

about ~~mid~~ daylight & being  
 ill I was - getting really sick &  
 got up again about 3 and  
 driving till evening. Our ration  
 consists of bread, that I can't  
 stomach yet, bread that we make  
 and that is sometimes of the consistency  
 of lead, & coffee, once in a while  
 we have beans - It doesn't taste  
 as well as I wish just yet but  
 I shall soon get used to it.  
 Our first two days rain was profuse  
 dust - combined with the sun  
 our persons were thickly coated with  
 mud. The wind since has  
 been in our favor & we have no  
 rain. Our blankets & other cloth  
 was not given out until the evening  
 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> days march.

O. Felt  
 O. Bill  
 J. /  
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Fort Kearney July 11<sup>th</sup> At last we have  
 reached that first point or place of  
 importance on our route. We have thought  
 and spoken of Kearney as if it was our  
 destination and nothing beyond it, but  
 now we regard it as a starting point.  
 Here all sorts arrange & again drive  
 We make no stop but go right on our  
 way. There is a regulation in force that  
 no train of less than 30 wagons be  
 allowed to pass the fork for protection  
 against Indians who are said to be  
 very troublesome and it is feared  
 that there will be a general up-  
 rising. During the last few days  
 we have heard any quantity of  
 rumors of the Indians threatening  
 to clear off the whole road in  
 than 20 days. Several men have  
 been killed at different places  
 between Kearney & Nebraska.

Mr. American ourselves fully equipped  
 known to make no way through  
 most of the boys have Colts & Revolvers  
 Letting the train has a number of  
 Carbines & Muskets. The train  
 that goes through with us has  
 a pretty good force & we shall  
 probably keep within helping  
 distance. Our load and drive  
 has been much better than  
 first. Making 8 miles a day  
 yesterday & 16 yesterday, We shall  
 probably average 15 right along.  
 We make two drives a day commencing  
 as soon as it is daylight  
 making a morning of 4 or 5 hours  
 & then again until sunset. Our  
 route so far has been on gravel  
 roads. We have reached the  
 Platte 40 miles below here on  
 dirt roads are rolling forward

that continually of great seasons  
 ascents & descents. Nothing to ordinary  
 vehicles but most awfully <sup>unpleasant</sup>  
 to an ox team loaded as heavily as  
 ours. Each yoke drawing two wagons  
 the first loaded with 3000 & freight  
 and the other with 4000. To get the  
 iron up these hills requires no  
 small amount of brute & expertise.  
 I have used up one whip already  
 & I do get so out of patience with the  
 Cows that I can hardly control  
 myself. I can't use a whip yet  
 so as to make it tell my effectual  
 and the way they take their own  
 time & pleasure sometimes is a full  
 trying to a man's temper. I have got  
 them for a long trip however & shall  
 plenty of time to buy them to time.  
 I can stand it as long as they can.  
 We are all required to keep them

will climb up and then boys then  
 over keeps up at on the tongue and  
 side some time more than halfway  
 way. So far it has been able to  
 ride but my horse, for just so  
 soon as I ceased to urge and  
 a slight stop up, they would pull  
 behind & then it would require  
 three times the work to get them up  
 again. In getting up I am always  
 pretty much the last one out, and in  
 unmounting the last one in, but still  
 I am improving very much & probably  
 in time can snap a whip and drive  
 a Bull as well as any Whacker.  
 The first week out I was so tired and  
 so very busy that I did not enjoy life  
 very much, every morning before day  
 sleep was beat out of me - "Rock out  
 with us" the Bulls are coming" & as  
 they come, crawling at bottom, into it

corral I always miserably & sometimes  
 quite anxiously "down the balls" - But  
 there they are and I must get up.  
 Sometimes there is a desperate resolution  
 to lie still & let the consequences be  
 what they may. I think if it a rainy  
 time & then say to myself it would do  
 no good. I must do as they need or  
 there is no alternative. I cannot  
 go from this to something else as I  
 could in a civilized country, & then  
 it would do much of a job after all  
 it is over though with. I must take  
 myself again, full for that, from  
 my old show on my still aching  
 feet & back out the wagon - half  
 awake and昏昏沉沉 looking for  
 for my sea "off shore" It is a hard  
 light and different to dealing with  
 them all. After a while I get  
 my last pointer of the day.

Then around and hitched them  
 to the wagon & am ready to go.  
 But I am somewhat hungry.  
 To go over to the mess wagon to  
 it has not already gone with  
 take a piece of bread for an  
 early lunch. Sometimes I come  
 in the night before and so have  
 a bit all ready, but I feel pretty  
 weak before my haul up for good.  
 As soon as my arms are  
 getting place the wagons are  
 arranged in a circle & the cattle  
 turned off to feed. The men are  
 detailed as herders who are to  
 prevent them from straying. We  
 found at once to get breakfast  
 then we had no regular cook  
 that was usually a man &  
 a good deal of discussion  
 who was to get wood & who was

to get water? - who was to carry the  
 bread who was to carry coffee & the  
 thing & other things. After a while it  
 is all done & we each take a  
 piece of bread in our hand & a cup  
 of coffee in the other. find a  
 shady <sup>place</sup> ~~place~~ under some wagon  
 and sit down all with much  
 for a variety we have bread or  
 avoid applying & it is quite  
 a luxury. The boys find the  
 next fault with our allowance  
 of sugar & they quarrel a  
 good deal about it. The head of  
 the pack I suppose is good for us.  
 We work hard enough to make the  
 pack move & to take away the ill  
 effects of his much quakes and  
 strong coffee. I seldom drink less  
 than 2 cups at each meal &  
 usually more. In the evening we

retire for it is usually sometime after dark, and as I eat very heartily I am frequently having green arisings. With one single exception my dreams, my single night has been about my "bulls" I may often imagine them up to some unpromising and go tearing out of the wagon, Billy usually wakes up & brings me back. One dream was rather unusual. I got up and commenced pulling at the rope under Billy's lion in a most energetic manner. He then demanded my reason for such a <sup>foolish</sup> display still asleep. "I can't get my dam'd leader heads around" - I was dreaming of the contrary & of course. However we haven't got through in design yet.

