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AN OVERLAND JOURNEY. XI.

THE KANSAS GOLD DIGGINGS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, ?

Gregory's Diggings, June 9, 1859. We left Denver at 6 yesterday morning, in a wagon drawn by four mules, crossing by a rope ferry the south fork of the Platte directly. This fork is a swift, clear, cold stream, some thirty rods wide, fordable except when snows are melting in the mountains. Many gold-seckers' wagons were waiting to cross, and more were momently arriving, so that the ferrymen at least must be making his pile out of the diggings. Henceforward, our way lay northwest for fifteen miles across a rolling and well-grassed prairie, on which one or two farms have been commenced, while two or three persons bave just established "ranches" -that is, have built each his corral, in which cattle are herded at night, while allowed to run at large on the prairie during the day: \$1 50 per month is the usual price per head for berding cattle in this way, and the cattle are said to do very well. The miners leave or send back their cattle to herd on these prairies, while they pro-ecute their operations on the mountains, where feed is generally scarce.

Reaching Clear Creek, (properly Vesquer's Fork)-a cold, swift, rocky bottomed stream, which emerges just above a deep parrow canon from the Rocky Mountains-we left our wagons, saddled the mules and forded the creek-and it was all our mules could do to stem its impetuous current-ascended a gentle, grassy slope to the foot of Rocky Mountains - which had for an hour seemed almost within a stone-throw on our left -Now they were to be faced directly, and the prospect was really serious. The hill on which we were to make our fir-t essay in climbing rose to a hight of 1,600 feet in a little more than a mile, the ascent for most of the distance being more than one foot in three. I never before saw teams forced up such a precipice; yet there were wagons with ten or twelve hundred weight of mining tools, provisions, &e , being dragged by four to eight yoke of exen up that giddy precipice, with four or five men lifting at the wheels of each. The average time consumed in the ascent is an hour and a balf. Our mules, unused to such work, were visibly appalled by it; at first, they resisted every effort to force them up, even by zigzags. My companions all walked, but I was lame and had to ride, to my mule's intense disgust. He was stubborn but strong, and in time bore me safely to the

summit. New as this rugged road is -- it was first traversed fire weeks ago to-day-death had traveled it before me. A young man shot dead, while carelesly drawing a rifle from his wagon, lies burried by the road side on this mountain. I have beard of so many accidents of this nature-not pects. less than a dozen gold-seekers having

have been greater than it is er precipice a little less steep-and so up to visit them. Prospecting is actively go. than \$25 a lump (condensed by the use and down for ten miles, when we descen- ing forward in every direction, and vague of quick-silver) which looks like a steelbranch of Clear Creek, and thencefor are started on this side or on that, but -I adhere to my long-settled conviction er over hills of moderate elevation and that though mining is carried on at va- the quickest) way to obtain gold is to

generally very steep, with sharp narrow ridges for their summits. Some of them

solitude was sylvan and perfect until a for at least another year.

on, or confined to a mere sprinkle. our next ravine, whence the road leads up grass of the nearest prairies for a week or damage. a short, steep hill, then down a very long, so, letting them subsist on browse and a When we reached Clear Creek on our equally steep one, to Clear Creek-being very little grass, and then send them way up three mornings since, though the as rapid and rock-bottomed as where we down the mountain again. This, bad as it current rushing from the mountains looklow, but with only one third the volume ing of all kinds will always be dear at like a Zouave, and was greeted with its natural translucency changed to milky gar ditto.

ded into the narrow valley of a little reports of lucky hits or brilliant prospects yard poise and is estimated as worth \$510 ward had ten miles of relatively smooth I have not been able to verify them. It that, next to outright and indisputable going, crossing from one valley to anoth- is no disparagement to the others to say gambling, the hardest (though sometimes rious points within a radius of thirty miles mine for it-that a good farmer or me-A wilderness of mountains rose all a. from this spot, "Gregory's diggings" are chanic will usually make money faster by round us, some higher, some lower, but to day the chief hope of gold-mining in sticking to his own business than by dethe Rocky Mountains.

