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Monday, November 20th, I left ports concerning its agricultural worth are so contradictory as to be-

It has been regarded as a desert of

represent it as a beautiful elevated our ordinary crops, as well as furnishing extensive ranges for cattle.

One morning found me at Long Pine. Here the natural features of the country changed most perceptibly. The rolling prairies gave place to vast stretches of table land, apparent-ly level and unbroken. The gently sloping banks of streams became canons, and the level line of the horizon was broken by sand hills. From Long Pine to Johnstown, on Plum creek, a distance of twenty miles or more, the soil is a light-sandy loam, and its value may be judged of from the fact that though it extends to the Niebrara river, fifty miles north of the equal distance above. Standing here, railroad, and for ten or twelve miles taiking in the whole scene, the south of it, and was all but terra incog- conviction is inevitable nita twelve months ago, new homes at some time a hundred Niagaras poured themselves into this claims are now scarce within five or abyas and after churning and boiling six miles of towns and stations.

abyas and after churning and boiling for awhile in its depths, rose and six miles of towns and stations.

Harrison Johnson, formerly a resident of Douglas county, and all his life a farmer. Unable to contend with different countries of a possilized trying nature. farmer. Unable to contend with difficulties of a peculiarly trying nature he resolved to abandon his old home and seek another. Four years ago he first set his eyes upon the canon of Plum Creek and the beautiful lands upon every side of it. Two years ago he removed there with his family and to-day he and his boys are doing well, each having secured homesteads and timber claims, built houses and broken land, from which this season they had crops of corn averaging forty bushels land, from which this season they had crops of corn averaging forty bushels to the acre, and vegetables of all kinds that cannot be surpassed. Most of the turnips were six inches in diameter, and I have specimens of their potatoes that measured fifteen and a half inches round in one direction and He has no fears in regard to the future and is happy in his lot. Others expressed similar views, and many are justly enthusiastic over a soil which gives evidence of fertility, canons furnishing pine, cedar and oak, ample for all purposes, swift streams of pure soft water whose perpetual sources are in the hills, and a crystalline atmosphere, every inspiration of which is a defiance

From Plum Creek to the Niobrara river, where it is crossed by the rail-road, a fine opportunity is afforded for studying the "Sand Hills," which have given geological prominence to this part of the State. They oc-cupy a large portion of the entire country in ranges parallel to, or else at | right angles to each other; in huge serpentine convolutions; in clusters, or as isolated projections from the plain of grass. In neight they vary from a few feet to a hundred feet or more, and in area from a few rods to miles. They present almost every variety of formmound, frustrum, cone and pyramid, and mock almost every form of archi-tecture, from the sacred edifice, with its aspiring gothic, to the s.ern battle-ments of feudal times; all these perfected or distorted as the case may be by the carving and scooping of wind and water. They are not all sand however. They appear, the larger especially, to be composed of an indurated mixture of sand, pebbles and clay-marl, containing petrifactions of trees, and gigantic bones, which are trees, and gigantic bones, which are found at a depth below the surface of seventy or eighty feet. Some are destitute of vegetation, but most are enone of the trunk lines of the state. the ranges are numerous lakes and large level stretches of land, watered large level stretches of land, watered by small streams. These are called hay meadows or flats, and furnish every year hundreds of thousands of tons of splendid grass for hay, which die and enrich the soil for a future growth, or are consumed by the too frequent prairie fire. The origin of these hills is still an open question, but if I mistake not some light might be thrown upon it by a study of the banks of the Minicadusa and Niobrara, and the country beyond to the north-

der beyond Thatcher, seven miles this side the Niobrara, and the fort so named, directly north, must be reached by stage. After riding three or Monday, November 20th, I left Comaha to visit the northwestern portion of the state as far as it is traversed by the Sioux City & Pacific railroad. Of this region little is known, and remailed the white and glistening of the state as far as it is traversed of the minicadusa suddenly rise into view, extending east and west for miles, their white and glistening fronts relieved here and there by the ports a preserving its agricultural dark green foliage of cedar and pine.

From the fort I walked to Valentine, offer them for sale as British or Gerwilder and perplex. The descriptions four and a half miles west. This given by scientists refer to limited areas or special features, and leave unnoticed the material questions as to punction of the Minicadusa and Nio-Santiago, consisting of a few acres the capabilities of this vast region to brara rivers. To the south is an of land only, now in the possession of two or three of the richest planters in two or three of the richest planters in the island; and probably not an atom north of the station, the cliffs of the of the tobacco-noted for its richness sand hills, and nothing more, to be given up now and forever to its primitive solitude and desolation, except for the herds of cattle finding summer the herds of cattle finding summer the manifest of men. From him I learned that the prospect for having a many set, the table lands pasturage amongst the table lands, canons and borders of creeks. With much of this impressed upon me as fact, I started. With very different ideas I return, and now propose to impart without exaggeration or re-substance was, that as the nearest serve the knowledge which justifies point to the fort and to Rosebud the change. Of the counties between Douglas places would be done at Valentine; and Holt too much is known to require that while the fort remained occupied more than this comment: that in population and productiveness they compare favorably with any newly settled counties of the state. It was night when I crossed Holt, both going and returning, so I must accept in regard to it the statements of others, who there would be a trade from there; There are now over a dozen buildings completed and the immediate wants of the town are a hotel, a black-

smith, a harness maker and a shoemaker. A walk out to the banks of the Minicadusa will well reward the visitor, and as before suggested may explain the presence and general features of the Sand hill region. The south bank of this stream is rounding and sloping, the north boundary is a perpendicular cliff, cut through, here and there by canons, but all with walls no foot can scale. The valley itself is a narrow and deep channel. The river bed is at least one hundred and fifty feet below the point of observation,

As a matter of course, but little opportunity has been given for experiments in farming, and time alone can determine the qualities of the soil and for what crops it is best adapted, but so far as experiments have been conducted, the result is perfectly satisfactorily. At Plum Creek I met Mr. Harrison Johnson, formerly a resident He has no fears in regard to the future.

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He has no fears in regard to the future. police were here from Pine Ridge waiting to receive and carry to the agency \$10,000 of silver currency.

The Sioux City & Pacific railroad company are entitled to the highest praise, not only for opening up this year and hittory reglected vertice of

vast and hitherto neglected portion of Nebraska, but for the manner in which they are building their road. It is first class in every respect. The road bed is solid, the sand and indurated matter before spoken of, making as good a foundation for the rails as the broken rock on the Penn-sylvania Central. All the stations, section houses and water tanks are well and solidly built and neatly painted. Nothing indicates negligence or niggardliness on the part of the company, and even to stations where no town or village exists, except upon paper, these remarks are applicable. What will you do with it? It is no onger unanswerable in regard to Northwestern Nebraska. On magnificent table lands and along the canons and creeks crops of all kinds can be raised in abundance. On and around the sand hills tens of thousands of cattle now find summer pasturage, and there is room for hundreds of thousands more. The vast hay fields offer a tempting opportunity for a branch of industry, which is comparatively untried in the state, the baling and shipping of hay; and thus divided between farmers, stockraisers and hay makers these thousands of square miles will soon be occupied, and an immense local business JAMES MORRIS.

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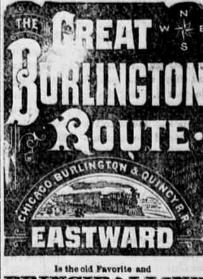
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