

ore barely make a living by it. Some are fortunate enough to find a rich *lead* & make a fortune at once, but this number is very small, compared to the whole. The most who work the mines make well by it.

These mines being rich, are a source of wealth to the country. The lead taken away, more than pays for the goods & provisions brought back, so that the country is full of money & becoming wealthy. Farmers are much needed to supply the miners with provisions, which when done will save their price to the country & of course increase its wealth in the same proportion, for at present the most of the provisions consumed, are brought up the Mississippi River, from Missouri & Illinois. Farmers are, however, coming in fast, now.

20. We rode into Galena, about 14 miles, over a rough hilly road. This is a place of great business, about 1,200 inhabitants. It is situated on a hill side on Fever River about 7 miles from the mouth. there are two streets in the town, too narrow to admit of teams passing with convenience, & one so much higher than the other that the people on the upper street can look into the chimneys of those on the lower street. The side hill is but a mass of rock, & admits of no gardens worth any thing.

The people are mostly intelligent, enterprising & healthy but too much absorbed in the cares of the world to think of religion. They came here to make a fortune, & to leave, but have since concluded to stay here. On the opposite side of the river is better ground for a town, & $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile back of it on the hill commences a beautiful Prairie, to which the town must ultimately extend. The trade of this Mineral district occupies 6 or 8 steamboats, which ply constantly between St. Louis & Galena, Dubuque & Prairie du Chien.

Our introduction to Galena was rather forbidding. We could find no home but a tavern, the bills of which are equal to the Atlantic cities. I preached at night to a small congregation in our chapel, the building is small, 26 feet