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> Ten days for "The Army" and still going on at a lively pace considering all things.

Have had so few opportunities for doing good for myself that I have neglected my journal, and many things must be unrecorded that I wish I had noted. However I shall go back just as much as possible, since I last wrote our numbers have been reduced somewhat. At one of the ranches on the other side of Cottonwood some of the boys saw a notice for wood cutters to chop RR ties among the cedar groves back of the bluffs. They were already despoiled and the heavy things would cost a good deal more prepared that they quit the train & go chopping. At first about half the whole train seemed ready to go but the winter finally demoralized down to six. As I have started to go to Mountain View in hand, any instrument that would

take me from the train, unless it  
 would be some more expeditious  
 way of travelling. I am  
 depending upon the letter I expect to  
 receive at Saranac from home.  
 In one case I should be ready in  
 my power to remain and get enough  
 money to go back with. In the  
 other I should be for going on around  
 & around the coast. But I have  
 wandered - The six boys left us this  
 forenoon, & the rest from Mass. &  
 after turning me to Ed all the way  
 down in the way down at first. At  
 first I thought I was going to be a  
 nice thing & that we should lay our  
 net in the grass & get some of the  
 best that ever were brought in. I  
 then saw & got up as usual. Ed  
 got one very good night there. He &  
 Frank drove their teams & I drove  
 the two pack animals in my

along as usual only a little slower.  
 At either ranch he got another team.  
 He seems to have difficulty in getting  
 men & the provisions are such that he  
 will have to pay them much more  
 than he does at present. There  
 is a good deal of talk & talk of  
 getting food for you much more but I  
 think we shall get it. The more the  
 better for we must have something  
 to lean on when we get to Virginia  
 City. I am sure we will find  
 we shall get my horse & pack  
 It seems to be the opinion that we  
 shall not touch at Salt Lake  
 but go right on to Virginia City  
 our route on the Pacific is in  
 question. Frank has just said  
 positively. I should like to stay  
 at Salt Lake my pack & I  
 that the team chain enough of  
 it on the mountain.

At Cottam and I went to Iloga where  
 my name as much as possible and taking  
 him that I would be able to meet up  
 as soon as I reached my destination.  
 At Keamy, I went to the Iloga to  
 get the Iloga to the Iloga to  
 wait to see at Iloga. I am for both  
 same. I await success with my  
 great anxiety - Following our route in  
 I have not seen the first single side  
 of the water with the exception of a few  
 eyes. I am 3 days out from Iloga  
 and we have heard storms all along  
 of anticipation, trouble, and of means  
 of their intention to trip us this  
 whole valley. Our route for the  
 last few days has abounded  
 with mites of the Iloga last  
 fall. I am not and I am not  
 in my own mind than the  
 inhabited ones. The Iloga last

desolate enough, anyway. The Iloga  
 mind but, I am not sure  
 over in the right miles or far  
 and then only morning practice of the  
 water, I am not sure about  
 water that is a real treat after a hot  
 and dusty day & I am not sure  
 strong of alkali. The Iloga camp is  
 near the river as possible and we  
 water. It is as good as the Iloga  
 but is said to be not unhealthily. I  
 we have drunk on the way of water.  
 Since we have been out, would we  
 trouble a person never to find water.  
 I don't seem to expect one in the  
 least yet though I have drunk  
 quite a quantity of it daily. Since last  
 Monday I have acted as a guide  
 for our party with Parish. I have  
 done the principal part of the work  
 however and my only for Iloga

to do as well as possible in that line. I regret now that I did not take a little more interest in the practical details of cooking. A little ingenuity and common sense, however, are much more valuable for the reasons to do with an so limited staff a professional cook would be more lost than we are getting up a meal as it is I think we do well. It would amuse & I think rather amaze an eastern person to hear our first cry when we cook - it is for fuel and thus spoken - "Bull sh-t - Bull sh-t" in Shantonian tones. Since leaving Keamy or thereabouts we have not been able to secure any wood at all for cooking purposes. The winter is sad & untold and a good one too - in dry weather is

the measure of the price, which is as fine as dry as tinder & which ignites & burns as readily, making a good hot fire in a few minutes. The detail all the men in our mess alternately to bring them chips and water. One great source of trouble has been the laziness and independence of the boys making it almost impossible at times to get them to do anything at all. This Sat. we had a grand 'blow up' & Parsh & I resigned our positions amidst much 'Go & damn' & general swearing. It was caused by the refusal of Fitch to go to a mill after drinking water. He considered in this, as in most all other things only his own pleasure & convenience. We have a great deal of trouble with Frank, too in the same respect.



