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DISCOVERY AND SETTLEMENT OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

COLLECTION OF WILLIAM ROBERTSON COE
Started for California from Independence, Mo.

Saturday, May 14th, 1856

Tuesday, May 17th, 1856

got to Fort Leavenworth 

about 50 miles from Independence. Much of the way good Roads and Water. The pretty East Prairies I ever saw thousands of Acres of Nest a bush to be seen. These prairies are rolling now and then a few trees mostly in valleys. Pleasant Weather all the way a constant breeze on the plains.
Sunday-night heavy rain at
+ Rains Monday 26th low clouds
+ at Cloth poor water
+ baked few of Wesson roots
+ boiled coffee in morning Tuesday
+ furnish Cow of Caff took wine
+ Buntuck Caff at night good
+ supper three Past of milk
+ Coffee one foot galley by
+ Walding Wednesday 22nd traveled
+ about 25 miles and Camped near
+ a creek tolerable good water
+ plenty of Wood and good grass
+ Staid there till Thursday noon
+ traveled about 12 Miles Camped
+ poor water - Wash on the foot
+ Saw an Indian Crawling along
+ towards one of our ponds and
+ build from no answer given-
be the shot and Indian run anticipation change, through the night. I stood centinal from 10 to 12. all was well no sign of an Indian - Friday 24th forenoon papers to a grave near the road with bread for a mile from the road. 30 miles from the road. At Joe Road in the forenoon met with a large train of Californians from Oregon. I went a mile or more from the road for water to drink at one water poors just on a level and came to a dry out spring. Water tolerable good. better than we had in long time. Among dry up after water one rabbit and two mice. One Otter broke a thimble.
At night after camping our oven was sick, thought would lose hearth in morning appeared well spooked up and worked well about eleven o'clock. Monday 27th came to place Cold Indian Creek a small stream in a hollow there broke part of our waggon exchanged for another and came at not much damage done except anyone at night, water for cattle but bad to drink rather stagnant 28th drove about 25 miles and encountered near good spring water had about 100 rods from road on the left near a creek partly arid plenty of water for cattle.
gras and in the meadows about 6 3/4 miles East of Little Blue River. Came to Little Blue May 29th at about 10 O. Clock A.M. followed up the river for about 50 or 60 miles we used the river water-quite good water—not very clean—left Little Blue May 31st at about 2 O. Clock P.M. Arrived at Blatt River bottoms June 1st at 11 O. Clock A.M.

Traveled all day and no water not a drop. Road some about 2 or 3 miles from river. The water very rapid river water after coming out of loess clay near river
grabs rather poor on account
of many immigrants having
stopped here before us
now runs on South side of
the river no wood to cook
with with cut Crossing
wood on other side

past Fort Kearney

9 O’Clock A.M. grasped
tolerable good water hole
and in low place gravel
bottom—Eat warm meal
at Fort Kearney paid 50
3 from Building at Fort
the rest of our wood
to cook with—Distance
from Fort Leavenworth to
Fort Kearney about 340 miles
Monday 3:30 P.M.
I was driving got some rest, camped about 4 o'clock another severe thunder shower accompanied with considerable wind during storm had a touch of the ague — any quantity of teams horses, mules, and cattle both in the rear and in front of us as far as we could see with our naked eyes over level ground. Started early in the morning of the 4th. Arose about 3 o'clock and camped for the day above cattle across Platte River in good grass feed then washed our dirty shirts, socks, &c.
took breakfast about 9 o'clock—had pan cakes at that. A first-rate breakfast—Evening concluded raining. Very heavy rain of thunder through the night. Wednesday 5 of us drove about 3 miles and stopped pitched our tent on account of rain. Shortly after W. Stone from Kentucky one of our company was taken with cholera and died about eleven o'clock June 6 that night. We buried him the same night and started off. Early next morning traveled about 25 miles. Cut old dry grass with knife to boil coffee; supper consisted of coffee and hard bread.
Many deaths of Cholera that day passed. Many fresh graves were dug. Many of the families going this way turned back on account of sickness. About 2 o'clock Ist. Jim came across good spring water on the right side of the road. Within about 5 Rods from here, quite a gully — any quantity of people after water. We filled our canteens and water kegs and started. A howl going that no water lasted. So we used water only. Good water we found there. After Blue we left last summer. Heavy thunder of rain in the evening. Started Sunday.
June 9th, about 10.00. Clock

Travelled till about 2 P.M. and

encamped some one mile and a

half from camp. I was sick with

ague took quinine to break it

good spring water about a

mile from road on the right

side. StartedLate in the morning

on Monday 10th. Travelled about

15 miles crossed South fork

of Plata river and encamped

Tuesday 11th. Travelled full 20

miles found good grazing

and encamped - Dragged

all day Emigrants near me

killed a buffalo and

gathered a pure - we had
no wood - gathered buffalo

chips to Cook our meat
Once coffee, I never eat tenderers and better meet in my life.

Wednesday 13. Early in the morning we were about giving up we heard the stamping of cattle as we thought. Supposing Lincoln were driving them off—instead of cattle a lot of buffalo. Say about 60 or 80. Had forded the river came through near our cattle and pulled very near camp on a pretty good road—here we left the river and took to the cliffs a good deal—stuck the river again about 3 o’clock P.M. distance over a
The Bluffs 12 or 15 miles on the desert towards River road. Very sandy hard whealing not worth a while to lock wheels. No water till we got to river watered our cattle and started up to start when commenced raining a heavy Shower after Shower drove about 9 miles and in company...
abate very pleasant
traveled about 15 miles and
incurred about 1/2 mile back
of us we passed a good cool
spring of water on the left
near the road coming out
of gravel from the bluffs of
rocks of a lime stone appeara-
ance - we had good luck to
find a tree along side the
bluffs it being Red Oak
rather small and grow on
among the cliffs of rocks -
not very good grass though
better than in places back
the bottom between the river
and bluffs is about 1/2 mile
wide - (Friday 14th) left river
Took to the bluffs very steep
in places hard on cattle road—very sandy traveled over cliffs about 3% miles when came to Ash hollow—a beautiful place was much pleased with the green trees grape vines goose beris [corona sherry] from roses—good spring water—bluffs on each side

into a natural road through the valley we traveled about 14 miles when we came to the river again. Snow drifted and struck the bluffs

