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Stout

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ache all day.

Tues May 16th 1848.

Fine warm day. Got my oxen from T. Riches. Mudge refuses to pay his police tax. Laid up my coffee: 67 pounds

Wed May 17th 1848.

Finished arrainging my loads and traded in the Store for my out fit and started on our journey to the Far West about two o'clock (p.371) I moved in two waggons which were arraigned as follows To one waggon was two yoke of oxen & one yoke of cows which were driven by Samuel Carns who engaged to drive a team & for me to board him & draw 400 pounds.

The other woggon had one yoke of oxen which I drove.

This waggon I slept in.

The whole amount of my loading was 3,237 pounds weight. We proceeded on without any difficulty only having to dsuble up the main hill after leavin town from the Summit of which we took our last long view of the town and the civilized world east of the Rocky Mountains.

We arrived in Camp about 3 miles from town in good time & turned our cattle out to bait on most excellent grass.

There was a very large company here already.

The night was clear & pleasant with a full moon to cheer us. (p.372)

Thurs May 18th 1848.

All well. Baited our cattle again Lay up to day while many waggons were continually coming into camp

Frid May 19th 1848.

Warm clear & pleasant.

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Lay up Waggon continually coming in

Lorenzo Snow with the Pisgah company passed by to day for the Papea where he was to build a new bridge somewhere above the old one. Some one or two also left this camp & went on Prest Young came into camp but returned again.

Sat. May 20th 1848.

Very warm and clear. Lay up. Many waggons came into camp & many went on from camp. Rained very hard to night.

Sund May 21 1848.

Fine warm day. Lay up again. Prest Young & Kimball came in to day intending to move on tomorrow.

Last night Mudge had 2 barrels of Mollasses 1 of mackerel and one hog-head of sugar stolen - (p.373)

Monday May 22nd 1848

Rained hard last night.

Dark morning. We started about ten. The roads being lined with teams as far as we could see.

We traveled on untill about 4 o'clock when it commenced to rain & we turned out awhile two miles this side of the papea.

The rain ceasing we went on to the papea where we found a large company assembled.

The Bridge was finished this evening and several of us crossed on it the first who went over. But in consequence of the hard rains the crossing was extremely bad. This Bridge is about one mile above the old one

We had another hard rain to night.

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Uncommon wet morning & still raining.

Teams were now crossing but the mud was deep & they had hard work.

About noon it cleared off with a North wind drying the roads very fast.

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Wed May 24th 1848.

Cloudy morning. The crossing being much better the whole camp crossed this morning and we all moved on to the Horn where we arrived at two o'clock.

This new rout is considerable nearer than the old one from the Papea to the Horn.

This evening there was a very large camp on the Horn and all was in motion. The raft was commenced to be repaired.

Thurs May 25th 1848.

There was many at work this morning at the raft but in some confusion to avoid which a committee of three were appointed to superintend the whole business of crossing and directing the camp in relation to locating after crossing.

The committee were Daniel Carns, Chancy G. Webb and myself. The raft was done at noon and 26 waggons crossed to day which were located in the form of a hollow square for the main camp. (p.375)

Frid May 26th 1848.

This morning I crossed over immediately after breakfast.

There were 93 waggons crossed this day, A child of Br John Neph's was drowned to day.

Sat May 27th 1848.

Hard S. wind all day. Went hunting. Prest Young and many more teams arrived at the Horne.

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Sund May 28th 1848.

Hard rain last night. The ground on which I was encamped is covered in water. The Horn is rising.

good day but cloudy.

President Young crossed.

Monday May 29th 1848.

Superintended the fixing the bridge on which the waggons lands off the raft which was now floating by the Horn rising.

Stood guard the first tour to night.

Tues May 30th 1848.

Very sick head ache this morning which lasted all day.

Pres Young formed his line one mile North of the main camp.

D. Carns & I made him a visit untill bed time (p.376)

Wed May 31st 1848.

Cold morning. Several of us went this morning to meet E. Gardner & others of the police who were coming We met them about three miles from the Horn. Over 100 waggons crossed this morning day.

Thurs June 1st 1848.

