

May 1867

Cool and stormy to day

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Id this M. draw Paul a  
mill fence to down it  
Stormy disagreeable day  
but our cattle are getting  
used, and we must be  
again. Corn is now in  
\$650 per Bushel.

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3 Cool and stormy this M. In  
the fence, and loaded up the wagon  
and rolled out at 2 P.M. down  
into and camped. The evening  
very cold and dry. Paul only  
wishes to be this  
night in the district

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May 15

Clear and very warm. At 10 AM  
went out at 10 AM. drove 1 mile then  
turned out for dinner in  
company with 5 dragoons. drove  
about 12 miles to day and  
at 1 PM. and having  
a very hot day.

5. Cloudy and a little cool.  
Went out at 6 P.M. +  
The country very  
flat. at 2 PM. drove  
about 10 miles and 2 miles  
more and an awful mudhole  
camped at 4 PM.

6. Clear and warm. This fine  
at 10 AM. before 6. drove 4 miles  
across the C. At long. made 22  
miles and camped on the edge of  
corn at 1 PM. with  
at 1 PM. very  
very hot day.

May 16

Clear and very warm. At 10 AM  
went out at 10 AM. drove 19  
miles and camped on the  
edge of the Missouri for the  
night. At 1 PM. drove  
to the town of Pacific  
and very broken. and having

Clear and very warm. This  
wagons encamped here to  
Missouri. The town are flat  
before and level as a floor.  
The river is 20 miles  
and about 150 head of cattle here.

7. Clear and very warm. This  
at 10 AM. drove 19 miles  
to ascertain the danger of getting up  
2 discouraged. The river is  
to day. The report is trouble with  
Indians. At 1 PM. drove  
220 miles and camped.



J 10 May 1859

Clear and warm this AM.  
Went 1/2 mile to Mill and got  
12 bush of corn ground. There was  
several wagons and 75 men passed  
day on their return. about 600 head  
of cattle on the ground to night.

M 11 cloudy and very warm this AM.  
had a very heavy thunder storm last  
night. W. D. rolled on with the team  
at 10 AM, and I went back to  
help to do a little trading overtook  
them in Plattsmouth. Stopped there until  
noon right. done a good deal of trading and then  
left to cross ground on the plat. a little time.

J 12 clear and warm this AM. had a very  
heavy thunder storm last night. went on  
Tow. this AM. the town is full of Ch.  
to Backsliders. a good deal of work  
went, trouble ahead. painted over 15  
cows with blue wash not tiller the  
P.M. wind is North and a most  
freezing cold.

J 13 May 1859

cloudy and very cold this AM.  
rolled out at 11 AM. 700 AM. they  
found plenty of wood and a good  
load feed. shot 40 wagons to day  
on their return. Camped on a small  
for the night. 5 wagons of us leave  
for California. Country very rolling

J 14

cloud and raining hard this  
and in camp all day. about  
50 wagons passed us to day on  
track. rained about all day. traded  
for a gun suit to day. in  
and since then

At 15

Clear and raining this AM. our  
company rolled on again this AM. and  
left us behind. we do not intend  
drive on the Sabbath.



Mo. 16 May 1859

Cold, and a thick heavy fog this m.  
Took a watch for some groceries this m.  
and rolled out at 7 A.M. very early in  
the AM. made a good days drive and  
turned out just dark <sup>for the evening</sup> passed about 200 wagons  
country very rolling, no timber, and but very  
little water. Timber on the Arctics.

J. 17 cool and raining this M. watched our  
cattle last night. rolled out at 7 A.M.

This M. we strike on to an 80 M.  
train met about 200 wagons on the  
return. passed 1 California train of 11  
W. and the Utah train of 50 W.  
the road keeps the divide. No timber, and  
poor water. miserable water.

Mo. 18 rolled out at 6 A.M. this M.

passed the grave of Carpenter this  
m. a man that was murdered, but  
a fine Seineer. ran by every thing  
we came to to day, and camped  
with some of the P. I. that we  
at Ft. Des Moines. road is on the divide  
and almost cross it. No timber and little  
water.

J. 19 May 1859

4  
Rolled out at 6 A.M. with  
the company, drove about 50 m.  
and passed our California Co. train.  
Left on Sunday last. came on to Ft.  
Pitt Bottoms this P.M. and camped on E.  
line track, a distance of 100 miles that  
we have drove in 4 days. <sup>very warm, at</sup>  
<sup>now a couple of days to day.</sup>

J. 20

Cool this M. had a very heavy  
thunder storm last night. now the storm  
and then kind of dry out. now  
now is up the Platt valley. the bottom  
are about 10 M. wide and as level as a horse  
floor, and not a smidge of timber except on the  
stands. rather warm to day.

