

WESTERN INCIDENTS.

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NEW YORK TO PITTSBURGH, CHICAGO, OMAHA, FORT KEARNY, AND DENVER—PROGRESS OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD—VISIT OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTORS, ETC., ETC.

DENVER CITY, COLORADO, *Monday, Sept. 17, 1866.*

IT is now about two weeks since I left New York, in company with the Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad, for the purpose of inspecting the rapid construction of that greatest of modern enterprises; and also examining the different routes which have been proposed for the road through the passes of the Rocky Mountains; and it seems to me that during that time I have learned more of the vast extent and resources of our continent than I had ever known before.

Leaving New York on the evening of the 4th September, by the New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Central Railroads, we arrived at Pittsburgh on the 5th for dinner, after which we were placed in the Government Presidential car, which conveyed us most comfortably to Chicago in time to witness the interesting ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Douglas monument, pay our respects to the Presidential party, and hear the eloquent address of General Dix.

On Friday evening, the 7th, we continued our journey from Chicago westward over the Iowa division of the