

## Bypaths of Kansas History

### A GOOD CROP OF KANSAS BABIES IN 1863

From *The Kansas State Journal*, Lawrence, May 21, 1863.

We brag about our young State for her pluck, her love of liberty, and her patriotism. We feel none the less disposed to boast of her for her self-helping and self-reliant disposition.—In the absence of active causes tending to send to her immigrants to occupy her vacant farms, she goes to work to people her domain on her own hook, and from her own internal resources. The climate and other conditions are favorable to the growing of babies. Babies make men and women. They are what are wanted. So the capacities of the country are put to the test.

One car on the train going East on the H. & St. Joe road one day last month had twenty-nine babies aboard. Twenty-four of them were born in Kansas.

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### THIS FROM A DODGE CITY CRITIC!

From *The Globe Live Stock Journal*, Dodge City, May 19, 1885.

The Adamless Eden, as rendered by a troupe of nineteen or twenty ladies at the opera house Thursday night, drew a large audience of "Adams," who, by their repeated applause, appeared to appreciate all they saw and heard. Some of the singing was very fine and the play throughout was good, with nothing in itself immoral or indecent. Although the troupe has met with unsurpassed success, and was not in any way short of money, they appeared to be very scarce of clothes, and although they were representing the customs and costumes of the Garden of Eden, it appeared to us the fig leaves were awful small. This is the only objection that can be made to the troupe.

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### AN OPERA COMPANY TRAVELS BY HANDCAR

From the *Parsons Sun*, March 22, 1888.

The Andrews Opera Company, which is booked to appear at the opera house in this city the last of the present month, played an engagement at Chanute Thursday night. They were billed to appear at Erie last night, but the Southern Kansas railroad being tied up by the strike on the Santa Fe system, and therefore not running any trains, the company was in a quandary how to get to Erie, until it was suggested that they could make the trip on a hand car. The idea was at once adopted by the company and they departed for Erie on a train consisting of five hand cars. They reached Erie in time to play their engagement Friday night, but their respective shoulders are so sore from pumping the cars that they may not be able to get out of town in time to meet their next engagement.