Mr. Fletcher Webster's Lecture on "China and the Chinese."

A very crowded and fashionable audience assembled, says the N. Y. Herald, to hear Mr. Fletcher Webster's first lecture "China and the Chinese." The attractive character of the subject, and a very general desire to hear the son of one of our greatest men, and who himself enjoys a highly respectable reputation as a gentleman of distinguished literary acquirements, sufficiently accounted for the numerous attendance. We noticed almost all the leading members of the legal profession, many of our most noted divines, a great number of our most influential merchants, and a congregation of female beauthe elegance, and fashion, which might have inspired even an ordinary speaker. this occasion that he is not an unworthy representative of a name great in the annals of oratory. His lecture was highly entertaining, well written, and delivered in an agreeable and unaffected style .-We will give the best idea of it, and present perhaps the most readable report, by giving, from our notes, a number of the most novel and graphic passages .-

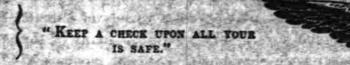
Cameons' Cave. - At the northern end meant it for a place of worship.

to another. In front of each of the temples were granite dragons, beautifully carved in grotesque. Chinese style, each or iron tables, on which were metal pans led the altar. But we felt such would be

First Official Visit .- It was announced othe minister that a letter from Gori Ching, ared for the reception of this first official visit from high Chinese functionaries, and we awaited their arrival. After a while a discordant noise, accompanied by loud ones at intervals, was heard, and we looked from the blinds of the verandah, to see he approach of our visitors. Two illoking fellows, with wire caps on their

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serving carefully our own movements, and hundred guns, of which, I believe, none ing to Perkin was abandoned. keeping exact time with us, they did,- were mounted. One of the interpreters now read the let- First sight of Whampou.-About six had the pleasure to visit a country seat good remedy for evils, when there is no such sort of conversation as can be car- barrier which the Chinese built to keep tleman, Duke Pwon. (Dr. Parker had they lie down before the counter and for-But Mr. Webster certainly discovered on ried on by means of interpreters, and looks off the English. It is a great dyke of stone the kindness to invite him to dinner, and get their woes in sleep awhile, and then and signs took place. The first civility and piles. A narrow raceway is now made the invitation was the consequence.) - up and beat again. It is a trial of pawas, on their part, asking our names; - through it, which so compresses the water, Duke Pwon, as he was created while we tience between the two. The beggar this information being given and recipro- that it can be passed only at a favorable were in China, but more generally known holds on as long as he can, hoping the shopcated, they proceeded to shock our notions time of tide. The current often runs here as Putingua, is a short stout person of for- keeper will be aggravated to the amount of good breeding by asking our ages !- six or seven miles an hour. At length ty years of age. His manners not pleas- requisite; the shopkeeper sits with the ut-This, however, is an indispensable atten- boats and craft thicken like the carriages ant, according to our notion. His move- most apparent indifference to let the begtion; we returned it at once and were of in a crowded street. They come down ments were very quick and monkey like. gar see that he has no chance. Mean-

