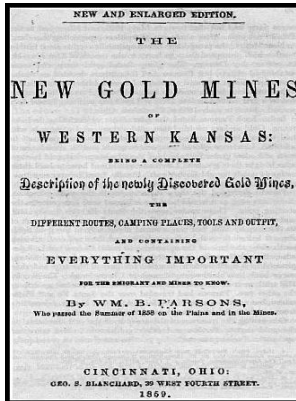


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## Colorado Gold Rush

At Chicago Gulch, near present day Idaho Springs, Jackson found gold. Despite the discovery, compared to visions of unlimited wealth coming out of the Mother Lode in California, little interest was given to these newly discovered placers, and the gold seekers continued westward. The first decade of the boom was largely concentrated along the South Platte River at the base of the mountains, the canyon of Clear Creek in the mountains west of Golden, and South Park.

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Rocky Mountain Herald, Denver, May 5, 1860. However, convinced of the area's potential, group members stayed on and founded the town of Montana City.

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They dug test holes, uprooted the eighty-foot pines, and left the landscape desolate in search of pockets of pay dirt. But in 1908, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Pikes Peak gold rush, the state fathers ordered the dome gilded with gold. Promoted by William Byers, publisher of the Rocky Mountain News, and land speculator William Larimer, Jr.

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The improved route did not help the Kansas valley towns gain much of the gold seekers' trade, but it did serve a useful purpose later as the road for the Butterfield stage line and even later for the Kansas Pacific railroad. A few years later, groups of adventurers, including a woman, proved him wrong.

## The Colorado Gold Rush

At first, there was only the slight showing in Cherry Creek and the South Platte River, but soon paying quantities of gold were discovered at Idaho

Springs and Central City. Yours for trading profits, Sean.

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The Pike's Peak Gold Rush sent many Americans into a frenzy, prompting them to pack up their belongings and head to Colorado. These travel directions, covering three main routes west from Atchison, were published in 1859 issues of an Atchison newspaper, Freedom's Champion.

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They platted the Colorado City Town company, but the diggings played out. Highway 285 and Interstate 70. In 1807 explorer met trapper James Purcell in Santa Fe and learned that Purcell had found gold in the area eventually known as the region.

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Three main routes were used in 1859 and 1860. Warrior groups such as the Cheyenne Dog Soldiers engaged in a protracted war against the US military until 1869, when a decisive US victory in the effectively ended Native American resistance on the Colorado plains.

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