Six weeks ago, this ravine was a soli. man who, having failed in some other purare thinly grassed, between widely scat- tude, the favorite haunt of the Elk, the suit, calculates on retrieving his fortunes ter playing an hour at cricket. My plan tered trees up their sides and on their Deer and other shy denizens of the pro- by gold-mining, makes a mistake which is, rubbing down with straw and a dry tops, but they are generally timbered, and foundest wilderness, seldom invaded by he will likely to rue to the end of his days, brush, and the next morning wash as mainly with Yellow Pine, some of it quite the footsteps of man. I believe this strip. We had a famous gathering a few rods clean as soap and water can make them. large; but more of it small and apparently of country has long been debatable land from this tent this evening. The esti- Pick and wash the soles as soon as the young. High on the mountains this pine between the Utes and the Arapahoes, mate of safe men puts the number pres- horse comes in." is short and scraggy, while in the ravines which circumstance combined with its ent at 1,500 to 2,000. Though my name it grows tall and sharply, but average rarely accessible situation to secure its was made the excuse for it, brief and for-

fires have ravaged and decimated them; is, one which a pony may traverse with proposed new Rocky Mountain State. still pines on the summits, pines on the one end of the ledge pole on his back, the Temperance, Gambling, &c., &c., were hillsides, pines even in the ravines, are other trailing behind him-exists from discussed with force and freedom. Such all but universal. The Balsam Fir grows this point to the open prairie near Clear a gathering, of men suddenly drawn hithsparingly in the ravines; Hemlock, also, Creek-a trail which doubtless winds a- er from every section and nearly every is reported, though I have not seen it; long the steep sides of the ravines and a. State, in a glen where the first ax was but the Quaking Asp or Aspen-which voids the rugged hights necessarily trav- raised, the firs tent pitched by white men. seems but a more delicate species of Cot- ersed by the miner's wagon-road. Should less than six weeks ago, should have inton-wood--is thick-set in the ravines, and these diggings justify their present prom - spired the dullest speaker with earnestsometimes appears on the more moderate ise, I doubt not a road will in time be ness if not with eloquence. acclivities, as do gooseberry bushes in the made, reducing by one half-say 5,000 Mining quickens almost every depart- as might be supposed, maintained the su- erations of the society were presided over ravines. Brooks of the purest water mur. feet the present aggregate of ascent and ment of useful industry. Two coal pits riority of his own State, New Hampshire; by a venerable darkey, who performed mur and sing in every ravine; springs a. descent between this and Denver. But are burning close at hand. A black and to prove it, told how much butter and his duties with the utmost dignity pecubound; the air is singularly pure and bra- an unworked wagon-road must avoid the smith has set up his forge here, and is cheese his wife had made that season. - liar to his color. The subject for the discing; the Elk, black-tailed Deer and sides of these steep-bank ravines, run- making a good thing of sharpening picks Not so much to show the excellent labor- cussion on the occasion of which we write Mountain-Sheep are plentiful, except ning square up the faces and along the at 50 cents each. A volunteer post-office ing capacity of his wife, he added, by was: where disturbed by the inrush of emigra- crests of the mountains, so that this spot is just established, to which an Express way of explanation, did he make this tion; Grouse are common and bold : the is destined to remain barely accessible Office will soon attach itself. A Provi- statement, as to prove how much greater -de hen what lay de eggs, or de hen wat

