

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 4, 1872.

On Saturday morning, at six o'clock, A. M., with Mr. Chase and wife accompanied a Western wagon and drove across the country six miles to Shenandoah, to take the cars.

At Shenandoah we parted with our friends and took the train for Hamburg, a point on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs R. R.

We were hurried from the branch train to the main line of the K. C. St. J. & C. B. & R., which had halted a few moments for us.

As we rolled along down the bed of the muddy and treacherous Missouri, the bluffs were a mile or two to our left while the river was almost an equal distance on our right.

St. Joseph is the most important town on the route on the Missouri side. It is one of the oldest settlements on the river. It is substantially built upon the high bluffs, and is the center of a large and increasing trade.

A few minutes after four o'clock we reached Harlan on the North side of the river from Kansas City.

Mr. Kiser left Bedford with his family less than five years ago and located in this place, in what was then the country, there not being more than half a score of houses on Twelfth street east of Main, and now the city has enveloped him on all sides and extended far beyond him.

spent in running over the city and seeing the various objects of interest. Kansas City is built upon the high bluffs of the Missouri river near the junction of that river with the Kansas, and where the farmer makes its great bend from a Southern direction to that of an Eastern, across the State of Missouri, to its junction with the Mississippi. It is not in Kansas as its name would indicate, although a new portion of the city is. It is growing very rapidly. Eight or ten railroads already center here, and others are projected.

To-night at 10 o'clock I take the Kansas Pacific R. R. to Denver, leaving my companion here with his numerous friends. While you are quietly casting your ballots to-morrow to ratify the verdicts of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, rendered on the 8th of October, I will be rolling over the vast plains, frequented by buffalo and antelope, between this and the mountains.

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for hours in hopes of seeing a real live buffalo. Prairie dogs and antelopes were very numerous but no buffalo. It was amusing to see the frightened antelopes running parallel with the train, at the distance of a fourth of a mile, endeavoring to get away from it, but blood and muscle would eventually fall behind iron and steam. At last the sun was setting low down on the western horizon and I had given up all hopes of seeing living buffalo when a cry of "buffalo! buffalo!" came from the south side of the car, and there loping away from the train were four full grown buffalo and a calf. I was gratified. At Buffalo, and several other stations, I saw hides piled up in great numbers. Parties are employed, the whole year round, to kill buffalo for the hides merely. Congress should pass a heavy penalty for this kind of wanton destruction. I saw the skinned carcasses of six full grown buffaloes lying within a radius of one hundred yards, and their skeletons can be counted by hundreds upon any elevated within the range. Some of the hunters occupy very queer quarters. They live in caves and sad houses. The caves are covered with sod and generally have a keg or barrel for a chimney.

At an early hour I retired for the night. All day long we were striking due west from Kansas City. The railroad is in an excellent condition, and the Pullman cars run as smooth as they do on our Eastern roads. The ride, however, is a very monotonous one. Nothing for hundreds of miles but one vast black plain, made so by the prairie fires caused by sparks from the engines. No one can judge the country by simply reading a description of it. "Go West!" and let me add, try the Smokey Hill route.

At an early hour this morning the porter of our car awakened us with the assurance that we were approaching Denver. I found that we had arrived upon the heels of a snow storm, and that the vast plain and the mountains—the Rocky Mountains—which began to loom up in the distance, were covered with snow. The porter said that it was feared, during the night, that the drifts might interfere with our progress. The country looked very dreary. It was very apparent that Denver was in the midst of an agricultural region. An hour later and I arrive here and put up at the American House.

Denver is a very busy, bustling place. Many of the business houses are very fine with plate glass fronts that must have cost thousands of dollars. The streets are wide and a number of them well built up. There are, however, entirely too many draught shops. There must be a vast quantity of liquor drunk here to afford all this engaged in the business a living. The population does not exceed 12,000. It is principally a supply depot for the mining regions. The mountains look as if they were only three or four miles away, but I am told that they are about seventeen miles off. I learn from the Rocky Mountain News of this morning that Grant has carried three-fourths of the States—This is glorious! I must quit. I take the next train for Pueblo, where I expect to meet W. W. Borst, Esq., Superintendent of the Narrow Gauge Road. My next will reach you on that point. J. R. D.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION assembled at Harrisburg, on Tuesday of last week, and organized by the unanimous election of Hon. Wm. M. Meredith, of Philadelphia, as President, and the selection of a full set of subordinate officers. Nothing of importance has transpired up to the present except the passage of a resolution to meet in Philadelphia after the meeting of the next Legislature.

