

with Gen. Hughes, the attorney of the Stage Company, who, with his daughter, accompanied us from Omaha to Denver.

#### FIRST VIEW OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

Our first view of the Rocky Mountains was from a point on the Plains about one hundred miles distant, and about an hour before sunset on Friday evening, the 14th inst. A heavy cloud had been lying along the western horizon during the whole afternoon, and it was feared that we should not obtain the long coveted view before the following morning; but, fortunately, the sun broke through and dispelled the lower belt of clouds just in time to give us a magnificent view of the entire range, and enable us to see the setting of the sun behind Long's Peak, the highest in the range.

#### DENVER CITY.

The appearance of Denver, as you approach it from the east, is not very imposing. The town is situated in the valley of the South Platte, at the mouth of Cherry Creek, about twelve miles in a direct line from the base of the mountains. And the swell, or elevation of the plain to the eastward, hides it from view until you approach within about three miles of the town. It then bursts upon the view as if by magic; and presents a most comfortable and inviting appearance to the weary traveller from the Plains, who has seen nothing but log and adobe ranches, at intervals of ten and twenty miles, for many long and weary days and nights.

Denver boasts of four or five thousand inhabitants. The streets are regularly laid out; and there are many fine brick blocks, either constructed or in course of con-