# WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 23, 1881.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR will occupy the White Floure next Tuesday. It will be a painful thing for him to do, around that historic spot. Of all the occurrences which have taken place in the old building, not one has been so mournful as the long and patient sickness of our well beloved James A. with ghostly memories and the very shadows are instinct and full of reminiscenses of the great departed .- Der-

THE trial of the villian Gui teau has been in progress since Monday of last week; the evidence for the prosecution has all been taken, and on Monday the assassin opened his side of the case in a rambling speech. His counsel will rely entirely on the insanity dodge to clear the villain, and whether the jury can be brought to that belief is only a question of time, but as one of our exchanges remarks, a jury that cannot see through the flimsy dodge ought to be hamstrung. Whatever the result may be the country will not be satisfied with anything but a verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted, and if the officers of the law cannot find him so let them turn him loose; the people will find him guilty by a large majority in short order, and without any great expense to the government either.

### **GUITEAU SHOT AT.**

On Saturday afternoon as. Guiteau was being conveyed from the court house to the prison, a man on horseback rode up and fired a shot into the van, in which Guiteau was seated, the bull merely grazing his wrist, inflictno violation of the law occurred which encouraged the crime of assinsination and that prompt measures were taken for the arrest of the guilty party, it is unmistakably the fact that the announcement of the shooting caused universal gratification among all classtrivial. There is a feeling of unessi- variable quantities of course. The that this double-dyed villain-Guiteau -may escape and that pretended in- placer mines are not very good exsanity may slip him through the of, manifests itself in these attempts of of quartz, amounting to a little over his life and the joy felt at this last effort. The auxiety manifested to protect the rascal and the over-zealapproval which usually is accorded to Most of them are galena (sulphide of ous. This fellow is looked upon as two instances very rich. In the Aftersomething outside the pale of consid- math mine at Kokomo the Assayer eration, as an excresence which should told me that they had are which on be cut off from society and the world, several occasions run 2700 ounces to as soon as possible; as a foul cancer the ton. I do not know whether he eating into the life of the people, informed me wrongly or not, at any whose best beloved he destroyed, hence rate I don't believe it. In the Chrysowhatever with him, and many feel that the same caution used to protect Fryar Hill, near Leadville, are fair, around his murderer, might have The Wheeler Mountain mines more striking than our eastern seen take the sgency for that popular and saved his valuable life. Notwith- at Wheeler Station on the D. & R. G. ery. The two are, however, incompar- useful book, "Practical Housekeep- and radically. standing all this, it is the duty of all R. R., on Tenmile creek, are a fizzle able. Western scenery is more bold law-abiding citizens to frown down all in every respect; also all the mines in attempts to avenge murder by mur- the Tenmile cannon and near Frisco. and refined nature. In our scenery der; to give the secondrel every show The mines at Carbonate, Robinson here we behold majestic, grand and publishers for terms. Commissions for his miserable life, within the strict Station (D. & R. G. R. R.) are by far massive nature, with a tendency to large. letter of the law, hoping a rope's end the best on the Tenmile or West Ten. awe the beholder with its rugged, bold,

DROWS.

COLORADO LETTER.

PINKHAM PASS, MEDICINE BOW RANGE, W. T., Nov. 6, 1881. ED. REPUBLICAN:-

It has been some time since I have written you, hence I will again trouble you for a little space in the columns of your invaluable paper, in which to give a little of with all the sad incidents clustering the history of Colorado resources, scenery &c., being now a little better acquainted with the country than when I wrote you last,

As is usual, most people who write home flower every thing up and make Garfield. Every room will be peopled Colorado appear like a garden in regard to its fertility and a Golconda in regard to mineral wealth; specially recommend its mineral waters, laud it to the skies for its scenery and would fain ascribe to it the locus of the fountain of "Perpetual Youth." So I have read in Old Forest and my eastern I consider I am undeceived. My

