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Mr. T. Vogel, one of the German im-
migrants who landed at and passed
through Helena some weeks ago, in
search of a location for himself and a
large number of relatives and friends,
writes as follows: "We concluded to
settle and open the first colony in Cross
county, as the land up there is just what
we want and need. We also had a dis-
trict large enough to locate a settlement
of one hundred families, to build up a lit-
tle village and a good colony. What all
our people prefer to be as near together
as possible, so we may be able in a short
time to build a church and a schoolhouse,
so the education of our children will not
be neglected. One of our party left for
the east yesterday to bring the twenty
or thirty people, who are waiting already,
and we now commence to go to work in
building houses and getting our lands in
order at once. Two dozen families more
are now enroute to the United States, and
very soon we hope to have a lively and
busy time. This may be called the
"mother colony," and from here the
other branches will extend. Two other
colonies will be planted as soon as possi-
ble, probably near Fortner City, one in
Lee or Phillips county."