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*Painted on wall of the Windsor Hotel in Denver*



On Aug. 1, 1876, the lusty young frontier mining territory of Colorado was admitted to the Union as the Centennial state, peopled by men and women who came to dig for gold and stayed to found a mighty inland empire of mountains and plains. Symbolic of pioneer Colorado is this old prospector, panning for nuggets. Portrait in oil by Herndon Davis, photographed by Arthur Weddy.