This morning there was a hog & dog found dead which I suppose were put to death for some midnight sin.

Lorenzo Snow with the Pisgah Co started on to day.

Prest Kimball came to the Horn.

Prest Young organized his company this evening into two hundred

the first was Allen Taylor Capt first & Daniel Carns & John Harvey

Capt 50. The Second William G. Perkins Capt & Eliazer Miller & John

D. Lee Capt 50.

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I was organized in Carns fifty

Sister Taylor wife of J. Taylor from Batavia N. Y. this spring died to day of measles & was buried by Jacob Weatherbee's grave where some 4 or 5 were buried while we were here. (p.377)

Friday June 2nd 1848

Prest Kimball crossed to day.

At 4 o'clock all the wagons on the other side of the river were crossed. Capt Lee has had hard work to raise his 50. The people do not like to go with him. Zera Pulcifer starts to day with his Company.

I was in the 4th Company of Carns 50 which were mostly police.

We appointed A. L. Fulmer for our Captain of ten.

To day Elders Hyde & Woodruff accompanied by several more & some of the merchants from Winter Quarters made us a visit

W. Woodruff took super with me when I spent an agreeable hour

I stood guard till half past twelve.

Sat June 3rd 1848.

Our 50 started this morning at 7 o'clock but did not go more than two miles before we put up for a hard rain. We camped here.

Sund June 4th 1848.

To day we lay up because of wet weather. (p.378)

Monday June 5th 1848.

Started earley. The line of wagons was very long. Our ten in front where we travelled all the way.

To day Sister Groves who was very weak having been sick, fell out of her waggon which ran over her breast & leg which it broke & came near killing her.

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We put up for the night at the Liberty poll on the Platte at half past 3 o'clock.

Tues June 6th 1848.

Fine day. Started in good time. Went 13 1/4 miles and stoped where the road joins the river

A meeting was called at dark to arraing the order of traveling

I was appointed Capt of the guard. We were to start at 7 a.m. and turn our cattle out to feed at half past three.

Wed June 7th 1848

Hard S. wind all night, in the morning dark heavy clouds to the North like for rain.

We went 12 miles to Shell Creek by noon & stoped for the night I stood guard the first tour. Rainy night. (p.379)

Thurs June 8th 1848

Cloudy disagreeable drizzling day untill noon. Lay up.

Made out the guard roll to day.

Friday June 9th 1848.

Travelled 12 3/4 miles to and stoped at Long Lak. Here was an abundance of Sweet flag or galeus a large quantity of which was geathered.

To day Oliver Dunean one of Prest Youngs Boys fell off the waggon toungue & the waggon ran over his leg & Broke it.

This evening I detailed the guard which was an uncommon long job where the corral encloses about ten or fifteen acres.

It is all I can do after we stop untill dark.

Sat. June 10th 1848.

Moved 18 miles. Stoped on or two miles this side of Looking Glass

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Sund June 11th 1848.

Lay up. Had a little meeting.

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From June 1848 to Jan. 1852

Monday, June 12th, 1848.

Moved on. Crossed Beaver river at noon and encamped at the old Pawnee Station on Plumb tree 14 miles. We heard from the advance Company today. Two Companies of which had crossed the Loup Fork.

Tues. June 13th, 1848.

Passed the new Station part of which is burn<sup>d</sup> down since last fall; all else looked about as it did last fall.

We crossed Cedar Creek at noon & went to the Upper Pawnee Village having travelled 16 1/2 miles to day. It was late before all the teams came in to night.

I was very sick with the head ache and was unable to detail the guard but left it to the two Captians of Fifties.

Wed. June 14th, 1848.

Started early & went to the Loup Ford at noon and carraled for the night. The advance Companies are nearly all over. One of Dane Miller's waggons Bo;ged in the quick sand. (begin p. 2)

Thurs. June 15th, 1848

Earley this morning a large number of teams were sent over from the other side of the river to assist us over.

We were over by noon and encamped about one mile below the Ford.

I got very wet. In the evening it rained very hard in which I had to detail the guard.

To day we heard from Kimballs Co who were at cedar creek.

