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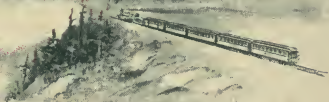
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WHAT MAY BE SEEN

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EN ROUTE BETWEEN

OGDEN, SALT LAKE CITY AND DENVER

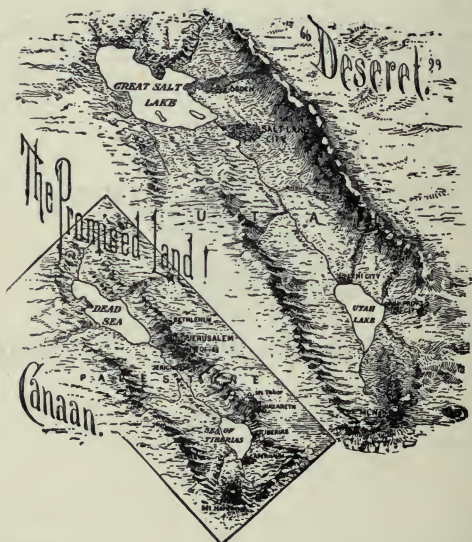
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COMPARATIVE CUT—DESERET VS. CANAAN.

A striking comparison between the Holy Land and the new State of Utah, aptly termed the
 "Mountain Walled Treasury of the Gods."

EN ROUTE H62

Rio Grande Western Railway

“Great Salt Lake Route.”

The object of this book is to supply our patrons with information generally desired by travelers regarding their routes, and to do it in a brief, business-like way, leaving the flights of fancy to builders of “Castles in Spain.”

Western terminus, Denver & Rio Grande System. Second city in Utah. Nine miles from the Great Salt Lake, at the base of the Wasatch Mountains. Surrounded by immensely rich

Ogden

Pop. 22,000

Alt. 4,292 feet

agricultural and mineral resources. Railroad center of Utah. Denver & Rio Grande, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short

Line & Utah Northern, Union Pacific. Second largest electrical power plant in the United States. Beet sugar factory. Destined to be an important manufacturing center. Ogden Hot Springs four miles. Growing sanitarium. Leaving Union Depot, you cross Ogden River in the city limits—flows into Great Salt Lake.

WASATCH THROUGH

Roy

Alt. 4,392 feet
Og. 8 miles

Layton

Alt. 4,320 feet
Og. 15 miles

Kaysville

Alt. 4,264 feet
Og. 18 miles

From Ogden to Salt Lake City the railway runs along the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake, through the Salt Lake Valley, with the Wasatch Range in the distance. This valley is extremely fertile and on the high ground around Kaysville dry farming is profitably followed, while the lower lands are generally irrigated.



CITY OF OGDEN.

The Island you see from the train, looking like a mountain range in the lake, is Antelope or Church Island. It abounds in fresh water springs and contains a valuable deposit of guano. On each side of the track are located

natural gas wells of high pressure, discovered in the spring of '92, and now piped into Salt Lake City and utilized both for heating and lighting purposes.

Lake Shore

Alt. 4,213 feet
Og. 24 miles

Woods Cross

Alt. 4,260 feet
Og. 28 miles

Lovely rural village two miles from station. Renowned for its fine fruits and vegetables.

Capital of Utah, historic, commercial, financial, mining and smelting center. Founded in

Salt Lake City

Pop. 65,000
Alt. 4,225 feet
Og. 37 miles

1847. Eighteen hotels, four daily papers. Beck's Hot Springs and White Sulphur Springs adjacent to the city.

Their waters equal in efficacy the waters of the Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Points of interest: Mormon Temple and Tabernacle; Fort Douglas United States Military Post, three miles; White Sulphur Springs, one mile; Beck's Hot Springs, three miles; Liberty Park, one mile; Calder's Park, three miles; together with other attractions and drives too numerous to mention. Thirteen miles from the city is located the magnificent bathing resort, Saltair Beach, on Great Salt Lake. It is the finest salt-water bathing resort in the world. During the bathing season trains leave every hour.

Great Salt Lake is ninety miles in length and forty-five miles wide, with numerous islands to add to the general interest. The bathing is superb, one cannot sink on account of the

density of the water, which contains twenty-two per cent solid matter, or sixteen and two-thirds per cent salt—greater than the Dead Sea of the Holy Land.

From seven to ten miles from Salt Lake City are located the large smelting and refining works at Murray and Sandy. Here the Denver



MORMON TEMPLE, SALT LAKE CITY.

& Rio Grande connects with the branch for Park City, one of the largest mining camps in the state. Tourists desiring to inspect a mining camp should make this side trip, which occupies but a few hours, and in addition to an inspection of the big Park City mines presents a delightful ride through beautiful Cottonwood Cañon.

