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My Dear Alice

September 15th 1851
 now or never said I
 to my self as we
 left the old homestead
 place every thing was
 into the barn was packed
 & fine the wagons were
 & the mast of the crane
 was in the same fix
 young & feel as if I
 eager to get started. My
 there was some few of
 early. What did not
 go. There was not
 fine angled as those
 my was William
 out as far as I
 was well & doing
 morning prospect sweet
 do better
 made me Thursday
 left however
 the morning we star

April 10th 1852
The winter is past
and spring has come
and we are found redy
for our journey, This
morning reminds me of
a swarm of bees just
come out, the women
was busy in the house
accompanied by several
of the neighbor women
the men was pound
out with the oxen
the whips was
cracking the chains
rattling the men
swearing the women
tiring and the oxen
bawling and upon
the hole it was
one of the times
that ^{at} we read of
when the women
would git out of
hummer they was

14
set up by the
nearly just whisper-
ing Oregon - in their
ear - "Go - away -
would be the reply
but about 9 ocs we
got up and traveled
about 10 m. and
encamped on the
middle fork of the
Shariton we had
some rain in the night
& our tent
fell down in the
night and the water
ran under our bed
and wet threw the
bed, we laid on, but
this is a mere
circum stance all
for Oregon.

Apr 16th
we traveled about
6 m. and staid

on the East bank
of the Grand Shariton
River a little rain
for fun today

Apr 17th
This day we cross
the River cross the
bottom 5 m. and put
up for the night
a good place here
we had some rain
and snow in the night
but just to cool
the air

Apr 18th Sunday
This day we cross the
prairie 10 m. and encamped
for the night

Apr 19th Monday
This day we traveled
2 m. and put up
on the Mousle fork

of the Grand sharv
tweed
mound
ues

Apr 20th
This day we laid in
camp on the account
of Norvel Robbins
being sick

Apr 21st wean
This day we crast
avery broken part
of the country for
about 7ms and put
up on the account of
Norvel being sick

This night we
staid on skin plain
creek

Apr 22nd
today we traveld
about 8m. over
avery broken prairie
& encamped on yellow
creek. The wether fine

Apr 23rd
we made a short drive
today over a level prairie
and encamped on
Medison creek a beautif-
ul stream whos banks
is lined with good timber
we past three lineary
saw

Apr 24th
we laid in camp on the
account of Norvel
being sick we had
a fine show today
W. French shot
a turkey for the first
sand

Apr 25th
as the ill is no better
we still remain in
camp a beautiful rain
today here we got
some fine fish
mound

Apr 26th

Still in camp this
day we went down
the River one m. to drain
a slope for the fish but
did not succeed it
rained hard and we left
and returned to camp
a bad day for fishing
This

Apr 27th
we made a short drive
of 13 m. today cross
the East fork of Grand
River here is a very
and we paid \$1.25 per
wagon weather
pleasant today.

Apr 28th
this morning our cattle
was gone on we did not get
them all 400 in the afternoon
we drove about 3/4 of a mile
and put up for the night

Apr 29th
this morning our oxen was
one go used and we made
a short drive of 10 m
over a broken prairie but
well watered and encamped
in spring creek this is
a beautiful stream gravel
banks

Apr 30th

this day we traveled about
10 m. the face of the country
generally rough we passed
thru Springhill and
west the main fork of
Grand river here we passed
and encamped on the
bank

May 1st

this morning our stock
was near the camp all
but Jacob's shares
and they was found
about 1100, but after
all we drove about 15 m.

over arangh country and
encamped on the north side
of the rode

May 2nd
we had a fine shower this
morning far as started and
then it cleared off and we
had a pleasant afternoon
we traveled about 10 miles
crossed the Grinstone
and some beautiful
prairie there is some
as good farms here as
we have found with
some as good water as
runs we encamped on
skinflint

May 3rd
we had a very hard
rain this morning & the
creek raised so that we
had to lay in camp
we have to use the
creek water and it
very bad

May 4th Tuesday
we had a very heavy rain
this morning just as usual
and we did not get over the
stream till 3 o'clock, and then
we traveled about 3 miles &
encamped it was a beautiful
prairie but rather broken

May 5th Wednesday
heavy rain last night and
this morning we made
a short drive and encamped
on the bank of Flat R.
quite in Rochester a little
town

