

Bypaths of Kansas History

HATCHET WOMEN BEFORE CARRY NATION

From *The Sumner County Press*, Wellington, April 9, 1874.

Down in Burlingame they have the whisky war. The ladies meet in the Methodist church every day, very much as their metropolitan sisters do, and organize raids on the liquor dealers.

Mrs. A—— and Mrs. W——, of that town, have drunken husbands. When their husbands get drunk they disturb the furniture and mash the mirrors.

Mesdames W—— and A—— thinking the saloon keepers needed some other kind of suasion than prayer, procured a little hatchet apiece, and growing impatient at the delay of their sisters, sallied forth on their blessed mission. They approached Mr. Schuyler's saloon. Mrs. W——, a little woman weighing less than a hundred pounds, stepped up to the bar and said; "Mr. Schuyler, I have come down to show you how my husband acts when he comes home drunk with your whiskey;" and suiting the action to the word, she brandished her little tomahawk and commenced smashing the magnificent mirrors, delicate decanters, and gorgeous glassware of the drinking booth. Mrs. A—— joined in, and whether the crusade can be recorded in history as a success, it is plain that the effects of the raid were visible when the ladies retired. The hatchet movement has this advantage: You can tell where the ladies have been.

BUSY CALDWELL

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Seven buffalo paced through the principle business street of Caldwell one day last week.

A GOOD WORD FOR KANSAS

From the *Newton Kansan*, April 22, 1875.

H. Buck, an intelligent gentleman of Illinois recently made an extensive tour through this State, and in a letter to the *Decatur Tribune*, sums up his impressions of Kansas as follows:

Many speak and write discouragingly in reference to the future of Kansas. Let all such barrel up their tears to be poured out for those sections which may need them. Kansas will not be among the number. God made Kansas as he made Illinois, to be a grainery of exportations of food, not of importations. A few decades, more, when Kansas shall be brought into as good a state of cultivation as even Illinois, and she will be able to furnish food for all the colonies of grasshoppers in the west, as well as for the "rest of mankind" in the east. Her resources in all the natural elements that go to make up the development of an empire state are simply immense. The products of the Arkansas Valley alone, will be equal, eventually, to the supply of food for the million. Manhood, in physical, mental and moral perfection, will yet culminate in the high altitudes—the pure, healthy and bracing atmosphere—in the mild and genial climate and the rich and varied productions, the educational and religious culture of this young giant State.