trip taken as it has been, mostly on foot and in the saddle, in closely examining the country,-mountains, plains, towns, villages, mining camps, &c., for a distance of almost eight hundred miles-including railway travel from State line to Denver and from Denver to Leadville, leaving about four hundred miles of travel as above. Much of this I have been over three or four times, making in all, probably, nearly sixteen hundred miles of actual "Cororado travel." Most of the country is unfit for agriculture. In Kent, Weld and Arrapahoe counties I will assert that less than 5 per cent. is unfit for growing grain, it being high alkali plais on which can be seen, for miles and miles, nothing but alkali in such ado mines did not get it from the sale quantities as to appear as if the country was covered with snow. It soldom, if ever, rains, except in the rainy season, when it rains all the Gov. Pitkin of Denver. Other cases time and prevents farmers from harvesting what little they can induce to ing the slightest imaginable wound. grow by a system or irrigration. I The would be killer was arrested-at saw fields of hay and grain in El Paso least it was supposed to be the right county which bad been spoiled by the man-his name being Wm. Jones. continuous rains of the rainy season. After he had fired the shot he rode by All of the highlands are unfit for anythe driver of the van, beside whom a thing except grazing purposes. All policeman was sitting, and remarked of the mountainous counties are unfit "I've shot the ---." The police- for even that, as jit freezes every night finer sentiments of human nature, and man fired after him but missed him. in the year and so stunts the grasses After the man Jones was arrested, the and plants that they cannot afford policeman who had fired at him was sufficient pasturage for stock. Of called to indentify him but failed to course the valleys along the streams do so, saying he was not the man who are exampt from the above, Where about one-half of the population is of de las Aujmas &c. The canon of the fired the shot at Guiteau. The affair they do attempt to herd cattle on the created a good deal of excitement alkali plains they count five head of about Washington until it was found cattle per square mile, or one for the wound was very slight. The Der- about one hundred and seventy-five foot" is beguiled as soon as he enters rick, in an article on the subject ex- acres. How is that for "stock rais- the miserable towns, and is either led presses our sentiments to the letter: ing?" I know of no locality in Color. into the game and looses or is "treat-"While all should feel gratified that ado which I can compare with our farming land in Forest, Clarion, Venango or Crawford counties and these pocket and the unfortunate "tenderricultural counties." So much for 'Agricultural Colorado."

Of the minerals they have many: gold, silver, copper (common red), it was found that the wound was so zine, arsenic, &c. These they have in cepting at Breckenridge, in Summit raeshes of the net new round about Co., where they find gold in paying him. This feeling, in connection with quantities. The quartz mines are not the prevailing belief that he should be as good as the "Placers;" they rarely speedily hung or otherwise disposed if ever yield over three ounces per ton \$54 per ton; this, you will perceive, assailant, do not meet with the hearty means what we read of them east. there is but little patience with the lite mine at Leadville they have some delay of the trial and no sympathy very rich ore, some of it going 3000 ounces to the ton. All the mines on Such is 'Social Colorado. James A. Garfield, that is now promi- but most of them are by no means nent in throwing a corden of officers what they are cracked up to be.

south they have various mining dis compare himself-mere mite-to these tricts which hardly average with the stupendous forms of nature and conabove. Among there are: Saganche Sider what he is, which will lead him -pronounced Si-watch-in the county creation. Let him mount to one of of the same name; the Hardscrable, the loftiest peaks of the "Rockies." Black Canon, Iron Canon, Bonanza, What a scene is spread before him! Elk Mountain, Ruby, Gunnson, Sil. It is indescribable. Far as the eye can verton, Ourny, Rosita, West Mount- reach there is an appropriate combiain, San Suis, Cleora, Twin Lakes, &c., are neted mining districts ; yet there are those which it were far better to days to reach the nearest of them. term "Prospect-hole districts" than 'The atmospere is so rare and free "mining districts." Lead is, however, from vapors that small objects can be found in paying quantities, and soft or bituminous coal in abundance. Anti- eight hundred miles. From the top mony and arsenic abound in the various of the "Continental Divide" can be galerus but not in sufficient quantities seen the Wasatch mountains and the to warrant their reduction, Zine is plains of Utah. With the telescope not abundant, likewise bismuth, "City of the Mormons," and the sand Hence you will see that much of what of the Umcompangres. From the is said in favor of Colorado's mineral Medicine Bow Range can be seen the resources is untrue if my observations half of Wyoming Territory, much of are correct. My chances for picking Idaho and the eastern plains of Colorup details is, probably very nearly as good in the society of the various minng engineers and U. S. Deputy Min- once seen all seen, for eral Surveyors, as is those who visit similar. The grandest of all our rug Denver, stay over night in the Wind-Here rise walls of the hardest granite sor Hotel, and leave by first train next merning, and as soon as opportu- thousand feet above the stream which nity presents, write out an astounding finds its way through the narrow account of the resources of Colorado. gorge. Among the most noted canons Much of what I have written as regards the minerals of this State I have sas through which the Denner and seen myself, having been to most of Rio Grande railway has forced the the districts above named and had at solid rock to yield it a roadway. The least one interview with the engineer in Canon of the South Platte, twenty charge of the most important mine or mines in the district. Also, what Park & Pacific R. R., a road owned little I know of Geology and miner- and controlled by the giant Union ology entitles me to form an opinion Pacific. A ride over this road will of my own in regard to the above matter. Most of the silver exists "in the minds" of eastern people. Those who have become wealthy from the Colorof bullion but from speculation during the excitement. A notable example of the above is that of H. A. W. Taber, of Leadville and Denver, and might be cited but I think this suffi-

cient for "Mineral Colorado."

