

the mines around us, as well as of the outfit in which we were travelling.

CENTRAL CITY.

Central City seems to be situated at the confluence of several gulches, which, united, form the north branch of Clear Creek; and the streets are made to follow the windings of the beds of the streams. The houses are generally built upon benches cut in the side hill for the different stories, with basements upon the streets; so that, in order to reach the cellar or back-yard, you are frequently compelled to ascend one or two pairs of stairs from the office or dining-room of your hotel. I mention this fact, not so much the result of my own observation, as from information derived from my esteemed friend and travelling companion, Mr. Williams, who spent at least a half hour in an investigation of the subject, immediately upon our arrival at the hotel. Central City boasts of several thousand inhabitants, or, at least, as many as Denver. We noticed several fine blocks of brick and granite buildings, two or three large banking houses, and also the "Big Barn," situated directly in the centre of the city, and which seems to be the general corral for all the town and surrounding country.

After partaking of a very good dinner, and giving such attention to our surroundings as the gloomy state of the weather would permit, we held a consultation as to our future movements. It had been our intention, on leaving Denver, to spend the present afternoon and night here, which would give us an opportunity to examine many of the mines, as well as quartz mills in the vicinity. Mr. Chaffee, Senator-elect from this forthcoming State, whom we had met in Denver, had very kindly promised