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consideration, and consider the measure citizens of this portion of the Territory, that it should be examined and discussed by all who are to be affected by it, and by every party, regardless of party rancor, of our people, and be most in accordance by all alike. If it should result disad tageously to the interests and prosperity of the Territory, none of us will be exempt from the common calamity. Our interests and our future destiny being the same, why should we not enter into an investigation of this movement in which we can have no opposite interests with other than a single desire to arrive at the same conclusions and thereby promote harmony of feeling, and unity of efforts.

It will not be denied that the Territorial form of government posesses some advantages not enjoyed by a State sovereignity. The expenses of erecting public buildings, constructing roads, and carrying on the Territorial government, &c., it is true, are paid by the Federal Government, which we are aware, is necessary in the infancy of any Territory .-But while the Federal Government defrays some of the Territorial expenses, it reserves to itself the right of controling the appropriations it makes, of appointin the Federal officers, and even of a veto on the Territorial Legislation. At the same time there are many, and, as we conceive, superior advantages realized by a State Government. Hence the people of a Territory always do desire, and always do seek, voluntarily, to exchange a Territorial for that of a State

We know of no instance in the history of our Government, where the people of a territory have not embraced the earliest opportunity, when the population would have admitted of a Representative in the House of Representatives, to make application to be admitted as an Independent State; while there are many instances where the application has been made at a much earlier period, and in exceed a fraction of the basis for Con-

gressional representation. The addition of the South Platte of the as the preliminary steps are taken towards forming and accepting a State Conect to entry, and where desired will furnish parties liv- stitution. Shall we then form the first and only exception in the history of the past, to refuse the position within our grasp, of becoming an integral part of a

sovereign State of the American Union? Shall we, in consideration of the trifling sum received from the Federal Government, for we cannot conceive of any other inducement, voluntarily prefer our present condition of political infancy, and with our eyes open, discountenance and reject the manifold advantages of a State Government within the Union?

so suitable as a natural boundary between Territories? political communities as the Platte river. A few figures will make this statement Much of the time utterly impassible,

the same State Government.

the 11th of December, 1858, in relation to the proposition expected to be pending before Congress, to incorporate that will reside on this small neck of Territion pet the usual live hundred thousand which to make such School selections, ter ourselves that the larger part of it is set apart in our Organic Act.

under a State organization, a conflict of of acres, which will be held and distrib- governments in the valley of the Missis interests between this section and that uted for the general purposes of im- sippi, we believe in every instance has section of a common State Confedera- provement. How long may we ask, must given an additional impetus to wealth, emand with the only desire to reach a solu- cy? If each section has its own local in- we remain as a Territory before we can igration, and enterprise. And judging tion as will best promote the common weal terests, each section will have that interterest represented. How will the ad- it, from the general government? dews of heaven on all alike?

of any necessary conflict in these interests | the power to alienate is secured. ing a river boundary of nearly three small force. Federal and State aid?

for that road or any other? True, grants | vantage.

posed organization? part of these lands will have been dis- in any other Territory. posed of, at the organization of the State government. The revenne which will result to the new State, and to us, in our proportion, to be distribute in works of head waters in the Rocky Mountains, lent for the grudging and stinted pittance there can be found no geographical line doled out annually and grudgingly to the

