THE RED GLOUD CHIEF. Propriet FRIDAY, MARCH, 12, 1886

FROM CALIFORNIA.

GILBOY, CAL, Feb. 24, 1886. Eprron CHIEF: I dare not treat your readers to the fullness of the glory of this truly so-called paradise of Jali-fornis until they are gradually intro-duced from the snowy, wintry clime of Nebraska and Kamaa, suffice it to say that I left Red Cloud on the night of February 15, at 10:15, for Atchison, Kamaas. After a pleasant night trip arrived at Atchison at 7 a. m., where we prepared for the through trip to our destination, teaving the smoke begrimed city of Atchison at 10:20 a. m. We passed through a rather rough and rugged country for some miles south west when Statementy we emerged from the hills upon a beautiful prairie country, with here and there fine farming lands as to soil, being a rich and dark loam. Passing by all these we arrived at Topeka, having been favored with first class accommoda-tions on third class fare. Here we had tions on third class fare. Here we had twenty-five minutes for dinner, and at twenty-five minutes for dinner, and at the same time completed arrangements made at Atchison by securing through sleepers to San Jose, Cal. Here we met an excursion train for Los Angel-es. All seemed delighted with their trip thus tar. Finally the excursion train pulled out, and away they sped across the vast prairies of Kansas. We now followed with the California ex-press train passing through as fine a then the large varieties, ranging from eight to fifteen feet in height and from ten to fifteen inches in diameter, and in appearance similar to an old dead scrub oak tree, with short broken limbs three to six inches in thickness. These cactus trees are scattered all over this vast desert as far as the eve can see, and frequently in groups and across the vast prairies of Kansas. We now followed with the California ex-press train, passing through as fine a country as man ever saw. Fine stock farms, thrifty orchards. And here let met say had I the choice of a home in Nebraska and Kansas, the latter state would be my choice. There is more good tillable land in Kansas to-day than there is in Nebraska. Topeka and Emporia are large cities and are important railroad centers. All along the route we noticed the usual thrift and push for which the western farm-ers are noted, and in turn the lively and prosperous appearance in all the and prosperous appearance in all the towns as we passed through them. At noon the tollowing day we arrived at La Junta, Col., the junction of the Atchuson Topeka & Sente Found the Denver & Rio Grande railroads. Din- and Los Angeles and other points Denver & Rio Grande railroads. Din-ner over we now pull out for New Mexico. After having passed through a rough, sandy and barren valley with but here and there a sage bush and stunted cedars, and cattle so poor and starved that it was really painful to look upon them. Late in the after noon we arrived at Trinidad, Col., near the line of New Mexico. But what a change! from the warm rays of the sun changel from the warm rays of the sun upon prairie and plains we have among the foot hills of the Rocky Mountains snow on all sides, and the atmosphere so cold that it was necesatmosphere so cold that it was neces-sary to rekindle the fires and caused us to huddle about the stoves to keep warm. Trinidad is a queer looking city with a varied population. A large proportion are Mexicans. There seemed to be but little life there in the way of business. Here we began to accend the mountains over a very steep grade, passing through pine and deep valley, high mountains on either stoep grade, passing through pine and codar forests and mining campa, and snow covering the mountains on each side of the road. Near the top of the mountains we passed through a tur-nel said to be 7622 feel long, and here at an elevation of near 7000 feet the stmosphere was so light that we were at an elevation of near 7000 feet the stmosphere was so light that we were all more or less affected. Passing through this tunnel we emerged into a beautiful wide valley, which we learned was the noted Tulare Valley. Being near midnight and the moon shining bright and clear, we were rejoiced to see that we were once more in the land of the hving, travel-ing at the rate of 40 to 50 miles an hour Passing through I met several persons intimately acquainted with him, who reported him well and all O.K. After supper we started again, the excursion train having preceded us but a short time, and away we soed down the mountains by moonlight, with snow on all the mountain peaks, and in the mountains by moonlight, with snow on all the mountain peaks, and in the mountains by moonlight, with snow on all the mountain peaks, and in the eavy timber on the road side. Tired and weary we laid down to rest. Ar-riving at Albuquerque for breaktast we partook of refreshments from our well filed baskets, whilk the change of the trains and passengers were being made. Then off we were again westward on our way. At Rio Pueros being made. Then off we were again westward on our way. At Rio Pueros being made. Then off we were again westward on our way. At Rio Pueros being made. Then off we were again westward on our way. At Rio Pueros being made. Then off we were again westward on our way. At Rio Pueros being made. Then off we were again westward on our way. At Rio Pueros being made. 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This red soil is nothing but a pure red sand, of which I pro-cured a sample at Rio Puerco. And now for miles across these plains we witness nothing but the distant moun-tain ranges and the barren, sandy desert, with but little vegetation. We noticed very little stock arcent at a distance in the small yalleys of the garden city of this lovely country, noticed very little stock except at a soon we were mountains, and water very scarce, and when we are once more on our way, but for the recent rains we would have but for the recent rains we would have suffered from the ride over the barren, sandy plains. We arrived at Holbrook in time for supper, moving on we crossed the Canon Diablo, a very deep gorge, as we begin to ascend another range of mountains. Continuing on, about midnight we reached the summit at Flagstaff, a small town in Arizona, surrounded by pine forests and high mountain peaks, and snow in all di-rections. Soon we began to decend, and by breakfast time we reached the needles at the crossing of the Colorsdo and by breakfast time we reached the needles at the crossing of the Colorsdo River, it being the State line between Arisons and California. A few miles before reaching the California line we noticed the green vegetation and from the time that we crossed the river and state line there was a perceptible increase in the growth of grass and other vegetation. Suddenly we passed out upon the Colurada desert, bleak, between and andy with po appearance out regetation. Buddenly we passed buyen and eardy with no appearance whatever of vegetation except the game date and y with no appearance whatever of vegetation except the wine convergetation. 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wonderful, but imagine our surprise as we emerged from these varieties of cactus and other green vegetation to a high, sandy and barren desert, hot as a July day. Here we came in full view of the wonderful cactus of this barren region, ranging from three to fifteen feet high, some growing to a height of ten feet, the main body from six to eight inches in diameter, with but three or four short stubbed limbs, then the large varieties, ranging from

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covers a vast area of land as far as one can see on either side, and being a perfectly level sandy plain with no vestage of vegetation anywhere to be seen. Broad sheets of water were interspersed here and there, but very shallow. We now leave this desert, and in a short time arrive at Mojave the Junction of the Southern Pacific R R. Here we change cars for San Jose. San Francisco and other points north, and Los Angeles and other points north,



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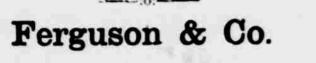
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