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NEMAHA LAND DISTRICT.

ITS TOWNS, POPULATION, &c.

BROWNVILLE,

Nemaha County; is situated on the Missouri River midway between St. Joseph, Mo., and Omaha, Neb., and on an exact air line drawn from Quincy, Ill.—the great Railroad centre on the Mississippi—and Ft. Kearney on the U. P. R. R., and directly on the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad, for which the right of way has already been granted through the city. Its population is 4,000; contains four Churches; and a School House built, at an expense of $10,000, capable of accommodating 1,000 scholars, in which school is taught at least nine months out of the year. It has upward of 50 business houses, some of which carry stocks worth over $100,000; flouring and saw mills, machinery, wagon and blacksmith shops, meat markets, and other accessories which would make up the business for an Eastern city of 10,000 inhabitants. From its advantageous position on the river and good landing, it has become the emigrant for all goods destined for the counties west, and shipping point for the bulk of produce that goes east, and commands a trade of 200 miles into the interior, and at least 100 miles east and south. It is just 2 miles from Phelps City, one of the stations on the St. Joe & C. B. RR., by which connection can be had with all points east the year round. Very favorable soundings have been taken here to ascertain the feasibility of building a railroad bridge at this point. A good Ferryboat plies the river between this point and North Star, Mo. Daily mails from this point to all points on the river; tri-weekly to points in the interior. Daily Stages for all points on the river in this and Richardson counties and west to Beatrice. The office of the U. S. Assessor for Nebraska is located here.

PERU, Nemaha County, is located eight miles north of Brownville, has an enterprising population of 700; has several first class stores, a Flour and Saw Mill and does a thriving business with the surrounding country. Here is located the State Normal School, which under its present able management is one of the most noteworthy and beneficial institutions of the State. It is on the line of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad.

NEMAHA CITY, Nemaha County, is situated five miles south of Brownville; has a population of 300; has several large stores, a Grist Mill, and does a good business with the adjacent country, which is one of the richest in the State. This is the most beautiful town site on the river in Southern Nebraska and is on the line of the St. L. & N. Trunk R. R.

ASPINWALL, Nemaha County, is seven miles south of Brownville, below the mouth of the Little Nemaha River; has a population of about 200, has two business houses, is an excellent trading point, and is situated on the edge of the largest tract of timber in Southern Nebraska. It is on the line of the Trunk RR.

HILLSDALE, Nemaha County, ten miles south, on the Half-Breed Reservation, is situated on the line of the Trunk Railroad. It is a young, thriving town, has a No. 1 Saw Mill, stores, etc., and does considerable trade.

ST. DEROUN, Nemaha County thirteen miles southwest, is on the Half-Breed Reservation—one of the best timber tracts in Southern Nebraska. It has several stores, shops, etc., a grist and saw mill and is a good trading point, and is on the line of the Trunk RR.

LONDON, Nemaha County, seven miles west, is on the line of the projected R. & Ft. K. RR., has one store, etc., and is surrounded by a rich section of country.

FALLS CITY, County Seat of Richardson County, is 27 miles south of Brownville, 11 miles west of the Missouri river and 15½ miles from the Falls of the Great Nemaha. It has a population of about 700; has large stores, two churches and good school house. It is on the line of the Nemaha Valley railroad. The *Nemaha Valley Journal* is published here.

SALEM, Richardson County, 3 miles south is situated in the forks of the Great Nemaha in the geographical centre of the county, and cannot be missed by the Nemaha Valley railroad. It has a population of about 600; has grist and saw mills, stores, shops, churches, and a good school house.

ARAGO, Richardson County, is situated on the Missouri River; has a population of about 250; several stores, and is on the line of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad. It is settled principally by Germans, and has very fair prospects. The *Southern Nebraskan* is published here.

ATOO, Richardson County, is situated on the Missouri River, four miles above the mouth of the Great Nemaha; has a population of 200, with stores, churches, and a good school house. It is on the line of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad, which, with the Nemaha Valley Railroad, is supposed will make a junction at or near this point. The *Rain Register* is published here.

TECUMSEH, County Seat of Johnson County, situated on the North Fork of the Great Nemaha, is the junction of the proposed Nemaha Valley and Brownville, Ft. Kearney and Pacific Railroads. It has a population of between 700 and 800. Has quite a number of good stores, churches, a good school house, and all the necessary shops to carry on all the business demanded by a thriving county. The *Tecumseh Gazette* is published here.

VESTA, Johnson County, is eight miles west of Tecumseh, on a fork of the Great Nemaha River; a thriving town, and is on the line of the proposed Brownville, Ft. Kearney & Pacific Railroad.

HELENA, Johnson County, is eight miles north of Tecumseh, on the South Fork of the Little Nemaha. It is an excellent trading point, has stores, schools, and churches. A large German settlement is locating in the town and vicinity.

PAWNEE CITY, County Seat of Pawnee County, is on Turkey Creek, within eight miles of the Kansas line, and within a few miles of the proposed line of the Atchison and Lincoln Railroad. It has a population of about 300, with large stores, good churches, a seminary, shops, etc. It is a progressive town. The *Pawnee Pioneer* is published here.

TABLE ROCK, Pawnee County, is situated on the North Fork of the Great Nemaha River. It has a grist mill, several stores, churches, school house, etc., and is surrounded by a rich country.

BEATRICE, County Seat of Gage County, is situated on the Big Blue River, on the line of the Brownville and Pacific Railroad. The U. S. Land Office for the Nemaha Land District is located here. It has now a population of 600, with a prospect of becoming one of the finest inland towns in Nebraska. It has several large business houses, mills, etc., and is a very progressive town. The *Beatrice Courier* is published here.

BLUE SPRINGS, Gage County, is situated on the Big Blue; is a good trading point; has a rich surrounding country, and very fair prospects.

MERIDIAN CITY, County Seat of Jefferson County, is situated on the sixth principal Meridian, in the centre of Jefferson County, and west of Beatrice. It is a new town, has already considerable improvement, and bids fair to make an important inland town.

FAIRBURY, Jefferson County, situated on the Little Blue, 30 miles south-west of Beatrice; is a thriving young town; is surrounded with a good country, and has very fair prospects.

FREMPONT, (formerly Jenkins' Mills,) is situated 30 miles west of Beatrice. Has several stores, good dwellings, and is a thriving point.

SWAN CITY, County Seat of Saline County, is situated on the Big Blue River, 11 miles northwest of Beatrice. It is a good trading point; has several good houses, stores, and is situated in a good county.

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