

PRESIDENT ARKHAM will occupy the White House next Tuesday. It will be a painful thing for him to do, with all the sad incidents clustering around that historic spot.

THE trial of the villain Guiteau 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.

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 ball merely grazing his wrist, inflicting the slightest imaginable wound.

COLORADO LETTER.

PINKHAM PASS, MEDICINE BOW RANGE, W. T., Nov. 6, 1881.

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 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 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."

I consider I am undecieved. 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.

Most of the country is unfit for agriculture. In Kent, Weld and Arapahoe counties I will assert that less than 5 per cent. is unfit for growing grain, it being high alkali plains on which can be seen, for miles and miles, nothing but alkali in such quantities as to appear as if the country was covered with snow.

Of the minerals they have many: gold, silver, copper (common red), gray copper, lead, antimony, bismuth, zinc, arsenic, &c. These they have in variable quantities of course. The gold "diggings" are principally "Placer mines" and some quartz mines.

south they have various mining districts which hardly average with the above. Among these are: Saguache—pronounced Si-wach—in the county of the same name; the Harderack, Black Canon, Iron Canon, Bonanza, Elk Mountain, Ruby, Gunnison, Silverton, Ouray, Rosita, West Mountain, San Luis, Cleora, Twin Lakes, &c., are noted mining districts; yet there are those which it were far better to term "Prospect-hole districts" than "mining districts."

"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, and have a tendency to destroy all the finer sentiments of human nature, and any person who has not very decidedly fixed habits had better not mingle with the mining camp society.

Well, Mr. Editor, this is probably the last communication you will receive from me from Colorado. Work will close in the mountains about December 1st, and all the corps called in. I purpose to return to Pennsylvania and be content with what the Keystone affords, although salaries are higher out here than in the east, yet we have comforts there which Colorado can not afford, and are in consequence more than an equivalent in my estimation.

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compare himself—mere mite—to these stupendous forms of nature and consider what he is, which will lead him to further comparison of himself to all creation. Let him mount to one of the loftiest peaks of the "Rockies." What a scene is spread before him! It is indescribable. Far as the eye can reach there is an appropriate combination, valley and plain, which relieve each other in apparently rapid succession, yet are so distant as to require days to reach the nearest of them.

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