THE BOCKY MOUNTAIN EXCUB-SION.

Important Points on the Road-A Novel Train Nebraska — Cheyenne — Pratrio Dogs and Rattle Snakes—The Wickedest People of Cheyenne — Woman and Her Iafluence — Laramie — Benton — The

End of the Road. We have already devoted considerable attention to Omaha and Council Bluffs, in importance the destiny in store for the multitude of small towns which have sprung up in a night time on the line of the Union Paeific Railroad. The former place has been no more strengthened, supported or nursed by the mighty corporation than will be Grand Island, North Platte, Sidney, Cheyenne, Laramie and Benton. At all of these places the Company propose to erect workshops on an exfensive scale. Even now, at North Platte, a distance of two hundred and nincty/one miles west of Omaha, there is quite a large population, a magnificent railway dining room and hotel, and very extensive and substantial machine shops, built of brick and of equal capacity to those we dee scribed at Omaha. It is destined to become to the road on which located just what Al-I toons is to the Pennsylvania Central. Chevenne will be another important point for machine shops, the Company proposing to erect large buildings there, in a very short time, The first great object of the Company. is to push the road through to completion. After it is finished, which will probably be

the present terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad deserves a departure from our regular line of letter writing, as few of our readers have ever seen one so put together.
The train consisted of a splendid engine, a kitchen car, a dining room car, a sleeping car and an armory on wheels and sitting car. The kitchen contained all the necessarg outfit of a fashionable hotel; the dining car, capable of seating at the extension table twenty-five guests, elaborately fitted up with side boards, wine closets, lunch tables; novel manner, having rifle racks at each end, in which rested a dozen or more loaded Bpencer pieces, containing each sixteen charges. The latter car astonished the excursionists, and the thoughts of meeting Indians filled their minds with alarm until the conductor assured them that the rifles had never been used against human beings, an occasion never having been offered. These are what are known as the Pullman cars, and travelers out. West will have no regret in paying the trifling sum additional demanded for riding in them. They are perfect models'in their way, are run on sixteen wheels and fitted out in the most exquisite manner, each one having cost some where in the neighborhood of twenty thous and dollars. Under charge of as good offi-cers as ever took out a train—for the Union Pacific Company have used much care in selecting their officials and employes—the excursionists took their departure west-

NEBRASKA. The land of this young and promising State is fully equal to that of Iewa. The valley of the Platte, which is some thousand miles long and averages fifteen miles in width, is one of the finest, most beautiful and productive in the world. It is washed by the clear, alkaline waters of the Platte, along whose line the Union Pacific road is laid some three hundred miles. (Graff, Bennett & Co., of Pittsburgh, made a neat at a trifling price. Their possessions now are worth several hundred thousand dollars, eing the finest agricultural land of Nebraska.)

Fremont is the first station of any importance west of Omaha. It is in an agricultural district and bids fair to become a thriving town. Columbus, ninety one miles from Omaha, is next struck. It is as yet a small village of probably fifteen hund-red inhabitants. This is said to be the exact centre of the Continent, and possesses some little interest to the traveler, when he told that George Francis Train takes large stock in its future greatness, and that it is the point he proposed building another Chicago on the "Credit Foncier" system. Grand Island is another important local point in the Platte Valley, but is as yet sparsely settled. After passing numerous small settlements, composed of half a dozen or more rude log cabins, we reached North Platte, a very important town, two hund red and minety-one miles west of Omaha. Here there is a capital railroad dining room, extensive work shops, and several well stocked business houses. Here also commences the rough western styles and customs. As an instance, a waiter in the dining room who had failed to properly unnd an order given by a fellow waiter, was shot at twice while the aditorial, party were dining. The landlord discharged him, as that had been a favorite method with him to settle little matters, "light as air," having shot at guests and waiters with decided

