

priations are made by Congress each year to pay for annual surveys. The appropriation for 1858 was one hundred thousand dollars, forty thousand dollars of which was expended for surveys in Kansas, and sixty thousand dollars for surveys in Nebraska. The Surveyor General has recommended an appropriation for the survey, during the present year, of the first and second standard parallels west to the gold regions, and a geological survey at the same time. If his highly practical and desirable recommendations are carried out, a few months will suffice to determine the exact geography, topography and geology of Central and Western Kansas, a region comparatively unexplored, but toward which all eyes are looking, and all emigration is tending.

BANKS.

There is but one bank of issue in Kansas in operation, and that is located at Atchison. This bank exists under the charter of the "Kansas Valley Bank," approved February, 1857. This charter was repealed February, 1858, but the branch at Atchison was exempted from repeal. It is in the hands of responsible parties, and its money is current throughout the Territory. A law was passed in February, 1858, chartering three banks of issue, named "The Lawrence Bank," the "Bank of Leavenworth," and the "Bank of Wyandott," located, respectively, at Lawrence, Leavenworth and Wyandott. None of these banks are yet in operation.

ROADS.

The natural roads of Kansas are, perhaps, better

