

MODES OF CONVEYANCE.—Vehicles are very frequently passing between Kansas City, Lawrence, and Topeka, by which means those who intend locating in the vicinity of said towns will be conveyed there, for about four dollars the passage. Persons and Parties destined for other sections of the Territory may engage conveyance, at Kansas City; or will probably adopt the course pursued by some who have preceded them; viz., those who intend to be Farmers will purchase their teams, and thus afford means for taking along the baggage of all their associates. There is a regular line of Stages between Kansas City and Lawrence, also between Leavenworth and Lawrence, and Kansas City and Osawatomie.

In the course of the season, it is expected that one or more steamboats and flat boats, constructed for the purpose, will ply on the Kansas river, ascending 150 miles or more, according to the stage of the water, and the encouragement extended to the enterprise.

We consider that no more profitable business could be engaged in, than that of transporting freight to the various settlements on Kansas river. It is true that the state of the river during a large part of the boating season of 1855 seems to militate against such an opinion. That season, however, was an extraordinary one; the Kaw river being, throughout the period, lower than it had been known to be for twenty-five years; and the cause which produced this, also seriously affected the Missouri and other Western rivers; viz. the small quantity of ice and snow in the Mountains the preceding Winter. The great abundance of both the past Winter, gives promise of a good state of navigation the coming season. Competent judges inform the writer that the Kaw River, will, on an average, be navigable, at least as far as Lawrence, three years out of four, through the greater part of the Missouri river season; when not navigable, the Boat could be remuneratively employed on the Missouri, conveying flour up, or grain down. To ensure a profitable business,

* See further on p. 22.