

\$10,000 was offered for the arrest of the perpetrators, and three have been caught and have paid the penalty of the crime with their lives. About one-half of the money has been recovered.

After leaving this station, we pass by a series of cuts and fills, and another range of bluffs, cut up by narrow ravines and gorges. At points, the roads run so near the river bank, that the water seems to be right under the cars. But we emerge again, after 7 8-10 miles, and come to

Barton—a small signal station of very little importance. Passing on a short distance we can see the old town of Julesburg, on the south side of the river. The town was named after Jules Burg, who was brutally assassinated, as will be related in ANNEX No. 10.

From Barton, it is 8 7-10 miles to the station of

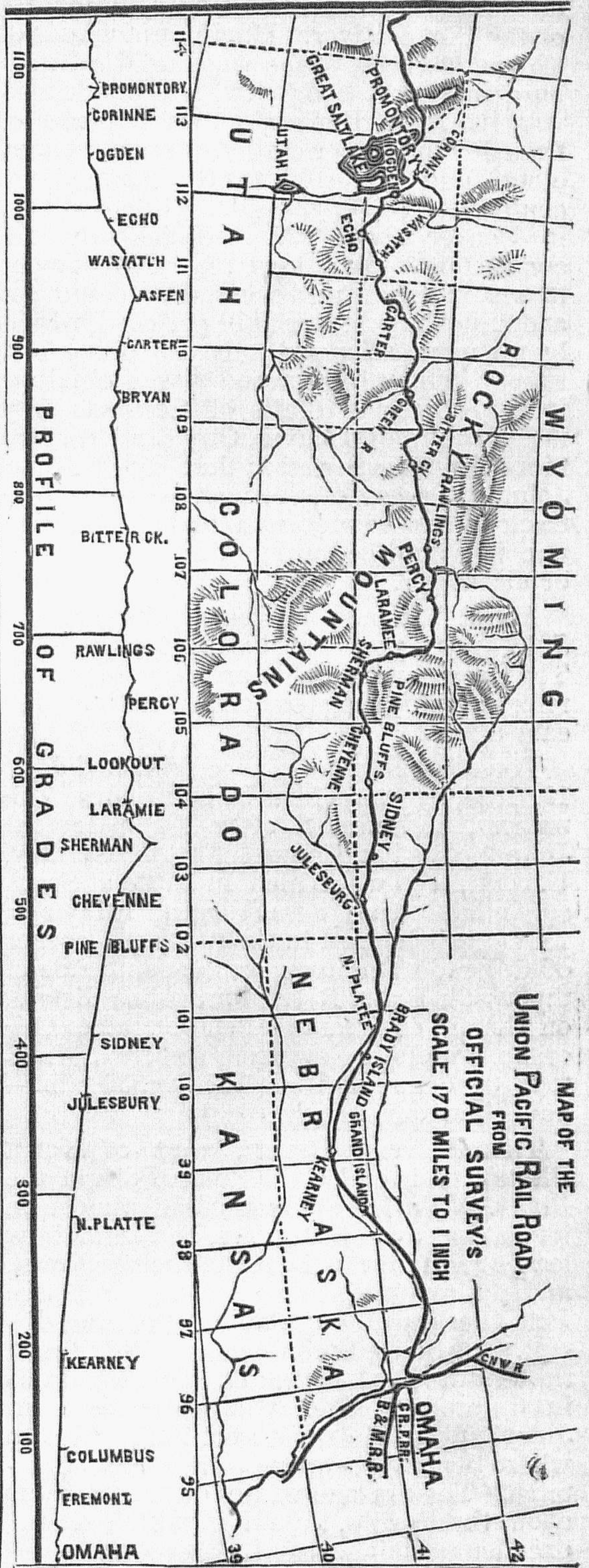
Julesburg—Elevation 3,394 feet; distance from Omaha, 377 miles. Until 1868, this was an important military, freight and passenger station, since when it declined to a simple way station.

In 1873-4, a railroad bed was graded up the north side of the Platte, in the interest of the Union Pacific Co., but for some reason the ties and iron have never been laid, and now that the Union is enabled to reach the Colorado business by the new Colorado Central, via Hazard, it is hardly likely that this line will ever be completed. The Union Pacific was completed to this place the last of June, 1867, and all Government freight for the season was shipped to this point, to be re-shipped on wagons for its destination to the north and west.

At that time Julesburg had a population of 4,000; now the town is almost deserted. During the "lively times," Julesburg was the roughest of all towns along the Union Pacific line. The roughs congregated there, and a day seldom passed but what they "had a man for breakfast." Gambling and dance houses constituted a good portion of the town; and it is said that morality and honesty clasped hands and departed from the place. We have not learned whether they have returned; and really we have our doubts about their ever having been there.

Before the railroad, the last of Utah and California emigration that came up the Platte crossed opposite the station, and followed up this Valley to the Cheyenne Pass.

From Julesburg to Denver, Colorado, the



To be well armed and ready for a fight is "to be heeled."
The Indians on the plains call the locomotives and cars "bad medicine wagons."