Railroad, for

which land is granted by Congress, must, by the terms of the grant, cross the Osage or Marias des Cygnes river at this new town site of Ottawa.

This site has been much sought after by speculators, and by Franklin county for the county seat. Being nearly in the centre of the county, and having a beautiful natural situation, with an abundance of wood, water and building stone convenient, it must at no distant day be the county seat.

The Indians all have an interest in this town. It will not be attempted to make a great speculation out of it, but persons who will build can have lots at a nominal sum, to pay expenses of land, survey, putting out trees and such improvements, while *none* can be bought for a speculation. The experiment will be tried of conducting this settlement on a *liberal policy*, not merely from the great generosity of the Indians, but because it is believed it will pay in the end, by inducing a thriving settlement of workers. The Indians have determined to lay out one section of land, or a mile square, in the village plat, running on both sides of the Marias des Cygnes, (pronounced *Mary-de-seen*, and meaning "river of the swans.") The crossing is smooth, rock bottom the entire way, and the stream is rapid, but the volume of water usually small. A fine natural grove within the town-site, on the banks of the stream, will be preserved for a public park. The remainder of the site is rolling prairie. The lots will be large, the streets of good width, and everything planned to make a neat *village*, rather than an ambitious pretence of a *city*. In the transfer of titles every safeguard will be adopted to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors, by condition in the deed to that effect.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Three-fourths of a mile back from the river, and adjoining the town on the south, on a gentle swell overlooking the surrounding country for miles, will be located the section, or square