obvious. The amount of public land aland at all times difficult of fording, and ready surveyed and approved prior to the more difficult to bridge, nature evidently year 1857 in Kansas is 9,852.000 acres, and forwarding remittancesto any part of the Union. designed it as the dividing line between add the surveys of the present year, 2,-Independent States! Why, in organiz- 750,000 acres and we have a total of ing our politcal communities, should not about 12,000,000 acres, all of which now that line be respected? Its presence, in or will be in the market in a short time. dividing one portion of a community from The amount already sold there will not to forego the alluring advantages insepation. another, under the same local govern- exceed two millions acres. Leaving 10,- arable from a State organization? Will ment, will always be, as it has always 000,000 yet to be disposed of. In Nebras- not these advantages speedily return that been in the past, productive of sectional ka Territory the amount surveyed prior feeling. But there are no natural ob- to this year is 5,674,000 acres, about 2,structions to intercommunication between 500,000 of which was South of the Platte. the two Territories of Kansas and Ne- The surveys south of the Platte, this Omaha, N. T., having resigned his office will hereafter, braska which can suggest any geographcountry, attend to all business confided to him; and esical reason why the South of Platte and 000, not more than 500,000 acres has been Kansas Territory should not rally under sold, leaving 3,000,060 acres to be added to Kansas, if annexed, making the whole and their School lands being all pre-emp-It is true, that, geographically, the ter- amount of public land within the new ted, or embraced within the Indian reritory south of the Platte, which is pro- State, yet to be sold, and already survey, serves, they would come up in this secposed to unite with Kansas Territory ed, ready for sale, 13,000,000 acres which tion, and absorb a great portion of our vawill be in extent, as one to four, and at the minimum price will bring \$16,- cant land to make up the deficiency. hence, it is said, that our interests must 000,000. We assume that in four years To show the absurdity of this objecnecessarily be under the control of the it will be disposed of, and that the State tion it is only necessary to refer to the largest or preponderating interests in the of Kansas receiving five per cent of the Law. By the Organic Act, the same Territory! But if that is an objection gross proceeds, will receive from that quantity of land is reserved for School to becoming a part of the State of Kan- sale, eight hundred thousand dollars, purposes in each of the twin Territories, The Gallop of Art. sas, would it not be an equal one to any or two hundred thousand dollars per an- to-wit: Sections sixteen and thirty-six in which they are enabled to prosecute claims against the other State? Can that portion of the num, our proportion of it being more than each township. By joint resolution of has so elevated the taste of men that United States Government, or attend to any business before the General Land office with dispatch and to the present Territory on the Missouri be- the entire yearly stipend of the territo- March 3d, 1857, it is provided that in something more is demanded of the metween the Platte and the Nemaha rivers, ry of Nebraska. And when we reflect case either of said sections are settled or chanic now-a-days, than the preduction of or thaving been for many years connected with the United ever be anything else than a smaller part that comparatively, but a small part of improved prior to the survey or is occu- the mere necessaries. Guided thus, States Coast Surveys engaged on works of Internal Im- of of any State with which it may be the new State will be embraced within pied as a town site, then other lands shall Keevil, with the ripe experience of twen-Parms, &c., in any part of the Territory; and having connected, and which shall have the requisite population to demand admission is surveyed, we can realize how immense lieu thereof, as agreeable to the provis- journeyman, and seller, is preparing a architectural, &c.,) to the perfect satisfaction our cus- in the Union? What proportion of the will be the returns to the State, from this ions of the act of Congress approved on stock for the Spring of 1859 unequivocal. vast geographical limits of Nebraska source alone. May 20th, 1826. By referring to that ly the best in St. Louis, at all prices,

Territory, is this small section between The new State will also receive nearly last act, it is provided that the said selection On the subject of South Platte Annexation, the rivers alluded to? Can it be expec- fifty thousand acres for a State Universition should be made by the Secretary made to the citizens of Otee County, at a Public Meeting, held at Nebraska Territory, will every city, Saturday, Dec. 18, 1858.

ted that any State, framed from the present limits of Nebraska Territory, will every cert limits of Nebraska Territory, wil The undersigned committee, appainted sis of representation in the House of tory be included, will probably be located to be included, will probably be located to be included, and in the House of tory be included, will probably be located to be included. at a meeting of the people of Otoe Coun-ty, held at Nebraska City, Dec. 7th, with soon to be taken, will hardly make that ries. Besides these grants, already setructions to report at an adjourned basis less than one hundred and twenty- cured, the State will have a right to ex- that, were it possible to find no vacant meeting to be held at the same place on five thousand. When Nebraska Territo- pect the usual five hundred thousand public land within the land district from