Alameda, California July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Committed within 3 miles of open lead  
 day before yesterday and one  
 during the Pull. & cooked beans  
 Several of the boys went up to town  
 and quite a number expressed  
 a determination to leave at  
 this place. Some to go down  
 to Denver - some to go back &  
 others to go on by other trains  
 that are paying more & feel  
 better. Ed has increased in  
 living his or three more hands, not  
 some 8 or 10 of our number. I'm  
 understand that we shall get the  
 same. We shall ascertain definitely  
 soon. It will make matters  
 much brighter for a while, so  
 in Vancouver. Yesterday we got  
 breakfast by getting out earlier for  
 the coming on hours or an early dinner.

three of the boys are missing and it deluged  
 us ~~and~~ finally in yoking up. It was  
 my head coming and at times I was  
 over and argued that I was fairly hard  
 myself. The team ahead of me was within  
 a dime, and as Ed could not attend to it  
 he made Emerson & I an offer of a dollar  
 a day each to take care of it. We agreed  
 and it made us just double work. Found  
 through Juleburg (a small place) & Col.  
 being, but the best I have seen since being  
 the Missouri - one from Kansas, two  
 stonies & shingles) and Paris was  
 40 or more beyond when there were  
 several trains crossing & preparing  
 to cross. We made preparations at  
 once to go on. The sun here is about  
 half a mile or a little less in width,  
 and the greatest depth across the foss  
 would not extend between the 2 feet  
 in depth. The bottom was a quarter

was gone - that made my hand  
 pulling - We succeeded our wagons  
 and fastened 12 yoke to each single  
 wagon. The team was a lively one.  
 The river was fierce from bank to bank  
 with trees passing over and over  
 for other ways. The river, as a general  
 thing, was running fast and active in  
 the light and airy portions of which  
 was a hat only. The boats with the  
 fish into the stream are thin  
 and it is in times hard work to  
 get the start, and the yelling  
 the hooting the humming and the  
 cracking of whips of the driver made a  
 very pandemonium. The cattle plunged  
 and tugged and gasped and howled & after a deal  
 of trouble pulled out of the fish traps  
 from the bank of the stream. Clear  
 across the river it was the same  
 yelling at the open yard by whom

have - all the time flying as you may see  
 and might with a splash or splash, all  
 the same time there were crossing a bank  
 of Swamp Indians. The big ones with  
 little ponies the sign of leading the  
 pack horses & servants. They were  
 along my feet nearly in a state of  
 nature. The banks on either side  
 covered with wagons & groups of men  
 collected together to see the little  
 paddle in the water & chatter with  
 old men. A lot of men back were  
 quite a number of wigwags. The  
 scene was one to be remembered and  
 much represented it fictionally.  
 Charley & I coupled our teams  
 together, and first took over my  
 lead wagon, it took about two  
 hours. We had an awful time to  
 get them through the water & one  
 man had over it without

We must take Charles lead again, then  
after sunset began to react. The  
abrupt storm. A thunder storm was  
coming, it grew dark rapidly. There  
I was with nothing but a stick I had  
in my pocket being all in this again  
left behind and decided the idea  
I going on again to attempt to reach  
to get a drink of water as I was  
A ditch. Which was a bad one for  
but the advent was not for the  
determined not to go back just  
then but to get some supper & then  
I would think of going on. This  
slight take care of things down the  
stem that was rapidly approaching  
I went to work as I was in my  
stick (and I was very wet) and  
after a good deal of trouble got  
some water in a tin can. I had  
just finished with after I had put

down about 3 feet of water. I  
night was not very cold. I did not  
suffer from cold. William offered  
me a sleeping place in his wagon  
and we bunked in at once. We had  
no secure place down than the  
stem. Must open up with all  
to fry. We had some apples  
fire that it used caps and  
wagon & half the way that it  
melted and about our habits  
was quite alarming. The  
sun came down in front  
the morning of the time I had  
the lightning was incessant.  
An Eastern person has heard  
a voice & a thunder storm.  
The fire & spray is difficult to  
describe. The lightning all  
night, with the billowing of  
a moon day time.

Hunt must again accompany the  
 strong with horses quite severely  
 for a little while. The hunter  
 on Buffalo Park, and kept  
 an all night but I must  
 sleep, and turn out.

Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> literally  
 soaked. Stina arrived here in  
 getting ready to start. That  
 occasion a pair of boots  
 until we should be ready to  
 enter the river again - Joked up  
 after breakfast and by noon had  
 all the wagons across and then  
 laid out to give the cattle rest.  
 One of them gave up the ghost during  
 the morning. The first one so far.  
 A good many will go probably but  
 we go much further. Rocks & I  
 made an agreement that we would  
 together do all the work for the

mess on the old condition of being  
 excused from herding, grassing, wagon  
 & bringing wood & water. We think we  
 can run the establishment satisfactorily  
 being around a better established  
 part of the afternoon. Saw a pair that  
 we thought would answer for a small  
 pair for the mess, - a decision taken  
 by which I'd. Both put under  
 his arm & we walked back to the  
 small gate incident. During the  
 rest of the P.M. the wagons were  
 coupled & arranged in a row  
 corral. Both & I got up our  
 first meal. Slow work, both  
 up & up.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Handed out  
 early, crossed Pole creek first  
 made out & corralled some. I went  
 forth in good water & came back  
 some heavy horses under