rather bad roads—but little grass on the bluffs mostly sand and gravel—road took to river again traveled till about 4 O’clock when we encamped as we came to good
grab much up all our spring water and had to use river water--had to carry it about 1/4 mile to our camp day travel about 15 miles--(Saturday 15th) traveled about 20 miles on bad road on account of sand and many steep cliffs west from driver. Very good paper where Indians were buried--not in the ground but up on scarp. I was laying rolled up in blankets and raw hides--another man seen in a tree rolled up in some bag (Sunday 16th) paper Court House. I was on long thought house not more than 1 mile from road.
I started off with pong to visit it. I traveled along and to the mean I got to it the farther it appeared off. I think but I am safe in Saying When old I started was 5 Miles from it but a distance to death when got there was astonished at the size. Very large there a great many names registered with there. I took the trouble to register my name. Cut it with a knife— it is not a stone but composed of some—ething like plastic Paris of a grayish color. We made on about 25 Miles we meant near River— tolerable good now roads— gets tolerable good
Monday Jan 17th traveled 25 to 28 miles over poor roads. Passed Chimay Rock in forenoon. Chimay 13 miles from Court House. In the afternoon passed by large Indian encampment, something like 20 or 25 tents near the road and 1000 or upwards. Indian women were asked if the were friendly Indians, they said they were friendly to those that were kind to them. Well they had a large stock of horses and ponies but could not buy any as they wanted to buy in return of selling any. They were all armed. I think they were preparing to meet their enemies as they are
flying an other tribe
these were the ones one
or 2 white men and some
Canches with them—Encamp
about 8 miles from the river
no water for Cattle nor us
and only what we had in our
some water felp—good grass
for Cattle—troms ours
Cattle loose at night, they were
and would run far
Tuesday morning it was quite Cold
and looked for Cattle and were
yon with a lot of other
Cattle belonging to other men
that encampes with us, I
Suppose they were in search
for water after hunting long
time found them about 2 miles
from Camp Started about 13 O’Clock got to Scott’s Springs about noon Indian encampment about the Springs and Black Smith Shop carried on by French also a store some distance from the Springs go to the right Wilson’s Cattle got frighted at Indians Arms round and run down the hill no damage done Excellent water at the Springs Traveled about 19 miles and encamped Rain during the Evening grasp rather poor Wednesday 19 Morning Cleared up pleasant rather warm through the day crossed horse creek in morning afternoon our cattle at noon
 Came to a beautiful stream as clear as a crystal and cold. I think it must be all spring water but short distance from river and enters into river about 60 rods from where we stopped at. Crossed the river this afternoon. Came to another Indian settlement and trading post. A large building on property. Indians in tents friendly. Indians traded about 200 miles and camped. Passed some bad places but mostly good roads all day. Dry wood to cook with. Grap from roots plenty as we were near the river. Thursday 20th got to Sacramento fork about noon water. die.
high - the day in over hauling
our loading and organizing
about 3 hours - quite hilly
part of the road from where
we camped the night before
to the fork where we camped
we drove about a mile from
fork and encampment had
scarcely got our tent pitched
when it commenced raining
and turned to hail - a heavy
shower - ground was covered
with hail as large as
wall nuts. Continued on
about 2 hours then cleared
up very pleasant. Made about 15 miles. Sailed 21st just past Fort
Laramie in morning traveled
about 3 miles of Encamped on
account of one of our Company. Mr. Blair being sick with Diarrhoea supposed to be very ill, but better in the morning. Saturday, 22nd.

We started off. Travelled about 3 miles and was compelled to stop. Doctor advised him to go back to the Fort, as it might turn to bilious fever. We took out part of our load and sent him back to the Mayor. Returned about 4 o'clock and travelled 5 miles and encamped

making 8 miles. Traveled that day all good grass for cattle and water

about as we left the river and took to the bluffs. Roads rather bad on account of rain and hills.

In one place locked both
Wheels and held back with ropes pastence. To find an
tyolbry got down safe – at
(Sunday June 23 – pleasant. rotten
rain about noon - warm. Spring
cold. miles from where we had
encampment just in forenoon at
noon just Bitter Creek of Cole
Springs water in creek very clear.
Spring about 200 rods from road
on the right. Road very good
most of the way Bismarck step
Bluffs or black Hills Black
hills –) Commence at St. Laramee traveled
about 28 miles Encampment near
a Spring on the left of the road.
no water for cattle good
dry pine to cook with
grapes more to good.
Monday June 24

Foggy morning. Pleasant day. Rather warm about noon. Past Horse Creek. Negro's Spring about 54 miles from our last encampment past a good cold spring a few miles from Horse Creek up the bluffs on the right side of the road about 50 feet above the road. Encamped at Luna Mountain River about 50 miles from Horse Creek. Marched about 23 miles that day over steep bluffs. This was ascending of descending all day. I don't know when I was more tired. The night came rather late - wagons are in
danger of breaking going over these steps of high bluffs an ap of cobbles stone in many places great care must be taken one hill on bluff after another all day when on the summit can see a great distance down sending towards the river the road I can compare it to nothing else but to a course gravel stone ground and course sand running cemented together very hard on cattles feet and on waggon wheels when locked
we now are type up through that Clay \\
sho\nlooking-grinds it off just \\
no grass for cattle had \\
to feed on woods and \\
while sage on broad \\
what ever they could \\
Crescent 25th wet morning started \\
about 8 O'clock traveled till \\
noon over very bad road \\
Crook hill in place plenty \\
of Cobble Stone very poor grass \\
Buffalo brought for dinner \\
a few hard words between \\
us of the Company some threat \\
made in the morning-Clear
pleased about 1 O'Clock a final dissipation took place in the after moon. Some little contention about the division, but the Ohio Boys were not to be beat after the division in part we recu amonted as much or more than it cost us. At Independence we took the wagon & yoke of Cattle, Pony, of other fittings & gave them a yoke of Cattle and provision enough to carry them through. They joined an other Company that had been in Company with us all the way from Oneida— that was the
happiest day I had seen in a long time— as there was no comfort to be taken with them at no time—we had Buffalo Soup for Supper— tasted much like Beef Soup

(Wednesday June 26th) got up and traveled about 20 miles encamped at Potle Creek great very poor but best we could do. Traveling over some very bad roads hilly very crooked of steep pitches past wasp nester (about 10 o'clock) Drivery very clear & good water—past also another Beautiful full Stream. Some few miles this side Bob...
good water - post Sewel.

good Colde Springs between
our last Encampment and
nonsorell River on the
right side of the road a
few rods off - lost sight
of Laramie Peak June 25th.
Could see the peak about
40 miles the other side of

St Laramie. Thursday 27th
pleasant morning - traveled about
4 miles over the hills and
through the Plate River - got to

Shoshone Creek about 11 O'clock

a beautiful Stream with very
tolerable Cold water in it. The heat
of the sun made us thirsty about
20 feet wide - said to be Brook
of Fort St. A very cold
Spur: at the edge of the creek.

where we crossed coming out of the bank through gravel.

we encamped and took dinner. - traded our pony for a Cow & Stew well broke.

Even up a good trade - that made us a good team.

had good luck after railin, I found a yoke with

Staple & Ring without Bow. we had plenty of them in the after noon came up a gush of wind and blew the crest. So that I could not hear master Cattle.

nor wagon & wheels off.

Down sail & Rain followed me.

