

**THE COUNTY AND CITY**

**A Few Items For Our Friends in the East to Read.**

There are but few claims taken in the vicinity of Dodge City. The land is good, and we want the county settled with industrious farmers and stock raisers. Heretofore the business men have depended upon the Texas cattle trade for support, and have not tried to induce immigration. The railroad company has been anxious to settle the country and sell its lands east of us before putting this land into market. For these reasons no attention has been paid to settling the country.

Dodge City is one of the most promising towns in Kansas, and the land and farms in its vicinity will rapidly increase in value.

Fort Dodge, one of the most beautifully located military posts in the United States, is situated five miles east of Dodge City, on the Arkansas river. Scarcely any of the land in the vicinity of the Fort is taken.

The county is not burdened with bonded indebtedness; its only debt is \$8,000, incurred in building the substantial brick court house, which is now almost completed, the brick having been burned in this county.

Taxes are light. Partly owing to the good financial condition of the county, but more directly owing to the fact that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company pay the taxes on their road-bed and lands promptly every year, bringing many thousand dollars into the treasury.

The substantial bridge across the Arkansas river, just south of the city, was built by a private corporation, and at no expense to the taxpayers.

This is the only organized county on the line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Road where government land can be obtained within one and a half miles of the county seat.

A large tract of Osage Indian land lies in this vicinity, which is subject to entry at the exceedingly low price of \$1.25 per acre, one half the price of government land.

There are thirteen ranches attached to Ford for judicial purposes. It is safe to say that those counties will not be organized for many years. This leaves a vast and unlimited range for those desiring to procure good and lasting locations for stock ranches. For most of the counties thus named are Clark, Mead, Arapahoe, Fisher, Stevens, Howard, Kansas and Stanton, all well watered by clear, running streams, well furnished with abundance of water at all seasons of the year. Timber, sufficient for fuel, can also be found on these streams.

The altitude and dryness of the atmosphere, the comparative exemption from winter rains, the boundless range, the luxuriant grasses, and the various conveniences for shelter, make these counties much sought after for winter as well as summer range.

The fertility of the soil cannot be surpassed, consisting, in a large proportion, of thoroughly drained valley lands, producing bountiful crops of all the grains, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone.

In addition to this there is a system of sub-irrigation. The freshets of June and July, which usually last until the middle of August, supply the soil with moisture sufficient to raise a good crop, even in a drouthy season. The banks of the Arkansas river seldom average more than six feet above the river bed, yet, on account of its great width, the bottoms are never over town. The topography of the country is generally level. Bottom lands, 20 per cent; up land, 50 per cent. Forest, 5 per cent; prairie, 95 per cent.

The average width of the Arkansas valley in this county is from 10 to 18 miles.

The county is well supplied with springs, and water can be obtained almost any place by digging from ten to thirty feet.

The principal stream is the Arkansas river, which runs, in a winding course, through the entire county, from the west to the east line.

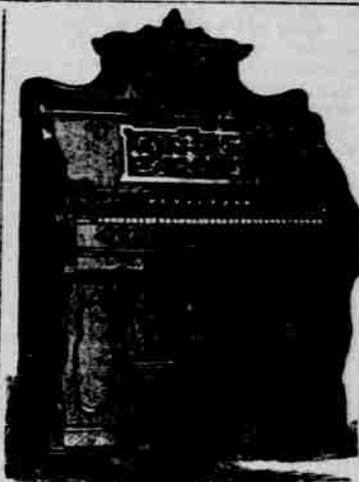
The smaller streams are Mulberry, Duck Creek, Saw Log, Crooked Creek, and others which are unnamed.

A good quality of lime stone is found in the vicinity of Fort Dodge.

Dodge City is an organized city, with a Mayor and Council, composed of the best citizens, who are doing everything in their power to promote the moral and financial interests of the city and its society. The heretofore rough name that the city has borne abroad has prejudiced many against the locality. The rough days of Dodge City are now things of the past, and the last year has been one of peace and prosperity. Churches and school houses have been built, societies formed and the city now has the aspect of a flourishing young commercial metropolis, with from four to six hundred inhabitants.

Nearly every branch of business is represented, and several of the principal merchants are doing considerable wholesale business. As this city, from its location, commands the trade of a vast amount of partially settled territory, we can safely predict for its future prosperity. A large number of substantial residences have been erected this summer, principally by the business men, who have faith in the prospect ahead for the city.

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