May 6th Thursday
a very heavy rain just as
usual we crossed the R.
this morning and encamped
on the bank we herded
our wagons and horses & saw
the cattle they went over
apt but I saw two cows
and a calf go over and drown
and the cows drowned

but the calf swam to the bank about the same time
land these came lined that was delivered yesterday
one hour in the duck of day & took an ock gat there
the dam we swam our legs blacked slightly
stack about one hundred then give it up
yards above the dam
May 7th Tuesday

This day we traveled about 3 miles and put up bar
the purpose of getting flour as we understood
it was very hard to get at the river
May 8th Wednesday
we laid in camp as we could not get our flour
we had some rain today
May 9th Thursday
This day we went to meeting for the first
in since I left home
as light a hair today
May 10th Friday
in camp as usual
rain J. E. Gardner & J. B. ...

we got our flour today
we will be app soon
just like a pat leg the
we then pine as women
May 11th Saturday
we traveled about 5 m.
day past then saw
here we got the rest
our outfit encamped
below town the
immigrants is about as
much here as three in a bed
two in the middle &
three

May 12th Sunday
this morning found us
man and adony we traveled
the best timber
and far about 5 m.

which boat us to Basle
a little town on the bank
of the river here we
encamped for the night
here we had some provisions
to our selves

May 14th

we got apart of our
stock over the River
and the wind got so
high that we could not
get them all over when
we did get over was
kept an asand bar
till morning as the boat
was so bad that we dare
not let them go

May 15

This day we got the rest
of our stock & wagons
over and encamped on the
bar this is the second
night for our stock

on the bar without
any thing to eat except
some cottonwood brush
that we gave them
this is the first
night in Nebraska

beyond it is rather a hard

introduction to the trip
the days had to
land guards and this is
something new the
valves can be heard
the neighbors woods

May 16th

This day we traveled
about 5 m & encamped
at the edge of the
savannah at a good spring
on the left of the road
we cross the big slough
this is very bad we
shut & yoke of oxen to
wagon there is some
that unloaded there

Sunday

wagons and carried the goods over on their backs. This slough is about 4 feet deep and of mud & water. This is a very hard place to pass. Good & plenty of wood for fuel.

May 17th

We had a very hard rain last night and all this morning but this is a near circumstance now as the train is very wild and in good spirits here Mr Conner bell in company with us and joined the train we gradually ascended the the bluish and entered the open plain and struck out for you now where but about 2 m from camp. Mr Barnes' wagon upset. This drew the train

together very quick as this was the first of the kind that had occurred but no damage done more than spilt the molasses and broke some little things we traveled about

over a very rough trail and encamped on a small creek. In the stream we saw about 10 Indians today. This made the women look very wild

May 18th

This morning we set wagon fire and left camp. We went about 9 o'clock and slept in camp. We went about 10 o'clock here is an Indian bridge we paid 50 c for W. & D. C. per head for stack. Here is plenty of Indians we had

tried

an Indian Agency,
here is a large farm
and plenty of Indians
we had some fun with
the Indians having them
shooting at money, white
we wood put in a split
stick for them to shoot
at these is the sawed
of Taway Indians we have
over a broken prairie and
encamped a little ways
wood water and grass
plenty,

May 19th

This day we traveled
about 15 mi past another
Indian tale bridge for
25c per W, & the stock
went free the weather
is fine & the country
rolling and good as the
Old man makes me
past four graves

today and three yesterday
Thurs
May 20th

we laid in camp on the
mount of G.D.R. being
sick we set 2 wagon
fire today we took off
the fire & then put
a hoop around the wheel
then put on the tire
the country is fine
the soil very rich
and no timber there
was a frost last night
grass and water good
wood one mile from
camp

Fri. day

May 21st

This day we traveled about
7 m. the face of the country
level and the soil good
but it has timber we
past 10 Graves today there
was 2 wagons past us on

there way back to the states they had lost some of their friends and the women had got homesick I guess or they had seen a fresh mackson track in the sand or something of the kind had turned them back

I think they was from Pike Co. Mo. or but a little farce at the best grass & water good timber is like hen teeth rather scarce

Friday May 22nd
we had a fine rain this morning we laid in camp till about 11.00 & then traveled about 10 m. and encamped on the bank of Big Simahaw here is some little timber the country is fine and

the soil black & rich the timber here is cotton wood & willow white lined the banks of the stream we passed 3 Graves today grass good
Sunday May 23rd

we traveled about 15 m. today and the two Simahaws & encamped on a ravine that puts into Little Simahaw water & is good country good we must go Graves today
Monday