After noon - Meal on foot.
quite late by the time at the deep chasm to unlock could not stop but little all might join me

much we encamped near the

river grass very poor tolerable

grace found considering had

Antelope meat for supper
dark colored meat something like Deer meat traveled

through the day about 15

Miles. Thrice 28 travell

about 16 miles over good

roads with the exception of 4 or 5 very bad

gullies over small Streams

in places almost perpendicular

near Encamped near the

river. Tolerable good grub

for Cattle pleasant day.
took a small shower in the hop after noon -- Saturday 29th

Fine morning came to upper the platte ferry at 6 o'clock ferrying for maggon -- run 2 cows

Cattle ours in as they asked fifty for a herd filled our water vessel with river water

Water quite cold here it is snow water as it runs from the mountains--poison springs no places for 26 miles from the river left the river at 10 clock and took to the hills spending 2 miles in 1500 very disagreeable traveling in the afternoon on 15 of them blowing the sand of gravel could hardly see the road
...with red-plants of wild lupine.

The box. Drove our cattle 2

miles up in between the cliffs.

...as that was the nearest we could...

find grass and not very good

at that pleasant through the day.

So rather cool at about one o'clock.

...yoked up and Started off.

...traveled all night road sensible.

Good but sandy, quite cool

through the night past

Toleratus Lake in the morning

this of July 1st that is a great curiosity.

It looks like a low pond

covered with ice it covers

about 4 acres of ground on the

left of the road within 10

or rods of the road this something

over 50 miles from the ferry...
and near the Independence Rock, we drew up and encamped at the rock near Sweet waterRiver with the intention of stopping a day or two. The next day myself drove the cattle about 5 miles to the bluffs to graze, as there was no grass near the river where we camped, we found very poor grass also near the bluffs. So hard on cattle as grass is poor. Cattle failing just before

I set For a forty the river and encamped for the night before crossing the river. I walked upon Independence Rock quite a curiosity. This rock is about 1/2 mile.
long kind of an oblong - when on top can look off a great distance over the rocky mountains (cons.) the mountains run in Char. Each side of the river and rock - only between about 10 miles wide - when on fur the rock can see several of these alcali lakes on the salinitus point - snow can be seen on the mountains when in the valley.

Tuesday July 2d - drove about 5 miles, roads very sandy. Encamped 1 mile from road on the right at river, what is called the Devils Gate - where the river...
pikes through between the mountain of rocks quite narrow and extremely high - a great curiosity. In about 3 or 400 feet high I visited the gate and on coming we found very good grass for cattle. Cattle some land of needed rest through the day lightened our way and compelled the wagon covered with the shadow cut off the brow of the projection - made it much of lighter Wednesday July 3rd left about 9 o'clock traveled over good roads till noon - rather sunny - a very good grasp of cattle at noon in the after noam quite disagreeable.
Traveling an age of some bad 
revenues of much sand and 
winds. Some steep pitches 
were drafted in road in place 
like snow, a little hard 
at noon. Passed over several 
small streams of pure clear 
water running from the 
Mountains. Traveled through 
the day about 17 miles. Encamp near the river the 
valley between the 2 chains. 
Some places 30 miles wide 
or other places quite narrow. 
These may well be called 
rocky mountains. They are 
not mountains of Earth 
covered with rocks, but
They are perfect mountains of Solen River, in place there are small {name redacted} but near Canvas of these rocks.

[Thursday, July 19th, 1805]

Traveler about 20 miles and Encamped near the river. Tolerable good grass in the forenoon crossed the river 3 times within one mile, river about 30 feet wide, 3 or 4 feet deep. Raised our boat to prevent water from getting in, twice out of the 3 times the river ran through between the rocks a space of more than 10 rods who...
we crossed them in about 10 or 15 rods. did not come to river till we Encamped for the night—yes we aron 1 mile from road at noon to river for water—we had bad Sandy roads all very little ascending—that is the way we kept the 4th—we had not time to get much for Supper—as we aron late to get to water—grps however we had but from Stewed apples and a few goodberries that we picked as we camping the river in forenoon they were Excellent—made me think of home
had also pictures that we broached for the first time since we started. We have an apple pie too, but when we took our supper it was dark and the pie was not done. So we had it for breakfast.

Friday, July 5th. Left farm in morning did not strike it again till about 10 A.M. Crossed over left the river for about 16 miles where we encamped after crossing again. We had tremendous bad roads on way of deep sand and heavy wheeled. Our crossing country contains sand and stone from all.
This mountain may travel far a great distance apart. Can not see much of them at times or either side. A great scope of barren country between. Rooting and more like a desert than any thing else. No grass, nothing but wild sage and other wild berries. These river bottoms and low places are rich. Low places from the river the grass is not good for cattle an age of summer acali upon the ground. Grass of acali which will poison cattle.
A very short while we came nearer to the cutter. Somewhat discovered going, we found our cutter sailing down while we had to take and cross the yoke and drive them behind the wagon as they were almost used up by the warm till after noon when we had a little rain and cooled the air. They traveled about 20 miles - got in sight of mountains a great distance in the forenoon covered with snow (Saturday). Left the river and took to the hills. Not much sand but...
gravel, very hard road, hard clinging on cattle's feet but good they ascended about 4 miles up the hill, and descended 1 mile to the river - crossed river twice and several bad hollow holes followed up the river 2 miles and encamped for the day before noon for good good grass thought best to lay over till next day as our cattle wanted rest and had but short feeding in the night before day broke at 7 miles a short shower about noon galt cool after it hard gales of wind at times a gale country wind at times.
frequent Changes of wind may be Calm one minute and the next moment blow hard enough to blow a man over; no dependence on the wind in these parts. Sunday 7th followed up the river about 4 miles then took to the hills ascending for 3 or 4 miles. Very steep in places and some stones a very cold spring at the left of the road a few rods about 4 miles from whom we left the river water as cold as ice water long and heavy hills to spend all day quite rocky in many places.
dangerous to wagons past
over several small creeks
and springs through the
day. Crossed over a few
bad ravines, snow banks
in some of the hollows.
Just some snow got
about 150 yds from road.
Roads not very sandy but
mostly gravel. A bit
hilly and soled bottom
Encountered near branch
of sweet water river
grape tolerable good short
but thick—quite cool
through the day. Travel
about 20 miles (Monday's)
Cold morning. Could bare over
coat and millions very well.
Very unpleasant traveling on account of a steady cold wind blowing the snow and sand at a terrible rate all day as for the roads they were very good not very hilly but rolling some few steep hills got to the river in the forenoon from where we had left (we crossed the river) Encamped near the river at the foot of a hill near a large snow bank I rode on to it with a horse - it being very solid - when can't got off my horse and walked over it - between 10 and 15 feet deep. seemed curious to see such a snow bank at that time of year it looked
Like spring-there I heard a ground bird sing. The first
I think I heard since I left the States were sparrows. Several
snow banks through the day.
I was wrapped up in my cloak, mostly all day, on
account of the cold. We traveled on till we came to
the river again. And because there was no
boats either now, as it had been cut off by others that
passed before us, we made
but willows and wild sage
such as we had had some
of. Days before days to travel about
14 miles pasted through the
South rap in the cherry rock
past 19 miles in width with
gorge-like appearance.
Tuesday 7th pleasant morning and
after a frosty night former sin cup frozen fast to the
bottom of our pail in the
morning quite warm through
the clay left sweet water
River in the morning got
to the Pacific Springs the
Great Colorado that chills
the Atlantic from the
Pacific.
Water runs both ways East and West
this is about 4 miles from
the river where we had
lost Encamped Roads
about the same as heretofore
considerable rolling ground
the junction of Englishtown
California Road in the after
My moon rose as we took the short Hall road got to Sandy about Sundown. The drove late on a late of young water drove 21 miles without water or grass found at last very little grass at old Sandy. Very disagreeable in the after noon on account of dust. I was taken with a tremendous head ache and in the after noon. Driven from ague this 21 miles is called a small desert, but it is no more of a desert than a good portion of the mountains with the exception of no water. I call it all after desert enough. Days travel 25.
Wednesday 10th. Left Little Sandy about 9 o’clock got to Sablito Cut off about 10 o’clock 6 miles from Little Sandy the Cut off trends to the right we took the Cut off about one mile from the Cut off near Campater Big Sandy about 30 feet wide and 2 feet deep we found the Creek here is another desert from big Sandy of 50 miles Desert somewhat rolling for several miles we traveled till 12 or 1 o’clock at night then stopped and rested our Cattle till about day break Thursday 11th when we found itself once more rolling again above
still breakfast time and rested
our cattle, and some little
brush grown for them, after
breakfast. Started off and
travelled till we got to
Green River when we
reached the river we were
through the clearest another
such a time I don’t wish
to see as we had coming
through - a continual wind
blowing the dust and sand
into eyes and mouths that
it was almost impossible
to breathe - we got through
safe, all but one of that
crew and mostly on account
of water could not get
on train along. But we left him
in the afternoon before we got through we traveled over some very steep hills and quite long tines and near the bank we went down some very steep bluffs all most perpendicular and seven dollars for ferrying our wagon and team. When we got out this is a very cold river a swift current and about 25 rods wide not fordable after everything all safe across we traveled about 2 1/2 miles to a good sized creek and encamped with considerably cold, tolerable.
Gave grog for Cattle on the opposite side of the river.

