

The town itself is attractive, but falls far behind both Denver and San Francisco in size or importance. It is not on the main line, nor is the country around sufficiently fertile for a high state of culture, notwithstanding the extravagant praises which it has been customary to bestow on the efforts of the first emigrants into the valley. There are valuable mines to the east up in the mountains, and there is some talk of a future boom in mines in the country south of the great lake. The latter, as usual, are some of the richest mines in the world ; but one hears the statement so frequently in diverse places that it fails to impress, particularly when accompanied by a readiness to supply every one with some of this invaluable property. The only thing the miners are waiting for is the extension of the railway, and this, as usual, has been located in two places. The whole region in that direction is, from all accounts, barren. What advantage a line of rails could obtain by crossing it is less than doubtful ; but some railroad is sure to be found to undertake it, if only to forestal a rival ; possibly an extension of the Denver and Rio would meet the case. Nothing could be less paying than the country which is traversed by that line between Salt Lake City and Pueblo. It is advertised as the scenic line, and a short length does pass through