From a rambling village a few years ago Salt Lake City is fast becoming a metropolitan city in every sense of the word. Bountifully endowed with parks, drives, magnificent streets and lovely homes, destined to become one of the greatest sanitariums of the world. The population is cosmopolitan and steadily increasing. There is no uncertainty in its future; it is bound to be a great inland city. Natural gas in abundant quantities now in use, both for lighting and heating purposes.

Largest camp in the Camp Floyd mining district. Well known as the Johannesburg of

Mercur

Pop. 3,000
Alt. 6,700 feet
45 miles from Salt
Lake City.

America, owing to a similarity in the ores and the immensity of the ore zone. The camp already possesses several big dividend payers and has the distinction of running the largest cyanide mill in America. New strikes are constantly being made and indications point to a development that will place Mercur in the van as a gold camp.

Murray

Alt. 4,290 feet
Og. 44 miles

Situated in the Salt Lake Valley. Location of three of the largest smelting and refining plants in the West. Here the gold, silver, lead and copper ores of Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana come for treatment.

From Bingham Junction a branch line runs fourteen miles west to Bingham, a prosperous



VIEWS OF SALT LAKE CITY.

**Bingham
Junction**

Alt. 4,360 feet
Og. 48 miles

and heavy producing gold, silver, lead and copper mining camp. Another branch runs easterly to Wasatch, a pleasant summer resort, and connected by tramway with the mining camp of Alta.

**Jordan
Narrows**

Alt. 4,455 feet
Og. 59 miles

Riverton

Alt. 4,408 feet
Og. 54 miles

Near this point the train crosses the historic Jordan River twice. Here is located a plant furnishing electrical power for the mining camps of Bingham and Mercur. From the Narrows the line follows the Utah Valley, through which the Jordan River flows, supplying the irrigating ditches which have made it possible for man to transform the sage brush desert into well-cultivated and exceedingly productive ranches, fruit orchards and gardens.

Lehi

Pop. 3,000
Alt. 4,533 feet
Og. 65 miles

American Fork

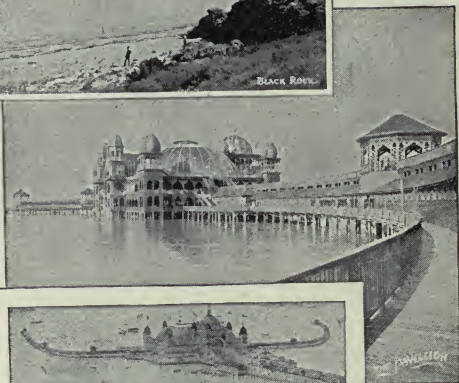
Pop. 3,000
Alt. 4,555 feet
Og. 69 miles

Geneva

Alt. 4,490 feet
Og. 72 miles

Midway between Lehi and American Fork, both of which are promising little cities of 3,000 people, is located the Utah Beet Sugar Factory, which is one of the largest in the United States and cost nearly a million dollars.

On the shore of Utah Lake, a magnificent sheet of fresh water about thirty by fifteen miles in extent. Excellent fishing, shooting and boating. Here is located Geneva, a splendid bathing resort with good hotel.



SALT AIR BEACH, NEAR SALT LAKE CITY.

Provo

Pop. 6,000

Alt. 4,517 feet

Og. 82 miles

County seat of Utah County, has the largest woolen mill west of Mississippi River. The State Insane Asylum is also

located here. View of Utah Lake both before and after passing Provo. Here a branch line extends through Provo River Cañon to Heber and the far-famed natural Hot Pots.

Springville

Pop. 2,000

Alt. 4,545 feet

Og. 87 miles

A delightful rural town situated in a rich agricultural valley famous for its gardens and orchards. Here a branch leaves

the main line for Eureka and the Tintic Mining District, the largest mining camp in the state.

Castilla

Springs

Alt. 4,920 feet

Og. 98 miles

These are hot springs fast becoming famous for their medicinal qualities. Well appointed hotel and splendid fishing in vicinity.

Leaving Castilla Springs the line runs up Spanish Fork Cañon to Thistle, the junction

Thistle

Alt. 5,060 feet

Og. 102 miles

point of the San Pete and Sevier Valley Branch, 124 miles in length. This branch carries you through the entire length

San Pete and Sevier Branch

of the fertile San Pete and Sevier valleys, dotted here and there with prosperous towns.

The present terminus of this branch is Marysvale, the shipping point for the great Marysvale and Gold Mountain gold-mining districts, which are rapidly coming into prominence.

Tucker

Alt. 6,200 feet

Og. 120 miles

A small railway settlement at the foot of Soldier Summit.

**Soldier
Summit**

Alt. 7,464 feet
Og. 127 miles

Where the line crosses the Wasatch Range. Highest point on the line. On this point a soldier of Albert Sydney Johnston's army died and is buried. From that circumstance the place derived its name.



CASTLE GATE.

