

tance of sixteen miles from the junction, was speedy and uninterrupted.

CLEAR CREEK CAÑON—IRON AND COAL.

Mr. Williams was desirous here, if time permitted, of making some further examination and notes of the coal and iron deposits; and also of the lower end of the Clear Creek cañon. Halting therefore, at eleven o'clock, at the Cheney House, we were speedily furnished with excellent saddle-horses, through the kindness of Messrs. Loveland and Fisher, the former of whom accompanied us some distance up the cañon; and also over a considerable extent of the outcroppings of iron-ore and coal, of which he is the principal owner. After which, and the partaking of a very good dinner, in company with the stage passengers from Denver to Central City, we resumed our journey to Denver.

The snow had nearly disappeared from the surface at the foot of the mountain ranges; and had left in its place a deep salvy mud, which rendered the roads heavy and tedious. The near sorrel mule had evidently lost much of the interest in our progress which he had so satisfactorily manifested in the earlier part of the day; and his ears (that unfailing indication of a mule's thoughts) were manifestly tending considerably backward of the perpendicular. Our venerable driver's right arm, however, had become well rested, and he was able, by its constant use, to reach Denver by four o'clock in the afternoon.

ENTRANCE INTO DENVER.

It was, however, at this last stage in our eventful journey, and when near its termination, that Mr. Williams'