

augmented, and every accession only added to the social enjoyment.

At St. Louis we remained over the Sabbath, (but indeed we only reached it that morning for a late breakfast,) and on Monday afternoon, with more cars and more excursionists, we set off for Kansas, arriving at Leavenworth for breakfast on Tuesday morning, 305 miles. Here we had a grand reception—a sumptuous dinner, a ride to Fort Leavenworth, where we were warmly welcomed by Generals HANCOCK and HOFFMAN, and their ladies; then a ride over the charming heights which overlook the city, the river, and the beautiful and well-cultivated little valleys which lay beneath. In the evening we ran over to Lawrence, where we met a similar reception, had a spirited meeting and quite a pleasant time. The next day we started up the matchless valley of the Kansas, dined at Topeka, and slept at Junction City. The following day we ran on, dined at Salina, and arrived at Clear Creek, a short distance on this side of Fort Harker, then the end of the finished road. Here the narrative is taken up in the following letters. But my object in this publication is not so much to give an account of the trip as to speak of the country and the great work which we came out to see.

The following is a list of the excursionists who joined the party east of the Mississippi:

Hon. Simon Cameron and wife, Pa.	J. D. Mallery, Philadelphia.
Hon. Benj. H. Brewster, Att'y Gen., Pa.	Anthony Taylor, Philadelphia.
Hon. H. A. Risley, Washington.	J. Norris Robinson, Philadelphia.
Miss Risley, Washington.	Thomas S. Stewart, Philadelphia.
Hon. A. F. Stevens and wife, N. H.	H. C. Thompson, Philadelphia.
Hon. J. A. Nicholson and wife, Del.	J. C. Browne, Philadelphia.
Hon. A. H. Laffin, wife and daughter, N. Y.	B. J. Taylor, Philadelphia.
Hon. W. E. Chandler, wife and son, Washington.	Charles H. Rogers, Philadelphia.
Hon. Frank Jordan and wife, Pa.	Maj. A. R. Calhoun, <i>Philadelphia Press</i> .
Hon. C. H. Van Wyck, N. Y.	Francis Wells, <i>Philadelphia Bulletin</i> .
Hon. B. M. Kitchen, West Virginia.	A. K. Pedrick, <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> .
Hon. C. D. Hubbard, West Virginia.	G. B. Van Wyck, N. Y.
Hon. J. L. Thomas, Baltimore.	John C. Wyman, New York.
Hon. G. S. Orth, wife and son, Lafayette, Ind.	J. R. Young, <i>New York Tribune</i> .
Hon. G. W. Julian, Indiana.	J. R. Fitch, <i>New York World</i> .
Hon. W. E. Niblack, Indiana.	N. B. Hogg and wife, Pittsburgh.
J. B. Lippincott and wife, Philadelphia.	Miss Nellie Hall, Pittsburgh.
W. Hinchman, Philadelphia.	E. D. Kennedy, Pittsburgh.
E. M. Paxson, Philadelphia.	Josiah Copley, Pittsburgh.
John Price Wetherill, Philadelphia.	Wm. McManus, Reading.
Samuel S. Moon, Philadelphia.	Miss McManus, Reading.
	H. E. Steele, Coatesville, Pa.
	Mrs. Burnside, Pa.
	Mrs. Dr. Bobbs, Indianapolis.