Friday 12th, did not start out as our Cattle wanted rest and grapes in the afternoon was taken with the ague, had a pretty good siege of the Saturday 13th took quinine to break it.

Starved off about 8 o'clock in the morning, followed up the river about 4 miles, then took to the bluffs or mountains, traveled over very steep hills, ascending and descending for about 6 miles, then came to a creek, a good show of a stream, good water and the grapes were lusher and took...
About 2 O’Clock

Started again at about 4 O’Clock, and kept up the creek on the bottom 5 miles and encamped.

Creek one within the 5 miles. Good grab, the bottom here between the bluffs is about 1 mile wide, roads over the hill very crooked and sandy, any quantity of dust; more pleasant traveling on the bottom we had caught an ox or of shown a company that we was traveling with and pain from that made us out a full team and today 15 miles Sunday 14th, follower.
up the bottoms about one mile then took to the hills traveled over very steep and long hills-roads very crooked—past by one or 2 springs in the forest traveled till 10 O’clock two and stopped for noon near the good springs and some spruce timber remain at about 1 p.m. hour then hitched up and drove a few rods and perceived that one of our oxen was sick—we anyoked him and thought to drive him across a stream about 3 rods when he laid down and died.
about 10 or 11 o'clock they have lost $50 so I will have one of our horses.

Oxen must have cold alkaline water and we know nothing of it.

We have been on with our 2 yoke oxen heavy hills but soon through holes in the after moon just a beautiful spring on the right of the road.

A small stream crossing the road between 2 small rocks.

Our route seems dry and the water very cold.

This is 20 miles from where our stopped so we have traveled 8 miles.
Came over heavy hills and encamped near a running stream from the mountains. Tolerable good grass for cattle. Traded with Snake Indians a few Fowen and Lead for Mockerskins and the Antelope. We didn't get much rain after noon. Day traveled 15 miles.

(September 15th) a very light shower before day light not enough to wet the dust. Traveler over very steep and long hills crooked roads and plenty of cobble stone in places. Burn on cattle before over several small streams running from the mountains in-valleys and
Frenchmen with Indians calce this
the Aron gold of green River
some quite bad Indians -
got to the South fort of
green River Pacific River
or the branch of the great Colorado at about 10 miles
from where we had last
Encampment - crossed the River
and there arrived - the River
is about 30 or 40 feet wide -
and dry and dry the land-
after climate done down the River
about 17 miles and Encamped
for the first rate grass
in the valley along the river -
Indian Encampments near us
they are the Snake Indians
a friendly tribe - different
tribes are in war with other
I formed a game Stone
horsed - here in the valley the
first I had seen this summer. I picked a few in a tumbler and sweetened them with sugar; they tasted quite natural. The berries closer to the ground and nearer to the water were not so sweet as those in the state - not as pleasant. I caught a few trout and ate them at supper Tuesday 16th.

Cold morning after a frost. Night ice in pail in the morning. Left the river and took to the hills 1 mile from the river. Ascended a very steep and long hill when on the summit of the hill a gradual descent for a few miles then gradual ascending of ascending again.
good roads, got to a good Cold Spring plenty of water for cattle about 40 rods to the left of the road at a group of quakewas a mile from the river quite good grass on the hills and valley have not found it do heretofore the soil is different rather coarser sand and of a darker color than something the color of Chollas the plowenter traveling as the day wind does not have the same effect on it as it has on some other the Sand heretofore that we press on over is of an ash color very fine like coarse flour and blows like
Chaff — about 4 miles from the Spring before spoken of we passed through a beautiful grove consisting of Spruce, 130 ac. of Juniper and two quailnaps or Pepple very pleasant. This is the only grove we passed through, since we left the States. This grove is a quarter of a mile in length, made me think of the East. Stoped and took tea dinner after passing through the grove. Descended a tremendous steep and long hill a mile or more, one hill after another. Came in places. Came to a fine creek about 50 miles from the grove, passed
over and ascended a long hill — a fine spring on the summit on right near the road — crossing out of lowish ground 2 miles from Spring we descended a long and steep hill very rocky and dangerous to wagons the worst we had hitherto descend when to the foot of this hill traveled through deep sand and somewhat hill for about 1/2 mile when we came to a good road a little descending from there to for 1/2 miles when we came to
Encamped plenty of grass but no wood - a needlage as we had done before the bottom here between 2 and 3 miles wide - paper over worse hills than had any time heretofore.

Days traveled 25 miles

(Wednesday 17th) Am fine morning some ice in wash dish - Cold nights and pleasant.