U. 21

Almost cold enough for a frost this m.  
rolled out at 7 A.M. we have a train of  
15 wagons, all bound for California, our  
old company are with us again. camped on  
the edge of the river, to be near the Arctics  
the timber on the Islands.



A. 22 May 1859

Cloudy and cool this morn. Took out our dozing and cut off the wagon box and geared the wagon. Spent most of the day about all day. The first Sabbath I ever worked in my life. The Utah train passed in the P.M.

M. 23 Bk and cool this morn. At 11 before 6 I watched on the river. We passed the Utah train. The road runs near the water, and the bottoms are very level. The River is about 1 mile wide, and can be waded, any where. The water is thick with white clay. Timber on the Islands.

J. 24 Clear and quite cool this morn. Our road to day has been rough a part of the time on the Bluffs, and part of the time on the bottom. Passed timber on this shore to day.

W. 25 May 1859

Cold and raining from the East this morn. Had our cattle and horses stamp. Last night at 10 P.M. we have 90 head of cattle - 2 horses - 2 mules and 1 pony. Every thing but the mules and pony were stamped. We had to go 2 miles after them and were getting them in again. Timber on the Island.

J. 26 Raining and cold enough to freeze a man to death all night. The Com. Prates tried to stamp our cattle on the last night, but they did not make it. Out of timber to day. Aft willows. Blow a perfect gale all night last night.

Th 27 Bk and cool this morn. Passed a settlement of old houses this morn. The bottoms through here is very level and wet. Reached Ft. Kearney, P.M. at 2 P.M. The Ft. is very pleasantly located. There is some old houses, and some very nice frame buildings. 12 Mounted Mass Cavalry.



May 1857

May 28

Clear and very pleasant to day.  
One of our boys killed and skinned a  
deer. We took in a man by the  
name of Wheeler, and a tramp  
to go through the alkali  
with us. Arrived at 4 P.M. Waded  
across the river for the Sabbath.

May 29. Very pleasant day for laying  
the day. One of the boys killed  
a deer, but killed nothing.

The heavy fog this  
morning. I saw 3 Antelope, but did  
not find a plenty of alkali to day.  
Some timber on the Islands.

May 31 - May 2 1857

Quite cool and pleasant to day.  
Some of our boys waded the river  
on last night for wood.

1 Clear and cold. This P.M. we put  
our overcoats to keep comfortable.  
We went down about all of the tents in  
last night. Our train now consists of  
wagons - 44 men - 4 women & 1 child.  
13 head of cattle - 8 horses and 2 mules.  
Found fresh clear and easy to day.  
Found alkali again to the river on the

May 2. Rained out at 6 P.M. and  
reached Cottonwood Springs. It  
was early in the M. got a drink of  
water. Was a great big camp. Arrived at  
this P.M. on a small break. Caught  
a mass of small fish. Made some soup to  
eat in our camp. By the way this  
timber on the Islands.



June 1859

Hot and warm this morn. the  
ground is covered with alkali. the morn.  
I have seen on the road. our mules  
have been very heavy to day. no timber  
to night.

June 10

Warm and sultry this morn. The road is  
very good to day. Several heavy pine  
timbers about 6 miles back from the river.  
I left to day. we camped on a beautiful  
plain a trading post <sup>with a good stock of goods</sup> and a mill. I  
found it was on the banks 80 miles distant  
from timber on the River.

June 11. Warm and pleasant this morn. Traded off our  
honey and some of this morn. for a good mule  
to old broad. our team is now as good as new.  
The road we came to another Trading Post  
and beautiful creek. This morn. we stopped here  
rather the other part of the company to leave over the  
all the I drew the outlines of hand horse back  
5 miles distant back from the road to timber.

June 12

Clear and warm this morn. I have  
just caught a fine lot of fish  
about 2000 head of cattle passed us  
to day bound for California. went about  
4 miles to day, and pitched on the plain  
of Court House Rock to the Rock hills  
8 miles from the road.

June 13. Clear and pleasant this morn. The  
road is lined with willows for 3  
miles this morn. all bound for the  
country. I made about 10 miles  
it is about 300 ft high. I saw  
a view of it, at 1 mile distant  
plenty of alkali.