Tuesday May 24th
one of St. Barnes eyes was gone this morning which detained us for some time but we traveled about 18 m. today and encamped in the open plain without wood or water save some water we had along

& weeds & grass that we got to make some tea. The soil is rather heavy & wet we past 5 Graves today. This evening we was aroused about sun by noise that sounded like a great storm and on looking about we was somewhat alarmed at sight of our cattle approaching the camp at the top at their speed hawling & bellowing & their tails turned over their backs this was something new the women & children was in the wagons with their heads stuck out as thick as young chickens from under their mothers wings and the men was mounted on their horses and we went to see what was the cause of all this during when we got within 2 hundred yards of the cattle our horses was as bad as the cattle we met as swarm of bugs that was flying and they was very thick and about the size of aumblebee and resembled a tumble Bug. these bugs is very numerous and the stock will run & snort when they light on them the horses got scart and they make with the cattle & here we went all together round & round for about 2 hours then the bugs appeared to settle on the ground & there was not aly to be seen or heard. The stock was quiet and we left them and went

to bed very much aston
shed, at the bugs as we
had never heard of them
until we found them
at ends the bug stores,
for tonight

May 25th

we traveled about 15 m.
today, and encamped in
the open plain and were
1 m. from wood and brush
it on horse back. The weather
fine the country good &
grass plenty and bugs
about the same as they
was last night we

Big Blue River today,

we passed it but that
is where here here is
a trading post some little
cotton-wood along the
river

May 26th

we traveled 8 m. and

encamped in the open
plain soil good grass
plenty, and bugs the
same we past one wagon
with road for Pike, Co. Mo.
that had seen the
Bulaphant we past

2 Graves

May 27th

we traveled about 8 m.
encamped near a little
branch. The weather fine
grass good but the soil
is rather wet & heavy,
we past 3 Graves today
one of our oxen died last
night price 25.00,

May 28th

This day we remained
in camp for the purpose
of drying our things
there is but little timber
here W. Sharp made
an axle tree today

Friday

May 29th
we traveled about 18 m.
over a rough road and
encamped for the night
we past 20 wagons going
to the States loaded
with the fur they had
out trading with the
Indians for 10 months
we crast big sandy
today, but little time
here. The water is very
had grass good

May 30
This day we traveled about
15 m. rades rough water
scarce & very bad
C. A. Barnes wife was
taken sick in the morn
ing but we traveled
on untill night as
we could not find
a suitable place to camp
with the ill

At last we come to dry
land, and here we
encamped full plenty
water had grass good
we past 5 graves today
Mrs Barnes is no better
manding

May 31st
This morning found
the ill no better & we
remained in camp
Mrs Barnes died at
half past nine
Amandy was taken
sick this morning and
died in the afternoon
Mahala was taken
this morning and is
not likely to recover
grass good water very
bad
June 1st tread
This morning found
us in awful circum-
stances Mahala died

at 7 oc. in the morning
I was buried at 8 oc. & 12
her and her two sisters
was buried in one grave
after the girls was
buried we again started
There was hardly men
enough that was we
to start the train
although we started
and drove 5 m. and
encamped on the bank
of little blue river
There is several that
not well

June 2nd
we laid in camp on
The account of A. Barnes
being very sick the
country here is very
dry & gravelly there
is some cottonwood on
The P. and willow

June 3rd Thurs
laid in camp on the account
The sick being worse
Barnes died at 5 oc. in the
afternoon I was buried at 6 oc
he was buried on a high gravel
point on the bank of the
little blue R. 5 m. west of
the place where his wife was
buried there was several
the train that was very ill
in fact this is one of the
most dismal times that
I experienced it looks
like the switch end

June 4th Friday
bad luck just here is
the place where I begin to
think of leaving several
of A. Barnes Co. but luck is a partner
here the old man traded
horses for a yoke of oxen
the water is very some
on the P. & willow on the P.
June