Afternoon we left the Horn the Omaha made an attact on thier cattle & horses. In trying to rescue them Br. Ricky & Egan were badly

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wounded, They in return wounded & perhaps killed some of them.

Frid. June 16th, 1848.

Wet morning. Carns Company had carrelled wrong end to and this morning we changed ends. John lays child died today. Heber's company came to the Ford to day about two or three o'clock.

Rainy afternoon and night.

Very unpleasant weather. (p. 3)

Sat. June 17th, 1848.

This morning another large company of teams went over to assist Heber's company over. I returned about one or two to camp. Wet in the evening.

Sund. June 18th, 1848.

Dark heavy clouds. Raining some. Had a meeting to day at Heber's camp. Jehu Cox's child was killed by a waggon running over it, between Cedar Creek & the Loup Fork Ford.

Lorenzo Snow & Zera Pulcifer's Cos. went on today about 5 miles and encamped in the Sand nobs but they had watter because of the heavy rains.

Sam'l Meecham came to board with me today.

Monday June 19th, 1848.

We moved on today The ground soft & unpleasant travelling. The day was very hot. One ox of John Alger melted and died.

After a hard days tug over the Sand nobs & soft ground between we arrived at prairie creek one hour after night but many teams did not get through and had to lay out in the prairie all night. (p. 4)

Tues. June 20th, 1848.

Teams were coming into camp all night. We went on to wood river where we arrived late.

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Wed. June 21st, 1848.

We had rather scant allowance of grass for our animals this morning  
We moved on to the place where the road runs to the river 14 miles.

Thurs. June 22nd, 1848.

Drizzling day. Went on about 18 miles and carrelled on the high dry  
prairie some three miles from the River. Had to use the Bois de Vache  
or Buffalo chips for fuel which were damp which made rather an unfav-  
orable impression on our women relative to being entirely confined to  
them before we get to our journey's end.

Frid. June 23rd, 1848.

Cool morning. Hard times for Breakfast because of our fuel.

We traveled to Elm Creek 18 miles This is about the head of Grand Is-  
land and a few miles beyond the place I met the pioneers last fall In-  
creased the guard. (p. 5)

Sat. June 24th, 1848.

Cool morning. Moved about 10 miles, encamped in the prairie by a Slough  
of clear watter using Buffalo chips for fuel again with better success  
as they are dryer.

To night W. J. Norton was tried for being found asleep on guard last  
night.

Sund. June 25th, 1848.

Moved to the main Flatte to day 6 miles which is about 244 miles from  
Winter Quarters.

Here we over took the advance companies. We encamped away from the river  
& had to dig about two and half feet for water. There was a meeting to  
day.

Mr. Devlin a man who was spoken of while we lay up at Chariton ford was

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now lurking around and was now gone back to Grand Island where the U. S. Soldiers were at work.

Mond. June 26th, 1848.

Lay up. Like for rain. (p. 6)

Tues. June 27, 1848.

Lay up. Heber's Co came to day and stoped one mile or so above us. Some stray mules were discovered and taken by Alex Williams & others on the other side of the river to day.

Meeting at dark to Appoint men to hunt and kill Buffalo for the Camp in stead of men leaving their teams to run after them. Seth Dodge was tried to night for being found asleep on guard.

Wed. June 28th, 1848.

Moved on to day & carrelled on Ptah Lake, About 14 miles. All the Companies are in sight to night.

Thurs. June 29th, 1848.

Moved on today about 14 or 16 miles camped on the river Banks higher than common.

Large herds of Buffalo were seen all day on the other side of the river & a few were killed but not brought into camp. We now have occasionally Sandy ridges to cross which is very hard on teams otherwise the road is as usual. (p. 7)

Frid. June 30th, 1848.

Moved on about 16 miles and encamped at the cold Springs (the most beautiful Springs here.) Our road was over sandy bluffs which came up to the river. We are now fairly into the Buffalo range Swarms & herds of which are in sight all the time The range looks like an old pasture field the grass all fed off close.

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The hunting fever siezed on the brethren, and they, regardless of the previous arraignments, to let hunters kill our meat often ran and left their teams pursuing & shooting at the buffalo all day. Many were killed & left out, & but few brought into camp.