Arose. Started late followed down the river 5.5 miles took 1 mile from River then turned to the right in a valy along the branch of Bear River between high bluffs and followed up the branch 10 miles then fourteen 3 forks of the
branch of Bear River. Repeat to raise our wagon box to prevent the water from getting in. Difficult places for crossing after crossing we came in contact with any quantity of large round hard head rocks in the road for a mile. Very difficult crossing over them after having dropped the forks we took followed down the branch. When came to the above named rocks we followed down the river about 2 miles and encamped for the day near a small stream on the right of road. Our cattle and plains cattle were most all sick. Supposes they must have drank alkaline water.
sue the night preceding as there was some alcohol where we had encamped (Thursday 18th Plesant morning cattle Better Starve late followed down the River 12 Miles good Road gradually descending. The River runs north then at the end of the 12 Miles the River leads to the left and runs west. We left the River and followed up a small stream 3 Miles and encame plenty of good grass and water willows along the creek. Very good fire in the evening Exchanged our cow for an ox
Sitting up a pleasant morning

Started good season followed back down the creek 3 miles then crossed Thomas fork of Bear River about 25 feet wide and 21/2 feet deep after crossing good road for 1/4 mile then ascended a hill a good cold spring on the left near the road 1/4 mile up the hill traveled till 3 o'clock when we came to the river again distance from Thomas fork 10 miles tremendous long steep and heavy hills in descending many gous in places are in danger.
of being broke every moment rocky in places very dusty.
Took dinner rested our cattle.
A short time and traveled road good but rolling
for 3 or 3 miles no very steep
hills then followed down the river on the bottom for
about 8 miles good roads
dusty ascending traveled still after sun set for
the purpose of getting to good
gras and water - we encamped at a fine rapid Stream
of good water running from the mountains into the river
first rate for cattle
in following around the river
we are no time
Sawed off several Colon Streams nearer than from 2 to 6 miles from the road to the river — Days Travel about 30 mi. (Saturday 26th) Started early traveled over good road most level little climbing for about 9 miles road on the bottom about 3 miles passed R in town left the River Entirely for 11 miles and somewhat hill ground though roads quite good and smooth not very hard on cattle as the roads run into the between around the hills and gorges near
the river 2 miles from the main
Road.. good goats.. Willow...
for fuel.~ any travel full
20 miles. Passed over several
brooks and springs through
the valley. Good cold water

(Sunday 3) got to Soda Springs
at noon, a good Seaweed Creek
comes here Enteris in the river.

we crossed the creek and
drove to the springs. Here
are 2 Springs at the bank of
the Creek rather low ground
about 2 rods apart they boil
up and sparkle like Soda
water once as clear as
crystal water, tastes of
iron and something like
Soda. Very cold water
There is an Indian Settlement on the trading point we drove about 1/2 mile below these Springs from the River on the bottom and put out our cattle for noon grass we had plenty of Indian visitors begging for something to eat this is rather a beautiful valley thick covered with Schlessen and broken in place - there are 2 more Springs of more curiosity 1/2 mile below the above & spoken of at the bank of the River these Springs are about 5 feet apart the 1 about 1/2 foot higher than the other the upper
one is the Center of Order
one or both this is said the
beer Spring it is arched
over with a Solid rock
it boils up from under such
the rock like boiling water
Can see no outlet at all
the water is Cold the soon
Spring below is as Clear as
water Can hear and build
up the same as the other
but more forcebly the depth
of the water is about 10 feet
depth 10 feet long and 5 or 6
foot wide round off in the
River this being right at the
River water very Cold and
Sparkles like soda water
yes smile below these spring
is an other one of a great curiosity, this is Cold Spring, about 20 Rods to the left of the Road and about 10 feet from the River and about 2 or 3 feet higher than the water in the River. This water is like warm and boils up through a solid rock. Rather over the shape of a mill stone within a hole in the centre about a foot in diameter this water forms and sparkles it boils rather irregularly it drives and boils a great distance and then rises and throws through the water all over.
The road from Springs to Fort Hall is very good. Some hilly and somewhat rocky in places. We got to Hidspeth's Cut off on the afternoon of the day we took the road. The Cut off is 6 miles from the Springs. Traveler 8 miles from the Cut off and encamped at some good spot. Sage for fuel. Good wood.
Tolerable good grace

days travel 93 miles

(Monday, 92nd) Traveled about
8 miles over good roads

Then came to a hill road

Traveled over these hills 1 mile

and came to water a small

stream to the left of the road
in a small meadow our cattle

and filled our water cistern

of the Spring here is an
other small Indian settlement

and trading post. Notice and

locate our cattle and while our

drove our cattle 1 mile

Traveled about 6 miles over tremendous bad

sandy and crooked roads, in

places, rocky Winding up and
down paper through several

hills and crests.
got front of Indians made us & gave
bad ravines & gullies
waggon in danger upsetting
requires very careful driving
we passed over 2 or 3 small
streams during the afternoon
we Encamp at a small
creek after crossing it up the
creek about 3/4 of a mile from
the road - tolerable good grip
and Willow for fuel - this
a Rapid Stream Cold and
clear from little Stations
camp until 12 only
accompanied by Thunder in the
after noon - Tuesday 23rd quite
mountainous Smooth roads and
crooked - crossed at Salmon River as I call it as there
are abundance of Trout in it about 4 miles from
where we had last encamped, near the road on the right. This river about 20 feet wide from 3 to 4 feet deep. From appearance we watered on cattle and started on. Water good and cold - no snow for 8 miles where we came to a stream 100 feet wide from water foot rapids were stopped and took dinner in the afternoon traveled 8 miles and encamped near a spring at the left of the road about 1/4 mile below the summit on the side of a hill after ascending about 2 miles quite tiring in places, for getting to the
Smart. Grain not very plenty of. Good dry bed for feed. Water and water. Cattle cheap. Travel 20 miles. Cattle tired. At night, and we were also fever. Rheumatism very bad in any shoulder. Had been for some days previous. [Wednesday 24th] On descending the hill, upper 3 springs within 3 miles from our last encampment. Good water at the left and another road near at the foot of the hill crossed. Over a small stream. Crops are other in going about 40 rods. Then cattle are more water for 7 miles. After tracking over some rolling ground most of the way, but good roads. Stopped for
noon at a fine creek eight
wide clear and cold water
in the after noon Traveled
8 or 9 miles without water, good
sound mostly descending a fine
stream of good and clear water
10 feet wide filled on west
side and started on biped by
a mouth of indians here p.o.
As for a village there we
Crosed the Stream and traveled
on some good but somewhat
rolling for about 3 miles then
the road runs through a betwixt
the mountains. Road ascending
and winding. Can not see far
ahead. A natural road
just wide enough for a
wagon we traveled in
this valley or hollow about 3 miles and Encompass me
waters and not much grass
for cattle. They graze on the
side of the mountains. Day
travel 30 miles all told at
night Thursday 25th travel
about 15 miles when got to
summit of this mountain
through this hollow here
we descended the mountain
very steep and dangerous
a very narrow passage
sand and gravel steep down
and sliding in places we
locked both wheels and
steadied it down with progress
from the summit to the foot
about 1/2 mile from the
A foot good roads little obsen
for about 7 miles when we turned to the left of the main road and traveled 2 miles to a good spring, plenty of water for us and cattle, and good grass, making 15 miles without water and days travel till 2 o’clock 12 miles more on
for the day. From this point show in the after noon (Friday) 26th
traveled over a hilly road but good 8 miles without water from where we struck the road or 10 miles from the spring where we had last encamped this spring at the foot of the hill at the Road-Crook.
Row below the Spring, good cold water, rather
Some time after, I heard some horses near and I was thoroughly frightened. I do not know who they belonged to, but I was glad to find another place for us and cattle in the after
noon. Travelled 8 miles more without water. Travelled about 8 miles of our good roads, but rolling them.
Entered a hollow between the mountains. Travelled about 3 miles in this hollow good smooth road. Little ambition and Encamped.