This morning we made what
I call a hard old start but
we made the ripple after
advance about 12 m. we
up as the ill was not abating
to continue our march we
encamped on the bank of the
S.B.R. but little time
the soil is very sandy & grain
the water is so bad that
to put it in any use
night it will swell so bad
that it is impossible to use
it we had a very heavy storm
last night heavy thunder
we past 12 prete graves
today and not a good day
Saturday
This day we advanced about
12 m. up the S.B.R. the
road up and the country
broken down cypress wood
the B. there was above a
sheep past us today at
4.00 in it and not

good day for sheep at
that we met a Co. of 10 wagon
that had lain out trading
with the Indians they was
going to St. Louis with fur
we met 2 emigrant wagons
that had turned back bar
Pike Co. Mo. also past 13 graves
Sun
June 6th
just as we set in camp till
noon Mrs. Coon and the
Baps is no better after dinner
you know what kind of
dinner a lunch just as
week. we traveled 8 m. up
the R. when we had a little
the loose stock was behind
and the ch. w. got in it
and here it come to a halt.
the coat and the hind end of
the Co. come with it as
was about 9 stood above
chance for some of the fun
I was first interrupted by
one of the girls that was

in my wagon at the time
she hit me atop & shook
short What is that John
I was laying down taking
a nap just as usual but
her eyes flash like fire
then to see the oxen pick
there ears & me about half
asleep it was sum if
more but I had got some
that acquainted with the
Plains by this time and
did not get excited I jumped
out from my wagon locking
it as I got out with a pale
lock then ran to the lead
took him by the throat
ho luck, G. D. you hold
ho ho wont you never
but as they was very good
to mind they did ho.
I held him by the
till several wagons ran
but at last one of them
come up and ran over

off side and unluckly locked
wheel with me as he past
witch broke my off hind
wheel and his near hind
wheel all in to bits and
turned my wagon over
with a young Women and
two little children in it
two was nearly k.l. but
I ain some of the tall
matchen until I got the
young out from under the
wagon box and its contents
they was lik the mast of
ho. more scart than hurt
I got them out I started
after the oxen and the rest
of the wagon here was poor
the team was running in
ever direction the loose
stock was running bawling
kicking up their heels
all over the laton and
the Women & children
then & lays was all in

a h. l. of asweet and to top
ant the spce it comenced
raining just far burr and
we had plenty of green
cotton-wood & willow far
fuel hurraw far hurraw
whoo cares if corn is it do
per bushel upon the whole
we had one of them old
times we struck camp and
made our selves at home
as far my part I took
a (yont) of old (red), and
some bread for my supper
and went to bed just
as well sadespide as if I
was at home there was
no one hurt in the
but some of them was
seared half way back
Pike Co. Mo. we past to
to day and encamped in
a beautiful little bottom
on the bank of S. B. R.

June
Monday
we remained in camp until
noon for the purpose of repairing
our wagons that was broke
we left one of them that
was so badly broken that
we could not fix it we
advanced about 9 miles up
the R. and encamped on the
head waters of the S. B. R.
The banks is jereely very
steep and extremely gravelly
but little wood tonight
our road is bin very rough
today adrove at 2 hoke past
is at 3000. bound far
California
June
Tues. 8th
we left camp about 7 oc.
and traveled about 12 m.
and encamped in the open
plain here we burnt
& weedy weather fine
and grass good

June weather after the buffalo but they
this morning I was not alarmed at the approach
very well and remained in pool speech so
bed rather better than could be we went far about
but at length I was aroused and then another ap-
in a hurry by one of the party came up on
girls that come to the horse back we run them
wagon and said John far about 2 hours and then
why are you not up we up the chase and return
after them Buffalo one to camp where we
moments warning was all caught about 9.00. but little
I wanted I was out in breakfast don't we got
a hurry by this time about our cattle and started
15 of the Co. was started drove until about 10.00.
apart with these guns and by this time I was
after 2-buffalo that so sick that I could not
had come up in our line I begin to think
hand of cattle but as that I would not have it
luck pavers the brave I to say that I shot a
mounted one of the buffalo or had the firm
horses and set up at the top of taking the scalp of
top of her speed and an Indian I thought it
in the space of 5 months was all day with me
I had left the footmen but luck is a barren
behind and was class poor man far luck

about for children and
a frenchman for dogs
June
we laid in camp this
day but what was done
I can't say for I was
sick I did not care I
just as we were here

here is a space that
I have mist becom
I could not help it
I was rather unwell
the weather but it
did not last long
I was up and digging
in a few days & it
was soon forgotten