June 14. Clear and a little cooler this morn.  
one drove of 200 horses passed us  
they look good for California. I saw  
an out line of several rocky hills  
called at Raubradan's Trading Post  
the strongest kind of alkali  
I saw. I am in sight of 2000 head of  
At night it is cold. Some rain.







June 1859

Clear and pleasant this AM  
Loaded some small goods of timber  
on the Islands to day. We now  
25 men 2 women 3 children 7  
15 head of cattle 2 mules and 1  
donkey. We are in our train and  
have the cattle trading. No timber to

16  
Clear and pleasant this AM. I  
went hunting the cattle and killed a  
lot of them. I found 67 head of cattle  
to day. We are now at timber  
on the Islands where we camp tonight.  
1 of the best springs at Clear Glen. That I  
ever saw.

17 Clear and pleasant this AM. I  
timber on this side of the island. I  
met a regiment of Lancers. I went to  
see about 200 in number in their  
way down the river to protect the  
emigration.

At 4 timber on the side

June 1859

Clear and pleasant this AM  
Reached Laraine Bridge at 7  
of toll, \$2.50 for wagons. 10  
to Haddam 25 for the  
out 1/2 mile above the bridge  
wagons and loading across  
the darts.

18 Clear and very warm to  
loaded our wagons and  
to 9 AM this AM. To  
we saw about 2  
any yesterday. To  
freight. 1/2 mile above  
12 in above the bridge.

19 Cloudy and cool this AM  
plenty of good timber on  
at Laraine. I went to  
the Laraine Bridge. I  
saw a man. I went to  
the Laraine Bridge. I  
saw a man. I went to  
the Laraine Bridge. I

At 4 timber on the side



J. 21 June 1859

Clear and cold. The Mr. [unclear] are now  
in the [unclear] day on the hill. [unclear]  
[unclear] we are even with Larina. [unclear]  
[unclear] distant, plenty of snow on  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] of the [unclear].  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
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Clear and cold. The Mr. [unclear] [unclear] to go down  
[unclear] [unclear] to get the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear].  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] and [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear]  
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Clear and cold. The Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear], and  
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Mount of [unclear]

J. 24 June 1859

Clear and cold. The Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
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Clear and cold. The Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
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Clear and cold. The Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
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Mount of [unclear]







A. 3 July 1859 +

Clear and very warm this morn.  
Stock is very sick to day. the  
cause of it we have not yet learned.  
The Weekly Edt. of N.Y. Tribune  
passed the to day on route from  
Salt Lake. It brings good news from  
the State.

July 4 Clear and very warm but a great deal  
of rain for the day. There is about 145 wagon  
at about 100 persons in the lake. Indian  
the arrival of Mr. Butter's party of  
explorers of Independence by the  
and small town to come by day in the  
and great news by the arrival of the  
and a few more in the evening.

July 5 Clear and very warm to day.  
The last of our team died this morn.  
The trail for mares for a cow and some  
at the entrance of the Devils  
and a view of the mountains. We  
saw an old captain with his 11th regiment  
at the trail. but we have seen him again  
this morn. The day is  
ended at 10 o'clock.

W. 6 July 1859

Clear and a little cool to day.  
was 22.5 To day and camped at  
2.5 500. forced the River & found  
the had quite a heavy thunder shower.  
The first rain we have had in  
42 days.

July 7 Broken and quite cool this morn.  
strange to say. The road is muddy  
more. down 24.5 To day 18.5  
without water. passed in the  
day it lies in a large flow of  
under the surface. Some of our people  
out a piece about 8 ft thick, but it  
is very hard.

July 8 Broken and cold this morn.  
sold 1 of our leaders this morn. to 15.  
The m. The road has been very  
rocky and mountainous. found  
all Lake this morn. on the top of the  
camp to night on the mountain.  
I am at the trail. I am at the trail.  
I am at the trail.



J. 9 July 1859

Clear and cold this morn. drove  
to Santa Station this morn. there we  
took the old California Road, and took Col.  
Lindley's cut-off, running through to St. Hall.  
Mr. Schuler drove out his team and  
we, at the crossing, drove into the and cut  
the water, grass, timber, and water.

10. Clear and cold this morn. lots of snow  
along the creek where we are camped. One  
of our boys shot a young Antelope last  
night. The snow here about 6 ft deep.  
The Trout Creek, about 12 rods below  
the crossing, 3 of our boys went out hunting to  
day and were in 2 large sections. The best dam  
we have had here of the Mission.

11. Clear and cold this morn. found a good  
cattle of Mr. Chabam, to put into our  
hands. passed the summit of the Sierrita M.  
at 8 P.M. and it is as damp and  
the land as I ever saw cold, and  
just a little this P.M.  
very much of the grass, cold spring water  
and very fine road to night.

