

select party of friends, who had accompanied him the previous day in a special train over the Union Pacific Railroad from Omaha.

Mr. Holladay was on a tour of inspection over his stage route to Denver and Salt Lake City; and he informed us that he should probably visit San Francisco before returning to New York. We examined with some curiosity his fine private four-horse coach, which seemed perfect in all its appointments, having ample stowage and sleeping accommodations for a party of three or four gentlemen, or even ladies.

Mr. Holladay also informed us, that he could not well shorten up this end of the stage route, and make an earlier connection with the cars, which were now running some forty or fifty miles west of Kearny, until the track had reached a point opposite Cottonwood Station, where the Platte river could be crossed without difficulty. This will be done about the first of November; and then the staging to Denver will be reduced to two days instead of three, as it is at present.

#### KEARNY TO OMAHA BY RAILROAD.

We crossed the Platte, in company with Mr. Holladay's returning friends, and took a special train for Omaha, over the Union Pacific Railroad, at ten A. M. Here we learned that during our absence, the Government Commissioners had been out and accepted thirty-five additional miles of track, making in all, two hundred and forty-miles of road, from the initial point at Omaha.

The scene along the road was both interesting and exciting. Here was a fine passenger station in course of construction; there, a freight or water station was being put up, as if by magic. Now, we were halted upon a side-