

creek cut their way through to the plain below.

These mountains are nearly round, flat on the top and covered with grass, from the summit of which, a magnificent view can be had of the towns of Golden, Denver, Boulder, and down the Platte River to the northeast, up to the Arkansas Divide, to the southeast, and out on to the broad plains to the east, as far as the eye can reach.

The court house at Golden, is of a fine quality of brick, with cut stone facings, standing on an eminence overlooking the city. There are six church edifices, one large public school, capable of accommodating 300 pupils, several hotels, among which are the Bacon, Overland, Golden, Johnson, and Astor. Golden has two weekly papers, the *Colorado Transcript*, published by Geo. West, a Revolutionary soldier of 1812, or rather a pioneer of 1859, and the *Colorado Globe*, by Donaldson & Moore.

There are several quartz mines near the town, and the whole section is underlaid with coal mines of good quality, which are successfully worked.

Clear Creek rises about 60 miles from

the city, emptying its waters into the Platte four miles below Denver. The stream affords great natural advantages for manufactories, the water-power being unlimited, and mill sites numerous.

The business of the town is principally with the mining region to the westward, and while we are here we will take a run up and see what can be seen. "Change cars,"—this time, for the narrow gauge, and away we go to the west, up, up, through a narrow canyon, with the creek on our left, and the towering mountains rising above our heads, on either hand, 1,000 feet or more.

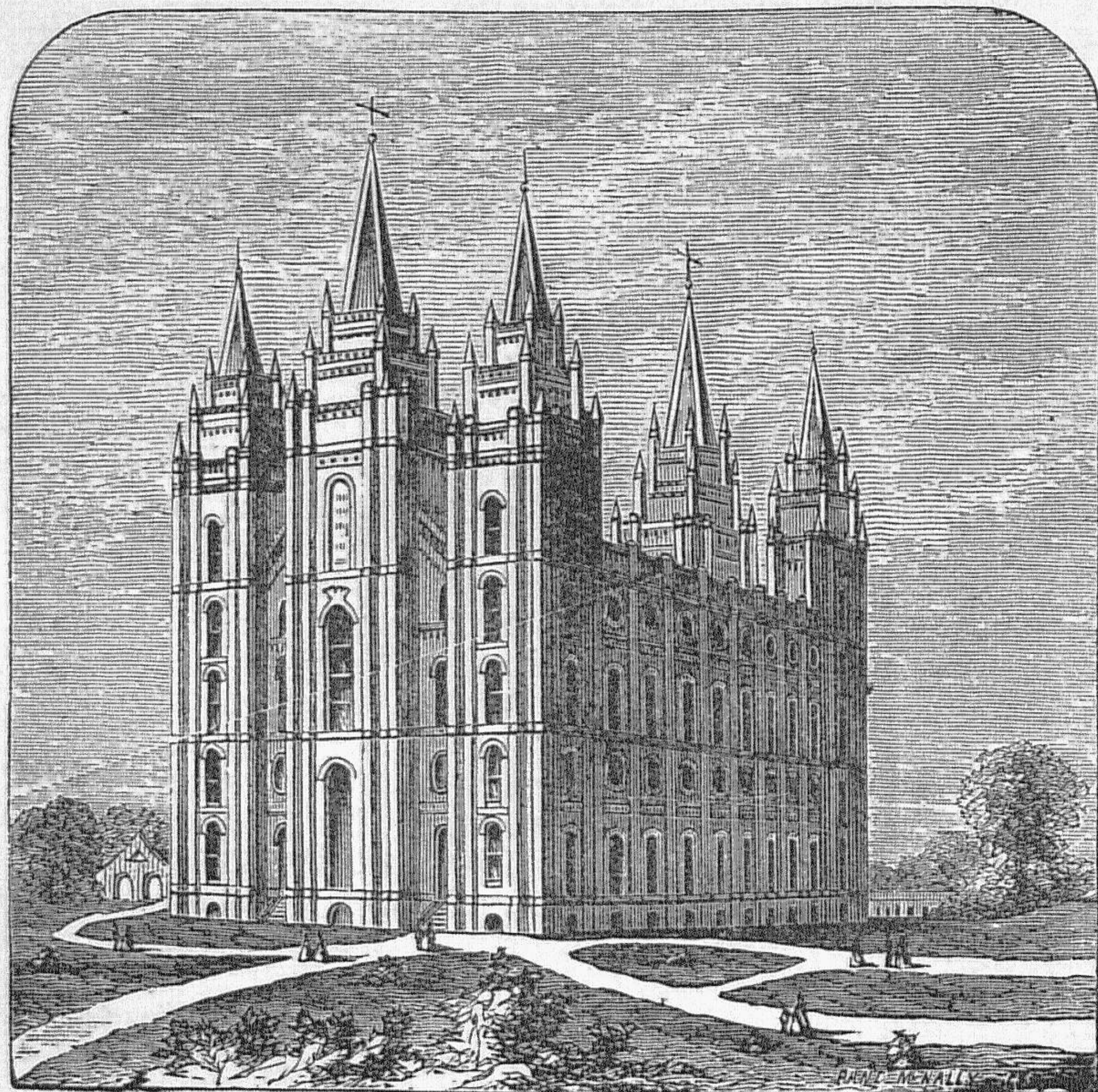
We follow the creek in its tortuous course, in places 100 feet above, and then along on a level with its banks 3 2-10 miles to

CHIMNEY GULCH—a station only in name. In 1863, a wagon road was built up this canyon to GUY GULCH, three miles further, which it followed up about three miles to where it intersected the old Golden Gate road, at the foot of Guy Hill. Near the junction of this wagon road, which comes in on the right, with Clear Creek, are many evidences of placer mining; but little has been done since 1859 and 60, when this was a busy camp.

From Guy Gulch our course is more to the left, crossing the creek to the south, between high towering cliffs, for 1 6-10 miles to

BEAVER BROOK—the first stopping place so far on the route. Beaver Brook—a small stream comes in on the left, down a narrow canyon, up which six miles distant is located a sawmill, in the midst of a perfect forest of timber.

Opposite the station building, away up on a projecting point of the mountain, 200 feet above the road, and almost overhanging it, is located a pavilion, with a stairway leading to it from near the platform below. In the summer this place is a great resort for picnic parties from the valley



MORMON TEMPLE, SALT LAKE CITY.