

South Clear creek, mingle their translucent waters with those of that stream within the town limits, and Virginia Canon, a deep gorge, through which the road from Central winds its circuitous way, terminates at the northern boundary of the town. The mountains on either side rise to an elevation of at least 1,000 feet, their slopes covered with grass and timber, interspersed with bare rocks and rugged crags. Good liveries are established here, and teams, saddle-horses or outfits may be had for trips to Bear creek (8 miles), or Chicago Lakes (15 miles), for trout fishing, or to Berthoud's Pass (16 miles), and the Hot Sulphur Springs of Middle Park, 60 miles.

On the following day I resumed my outside seat on the coach bound for Georgetown, 13 miles distant. This is a most important town, and is described by Mr. Blake, in his excellently written "Hand-Book to Colorado," as follows:

"Georgetown, the capital of Clear Creek County, and center of the chief silver region of Colorado, is a live, prosperous city, 'beautiful for situation,' and of wonderful resources. The place has grown rapidly during the past year, and though still without railroads, her enterprising citizens have recognized no drawbacks, and have made her, if not in population, at least in wealth and stability, the second city in the Territory. The location of the city is romantic, in a valley on South Clear creek, at an altitude of 8,452 feet. On three sides, east, south and west, the mountains rise abruptly 1,500 feet. The west mountain is gray, bare rock; the