

JULY 28, 1893.

SENT HERE IN BOX CARS.

Colorado Dumping a Large Slice of Its Population Upon Kansas City.

The movement of unemployed men from various portions of the West to Kansas City, which began Wednesday with an invasion of about 200 men, partly miners and largely tramps, from Colorado, took a decided tumble yesterday, and, according to the reports of the depotmaster and the police, less than fifty specimens of the class came into Kansas City during the day. The Santa Fe from Denver brought about fifteen men yesterday morning and the Burlington's Nebraska morning train had a cargo of about twenty, who were riding in a box car and refused to pay their fares or leave the train. Last night's train brought only a few free passengers and these jumped off the cars in the yards and quickly disappeared in the rain and darkness.

Of the men who came in yesterday nearly all boasted the possession of carpetbags or grips and many of them claimed that they had paid from \$2 to \$5 for the ride. They did not tarry long in Kansas City as the police advised them that they could find but little work here, and nearly all of them left on the night freight trains for St. Louis and Memphis.

Speaking of the rough looking crowd numbering about seventy-five, who marched to the police station Wednesday night, Chief Speers said yesterday:

"I looked that crowd over pretty closely and satisfied myself that not ten out of the entire party had ever seen a mine. More than half of them wore cowboy hats and in the crowd were the familiar faces of half a dozen men who have been shown up at roll call on more than one occasion."

The men were inclined to be insolent and their spokesman boldly told Chief Speers that the city must furnish them food and transportation. The chief advised them that if they didn't leave town in short order the city would furnish them an opportunity to break rock for a few months. They then dispersed and it is supposed that nearly all of them left town that night.

One of the men to whom Chief Speers talked said that the crowd of which he was a member had come from Pueblo. The police there, he said, had gathered in every suspicious looking character in town and after closely herding them in a small store room for twenty-four hours loaded them into box cars headed for Kansas City. They were warned to keep away from Pueblo.

They left Pueblo 210 strong, but in crossing Kansas more than half of the men dropped off at various points, to seek work in the harvest fields. The places of the deserters, however, were quickly filled by frowsy headed tramps, so that there were fully 200 of the unfortunates when the box cars landed in Kansas City. Chief Speers "sized" the crowd up, however, and in his opinion it was composed very largely of men who would run a mile in order to avoid an opportunity for honest employment.

The police expect that some hundreds of these men will pass through Kansas City before the trouble is over, but they will not be allowed to remain here unless they find work.