

opening of navigation on the Missouri, are novel sights to the new-comer, and give him something of an idea of the South-west and Western trade. Mules are mostly used for propelling their clumsy, schooner-built wagons; yet, the trains to Santa Fe and back, make the trips with great regularity.

The west line of the State of Missouri runs along here, on the west bank of the Missouri river, and across the very mouth of the Kansas river, without touching it. The city is wholly within the State of Missouri, while the mouth of Kansas river is wholly in Kansas. On the north bank of the latter river, the land slopes gradually northward from the point at the junction of the Kansas with the Missouri river, and forms another beautiful site for a city; but the depth of the water and approaches to the shore are not equal to the south side, and as another obstacle in the way, may be mentioned, the fact of the land being owned by the Wyandot Indians.

Leavenworth City, 26 miles north of Kansas City, is a very new town—a squatter city—a city lately composed of tents only, but now boasting of several stately buildings, and of the rivalry of its elder sister, Kansas City.

Fort Leavenworth is three miles and a half above Leavenworth City, and is only noticeable as a fort, and on account of the natural beauty of the place. It stands upon a bluff wearing an air of European cultivation, and resembles a fine park in the distance, much more than a wild field, in nature's keeping, which it mostly is. This Fort and Leavenworth City are both on the west side of the Missouri river, and in Kansas Territory.

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