June Sunday 19th
this day we travelled about
10 miles up the south flat
and encamped on the bank
of the R. the bottom is
from 1 to 2 m. wide the
ground good weather fine
& grass good no timber
but little brush on the
stands

Sunday 20th
we travelled about 20 m.
up the south flat and
encamped on the bank as
usual & put our cattle on
an island for grass this
day we past a large dog
town this is somewhat ap-
parently they set up
a gate barking when we
come in sight but when
we come in one hundred
yards of them they all
disappeared under ground
but some of our party

succeeded in killing one of
them They are very sweet
and are very good ^{food} ⁱⁿ ^{meat}
these little dogs is about
the size of a cat and some
what resembling a common
dog of a yellow brown
color the land here is so
very poor that it won't
produce grass it appears to
be a perfect bed of sand
gravel we are now entirely
out of sight of timber
monchy

we started about noon
boat us to the Ford here
we had to wade and
drive our cattle it was
about 2 m. wade with
a very sandy bottom we got
over and encamped on the
west bank of the R.
here grass is very short
and we use the R. water
but here comes the sun

at notice the ^{by} Women have
well pleased they are
with those large chips
that we have to use for
fuel but to see some of
the boys hauling their
meat on the poles is the
fun of it and to see how
the ^{by} Women take hold
of one of those chips as if
it were a piece of wood
like we made at the Buffalo
chips. The Women did not like
to stretch it with their
hands for fear of getting their
hands spoiled but this will
be all in a short time
Tuesday June 22.

we left camp early and
the road very asented the sand
bluffs for about 1 m.
white heat us to the level
plain 15 m. further but this
to ask halaw

here we struck adobe
for 2 m. with heat no
the River bottom here at
ash below we found some
-very rough rock in one
place the bank is more
about 5 feet deep in a
cement or soapstone here
is place for 3 feet of a
app all for Oregon These
hills is rocky and all
destitute of vegetation
some little pine & cedar
here is some little timber
The most we have seen
for some time some little
ash & cedar after we left
the hollow we traveled up
The hollow about 4 m &
ped at a beautiful spring
near the bank the
north that grass is very
scarce and wood. The same
The bluffs comes close
to the R. bottom is narrow

Wednesday 23rd
we remained in camp for
the purpose of washing as
we have good water the bottom
narrow & very sandy the
skilled nearly lost
for Mr. corner it
has been some what cloudy

Thursday 24th
left camp about 8 a.m.
traveled about 15 m. the
and is very bad & the road
is what rough the bluffs
comes close to the R. along here
and all some what rocky.
grass good but there is
an alkali substance that
is covered over the ground
that makes it look like
there was a little scrub of
plenty of buffalo
ships for fuel
Friday June 25th

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we made a short drive from the R.
of a half day, and encamped
on the bank of the R. This days march of 15 m.
bottom is very narrow, that is in 4 m. of Chimney
There was some timber & Rock we encamped early
sight which I went to several of the Co. went to
the afternoon and found it & I was one of the no.
it to be pine this is very fine we did not suppose it
beautiful as it is the pine is more than 100 ft in
pine we have found and from the road we went
got plenty of wood here but as we found
by going about 5 m. for it to be at least 4 m.
it & I found some straw we trip was not so heavy
being today some alkali as we supposed it to be
Labor

June 27th
This day we traveled about 15 m. and encamped on the
bank of the R. as usual with the party did see his
beautiful bottom well so back before they got to
with blew grass some little camp as some of them
alkali this day we have was out till 9 a.m. the
sight of the solitary saw right but we got a sight
and Chimney rock the at the grate tower & grate
bottom is from 1 to 2 m. wide it is this tower is
and the hills gradually about 6 hundred feet

high & is composed of
lime and sand something
like cement. it is not
a perfect rock and many
supposed but it is
so that it can be cut
with a knife this is
about a mile in circum-
ference & about 10 feet
in diameter (all) of the
crand and from that
down we took a good
look at it is not so
steep as the last time
grafs what a man can
go with I can safely
say there is thousands
of mines on this & I
enlisted with the Rest
we past the Salubary
Tower today not to it
but to the road
mandry
we remand in camp
on the account of some
of the party being ill

we had nothing to do
Thought we would
take a look at the
chimney after things
was so first we got
up the girls and took
the rock that is I took
myself - and about
half way up this it
with a sharp another
and that about 10 feet
in diameter (all) of
the crand and from
that down we took a
good look at it is not
so steep as the last
time grafs what a man
can go with I can
safely say there is
thousands of mines
on this & I enlisted
with the Rest we
past the Salubary
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on the account of
some of the party
being ill

