

Long's Peak, and 165 miles to the south is Pike's Peak, both visible.

Laramie City is 573 miles from Omaha, the county-seat of Albany County, Wyoming. It contains about four thousand inhabitants; has a rolling-mill, but stock-raising is the great industry. The "Laramie Plains" comprise a belt, twenty-five by sixty miles, of the finest grazing-lands. Countless buffalo once roamed these plains, and had as good title to the lands as had the Indians who roamed in like manner. It is said that over three thousand horses and mules, ninety thousand head of cattle, and as many sheep, can now be found within forty miles of Laramie. The plains are well watered.

Carbon is 657 miles from Omaha, and here was the first happy discovery of coal on the road. Since then, far better mines have been found farther west, — at Rock Springs, and at Evanston.

Rawlins is 709 miles from Omaha. Before reaching Rawlins we come to the sage-brush and alkaline beds: they extend west for more than a hundred and twenty miles. The sage-brush is a bush about four feet high; its leaf and form are like the garden sage (but the bush is much larger), and it tastes like wormwood: it grows on the alkaline beds, where nothing else will grow. The alkaline dust through this