Colton

Alt. 7,180 feet
Og. 134 miles

Junction point Scofield Branch, 18 miles through Pleasant Valley to the coal mines of Scofield. Good trout fishing.

Kyune

Alt. 6,960 feet
Og. 140 miles

Extensive blue sandstone quarries of excellent building qualities. Here is one of the most striking points of scenic interest in Utah.

It is similar in many respects to the gateway in the Garden of the Gods. The two huge

Castle Gate

Alt. 6,120 feet
Og. 148 miles

pillars of rock rise (one 500 and the other 450 feet) above the track. They are separated only by a narrow space through

which runs the Price River and the railway, pressing closely one against the other. Near this point are the Castle Gate coal mines. Situated along the track can be seen 120 coke ovens.

Helper

Alt. 5,840 feet
Og. 152 miles

At the lower end of Price River Cañon. Here are located division headquarters, round-

house and repair shops. One of the best railroad eating houses in the West.

Price

Alt. 5,547 feet
Og. 159 miles

Named after Price River on which it is situated. Stages, south bound, leave daily, except

Sunday, for Cleveland, 18 miles; Castle Dale, 40 miles; Orangeville, 42 miles; Ferron, 54 miles. North bound, daily, Fort Duchesne United States Military Post, 90 miles; Ashley, 120 miles and Vernal, 135 miles. Price is the diverging point for the Uintah and Uncompahgre Indian reservations soon to be thrown open to settlement.

Wellington

Alt. 4,950 feet
Og. 165 miles

The desert between Price and Green River is being steadily but surely reclaimed by the introduction of irrigating ditches and the persistent determination of the sturdy Utah

Mounds

Alt. 5,275 feet
Og. 175 miles

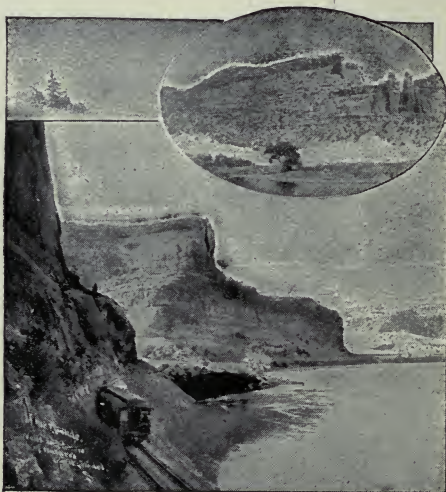
**Sunnyside
Branch**

Mounds 17 miles

Woodside

Alt. 4,645 feet
Og. 197 miles

ranchmen. These are all that are needed to turn the apparently worthless desert into fertile farms and orchards. All kinds of fruits, sweet potatoes, peanuts, etc., grow luxuriantly. At Sunnyside the new coal mines of the Utah Fuel Company have recently been opened and are turning out some 1,500 tons per diem.



CANON OF THE GRAND, UTAH. RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILWAY.

Green River

Alt. 4,080 feet
Og. 223 miles

A veritable oasis in the desert; a striking example of what water can produce from desert land.

The Green River, from which the town derives

its name, is a majestic and navigable stream which has its confluence with the Grand some ninety miles below, where they form the Colorado River. Seven miles from station, on the Green River, is located the famous placer ground on which a \$60,000 plant has been erected. The ground is very rich. This is the outfitting point for Henry Mountain mining district and the Colorado River gold fields, both of which promise great results in the near future.

Thompson's

Alt. 5,160 feet
Og. 250 miles

Cisco

Alt. 4,380 feet
Og. 274 miles

Agate

Alt. 4,350 feet
Og. 279 miles

Cottonwood

Alt. 4,560 feet
Og. 285 miles

Westwater

Alt. 4,340 feet
Og. 290 miles

Utaline

Alt. 4,350 feet
Og. 294 miles

Shale

Og. 300 miles

Ruby

Og. 305 miles

From Green River, on past Thompson's, Cisco, Agate, Cottonwood and Westwater, enchanting views of the Book Cliffs and snow-capped peaks in the distance greet the eye. From Thompson's and from Cisco there are good wagon roads via Moab to Bluff City on the San Juan River. Thompson's is the outfitting point for the La Sal Mountain mining district, forty-five miles distant.

Leaving Westwater we soon come to the boundary line of Utah and Colorado, which is denoted by a straight line marked on the rocks, thus: "UTAH | COLORADO," and may be seen from the car windows on the left, going east.

From Utaline on past Shale and Ruby to Crevasse the line follows up the Cañon of the Grand River, and is replete

Mack

Og. 309 miles.

Crevasse

Alt. 4,585 feet

Og. 310 miles

etc. At Mack one takes the Uintah Railway for the Uintah Indian Reservation.

