

it for canal purposes would be trifling, it cannot be doubted that it will be early appropriated to that use.

The settlers at Kansas City, Yankee Settlement, Fort Riley, and the points of termination on the branches of Kansas river, will be deeply interested in this matter.

#### RAILROADS.

A Railroad, intended as the first link of the great central route from St. Louis to California, has its present western termination at the mouth of the Kansas river, and it is said that this road is soon to be opened to Jefferson City—130 miles from the Kansas line.

The great interests and efforts which are being brought to bear upon the subject of the Pacific Railway, seem to render it almost certain that a road over the Great Central Route will soon be in progress. The chances, we think, are decidedly greater in its favor since the rejection by Congress of the Northern and Southern Routes. One road can be, and eventually will be constructed. But the question interesting us is, will it follow the Kansas? If we were called upon to answer this question, we should unhesitatingly say "yes." Among our reasons for this conclusion, we will say that the valley of the Kansas runs due west, and is the nearest to the great center and natural artery of commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and nearer and more directly in line with the best and easiest passages of the Rocky Mountains yet discovered. Railroads must have fuel as near as possible at hand, and as they are more or less dependent upon way-travel and way-freight for support, this valley forms the only