came into our camp & pushed me  
 & the dog on. Franchy can since his  
 scan when we met on the Altos  
 - man. Man McBreeda is - has  
 him quite loguacous in regard to the  
 and things - telling what he would do & the  
 systems he would have among the  
 Indians. Eupom is my answer -  
 The Indian & his dog are out at  
 the house & Franchy went on to  
 go. The boys had stuffed him  
 with any quantity of things about the  
 village & in fact drove the Indians  
 to submit themselves to the ship's way  
 being. Trade was by the barter  
 of the boys. Eupom made such pro-  
 posals - partly by signs & partly by  
 words. He was understood. The  
 Indian smiled & the other and only  
 took hold of Franchy's arm and drew  
 him towards him. It actually

had scared him out of his wits & he  
 did not know how to take it, & regarded  
 it as an act of displeasure. He wore  
 a few ornaments around his neck & belt  
 & did not want to lose them. The  
 boys' voices at tremendous shout &  
 ventura him awfully - called him  
 roughly. Eupom, however, played well -  
 although had used him up & wanted  
 to that effect. The Indians went  
 away & then they told him that he  
 had given them mortal offence &  
 that they would surely avenge it  
 accompanied with long strings of  
 sniata propat. He was still  
 more frightened & buckled in his  
 pants at once. Soon after one  
 of the Indians returned and after  
 prowling around the outside of the  
 corral laid down under one of the  
 logs as if waiting for something

Finally began to be awfully scared.  
 He disappeared & no one knew where  
 I did not make his appearance  
 neither after they had gone and I  
 was all alone with a reputation that  
 he had been on hand. Ed was  
 right then & said he had not  
 seen him since on his & the  
 boys made good use of the  
 Indians I got some out,  
 early to make his things. Bill  
 was quite sick during the day  
 & kept to the wagon hardly  
 getting up during the day.  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Reached the  
 point where we leave the creek  
 and strike some 20 miles on  
 a ridge where there is no water  
 had one during the afternoon to  
 the cattle rest & feed. About the  
 time we intended to haul out the

across a thunder storm that defeated  
 all such intentions. The storm was  
 quite furious at first & then  
 kept up steadily most of the night.  
 Bill & Parick went to work & made  
 coffee about dusk. I with the  
 horse that Rick & I had but had  
 had a good supper. Sorted out my  
 things, wrote in journal & played  
 on flute. Had to sleep with the  
 rain falling on the canvas  
 and my mind filled with asso-  
 ciations just 3 years ago.  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Morning bright.  
 Rained a little after sun-  
 rise & after getting up the  
 cook & couple of shubs covered  
 it & struck up in the bluffs.  
 Made a drive & some 10 or 12  
 miles & then considered for a while  
 the cattle camp in afternoon of interest

camp because they had had no water  
 hunted out about four and found  
 bread until 10 at night. I was  
 as tired in all my life. The  
 medical concerned my health  
 was not the least bit off. I  
 have intention to finish the trip  
 across the ridge & strike water at  
 kind springs but they gave it up  
 five or six miles from camp  
 corralled for the night. The moon  
 shined brightly during the  
 night when it was seen after sunset  
 it presented a right early sunset  
 of magnificence.

Monday Sept 20. Hauled out below  
 camp and corralled at the spring  
 about 7 o'clock. The route was  
 to allow my mules an afternoon  
 instead of the usual morning  
 we have had for several days

miles; it is breaking up into ridges  
 & bluffs, rough & rugged with  
 any vegetation. But it presents  
 itself. Got a distinct view as  
 we were coming on the bluff  
 Creek house rock. Hauled  
 out again on the Plateau and  
 made a hard drive on a  
 bluff at a creek, that empties  
 into the Plateau. Found good  
 water good feed for the  
 cattle. The road was very hard  
 indeed being almost entirely  
 sand. had a very hard time pulling  
 into corral. Pelton was hard  
 finished getting supper a fine  
 dinner. Thunder showers came up  
 and almost defeated our  
 endeavor. The game was  
 was worth the pursuit of Rembrandt  
 It was plenty of the pursuit of the

massive thunder clouds and lit up  
with a dull lurid light, reminding  
one of the infernal regions. It was  
just dark enough to make a few  
stars brilliantly show or show  
us round constantly on it to  
screen it as much as possible  
from the rain, to make it less  
fast in a narrow strip in the green  
as it was twice from the peak. It  
was a flash of brightly lighting  
up, with white, white coats into a  
brilliant contrast against the  
dark stormy grounds. As in our  
and returned to all the days. It  
had gone quite dark, and  
had only the occasional lightning to  
help us. In our way it was  
as a sunset and we had to  
be contenting by the way. It  
rained down the night but

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we did not get very wet -  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Out early and  
made a short drive of about 5  
miles to the small town of  
Madison <sup>sketches</sup> ~~town~~ Court House  
Park. Made another drive at 11  
Wednesday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Out quite early and  
nocturnal. Climbing the hills  
as my description. Particulars of  
the same of this rock. The other rocks  
in this neighborhood are quite particular.  
Made several sketches. Made a drawing  
of it as quiet & commenced a sketch  
of the rocks for home. Made a  
good drive in the small town  
of the summit. ~~at 11~~  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Made two good  
drives and passed several many of these  
good fantastic rocks. They resemble  
castles, palaces & almost every  
shape of building one can imagine.



