Dec 7th 1854

Susquehanna Western Emigration Company.

The Kansas Emigration meeting met pursuant to adjournment, at Kirkwood, on Thursday, the 7th inst.

The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution, reported the following preamble and Constitution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the "Far West" displays to the enterprising and industrious, of the more densely populated portions of our community, a wide and extended field, not only for their individual welfare and pecuniary benefit, but for the promulgation and advancement of civilization and enlightened freedom, and

Whereas, That portion of the Territory of the United States, which has been recently opened for settlement, known as the Kansas and Nebraska Territories, is now occupying more than an ordinary share of the public attention, inasmuch as it is supposed to offer superior inducements to the emigrant, and

Whereas, It is proposed to organize a Society, to be composed of individuals residing in and near the counties of Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego, and who shall emigrate to such portion of either of the above named Territories, as shall be selected by a Locating Committee, hereafter appointed, and which selection shall be approved of by the members of this Association, and

Whereas, It is our duty to encourage and facilitate emigration to the West, and as this can the more effectually be done by organization and associated efforts, through a well organized combination; therefore

Resolved, That we, as a Society, be governed by the following

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. We, the undersigned, do hereby form ourselves into a Society, to be known as the Susquehanna Western Emigration Company, for the purpose of settling a Township of land in the Territory of Kansas, or some of the Western States or Territories, and founding therein a corporate town, for the purpose of securing all the commercial, social, and religious privileges of the old States.

Art. 2. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are elected.

Art. 3. There shall be an Executive Board, consisting of the officers of this Association, and such other six members thereof, as may be elected at the annual meeting, who shall have charge of the general business of the Company, and shall also from time to time perform such special duties as may be required.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Board, give the casting vote in case of a tie, appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the meeting, and assisted by the Secretary, shall call meetings of the Association when deemed necessary. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall perform his duties.

Art. 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association and of the Executive Board.—The minutes of each meeting shall be read at its close and approved.

Art. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall communicate with individuals and Associations engaged in the cause of emigration, and procure such facts and information as shall tend to advance its interests.

Art. 7. The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive all funds paid into the Treasury, and disburse the same on a draft signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.