12. 8:30 P.M. Left camp on the left of the road about 40 rods apart. Water cold but taste of the ground very good, sort of a black sand. Air quakerly.

for fresh grass not to plant. Cattle grazed on the side of the mountains. Followed up this hollow 3 miles. Came to a good
Coler Spring near the road at the left. Road descending about 4 miles further come to another Spring good and cold near the road on the left. Abundance of water about one mile below this Spring crossed a new badly cut road by crossing following down about 3 miles and stopped for noon. Road good and descending after dinner followed down the hollow about one mile. Crossed a small stream deep and much. Then ruins interesting. The Stream of the above named Spring following down through the hollow - noon with supper.
and descending got out of the
hollow by going about 3 miles
drew about 1/2 mile further
and good descending work and
left Encampment near the above
named Stream. Early in afternoon
had good day travel about
16 miles (Sunday 28th, Started
late Crossed the Creek A descended
a short steep hill. Then good
road little descending over a
plain 12 miles without water
then came to a creek 10 feet
wide, bad to cross, badly cut
up this good and clear water
did not stop at creek Crossed
2 more rather Stagnant Streams
within 1/2 mile from the Creek.
Creek—Very bad Crossing—Be
I don't know whether the distance from Junction to Fort Hall is correct or not. Crooks brought us to an intersection of the 2 roads cut off of Fort Hall 90 miles from Fort Hall to the intersection of Cola Creek from Junction to Fort Hall 14 miles further we came to a small creek running from the mountains. Cropped our 5 or 6 small streams within 5 miles from the first stream—all running from the mountains good water. Road tolerable good, little ascending along Culee Stone in place. Followed up the creek and crossed—traveler about 2 miles after crossing up the creek and Encamped for the day about 16 clock when stopped.
good grass and water. Small willows for fuel, grass much like prairie grass—short, dull, from which the road met the road. Entered through a gap between the mountains up the creek a large bottom between the mountains and plenty of gars most of the way. Came upon 12 miles. Here we heard of John Thompson. Led up a great hill when we came up. Came to a small
Creek stopped and took dinner. Road most of the way ascending 4 miles further and came to another creek. Road and detour crossed over and traveled 14 miles further. 2 miles of which was between high mountains of Crazy Rocks but road good. Some hills came to creek at the foot of hill followed up the creek about 1 mile and encamped. First rate grass rather scarce of wood but good water here is quit a large bottom between the and surrounding mountains. A day's travel 18 miles here are large rocks from 1 to 200 feet high and cover creek.
ground at a distance they did not look like buildings. I named this place Rock Hollow - our road came to the intersection of the Salt Lake Road it comes in at the left, traveled 5 miles more and stopped for noon about 1 mile at a small stream 40 rods from Road on the left and found over 1203 streams during the four months. The moon was the after moon and the moon rose in the afternoon. The road is very mountainous, cobble stone in places, very hard on cattle and dangerous to wagons in many places. In descending one of these steep bluffs looked both hind wheels and had to assist in letting go.
 thy down a wagon with ropes
 and for about 3 or 5 miles post
 over 2 or 3 streams in the after
 noon no trouble for water
 grip plenty in places traveled
 come about 8 miles in the afternoon
 we encamp at Goose Creek
 about 1 mile at the right
 of the road down Stream.
 this about 15 feet wide
 from 1 to 2 feet deep. Considerable
 fall of a bottom between the mountains.
 Very plenty of grass—small willow
 the
 fine morning some ice in
 pole fell. Followed up the creek
 good roads. Little ascending
 most the way. Oct. 18th.
I have struggled through the day. Small willows for quick good grasp. We encamped at the creek. Days travel 15 miles.

(Friday 2)

Follow up the creek about 6 miles good roads. Here the road enters a canyon between 2 mountains. Crossed the creek at the gap. Followed up through along side the creek. Road very rough and rocky. About 4 miles from the mouth where we entered. Travelled about 4 miles. Got out of the canyon. Came to a good spring after crossing the creek at the right of the road. From under a rock, a clean, clear water was found.
the way then had bad hills and rocky roads for about 10 miles without water till we came miles to the warm Spring Valley Creek where we took on water, some call this the Thousand and one Springs, there is one or more of Springs coming out from under a very large rock from 30 to 40 feet high, the water not very cold but good. We traveled 5 miles further down the valley good road but very dusty, this was a hard day on cattle and men, very dusty and heavy roads and encamped at the left of the road.
wood except what water
was left with us - Sage was
very scarce here and but very
little grass for cattle

Saturday 23rd...travel good. 25

Rode early. Travelled about
about one mile came to a fine
spring deep and plenty of my
coke water coming out of
low ground - we took on water
and watered our cattle - Travelled
until noon when we came to
great grass mostly level road some
few hills not paper thin in
the forenoon. This the first
great rise came to today morning
and after dinner followed up
with a wolly long side a pritty
creek water poor and
Stagnum in place. No currant apparently only in place. Water will do for cattle - not very good to drink. We encamped early at the Thousand Springs about a mile at the left of the road. Some of these are said to be poison mineral springs - they are from 5 to 20 feet deep in the lowest part of the valley. Plenty of good grass for cattle. Roads good but very dusty. A six mile mudder from 3 to 5 inches down - places deep travel about 16 miles. (Sunday) Pleasant morning after a frosty night. File frequented at night - good level road.
up the Gully travelled till about 1 O'Clock and encamp for the day - plenty of good grapes and water - Spring all the way in this Gully - Curious Springs - some very deep - just in the front room hot Springs - about 2 miles back from where we encamped we came across Thompson in the fox season they had encamped 1 mile back of the hot springs - was glad to see each other - day to travel till 1 O'Clock 10 miles (Monday 5th) traveled 6 miles down up the Gully when came to a good Spring and to the End of the
Bolly no more water fer
8 miles road quite hillig
here we came to a spring
similar to the spring in
the valley of the hot spring
Water not very clean after
dinner traveled 9 miles
over a very dusty road
some holly we encamped
at the Canyon Springs at foot
of a small hill some call it
Canyon Creek but no creek
to be seen Springs like
those in the valley of the hot
Springs meet with but little
grop all day nothing but
save when we were good grops when we were
any travel full 230 miles
Tuesday, 6—we divided one team and provisions of the 400 team and wagon for our passage and taking our provisions and baggage through to California. Our team was not sufficient to stand the trip. And see that you was necessary to do something our team was failing fast. We sold to a man by the name of Russell that was north and Sloan so he had a good team Armstrong gave his two oxen for his passage with Sloan started about 10 o'clock in the morning.
about 9 miles down the valley some part of which was some rolling and hilly.  Came to a branch of the Humboldt River about 2 o'clock there we took up the river and River 8 miles and encamped at the river.

