



HANGING ROCK, ECHO CANYON, UTAH.

Millard—an unimportant station to the tourist, is situated in the midst of a fine agricultural section—two stores, a flouring mill and hotel; population about 100. Eight miles further, we come to

Elkhorn—which is on the east bank of Elkhorn River, and of considerable importance as a point for freight traffic—it being the outlet of Elkhorn River valley.

ELKHORN RIVER—is a stream of about 300 miles in length. It rises among the hills of the Divide, near where the headwaters of the Niobrara River rise and wend their way toward their final destination, the Missouri. The course of Elkhorn creek, or river, is east of south. It is one of the few streams in this part suitable for mill purposes, and possesses many excellent mill sites along its course. The valley of this stream averages about eight miles in width, and is of the best quality of farming land. It is settled by Germans for over 100 miles of its length from its junction with the Platte River. The

stream abounds in native fish, as well as a great variety of “fancy brands” from the East—a car load of which were accidentally emptied into the water at the bridge, while en route to be placed in the lakes and streams of California, during the spring of 1873.

Wild turkeys on the plains, and among the low hills, along with deer and antelope, afford sport and excitement for the hunter. The river swarms with ducks and geese at certain seasons of the year, that come here to nest and feed. The natural thrift of the German is manifested in his well-conducted farms, comfortable houses, surrounded by growing orchards and well-tilled gardens. There is no pleasanter valley in Nebraska than this, or one where the traveler will find a better field for observing the rapid growth and great natural resources of the Northwest; and should he choose to pass a week or more in hunting and fishing, he will find ample sport and a hospitable home with almost any of the