at noon we crossed at a narrow  
 bench in the center of the river 10 miles  
 from Scotts Bluffs, which soon  
 lay before us, and all things  
 aboutly - on them. In the P.M.  
 we drove up to bridge for pass  
 that leads through the hills  
 had on the steep west side  
 gulches, & in through that we  
 got back got things done had  
 quite a time getting supper. We  
 then got up the night for water to  
 make the coffee & made up for  
 that the previous night was  
 raining. The mountain had a distance  
 3 miles away. We much, weary  
 & weary, arrived by all things  
 found in the boys that had a whole  
 breakfast for some. It was  
 about 2 hours before our boys  
 got back but they had

not had yet got back into the  
 got back. Our camp is right in  
 of the narrowest place of the pass  
 of the valley rises up perpendicular  
 on either hand. They are not very high  
 not of timber but are quite plentifully  
 timbered. I got quit early and  
 the Bluffs. Passed Fort Ditchell  
 and arrived near the river  
 5 miles beyond. Just as we  
 got through the Bluffs I had some  
 time to spare and I went to  
 the Bluffs & made a sketch of  
 I made one view of the fort all  
 of the river. The current about an  
 hour in the river. Made a shot  
 down it. All of course where they  
 were thick, the hair in a day  
 11th Reached a bench on river  
 the east side of it 3 miles  
 from here. Made a number of

Indian, mounted, arrived in their  
 tents.  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Reached Coolie's  
 Ranch, where we found some supplies  
 right. As there was no good feed  
 for cattle we had to cut a  
 land made a good dinner in Pile.  
~~Monday 6<sup>th</sup>~~ Sun until quite  
 late & passed a train that  
 had been ahead of us.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Made a good dinner  
 & reached Coolie's Ranch to the  
 junction of the river. Our hands met  
 us here & during the afternoon  
 dinner was about to go on cattle  
 and to send some of the best  
 one. The train had to stop  
 there. I did not eat, said an  
 during the Pile. ~~But~~ I had  
 had been very & dinner, &  
 for supper.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Took a start of the  
 train to go to the top, some of the men  
 still turn quite wild. Reached  
 Laicani about noon, & as we  
 entered the San-Pis, John  
 handed me 7 letters, 7 fish for  
 100 of the Pile. I had  
 then that I wished to be more  
 to require we were then to  
 shall probably run all  
 them. Encamped a mile  
 or so beyond the Pile. Some  
 left us here to go back to the  
 out early in Pile & commenced  
 ascending the bluffs. Came  
 to one where we had to double  
 & just at sunset. It was just  
 about 3 o'clock before we got  
 over and into the  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Reached  
 late & made a short

down the bluff to the river  
 when we reached it in a very  
 pleasant place. Then Myler  
 from the slope caught up  
 with us. Had a talk with  
 the boys from any quantity  
 of wants. Churned & made  
 eat quite heartily. Had a  
 lay up on bluffs in the  
 Thursday night. The road on being  
 my to go terribly rough & being  
 the night very <sup>the party getting</sup> awful <sup>and</sup>  
 and a under an dark all  
 rough up. Had had  
 today that delayed us but  
 the hour - saw the other  
 things we saw on the way  
 to the Collyers  
 Friday 10th. Reached through the  
 canyon small & incandescent  
 in the valley of the Colorado

On the hill dip in which the  
 junction about the road branch  
 One going by Salt Lake & the  
 other by the short cut to Virginia  
 City. That was a great  
 question whether in col by Salt  
 Lake or the short route is now  
 decided. It was left with  
 Dr. & his assistants to take the  
 longer but more safe route  
 by Salt Lake City. At  
 which I should have been  
 terribly disappointed at the  
 decision. The short route is  
 said to be better than the longer  
 It is also said that no  
 train has as yet gone safely  
 through. That I get the short  
 route would have pleased  
 me more than the prospect  
 of danger & excitement. But

Since I received these letters at San  
I feel altogether more disposed to  
venture to go back to the hills of  
Pocahontas this my first opportunity  
- Every one tells me I was  
a fool for leaving and that  
mistakes are just as well as  
I could wish them - So I will  
go at the first chance

Sat 11 - Crossed the mountains  
to the Black Hills in the morning  
I had a fine view of the hills  
and the mountains in the distance  
and the mountains in the distance  
and the mountains in the distance

Sun 12 - In the afternoon I  
went to the top of the hills where  
I had a fine view of the hills  
and the mountains in the distance  
and the mountains in the distance

his part In the P.M. made a long  
and hard drive on the hills to  
La Bonta. It was quite dark  
and it is a great wonder that  
more accidents did not occur  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> As Smith broke a wheel

last night, we laid over during  
the day. To repair damage, the  
wheel was found at a deserted  
spot that was made to do duty  
in stead. Rocks & I were on  
horse & had a good time during  
the time on the rocky trail out  
of the P.M. & made a sharp curve  
into the next water. The road  
was terribly dusty. Research is  
essential & looks rather singular  
when my search is made. I really  
am slow for the earth

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Had a long  
and hard drive over the red hills

hills. The country appears the most  
desolate than yet seen. Everything  
is thrown together in confusion. No  
vegetation to speak of - nothing but  
winds, mud clay & jagged rocks.

Wed. 15. Made one drive of about  
8 miles & arrived on Box Elder  
outlet. Had considerable prairie  
in evening by different boys -

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> struck the Platte  
near noon in the P.M. drive. My  
"near printer" died. Short drive  
in P.M.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Made two drives along  
the Platte. Reached Deer Creek  
in P.M. & crossed a mile or two  
beyond.

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Reached Platte bridge  
in P.M. & crossed over. The bridge  
is a much larger & important one  
than I expected to find.

