

## Bypaths of Kansas History

### LOVELY KANSAS

From *The Kansas Herald of Freedom*, Lawrence, May 30, 1857.

The heavy emigration to Kansas this year was about one month too early. The season has been unusually backward everywhere, but in Kansas we have suffered most, because persons coming here were looking for verdure and beauty, and in place of it they found dust and blackened fields, and cold winds.

But spring has come at last, and the prairies and forests are redolent with beauty, and nature is rejoicing at the sunshine and the flowers. We regret that the thousands who came and have gone back disappointed with Kansas, could not be here *now*, and see our lovely country *as it is*, smiling in natural wealth, and contrasting favorably with any country the sun of heaven has ever shone upon.

Rev. Mr. Pierpont, the venerable poet, remarked the other evening that he had travelled all over the United States, and visited the ancient seats of empire in the old world, had visited sunny Italy and Greece, and the middle and northern countries of Europe, yet in all his journeyings his eyes had never rested on such loveliness as he was allowed to look upon in Kansas. Said the old man, his eyes sparkling with enthusiasm, "I believe God *might* have made a lovelier country than Kansas, but I am sure he has never done it."

Those who have returned back forgot that the East, too, was cold and backward almost beyond precedent.

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### MAIL DELIVERY IN 1870

From the *Daily Kansas State Record*, Topeka, October 8, 1870.

EARLY MAIL TO BURLINGAME.—For some days past the Topeka postmaster has made up a mail and sent it to Burlingame on the early train. The postmaster at that place wrote him yesterday that they had no way to get the bag from the depot to the postoffice, and it will be sent no longer. If our Burlingame friends will contrive some plan to take the mail to and from the train, they can have two mails a day.

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### THE FORERUNNER OF THE TRAILER?

From *The Kansas Daily Commonwealth*, Topeka, December 21, 1872.

A frame hotel building, 20 x 40 feet on the ground, and two stories high, was recently moved from Labette City to Parsons. The direct distance between the places is nine miles, but to secure favorable roads a circuit of fifteen miles was traversed. Twenty-four yoke of oxen were used to draw the building, and eight days were consumed in making the trip. A family occupied it and kept on with their regular house-keeping during the time.