

be an interesting one, and will probably conduce to the prosperity and well-being of both.

WYANDOTTE.

This town is situated at the mouth of the Kansas, and is bounded by the Missouri on the east and the Kansas on the south. The location is neither ample nor pretty, and the aspect of the place exhibits neither taste nor thrift on the part of the people. Kansas City is in full view from this place, looking down the Missouri and across the Kansas, just where its waters mingle with those of the greater river.

TOPEKA.

This is the capital of the State. The situation is pretty; and although the city is somewhat straggling, and the streets in bad condition, there are many handsome residences and several good hotels. I was there but a short time, and can only speak of it in general terms. I visited the ground where they are laying the foundations of the capitol. It is to be built of the fine soft magnesian limestone found around Junction City, of which I spoke in a former letter, and will doubtless be a very handsome edifice. To be the seat of the government of a State, however, is in my opinion a very questionable advantage to a city. Topeka is on the south side of the Kansas river, thirty miles west of Lawrence.

WAUMEGA.

This is a prettily situated new town on the railroad, some forty-five miles west of Topeka. I did not stop, but I observed a fine large hotel, and a fair appearance of business. The surrounding country is very good; and as it is settled up, Waumega will grow.

LECOMPTON.

This town of bad political fame is, or was, on the south bank of the Kansas, nearly midway between Lawrence and Topeka. Its record seems to have driven people away from it, and but little of it remains. I was not there.

MANHATTAN.

Leaving Junction City on Monday morning the 17th, I ran down on the train twenty miles, and stopped off at this beautiful little town at the mouth of the Big Blue, intending to remain one day; but I was so much pleased, and found so many objects of interest, that I remained two days.

I had letters which introduced me at once to the social life of the place and to the most generous hospitality, and I had an opportunity