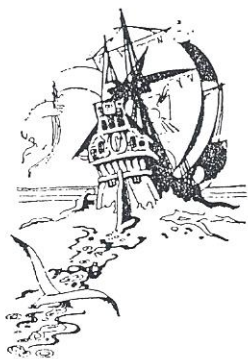


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APRIL 22nd

Hinde: (Monday) Today has been assuredly the fa(i)rest day we have had for a week yet quite windy, with all we had some rain. Yet it will do to brag on a fair day compared to the rest.

One of our company took sick and keep (kept) us from going to town today of going back home.

Fike went and engaged some oats for us to take along.

We daily came across all kinds of conveyances to the Gold region mans (page 16) invention can produce.

Today I saw two men with a sack of flour on his back and other with necessities on their road to California.

APRIL 23RD

Hinde: (Tuesday): Today has changed the appearance of affa(irs) Mr. Hay left today and put all things in my charge with thirty dollars to bear expenses.

I conveyed him to Independence in the wagon and bot (bought) our flour for the trip which cost me thirteen dollars and fourty five cents.

APRIL 24th

Hinde: (Wednesday) Today we have been making preparations to go off on our way soon as convenient.

The weather has been clear but very cold.

The emigrants are still rooling (rolling) on by great floods and occasionally settling down around us until the woods has assumed a living aspect and the hum is keep (kept) up from morning until Night.

APRIL 25TH

Hinde: (Thursday) I went to Independence to see (Mr. Haly (23A) who put me in charge of all interest in team and expedition. Also to act as his agent. he also put Billy a boy he has going on shears (shares) under my charge. We are all in readiness and intend to go to Blue River tomorrow.

I am much disappointed at not hearing from my friends. I directed them to write to St. Joseph and by coming this rout I will miss the opportunity. Emigrants are sill (still) passing on to point locations and procure food. I can form no estimate of the number but it is immens(e) that are on the roads and camped 10 to 15 miles off where ever food can be had.

WE ARE CAMPED 9 MILES FROM INDEPENDENCE ON SANTA FEE (sic) road in sight of Co (24) Grants residence.

This portion of the country is well improved. The land is rich and bears a high price from ten to twenty dollars per acre.