MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION, WITH
George Twombly.
of
Denver, Colorado.
at
Greeley, Colo. Sept. 29, 1919.

Delph E. Carpenter and George Twombly of Denver, older
brother of Hurd Twombly, of Brush, met and discussed condi-
tions upon the South Platte River, at Greeley, Colo., Sept.
29, 1919.

Twombly said that during 1866 his father took a con-
tract with the Government for cutting hay on the hay bottom
on the North side of the South Platte River nine miles west
of Julesburg and that he, George, was put in charge of the
work. That he observed that the South Platte river went
practically dry during that part of the summer when he was
at work on this hay meadow. He referred to the river from
Julesburg up toward the Godfrey Bluff District. He stated
that a man by the name of Moore was then living on his ranch
in the vicinity of where they were cutting hay. Some troops
were then located at Fort Sedgwick.

He came to Colorado the winter of 1863. He made five
trips overland, during that and succeeding years, along the
South Platte-Platte River trail. He remembers Beauvoux
Ranch at the old California crossing.

Of Fort Lupton he states that he was told by an old
timer that he had repaired the walls of the Fort in 1861.
That later it was owned by Mr. Wills and in 1866 Mr. Ewing,
father of Frank Ewing, who now lives there, moved into the
Fort. Twombly and his people lived in the Fort at one time
during the 60's. It was 100 by 100 ft. square. Walls 8 to
9 feet high made of sod of doby's and had two two-story
towers which were built out at the northeast and northwest
corners and were fitted with loopholes and covered with heavy
timbers overlaid with sods and dirt. The main entrance was
at the southeast corner, as he remembers it. The stables and
all structures were inside the walls.
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