

passes, is known and designated by the name of "the Divide;" and besides being destitute of timber for 15 miles, is the poorest soil within a 100 miles. Fragments of stone are scattered all over the surface, while springs and streams appear to be nearly or entirely wanting. Yet Clark Creek, about half-way between, is a very sparkling, clear little stream, along the narrow valley of which, fine-looking lands, well protected from the winds by the high bluffs, offer opportunities for the selection of fine farms, with plenty of pasture on the high, contiguous prairies above. Eight or nine miles further on, the traveler finds himself on the crest of a height, quite overlooking the head branches of the Neosha and Osage; and from thence, their courses through the plain below may be followed with the eye, until they are lost in the distance. In the view before him, there is a most lovely farming district interspersed with hills and valleys, woodland and meadow, sufficient for all the purposes of a settlement.

Council Grove, an old trading post, on the Santa Fe road, is situated in the midst of this fine country we have just described. Not much of a village, to be sure; but it contains some log cabins, and the Methodist mission house or school for the Kaw Indians. This place, or some other not far from it, must eventually become a town of considerable importance; because the very fine country about, will soon be thickly settled, and require a place for marketing the farmers' produce and purchasing the necessaries for a family. It may become something of a depot for the Santa Fe traders and travelers. Here we pass one of the last out-posts

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