

COLORADO AND LEADVILLE.

Gold, Silver, and Bullion--A Trip West. (Lincoln Journal.) Everybody going to Colorado must go to Denver. The city of Denver is not Colorado, entirely; but Colorado would be very incomplete without Denver.

Gold-seekers go to Denver and make that their starting or outfitting point for the mines. LEADVILLE, or the old "California Gulch," is just now the objective point for every fortune hunter. Years ago, when the great gold excitement of Colorado filled the whole country, "California Gulch" was one of the best paying diggings in the Mountains. Leadville was unknown by that name, but Leadville was more numerous than now.

To-day "California Gulch" is unheard of; the pay dirt from the creek is all worked; for years the great mining camp has been deserted but presto change, the rock is found rich in silver, and tens of thousands of people must needs start for the Leadville, the old ground named.

A FEAT, a snare, and a delusion--that is Leadville. Not but what there are some rich quartz mines there, but it takes a small fortune to open and work even a small quartz lode. There is a fortune for a lucky few who have possession of all the claims that are worth anything; but the great mass of people who go there, and who have gone there, will never see the inside of a silver mine, unless they go to work for day's wages, and are thereby enabled to earn their living.

BOARD AT LEADVILLE. It costs about two dollars and a half a day for very common board, and plenty of men are willing to work for their board, if they can only get a job. This does not include coffee for each meal, as that costs fifteen cents extra. Neither does it include hot cakes, for they cost twenty-five cents extra. A beef steak is out of the question, as that is seventy-five cents extra.

NOTHING TO DO. Thousands of men have gone to Colorado this spring that can not possibly find employment enough to keep them from starving. They will have to get money from home before they can go forward or return.

We caution everybody who reads the Journal, don't go to Colorado expecting to get rich in the mines. NOW TO GO. If you want to hunt gold or silver be sure that you start right. Calculate the cost and go prepared to make or burst.

You must go prepared to hunt the mountains over all summer. You must not go where the crowd goes, for there everything is taken. You must take money enough with you to furnish all things needful for a summer's prospecting.

A BIG THING. If you find a good paying lode, you have bought the winning ticket in the biggest lottery in the world. If you don't get a good mine of either gold or silver you're bursted, for you have nothing. No half-way business, no "making expenses" and searching for gold mines.

If you want to go and invest a fortune in buying a mine, and another one in getting it to running, then go by all means, to Colorado, for there they will sell you mines worth from millions.

We have met hundreds of men going to Leadville. We have met hundreds coming back. GOING. They went out with bright, hopeful faces, with money in their pockets, with blankets, provisions, carpet-sacks, and revolvers. They came back discouraged, moneyless, provisions gone, carpet-sacks gone, blankets gone, revolvers gone, and in many cases overcoats sold for food.

COMING BACK. They came back afoot, whereas they rode out of Denver in style. The railroad train was too slow in bringing them out, but will be slower taking them back home, unless they raise the necessary fare. One man out of every ten thousand may make a fortune in the mines this season; the other nine thousand nine hundred and ninety and nine will make a failure.

The Denver papers are doing all they can to stop the wild, insane rush for Leadville, but the great American nation has heard of the five or six men who "struck it big," and it seems as if the whole American people must visit Colorado and see if they cannot also pick up a fortune for nothing.

THE RAILROADS are doing a rushing business. Every train that rolls into Denver is crowded with people from the East bound for the mines. Later in the season the tramps and dead beats who will line the railroad track will all be homeless bound. The hotels are crowded from cellar to attic. Dwelling houses in Denver are as scarce as they are in Lincoln. Furnished rooms command a premium. Outfitting houses are doing an immense business. Foundries and machine shops cannot turn out the work fast enough for the mines. Leadville has certainly been a mine of wealth to Denver and to the whole State of Colorado, but how is it with the poor devils who con-

tribute their mites towards the source of prosperity?

GO FOR PLEASURE. If you want to go to Colorado, go for pleasure. Then you will get your money's worth. Then you will come back happy and satisfied. How to go, when to go, and what to see will be outlined in the next from GAD.

Wattsville Literary.

