

everybody patronizes, as it is celebrated for its good fare, is tastefully ornamented with the heads and horns of the buffalo, deer, elk, antelope, mountain sheep, and other game, all preserved and looking as natural as life; here, too, is a great variety of other interesting specimens.

The other hotels are the Inter-Ocean, Delmonico, on the European plan, Dyer's, Simmon's, and Metropolitan.

EARLY TIMES—On the fourth day of July, 1867, there was *one house* in Cheyenne—no more. The first Mayor of Cheyenne was H. M. Hook, an old pioneer, elected August 10, 1867, who was afterwards drowned in Green River, while prospecting for new silver mines.

In the spring of 1869, there were 6,000 inhabitants in the place and about the vicinity; but as the road extended westward, the floating, tide-serving portion followed the road, leaving the more permanent settlers, who have put up substantial buildings of brick and stone, which mark a thriving and steadily growing city.

Cheyenne, at one time, had her share of the "roughs" and gambling hells, dance-houses, and wild orgies; murders by night and day were rather the rule instead of the exception. This lasted until the business men and quiet citizens, tired of such doings, and suddenly an impromptu vigilance committee appeared on the scene, and several of the most desperate characters were found swinging from the end of a rope, from some convenient elevation. Others, taking the hint, which indicated they would take a rope unless they mended their ways, quietly left the city. At present Cheyenne is orderly and well-governed.

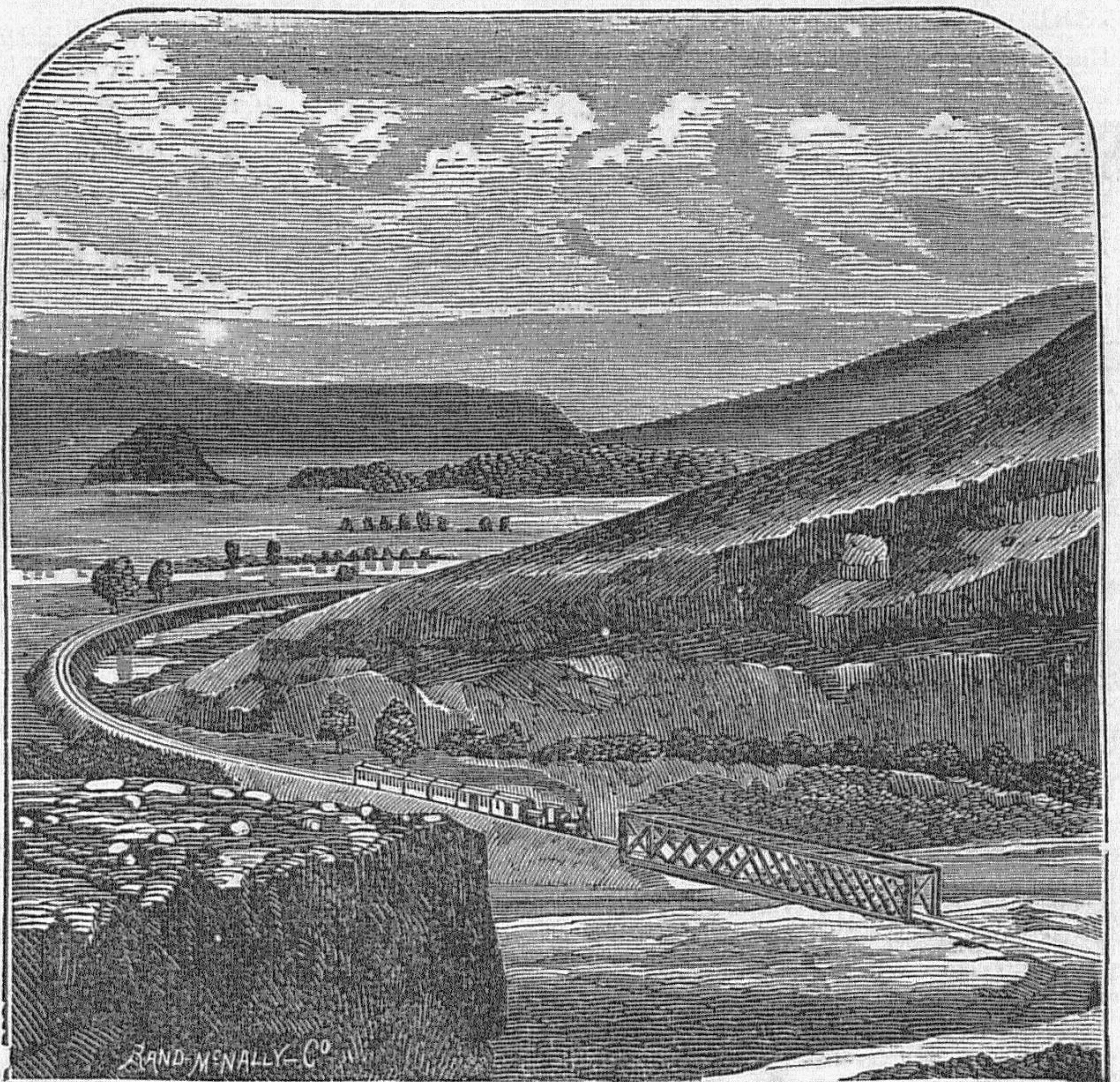
In the fall of 1869, Cheyenne suffered severely by a large conflagration, which destroyed a considerable portion of the business part of the town,

involving a loss of half-a-million dollars. The inhabitants, with commendable zeal, rebuilt, in many instances, with more durable material than before.

GOVERNMENT FORTS AND CAMPS.

FORT D. A. RUSSELL—This post was established July 31, 1867, by General Auger, and intended to accommodate sixteen companies. It is three miles from Cheyenne, on Crow Creek, which washes two sides of the enclosure. Latitude 41 deg. 08 min.; longitude 10 deg 45 min. It is connected by side-track with the Union Pacific railroad at Cheyenne. The quarter-master's department—12 store-houses—is located between the fort and the town, at "Camp Carling." Several million pounds of Government stores are gathered here, from which the forts to the northwest draw their supplies. The reservation on which the fort is situated was declared by the President, June 28th, 1869, and contains 4,512 acres.

FORT LARAMIE—This fort was established August 12th, 1869, by Major W. F. Sanderson, Mounted Rifles. The place, once a trading post of the Northwestern Fur Company, was purchased by the Government, through Brice Husband, the com-



DOWN THE WEBER RIVER, NEAR MORGAN CITY