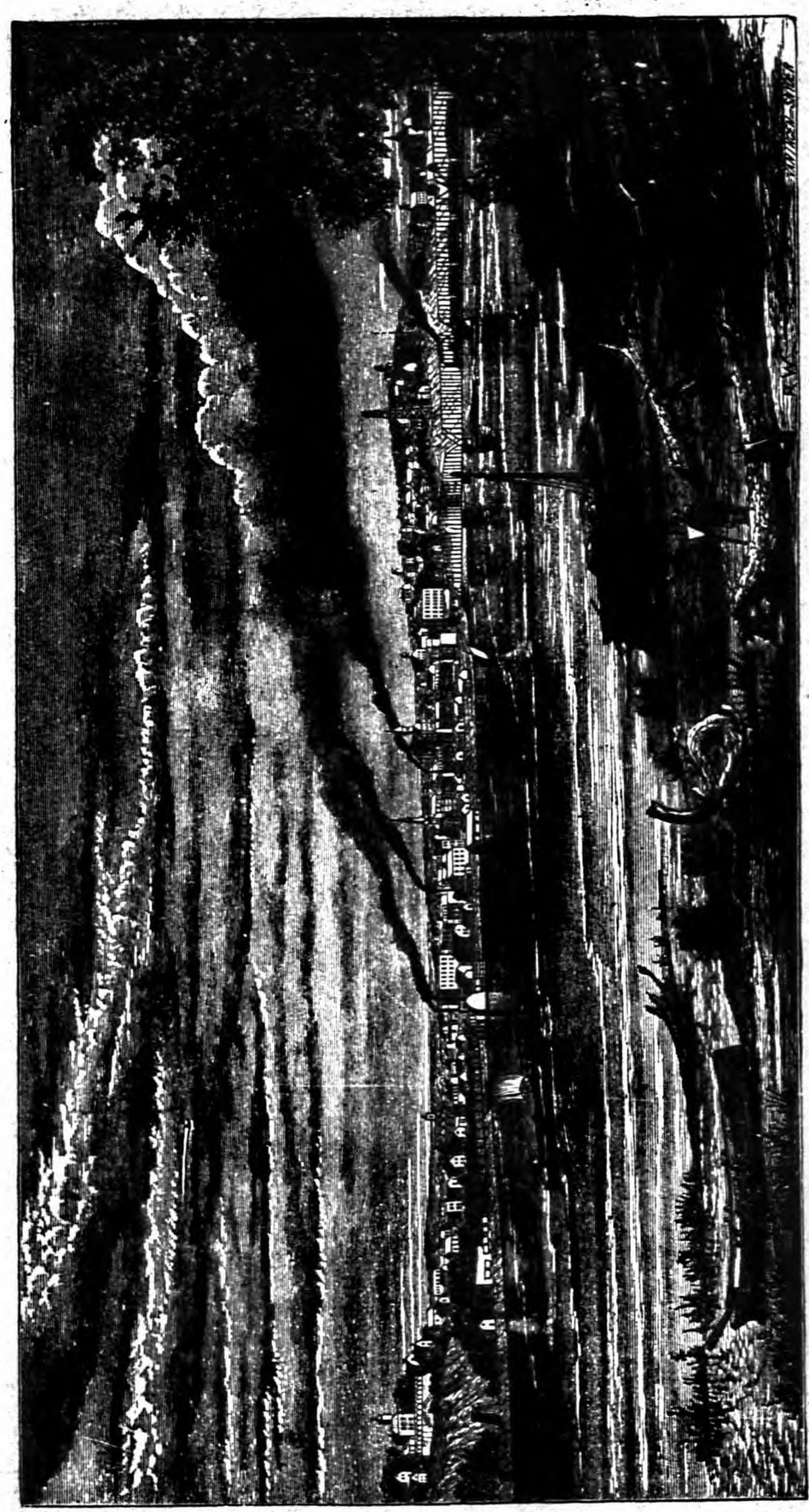

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The inexorable laws of commerce fix the location of business centres, and govern the rise, progress and prosperity of cities dedicated to the purposes of trade. These laws have been deeply studied. Their commentators are numberless, but, as yet, there are none wise enough to inform us why, in the establishment of commercial cities, there seems to be an arbitrary disregard of those natural advantages affording easy facilities for the building up and expansion of the places most favored by commercial good fortune. Nature may commend a location especially adapted as the foundation spot for a great city. The site may be a level plateau of easy access, well watered and sheltered with picturesque hills, with streets graded by nature for the use of man. But capricious commerce ignores all these attractions, and frequently turns from a location in every way suited to the purpose, and showers her favors with richest hand upon a spot where huge impediments must be removed, hills graded to the level, streams arched with viaducts, and adverse nature modeled to the demands and necessities of an aggressive civilization. The city of Chicago rose like an exhalation from a site condemned as wholly unsuited to the purpose it has since so grandly served.

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The peculiar configuration of the earth was not favorable for the easy building of a metropolis on the site of Atchison. Abrupt bluffs stood up from the banks of the river, rift only to allow an unromantic stream, with unstable banks, to empty its feeble current into the uncontrolable Missouri. It was an uninviting spot for the purposes to which it was dedicated, but not devoid of the picturesque. Geographically it was the natural gateway for the overland traffic which, for a few years, employed the best energies and talent of western business men. The site of Doniphan, five miles up the river, would have commended itself more favorably to the pioneering prospector who sought to found a city. There was a gentle ascent back from the river with slight obstacles in the way of internal improvement. But the inscrutable edicts of commerce went forth and pronounced that the spot upon which this city now flourishes and thrives should be the favored place, and that the face of nature should be changed by the artifice of man to accommodate a commercial population of energetic, active and zealous business people.

Atchison, the commercial centre of Kansas, over whose destiny the tutelary god of traffic presides, was conceived, and born, and christened that it might be to Kansas and the west an emporium of trade, a store house of marketable commodities from which the iron-wheeled caravans might load, and, moving like the winds, discharge their freight to the west, south and north, sustaining, strengthing and moulding the most aggressive type of civilization that the world has seen.