luncheon, in the Chinese style, was an inevitable. A large junk is within twen his chair. He helped himself with his pays at an early period of the visitation. nounced, and we entered the dining room; ty feet, coming directly upon your boat, own knife and fork to everything he could he may get rid of one infliction, only to our guests, according to Chinese etiquette, with all sails set. All the tales of cruelty reach. Told us he had the saltrheum, and make way for another. If he keeps one of the town of Macao is the cave in which seated on the left, which, with them, is and indifference to human life, which we pulled up his sleeve to show his arm. - pretty bearable plague he is secure against ka River is very swift, very muddy and the Portuguese poet, Cameons, is said to the place of honor. Chop-sticks had been hear related of the people of China, and He showed us the game played with the others, and may get up a reputation for have written his celebrated poem the Lu- provided for all of us, and we made our especially the river population rush upon fingers, practiced also in Italy, a drinking invincibility and stoicism that will protect ble river, but it is unnavigable; and Washciad, the subject of which is the voyage first experiments with them, to the unre- the mind. They certainly mean to run pastime not unamusing. I do not wish to him in future. So, there they sit, shopround the Cape of Good Hope, by Vasco strained amusement of our guests. They you down, and your crew seem to look describe Duke Pwon under a disagreeable keeper and beggar, the one doing his worst de Gania. This is a romantic and beau- showed little inclination to eat, but a de- upon it with perfect apathy. In an in- aspect. He was extremely civil, and we to annoy, and the other his best not to notiful spot. The cave is formed by two cided taste for the barbarian liquors, stant-within five feet of collision-round afterwards saw much of him. At first tice it, till the one or the other gives in. prodigious boulder rocks, which, with champagne and cherry bounce. (A very swings one or the other boat, and they one is not pleased with such manners, but great numbers of other smaller ones, seem red faced gentleman, whom we after have passed! The dexterity of the Chi- a little custom goes far to reconcile the to have been thrown down upon the earth wards saw very frequently, a Manchoo nese with their boats, exceeds that of any mind to any thing. His villa, called Punat random, and piled up by chance in fan- Tartar, by the name of Tung Lin, dispos- other people. Vessels are now seen at tong, situated on the river, about three tastic and careless shapes. The Portu- ed of half a dozen tumblers of cherry anchor, in long rows, and houses floating miles above Canton. It has about 100 guese, with a wooden cupola, and a wretch- bounce in as many minutes) We were on the water in great blocks. One sails acres in extent in the middle of paddy fields. ed leaden bust. On the south end of the astonished by the very loud tones of their through streets of boats, as regular as those covered with water. The approach to it island is a Chinese temple, situated in si- voices; it must have been easy to have of houses on land, with their ornamented is along a canal leading from the river. milar assemblage of gigantic rocks, but heard in the street everything said by fronts, like small cottages; doors, win- There are several houses, and detached atremely tasteful. The localities of the them. As it is a point of politeness to dows, lamps, elegantly carved and gilt pi- outbuildings which make up the villa.— lives, fortunes, and honor of his subjects we saw the manner in which they conplace are taken advantage of, with great empty one's glass, whenever drinking with lastres and porticos, and abundance of in- Long wooden bridges, such as we see re- are in his hand. As their father and sov- ducted their marches, and learned, their skill and judgment; temple after temple a friend-and they each drank with all of habitants. Butcher boats, vegetable boats, presented on dinner plates, connect the succeeding each other up the steep wind- us-they became, gradually, as elevated and scavenger boats, pass up and down the various buildings, which are all built on of them, by an arbitrary stroke of his ver- to them, to know that the government was ing ascent, cut in the solid rock, with hea- as their voices. Civilities were now ex- street, their occupants crying their various piles, of a sort of glazed brick. The main vy balustrades, all of natural rock, or of changed with the greatest urbanity. One commodities, and calling to sell or carry massive and beautifully hewn granite. unavoidable one we would have gladly away. It is a floating city, said to num- ries high, with numerous apartments. Nature has been no where distorted, the dispensed with. It is the fashion for eve- ber, of those who live wholly on the wasteps seeming half natural, and all that ry one to help himself with his own chop- ter-are born there, pursue their business the hand of man had done, to be but car- sticks from any dish on the table which he there, and die there, seldom touching terrying out the design of nature, which can reach; and when he feels desirous of ra-firma-three hundred thousand souls. offering a testimonial of particular regard, A Chinese Temple. - We saw here for the as well as respect, he reaches out and low piece of ground, hardly above the le- an indispensable requisite to a Chinese first time a beautiful arrangement, which seizes something with his own chop-sticks, vel of the river. Lofty hills approach it on country place. On nights of preformance, the Chinese call a moon gate, and which and motioning to the individual for whom the east, and an eminence is close to it on long poles are thrust into the mud at the is a favorite arrangement with them in he designs the favor to open his mouth, which is a Tartar military station. I will bottom of the pond, with lanterns at their their gardens and temples. It is an open puts the morsel, whatever it is, between not attempt to describe Canton at any tops. There was an aviary made of wire circular gateway through a high granite his teeth. As they are not particularly length. Its population is six hundred thou- filled with gold and silver pheasants of wall, giving passage from one enclosure nice in their eating, and their teeth are by sand or more. Its streets are seldom over extreme beauty. A tame deer, two beauno means pearls, we would have pardon- eight feet in width; the houses low and tiful adjutants, and a monkey, made up ed the omission of this attention. It was, dark. The city within the walls is said the collection of animals. There were no however, not to be escaped; all that was to be smaller than the suburbs. One can- grounds or gardens, being a place built on with a moveable ball of granite seen thro' left us was retaliation, which we immedinot discover which is the city, and which a shallow pond, and artificially raised athe teeth of his closed mouth, which must ately practiced. After an hour at table, is the suburbs, until he is informed. The bove the level of the water; the only walks have been cut out from the inside, for the of shouting conversation on their part, and walls, which are high and very massive. were wooden bridges. The general aphead was solid, and the ball could neither be of " nods and becks and wreathed smiles form the backs of shops and stores, built pearance was pleasing, but there was noput in nor taken out, without breaking the on ours." we rose and moved to the veran- along them. In walking next the walls, thing like what we call comfort. figure. In the interior of each temple was dah, where a new series of delicate at- one sees nothing but shops. Even the Chinese Courtship .