Wednesday
I run upon grass so hard we are
we traveled about 12 m. and about 1 m. below the Pt.
encamped on the bank this is a beautiful stream
The R. past Scott B. and with a swift current &
if you are any one don't say cold the pt. is in
believe this is some journey pretty little bottom
so as I did - go and see there is several good buildings
we past another trading post here as you see
there is plenty of alkali & sulphur
here plenty of them (as you see) remained in camp till
far piece the bottom is soon for the purpose of
narrow here writing letters and to get

July
There is some medicine for Wm French
we traveled about 12 m. who is no better he was
& encamped on the bank when ill at Ft. Carney
The R. good road good grass not has not him able to
and his w. chips the point up since after all
comes to the R. in some place was done we traveled
about 6 miles and encamped

July
we traveled about 18 m. & on the bank of the River
encamped on the west no water but the R. W.
bank of Garamie River wood enough for fuel
here is a bridge over the R. but no timber we have
& we paid 2 dollars per him in sight of
Garamie peak far & away

Jacob R. bought 2 yoke of oxen at the ft. for 100 dollars per yoke 18 dollars per week good water & grass 1 Sunday

July 4th wood plenty for fuel there we remained in camp till noon for the purpose of shoeing some of our oxen very rough today then we started & traveled in about 2 m up the about 10 m. and encamped

on better cottonwood this Tuesday July 6th is a very pretty stream this morning we started cold clear water here early 2 m. but no timber but 2 m. up the R. but no there is more timber at the canon where the R. sight now than we have seen the mountain seen at one time since about 3 m. The gap is we left the Mo. R. very narrow and the we have been trying to water runs there here black hills today they are if it was going some some humbling water place the bank on the north good & grass plenty here side is perpendicular for

Sunday July 7th about 3 hundred feet we had some difficulty up red east rock. The in finding our stock south side is not This morning but we so steep here we stopped

for noon I down at noon
went to take good look
at the canyon this is
a beautiful site to look
upon the bluff and
look down the R. looks
like a little brook here
is 2 graves one at the
that the other and he
was hung on his wagon
tong as there was no
trees to hang him to
wretch for spark
after dinner we traveled
about 10 mi. and encamp
west
we traveled about 2 mi.
10 mi. boat us to
timber creek here is
water & grass 7 mi. further
boat us to red bank
creek we camp and
traveled 2 mi. further &
back camp here is
I give an Indian - h. b.

just the place today
big timber creek where
there was three men
hung a few days ago &
they was left to the lion
much for that
July 8th
this day we traveled 18 mi
encamped on little deer
creek we went 2 miles
up the stream to camp
here we hauled every thing
we wanted about 500
this afternoon Milton
Hamilton fell out of the
wagon and 2 wheels run
over his breast but it is
thought he will recover
this day we lost sight
of Laraine peak which we
have in sight up for
days this peak is
situated about 60 mi. from
the road the height is
unknown to me

Friday

July myself went in one Co. here is the place for after we had got somewhat fun was the cry from the front of traveling and had all hands there was almost seen any thing to do. killed here yesterday but we stoped and by some ditch there commenced amusing our more fun in this than by raling rocks down there is in I bushes as he bluffs in the cunian potatoes and a quill paper where deer creek brakes gun for they had rathen the mountain this but that gun and was fun alive for us but that was not killed or soon after) we was but they shot it in. interrupted by some of the eyes until they had hint of the party that come blind then they killed on the hill like the him with there knives. I had kicked them but wait I will tell you what is the you how to kill a buffalo matter was the first we all started out and from some of us with the intention of getting matter, a way down killing one before you see them Buffalo. returned when we got up fall. where where is 2 or 3 mi. from ^{camp} we parting Buffalo. yonder into several Co. there where go don't you see a Iron Rays. Levy Rabbinem by this time we

