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This morning the Oklahoma excursion will reach Kansas City after a trip which has done service in several ways. The Oklahoma movement has been strengthened and the whole influence of a powerful alliance of western cities will hereafter be thrown for settlement and for statehood. The excursion included clergymen and other professional men as well as representatives of the mercantile class. The things they have learned will spread rapidly through wide circles of opinion. New bonds of fellowship and trade have been established and the cities which contributed their able men to the excursion will receive as much benefit as will the Oklahoma settlers now and to come. An empire is building in the old Indian territory and building faster than any young states was ever built. Those who are its friends and helpers now will be its allies when the shackles of ancient barbarism are broken by a white American civilization. The excursion has been a magnificent success—encouraging to its projectors and beneficial to every moral and material interest of the southwest.

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