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The Traveler's Companion

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- Deep, Dry Creek.--3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -201
 No timber; plenty of grass.
 Creek or Slough.--1 $\frac{3}{4}$ --202 $\frac{3}{4}$
 Deep, Dry Creek.-- 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -- 208
 The head of Grand Island is opposite to this
 Elm Creek.--3 -- 211
 Deep banks; plenty of timber and grass.
 Road Leaves the River.--6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -- 217 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Plenty of timber and grass. Good place to camp.
 Buffalo Creek.--7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -- 225
 The water is deep and the banks very steep. No wood except willows. The road follows up the creek.
 Crossing of Buffalo Creek.--3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -- 228 $\frac{1}{2}$
 The banks at this ford are high and very steep.
 Road near the River.--7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -- 236
 Very good place to camp.
 Road Near the River.-- 6 -- 242
 Abundance of Buffalo and short prairie grass. Timber on an island near by.
 Willow Lake--8 -250
 South of the road. Plenty of grass; good place to water teams, but no timber for camping purposes.
 Ptah Lake.--8 -- 258
 South of the road. It is long and very crooked. About a mile beyond this the road joins the river and leaves it again.

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- Deep, Dry Creek.--2 -- 260
 Road Near the River.-- 14 -- 274
 Here are some sandy bluffs among which the road passes. There is an abundance of grass and timber near the river. After passing this, the road leaves the river and runs near the foot of the bluffs to avoid a deep swamp.
 Skunk Creek.--12-286
 Crossing of Skunk Creek.--5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -291 $\frac{1}{2}$
 The banks are soft but not steep. No timber or willows.
 Lake or Marsh.--1-292 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Lake.--1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 294
 Plenty of grass, but no timber within five miles.
 Cold Spring.--4-298
 This is at the head of the Pawnee Swamp.
 Low Sandy Bluffs.--1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 299 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Carrion Creek.--3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 303
 Ten feet wide. Plenty of grass but no timber.
 Road Joins the River.--4-311 [sic]
 Plenty of timber and grass; good place to camp.
 Last Timber for 200 Miles.--4 - 311
 You will find no more timber north of the Platte river for two hundred miles, except one lone cedar tree. Your only dependence for fuel will be buffalo chips and drift wood.
 Wide Creek.-- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 313 $\frac{1}{2}$
 The banks are steep and high. This may sometimes be destitute of water. There was plenty June 11th, 1850.

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- Road Near the River--1 $\frac{1}{4}$ - 314 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Near this you may find some willows on an island.
 Black Mud Creek.-- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -- 317
 Abundance of water and grass.
 Road Joins the River--2 - 319
 Good place to camp. After this the road leaves the river and does not join it again until you reach the North Bluff Fork of Platte.

Small Creek.--3 1/2-322 3/4

High steep banks, but little water. Abundance of grass.

North Bluff Fork of Platte.--3 1/2 - 326

Six rods wide; two feet deep; low banks; quicksand bottom. Little or no grass.

Sandy Bluffs.--1 1/2 - 327 1/2

The road over these bluffs is very crooked for a distance of four miles, when you descend to low land and follow near the foot of the bluffs, where you will find an abundance of grass.

2d Sandy Bluffs.--9 - 336 1/2

On these bluffs the sand is deep and soft.

Bluff Creek.--1 1/2 - 338

This is not a good place to camp; the creek is small, and there is but little grass near it.

3d Sandy Bluffs.--6 - 344.

Among these bluffs the wagons will sink deep in the sand. On the west side are some steep places, but the sand makes the

15 [As descent?] easy. In one fourth of a mile you ____? find a small brook among the bluffs.--After this the road is good until you descend to low land.

Bluff Spring.--2 1/2 - 346 1/2

Here is a good place to camp; there is an abundance of grass. After this the road keeps near the bluffs to avoid a swamp.

Petite Creek.--1 - 347 1/2

Good place to camp.

Picaninna Creek.--1 1/2 - 349

Good spring water; abundance of grass.