part of Nebraska Territory south of the tory south of the Platte river? And if By the provisions of the law of the whether in the same State or Territory Platte River, with Kansas Territory, and not, how would we be better off, a dozen last session, known as the Conference How else did the State of Alabama, se the speedy admission as an Independent years hence, if then ready to form a State Bill four millions of acres of the public lect 2000 acres of public land, within Government, with pestiferous Platte river land, was allowed the State of Kansas, this very county, for School purpose That they have had the same under creating adverse interests, and at the with their then boundaries, and we can during this very year. mercy of the interests created on the oth- reasonably expect, that the addition of It were insulting common sense to dwe one of great and vital importance to the er side of that bridgeless stream? South Platte to that State, would entitle on so futile an objection. But why should there necessarily be, her by the same ratio, to another million The organization of the several State

with the progress of the age, and the vancement of one section, or the protections of land in each Township soil of remarkable fertility, with unparatprogress of our institutions. If there tion of its interests retard or injure the is reserved for School purposes by the leled natural advantages, with a position are any benefits to be derived from the other? Will not any land grants made Organic Act but they cannot be made on the great map of the West which in-Old Stand of M. F. CLARK, proposed annexation, it will be enjoyed proposed annexation, it will be enjoyed proposed annexation, it will be enjoyed to the new State, for educational, rail-available, under a Territorial organiza-sures to us, sooner or later, the grand roads or other purposes be held in trust roads, or other purposes, be held in trust tion. The title is in abeyance and can on- route of travel to the Pacific and the Inas a common fund, for the benefit of all ly be disposed of under a State govern dias, and abounding in all the material parts of the State? Will not the bless - ment. Hence, these grants, so impor- elements for a great empire; only give ngs of State legislation, descend like the tant to the weal of community, cannot be us a place in the American Union, as a converted into the means of education, State Sovereignty, with its consequent se We find ouselves at a loss to conceive despite Territorial efforts to do so, until curity to life and property, its spirit of

unless it may be in the construction of In a country like ours, depending for gress and development, a benificent sys railroads, and it will hardly be expected, its very stability upon the general diffu- tem of education and intelligence, with that the people of the State will be called sion of intelligence and education among its political weight and influence, and its upon to pay a State tax to construct rail- the masses, this reason why we should perfect guarantee of self-government. roads, or any other great work of inter- seek the earliest opportunity of forming and the free exercise of the proudest privnal improvement, that will benefit one a State government, and thus more effectilege of an American a voice in shap section only, at the expense and to the tually secure the means of education ing the destinies of this glorious Repubdetriment of another. In a State, hav- among us must strike every mind with no lic-who can doubt but that Kansas would

would be content with a single railroad? things being equal, they naturally seek trict will be the halo around it. Will not each section of the State have the security and stability of constitional For the forgoing reason, and others its own road, and each derive the same government, in preference to the uncer- which time will not permit us to discuss. As for our section-or the Territory one. It cannot be denied that the loose tion that it would be for the best interbetween the Platte and the Nemaha riv- legislation in our Territory, and the ab- est of this section, and of the people reers, the General Assembly of the Terri- sence of wholesome and stable laws, siding here, to be embraced within the tory, at its last session, unanimously adop- heretofore, have already diverted capital, contemplated state organization of Kanted a memorial, designating the route for wealth and enterprise in other directions; sas; and we, therefore, propose for the one Railroad, and there can be no earth- but which would have flowed in upon us, adoption of this meeting, the following doubt but what Congress, either in the had we enjoyed the advantages of a State preamble and resolutions; ordinance of admission, or at an early government. However the prospect now Whereas: It is expected that an Act day therefore, will make the usual grant of a change for the better may be in this will be introduced in Congress, at its presregard, the reputation already obtained, ent session, providing for such a change But while we remain a Territory is despite all that may be done, will have in the boundary line between Kansas and it at all likely that we can obtain a grant an influence and an effect to our disad- Nebraska as shall enable the people of