Fruita

Alt. 4,510 feet

Og. 318 miles

with enchanting scenery. The principal points of interest are the Half Tunnel, Ruby Amphitheater, Flamingo Rocks, Mulligan Guards, Dodge's Bluff, etc. Near Crevasse, the line leaves the cañon and a short run brings us to Fruita in Grand Valley. Here the finest fruits



BATHING SCENE, GREAT SALT LAKE.

in Colorado are raised, and it is destined to become widely known as a fruit district.

Appropriately named. It is the junction of four lines of railway, viz: Denver & Rio Grande (narrow gauge), Colorado Midland, Denver & Rio Grande (standard gauge) and Rio Grande Western. Located

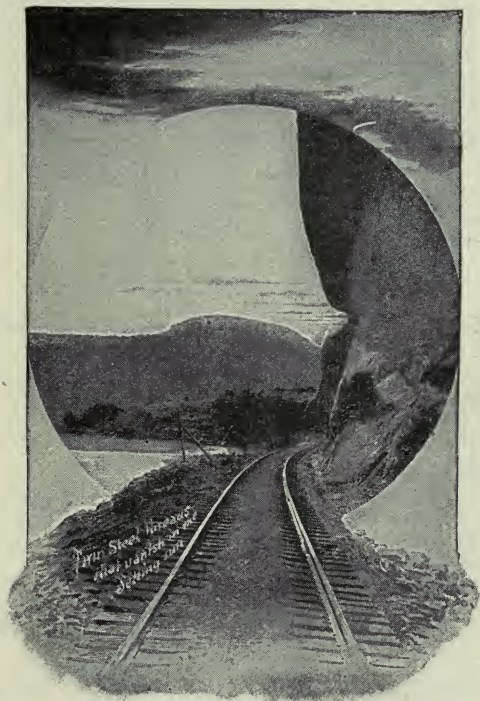
Grand Junction

Pop. 4,000

Alt. 4,583 feet

Og. 328 miles

near the confluence of the Gunnison and Grand Rivers; a thrifty western city; the market town of an extensive surrounding territory. Famous for fruits, especially peaches.



ON THE MAIN LINE, RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILWAY.

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad

STANDARD GAUGE.

“Scenic Line of the World.”

GRAND RIVER SCENERY, GLENWOOD SPRINGS, ASPEN, EAGLE RIVER, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS, TENNESSEE PASS, FREMONT PASS, LEADVILLE, CALIFORNIA GULCH, MT. MASSIVE, TWIN LAKES, COTTONWOOD LAKE, SALIDA, ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY, ROYAL GORGE, CANON CITY, FLORENCE, PUEBLO, COLORADO SPRINGS, MANITOU SPRINGS, ETC., PIKE'S PEAK, ETC., PALMER LAKE AND DENVER, ARE CHIEF POINTS OF INTEREST EN ROUTE TO TOURISTS.

Grand Junction Eastward the beautiful Grand river scenery is followed on the left side of the river, through

Alt. 4,583 feet
Og. 328 miles

De Beque fantastic cañons, long tunnels, pretty mountain vales. Station for extensive grazing country back on the mesas. In the

Alt. 4,104 feet
Og. 361 miles

Parachute country contiguous to Grand Junction immense quantities of exceedingly fine fruits are raised.

Alt. 5,400 feet
Og. 374 miles

Rifle Stage runs to White River Plateau—60 miles.

Alt. 5,310 feet
Og. 391 miles

New Castle Extensive coal deposits largely worked. The famous “Sunshine” coal is mined here.

Alt. 5,562 feet
Og. 405 miles



GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

One of the greatest health and summer and winter resorts in the world. Possessing most remarkable and extensive hot springs—

Glenwood Springs

Alt. 5,758 feet
Og. 417 miles

ten great, and countless small ones of great curative properties. The large springs are estimated to send forth every minute 8,000 gallons of water, which is thirty times the outflow of the Hot Springs of Arkansas. The largest spring, named the Yampa, gives out 4,000 gallons of water per hour. The extreme temperature of the water is 124 degrees. The properties of the water are alkaline, saline, sulphuric, chalybeate, calic and thermal. Amid lawns, drives and terraces is situated Glenwood's magnificent bath house, constructed of red stone; the edifice having cost \$220,000. The "Big Pool" is unique among Glenwood's attractions. It is 750 feet long, from 65 to 110 feet in width, with a gradual

depth of from four to six feet. The pool's temperature is 95 degrees Fahrenheit, and all the year around hundreds throng here to enjoy a plunge in the warm waves open to the sky.

The one thing necessary to make Glenwood Springs the most magnificent summer resort in the world has been accomplished by the erection of the Hotel Colorado, at a cost of \$350,000. The Colorado is constructed of peach-blow colored stone and Roman brick. The hotel is built around three sides of a large court, 124 feet square. In locating the building, advantage was taken of the natural slope of the ground, thus enabling the court to be terraced and adorned with fountains, paths, grass plats and beds of flowers, affording delightful promenades and commanding extensive views.