J. 12 July 1859

Clear and cold this morn.  
passed the dividing ridge from the  
waters at 8 A.M. the road on the  
water that flows from the west into  
the Pacific, for the first time  
go through the mountains, and a  
very down at 8 P.M. the road is

13. Clear and cold this morn. camped on  
clay sandy last night. plenty of grass  
and willows, below the road, and plenty  
of willows and pine on the left.  
The road strikes across a gulch  
for 100 yds, covered with nothing but large  
boulders. Mountains to the right of the  
mountain but not at the top.

14. Clear and cold this morn. found  
in the west basin about the thickness of  
window glass, last night. plenty of grass  
and water last night. The road strikes  
rolling ground covered with sage, and  
to the East branch of Iron River, and  
of 18 ft. the road on the mountain  
is a little higher on the



J. 15 July 1857

Clear and cold this AM. I fired  
 Salmon River in 2 branches of 3  
 miles each, and made 20.4 miles day.  
 an 10. a Trout in Green River, and 6.  
 of the Salmon. one Green River, and 10  
 of the Salmon. plenty of grass here  
 and willows, to night, and some willows.

Clear and cold this AM. I camped  
 at 2 P.M. this AM, the morning.  
 We are at the mouth of the M-  
 tain gorge. plenty of first rate grass  
 timber, and the best of winter. a  
 all books, filled with trout. The valley  
 is narrow, and the Mountains are very  
 high.

Clear and very cold this AM.  
 my teams are having a fine time  
 going up here to day.

July 1857

Clear and cold this AM. on Tuesday  
 one is wild as I was this AM. we  
 sold 14 on in 4. 38. and try to  
 range besides. The road shows up a distance  
 the valley is from 4 to 5 miles wide.  
 The mountains range about 1000 ft high, and  
 are spruce and cedar trees and

J. 19. Cloudy and cold this AM. we  
 some very high Mountains. we  
 have a great deal of high ones  
 passed large new banks, some  
 feet below the road we have  
 spruce and cedar trees to day. The  
 way is all through pine on the  
 side of the mountains. plenty of timber

Clear and cold this AM. The road  
 is good to day, but very thin. tomorrow  
 we struck the valley of the river. The  
 AM and camp for the night. plenty  
 water, plenty of timber and the best of  
 the valley is about 4 to 5 miles wide and  
 the river is very high on each side.  
 a beautiful valley for a settlement.



July 21 July 1859

Cloudy and warm this AM. Bird up  
by Mr. Lachman went on and left us.  
Dr. Little Bowdy traded of one  
of my Sharp's Rifles and got for it  
a pair of traps. This valley is about 2500  
feet high and it is estimated that there is about  
1000 head of cattle in it now and 10000 head in

July 22 Cloudy and warm this AM. Rained at  
7 P.M. The creek that runs down  
the valley is the head waters of the  
Columbia River. I had to take up a small track, as  
we leave the valley. Heavy salt springs &  
cattle creek, where we found the  
land and his company. Plenty of timber

July 23 Clear and very warm this AM. Left  
at 8 AM. This AM. and left up until  
noon for the road to the Col.  
The company passed at the AM.  
The road is now completed and  
we are climbing mountains again this PM.  
Reached the Col. this AM.  
Camp is the first place for the

July 24 July 1859

Cloudy and warm to day.  
Rained out at 7 P.M. This AM. on the  
account of Mr. Lachman's drive &  
and broke on 3rd just as we were  
going down into the valley.  
Plenty of timber

July 25 Clear and cool this AM.  
The road follows down a fault line  
again this AM. at noon, we reached a  
creek that contains about 1000  
water is now about 6000 feet high  
of it and is quite salt.  
and at night, camped in a beautiful  
on rather a sluggish creek. No timber to night.

July 26 Clear and warm this AM. Crossed  
ridge about 8 AM. from camp and reached in  
an other beautiful large valley. This is the  
best valley for Agriculture and for  
raising purposes that we have seen so far.  
Reached 1800 in the valley to day. There is a  
creek about 1000 wide crossing the valley  
and for the day 1000 feet high.



July 1859  
 27 Clear and cool this m. Left the  
 camp at 11 AM and went on about our  
 business. Struck the old Oregon Trail  
 at 3 P.M. this P.M. found good water, then at  
 Apple Springs the first, this side of Cotton  
 River, 7 miles above the Big Sink drove 25  
 to day, and camped near a large canyon  
 nothing but hills & mts.

