

stratum of limestone which is gradually crumbling away. About eighteen miles from Chimney Rock we came to an equally curious phenomenon, which is Court House Rock, which is formed of sand and clay, Court house Rock is a positive object which greatly attracts the interest of travelers. It stands out in bold relief, and is only a short distance from a stream of water, called Pumpkin Creek, which is supplied from numerous springs and snows of the mountains, and is always flowing with an abundance of pure water. But of all the glorious granduer is Court House Rock. It is surely the result of a wonderful freak of nature. It rises grandly from its base at the level of the water, in neighboring creek previously mentioned, and is six hundred feet to its summit in the form of a pyramid, reminding one of the work of the Titans or antediluvian giants, that might have erected it for a look out from which to watch, and guard the surrounding country, or for a monument to survive their day and record their existence.

The view from the Summit of Court House Rock, is extremely grand. To the northwest can be seen the strange and singular outlines of Chimney Rock and the rolling hills beyond. To the southward immediately at its base, is a chasm or abyss in the depths of which the view is left in darkness. Court House Rock derived its name from its fancied resemblance of some magnificent ruin.

Continuing our journey until we crossed the Platte, we came to what had been the flourishing little town of Julesburg, but now there were only a few ruins left to mark the spot. The questionable advancement of Julesburg was of short duration. For as the Union Pacific Railroad progressed other towns sprang into existence farther west and divided its prosperity until the inhabitants seeing the futility of remaining at Julesburg, followed the