Carbondale

Alt. 6,181 feet
Og. 430 miles

Are stations on the Aspen Branch from Glenwood Springs to Aspen—41 miles.

Emma

Alt. 6,610 feet
Og. 439 miles

Aspen, one of the greatest mining camps in the world. Population 4,500. Mollie Gib-

Woody Creek

Alt. 7,270 feet
Og. 450 miles

son, a most remarkable mine of late years, is here. Other grand properties are being worked. Well worth a side trip to see these wonderful mines of silver.

Aspen

Alt. 7,874 feet
Og. 458 miles

A most picturesque, weird and majestic stretch of quickly changing panoramic scenes. "Flamingo Point," ruddy col-

Cañon of the Grand Shoshone

Alt. 6,119 feet
Og. 427 miles

Dotsero

Alt. 6,154 feet
Og. 435 miles

Gypsum

Alt. 6,325 feet
Og. 442 miles

Wolcott

Alt. 6,976 feet
Og. 459 miles

ored and graceful images of flamingoes perched high on the mountains. The resemblance of portions of this cañon to the grand architectural designs of ancient Egypt is very striking. Near Gypsum are immense beds of lava, thrown in its present position from a now extinct volcano, rising to the north.

Sixty springs, varying from cold to 160 degrees, Fahrenheit, make a puffing sound and clouds of steam. Reached by stage or carriage from Wolcott station—70 miles. Beautiful scenery en route.

Steamboat Springs

Alt. 6,410 feet
Og. 529 miles



TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY.

Eagle River Cañon

Alt. 7,825 feet
Og. 475 miles

Rock Creek

Alt. 8,311 feet
Og. 481 miles

Mount of the Holy Cross

Height 14,176 ft.
Og. 487 miles

Red Cliff

Alt. 8,608 feet
Og. 484 miles

Pando Tunnel

Alt. 9,489 feet
Og. 490 miles

This tunnel is on the western ascent of Tennessee Pass. It is cut through solid granite, and, in connection with the windings of the line up the mountain, constitutes a marvel of engineering.

Named for General John C. Fremont. The Denver & Rio Grande here has an altitude higher than that attained at any other point on the line. Mount of the Holy Cross plainly visible. (On Dillon Branch.)

Fremont Pass

Alt. 11,330 feet
Og. 493 miles

Tennessee Pass

Alt. 10,240 feet
Og. 500 miles

Is one of the highest tunnels in North America. The summit of this pass is on the Sangre de Cristo Range, and is the great Continental Divide.

The "City above the Clouds" was first known in 1859 as California Gulch. \$5,000,000 in gold dust was washed from placers in five years.

Leadville

Alt. 10,200 feet
Og. 507 miles

Nearly abandoned until 1878, when great deposits of carbonate silver-bearing ores were discovered; since 1893 camp has become more famous as a gold producer. Mines and smelters everywhere.

At the foot of Mt. Massive (14,368 feet) five miles from Leadville, are the Soda Springs, reached by 100-foot boulevard. Stage twice a day. Excellent fishing close by.

Soda Springs

Alt. 10,250 feet
Og. 512 miles

Beautiful sheets of water six miles southwest of Leadville. Great summer and fishing resort for Leadville people and others. A branch U.S. National Fish Hatchery is located here.

Evergreen Lakes

Alt. 10,500 feet
Og. 513 miles

At Granite may be seen the great flumes used in hydraulic mining. Gold has been

Twin Lakes

Alt. 9,024 feet
Og. 523 miles

Granite

Alt. 8,940 feet
Og. 530 miles

Buena Vista

Pop. 1,800
Alt. 7,967 feet
Og. 542 miles

discovered here in great quantities. Two hours' ride from Granite station are "Twin Lakes." They are 14 miles southwest of Leadville. One is $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in extent, and the other about half that size. They are 75 feet deep and well stocked with fish, as are also the mountain streams near this well-equipped summer resort.

**Cottonwood
Lake**

Alt. 7,900 feet
Og. 554 miles

Twelve miles southwest of here is the summer resort, Cottonwood Lake. Good fishing and hunting.

**Cottonwood
Hot Springs**

Alt. 7,525 feet
Og. 548 miles

Famous among the Indians for curing diseases; six miles from Buena Vista. Stage daily. Good hotels, good fishing and hunting.

Salida

Pop. 3,000
Alt. 7,050 feet
Og. 567 miles

Prosperous town on Arkansas River. Junction of Denver & Rio Grande standard and narrow gauge lines from Grand

Junction; also junction with narrow gauge for Santa Fé and Durango. Delightful scenery, drives, etc., and good fishing.

**Wellsville
Hot Springs**

Alt. 6,873 feet
Og. 572 miles

Five miles down the Arkansas River from Salida. Natural warm plunge. Great medicinal qualities.