had got our eyes fixed that the rest of the
on them but they were had all got a shot
about a mile app and no more this hurt us
there was not left that think they had all
30 men after them and the sun but after
about half of them anurling for some time we
hace back so our sun set out for a further adven
to anend as they was we started up the
making toward the R. little creek and after travel
we could see the smoky until we was very
of there guns this don't and not seeing any
some good but at twinkling to shout we set
they took a turn back on to rest & while we
toward the mountain was setting here we saw
we begin to think that the rise so far up the
was some hops at us give us we could not tell
aspat we saw they was that it was no did we
making back toward the but set out for it
mouth of a little valey all hast after travel
in. from where we was about 2 m. we came up
so we brake far that it haund it to be some
in hast but was rather appal at play we follow
late they had past before the branch until we
we got there so this set appiset the place
of our sun but know where they was

now we was about 200 yds. I insisted
dred. yards from them going to the hazel white
They was on a high piece of land and after crawling
ground & you may judge the hazel white was
far your self how they within 10 steps of one of them
looked to us as there was I myself heard the
none of us that had culbulo sprang to his
throat any thing larger as he was laying down
than a turkey & these was when we first fired but
very large and the hole was ^{than} on his feet
on their head was abandoned I gave him another
one foot long and that shot struck him
was the boys far from him The place where
home and among strangers lived he made a few
as for my part I was rump at me & fell
to go to some hazel within a few feet of me
that was within 15 yards making a hole of a few
of them but the rest was scared the other boys
them objected to that that was in the bushes
because we might want where they could not see
one & he will give us in they that he was
hail columbia before coming into them so
could get to the branches broke far tall timber
where there was timber they did not get
but as I was eager to hear until they banded

That there was nothing July
after them so they stopped. traveled about 19 m.
by this time I was cutting and encamped on the
his throat the boys returned at the R. 4 m. but
ed we had a party, long to the R. we traveled up
and started for home the R. 5 m. which had no
we had shot him 3 times Big deer creek this is
and I could cover all a beautiful stream cold clear
the bullet holes with water with some cottonwood
hand there was some good the banks
shooting don't well for July.

and 11th
us that it was well done we found a good this
for this was a very large running and cross Plat R.
Boal and we were hunting 3/4 of a mile above the
some burn if we had a mouth at Big deer creek
wounded him but we got over about 1200. &
returned to camp from very thing being ripe
up our hunt on reaching we traveled 6 m. up the R.
camp we found that had encamped in a bend
rest had killed two of the R. good grass here
to camp so we did not cottonwood blue grass
back after any of our wild flax & strawberries
met so much for the evening. The R. one of
Buffalo hunt one of our men had some burn
party last his coat in the swimming after

women that jumped and
in the R. the water was
up to their arms I think
as like as not they got
there — clothes wet

July
we remained in camp
noon then we traveled
R. 8 m. & encamped on the
bank as usual as this is
the last place of carrying
for 22 m. & we want to
get up a start in the
we are daily meeting men
on their way to the state

July
we traveled up the R. 14
then left for sunset
about 200. we was waken
by a large Buffalo which
come bounding toward the
train this created quite
an excitement the most
of the teamsters which
there open and some on

about 300 on horseback set
out at the top of there
speed after the buffalo
the footman was soon left
behind the horseman pursue

for about 2 or 3 m.
with several dogs as this
was the first chase the dogs
had they was keen but
they could do nothing with
him one of the party gave it
what but don't do it no grate
injury, after pursuing it
about a mile one of the party
returned to camp with

gun that he had been
chasing it without his
gun in about one hour
they returned to the train
without killing the
buffalo we interrupted
our teams 3 times far
from today, we encamped
in the open plain without
wood or water grass is good

The plain here is almost
 destitute of vegetation. except
 sage & that look like the
 little end of nothing
 whittled off to a sharp
 point. The grass is good
 the streams & so is the
 the road is rough & due to
 we left camp this morn
 early bound for water
 4 mi. west us to willow
 springs no water parcell
 here 6 mi. west us to alt
 branch here is plenty of wa
 a good spring here we took
 dinner and let our cattle
 rest no grass here is farther
 west us to fish creek good
 water. the grass mangr
 rade today, several gangs of
 buffalo in sight we
 past. in alkali today
 we found some cats - what
 the immigrants has feed

July 15
 Thurs 15
 we left camp early and
 traveled about 18 miles
 and encamped at the Devils
 gate or gap 10 mi. west us
 to the Independence Rock
 This is situated on the
 bank of sweet water. This
 rock is of a gray granet &
 is very hard so that
 it takes the best of tools
 to cut it. This rock is about
 3 hundred yards long & 150
 wide & 75 or 80 feet high
 here further west us to
 where we camped for
 the night at the entrance
 of the Devils gate this is
 some what of a cavity
 it is about 5 or 6 feet
 deep & 100 feet wide a perfect
 of gray granet rock wall
 on both sides deep sand
 today here we had some
 fun rolling rocks down

