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painting, showing the infant Union Pacific railroad, is one of
three Fort Harker originals still extant. Two are owned by the
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