If the following address delivered by John Easton on the occasion of the last season meeting of the Wattsville Literary Society shall be in the least instrumental in furthering the organization of similar societies, the object of its publication will have been accomplished. -ED. JOURNAL.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:--Our "Literaries" are about to close with this evening's entertainment; that they have been a success must be very gratifying to the promoters of them. In taking a review of those meetings permit me to remark, that they have been second to none, and in the opinion of many, superior even to the Columbus society.

Occasionally we have regretted that the young men of our community have not availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them of improvement, which was the primary object of this series of meetings. Again, we have regretted that we could not furnish sittings for the audience, although we boast of having the largest precinct school in Platte county. Our pleasures have been great, and surely none greater could be named than the sight of the many very happy looking faces so closely packed, the eager eye and anxious ear waiting on the debate or listening to the amusing declamation, the laughable dialogue, or genial song.

Praise is due to all, for the willingness put forth throughout the meetings, and especially would we name those from a distance, who have upon so many occasions assisted us in our exercises, not forgetting that social bogy with its genial freight "from over the hills from Postville," through cold and snow, bleak winds and darkness,--their only guide the long ears of the mules in advance, their only comfort the warmth of their capacious hearts, all aglow with friendship's happy fires. We all want to be happy. In youth we look forward to the future. The days, the months slip away, and we find ourselves living common, prosy lives. The most critical as well as bitterest moments of existence are when the burdens of life fall conscientiously on the careless, happy heart of youth, merrily dancing down the long path of life. Suddenly, we know how few people feel happy; how every middle-aged face bears deep wrinkles, and that the light and sparkle has faded out of the eyes. If, during this series of meetings we have but removed one wrinkle of care, brought happiness again to one heart, brought again the sparkle to eyes dimmed with the burdens of life, the end has been answered, and all assisting in our "Literaries" are happy.

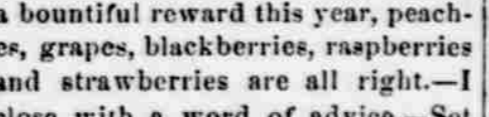
The exercises of this evening will now commence, and we trust the remembrance of those meetings will live in your memories, and bring forth a fruitful harvest, rich in our love to each other, cementing us all in one compact body until, (God willing) next fall we may emerge from our chrysalis state with fresh life and increased vigor, to again maintain our position as foremost and best of all literary societies in Platte county.

Something About Fruit.

ED. JOURNAL: Tell your readers that this is the time to make up their minds more fully to determine what they want in hardy fruits, and then hitch up their wagons, go to the nearest nursery and get what they want. Never stand and listen for a moment to those oily tongues and unreliable agents that overrun new countries and sell seedless peaches and leather pears as big as a young pumpkin kept in jars of water--for I affirm such has been the case. Neither will it do to buy eastern-grown fruit trees, for in the first place the varieties which do well there will not do well here. Our soil is strongly impregnated with alkali and other mineral substances that are not found in the clay banks of Ohio, for instance. Last and not least, the climate is very different. The Baldwin in N. Y. is a splendid apple; in Michigan it is almost an entirely different apple, while it will not do here at all. Agents, as a rule, will sell just what is wanted near their nurseries. This does not include all, for our friends over in Iowa have done the right thing in this county, and have done great good. I predict, however, that next year we will hear the usual wail go up that this is not a fruit country, when the truth is that we have about twenty-five different varieties of apples and crabs that will stand any degree of cold that might ever come to the country, and the same may be said of our adapted peaches, and so on throughout the catalogue of northern and western fruits. High prices for something you don't know has been the rule, but then, says the Rural New Yorker, "do not allow a lower price to in-

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For the JOURNAL. Enigma. I am composed of 14 letters. My 6, 7, 12, 10, & 8, is a noted bird. My 4, 5, 9, 4, 3, 5, is a race of people. My 11, 1, 10, 11, 12, is not round. My 8, 13, 4, 2, is a part of the hand. My whole is my choice for President and Vice President in 1880. An answer is requested. C.

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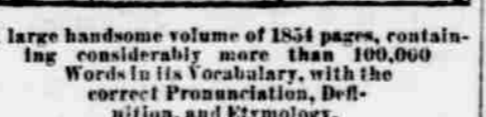
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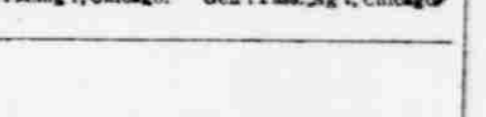
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