To night about dark a skunk made us a visit Locating himself under my waggons. We endeavored to drive it away without exciting it but knowing the Power it held over us seemed perfectly tame while we had only to deal mildly with it. At length it went under Judge Phelps waggon & laid down in his harness where we were obliged to let it be in peace. (p. 8)

Saturday July 1st, 1848.

Went on. Had a Buffalo fight in the river. Saw 1000's of Buffalo to day which moved as black clouds in the prairie. It is a Sight not to be described & only to be realized by the Sight.

The people ran reckless and regardless to every principal of good order after them, shooting them down and leaving them on the ground. The President reproved the people for the course they had taken in running after the buffalo and said he would have nothing more to do with it but every man might do as he pleased as they would not abide their own arrangements in hunting.

It was long after dark before I could get the guard made out because the men were out after the buffalo.

How like a permanent location is the carral, formed every time alike. What a monotonous solitary feeling to go around every night in search of the guard. (p.9)

Sunday July 2nd, 1848.

Lay up 302 miles from W. Quarters, on the Platte. Many hunters

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out & Some did not come in to night.

Monday July 3rd, 1848.

Went on about 18 miles and stoped after crossing the North Bluff Fork 6 rods wide & shallow.

Tues. July 4th, 1848.

Moved on and again stoped on the Platte bottom.

Today is our Nation's annaversary or birthday of her liberty while we are fleeing exile from her tyranny & appression.

Verry Sick to night & all day.

Wed. July 5th, 1848.

Eard on teams today passing over Sandy bluffs. H. Gates upset one of his waggons on one but did not any body. The grass is still pastured very close by the buffalo looking like old pastured fields.

We encamped on goose creek 344 miles on our journey. (p. 10)

Thurs. July 6th, 1848.

Nooned at the Cedar bluffs & went on 4 or 5 miles & encamped

T. B. Foot & J. Ivie was courtmartialed to night for being asleep or not on duty.

Friday July 7th, 1848.

Nooned near camp creek passed wolf creek & then light Sandy ridges and encamped at the West Side.

Sat. July 8th, 1848.

Went on and nooned at the Lone tree a well known land mark In the afternoon went to ash hollow and carraled for Sunday. Opposite to us was a company of traders and Mormon Apostates who were returning to the States with their families.

Sund. July 9th, 1848.

Lay up being about 380 miles on our journey. I was so sick with the

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head ache today that I kept my bed and could not detail the guard. (p.11)

Monday July 10th, 1848.

I was some better but weak. Passed Sand Mill creek & stoped in the prairie.

Tues. July 11th, 1848.

Moved on & stoped near Crab Creek It was ten o'clock before all came into camp. A few brethren met us today from the Valley.

Wed. July 12th, 1848.

Moved on passed Cobble hill from the top of which Chimney Rock is to be seen to the West.

To night we put up opposite to ancient Bluff Ruins where we met some waggons which had come to meet us from the Valley.

Here was a large company of Sioux very friendly and altogether the best looking and neatest Indians I ever saw Proud Spirited & Seemed to disdain to beg & the men would Seldom condesend to trade in small articles like moccasins but would have their squaws do it. Had a meeting to night and agreed to lay up to morrow. (p. 12)

Thurs. July 13th, 1848.

Lay up. Much trading with the Indians by the people. Leber's company came up. To night we had about the hardest rain I ever saw.

It is peculiar to this country that there is now dews as in the States

Frid. July 14th, 1848.

To day we moved on & some also who had come from the Valley & some from our company went back to the Bluffs with some teams, among those who went back was S. Meham who had boarded with me.

Saturday July 15th, 1848.

Moved on and Stopped opposite to Chimney Rock. Had to dig some 6 or

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7 feet for water being about two miles from the river. We are now entirely out of the buffalo range.

Sund. July 16th, 1848.

Lay up and had a meeting at which the companies were divided Brigham's into 4. Bishop Carns taking on in which I of course fell as I belonged to it before. (p. 13)

Monday July 17th, 1848.

