

neath us. From the summit the waters flow to the Pacific through the Colorado of the West, and to the Atlantic through the Platte.

Peaks, five hundred, and one thousand feet higher than this, are near us, while Long's Peak, supposed to be nearly fifteen thousand feet above the sea, is in full view forty miles to the northeast. During the next two weeks, Col. Seymour and myself expect, in company with Gen. Dodge, the Chief Engineer, to look over the routes surveyed across the Black Hill range, one hundred miles north of this place.

The Union Pacific Railroad is under rapid progress. In November next the locomotive is expected to cross the bridge over the North Platte, two hundred and eighty-five miles from Omaha. The opening of this work across the plains, will soon make the people of the States more familiar with this Rocky Mountain range and its grand scenery; and, what is more important, will afford ready access to a new field of enterprise in the work of developing its vast mineral wealth.

J. L. WILLIAMS.

We found our venerable driver at the foot of the trail, as per arrangement; but in order to insure his return to Empire the same night, he had taken the precaution to exchange his mules temporarily, with the Empire landlord, for a pair of good horses.

Mr. Brown and myself kept our saddles till we reached Empire City, at six P. M.; but Mr. Williams, participating to some extent in the peculiar characteristics of a locomotive, from his long ride upon the back of old "Knockum-Stiff," as he facetiously styled his horse, concluded to take his accustomed seat in the carriage.

On our way down to Empire City, a conspiracy was organized by our venerable driver to make a permanent exchange of his mules with the Empire landlord for his horses, but I am sorry to say that the scheme was not successful.

The name of Bayard Taylor, that greatest of descriptive travellers, who had preceded us but a few months over Berthoud Pass, was still fresh in the recollection of the mountain residents who had been favored with his acquaintance.