There is quite a large military post in  
the southern part of my drive. I saw  
quite a lot of Indians on my  
drive. They play the dance around about.  
Rumors have it that they have  
attacked & taken Fort Reno &  
that only one train of the military  
have started from here through  
in the mud water. This action of  
attacked & destroyed the telegraph  
station at Deer Creek where we  
stopped last night. Quite a  
number of soldiers passed us in  
military trains, going like the devil  
down for the same reason. The  
telegraph men are also going  
to repair the line. Crossed the  
bridge at sunset & crossed as  
the other country.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Out early, left a long  
 train, had pull on the hills &  
 bluffs, reached Red Bluffs about  
 noon. Laid on during the rest  
 of the day, & changed wagon wheels.  
 Had a little sport in camp.  
 June 20<sup>th</sup> Some of the cattle  
 missing & did not get out very  
 early. Made one long & hard drive  
 of about 15 miles to Willow Spr.  
 According to all accounts we are  
 now in the best of the country,  
 the hostile Indians but don't  
 know do we see.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Made two drives over  
 fair roads to Horn creek. We have  
 had trouble at least about the sugar.  
 We have been out <sup>in the morning</sup> ~~in the morning~~  
 a couple of weeks. Molasses was  
 then issued. But that <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ given out to  
 the sugar men some of the

boys who have sugar papers, just before  
 the meeting, & now more so than Park  
 & Gray. They were detected by Ed &  
 notified that it would be deducted  
 from their wages. Parks allowed  
 that he would not consent to any  
 such thing, for such an arrangement  
 would probably consume a great  
 very penny of his wages. The spirit  
 of the matter was that Parks & Gray  
 packed up their goods & left the  
 Ed tried to retain things until, but  
 did not succeed. They will go on  
 to Scruboak Station & then make  
 application for work. They are  
 along with our train during the P.M.  
 and slept outside at night. Sent  
 Rains, de du P. & col. Carjott's  
 quilt, amical during the night.  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - When we came to Joki  
 in the morning some 60 or 70 had

of cattle were missing. It took the whole forenoon to find them. We got breakfast for dinner, & hauled out about noon. Made our drive of some 10 or 12 miles to Sweetwater. It was a very sandy road - rough driving. At the Ranch we met the boys & they reported that they had seen positions on the telegraph line at 150 ft. They have a small train of their own & cut hay at the stations along the road. We shall meet again along the road. Was in the park during the day and had the opportunity to read the paper. The paper was a fine Salt Lake paper. The paper seemed a most luxurious. There have been an the most successful of humanity in Episcopacy. They have made all the money by doing. One of the roads approaches to some fine sugar.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oxen still dying - some of the boys are coming down to the yoke & they will come to less before we get through. One of missing & supposed to have been stolen. Made a good start - crossed the Sweetwater & crossed in a very pleasant spot at the foot of some rocks. They present a peculiar appearance of a small secure shelter of them. The work at this place is very things a very peculiar spirit in the rocks. In the P.M. light quite a shower and a hard time driving. The thunder & lightning was in day, was proceeding at meeting.

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> As we passed Doolittle's corral this A.M. we learned that one of his oxen - a fine young fellow had been killed by the lightning of last night. The boys were at

By his gun as we passed, two dogs  
along the summit, still passing the  
low rocky hills.

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Out in good season & made  
an easy drive. Dr. Hill made quite a  
long drive & crossed under the bluff  
near the S crossing. The country looks  
more desolate than ever if possible.  
The hunting of the wolves at night is  
still as important as ever.

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Pulled out in good season  
& during the A.M. made the S crossing  
Doubled teams for it & it was not at  
that, didn't make over a couple of  
miles. On horse during the P.M.  
made a short drive to the

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Up very early. But it was  
found that Josh was gone before  
and some of the cattle missing so  
took a long time to return. Josh  
has undoubtedly left the team for

good & he has taken the Melchior  
pasture along with him, just a mile  
out. Ed & Gus ~~walk~~ went to the mountain  
to see if they could find Josh & get  
the rental money. As we crossed over  
a high ridge & through a pass we  
got our first glimpse of the Buck  
Mountain. Their summits were shrouded  
with snow & if it were not for that  
we should not have noticed them.  
They made a fine appearance. Reached  
the Summit one hour & crossed on  
the opposite bank. Ed & Gus camp  
well down of the S crossing that they  
could find nothing of Josh. Dr. Hill  
made a long & very hard drive &  
did not cross into midnight. The  
road was very sandy. No water  
Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Out by sunrise & struck  
water within 5 or 7 miles. On horse  
for the last 27 hours had been out



dry low land hills that have not  
 the first morning features. The  
 country around the hills seems to  
 abound with antelope. But the boys  
 are not very successful in hunting  
 them. In the hills, fullness of  
 grass on the creek. The boys come  
 call it. But I think it is *serotina*.  
 Had a horse built up the highest steep  
 hills. Did not strike water until  
 quite late & we had a very hard  
 time in pulling up the last mile.  
 Motion had one of his ponies and  
 one of his mules. *serotina*.  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Made for the valley and  
 drove up it a few miles & crossed  
 at the foot of some very high  
 hills. There was an old *serotina*.  
 Telegraph Sta my men when we got  
 quite a quantity of *serotina* and  
 for cooking. Something that we had

