

The prairies, everywhere, produce abundance of hay and pasturage for stock; and horses, neat-cattle, and sheep will doubtless do well. The prairie grasses are uncommonly nutritious, if the condition of cattle which I have met with, may be considered fair evidence of that fact. For the raising of stock, as well as the cultivation of grain and fruits, there is no portion of the West that appears to be preferable; and, at the present high prices of everything, there is a home market for all that can be raised.

## KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City is on the southern shore of the Kansas and along the west bank of the Missouri, at the junction, of course, of those rivers. It now has about 1,000 inhabitants, or at least, is estimated to contain that number, though I have no means of ascertaining the exact figures. A natural ledge of rocks for a wharf, 30 feet depth of water in the river, at low stages, and as fine a plat for a city, between the wharf and the high bluff in the rear, as can be found on the Missouri, seem to mark it as the natural locality for the largest commercial town on the borders of this embryo State, or within the Kansas valley. This ambitious little city, now striving to her utmost powers for the whole of the emigrant, Santa Fe, and California trade, is the scene of active preparation in the Spring, of parties and trains for a long and tedious journey across the plains of the wild, wild West. Long lines of emigrant parties, preparing to leave, or on their way out of the city, every day for a long time after the