Leaving Salida the road meanders down the Arkansas River through varying scenery of broad scope and gradually being closed in

Howard

Alt. 6,714 feet
Og. 579 miles

upon, finds itself in the ponderous jaws of the gaping Royal Gorge, the most wonderful piece of scenery in this grand

transcontinental route, but is no more wonderful than the great achievement of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, in building, first of all, its

Cotopaxi

Alt. 6,386 feet
Og. 591 miles

narrow-gauge line, and later in capping the climax by building its present standard-gauge line through this almost impassible gorge, where the rushing, roaring waters of the Arkansas River battle for room with the precipitous granite cliffs—thousands of feet high. From the car at the rear of the train, the best views of this wonderful scenery of tall pinnacles, rugged crags and a streak of blue sky are obtainable. At places the railroad

Parkdale

Alt. 5,800 feet
Og. 618 miles

views of this wonderful scenery of tall pinnacles, rugged crags and a streak of blue sky are obtainable. At places the railroad



ROYAL GORGE.

is suspended in mid air over a seething caldron of the rushing river, whose roar, coupled with the awful grandeur of the overhanging cliffs, makes one of the most awe-inspiring scenes and incidents to be found anywhere on the globe.

Royal Gorge

Alt. 5,498 feet
Og. 617 miles

of the rushing river, whose roar, coupled with the awful grandeur of the overhanging cliffs, makes one of the most

West Cliff

Silver Cliff

Alt. 7,816 feet
Og. 625 miles

In Wet Mountain Valley. Good mining and agricultural section. By branch line from Texas Creek.

Cañon City

Alt. 5,343 feet
Og. 623 miles

Handsome residence and business city for mining and stockmen. All modern conveniences.

Splendid winter climate. It is at the mouth of the Royal Gorge. Colorado State Penitentiary located here. Junction with Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad.

Royal Gorge Hot Springs

Alt. 5,343 feet
Og. 623 miles

At Cañon City. Prof. Lowe, Government Chemist, has made an analysis of the water showing splendid medicinal properties.

Florence

Alt. 5,199 feet
Og. 631 miles

Florence is a junction point with the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad to the famous gold camp, Cripple Creek. Oil wells may be seen in abundance on either side of the train, and several refineries are located here.

Cripple Creek is, perhaps, one of the most wonderful mining camps in the country. In the early part of 1893 the camp was practically a

Cripple Creek

Alt. 9,396 feet
Og. 672 miles

wilderness; to-day a promising town of 12,000 inhabitants, shipping gold ore from over a hundred paying mines. Three railroads now reach the camp.

"The Pittsburgh of the West." Metropolis of Southern Central Colorado, and live business,

Pueblo

Alt. 4,668 feet
Og. 664 miles

supply and manufacturing town. Great junction point of all railways in Colorado. Most

extensive rolling mills and iron works west of Mississippi River. Large gold, silver, lead and copper smelters and reduction works.



ON TOP
PIKE'S PEAK.

Gulf Junction

Alt. 4,680 feet
Og. 655 miles

At Pueblo the road turns north toward Denver—120 miles; From Pueblo to Colorado

Eden

Alt. 4,480 feet
Og. 672 miles

Wigwam

Alt. 5,231 feet
Og. 685 miles

Widfield

Alt. 5,720 feet
Og. 700 miles

Fountain

Alt. 5,568 feet
Og. 704 miles

Colorado Springs

Alt. 5,992 feet
Og. 709 miles

views of Rocky Mountains. Broad shaded streets. Magnificent hotel. Junction point with the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railway for points in the Cripple Creek district. Famous as a marvel of engineering and beautiful scenery.

Manitou Springs

Pop. (Winter)
1,300
Pop. (Summer)
5,000
Alt. 6,318 feet
Og. 714 miles

Springs—45 miles, one of the grandest pictures in America. Majestic Rockies rise to the left, and the broad “plains” sweep to the eastward to the foot of the Alleghanies. Pike’s Peak in sight nearly all the time. Flourishing towns, all more or less renowned as summer resorts, line this part of the route.

The fashionable health resort and city of Colorado. Most noted place in Colorado for consumptive cures. Grand

Famous the world over. On branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, six miles from Colorado Springs. Is visited by more people in search of either a health, a pleasure

or a summer resort than is any other place in the West. It has magnificent hotels, elegant baths, delightful drives and grand scenery.



THE EAGLE GATE, SALT LAKE CITY.

Garden of the Gods

A short distance from either Manitou or Colorado Springs is the famous "Garden of the Gods," abounding in gigantic monoliths carved by nature from beautiful red sandstone into myriads of fantastic shapes.

The most renowned mountain in all the Rockies, climbed by a cog-wheel road eight and

Pike's Peak

Alt. 14,147 feet
Og. 724 miles
to summit

three-quarter miles long—from Manitou. Magnificent scenery, interesting points en route.