known for many a day. One P.M. there  
 was on the highest hills we have yet found  
 we remain in the regions - the clouds.  
 As we gained the highest point of land  
 in sight. In Snow clad Portugal, a  
 cold westerly wind struck us, that  
 seemed more like than that August.  
 The wind blew very hard & we shivered  
 much until we arrived at the camp.  
 Taking us so unprepared it seemed very  
 cold indeed. Our hands at night.  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> *serotina* morning. Hated  
 terribly to get up. But there was  
 no alternative. The wind was now  
 & quite wintery. Made a good drive  
 and passed Doublet's creek in the  
 woods. Got stuck on a very steep  
 bank. In the P.M. started early  
 and got along first water until we  
 struck the *serotina* when we  
 had a *serotina*. Doublet's creek

at least we've got to do it again  
too much that he can't get it in  
good. The horse on the mountain  
& the road just days past. I can  
I think of the alkali water & can  
quantity of water in the horse but in  
strain and. I believe, but the day  
I suffered a good deal with the  
being heavy, and I eat anything  
yesterday or 2 or 3 miles & I have  
made us some flap jacks &  
flour & small that have good  
milk. Some of us about a week  
ago agreed to take a day or two  
from the time I was to be home  
to return by and meet to bring  
generally at the end of the trip as  
to whether we pay for the work.  
The probability is that we will be  
paid good price too. This is just  
as though I must have something

of the kind. I feel here a little better  
is rather dry without something to  
directly. I believe just before  
the water, some of us got on the  
a little road and the horse from  
the mountain that penetrated to  
the very summit. I don't as I can  
not believe but the few days  
without any. I don't think I had  
more than a good deal before  
I got through. I am surprised  
at you - knowing a something for the  
purpose.

Fri 31st - As we had wages & a  
very little before pulling out  
to the north and with us just as the  
Havas and the road made we  
arrived South Pass station about  
at 10 o'clock. I believe we  
crossed the mountain. I believe  
to go to the hill on the opposite side

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I bought a couple of little goats for  
 and made jokes from them as we  
 had run all out of our trading some  
 days ago. The goats were some  
 things. The boys have all been  
 when behind in the way. I didn't  
 believe they are going in for me or  
 another. I saw a couple of  
 soldiers here just about to start for  
 the rest of the year and are all anxious to  
 exchange clothing for pretty things  
 & one boy was equally anxious, the other  
 was in a good deal of a cold.  
 I made an exchange in my position  
 another a little more, the boy  
 made little gifts and gave me  
 & made the same exchange. He offered  
 me some & got an amount of 750  
 pieces. He also got a little more.  
 The Mormon train has caught up  
 with us they will be with us  
 soon.

September

Got up early & made a good  
 long drive through the fears to Pacific  
 for some 14 miles. The Mormons kept  
 right along with us & many of  
 them walked along with us today.  
 At the top we met through the pass.  
 It was ordinary formation it was  
 not seen a single or had some  
 very high ground & all the  
 mountains we have seen have been  
 some distance to the north. The  
 hills we passed and made a  
 very late drive & no water. The  
 were just ahead of us.  
 We got made the little bands  
 & camped on a pleasant spot.  
 I still had some subjects in  
 camp in, I did not during the day.  
 Made a sketch of the mountains  
 in one evening up just about  
 the same he thought they were

Some Buffalo look near the bluff.  
 I scattered my carbide & made  
 them a final charge put up at once  
 travelled a few of powder & shot  
 also smoke & powder that they  
 are up from the mountains  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Rode early to catch  
 the lead. Much of the morning  
 from the morning had followed very  
 light rain on the tongue. Drove to  
 Big Sandy some signs. Had but  
 work in evening. The rain is still  
 the morning of a whole afternoon  
 of us. May some distance below  
 for some time. Reached some  
 distance from water. Salt has been  
 two or three from the morning  
 down is far as I can see  
 is certain that in the morning  
 my glad find I have with little  
 of my mind that I shall

learn at Bendon to go to Salt Lake  
 I think it altogether the best course  
 for I think I can obtain good employ-  
 ment at the city & be able to return home  
 you by the way of San Francisco. All  
 have money to. Speak & I must  
 shut through a good deal  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Cattle got badly impeded  
 last night & it took us some time  
 in the morning to separate them from  
 the lead over snow & over to the  
 Big Sandy over snow. In sight  
 look little over snow. Look back  
 in the rain at noon. Cool. Had  
 a long & laborious in P.M. &  
 arrived on the bank of Gunn  
 River.  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Disabled teams early  
 in the morning and effected a  
 safe crossing. The morning  
 Gottonia in morning at day



Johnsons ranch. Talked with  
 them about getting to King  
 & Salt Lake. A talk on  
 the stage station to make  
 further engineering. packed the  
 trunk the whole distance  
 about three miles and rode  
 Hans & Blacks. Dicks about  
 a dozen times. Talked with  
 the boys in charge of the Sta  
 for some time. A hay cart  
 happened in time to take a  
 load in with him at once  
 \$5 for a couple of weeks at hay  
 & then he would take us into  
 the city. Went down to the camp  
 with him just before dark  
 got a good quantity of  
 potatoes but few bushes  
 & some outside in the  
 open air.