All moved on. Heber's company crossed over the platte this morning. We encamped nearly opposite to Scotts bluffs making rather a diminutive appearance now as Carn's company only consisted of two tens Fulmer's and Call's. It was here decided that I should continue Capt. of the guard We had a hard rain in the evening.

Tues. July 18th, 1848,

We traveled on and put up in a very large wet bottom of good grass We turned of to the river some 2 miles & stoped on the river banks. This bottom was wet and strongly impregnated with alkali.

Wed. July 19th, 1848.

Went on and nooned at a creek 200 yards south of the road on good grass and then travelled some 5 or 6 miles & turned South and put up where there was plenty of grass & timber While the Bishop went on further & stoped in the prairie This is the first timber on the N. side of the platte for the last 200 miles. (p. 14)

Thurs. July 20th, 1848.

To day we went to Raw Hide creek having the heaviest sandy road we had since we started and no grass of any importance. To night we had no guard out for the first time after this we do not guard any more.

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Friday July 21st, 1848.

This morning we recieved word from The President that he was crossing the river about two miles below us & desired us also to cross there as it was the best place.

Accordingly we took the back track through the deep loose Sand and crossed-over taking the Oregon road two or three miles all encamped together in a small Bottom without much grass.

Larimie Peak has been in sight for the last three days.

The Platte above here looses its wide Shallow watters and is a narrow deep swift running stream of good water. (p. 15)

Sat. July 22nd, 1848.

Went on a few miles and baited our cattle & proceeded on over a hilly & barren land crossing Larimie Fork a deep swift handsome stream,

In a short distance we came to old Fort Larimie which is now in ruins

The new Fort is two miles above on the Larimie Fork.

After looking around the old Fort awhile to statisfy our curiosity we went on over barren & desolate looking bottoms some five miles and encamped on the river turning our cattle over on the other side for grass which was tolerable good. Sister Fulmer was delivered of a child to night.

Sund. July 23rd, 1848.

Went on 4 or 5 miles to give room for the President & again turned our cattle adross for grass.

Here was very high Buttes of marley lime stone. Several of us went to the top and enjoyed ourselves by rolling large stone & dead Cedar trees down their perpendicular side of Some 2 or 300 feet.

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(p. 16) Monday July 24th, 1848.

Moved 17 1/2 miles to day to Dead Timber creek where we found plenty of grass & water. We went over some very high Ridges of the Black Hills and passed one warm spring.

Tues. July 25th, 1848.

We only moved about half a mile to day to a small ravine which came out of the hills in which there was plenty of grass & water where we recruited our cattle

Cap. Call went on and did not any more travel with us.

Had an evening rain.

Wed. July, 26th, 1848.

Moved on to Horse Creek 14 miles & 565 miles on our journey.

To day we had high & steep ridges to cross. Here we met several of the brethren from the Vally on their way home They were mostly those of the Battalion.

All the companies were here together now & all turned out their cattle in the timber to run at large. (p. 17)

Thurs. July 27th

Very rainy, boggy & cattle all out at ran down. All the camps lay up because of the hard rains and soft roads.

Friday July 28th, 1848.

Hard rain & hail in the night. We all made a general drive and brought in all the cattle at once and went on ascending a hill 3/4 of mile up where we had a fine view of the surrounding country & now about opposite to Larinie Peak which is to the left towering above the clouds.

We travelled 4 3/4 miles and stoped on a small creek where there is but

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little water but good grass. Heber came in sight while we were on the hill. & Brigham passed one mile beyond us to night.

This evening we saw and had a hard chase after a buffalo for several miles but could not get near to it before dark.

The country to the left is very mountainous. (p.18)

Sat. July 29th 1848.

Cattle look well this morning

Went on over high hills 13 miles to the La Boute which is a disagreeable looking stream of redish water and no grass. We had a very bad day being cold windy and cloudy.

Sunday July 30th 1848.

Hard Frost last night and poor feed. Went on to day over the most barren & hilly road we have yet met with on our journey. Traveled 18 1/2 miles to the A La Prele river where we found some grass but by no means plenty for the immense number of cattle which is now on it.

Monday July 31st 1848.

Lay up. Some cattle strayed for the Platte but were recovered.

