

goons. It is situated five miles south of Kearny station, and nine miles via Burlington & Missouri railroad from Kearny junction, on the south bank of the Platte, which is at this point three miles wide, and filled with small islands. The fort is in latitude 40 deg. 33 min., longitude 99 deg. 6 min.

In the fall of 1872, all the Government buildings, worth moving, were removed to North Platte and Sidney, on the Union Pacific railroad, 291 and 412 miles, respectively, west from Omaha, and the post abandoned. The remains of the dead bodies of soldiers, buried at Kearny, were taken up and re-interred in the National Cemetery, at Fort McPherson.

Two miles above the fort, on the south bank, is Kearny City, in the early days more commonly called "Dobey Town." This was once a great point with the old Overland Stage Company, and at that time contained about 500 inhabitants, the greater portion of which left upon the abandonment of the line and the south-side route of travel. But

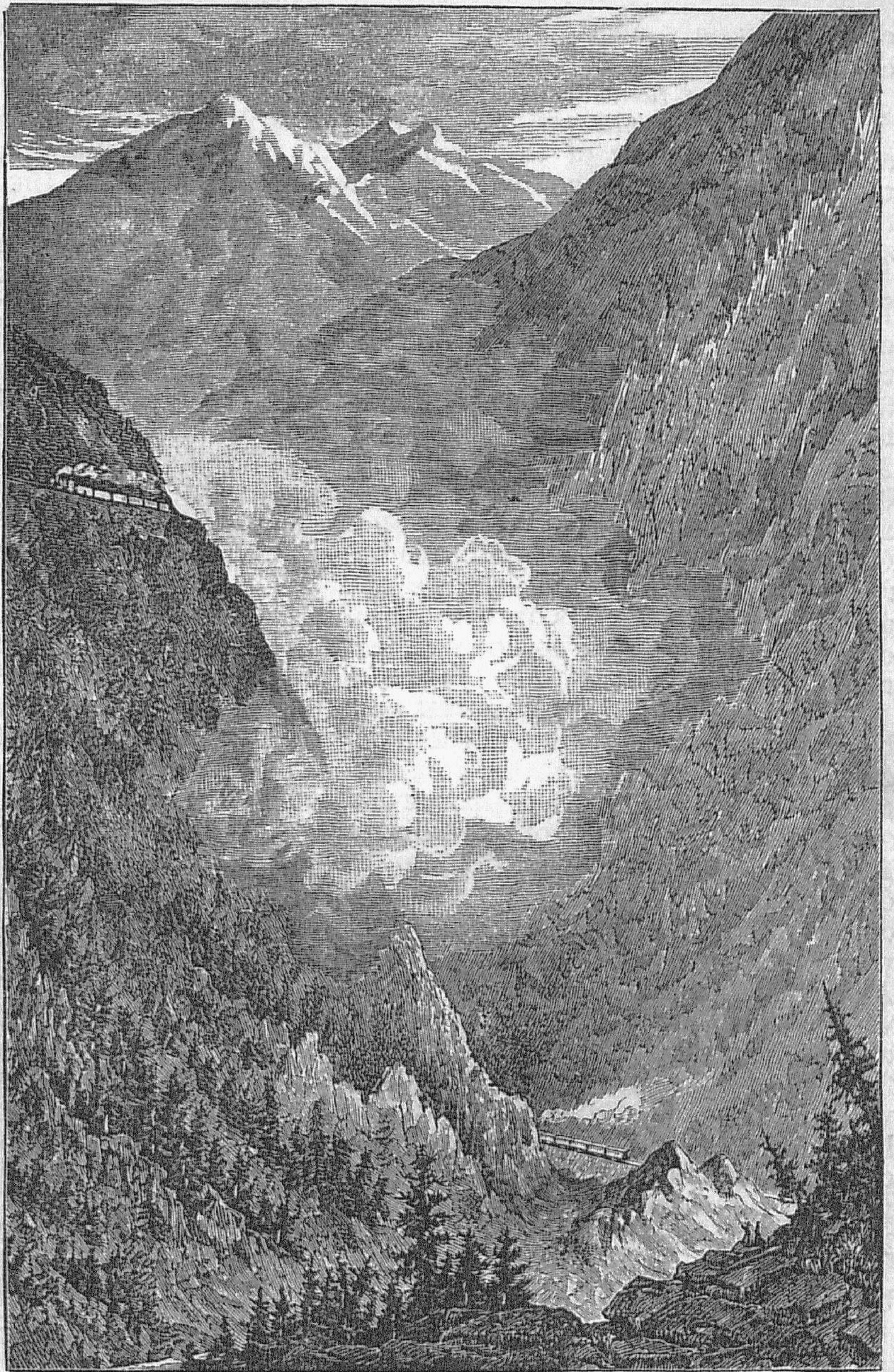
we are told settlers are coming in, and it will soon regain its "old time" figures.

Returning to Kearny Junction, 5 9-10 miles brings us to

Stevenson—a side-track—unimportant. Again, 10 3-10 miles west is

Elm Creek—a small place of several stores and a few dwellings.

Soon after leaving the station, we cross Elm Creek, a small, deep, and quite lengthy stream. It was well wooded before the



CROSSING THE SANGRE DE-CHRISTO MOUNTAINS

Altitude, 9,339 feet. Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

advent of the railroad, the timber consisting almost entirely of red elm, rarely found elsewhere in this part of the country.

From Elm Creek station it is 9 miles to **Overton**—This is another small station of a few buildings. It is situated on a branch of Elm Creek.

The Platte Valley along here, and for the last fifty miles, is very broad; nearly all the best land has been taken up, or pur-