weeks ago. All is now being rapidly This narrow valley is densely wooded, ries; then Dry Goods; then a Hotel; &c., New Hampshire grass, than that of those changed, and not entirely for the better. mainly with the inevitable Yellow Pine until, within ten years, the tourist, of the We had a smart shower, with thunder which, sheltered from the fierce winds Continent will be whirled up to these and lightning, during the afternoon, which which sweep the mountain tops, here diggings over a longer but far easier road ing to what they do in Vermont. Why Those in favor of the latter proposition compelled us to halt a few minutes. An grows to a hight of sixty or eighty feet, winding around the mountain-tops rather one man up there made thirty tons of were evidently in the majority, and the other such this afternoon indicates that it though usually but a foot to eighteen inch. than passing over them, and will sip his cheese last summer, and he was a small President made no attempt to conceal is a habit of the country. I am told, es in diameter. Of these pines, log cab- chocolate and read his New York pahowever, that, though thunder is com- ins are constructed with extreme facility, per-not yet five days old-at the "Gregmon, rain is generally withheld this seas- and probably one hundred are now being ory "House," in utter unconsciousness built, while three or four hundred more that this region was wrested from the cede that there was a better farmer in begged leave to state a proposition to this Night fell upon us, while yet six or sev- are in immediate contemplation. They Elk and the Mountain Sheep so recently Vermont than himself. miles from the diggings, and we camped are covered with the green boughs of the as 1859. in the edge of the pines on the brow of a pines, then with earth, and bid fair to be gentle acclivity, with a prospect of grass commodious and comfortable. As yet, We left the diggings yesterday mornas well as water for our weary, hungry the entire population of the valley-which ing, and came down to the foot of the

beasts down the slope south of us. Mine cannot number less than four thousand, in- mountain, in spite of a drizzling rain had fallen to his kness in the last water. cluding five white women and seven squaws from noon to 3 or 4 c'clock, which at one couse we had passed, very nearly throw- living with white men-sleep in tents, time threatened a heavy shower. We ing me over her head; had she done it I or under booths of pine boughs, cooking made a poor shelter of a buffalo-skin and am sure I had not the strength left to and eating in the open air. I doubt that a rubber blanket, stretched across a falrise and remount, and hardly to walk the there is as yet a table or chair in these len tree, and their waited half an hour, remaing balf mile. As it was, I had to diggings, cating being done around a but, finding the rain neither stopped nor be lifted tenderly from my saddle, and cloth spread on the ground, while each grew violent, we saddled up and came on. laid on a blanket, with two more above one sits or reclines on mother earth to Two accidents which might have proved me, where I lay while the fire was built, enjoy. The food, like that of the Plains, serious happened to members of our parsupper prepared, and a lodge of dry poles is restricted to a few staples-Pork, Hot ty-the first to Mr. Villard of Cincinnati, and green pine boughs hastily put up. I Bread, Beans and Coffee forming the al- who, riding at some distance from all was too tired to cat, but the bright, leap. most exclusive diet of the mountains; but others, was thrown by his mule's saddle ing flame from the dry pines heaped on a meat shop has just been established on slipping forward and turning under him, our fire gradually overcame the shivering, whose altar are offered up the ill-fed and so that he fell heavily on his left arm, which was about the only sign of vitality well-whipped oxen who are just in from which was badily bruised, and thence I showed when first laid down, and I at a fifty days' journey across the Plains, dragged a rod with his heel fast in the length resumed the perpendicular by an and one or two cows have been driven in, stirrup. His mule then stopped; but when effort, and took my place in our booth, as more would be if they could here been I rode up behind him, I dared not apwhere sleep but fitfully visited me during subsisted. But these mountains are main- proach him lest I should start her, and that bright short Summer night. But ly wooded, while the open hill-sides are waited a moment for the friend who, havthis left me more time to rub my chafed so dry during the Summer that their grass ing heard his call for help, was coming and stiffened limbs, so that, when break- is very scanty. It is melancholy to see up in front. Mr. V. was released withfast was called in the morning, I was so many overworked and half-starved out further injury, but his arm is temready, appetite included, and prepared to cattle as one meets or passes in this ravine porarily uscless. The other casualty ed: dispel the apprehensions of those who had and on the way hither. Corn is \$5 per happened to Mr. Kersbaw of New-York, predicted, on seeing me taken off my bushel in Denver, and scarce at that; who, riding to my assistance at Clear mule, that I must be left there for at least Oats are not to be had; there is not a tun Creek Crossing at nightfall, was thrown a day. By 6 o'clock, we were again in of Hay within two hundred miles, and by his mule's starting at the rush of a the saddle, and pushing on, over a stony none can ever be brought hither over the savage dog, and considerably injured, but rather level table land, which extend present road at a cost below \$40 per tun. though he is nearly well to-day. It would ded for two or three miles, thickly cover. The present shift of humane owners is to have been to me a source of lasting sorered with young Pines and Aspens, to herd their oxen or mules on the rich row had his fall resulted in more serious