Went with D. Carns hunting up the river. Passed an arch of stone which stretched entirely across the river and over hung by very high hills of red Sand stone.

The arch was more than 20 ft high. Passing up the stream (p.19) we found that it broke through the high mountain in a rough & rugged current. There were fresh sign of Bear. We assended a very high Peak from the top of which we discovered a very large grizzly bear on the edge of the water & fired 4 rounds at him but only wounded him. He made his escape by climbing the opposite hill

From here we assended the next peak which was the highest in this

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vicinity from which we could see to a great distance up this stream and found it wound its way along an apparently level plain until it came to this mountain through which it seemed to force its way.

Descending from this lofty Peak we came home when I found my wife sick and unable to set up for a moment with a verry severe attack of the Mountain fever. (p.20)

Tues. Aug 1st 1848.

Went on 8 1/2 miles to the Fourche Boise River and encamped. Road some better to day. Here we found plenty of grass about one mile up the river.

to night I had to be cook.

My wife was worse with the fever.

Wed. Aug 2nd 1848.

I got breakfast this morning. Cattle look well. Wife get very sick Went on. Passed Deer Creek, a beautiful place, and Stopped 4 or 5 miles beyond turning our cattle over the Platte for grass.

An uncommon hard wind storm arose in the evening and lasted an hour or so.

Thurs. Aug 3rd 1848.

We had went only about 2 miles when one of my oxen took the blind Staggers and died in a short time. Detained about an hour with him we went on to Crooked Mudy Creek & putting one of Carns oxen in my team went on several miles and put up again sending our cattle over the river. (p. 21)

Frid. Aug 4th 1848.

Went on to the Upper Ford of the North Fork and encamped. Here were several from the Valley who had come to meet us & had been also ferrying the Oregon Emigrants over the Platte. There was good grass

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here when we first came. but the immense herds of all the camp soon consumed it all and left our cattle in a suffering condition.

Saturday Aug 5th 1848.

Lay up as there had to be much repairing & also dispose of the waggons & teams which were from the Valley

Prest Young proposed to assist me to another ox as my team was now broken. This evening it was arraigned with me & Bp Carns for him to take his flour & Saml go with him which would lighten my load near 500 lbs in all and him go on as all were who were ready leaving more room & grass for our cattle who had yet to tarry. (p. 22)

Sunday Aug 6th 1848.

This morning Carns and what few of his company were left with him went on & I & Josiah Arnold concluded to travel together and as my loading was considerably lightened for me to go with one yoke to each wagon & as his team was worn out for him to work my odd animal so as to release his partly and his boy Orson to drive one of my waggons & for us to travel no faster than our teams were able to go and try & make to the Sweet Water by the time President Young should get there. After which we went to let the Prest know that we would not now expect any assistance from him as he was scarce of teams.

We then returned & started on crossing the river at three trips and had hard drawing then. We then went on two miles & turned off to the river South & put up with Carn on a high bluff and turned our cattle over the river on good grass. (p. 23)

Monday Aug 7th 1848.

Went on today our cattle done well last night. We went to Mineral Spring 10 1/2 miles. I was very sick head ache to day.

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Tues Aug 8th 1848.

Our cattle fared badly last night. We had turned them out there being plenty of grass down the stream and upon going down we found the whole land covered with a strong incrustation of saleratus & the water almost entirely alkali. My two best oxen and one cow appeared as if they would not live an hour and every appearance indicated that I would be left without a team. This was the case with many more. After giving the cattle some thing to work off the poison we went on passing by a strong spring & lake of alkali.

one of Arnold oxen was in the same fix.

We went about 14 miles today and my animals recovered. (p. 24)

Wed Aug 9th 1848

Our cattle fared badly last night for we only turned them out on a small patch of grass close around us there only chance and at dark tied them up to keep them from running away which they attempted to do. We went on two miles to the Willow Springs where there was tolerable good grass & turned out to bait them awhile and went on ascending a very high hill from the top of which we had a fine view of the Sweet Water Mountains.

We had a rain this after noon which detained us awhile after which we went on makin about 13 miles today and had good grass for our cattle to night which was the first good feed since we left the Flatte on Monday morning.