- Every Chinese, as his rule. In case of crime or even acci. 14th of June we arrived at the Laramic an altar of stone, and one or more idols in tentions surprised us. They had made us gates are not noticeable, of which there soon as he is in any way able to do so, dent, punishment is made to fall not only Fork of the Nebraska, having followed niches in the wall, just above and behind tell our ages, entered with their caps on, are many in the suburbs, as well as arch- takes a small footed wife. He sends for on the guilty themselves, but on those the latter and its N. Fork to this place. the altar. In front of the altar were bronze shaking their own hands, sat on our left. es crossing the streets. The factories of some old lady, whose well known and re- whose duty it was to detect or prevent it. Here are two trading posts; Fort John, fed us with their own chop-sticks; and the merchants are situated on the very cognised, and there considered respecta- For serious crime or disturbance, not on- belonging to the American Fur Co. and filled with loose earth, and used to set the now they commenced to examine our ap- bank of the river, and are much the finest ble trade, is that of a "go-between," and ly the guilty themselves, but the head of Fort Plattee, to a company of gentlemen gas-lighted sticks in which are burnt he- parel, piece by piece-cravat, coat, waist- and largest buildings that I saw, except- inquires, who among his neighbors has a the town in which it took place, and the from St. Louis. On the 16th a Grand fore the image. The idols were much coat, shirt-bosom, trousers, sword-belt, ing the temples. decorated with gold and silver tinsel, and gloves, all in turn were inspected. Forin these temples they were all female fi- tunately, our good genius, Dr. Parker, told Canton, my first business was to find a scription of her appearances. She then are punished in various degrees. The all ages. This Council was one of great gures, they being dedicated to the goddess us this was the very acme of politeness, Tartar, and one was, at last, procured of the sea. Flowers, both natural and are and to be imitated without delay. Nothing who undertook to instruct us. He was tificial, of gold and silver leaf, which seem- was more agreeable to us, who had, with not a native Tartar, but a Chinese scholar, Nou Seen, and describes the merits of the ed to be offerings, were lying at the feet great patience and suavity, shown our a tall, good looking, intellectual person, gallant, Noo Chung. The parents then, there was unusual excitement among the of the idols, and the gas-sticks were still hats and swords and coats; and we be- and I augured very favorably of our suc- with her help, arrange the settlement, and people at Canton, a large mob surrounded, in burning as though some worshipper had gan to scrutinize their dress and orna- cess with him. I noticed that on his first the bride is given away with as great cer- the evening, the foreign factories. An Amerijust retired from his devotion. There was ments. We examined their caps and but- arrival there was an appearance of mysnothere, as there is in India, any mystery, or tons, and peacock feathers; their little tery and concealment. The Chinese who the families will allow and in high and ed to make his way through the crowd to reach that the scalps of white men were smoke reserve, or prohibition. No guard or priest embroidered bags, which with fan cases introduced him seemed very anxious. - wealthy families, the husband first sees his home. On getting into his Hong, as they ing in their lodges. When told it was the 10 prevent one's going where he pleased, and snuff-bokes, they hang from their gir- There was a whispering and shutting of her face when he meets her at the door of call each merchant's residence, he found that intention of the Commander to hold a orto watch his conduct. We could have dles; their thumb-rings of agate, their doors; and a great many injunctions, ap- his house, and taking her out of her sedan he had been robbed of his watch. When, or Council, they were reassured, and came mobbed the temple of all its tinsel and silken girdles and jewelled buckles. One parently, and assurances, exclamations and chair raises her veil. lowers, pulled the idol's nose, or desecra- of them, Tung Lin, a Tartar, made him- gestures. However, we set down to our self merry with a sword belt belonging to task at last, and got through the alphabet. an ill requital of the confidence which one of us. He put it on to show how much The next day, agreeable to appointment, was implicitly reposed in us, and we left too small it was, strutted up and down to he came again, and there was the same antouched, every sprig and spangle of the show us his portly figure, struck his full closing of doors, and looking behind and chest, and told us in a voice of thunder around, and springing up, if any one enthat he was a Mantchoo-he then seized tered, and, in short, such a mysterious air my hand and squeezed it, to show his about the whole thing, as if we were concontaining an Imperial edict, was about strength. He was a terror-spreading Tar- spirators in some plot. I observed he was be brought to him, by four high officers tar General. (My own, however, being a nervous and very much agitated, hardfrom Canton. The correspondence had much the largest, for both Tartars and ly able to command himself, and laboring been carried on between the Minister and Chinese have remarkably small and deli- evidently under some very great excitething for some time, when this announce- cate hands, he did not make such an im- ment. He jumped up at any noise, as ment was made. Everything was pre- pression as he anticipated.) After two though he spprehended imminent danger, hours of intellectual intercourse of this or some one was about to spring upon sort, our friends retired. The procession him from behind. However, we got re-formed, gongs beat and pipes squealed, through our lesson. The next day he was the executioners yelled, the little ponies were pulled between their rider's legs, and

