



DONNER LAKE BOATING PARTY.

ings are sandwiched in between the gulches, ravines, mines, rocks, and projecting mountain crags in the most irregular manner.

Gold, in paying quantities was first discovered in this section of country, at this place, by John H. Gregory, May 6th, 1859. During the summer, the great rush of gold-seekers commenced in earnest, and the mountains were overrun with prospectors, every day bringing reports of rich placer diggings or quartz discoveries.

Close upon the discovery of gold, came the newspaper. *The Rocky Mountain Gold Reporter* and *Mountain City Herald* were established Aug. 6th, 1859, by Mr. Thos. Gibson, at this time, one of Omaha's most esteemed citizens. *The Post*, a weekly, is the only paper published here now.

Quartz mills are numerous in and around Black Hawk; the rattling of their descending stamps, night and day, speaks in thunder tones of the great wealth of this

mountain country, one of the great treasure-chambers of the American Continent.

The railroad, when completed, will keep up Clear Creek, to the east of Black Hawk, where it will make a curve to the west bank and follow it down through the more elevated part of the city, and run up the mountain side—as previously described—gaining sufficient altitude to reach Spring Gulch, close to Central, to the old Montana mill where the depot will be located. But, until this road is completed, passengers will take the “bus” at the depot just below Black Hawk, and ride up through the city—through Gregory Gulch, the old town of Mountain City, and along a street, built up, most of the way—passing several quartz mills, for a distance of about two miles, when we are at

CENTRAL CITY—county seat of Gilpin county; altitude 8,240 feet, being about 800 feet higher than Black Hawk. The city has a permanent population of about 4,000, and, like the people of Black Hawk,