

time preparations are being made in almost every town and hamlet in the Union, for such an emigration to the Kansas gold mines as never was known in the wildest California excitement. The exact location of the mouth of Cherry Creek, which at present is the centre of attraction, is not generally known. Some maps place it west of Pike's Peak, others locate it in Nebraska; while the statements of returned miners locate it from 20 to 40 miles south of the Nebraska line. Its real position is in longitude $105^{\circ} 24' 34''$ west from Greenwich, and in latitude $39^{\circ} 43' 53''$. This locates it definitely in Kansas, and about 19 miles, in an air-line, south from the Kansas and Nebraska line. This creek takes its source about 40 miles due south from its mouth. By comparison, then, with points in Eastern Kansas, its mouth is due west of Palermo; its middle nearly due west from Leavenworth, and its source due west of Wyandott.

From Leavenworth to Auraria, in an air-line route, is 555 m.
 From Atchison, in an air line, is.....546
 From St. Joseph, Mo., in an air-line, is.....561

The best data accessible at present, gives the distance from the mouth of the Kansas river, (which is substantially the distance for Wyandott, Quindaro and Kansas City,)

Via Santa Fe route.....745 m.
 Leavenworth to Auraria via Santa Fe route.....742
 Leavenworth via Fort Kearney route.....700
 Atchison via Fort Kearney route.....684
 St. Joseph via Fort Kearney route.....692

Thus it will be seen that either of the present routes are longer by 138 miles, than an air-line. These comparisons, and a glance at the map, will at once show that the present routes are very circuitous; the Santa

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