and manners. Entering the Canton River .- For the his eyes were swollen and staring. Never leads—one of them with a whip, and the first twenty miles the waters are general- was mortal fear of something, I did not Occasion. These were the executioners, the northerly and easterly winds, and there man's face, than on his. He was accomcame a score of poorly dressed and very the Bocca Tigris and the forts of the entered carefully and softly, closed and alberts. Then a man or two on wretch- miles above Macao, is the actual mouth was in the room, and then his friend in a Ponies, whose hair stood out in all di- of the Canton river. The shores approach low tone, told me the nature of the case. shorant of brush or currycomb; then the and the entrance is not more than a can- coming to teach a foreigner Mantchoo. ordles, and buckles of precious stones. rections. They are built not on the top trouble. That he had eaten no rice, and with their caps on, displaying their gunshot, march round to the summit of the headed. They approached, shook their whatever against bombs, and the port and let him go. at us, and the chief among them holes are as large as the doors of an ordi- We were more fortunate afterwards, er, and the complete prohibition of more and enthusiastic. After thanking the audience bouches from the mountains, and about

ter, and after a short interval of silence, miles below Canton are the remains of the belonging to a distinguished Chinese gen- other, and lets them beat till they are tired, course much edified at our information. stream with a fine wind, a dozen abreast, He seemed to be uneasy with his feet on while the beggar is losing time, and the After a few minutes' conversation, a occupying the whole river. Collision seems the ground, and to want to lift them up on shopkeeper customers. If the shopkeeper

missing at the appointed time. The day following he appeared: and with more

and blue buttons and peacock's fea- hill, and fire down on the occupants.— There was no argument with him, no a shop, enter and (not leaving off "their The button is fastened to the top They consist of mere walls, not covered in comforting or assuring him; and the only damnable faces," as Hamlet recommends) e cap, and the feather hangs down at all, and of course afford no protection thing to be done was to discharge him, begin to sing, or beat their gongs, bam-

receiving it he motioned to them to be as one goes up the river, is a water line had no fear of Mandarins, and who re- lowed by law and custom to remain beatseated, and take off their caps; which ob- battery, with port holes for more than a mained with us, long after all idea of go- ing and singing until they receive the cash.

> house is perhaps sixty feet square, two sto-The large drawing room is handsome and handsomely furnished. In the rear of the building is a theatre, the stage fronting the windows of the drawing room. Be-Canton.—Canton itself is situated on a tween the two buildings is a fish pond,

nice daughter who would do for a wife .- district in which the town lies, and of the Council was held at this place, with the A Chinese Scholar .- Having reached The lady mentions one, and gives a de- province in which the district is included, Sioux-there being present some 1200. of sees the young lady whom she thinks he blow from the Emperor is felt throughout interest; for the troops had made their would prefer-some Miss Lee Nang or the whole chain.

f there are any in all the lower part of Milton says—

" Where Chinese drive

Besides the four or five horses used by English gentlemen at Macao; half a dozen ponies in all, not more, certainly.

