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A Steamboat for Kaw River

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The Missouri *Democrat* says: -"At last there is good reason to hope that ere long Kansas river will be navigated by steamboats from its mouth to a point much farther up than boats have yet succeeded in reaching, except once or twice in a year.

Capt. James W. Davis, a gentleman well fitted for the task by his long experience in river matters, has succeeded in contracting a boat, the capacity of which in connexion with its lightness, may well excite wonder.

As this boat lies at our landing, with her machinery onboard, it draws at one pint five inches of water, at another six, and at the deepest part, only seven inches. This steamer is an experiment, and the general opinion is that she will succeed in navigating the Kansas river to the town of St. George, during several months of the year. When finished, which will be in a few days, she will have elegant accommodations for a number of passengers, and also for the officers. Capt. Davis is confident that with steam up, and wood and water on board, she will draw no more than nine inches.

She is constructed of light, but excellent materials, neatly and firmly bound together. She is called the "Minnie Bell."