I had seen on the trip down red clay and red top gravel in places.  This River is small at the first branch we did not know when we got to it we thought it was a small creek and crossed another branch in the afternoon or some large...
fine shower in afternoon
than the first roads level
and good days travel
15 miles (Wednesday) traveled
down the river good roads but
left very Heller Most of the way Flatly
all levels we Encamped 30 miles
to the left of the road near the
river plenty of Grops Some
Breast high this is much like a
Prairie Days Traveled 20 miles
Thursday \\
Traveled about
2 miles then crossed a branch
of the Loam Belt River is growing
larger after crossing them took
off the Bluffs for about 5 miles
触及 at the River twice
in going the 5 miles then
came to the river again
these Bluffs are not very large
Road very good. We then traveled on and Encamped at 10 o'clock our usual time. Je. M. at the left of the road at the river. Road good and level but some dust. Plenty of grass. Small willow for fuel. The same as we had had for some days previous. After having written the above I had the sentiments of peace. I thought to make me some map peppermint tea. My esence was in the trunk, and in my trunk. I took the side of its being earlier, and as I drew it towards one the trigger caught it somewhat.
and fired off the ball.

paper near my wrist burned

my skin then very little could

feel the heat as it fired -

and paper by my side cutting

a hole through my coat and

lining and leaving a spot on

my shirt. This was shooting

close. (This was Augs

travel 92 miles

Friday I. - traveled about

10 miles over good roads

but very dusty. When we

crossed the river and took

crossing here they run through

a Canyon we crossed the river

3 times in the afternoon -

and rather heavy in passing

through the Canyon as
The road takes to the cliffs when leaves the river at the 4th Crossing are high cliffs on the right of river and road of rocks perpendicular. Traveled in afternoon 6 miles.

Encountered short distance from road on the left near the river green grass on other side river.

Travel 16 6/10 miles.

Saturday 10th Traveled about 9 miles toward Encampment for the clay ¾ mile down the river front of which the road leaves the river and runs paper over 3 streams in the procession. Road running along side and over the bluffs, but tolerable good and very easy.
Thompson took supper with us plenty of gras and many Enamps here January 19 we crossed the river for 17 miles without the gras 5 miles from where we struck the bluffs a Spring 3/4 mile up a ravine to the left of the road little water about 1/4 away and 2 or 3 Spring below between that of the river road very full of sand very green corn every where and places dangerous to wagons followed down the River 1 mile and crossed 2 feet deep 400 yards 14 feet wide followed down 2 1/2 miles and Encamped good grass willow for fuel dry

Total 2 1/2 miles
Monday 12th - followed down the river 11 miles good level road. We then left the river and took a footpath up the bluffs about 2 miles and struck the valley again. Road very dusty and cable stone in places among the dust. Dust from 3 to 5 inches deep on an average - not much wind but dust raised like fog very disagreeable. We encamped about 1/2 mile to the right of the road, and the river first rate grass.

Days travel 25 miles.

Tuesday 13th - followed down good on the bottom of the river road level but very dusty, bottom very wide, no grass.
bottom Except near the
river nothing but sage
and green wood. Bottom
in places over 30 miles wide
a complete desert. We come
near a Slough. Some miles from the river water poor
greas tolerable good. Sage
and green wood for fresh
rather scarce at that. This
is a late made road. the
old road is on the right
Side of the river. Days
Travel about 23 miles
Wednesday 14th followed down
the bottom a complete desert
and so for 3 or 3 days previous
at good level road but deep
and heavy wheeling in
places—no grass at all only near the river—now water. Except
sloughs which we have sometimes had to run did not
touch at the river from mor-
ning till we Encamped
in the after noon—at noon
we used the water out of a
slough. The bottom between
the Bluffs is from 25 to 500
or upwards in width and
must overflow with water
in the Spring of year from all
appearance we Encamped on
the river 1 mile from潮 at
the right. Early in the after-
noon first rate grass Small
willow for fuel—rithe
quite warm from the
Colt time we struck the hump. I had a hard fit of asthma the night before. We arrived in the evening and traveled 15 miles.

Thursday, roads the same but not as usual. For about 15 miles, B[,] when we struck the bluffs, they were hard. Some heavy pull. To a rise with a steep bluff very steep. Some stone, some stones. We traveled about 3 miles after ascending the bluff. Road better by descending to the river and some stone in places and very damp. Encamp at the right of the road 1 mile at the river. Good grass and plenty of willows for fuel. Days traveled 18 miles.
Friday 16th followed down the Elb River 1 mile and then took to the bluffs left the river for 4 miles. Bottom between the bluffs rather narrow and 4 miles. Crooks good. Smooth road. Over the bluffs rather through a Canyon with the exception of 2 places in one place old rocks 20-30 ft. over nearly perpendicular and an other very steep and sandy. Fine stone but short after leaving the bluffs road runs near the river good level road. Some clump good grass at noon. Encamped early first rate grass.

Saturday, 7th. Started early. Road very dusty and deep sand in places. Heavy wheealing all day. Encamped at night 1½ miles from road at the right near the river for on the bottom after driving down the Sand Ridge Road. Runs over sand ridges. 12 day travel. 9.9 miles—grup rather poor. Sunday, 8th. Hard road all day at times on the Bank and then on the bottom. Hard wheeling on account of deep sand on the bottom.
Tolerable good not much sand but dust river very crooked, and many sloughs in the bottom—prevents the road from running most the way on the bottom one encamp on the bottom from under the bank few rocks from road at the right near the river great willow for fish the bottom along tree rather narrow up and many campers make grass sear—marsh only at the river—any travel 18 miles Monday 19th followed down the river for latter took to the bank about 3 miles then left and for 78 miles without
Not oiling a complete...dust terrible. Car...Wheeling in the sand...castle. They twice at night...and wearied men. Day's travel 20 miles no rest...of any age. — Thursday 20th. Started before breakfast...for the purpose of getting...to grope our traveled after...6 miles and found little...grope. Stopped till 10 O'Clock. Came. Started off. Traveled...5 miles and encamped...up a mile from the...on the bank a mile from...main road at the right...as heavy.
at all Sands and clay gyms
very Scarce - bottom below
the Sand banks quit narrow and on the back
no grass at all - all a
clider - Weather quiet worn
during the day - time cool
at Night - Many Indian
visitors at our camp in
afternoon - Said they had
been to California - Stays
tavel 13 Miles
banks are Bottom has
the appearance of having
been covered with mud
at some Season of the year
as the Banks are Cited
over - Water must be at
times 150 feet.
Cours a vast country.

(Wednesday 3d.) Roads about the same as we had traveled for days previous—Heavy driving. Deeps sand and dust somewhat level though many sand hills to pass over—we traveled late still dark. No grass for cattle—we encamped near the river. Cattle browsed on willow and weeds—plenty of good dry sage for fuel and river water to drink—poor at that day.