of water, so that we crossed it easily with. these mines, where American Flour is three ringing shouts from the assembled out a wet foot. A little runnel coming now selling at the rate of \$44 per barrel, Pike's Peakers, as I came up, gay and in from the west directly at the ford, with and Bason is worth 50c. per pound; Su- dripping, on the north shore. But now, whiteness by the running of its waters I presume less than half the four or higher, the starch was so completely tathrough sluices in which the process of five thousand people now here in this ra- ken out of me by those three days' rough gold-washing was going forward, gave us vine have been here a week; he who has experience in the mountains, that I had assurance that we were inimmediate prox- been here three weeks is regarded as quite neither strength nor heart for the pasimity to the new but already famous an old settler. The influx cannot fall sage. I felt that the least stumble of my workings called after their discoverer, short of five hundred per day, balanced mule over the round, slippery stones that by an efflux of about one hundred. Many fill the channel would fling me, and that I shall not here speak of their pecuni- of the latter go away convinced that I was unable to stand a moment in that ary success or promise, though I have vis- Rocky Mountain gold-mining is one grand rushing torrent. So, driving in my mule ited during the day, a majority of those humbug. Some of them have prospected after the rest of the party, and seeing which have sluices already in operation, 2 or 3 weeks, eating up their provisions, ber reach the south bank safely though and received reports from my fellow-vis- wearing out their boots -- and finding noth- with great difficulty -- breaking a girth and itors from nearly all the others. Having ing. Others have workedfor the more for. spilling saddle, blanket, &c., into the waunited with them in a statement-to be tunate for \$1 per day and their board and ter-I betook myself to a spot, balf a herewith forwarded -of what we saw and lodging -certainly not high wages when mile up stream, where the creek is split learned, I refer those who feel any inter- the quality of the living is considered. And by islets into three channels, and where es:est in the matter to that statement. What I feel certain that, while some-perhaps a rude foot-bridge of logs affords a dry-I propose here to do is to give the reader many-will realize their dreams of wealth shod passage. Here I was met by my some idea of the place and its general as- here, a far greater number will expend friend with his mule, and in a few mintheir scanty means, tax their powers of utes rode to our wagon, beside which we The little brook which here joins Clear endurance, and then leave, soured, heart found supper in an emigrant tent and been shot in this manner during the last Creek from the west starts at the foot of sick, spirit-broken. Twenty thousand lodging in several, and at 4 o'clock this two months-that I marvel at the care. mountains three or four miles distant, and people will have rushed into this ravine morning harnessed up and drove into lessness with which fire-arms are every. runs in a usually parrow ravine between before the 1st of September, while I do Denver-just three whole men out of a where handled on this side of the Missou- generally steep hills from 500 to 1,500 not see how half of them are to find prof- party of six, and all as weary and careri. Had no single emigrant across the feet high. It is hardly worth a name, itable employment here. Unless, there- worm as need be, but all heartily grati-Plains this season armed himself, the but that of "Rolston's Fork" has been fore, the area of the diggings shall mean- fied with our experience of three days in hier yu holds them the more yu air that number of them alive at this moment would bestowed on it. Gregory's lead is time be greatly enlarged -of which there the Rocky Mountains. very near its mouth; half a mile above is no assurance-I cannot imagine how We traveled some two miles along the seems the heart of the present mining re- half the number are to subsist here, even crest of this mountain, then descended, by gion, though there are already sluices in up to that early setting in of Winter a pitch equally sharp with the ascent but operation at intervals for at least two which mu-t cause a general paralysis of shorter, to a ravine, in which we rested miles up the fork, and others are soon to mining, and consequently of all other our weary animals and dined. That din- be started at intervals above them .- Rocky Mountain industry. With the per-of cold ham, bread and cheese - was Three or four miles south-west from the gold just wrested from the earth still glitone of the best relished of any I ever mouth, are Russell's diggings, where tering in my eyes -- and one company has shared. Re-saddling, we climbed anoth- coarse gold is procured, but I was unable taken out to-day, at a cost of not more

serting it for gold digging -- and that the

sion Store will soon follow; then Groce- in quantity was the milk of cows fed on batches de chick?"