In this vicinity the sage grows about 8 or ten feet high & some six inches in diameter, the largest I saw on the road. (p.25)

Thurs Aug 10th 1848.

Went on and encamped close by the West Side of Rock Independence. making 14 miles to day & passing over very sandy and barren land

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also passed over the immense fields or lakes of saleratus where we laid in our stock of this article. Large lakes of which lay like fields of snow crusted sometimes six inches deep over the ground.

We were now on the banks of the Sweet Water where there was already many camps & plenty of grass.

This evening President Young came up. Better prospects were now before us. The Sweet Water Valley abounds in the best of grass. It is almost marvelous how Br Arnold ever reached this place with our loads as we did over the worst road on the whole journey and such poor feed, but our cattle seemed to be in tolerable order and our hopes now brightened. (p.26)

Friday Aug. 11th 1848.

Lay up and explored Rock Independence from the summit of which we had a commanding view of a large scope of country & a beautiful view of the extensive saleratus lakes like the new fallen snow.

We then went to a lake and gathered another lot of the best kind of saleratus.

Saturday Aug 12th 1848.

Our cattle having recruited we went on ten or 12 miles passing near by the Devils Gate a most singular curiosity where the river seems to break through perpendicular rocks 400 feet high. Curiosities are here too numerous for me to attempt to describe them. The Sweet Water Valley is now a most beautiful looking meadow and excellent grazing place and camps are now to be seen all along as we travel. (p. 27)

Sunday Aug 13th 1848.

Here I met with another very sad misfortune again. On going out to look for my cattle I found one of my oxen dead. He had manifested

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signs of not being well last evening when I turned him out. Every prospect now seemed to bid fair for me to make out slow headway meeting to day. Frost Young wishes to go on so as to send back for those who can not help themselves

To day the North wind blew uncommonly cold.

Monday Aug 14th 1848.

This morning I obtained an odd ox from A.L. Fulmer as one of his had also died here & he obtained another yoke & thus I got unexpected help so as to travel just as I did, in slow time with Mr Arnold So we went on 13 miles over a very heavy sandy road most of the way & stoped after dark on the Sweet Water.

Several cattle give out to day & were left dead by the road side. (p.28)

Thurs Aug 15, 1848.

Slowly traveled on again 11 3/4 miles over deep sand part of the way having some times to rest the oxen every few rods and again put up on the river having good grass.

Wed Aug 16th 1848.

Went on crossing the Sweet Water three times making 9 3/4 miles & put up on the river again grass rather poor I traveled in Brighams ranks today.

Thursday Augt 17th 1848.

Today we went 16 1/2 miles I went mostly before and again stoped on the river having plenty of good grass. The express met us today from the Valley giving us the joyfull information that a large number of teams and wagons were on the way to meet us.

Friday Aug 18th 1848.

Went on ten miles. good grass Roads about as usual.

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Saturday Aug 19th 1848.

Went on over very high rough rocky ridges which was hard on men & teams. Went 13 1/4 miles & encamped in a deep creek, a branch of the Sweet Water. To day I was taken with the Mountain Fever & suffered extremely all night.

Sunday Aug 20th 1848.

Our cattle fared poorly. I was unable to get up & very sick. Went on 7 miles to the Sweet Water & put up. My wife driving the team & me not able to raise up in my bed. Here the President concluded to send back the teams as there was an abundance of grass to enable us to lay up awhile.

Monday Aug. 21 1848.

I was yet very sick & suffering extremely. Preparations were making to fit out those who were to go back - also repairing the waggon, unloading &c which gave very much of a business like appearance to the camp. (p. 30)

Tuesday Aug 22nd 1848.

This morning I was able to get out of my bed but very weak. Some brethren came to day from Bridger & Smith's with Mackeson &c to trade to day. To the North in Mountain Peaks (the Wind river) to be seen covered with snow. They are I believe the Wind Mountains.

Wednesday Aug 23rd 1848.

Could walk around again. Frost & ice now every clear night.

Thurs Aug 24 1848.

Around. But weak

Friday Aug 25th 1848.

Heard from Kimball's company to day. They were travelling very slowly.