Goose Creek.--1 1/2 - 350 1/4

Thirty feet wide. After you cross this you pass over a low range of sand bluffs. In one fourth of a mile you descend to low land, which you will find quite soft.

Spring Creek.--3/4 - 351

This is a number of springs at the foot of the bluffs.

Small Creek.--1 - 352

Abundance of grass; good place to camp.

Duck Weed Creek.--1/2 - 352 1/2

Rattlesnake Creek.--5 1/2 - 358

Twenty feet wide, one and a half feet deep; swift current. Good place to camp.

Small Creek.--6 1/2 - 364 1/2

Small Creek--1 1/2 - 366

Crooked Creek.--1/2 - 366 1/2

Camp Creek.--4 - 370 1/2

16 There are two creeks here only a few rods apart. The water is cold and there is an abundance of grass here.

Wolf Creek.--5 1/2 - 376

A short distance beyond this is a steep ____?

Watch Creek.--4 1/4 - 380 1/2

Eight rods wide. After this the road runs near the river to avoid swamps by the bluffs.

Lone Tree --4 1/2 - 384 1/2

This is about three hundred yards south of the road.

Castle Creek.--5 1/2 - 390

Six rods wide, two feet deep; swift current; quicksand bottom. The banks are low.-- Good place to camp.

Sand Hill Creek.--5 - 395

This is twelve feet wide and very shoal. You can get no more water for eighteen miles.-- The road crosses several dry creeks and sand ridges.

Crab Creek.--18 1/2 - 413 1/2

Twenty feet wide; quite shallow. Two miles further you will see high bluffs on the right; by ascending one of these you can see Chimney Rock to the westward. One mile from this creek there is a small lake, south of the road; here is a good place to camp

without turning off the road. After this you cross Cobble Hills, which are steep and difficult.

Road Joins the River.--8 1/2 - 422

Here is a good place to camp. After this the road is sandy for ten miles.

[Ancient] Bluff Ruins.--1 1/2 - 423 1/2

/? some bluffs north of the road which resemble the ruins of Castles, Churches, Fortifications, &c.

Road Joins the River. 9-10 1/2 - 434

Good place to camp. Opposite to this on the south side of the river, is the Convent Rock.

Chimney Rock.--23 - 457

This stands on the south side of the river, and bears the unpoetical description of a haystack with a pole standing in the center of it. After this the upland is somewhat barren, and you will find many prickly pears and artimicia, which continue through most of the remainder of the journey. The road here is some distance from the river.

Scott's Bluffs.--19 1/2 - 476 1/2

These bluffs stand on the south bank of the river, and rise to a great perpendicular height.

Spring Creek.--4 - 480 1/2

This is south of the road; is ten feet wide, and contains good water. Is a good place to camp.

Road Near the River--12 1/2 - 493

Good place to camp. From this may be seen the Laramie Peak among the Black Hills.

Timber North of the River.--13 1/2 - 506 1/2

Here the road is one fourth of a mile from the river and is very sandy.

Raw Hide Creek.--5 1/2 - 512

This may sometimes be dry, but the road

18 passes near the river, where you _____? camping at almost any point.

Fort Laramie Ford.--12 - 523

Fort Laramie is about one mile west from this ford. The river is over three hundred yards wide, has a swift current and is often too deep to ford, in which case you will be compelled to ferry it, or follow up the north side where you will find a very good road. If you cross the river you must keep to the right of the ford and ascend a sloping ridge.

Steep Hill to Descend.-- 7 1/2 - 531 1/2

This descent is over rocks and very steep, which makes it dangerous for wagons. Four and a half miles from this you cross a steep ridge; about half way down this ridge is a sudden bend in the road, where great care should be taken to prevent overturning the wagons. Three fourths of a mile from this descent the road diverges in a southwestern direction from the river, and does not join it again for eighty miles.

Warm Spring.--7 - 538 1/2

This is a large spring of very clear sulphurous water; its temperature is a little below blood heat. The spring is a short distance to the right of the road. From the spring the road ascends a steep bluff.

Bitter Creek and Cold Spring.--10 1/2 - 549

Here you will find an abundance of timber and grass.