



with not a single improvement
in progress, the levee and
streets as nature made ^{them} (extremely
"North rough") 3 whiskey shops are furnished
with a billiard table and gambling
room, The population comprised
about a dozen very respectable
proslavery men a score or less
bleated ruffians loafing about
the whiskey shops to sponge a
glass of grog off some liberal
tippler who might ask them to
drink - about 50 hungry sheep-biting
looking dogs and about a half doz-
en ragged thick-lipped niggers.
With natural advantages as good
if not better than any point in
the Territory ruin decay and deso-
lation were beginning to stare it
in the face, As soon however as
the new company took hold of it
everything took an upward tenden-
cy. A contract for grading the levee
and a portion of the streets at a cost
of \$13,000 has been given and a good
portion of the work done, 30 or \$40,000
will be expended by the company for
this purpose, Hundreds of tons of