

upon almost level ground, the road stretching out through a dense grove of young pines, a mile and a half in a straight line, to the head of the Park. Trotting along through this for a few minutes, Updike proudly reined up his scarcely panting team in front of a residence on the banks of the Frazier, in the Middle Park, and the first stage coach ever seen there stood like a prophet, pointing to the West and seeming to say: 'I break the way where many of my fellows shall follow, until the locomotive whistle shall drive them further on.' Distance 26 miles. Time six hours."

From this ranch I was fortunate enough to get a good horse, and vaulting into the saddle, galloped over to the Hot Sulphur Springs, which I had heard and read so much of, and which are really wonderful. Within a small circuit are hot and cold sulphur, alum, salt and pure springs. The great sulphur spring is on the north bank of the Grand river, where it oozes from the ground, flows a short distance over a bed of its own deposit, and falls in a stream about 12 inches in diameter into a pool twenty feet by twelve, and four feet deep. The temperature of this pool is one hundred and thirteen degrees. I found a temporary sort of house built over it with a canvas covering, and having divested myself of clothes, went in and had what I consider, and what doubtless will be ere long, one of the most superb Russian baths in the world. The vapor was dense, and it brought beads of perspiration out in double-quick time. It took some moral courage and considerable tender testing before I managed to