Travel 23 miles. Thursday, 12th.

Started early traveled 100 miles over very sandy and dusty roads. Sand banks. Then came to the large bottom and big mead as it is called—plenty of corn.
grasp or Empty Rock and stopped to
bait our cattle and take dinner
and good hard road from here A
shakling river wide bottom no grasp only
wet on the right of the road toward
the river water from 6 Sinks
we rode 2 first day all over this bottom
where there is grasp this is the
spread of the river we traveled
down on the bottom 10 miles
and Encamped no wood nothing
but small greese wood and that
Scarce our went about 1/2 mile
to get that and 0 more next
miles Morning about 1 1/2 miles through
grasp and Salt water up to
my knees after water from
breakfast the water on
this bottom is Salt not
just twelve we was out of bread stuff and was very hungry at night. I offered fifty cents for a small bush about 6 inches a crop but could not buy we tried to get some flour but could not buy for money would have been glad to pay flour for it and if it could have been got to could not buy days travel 20 miles (Friday, 23) found a man that would trade flour for Bacon or fruit we traded him a few pounds of Bacon and some fruit apples peaches we got 5 3/4 of Flour traded apples and some for pomme and gave 2 of fruit for bacon.
of Bacon at the rate of 2 do.
for 10 of flour. So we had a good breakfast we had some
left. Burned little Rice and a few
Beans. Some apples, pears and pickles but it was bad
We wanted the most. Started
Late. Travelled about 20 miles
and encamped to make lun
To take a cross the nearest
no water. She went 10 or 30 miles
towards the mountains. To hunt
Your wood while I went after
a water through the bushes and
got water. We found few dry weeks
and small roots. Made out cook
our beans, ye for the desert.
Saturday, the 24th. Travelled 7 miles and
Came to a lake or the lake of
Chains or Humboldt River good to road. Smooth most the way 8 miles travel along the lake and except to the bluffs brought us to the lower end of the lake or sink. To the desert road. Some of the rolling and sandy in places and some slate stone water quite brackish at the edge of the lake will do for cattle and go to drink by going in some distance quick lane on the bottom as a regular outlet to this lake only in high water from our last encampment to the desert 15 miles. Started on the desert 4 o'clock in the afternoon hence we ascended a small raise and then descended
good to the bottom. The road for 2 miles
8
some sandy and gravelly after
and good level road good hard
bottom very little dust. The weather
was very warm till about 3 o’clock
some but when we started on the
and desert sun was hot behind.
the clouds quite windy and
like a few drops of rain. Very
unfavorable to us. We traveled
most all night. Stopped driving
now the night about 3 or 4 hours
all the sleep I’ve got
was by going ahead of the
the teams and lay down till they
the camp up and then we went
off again we traveled till
Wednesday morning 35 after we
ate some fresh and took breakfast.
and butted our cattle
after breakfast Joe and myself
drove off ahead thinking
not more than 15 miles to the
river but that the teams would
follow us in stead of 150
miles about 25 or 30 miles we
travelled on of the teams did not
overtake us. We had no water
nor provisions with us and
were hungry and dry on the
way we came across a man
that was selling water the
job for 1 pt of water 16 Cents
but could get nothing else
we travelled on many times
walking through sand
until we got within 2 or 3
miles of the river and was
very dry put 10 Cents for 1
Left Kansas Nov. 19th
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25.  "  Mr. Hill at St. Louis  1.00
26.  "  Flour to St. Louis  5.00
27.  "  on Wagon  3.00
28.  Arrived at St. Louis  2.00
29.  Tobacco  1.50
30.  Breakfast  2.50
Total  7.50
31.  Boston Clock  1.50
32.  Sugar and Baking  .75
33.  Flour to St. Louis  7.00
34.  on Wagon  4.00

May 1st  1830  June 1st  1830  June 21st  1830  July 1st  1830
1.  Arrived in Boston  1.50
2.  Cutters to Boston  3.50
3.  Boston Clock  1.50
4.  Sugar and Baking  .75
5.  Flour to St. Louis  7.00
6.  on Wagon  4.00

Aug. 1st  1830  Aug. 21st  1830  Sept. 1st  1830
Thursday 29th. we rounded about 4 miles to the river and laid down all day. this is a beautiful valley, plenty of willow bottom about 1 mile and not very long. Friday 30th. Started at day light about about 7 miles then struck a desert of 10 miles. a little rolling and very sandy all the way. Very Traveling a desert the river and followed it about 10 miles by noon and took down plenty of wood, green grass and water in the little well in camp about the 21st. Mile.

This a desert of 10 miles, sandy and many cattle bones in piles. Very heavy whirling when over the desert. struck the river and followed team up along side and over sand hills or bluffs 2 or 3 miles when struck the Carson Valley. Traveling up about one mile and encamp about 12 o'clock. At night, good road in the valley and noticeable grass, plant of Willows and Cotton wood along the river. I saw plants by a tree over in every 10 or 15 Paces.

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Thomas Willson
Commenced Working
For Mr. J. Bomben
at $25.00 for one month
April 29Th 1851.

3 lb. coffee pot 1.10
1 lb. sugar .20
3 lb. flour 1.56
1/3 lb. sugar 0.50
20 lb. flour 50.10.25
8 lb. pork at 45
2 lb. red in pork 50
1/4 lb. cider 5.1
Tom 1.25
Total $14.02
1851 Borrowed of P. D. W. 1851. Money of Owen to 28th Apr 30. The Balance on company settlement $.23.47

11. Returned for do. 147" 00

" 541"

May 30. Co. by Cash 397.2
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May 12th, Monday

13.50

Wednesday 15.00

Friday 21.20

Saturday 8.62

May 13th, Tuesday

12.50

Wednesday 4.43

Thursday 6.37

Friday 4.75

Saturday 9.75

May 14th, Wednesday

13.62

Thursday 9.48

Friday 8.81

Saturday 8.28

May 15th, Thursday

17.00

Friday 14.75

Saturday 18.25

May 16th, Friday

15.00

Saturday 50.50

May 17th, Saturday

13.62

June 3rd, Sunday

21.32

Monday 13.37

Tuesday 56.20

Wednesday 75.25

Thursday 61.32
June 9, Monday: $74.37
Tuesday: $130.63
Wednesday: $55.50
Thursday: $100.50
Friday: $91.50
Saturday: $112.37
Total: $564.87

June 10, Monday: $19.87
Tuesday: $15.50
Wednesday: $8.12
Thursday: $2.37
Friday: $6.25
Total: $52.50

June 11, Monday: $2.14
Tuesday: $9.19
Wednesday: $12.68
Thursday: $2.50
Friday: $33.25
Saturday: $91.75
Total: $82.25
Saffalo Gumme 23 9
Jaret Api 1 9n
Elix. Petrol 1/2
Put into 1 9 of bid and
fill up with spl.
Mix well
And take 5 droche at a
dose.
The name of the Smooth Barre, ever green Red Moor, is Cala Mansaneta.