Denver June 10, 1859.

crossed it the day before thirty mile be- is, seems the best that can be done. Liv- ed somewhat formidable, I charged it though the water was but a few inches

HORACE GREELEY.

Washing Horses Legs. It is quite a common custom for carmen and hostlers to "founder noble horses, by the erroneous practice of dashing cold water on their legs when they are dirty. In regard to this practice Sir dates.', George Stephens, the eminent veterinary surgeon says, "Whenever it is necessary to wash horses' legs, do it in the morning. Most grooms, acting on a different principle, wash them as soon as the animal comes in. I am convinced this is a bad practice. When the roads are dirty, and the weather wet, and the legs already scaked, washing can do no harm; but to deluge the legs with water the moment a horse enters the yard, heated with exercise, is to my mind, as unnatural and absurd as to jump into a shower bath af-

not more than a foot in diameter. Hur- wild tenants against human intrusion and eible addresses were made by several The last Legislature of Texas containricones have frequently swept the moun- persecution. I hear that the Arapaboes others, wherein Mining, Postal and Ex- ed thirteen "men of mark." Not one of tains, prostrating the pines by scores, say that a good "lodge-pole trail"-that press facilities, the Pacific Railroad, the them could write his name.

A Cheese Story.

One night in Autumn, two travelers, of Vermont, stopped at a small country Parliamentary ruling: tavern in New Hampshire. During the evening, one of them got talking with a York the "cuiled pussons," in emulation farmer of the place upon farming mat- of their white brethren, formed a debaters generally and the relative agricultu- ting society for the purpose af improving ral advantages of Vermont and New their minds by the discussion of instruc-Hampshire particularly. The farmer, tive and entertaining topies. The delib-

farmer, too."

high," said the farmer, unwilling to con- darky rose from the minority side and

"Didn't Jim Maynard make thirty tons of cheese last summer. Tom ?" asked the traveler of his companion.

"I dont know how much cheese be made," replied the other with gravity, "but I remember that he run two saw. mills with the whey !"

ed that such farming as that could not mitted bimself too far to yield without a

Self Evidently Drunk.

is well known as one who never pays a debt if it can be avoided. Has plenty of money, however, and is a jolly, rollicking ens am de question; derefor I rule de old chap. Gets pretty drunk occasion- ducks out;" and do it be did, to the comally, when, of course, some friend takes plete overthrow of his opponents care of him. Not long ago he fell into the hands of a friend who held his note for a sum of money, and, as it was a last chance, the friend dived into old P.'s wallet, took out the amount of the note and put the note where the money had count how much money he was out. Finding his purse almost empty, he thander-

"You paid off that note I held," an-

"Well, muttered old P.," quietly stowing away his wallet, "I must have been most orful drunk!'

ITIt is related that when the Royal Society was first established in London. Charles H., who was a bit of a wag, gave its members the following very important subject for scientific discussion :- "Why is it that, when a fish is placed within a basin full of water, it does not make the basin run over ?" Night after night the sages discussed the question, to the great | jingle, but the moral is rublime. amusement of the Merry Monarch. At last, Sir Christopher Wren ventured to ask him if he was perfectly sure no water could be forced over the the edge of the basin when the fish was placed in it. With a sly twinkle of his eye, Charles answered, "Ah, Sir Christoper, that I do not know; but I would advise the gentlemen of the Society always to be sure that such and such is the case before they proceed to account for the cause."

Low-neck Dresses.

A city servant girl, in a letter to the "old folks at home," thus describes the prevailing fashion of low-necked dress-

"As for the lo nees the loer it is the more fashunabil yu air, an' the les cloz yu were the more fashunabil yu air drest. Mis Goolra giv me a blu silk ov hern an' I cut its neck orf an' Suzin Simmons cut orf hern and we attrax a grate deal of attenshun to our nees, prominadin' in the streets lyke uther ladys an' holdin' up our cloz. Nobody ien't nothin' now whitch dusnt hold up her cloz, and the

Political Chips.

