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PREFACE.

The attempt has been made, in preparing this volume, to give, within a convenient compass, the most interesting and material occurrences and events in the history of the rise of a great Free State from a wilderness. Harrowing details and discreditable happenings have been purposely omitted.

The story has been told as a record of courage, steadfastness, and increasing devotion to the principles of human freedom and national union.

Events have been arranged, as nearly as possible, in the order of the years, with an occasional arrangement of the years in periods or groups, with no further classification or subdivision.

No attempt has been made to "write down" to the supposed intellectual capacity of children. Students old enough to enter upon the study of the history of an American State, it is believed, will find all the statements and conclusions comprehensible.

It is to be hoped that the reader or student will consider this small and necessarily limited history of one State, as a help and introduction to the study of the history of the American Union, which should be the pride and privilege of every American citizen in youth and age.

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

In submitting this revised edition of the History of Kansas no effort is made towards a re-writing or a general re-arrangement of it. The historical idea as given by the author, and his style of presentation are unchanged. The aim of the new edition is to correct such errors as have been discovered in the first publication, and to verify from the best authority points of questioned accuracy. Some small part of the work that seemed at first important and has proved to be otherwise has been omitted here.

At the close of each chapter little notes of interest that attract the student's mind have taken the place of the summary of events. A chapter has been added to bring the history down from 1899 when the first writing ended to include the larger portion of the year 1904. A complete outline of chapters together with an index and a list of good books of reference on Kansas history have been inserted among the closing pages.

The attention of the teacher is called to the fact that this is both a text-book and a book of reference. Many paragraphs that are unimportant to the scholar except for simple reading are valuable for history reference.

With gratitude for the kindly reception given to the former book, for all friendly and just criticism and all words of commendation the publisher sends out this new edition believing that a generous reception awaits it also, which is the reward for the spirit in which the writer gave it forth to the children of the State he loved.

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