75
July
we travelled 6 miles and
encamped on the bank of
sweet water wood was
& grass is good & plenty

July
we remained in camp for
the purpose of washing
to let our cattle rest
as grass is good
killed an antelope today
I was out hunting with
some of the party and we
found a pond of water on
a very high point & there
was live insect in it the
pond was of considerable
size & large that we par
the name of it took off
our clothes and went in
awirring and it was
very cold if you believe
me that pond was
at least 100 hundred feet
high

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July
Sun 18th
we found that 9 of our
horses was gone this morning
we started on hunt
them and found them about
12 m from camp. There
was some of the party that
thought there was something
the Indians but it is very
uncertain this kept us
till noon and then that
that they would not start
until the next day
well as we had never had
any game they that best
to have on so when night
came talk was cast to see who
should stand the first night
& it fell on me for one
& J.R. for another just
the one that I wanted for
I knew that an Indian
could not get to camp
without us knowing some
thing about it

but for the first thing
we got away on wheels and
laid it on some pieces of
aditch then piled the
hick with the dry pine & set
fire to it & you had
better believe we had a fire
we spent over time in haul
ing about the fire & when
we got sleepy we set the
watch ahead to 12.00 & then
we called the next watch
& went to bed

July 19
we traveled about 18 m. &
encamped 1 m. north of the
road on the R. here we are
within 1 m. of a lake of
salaratus this lake or
pond has several acres in
it and the salaratus is
to be got here almost
as pretty as that they
make in the states
it can be seen for

miles it is white around
the edge of this pond where
the sun has made it
good grass on the bottom
but back on the hill
there is nothing but
the sage

July 20
this day we traveled
about 20 m. & encamped
in a low wet bottom grass
good we past threw the
narrows today this is the
point of two mountains
that comes so near together
that there is just a narrow
gap where the creek runs
thru. & the road goes
in the creek for some distan-
ce when we drove in
here this looked like
running into the ground
there is a range of bare bluffs
on our right & on our left
about 10 m. there is a range

mountains mostly covered
with timber we crossed
the creek several times and
had considerable sand & stones
this days drive brought us
in sight of the snow
capped Mountains

July, wedn 21
we traveled about 16 m.
today, 10 m brought us to the
R. after passing over a plain
that is almost entirely
deserted of vegetation save
the sage there is some grass
along the R. but it is
short the grass on this
stream (sweet water) is
mainly blue grass & red
top 6 m. further brought
us to the R. again here
we encamped grass very
short - very hot day
this

July, Thurs 22
we traveled about 12 m

up the R. 2 m. then we
went some up very rough
side we passed over ledges of
rock that was entirely
bare for rods 4 m. further
brought us to spring here
we encamped far the
right some grass along
the slough farmed by
the spring there is
nothing on the hills
but the sage which
is the only fuel
July, Friday 23rd

about 18 m. today 10 m
brought us to the Clark
of J. W. here is a trading
post good water 5 m. further
brought us to willow creek
good water no grass
3 m. brought us to the m
d. water here we encamped
good water sage far full
grass is half the kind R.
Mountains is about

15 or 20 m. to our right
They have a grand appearance
the snow looks as cold
as it did in the states
This day we got plenty of
ice this was very cooling
There is some traders here
that ice there was snow
here 10 inches deep on the
4th day of July and it
is mostly gone now and
the weather is very hot
The plain here is extremely
barren

July

Sat 24

This morning we left
camp early gradually
ascended the ridge for 8 m
whitch heat us in sight
of the Pacific Springs
here we had Oregon
adismal looking place
for the sage is the only
thing that is here
now after stopping our

camp & taking a good look
at the surrounding country
we gradually descended the
ridge to the springs
this is the first water
that runs in to the
Pacific here is a number
of large springs that
form a branch here we
encamped we took our
stock 4 m north for
graze here we have plenty
of sage

July

Sund 25th

This day we laid in camp
for the purpose of resting
our cattle to wash & det
some time the party spent
their time in various
amusement as for myself
accompanied with 2 other
hays we took some
wagon fire to the top of
the ridge and let them
go this was about 1 m.