"Social Colorado." Of the society of Colorado I can say very little; yet it is far better than I expected to find it, do not understand me that I consider it at all what I should like to see it-by no means. In the country and mining camps the associations are of the very crudest, roughest kinds, through the canon at an average fall and have a tendency to destroy all the any person who has not very decidedly fixed habits had better not mingle with the mining camp society. It is River-destination as yet undetermgenerally anything but what it should | ined. Then comes the Toltic Gorge, that class which live in and frequent houses of ill fame, dram shops, and gambling hells of every conceivaable class, into which the unwary "tendered" until he is ingloriously intoxicated, when his money and valuables are parallel with the river. On the Masspeedily taansferred to some one's are considered "less than average ag- foot" is not very gently laid in the gutter to get along as best he can. About two thirds of the houses in the | see and for massive grandeur far suraverage mining towns are of a spurious passes anything in the east; yet I character generally. If a new "lead" thick that for the cultured the east is found the next thing is a town. The possesses charms in scenery not es of persons and genuine regret when gray copper, lead, antimony, bismuth, first day there arrives a few tents, the equaled by the grandest in the west, next day a full supply of liquors of but as I said before they are incomthe vilest kinds, and the next day, or parable. ness, in the minds of all our people, gold "diggings" are principally "Placer will be an arrival of about twelve or the last communication you will reat furtherest, the next but one there mines" and some quartz mines. The fifteen "dance house larks" and the ceive from me from Colorada. Work town is complete, being called some will close in the mountains about De-"city" or other. The fifth or sixth cember 1st, and all the corps called day, at farthest a week, clapses and a in. I purpose to return to Pennsylminer or a "lark" is killed to start a vania and be content with what the graveyard. The next day they hold Keystone affords, although salaries are an election for Mayor, &c. Here you bigher out here than in the east, yet have a Colorado town, society and all we have comforts there which Coloracomplete in about as few words as I do can not afford, and are in consecan make it. The above is the aver- quence more than an equivalent in age mining camp town "society." In the cities such as Denver, Leadville, Paeblo, Colorado Springs, Durango, &c., there is much of the same kind as is not much of a mine so far as sudden the cities such as Denver, Leadville, salaries paid by the D. & R. G. in our wealth is concerned. The silver mines | Paeblo, Colorado Springs, Durango, | corps: Locating Engineer \$150; ous eagerness shown in capturing his are somewhat better, though by no &c., there is much of the same kind as Transitman \$100; Levelmen \$90; above, but also some civilized people Rodman \$60; Chainman &c., \$40 to who are just as near the best of east. \$50, and expenses for all. ern society as can be imagined. This With best respects to Forest friends, all officers of the law, when perform- lead) mines; that is, they are lead is especially noticable in Denver. I yourself included, I am, ing their duty. The reason is obvi- ores carrying silver. This is in one or was considerably surprised to see so thriving a city as Denver when I arrived. All of the acquaintances I Locating Engineer, D. & R. G. R. R. made while in Denver I found to be generally refined and cultured- people of rather fine sentiments. However, the same attention is not paid to strangers here as in the east. No one ever thinks of presenting a friend. and if he does not present himselfwhich is considered all right-he remains without any acquaintances.

"Scenie Colorado." Of scenie Colorado much can be said for and against. In some instances it is grand, and in other instances it is not and massive; eastern scenery more Co., Minneopolis, Minn. Every housedelicate and in keeping with cultured keeper needs a copy. Address the will soon usher him into the dread unmile creeks, or what is known as the clearly defined forms towering toward
Kakomo Mining District. To the the skies, and leading the beholder to Aug. 11, '80.

to further comparison of himself to all nation, valley and plain, which relieve each other in appearantly rapid suscession, yet are so distant as to require seen for one hundred miles, and ade. Mountain scenery is all that is here to be seen. to take the plains we have nothic at plainsto an elevation of from two to six are those of the Arkansas River, between Canon City and South Arkanmiles above Denver, is traversed for make the timid shudder, and cause the sturdy traveler to admire the triumphant feats of engineering whereby a road is built scarcely ten feet above the waters which rush in fury through the rocky bed which it has occupied unknown ages in cutting down for itself through the hardest of granite. The canon of the North Platte, known as the "long canon of the Platte," is also very notable, being the taost crooked and narrow of all the canons in Colorado. Then comes Gore's canon of the Grande, through which all the drainage of Middle Park rushes with a turbulence that is truly frightful. A river of 700 feet in width is suddenly narrowed down to less than fifteen feet in width, and rushes of about 150 feet to the mile. The Denver and Rio Grande railway have commenced the construction of a line through the canon down the Grande de las Animas, &c. The canon of the Rio Colorado is 5000 feet deep and 600 miles long. One of the strongest of the canons is that of Rio Dolores, which is in a canon 200 feet deep the bottom of which is over 1000 feet above the Montezama Valley, which is less than a mile from it and extends cus are the famous Cliff houses of the prehistoric races of America-the Az-

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