

MAIL ROUTES.

There are sixty-two mail routes established in the Territory, comprising in the aggregate a distance of three thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven miles, over which the United States mails are carried regularly, each way, at intervals varying from one day to one week. This does not include the great Santa Fe mail, which traverses the Territory in hacks, each drawn by six mules, over the Santa Fe road, from the line near Westport, Mo., to the crossing of the Arkansas river, each way, once per week, three hundred and sixty miles in distance, making the total of miles of mail routes, four thousand two hundred and twenty-seven miles, and the total of mail service in the Territory, eight thousand four hundred and fifty-four miles. All the principal lines are stocked with two or four-horse post coaches, but many of the minor ones are packed on horseback. Of these mails the Kansas Stage Company have a number of the principal lines, and contemplate stocking the central route, up the Smoky Hill Fork to the gold mines, on the opening of spring. Various other responsible and well-managed stage lines have contracts for mails, and all things considered, the transportation of stage passengers and mails is performed with as much dispatch in Kansas, as in any of the States where rail road facilities do not exist.

RAIL ROADS.

The construction of rail roads has already engaged the earnest attention of the people, and various dele-

