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The death of Ben Strothers, colored, removes a typical ex-slave, and many white people in Atchison would not have been afraid to have trusted Ben with their bank account. For fifteen years he worked in Joe Schott's hide house and he never took a nickel from his employer. In 1854 Strothers was sold as a slave in Kentucky for $2,700 and his new owner brought him to Platte county, Mo., where he remained until he came to Atchison in 1868, and took a job with L. Kiper & Sons.

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