

many intelligent and some eminent men. I listened attentively to their varied conversations and discussions; and I dare say that the sentiments and opinions herein expressed are not original, but rather the filterings through my memory of what older and wiser men have said. We met while crossing the Rocky Mountains, at Salt Lake, and everywhere in California and Oregon, numbers of interesting men and attractive women, to whom we are largely indebted for the pleasure of a journey which would otherwise have been often weary and monotonous.

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In going from New York to San Francisco by the Pennsylvania Central, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Union and Central Pacific roads, the distance is 3,281 miles. The difference in time between the two cities is three hours and fourteen minutes.