United States Signal Station and restaurant on the summit. Unparalleled view for 100 miles.

Main Line Again

Return to Main Line at Colorado Springs.

Pikeview

Alt. 6,201 feet
Og. 713 miles

Last grand view of noble Pike's Peak.

Monument

Alt. 6,974 feet
Og. 728 miles

Ascending the divide to Palmer Lake. Good farming towns and summer resorts. Monument Park, similar to Garden of the Gods, to be seen on the left of train.

Beautiful lake on summit of the "Divide," an east and west spur of the Rockies. Great summer resort for Denver people.

Palmer Lake

Alt. 7,237 feet
Og. 732 miles

Beautiful scenery. Some noted points of interest are Phœbe's Arch, Glen D'Eau, Bellevue Point, Ben Lomond and Perry Park. Good hotels and eating station.

Larkspur

Alt. 669 feet
Og. 741 miles

Perry Park, an hour's drive from here. Unique and fantastic rock formations. Delightful drives. Good hotel.

Castle Rock

Alt. 6,220 feet
Og. 751 miles

Named from remarkable promontory rising from the plain, and in whose shadow the village lies.

Fort Logan

Alt. 5,394 feet
Og. 774 miles

United States Military Post. Beautifully located. Ten miles from Denver.

Denver

Alt. 5,198 feet
Og. 784 miles

Metropolis for country west of Missouri River. Homes of scores of millionaires, mining men, stockmen and manufacturers. Grand public buildings, parks, boulevards, etc. Immense smelting and manufacturing industries.

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad

NARROW GAUGE.

"Scenic Line of the World."

LOWER GUNNISON VALLEY, DELTA, OURAY, MONTROSE, CEDAR CREEK, CEDAR DIVIDE, CERRO SUMMIT, CIMARRON, CANON OF THE GUNNISON, SAPINERO, CURECANTI NEEDLE, CHIPETA FALLS, VALLEY OF THE GUNNISON, KEZAR, GUNNISON, CRESTED BUTTE, PARLIN, WAUNITA HOT SPRINGS, TOMICHI RIVER, SARGENT, MARSHALL PASS, MOUNT OURAY, GRAY'S, PONCHA SPRINGS, SALIDA, ARE THE POINTS WHICH GO TO MAKE COMPLETE "THE GREAT SCENIC LINE OF THE WORLD."

From Grand Junction the Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge starts in a south of easterly direction for its junction with the standard gauge at Salida—209 miles. When the idea of surmounting the Rocky Mountains in Colorado by a railroad was broached, the scheme was deemed visionary, impossible and unprofitable. Experience has demonstrated that people will travel for pleasure and information, and the expected drawbacks have proven the strongest attractions.



SOME UTAH MOUNTAIN VIEWS.

Unaweeep

Alt. 4,636 feet
Og. 335 miles

Whitewater

Alt. 4,665 feet
Og. 340 miles

Kahnah

Alt. 4,683 feet
Og. 344 miles

Deer Run

Alt. 4,712 feet
Og. 350 miles

Bridgeport

Alt. 4,755 feet
Og. 354 miles

Dominquez

Alt. 4,801 feet
Og. 361 miles

Escalante

Alt. 4,845 feet
Og. 367 miles

Stratter

Alt. 4,880 feet
Og. 372 miles

Roubideau

Alt. 4,900 feet
Og. 374 miles

The towns, until Delta is reached, are small trading towns for the surrounding agricultural and mining sections, and are situated in the beautiful valley of the Lower Gunnison River, which empties into the Grand at Grand Junction. The scenery along this part of the route is beautiful, although not of that rugged and weird character which so awes the traveler in the Upper Gunnison, a little farther along. Excellent hunting and fishing are to be found in the mountains and streams contiguous to the stations.

Prosperous trading place, where the main railway and the Gunnison River part company for a time, the route being up a tributary of the Gunnison. Delta is the center of a great area of fruit country, and immense quantities of apples, pears, grapes, peaches, etc., are shipped from here annually.

Hotchkiss

Alt. 5,369 feet
Og. 404 miles

From Delta a branch line extends northeasterly through the beautiful and fertile Valley of the North Fork of the

Paonia

Alt. 5,694 feet
Og. 412 miles

Gunnison. This valley is noted for the magnificent and abundant crops of the choicest fruits

and its generally superb scenery.

Chipeta

Alt. 5,173 feet
Og. 384 miles

Has an Indian name, as have nearly all stations in this section.

Olathe

Alt. 5,352 feet
Og. 389 miles

Trading station, in center of great fruit country.

Montrose

Alt. 5,811 feet
Og. 400 miles

Population 2,500. Flourishing railroad and mining supply town. Junction point with

Ouray branch for famous tour "Around the Circle." Ridgway, on Ouray branch, is junction point with Rio Grande Southern Railroad into Southwestern Colorado. Is the distributing point for an agricultural region of great prominence and fertility.

