

Indian's bark floated of whom we have no legend. In this wild, romantic and beautiful valley Ward and Wanton King took up their farms and erected their humble cabins within about one hundred rods of each other. Here they raised their families. Here they lived to see the growth and progress of the country around them, and here they enjoyed more of life than a Cæsar or an Alexander. In their old age, it is said, they usually met once a day for a sit-down visit, when each would relate some of the same old anecdotes, to as complete entertainment of both as though they were entirely new. Soon after the settlement of the Kings, Mr. Kent came in with a large family and joined them as a neighbor. From this time the settlement increased rapidly, and Cherry Creek became a hamlet with a variety store, postoffice, hotel, school house, blacksmith shop, etc. Here the people, full of patriotism and love of country, assembled with fife and drum on the Fourth of July to celebrate their victory over old England, and the glories of the land of the free and the home of the brave. This state of things may look insignificant compared to the pomp and display of present demonstrations, but these pioneer settlements were the corner stones of all the greatness and grandeur of our now magnificent country. Those were noble blooded men. They were brave, persistent, strong minded, honest people, who voted for General Jackson, honest government and equal rights. The Kings, Kents, Greenes, Bentleys and others intermarried and raised families to such an extent in and about Cherry Creek that a visitor cannot make a tour of the relationship in a period of six weeks. As a family and connection they are well provided with the necessities, conveniences and comforts of life. In fact, most of them enjoy all the luxuries of life that afford healthful and abiding pleasure. Their nicely painted farmhouses are furnished with carpets, instruments of music and upholstered furniture. Their neat and spacious barns are alive with fine stock and