The history of Atchison is marked from the beginning by the enthusiastic confidence and pride of her people in their town, and a unity of thought, action and purpose when the interests of the city were at stake. Political issues and differences have invariably been "pooled" and united when, by so doing, any one of our citizens might be honored by official position reflecting credit upon the place

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of his residence. It is to this unselfish spirit of enterprise, loyal first and last to Atchison, that Kansas is indebted for her railroad centre, promising a future of the grandest probabilities, judging from the present and the past. The first railroad between Kansas and the East was secured by the labors of the citizens of Atchison. In 1854 a charter was secured from the Missouri legislature for the Atchison & St. Joseph Railroad. The measure met with no opposition, and, in fact, little thought was given to it at the time. The far-seeing sagacity of the founders of this city, as they struggled against natural obstacles and underwent the hardships of pioneer life, satisfied them that the labors of the beginning would be amply rewarded by a splendid triumph in the future. Doniphan, five miles up the river, and Sumner, three miles below, were, for a few years, larger than this city. Each of these towns contested earnestly the claims of Atchison. They grew and flourished, and for a time, the contest stood doubtfully; but the united labors of our people, their strong and abiding faith, coupled with their untiring energy, soon drew the life and substance from Sumner, leaving its brick blocks to be tenanted by bats and moping owls, with no inhabitants disposed to molest their solitary reign. The vigorous pretensions of Doniphan soon vanished. Her merchants bereft of customers for their wares, moved here, leaving behind a pulseless and dəspairing village; the sapless reminiscence of a commercial city. No river town in Kansas has been able to cope with or withstand the resistless power of that superlative good sense, that impersonal unity, that abandonment of all internal jealousy and strife, and that capacity and readiness for labor which has characterized the business population in their successful efforts to build up the city of Atchison and make it worthy of the commercial importance it now enjoys. It is not our purpose here to recount the history of this city. The annals of this State are full of the deeds and misdeeds of its first inhabitants, enacted when "bleeding Kansas" was the focus of attention; when north and south struggled

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With an intelligent population of sixteen thousand people, imbued with that spirit of enterprise and progress attested by the growth and substantial improvement of the city they inhabit, it is no over estimation to predict that in a few years the whole Missouri Valley will rejoice and refer with just pride to this city as one of the grandest evidences of western thrift and business enterprise that this country has ever seen. If the present is glorious the future will be resplendent with marvellous achievments.

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