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Official Vote of Pennsylvania.

We publish below the official vote of the State at the election for President, November 5, 1872.

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Terrific Fire in Boston.

The following is a minute description of the terrible conflagration which visited the city of Boston on the 9th and 10th instant: About 70 acres of the best stores in Boston are in ashes, including almost all the wholesale shoe and leather, and dry goods and wool establishments in the city.

There was hardly a breath of air stirring when the alarm was sounded—about 7 o'clock, followed by a second, third and fourth in rapid succession; but the first engine was hardly on the ground when the fire broke out from the fourth story of a large four story granite building.

The fire was now on Federal street, and the wood houses were going like oil factories. The paper houses came next. The fire extended on both sides of Lincoln street. On Russia wall all the buildings, not only with rag, paper and junk merchants, but also with fine residences, were destroyed.

The area of the burnt district will be found when carefully estimated, says the Daily Elevator, "lightly to exceed sixty four acres, or 2,675,840 square feet. Dedicating the space covered by streets, the area occupied by buildings is a little less than 2,000,000 square feet.

is true, but able to meet all their engagements, and to continue their business. The same may be said in general terms of the large manufacturers and dealers in the city. The goods in hand are consumed, but their surplus of assets in bills and accounts receivable, together with what insurance they may be able to recover will save them. That there will be failures in several of the leading business houses is probable, but in the case of many firms, we believe, it will be found that after a suspension of payments until they can ascertain how much of their insurance can be realized, they will resume payments and go on as before.

The suspension of payments was followed by a general strike early Monday morning and before the flames were checked. Twenty-seven newspapers and magazines were burned out—Olive Optic's Magazine, Waverly Magazine, and the Flag of Our Union being among the number.

It is estimated that \$2,000,000 will cover the entire loss of the Philadelphia companies. The loss is an m-pity sustained by the strongest companies, with a surplus more than sufficient to cover the loss.

The following is a statement of the actual losses of the Philadelphia companies; Insurance Company of North America, \$300,000; Union Mutual, \$34,000; Delaware Mutual, \$40,000; 10,000; Franklin, \$50,000; Grant, \$50,000; Pennsylvania, \$300,000; State of Pennsylvania, \$100,000; Merchants, \$300,000. Total \$2,904,000.

All the domestic wool in the city has been up to the date of the conflagration, and three-fifths of the goods in the shops of foreign and domestic manufacture and pulled wool destroyed by the fire cannot fall short of 8,000,000 pounds, while the entire stock remaining in this market consists of foreign wool, and is less than 8,000 bales.

Preparations have already begun for the reconstruction of the city, and the reconstruction of stores and warehouses. The Shoe and Leather Association has appointed a committee to ask from the City Government the unoccupied ground at Fort Hill as a site for new stores.

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there met the lady, was married, remained throughout the convention and quietly returned to Washington, to resign his clerkship and exist without visible means of support. The lady soon followed him here, and made her home in the Arlington, where she resided some time, occasionally receiving the fortunate husband and looking him with presents of diamonds rings, gold watches, &c., winding up by transferring him a whole business lot in San Francisco, with the business thereon, a very valuable piece of property, of which she herself holds a copy in New York. Next they started for Philadelphia, where the lady took a sudden notion to go West, the only notification the ex-drug clerk's friends receiving of her intention being a telegram couched in these words:

Yesterday a letter was received from the Pacific Slope, containing the information that the young man had started a magnificent wholesale drug store at the Golden Gate. The immense wealth which has fallen to his lot, together with the excellent manner of match making, and the beautiful high standing of the wife, are the nine days' wonder. Our late drug clerk is of course a very stylish young man. He was formerly a captain in the rebel army, where it is reported he served with distinction, is well connected here, and has a good reputation in society.

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