

Pearlette Call

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THE "CALL."

How do you like our name? Is it not suggestive? It is a CALL for YOU to come to Kansas; to Meade; TO PEARLETTE. Heed the CALL and be happy.

OUR COLONY.

For the benefit of those who have not known of our colony from its inception we will give a brief synopsis of its origin and workings:

The idea of organizing a colony in Muskingum County, Ohio, originated, if we are not mistaken, with Mr. Dan. Dillon early last summer. A meeting was at once held in Mr. Dillon's parlor and the society formed, with Mr. John Joblin as president. Meetings were held at short intervals until mid-summer, after which we met every second Saturday evening in the Court House. New members were received at every meeting, the initiation fee being nominal.

During all this time it was hoped by most of the members that enough money could be raised by donations, fairs, festivals etc. to pay transportation charges to Kansas and buy a team for every

fourth family. It was expected that there would be such a rivalry among railroads that our fares would be but a small item.

A committee of three was sent out in October to select a location, and they unanimously reported in favor of our present site.

The fee for each family was fixed at \$ 52.00 which was to cover all expense of taking us to our new homes.

Early in the winter the date of our departure was fixed for Feb. 14th.

After the fairs and festivals and mites had all been held; after the donations had all been collected; after the begging had all been done, and we had paid \$ 1.13 pr 100 on all freight we had in excess of 750 lbs, the 18th of February came — and the ZANESVILLE COLONY left with \$ 000100.00 in the hip pocket of the treasurer! [P. S. This did not include DEBTS UNPAID of about \$ 50. 00]

If there is a more beautiful country than Meade Co. we know it not.

Please notice the advertisement of M. COLLAR, on another page.

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THE COVER

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lish the town of Pearllette in Meade county, Kansas, early
in 1879, came the type and press for publication of its news-
paper, the *Pearlette Call*, first issued on April 15, 1879. The
first page of this newspaper is reproduced on the cover,
and the remaining 11 pages of the 12-page issue appear
between pp. 272-273.