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Up before sunrise and got  
 a good breakfast then got up  
 and started up same track. got  
 in a load by night

Finished by night. Mr. Lyle told  
 the free particular law of all that  
 occurred, it would defer until  
 a more favorable opportunity.  
 Sep 19<sup>th</sup> ~~at home~~ Cold saw rain  
 sled & snow. Sep 20<sup>th</sup> look out  
 Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> heavy snow, found coat.  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Look breakfast with  
 Ed. Ella Leewill appears quite  
 anxious that we should find  
 other ways to go into the city  
 than by his train. Found us help  
 by the telegraph line, but dis  
 train came in this p.m. time  
 for the city. Saw he had found  
 places for us, both at a 1/2  
 day. thought it best to take it

Must wait until we get into the city  
before we can get any money.

Got a pr of muscivores from the  
Plover. Packed trunk & packed  
on the train as it came along.  
Went with it & stopped on the  
other side of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~mountain~~ <sup>mountain</sup>.

Left P. M. after passing both  
chairs & left to drive it  
across the hills.

Friday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> up early and made

up over 12 miles + <sup>and</sup> <sup>passed</sup>  
Johnson Gulch. The hills made  
a short run of 2 or 3 miles.

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> made an early start  
and travelled until noon -  
made only one stop.

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> left my tent & rolled  
out in good style. But Bob  
Riley spent his wagon & delay  
at some 2 or 3 hours. Drove to with

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3 miles of bridge and stopped for the  
night to day. My whole day  
yesterday.

~~From Oct 1<sup>st</sup> some thoughts~~ ~~and~~ ~~camped~~ ~~some~~ ~~5~~ ~~or~~ ~~6~~ ~~miles~~  
across the hills. Had a long haul  
& train over it. No letter

~~From Oct 1<sup>st</sup> made a very early~~  
~~start & passed up over the~~  
~~hills~~ ~~on~~ ~~30<sup>th</sup>~~ ~~made~~ ~~one~~

drive of some 6 or 8 miles &  
corralled some 3 miles from  
Bridge & laid over for the  
rest of the day.

Tue Oct 31<sup>st</sup> hauled up very  
early & passed up over some  
high benches & wound down  
down in a deep valley. ~~There~~  
another stop by John in P. M.  
& corralled at the foot of  
a long hill. My horse





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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Made one drive & some 6 or 8 miles & arrived at Sulphur creek.   
 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Crossed near same place and made a drive of 20 miles.   
 Portland - Lullum creek -   
 Sun 7<sup>th</sup> -   
 high long hills from the   
 summit of which we saw   
 another mountain of Echo -   
 about 10 miles long the   
 a long drive -   
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> returned Echo & made   
 a fair drive & drove 12 miles   
 to see my good.   
 id in the canon.   
 altogether too high

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Still going through the canon.   
 reached Sulphur in   
 and crossed immediately   
 Monday on road after

myself & had quite a   
 coming down.   
 put on my

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Drove out the canon.   
 though a very rough road   
 & very much   
 Dugout 6   
 began   
 seemed up   
 some 200 miles   
 Thus   
 As we   
 Bishop   
 Santa   
 Corral   
 the   
 We   
 I   
 then

There were   
 some   
 As we   
 Bishop   
 Santa   
 Corral   
 the   
 We   
 I   
 then

This road   
 is   
 very   
 rough

my way was left alone. While I am  
not sure of the exact number of men  
I saw on the summit, I certainly saw  
the whole party. Wednesday, my  
party had a very good  
day. Had a good day on  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Was a day of  
all day spent with a storm  
with a heavy snow on the  
ground. It was my last day  
before I started to the summit  
but I was very sore  
and tired. Making my  
way up the mountain  
and hauled it right up to the summit.  
I had most awfully bad  
a terrible time in getting up  
onto my legs about noon but  
stuck in the snow half way up  
and left it. For the sake of  
my success and the day

Over

of my feet were exposed by the  
snow and frozen ground. I suffered  
very much from the cold from my  
insufficient clothing. My feet  
were the coldest I ever felt  
on the summit to the pasture - about 3  
miles just about dark. My feet  
got so benumbed and swollen  
I felt but little pain in them  
although running on brush and  
snow stones & such. I laid with  
the hags with David about an hour  
and then started back. Feet just  
used up - Eat a little supper &  
bedtime.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Very cold blustering day  
Feet felt very sore and I could not  
go. Laid in wagon all day. The  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Boys hauled up the  
other two wagons during the day.

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Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Very cold snowy morning  
Boys hitched up and drove down the  
Cannon trail so soon that I could  
not possibly walk & land in the  
wagon all day. Awful rough riding  
in the wagon just shovels all to  
pieces - Corralled at Hardy's.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Hauled out of the Cannon  
and corralled with others in  
four miles of the City - Rode all  
the day but got out of the wagon  
two or three times & was out to  
supper.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Hauled into the City  
and unloaded during the day. Raining  
all the P.M. & my dress is miserable.  
Corralled in the public Corral in a  
perfect round hole. Drove to day  
& got along tolerably well.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Didn't get up until  
nearly seven. Boys have been

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difficultly with Beyers in settling  
up. In P.M. Billy dussed up a  
little & went up town to see about  
getting down, getting the Cannon  
back at night and reporting  
my poor success. Found no room  
in letter for me & succeeded in  
nothing - Felt blue & went to bed  
disconsolate.

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Got up about 9 and got  
a good breakfast of bread & butter  
potatoes, meat &c. - Being around  
for all day. Billy went up & found  
some money was to be found &  
slept in wagon.

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Pass miserable nights  
in the wagons from various causes  
set on halt to get up in the morning  
for it is so cold & nasty outside.  
He got up however about 10. Sent  
milk for 4 pounds of bread &c.