

scalps as trophies for the adornment of their wigwams ; or might be planning an escapade for our stock ; but what matter—we all felt that innate sense of security and reliance upon ourselves, which always accompanies a wild and roving mountain life ; and which, we felt confident, would enable us to cope successfully with five times our number of these savage denizens of the forest.

Our “headquarters” had been furnished, through the kindness of Col. Mizner, with two wedge tents, each capable of sheltering and sleeping two persons comfortably ; these were pitched near our wagon ; and the wagons and tents of our escort were distributed at a respectful distance in our rear. The General gave the necessary instructions to the Sergeant in command of the escort, respecting the careful picketing of our stock, and the posting of the guard for the protection of our camp from surprise during the night ; and after we had indulged in our most comfortable evening talk and smoke, by the light of our waning camp-fire, we were admonished by the cool evening air, and the noiseless quiet which reigned around us, that it was time for us to retire to rest.

#### LONE ROCK—ESCAPE OF AN ANTELOPE.

After an early breakfast the following morning, we pursued our way over the high and somewhat broken divides till we reached the plain which stretches itself between the valleys of Lone Tree and Crow Creeks. On passing an immense detached pile of granite rock, eighty feet high, and fifty feet square at the base, Gen. Dodge and Mr. Evans ascended with some difficulty to its summit, and reported a most extended view of the surrounding country.

A little further on, while most of our party were col-