

Bypaths of Kansas History

TROUBLE AT MANHATTAN

From the *Manhattan Nationalist*, June 23, 1871.

DISGRACEFUL.—A number of boys, and some grown men, are in the habit of bathing in the Big Blue in the day time, but a few rods from the bridge, where those who cross that structure cannot fail to see them. Others make a regular habit of bathing between the dam and the crossing at Rocky Ford. This practice should be stopped—especially at the bridge. Any one making an indecent exposure of his person in public is liable to be arrested and punished, and we trust that the city Marshal will be instructed to nab every naked man or boy found near a public crossing of the river. Those who have no regard for decency themselves, should be made to realize that the community in general, are not willing to have the ladies of the city virtually prohibited from crossing the river in the cool part of the day. The mill company should see to it that decency is observed on their premises at Rocky Ford.

A LADIES DRIVING RACE AT THE PARSONS FAIR

From the *Daily Sun*, Parsons, September 11, 1892.

Considerable interest is being taken in the special premium of \$25 offered by Dr. C. R. Ellis in connection with the Parsons fair to the ladies that can hitch and drive a mile the quickest, and quite a number of ladies will compete for the prize. For the benefit of those who desire to compete for the prize THE SUN will state that the following conditions will govern the race. The ladies will drive their horses on the track in front of the amphitheatre. where they will unharness, leaving only the bridle on the horses, and they will lead their horses before the judges. At a given signal they will reharness and hitch and drive a mile. The lady making the mile the quickest will receive \$15, while the lady coming in second will receive \$10. Snaps on harness will not be allowed.

From the *Sun*, October 16, 1892.

The ladies driving race for special premium offered by Dr. C. R. Ellis was one of the most laughable incidents of the fair. There were three entries, Miss Minnie Braunsdorf, Miss Rose Briggs and Miss Mamie Smith. The ladies appeared on the track and unhitched, and at a signal from Judge Culbertson re-hitched and drove a mile. Miss Briggs was first to harness and hitch up and drive off, with Miss Smith a close second. Miss Smith's horse was rather unsettled and she was unable to make him trot so she permitted him to run. She overtook Miss Briggs and then a regular running race between the two horses was the feature of the contest. Miss Braunsdorf was some seconds behind the other young ladies in starting, but then she trotted her horse the mile without a hop or skip, and although the other ladies passed under the wire nearly a quarter of a mile ahead of her, the judges decided that she had fairly won the race.