

to admit the largest boats to land without any obstruction whatever, the water ranging from four to six feet. That of the Kansas is a rock-bound shore, and in the driest season of the year never measures less than from twelve to sixteen feet. It is reported by some that a bar forms in the mouth of the Kansas, to the obstruction of heavy draught boats; but the rumor is without foundation, as the channel of the Missouri is on this side, and must, from the course of the river, always remain so, thus causing deposits to accumulate on the opposite side; a conclusion which any one must arrive at who is in any way familiar with the channels of rivers where such formations take place. There will be two steamboats plying between different points on the Missouri River and Fort Riley, touching at Wyandotte, Lawrence, Lecompton, Topeka, and other landings on the Kansas. The navigation of the Kaw or Kansas River, as far as Fort Riley, during a greater part of the year, is a question settled in the minds of those acquainted with steamboating in the Western country. One of the boats is now being built in Pittsburg, and will be here as soon as navigation opens, freighted with pine lumber. The boat is owned in Kansas City and Wyandotte.

“With all this scope of country depending on the Missouri river for the great thoroughfare, and Wyandotte situated at the outlet, it must inevitably become one of the first, if not the first, commercial city west of St. Louis. It is said to be one of the handsomest locations on the river for a town site, and is now open for the disposal of shares. A large number have already been spoken for, and several contracts let for the erection of warehouses, stores, dwelling houses, hotels, &c., to be finished in time for the boats which will arrive from St. Louis this season.

“As regards locations for private dwellings, Wyandotte is unsurpassed; the land rises in gentle swells as it recedes from the river, and after reaching the highest point near the Kansas, one of the most magnificent river views presents itself to the beholder, that can be imagined. Two miles down the Missouri is Kansas City, ten miles further Independence looms up in the distance, while a large portion of the intermediate space enables the admirer to view the steamboats as they approach the city. On the left the broad Missouri is seen for a long distance up, while on the right for a number of miles the Kansas can be seen, as it comes rolling down between two belts of timber that overhang its moss-covered banks. Emigrants for Kansas cannot do better than to stop at Wyandotte. If they wish to locate on claims, this is the best and most eligible landing, and the easiest for access to the interior.”

The inquiry may be made, to which of the preceding named settlements does the Company give a preference? To which would they advise settlers to direct their course? We answer, the Company neither persuades persons to go to, nor dissuades them from settling