

some most Titanic rock scenery — an extension through waterless deserts may afford a happy contrast. A railway is often followed by a feverish spurt of speculation, and one or two mining towns will probably spring up. These will revel in the glories of numberless saloons for a season, and in a short time after fall flat as many other places have done ; for instance, Aurora. But how these Western railways, running through a poor country, are to pay the different companies who finance them, construct them, stock them, issue first preferences on them, and water their shares, is a branch of business not given to every fellow to understand.

A very short stay in Salt Lake City satisfies most persons. It certainly may be called a pretty town ; the trees and gardens having a good effect ; but how long would the latter be retained when the land becomes valuable ? Still at present worse places can easily be found, and when the burning question is settled the town will probably take a fresh start.

This narration will, I think, give a truthful impression of the manner of life which must be followed on the trail in the Pacific States and territories. It is not everywhere so dry and so dusty as in Nevada ; but with certain allowances for the pleasanter aspects of affairs in journeying through