Bypaths of Kansas History

HELP FROM WISCONSIN

From the Milwaukee (Wis.) Sentinel, May 17, 1856.

HO! WE ARE OFF FOR KANSAS!

KANSAS EMIGRANT TRAIN!

THE KANSAS TRAIN, consisting of eight covered wagons, will leave Milwaukee, Tuesday morning, May 20th, starting from Spring Street Hill, where the first encampment of the train will be made on Monday night.

"Free Homes for Kansas," "The right of the people to govern themselves," are our watchwords.

E. C. Ross,
J. B. Coffin,
J. B. Hunt,
and fifty others.

Geo. D. Lathrop,
G. W. Lee,
Robert Earle,
Hewey H. Fox,
Leonard Bush,
W. Raymond,

From the Milwaukee Sentinel, June 10, 1856.

THE MILWAUKEE KANSAS COMPANY.—On Friday last, E. G. Ross, Esq. (formerly foreman of the Milwaukee Sentinel office) with his company, passed through this city enroute to Kansas. We venture the assertion, that a finer company never left their eastern homes for settlement in the far West. The men are fully able to perform any kind of duty which they may be called on to perform, whether as farmers or mechanics. Their wagons are fitted up with an extra care for comfort and convenience. Mr. Ross, the captain of the company, has a beautiful rifle of Milwaukee Manufacture, with the following inscription neatly engraved on a silver plate:—“Presented to E. G. Ross by his comrades in the Milwaukee Sentinel Office, as a mark of personal regard and in earnest of their good wishes for Freedom in Kansas. Milwaukee, April 5th, 1856.”

A gentleman of this city presented a choice and valuable revolver to one of the company. The boys in the Journal Office, true to the general instincts of the “Craft” gave several pounds of “bait” for Deer and other kinds of game. Some other donations were made. The company will go by the way of Dubuque through Iowa, and will comprise on leaving the State, from a hundred to two hundred and fifty persons.

God bless them and sustain them through all their privations and troubles! May their success equal their courage and self-devotion.—Beloit [Wis.] Journal, June 6.

Edmund G. Ross, leader of the company, became prominent in Kansas as a newspaper publisher, and nationally as a U. S. senator when he voted in 1868 to save President Johnson from ouster.