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wickedness on the least provocation. One hundred and some odd miles beyond faro banks, beer saloons, museums, grocery the latter point the Great American Desert stores, &c. No church has yet been put up, or uncultivable regions commence, and as nor school established. We could discovfar as the eye can carry is a broad waste of country. The soil is of gritty sand, and a few plants of the sombre artimisia (wild Omaha, and derives its name from Fort sage) appear, together with blooming this-tles and dry looking tufts of grass. Some experienced agriculturalists think by irrigation these vast plains may be made cultiva-ble. The plains are almost completely tunneled by the little cute creatures resembling a rat or a rabbit, called prairie dogs. It is said that the Indians find no more toothsome food than the flesh of these animals. At is related as a curious fact that the enormous rattle-snakes of the plains occupy, in perfect good fellowship with the dogs, their subterranean homes. The train stopped near Pine Bluff to afford the excursionists. time to shoot at the dogs, but it was a good thing for the little creatures that editors. sahoot better with paper bullets than with-

which have their base twenty-two miles be-yond that place. They speared from the distance to rise abruptly, and the seeming difficulties of crossing them with the iron horse forced themselves can the excursion now lie on its different sides, undeveloped.

horse forced themselves on the excursion ists, only, however, to be effectually distant, and how here the mountains ware reached.

Although Cheyenne is but of a brief year's who are enjoying health and happiness at home, who can make comfortable livings without any great, or extraordinary effort, and has gained during that time a population of fifteen thousand, and lost of the longer of the anything but rose, tinted life of the same about ten thousand, still it may be considered a permanently fixed thing and be considered a permanently fixed thing and promises billiantly for the future. It has energy and capital. If you flatter yourself into the belief that you possess the first two foreston a Domestic Fairly and paster into the belief that you possess the first two foreston a Domestic Fairly and paster into the belief that you possess the first two foreston a Domestic Fairly and paster into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the belief that you possess the first two forest into the first two forest into the possess the first two forest into the epromises bilinanty for the duture. It has energy and capital. If you flatter yourself many fine stores and residences at least into the belief that you possess the first two law form two far beyond the boungest sesentials and are willing to be disappointed. Not according to the content of content your graph of the content of content your graph of the co

but enterprising newspapers, several churches, a small school-house and 'a comfortably filled graveyard. The municipal government is composed of shrewd passuress and the Western States and Territories enough and with an adequate police force pretty good order is maintained. The larger class men and women to prevent your being missed. Under their skill, prudence missed. Under their skill, prudence s composed of shrewd business men, elers you know are excusable) and were furnished with an admirable picture of wild attention to Omaha and Council Bluffs, in store clothes and sporting pistols and dirks order to foreshadow through their present at their sides. At the entrance was a bar us, who seemed to know the ropes, were astonished to find the game so fairly carried on, but it is said to be dangerous in those quarters to indulge in foul play.

There is honor amongst thieves and a Cheyenne dance-house is an honorable place. In the centre of the room the dance was going on, rough looking men and women en

joying the sport with a gusto made manifest by the heavy manner in which they brought down their brogans on the sanded floor. The music was furnished by a band of by the 1st of September, 1869, new work shops will be located at the places named.

The train which bore the editorial party to the gullable threw dice at fifty cents a throw the gullable threw dice at fifty cents a throw for a prize out of a show case containing a large collection of trifling articles and a few of more valuable character. Of course none of the latter can be drawn unless by those in the ring, or confederates of the operator. The dance-house is an institution, we believe, peculiar to metropolitan cities, (the wickedest man of New York keeps one.) and we have only referred to its presence in the western cities to show how rapidly civilization has extended westward. But Oheyenne must not be judged by its prominent places of wickedness more than should pittsburgh by the abetch of Perton in which the sleeping car was a perfect model in lits way, and for ease, comfort and luxury, surpassed anything of this character in the little burner burners but the sketch of Parton in which he held up a second class place of amusecountry; the armory car was fitted up in a ment to give strangers an idea of our people, and how they are entertained. Heaven knows we have been imposed on by a low style of entertainment under the name of first class, but did not support such places out of choice so much as the necessity forced by the cupidity of managers. Cheyenne has many redeeming features, and it is not the least enticing place wherein to dwell in the West. It supports eight or ten respectable hotels and has some business establishments like that of S. F. Nuckoll's, for instance, which carry stocks amounting to fifty thousand dollars in value. A few years