28 Clear and cool this m. we are in a  
 different climate again, all together no dew,  
 and vegetation all dried up. we are now  
 on the Snake River valley with a chain  
 of mountains along to the left of us, and deat-  
 ing down Cape Mountains to the S. P.M.  
 drove 30 to day, and camped near Graham at  
 9 A.M. 30 to day.

29 Clear and warm this m. the Road  
 lies along the banks of the Snake  
 River to day. passed, and drove a view of  
 the American Falls. the Snake River has  
 a wide beautiful valley, watered by  
 about this noon camped on the bank of  
 the Snake River is about 20 miles  
 above the large camp & horse road.

Aug 1859  
 30 Clear and pleasant this m. left  
 the camp this m. Leave the Snake  
 River this A.M. the Road goes across  
 beautiful Table Land to Salt River  
 here we leave the old Oregon Trail and  
 follow up S. R. to Hatch. This m.  
 distance of 30 miles.

31 Clear and pleasant this m. left  
 the camp this m. the Road goes  
 across a wide valley. the Soil is  
 on soft sand down to the  
 black, lit, and very light soil  
 very dry and dusty. the soil is  
 deep, and is like walking on sand.  
 nothing but hills & mts.

1 Clear and warm this m. the  
 Road at 9 A.M. the Road  
 Road we take up a Branch of S. R.  
 into the Mormon Town, passed the  
 of Joseph Sellick, this m. the  
 executed July 29th, for the Mormon of  
 the mts. July 25th to 27th  
 large camp & horse road.



P. 2 August 1859

Blair and Cool this morn.  
Leaving camp yesterday P.M.  
are now going into the  
mountain. The country is  
very good. No deer and few birds.  
We left Lake and at 3 P.M. left the  
camp yesterday. Sage brush and some trees

Blair and Cool this morn. reached  
the creek at 2 P.M. This P.M. the horses  
we have had go to a deep water,  
and then down the mountain, and  
placid it again with an ox yoke. good grass  
in the valley.  
Sage brush and willows

Blair and Cool this morn. follow  
up the creek to the good grass  
all the way. plenty of water. Indian  
through the mountains. There is  
about 50 horses of us together.  
Sage brush and willows

A. 5 August 1859

Blair and Cool this morn.  
crossed the river. Blair to  
the old wagon. Blair and Cool  
on the wagon. 5:00  
P.M. but no good water.

A. 6 Blair and Cool this morn.  
out at 3 P.M. This morn.  
follows down a road  
up a creek. The horses  
Spring Hill to night.  
water?  
Sage brush

A. 7 Blair and Cool this morn.  
all about the thickness of bread  
in the water. Blair kept a good  
rolled on to dry, to keep ahead  
the droves. the road still follows  
the creek. reached the hot springs  
at 3 P.M. This P.M. the water is  
and boiling hot. very hot. no good  
Sage brush



Aug 8. August 1859

and cool the water. We  
came into a valley of good  
water. Arriving at the head of  
the valley at 2 P.M. we found  
a narrow and deep rocky canon  
with dense brush & willows.

At 10 P.M. the road was  
on the steepest valley. The  
road was 5 ft wide, with gentle  
slopes on the sides and  
the water was very shallow  
and clear. The water was  
very green and willow  
willows.

and all the water down to the  
head of the river runs into  
the river and the road runs over the  
alluvial grass except where the road  
runs down to the river.

Wm. C. Smith

Aug 11 August 1859

Below and above the bridge  
grass and plenty of wild  
below the river. The bridge  
was 16 ft. on the banks of the river.

Willows & brush

At 12 P.M. Allen and I  
the Green River. We  
and drove 23 miles  
to make 10 miles  
He advised all  
Green River, when  
it is green the water  
is brown, but is not.

At 1 P.M. Allen and I  
are again back. We  
drove 25 miles to the first  
water over the mountains of  
a very rough, but  
road. The road is  
open to the road and

Allen



14 August 1867

the water in the river are on  
the south side  
about 11 ft  
in the road and  
about 6 ft  
in the  
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15 August 1867

Clear and cold

There is a great deal of water  
in the river. The water is all  
ways full in the river. It is  
not, in fact, a great deal of  
water.

16 August 1867

Clear and cold. The water is  
in the river. The water is all  
ways full in the river. It is  
not, in fact, a great deal of  
water.

17 August 1867

The water in the river are on  
the south side  
about 11 ft  
in the road and  
about 6 ft  
in the  
road



This is a sketch  
of S. Winter Station