

LETTERS.

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Arrival at Clear Creek, the end of the Finished Road — Meeting of the Excursionists at Clear Creek — Ellsworth — Arrival at Fort Harker — Curious Rocks — Prairie Grass — Country last passed over — Fort Harker — Another Meeting — Leave-taking — Expedition to Pond Creek.

ELLSWORTH, THREE MILES BEYOND }
FORT HARKER, June 7, 1867. }

WE arrived here this morning from Clear Creek, the present end of the road, four miles east of this place, where we stayed last night, supped in a big tent, slept in the cars, and where we had a glorious meeting, over which General Cameron presided, and at which Attorney General Brewster, of Pennsylvania, was the chief orator. His speech was one of classic elegance, and rose fully up to the inspiring associations with which we were surrounded. Mr. Perry, the President of the Company, was then called and made a few felicitous remarks. He was followed by Judge Usher, of Indiana, who spoke eloquently and in perfect accord with the unanimous sentiment of the party, that the great enterprise, the progress of which we had come to witness, was deserving of liberal aid from both government and people.

The following is the published report of this meeting:

Proceedings of a Meeting of Excursionists, held near Fort Harker, Kansas, at the western end of the Track of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, as far as completed on this Route.

CLEAR CREEK, KANSAS, June 6th, 1867.

Hon. H. A. Risley, Assistant Solicitor United States Treasury, called the meeting to order and nominated Hon. Simon Cameron, United States Senate, for President, which was unanimously agreed to.

The following named officers were then elected:

VICE PRESIDENTS:—Hon. A. F. Stevens, N. Hampshire; Hon. J. A. Nicholson, Delaware; Hon. A. H. Laflin, New York; Hon. C. H. Van Wyck, New York; Hon. B. M. Kitchen, W. Virginia; Hon. C. D. Hubbard, W. Virginia; Hon. J. L. Thomas, Maryland; Hon. G. S. Orth, Indiana; Major General Hancock, U. S. A.; General Haines, U. S. A.; General Hazen, U. S. A.; General Donaldson, U. S. A.; General G. W. Morgan, Ohio; Hon. J. B. Henderson, Missouri; Hon. C. A. Newcomb, Missouri; Hon. W. E. Niblack, Indiana.

SECRETARIES:—Alexander K. Pedrick, of Pennsylvania; C. C. Fulton, of Maryland.