Continuing to rise on its ascent to the Cedar Divide, the road reaches Fairview. Magnifi-

Fairview

Alt. 6,165 feet
Og. 405 miles

cent view of the Uncompahgre Valley and distant San Juan Mountains to the south.

**"Squaw Hill" or
Cerro Summit**

Alt. 7,968 feet
Og. 417 miles

Crossing Cedar Divide at Cerro Summit, the descent is made through Cimarron Cañon down to the Black Cañon of the

Gunnison, which had been left above Delta, because a line could not be obtained by following the stream.

Cimarron

Alt. 6,906 feet
Og. 423 miles

Cimarron Creek empties into Gunnison River. During summer months observation car

put on here to go through Black Cañon—15 miles—and taken off at Sapinero.

Black Cañon of the Gunnison Begins one mile east of Cimarron and ends at Sapinero. For miles the railroad is upon a ledge blasted out of the rock cliff, whose walls are perpendicular for over 2,000 feet.



CURECANTI NEEDLE.

Curecanti

Alt. 7,075 feet
Og. 431 miles

Lake Junction

Alt. 7,235 feet
Og. 437 miles

Famous Curecanti Needle and Chipeta Falls. Junction for branch to Lake City, a thriving mountain town of 2,000 people, 36 miles to the south, where mining, hunting, fishing, etc., are prominent.

Eastern end of Black Cañon and the upper end of the Valley of the Gunnison. The rail-

Sapinero

Alt. 7,255 feet
Og. 438 miles

road has reached the river level and winds and turns with it.

Kezar

Alt. 7,434 feet
Og. 452 miles

Thirteen miles from Sapinero, to the southwest, lies the new gold camp of Goose Creek, a recent discovery which bids fair to rival the older and more

promising camps. A railroad is projected. Observation car taken off here

**Aberdeen
Junction**

Alt. 7,550 feet
Og. 458 miles

Junction for branch to Aberdeen, 10 miles south.

Gunnison

Alt. 7,685 feet
Og. 463 miles

Enterprising place of 3,000 people, is in the heart of gold, silver, lead, copper and coal country, and the junction for

the line leading to famous Crested Butte bituminous and anthracite coal fields. Good fishing and hunting near here. Good hotels.

Parlin

Alt. 7,952 feet
Og. 475 miles

After leaving Gunnison, a broad, level plateau is crossed (altitude 7,680 feet) and Tomichi Valley entered, and the Tomichi River, a splendid fishing stream, is followed toward Marshall Pass.

Bonita

Alt. 8,062 feet
Og. 481 miles

Doyle

Alt. 8,062 feet
Og. 482 miles

Ten miles from Doyle are Waunita Hot Springs, with wonderful curative qualities.

Good accommodations and grand scenery.

Crookton

Alt. 8,168 feet
Og. 486 miles

Elko

Alt. 8,288 feet
Og. 490 miles

Sargent

Alt. 8,477 feet
Og. 495 miles

Opposite here is a large dome-like mountain.

Foothills begin here and Tom-ichi Valley gradually rises.

The range of mountains looms up ahead and looks insurmountable. From here to Salida—43 miles—half taken up in crossing Marshall Pass.



MARSHALL PASS.

Buxton

Alt. 9,794 feet
Og. 499 miles

Chester

Alt. 9,412 feet
Og. 503 miles

Shawano

Alt. 10,082 feet
Og. 507 miles

Are passed as the road begins its tortuous climb of the western slope of Marshall Pass.

Train is here divided in sections and two engines put on each section to pull to the summit.

Hilden

Alt. 10,278 feet
Og. 508 miles

From here four tracks—en terrace—may be counted, as a result of the road's zigzag course.

Marshall Pass The railroad here performed one of the greatest feats known to engineering science, and crossed the main range of the Rocky Mountains at a height of nearly 11,000 feet.

Pocono The descent is made by going round and round, and is not really completed until Poncha Junction is reached, 21 miles from Marshall Pass proper.

Gray's Splendid views between Gray's and Keene. The two trains play hide and seek around the curves.

Alt. 9,673 feet
Og. 518 miles

Keene
Alt. 9,301 feet
Og. 520 miles

Mear's Junction The D. & R. G. Line to Alamosa, Creede, Durango and Silverton, Espanola and Santa Fé, New Mexico, branches off here.

Alt. 8,431 feet
Og. 526 miles

Poncha Junction Arkansas Valley entered, and run of four miles reaches

Alt. 7,480 feet
Og. 532 miles

Salida Mentioned in accompanying description of D. & R. G. standard gauge line, which here unites with the narrow gauge, and for description of remainder of this route see that given on standard gauge line from Salida eastward.

Alt. 7,050 feet
Og. 537 miles

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