Street Begging in China .- The condiwe were left to reflect upon Chinese men perturbation than ever. He could hardly tion of the classes of beggars in Canton is speak or stand. He had grown haggard, worth remarking on. They are very wretched, and always objects of pity, from some accident, disease or deformity, and other with an axe in his hand-led the ly rough, the whole bay being exposed to know what, more plainly depicted on a their way of getting a living is curious. - ed; the army of police officers increased geo-China has no charitable institutions, no who always precede a high officer. Next are no objects of interest. By and by, panied by Dr. Parker's attendant. They asylum or alms houses, and among such a takers, and at the end of three days the watch teeming population there are of course ry soldiers, with spears, and shields and Rogue, appear. At this point, about fifty fastened the door, made sure that no one many beggars, though not so many as would be supposed; not so great a proportion, I apprehend, as in Europe, or in ections, and whose manes and tails were each other with very high and hilly banks, He was afraid of losing his head for our large cities, since the wants are few, provisions plenty, and the climate mild .and of music, and then the sedan chairs non shot wide. The white walls of the begged me to receive back my money But there are beggars enough, and they great men themselves. They were forts on both sides, and on Tiger Island in which he brought in his hand, and let him must live, and Chinese ingenuity provides ur in number, all large and fine looking the centre of the river, present a formida- go. He could not come again. He told for their support by a true Chinese " let Persons, dressed in light colored crape ble appearance. But on examination, they me, and I believe it, that he was on the alone" policy—a "masterly inactivity," lowns, fastened round their waists by blue show themselves to be almost useless e- point of taking poison to rid himself of his very characteristic. Every beggar is provided with some instrument that makes a e stood up to receive them with our of the hill, nor or they guarded by other taken no sleep since he first came. He disagreeable noise—two wooden clappers on, for it is Chinese etiquette to be fortifications on the top, so that to take expected every moment to be seized by or a small gong, or at all events a most overed, as a mark of respect. They en- them, the English had only to land out of the Mandarins, and carried off to be be- villainous voice, with any or all of which they go along the streets, selecting at will

presented the letter to the Minister. On nary barn. The chief fort on the right, and found two thorough bred Tartars, who decent customers, and here they are al If the shopkeeper is, as most Chinamen A Chinese Villa.—While at Canton, I are, blest with that fortitude which is a

can extort from the fear and ignorance of journey. subject millions. His vast empire, for the They are bold, hardy farmers, and are purpose of government, is divided into fully competent in every respect, to lay great provinces. At the head of each of the foundation ot a new Colony, perhaps these is a high officer, responsible immedia a new nation. Oregon is now evidently ately to him for its order and good gov- filling up fast; and that, too, with citizens ernment. Each province is again subdi- from the United States. There have passvided into districts, districts into towns, ed over the road to Oregon, this season, villages and hundreds. Each of these 612 wagons, and an immense number of subdivisions has its proper head, who is stock; allowing five to a wagon, which responsible to his immediate superior, for is a low estimate, there were, accompaythe conduct and condition of those under ing those wagons, 3060 souls! On the

emonies and rejoicings as the means of can, who had been out on the river, was obligby whom it was taken among that crowd of forward, well satisfied that no harm was Chinese-all dressed alike, all looking alike, to be done to them. The Colonel gave The Chinese Carriers .- There are no and closely packed together in the dark, no one beasts of burden, except a few buffalo to of whom he had ever before seen, or would plough the rice fields, in all the lower probably see again, of course he could not tell. parts of China. The population is too All he could say was, it had been taken by some dense to allow the productions of the earth one among the hundreds jammed together in to be used for the support of beasts. Ev. the square. The probability of recovering it ery thing is done by human labor. There was very remote, but he made his complaint to is no wheeled vehicle in Canton. I doubt the proper Chinese functionary, and stated the case. The Mandarian told him that within so many days he should have the watch. That riots and wagons driven by sails. Thus very day all the police officers in that part of dred men at Laramic. On the 30th, the Canton, to the number of one or two hundred, command was mustered at the head was were seized upon and imprisoned. One of ters of the Rio Colorado, which empties them was then brought before the Mandarin, into the Gulf of California, and returned formed that he must find that watch, and bring it back, and that all his comrades would remain in jail until he did. _Each one of the poor fellows thus confined had a family dependent on him for support, and friends and relations interested in his release. All these at once became most active in their exertions to discover the watch and set free the prisoners. Their friends and their friends' friends were interestmetrically. The whole people became thief was found, in an obscure but in the country, twenty miles from Canton, and restored to its stretching off like an illimitable ocean, owner. In other cases of theft, a similar, tho' harsher course, is sometimes pursued, but the result is generally the discovery of the thief and restoration of the goods. If a theft takes place in a house, on complaint to a Mandarin, all the servants are arrested and taken before him, and both the guilty and innocent bambooed, till the really guilty at last confesses. The cruelty of this course not unfrequently, indeed generally, among foreigners, prevents complaints being made. The Chinese code, both civil and criminal, is immensely voluminous and detailed, There is apparently nothing which can be done or suffered that is not provided for.

