

Bypaths of Kansas History

A GLIMPSE OF EARLY-DAY JUNCTION CITY

From the *Junction City Statesman*, October 13, 1860.

LIVELY.—Our city, for the past few weeks, has presented a very lively appearance. Not a day passes but what our streets are filled with conveyances from the country surrounding, bringing to our market the products of the soil and dairy, and bearing away the indispensables of life from the stores of our merchants. Little and big dirty boys take great delight in peering into the wagons which throng our thoroughfares, and woe be to the unlucky wight who leaves an eatable within their reach. Many of these urchins might give authentic testimony as to the expertness of our farmers with the ox-gad. The ladies from out of town are beginning to visit our thriving city in goodly numbers. Their presence will have a tendency to wipe the dust from our merchants counters, and compel the clerks to brush their hair at least twice a week. We are glad to see it, as it gives undeniable proof of the growing popularity of our town, and places the question of Junction's success beyond the shadow of a doubt.

FRONTIER HUMOR

From the *Marysville Locomotive*, July 2, 1870.

A lady on the road between this place and Seneca, at whose house a gentleman stopped to refresh himself with a draught of water, tasted a peculiar flavor in the aqua, and said to her: "Madam, there seems to be something the matter with this water?" "I don't know, sir, about that; there *was* a rabbit fell in there 'tother day, but we strain all the water and get all the hairs out, sir!"

DID YOU EVER THINK YOU'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY—?

From the *Washington Weekly Republican*, April 4, 1873.

The chief debts of the five great divisions of the earth are thus stated: Europe, \$17,000,000,000; America, \$2,865,000,000; Asia, \$675,000,000; Africa, \$195,000,000; Australia, \$190,000,000; total \$20,925,000,000.

CALL OUT THE WELCOME WAGON

From the *Ford County Republican*, Dodge City, February 16, 1887.

Owing to the more strict morality and purer society of Dodge City, Madam Handie has removed to Garden City, where for a long time her branch house has been more profitable than headquarters here. *Garden City Sentinel* please copy.