An office holder remarked the other day at the National Hotel, in Washington, in reply to the question, "Who are take. your folks going to nominate?" "Oh! I have stock in all the candi-

"What-any in Old Buck?"

"Yes: two chips." "Good! Just enough to carry him out

on, March 4, 1861." Officeholder caved and stood treat.

Sarcastic Sho's

"Accept a lock of my hair," said an old bachelor to a widow, handing her a title thee to a seat among the blest." large curl "Sir, you had better give me the whole wig." "Madam, you bite hard, but pray don't risk breaking your beautiful porcelain teeth."

gard to her lover, who had the mi-fortune \$11,000. He must be a bully nag. to have but one leg, she replied to them very smartly, "Pooh! I wouldn't have a man with two legs; they're too common."

sick, nor in debt, hor his wife a widow. tion of the globe, 1,253,000,000.

A Negro Discussion about Eggs. Geneva, the lovely village on Seneca whose homes was among the green bills Lake, furnishes the following specimen of

In the fairest village of western New

The question was warmly debated, and many reasons pro and con were urged and "Well," said the traveler, "that's noth- combated by the excited disputants,that his sympathies were with the domi-"I guess you have set that a little too nant party. At length an intelligent

> "Spose," said he. "dat you set one dozen duck eggs under a hen, and dey hatch, which am de mudder-de duck or de hen?"

This was a poser, was well put, and nonplussed the other side, even staggering the President, who plainly saw the The farmer "caved," and acknowledg. force of the argument, but had comstruggle; so, after cogitating and scratching his wool a few moments, a bright idea struck bim. Rising from his chair Old P., who resides at Okoloma, Miss., in all the pride of conscious superiority, he announced:

"Ducks am not before de house; chick-

Worth Knowing.

A young lady of this city, while in the country, stepped on a rusty pail, which ran through her shoe into her foot. The inflammation and pain were great, and been. When he awoke to consciousness, lock jaw was apprehended. A friend of as was his wont, he took his wallet out to the family recommended the application of a beet, taken from the garden and pounded fine, to the wound. It was done. and the effect was very beneficial. Soon "How in b-l-a-z-e-s did I spend all my the inflammation began to subside, and by keeping on the fresh beet, and changing it for a fresh one, as its virtue seemed to become impaired, a speedy cure was effected. Simple and effective remedies like this should be known to every

He Does'nt Take the Paper.

The man that does no paper take, Grudging two dollars once a year, Will never a good husband make,

Because his wife can never know what is going on in the world, and his children will very ignorant appear. The last line is rather long for a good

There are two eventful periods in the life of a woman: one, when she wonders who she shall have - the other, when she wonders who will bave her.

It I can tell you how to save that horse,' said a darkey to a man in West street, who was looking very earnestly at a skeleton of a horse attached to a vehicle beavily loaded with oysters. 'Will you? -- say on.'

'Why, just slip him away while the crows are at roost.

The more peaceably and quietly we get on, the better-the better for our neighbors. The wisest policy is, if a man chests you, quit dealing with him; if he is abusive, quit his company; if he slanders you, take care to live so that nobody will believe him.

Il Aunt Betsy has said many good things, one among them that a newspaper is like a wife, because every man should have one of his own.

When you have anything to do, go ahead and do it. A man who has the option of two roads, either of which will take him to his journey's end, must not stand too long in considering which to

The greatest beight at which visible clouds ever exist does not exceed ten miles.

A beautiful thought is suggested in the Koran:

"Angels, in the grave, will not question thee as to the amount of wealth thou has left behind thee, but what good deeds thou hast done while in the world, to en-

Good STOCK .- A colt, sired by the celebrated racer George M. Patchen, and which is said by those who know, to give promise of out footing his illustrious pa-A down-east girl being bantered one rent, was disposed of at private sale, in day by some of her female friends in re- Bristol, recently, for the round sum of

The population of Europe is 272,-000,000, of Asia, 720,000,000; of America, 200,000,000; of Africa, 89,000,000; Drinking water neither makes a man of Australia 2,000,000. Total popula-