

great measure, from the track. Snow-sheds cover the deepest cuts along the road, where obstructions from the snow are most likely to occur. The cold rains and deepest snows come with an east wind; the worst storms come from the southwest.

The thermometer at Sherman ranges from 82 deg. Fahrenheit, in the summer, to 30 deg. below zero in winter. Springs of sparkling water are numerous in the surrounding country, and form many small streams which wind their way among rocks and through gorges until they are lost in the waters of other streams.

At this elevated point, the tourist, if his "wind is good," can spend a long time pleasantly in wandering amid some of the wildest, grandest scenes to be found on the continent. There are places where the rocks rise higher, where the chasms are far deeper, where the surrounding peaks may be loftier, and the torrents mightier in their power, and still they do not

possess such power over the mind of man as does the wild, desolate-looking landscape around Sherman. Although the plateau is covered with grass, and occasional shrubs and stunted trees greet the eye, the surrounding bleakness and desolation render this place one of awful grandeur. The hand of Him who rules the universe is nowhere else more marked, and in no place will the tourist feel so utterly alone, so completely isolated from mankind, and left entirely with nature, as at Sherman, on the Black Hills of Wyoming.

At the first the tourist experiences much difficulty in breathing, the extreme lightness of the air trying the lungs to their utmost capacity, but becoming accustomed to the change, and inhaling long draughts of the pure mountain air, will greatly prefer it to a heavier atmosphere.

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