the very first on the line of the road. It is the easiest thing in the world to account for the rough state of society in the far West. The tide of emigration has swept only fortune-seeking men to the new localities, and women have as yet been Pike Street, near Butler, Lawrenceville. scarcely introduced. Their absence changes the manner of men. They become rough in dress, go unwashed and unshaved, caring nothing for appearances, and fall into the most wicked ways of giving expression to ideas. If they had women in their midst to care for them, and in turn be cared for, they would soon fall into the old forgotten paths of micety and refinement. Drive every woman out of Pittsburgh, and keep the men colonized together for a year or more without hearing the sweet voice of a fair and loved one, and we venture to say. our polished citizens would rapidly degenplum by purchasing some thousands of acres in this valley near Omaha, some years ago, the very worst found. West. We hope the the very worst found West. We hope the

hence the city will be recognized as one of

experiment won't be tried. Twenty miles beyond Cheyenne the first formidable range of the Rocky Mountains are struck, and their ascent to the summit has been accomplished in the most successful manner. Sherman, thirty-three miles west of Cheyenne, is the summit, the highest point on the road, being 8,262 feet above the level of the sea and 7,292 above Omaha. From Cheyenne to this point the road rises with a grade of 70 feet to the mile. The grandest piece of engineering is that which cuts through Granite Canon, a pass between two monstrous red grante mountains and over a deep chasm of rugged rocks. The bridge at this point is very substantial but will be replaced, as will all others on the road, by an iron structure before many days. The scenery from Sherman is very grand, the snow-capped mountains piercing the clouds being observable in the distance and the ragged terraced ranges luring up

on all sides. Laramie, 572 miles west of Omaha, is struck after reaching the plains, and is a city almost as large as Cheyenne, having a population of some three thousand souls. It will hardly ever prove a great centre, but will doubtless become a point of considerable importance.

Benton, a town of a month old, is one of about ninety or a hundred tents of white canvas thrown over wooden frame work. It boasts of about fifteen hundred of a population, and is the newest and consequent ly the wickedest settlement in the West. Here prosper dance houses, gambling hells, Benton, a military post near by, where are stationed five hundred United States troops. Beyond Benton the excursionists were carried on a smooth new road from two weeks down to two hours old, a distance of fifty-five miles, and getting off stood at the terminus. Away out so far as the eye could carry were multitudes of men working, like ploneers to an army, but how they were laboring and what kind of work they

performed we reserve for another time. [Note.—Since returning home your correspondent has been much questioned regarding emigration to the far West to points adjacent to the line of the great Union Pacific Railroad. We have already As we neared Cheyenne, a thriving city of five thousand inhabitants, we caught view of the great chain of Black Hills, which have their hase twenty-two miles be. ventured our candid advice in that direc

emigrate West. If you have capital you FOR SALE-REAL ESTATE. can invest it profitably almost any place in that direction. All you have to do is to invest and wait. But Europe is pouring into of the people we met were anything but re-fined, although there are some few families economy and thrift the agricultural districts who compose the uppertendom of the place, and who are as genteel as any at home. The excursionists visited a dance-house (traythey can work wonders. Of pleasure most of their lives will be as barren as the soil on western life in reality. There they found which they settle: Their children will reap assembled a motley class of men attired in the advantages of their hard toil, just as store clothes and sporting pistols and dirks

at their sides. At the entrance was a bar people who went shead to beat down fitted out in good style and attended by the the way to make your path smooth and fitted out in good style and attended, by the usually flashy looking young man of ourly locks, tin jewelry and feeble moustache. He retailed, (we only inquired prices for information,) been at fifteen cents a glass, whisky at twenty-five-prices which made which that he was an advance missioners. whisky at twenty-live—prices which indie we can point our iniger at scores of perus think that he was an advance missionary of the Temperance cause, for if strong drinks were held at such high prices at home, drunken men on Fifth street would home, drunken men on Fifth street would home, drunken men on Fifth street would home. Fortune favors the few be they in New York or not be so numerous. Opposite the bar was a snow white table where a sharp-witted Pacific Railroad shall have been complement showed the crowd the mysteries of ted, the tide of emigration will flow man showed the crowd the mysteries of three card monte at an expense ranging from five dollars to one hundred. Near by was a faro table with all the necessary paraphernalia. The game going on while we were there was for chips amounting to one thousand dollars. Several gentlemen with ma who seemed to know the roses. merchants required. The day is not very far distant when we may say, "now is the time, srike for the West," but as yet we keep back that advice, not wishing to be responsible for any mistake made in that direction by parties who might do better by remaining home.]

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