Chinese Police .- On some occasion, when

We have thus endeavored, says the Herald, to give some idea of this highly entertaining of water, and the grass was very poor. boos, to the great annoyances of the own-terest, and at the close the plaudits were loud July, about ten miles from where it de-

for their attention, Mr. Webster annou the second lecture would be delivered on Fr day evening.

INTERESTING FROM THE FAR WEST.

An expedition, the objects of which are fully explained in the subjoined selection from the correspondence of the Boston Atlas of October 25th, started from Fort Leavenworth recently under command of Col. Kerney, of the 1st Regiment. The infor mation which it contains is interesting in the extreme-giving, as it does, some idea of Capt. Fremont's whereabouts:

"The objects of this expedition were, to see that the long road to Oregon was open to the emigrants, and the Sante Fe trail to the traders; to visit the Indian tribes this side of the Rocky Mountains: and, by kindness and presents, to show them that the white man is their friend-at the same time to overawe them, and, by a show of force, to convince them that any molestation of citizens of the United States would not go unpunished. Another object was to explore the country, and discover its military resources. On the 21th of May, we struck the Great Oregon Trace, which we kept, to the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains. On the 29th of May we arrived at the Nebraska or Platte River, striking it twenty miles from the head of Grand Island. The Nebrasshallow. It puts on the airs of a formidaington Irving expressed its principle features, when he called it the most beautiful and useless of rivers.' The water is pleasant to drink, and preferred by the System of Government .- The govern- mountain men to any other. On the 4th ment of China is Patriarchal, and it is a of June we came upon the first herd of pure unalloyed despotism. The Czar of Buffalo. They continued in great num-Russia wields a power less uncontrolled bers for a week, supplying the command than the Emperor of China. He reigns with a plenty of meat. For twenty days absolute and supreme, and knows no re- after we struck the Oregon Trace, we straint upon his will. The laws are the were continually overtaking and passing mere expressions of his pleasure. The the enigrants. This was an exceedingly soil of all China is his own inheritance. interesting feature in the campaign, for ereign, he may take either or all from any general character; and it was gratifying million pencil. His power knows no sending her troops to keep them from becheck, or balances. or bounds. He is the ing molested, by the hand of the savage, representative or victory of the Almighty on their long and toilsome journey. They -the head of religion-the son of heaven, assemble annually, in the spring of the in immediate communication with the year, from the middle and Western States, Supreme, and the only being authorized at different points on the frontiers; generto hold such communication. All religious ally at St. Joseph and Independence, Mo.; observances and rites, as well as munici- where they form themselves into compapal laws, derive their sanction and obliga- nies, of from twenty-five to fifty families; tions from him. In short, he is invested and, when the grass is sufficiently forward with every attribute that unlimited power to subsist their stock, they commence their

> appearance in a country inhabited by the most powerful and warlike tribe of the West; and the motives of their visit being a mystery to the Indians, they were quite alarmed at first, and thought they were to be chastised; knowing, full well, some good advice, and warned them against molesting the traders and immigrants. This they cheerfully promisedand, after the business of the Council was ended, the Colonel distributed presents as mong them, such as are always gratifying and acceptable to the Indian. On the 17th, the command started for the South Pass, leaving a detachment of one hunto Laramic on the 13th July.

Our next move was from the Nebraska. Southward to the Arkansas River, passing 700 miles along the base of the main chain of the Rocky Mountains. This part of our journey was interesting in the extreme.-The high peaks, covered with eternal snow; the valleys, which have never been visited by the blessed light of sun the fearful crags; the scathed and splindered pinnacles of granite; the distant slopes, covered with dark masses of stinted pines and cedars; the broad sweep of the prairies. presented a series of pictures which, for their beauty and sublimity, cannot, I will venture to say, be surpassed upon this continent. Certainly, no pen or pencil could ever attempt to do justice to them. Several of the mountains in this range are the loftiest of the whole chain of the Northern Cordilleras; and among them is Pike's Peak, the very highest. You may have an idea of the altitude of its immense summit, when I tell you we were marching seven days, long marches, directly toward it, from the time we first saw it until we arrived at its base. This part of the march was severe, for we suffered much fer want