just merging into a State sovereignty, but torial debt of Kansas, incurred in the intes- tution with the people of Kansas, and the manner in which they were obtained, time difficulties among her people, which when thus united, of becoming an indethe misapplication of the grants them- have been exagerated to nearly one mil- pendent State of the Union; and whereselves, as well as the notorious corruption | lion of dollars, if we are included within as, the people of Otoe county are hereby resulting from them, will hardly weigh her State boundaries, we will have to pay in favor of such union upon certain conwith Congress as a plausible reason why our proportion of it. This fear is a readditions and desire to make known their that precedent should be followed, and so sonable one, and were it true, might prop- views and wishes in the premises; theresoon. Organize ourselves as a State and erly deter us from submitting to so gross fore, some cases, where the population did not we have a right to expect such grants, an injustice. But we take it, that any Resolved, That we are in favor of 12 and at once. The new land States have liabilities incurred by a Territory, in ma- passage of an act, at the present session all received them, and Kansas will form king defense against a foreign foe, or in of Congress, enabling that part of this no exception to the general rule. They suppressing internal rebellion or disor- Territory south of the Platte river, to be will follow, as of course. The grants ders, growing out of the want of federal included within the proposed State of Territory of Nebraska to the Territory will be made. Our railroads will be con- protection, must be met and will be met Kansas, when admitted into the Unionof Kansas, will give to the Territory thus structed. Our future secured. Were out of the federal treasury. The injustice exempting any part of it after such adunited, the requisite population to enable there no other, should not this reason, of of imposing upon the people of a territo- mission, from being subject to the payits citizens to demand admission, as soon itself, irresistibly incline us for the prowhile under federal protection and con- Kansas. The new land States have all received trol, is an absurdity which has never | Resolved, That Congress should pass two per centum of the gross proceeds of been attempted and will not be in this in- an act, at the present session, granting the sales of the public land within their stance. There can be no fear then, that the right of way, and donating the pubrespective boundaries and the State of the new State can be saddled with any debt lic lands, upon the usual terms, for the Kansas will be entitled by the law of the not legitimately created by the necessities purpose of constructing a railroad of last session to five per centum of these of the Territorial government-which is railroads from the Missouri river west proceeds. Comparatively but a small not likely to be larger in Kansas than ward, and in accordance with the Memo

Taxation is always regulated by the braska Territory at its late session. people to be taxed. In a State it is not more, ad valorum than in a Territory. Each county, within the prescribed lim | Hon. Jas. Craig, of Missouri, to be laid internal improvement, from this source its, fixes the amount of the county tax, before Congress and the President of alone will be immense and perpetual.— and the amount is the same whether in a the United States. From the mouth of the Missouri to its Will it not be much more than an equiva-

But were this not the case, we yet ask, shall the paltry difference in taxation in the one case or the other, influence us difference a thousand fold? Besides, if this objection be valid now

will its force be lessened a decade of years hence, and will it not necessarily keep us out of the Union and in territorial infancy forever? But it is said, that annex us to Kansas.

generous enterprise, its inevitable pr shine the brightest state in the Federal hundred miles, is it to supposed, that we Wealth and capital are timid. Other galaxy, and that the South Platte Dis-

tainties and fluctuations of a Territorial your committee cannot avoid the convic-

Nebraska residing south of the Platte were made once to a Territory as she was It is however, objected that the Terri- river to unite in forming a state Consti-

orial of the General Assembly of Ne-

Resolved. That a copy of these resol tions be sent to our Delegate, and to the

seldom more than the Territorial tax. In trate and embody public opinion in the this Territory the aggregate taxation is section of territory to be embraced in the believed to be more than in any State in proposed State, a South Platte Conventhe West. There can be no reasonable vention, composed of delegates from all fear that it will be materially increased parts of said section, be requested to aschanging the form of our govern- semble at Brownville, on the 5th day of January, next, and that the basis of representation in the proposed Convention, be the same as in the General Assembly of the Territory, under the Act passed

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolutions, this meeting shall elect nine delegates to represent Otoe county, in said proposed Convention, instructed to use all honorable means to carry out and give effect to the views embodied in these res-

Respectfully submitted. CHAS F HOLLY, Ch'n. MILTON W REYNOLDS W M'LENNAN A A BRADFORD SF NUCKOLLS W H TAYLOR JOSHUA G ABBE DAVID LINLEY, Com.