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A JOURNAL FOR THE OVERLAND ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA IN 1852 - S. P. KREPS

* April the 25 - Sunday

Started today at 9 o'clock, traveled on that Day. Everything was dull with us that day. Put up tonight about 5 miles from the Dutch mill. Came today 30 miles.

Monday the 26th

Started this morning very early in order to get to the starting point before night. We traveled on briefly til we got there about 3 o'clock in the evening and when we got there all was right but have to lay over here one week before we start. Came today 20 miles.

We stayed there and herded our cattle and past off time as well as we could. The week seemed very long to us but finally Sunday came. We were all anxious to part.

May the 2nd, 1852

All were in a hurry for starting to that California, as it was the Cry. We got started this morning about 9 o'clock and traveled about 10 miles and got to Wilaby Branch and camped. This night we had a pretty damp time of it. It came up a very heavy rain and hail. We laid in our tent and by it being new it rained right in. Our tent was set on a hillside and the water run against it about waist side deep to us. When we got up the next morning we thought that it was pretty hard times, but however, we must go on.

May the 3rd

Started on the next morning all soaked. Traveled on about 10 miles and nooned. Laid by this afternoon to dry our duds. Camped on Hickory Branch. Rained some today.

May the 4th

Started on this morning about 8 o'clock and bound to make a big drive today and missed our way and when we stopped we had made 3 miles. Slow day for traveling. Camped this night on Buronk Slough in Iowa.

May the 5th

Started on. Today we had a pretty rough time of it. Rained on us pretty much all day and all the choice for us was to go ahead. We traveled all day in a big prairie, and we had to make Artillery Point. We got to camp about an hour in the night. Our teams were _____ and we were tired. Made today 25 miles. Camped in Artillery on the middle fork of the Grand River.

May the 6th

Started this morning about nine o'clock and traveled about 8 miles and camped near the garden grove on one prong of the Grand River. We came 8 miles today.

May 7th

Started on this morning at 7 o'clock. Roads very muddy and had camped tonight on a small creek. Came today 12 miles

May 8th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock. Roads muddy and bad in places. Our teams stand it very well. Was all in good spirits. Came today 16 miles. Camped on a small prairie creek.

May 8th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 16 miles and struck up camp. Roads very muddy and bad today. Camped tonight on the waters of Grand River.

May 9th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came about 18 miles. Day is pleasant and warm. Roads very good today. We camped tonight on one prong of the Grand River. Plenty of grass and water.

May 10th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock. It rained on us this morning a little. We traveled on and found the roads very good. We traveled about 18 miles today. Tonight we camped in a big prairie. Plenty of grass and water.

May 11th

Started this morning about 7 o'clock and came 8 miles and crossed the main branch Platte River. Kept moving along and came 6 miles and crossed the middle fork of Nodaway. Came about one mile and a half and struck up camp in the Prairie. Came today 15½ miles. Plenty of water and grass.

May 12th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and traveled on all day and in crossing several branches their banks were muddy and bad. Made today 10 miles. Camped in a prairie slew. Good water and grass.

May 13th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 13 miles and crossed the west fork of the Nodaway River and there laid in a supply of wood. Drove out in the prairie about 5 miles. Came today 18 miles.

May 14th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 13 miles. Crossed the east fork of the Nishnabotna River and drove down the river about 2 miles and camped. We found plenty of good wood, water and grass and also plenty of fish. Made today 15 miles.

May 15

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 7 miles. Crossed one prong of Nishnabotna River and came 15 miles. Crossed the west fork of Nishnabotna and camped on the west side of the river. Came today 22 miles. It has much the appearance of rain this evening.

May 16

Started this morning and came 7 miles. Crossed Mud Creek and came 8 miles further and crossed Silver Creek. Came 5 miles and camped in a big prairie draw. Grass and water plenty. Today we came 20 miles.

May the 17th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 8 miles. Crossed Musket Creek and came 2 miles further and there we found Casseville, the place we were hunting. We drove down to about 2 miles from town and stayed there until the 22nd of May. Came today 12 miles

(Kansville)

May 22nd

Started this morning at about 8 o'clock and drove into town and laid in our provisions. Then drove down to the river. By the time we got across it was dark. We then drove out about 4 miles and struck up camp. We found no grass tonight for our teams. We chained our cattle to trees and guarded them for the first time. First Watch was John Kilgore and S. P. Kreps.

(Missouri)

May 23rd

Started this morning about sunrise. Came out about 2 miles and stopped there until 12 o'clock. Then came one mile and crossed a small creek that the Indians built a bridge over. Had toll for crossing it and then came 3 miles to an old Mormon town. Drove three miles and camped on a high ridge of prairie close to a Mormon grave yard. Came today nine miles. Day is fine and pleasant for traveling. Plenty of good water and grass.

May 24th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on and crossed over hills and valleys. Encamped on ————Creek. Not much grass tonight. Came today 16 miles.

May 25th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 9 miles to Elkhorn. Road somewhat hilly and crooked. This stream is 8 rods wide and is deep. Its current is swift. We hoped to camp here tonight. Good grass and water. Came today 9 miles.

May 26th

Started this morning at 8 o'clock. Crossed Elkhorn and started for Platte River. We reached it in about 10 miles. Camp up the river about 2 miles and camped. This night we are comforted with good water and grass. Road today was good. Came today 12 miles.

May 27th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 10 miles before we struck the river again. Then we traveled up the river 5 miles and camped. Day pleasant. Came 15 miles today.

May the 28th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 2 miles. Crossed Shell Creek and then came 10 miles and grazed for the noon. Came on this afternoon 8 miles and camped for the night about two hundred yards south of the road. Good water and grass. Came today 20 miles.

May 29

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 6 miles. Struck the Loup fork and came up the river 8 miles. Grazed our cattle for noon. Started on this afternoon and came 2 miles and crossed Looking Glass Creek. Came up the Loup fork about 6 miles and camped on a sand mound south of the road. Good grass and water. Came today 20 miles.

May 30th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 3 miles and crossed Beaver River. This stream is about 4 rods wide with plenty timber on its banks. From there we steered our course for Plum Creek 6 miles. This stream is small with some timber on its bank. Then came 3 miles and crossed Ash Creek. Then made for the north fork of the Loup 4 miles from Ash Creek. Camped on bank of Loup fork. Roads good today. Came today 17 miles. Good water and weather and grass.

May 31st

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and crossed Loup fork. We had a tight time in crossing this creek. It is about three hundred yards wide. All crossed safely and then laid in wood for the night. Drove out in the plains 12 miles and camped on Clear Creek. Day pleasant and road good. Good water and grass. Came today 12 miles.

June the 1st, 1852

Started this morning at 7 o'clock. Came 1 mile and then we struck a range of sand bluffs. The sand was 6 to 8 inches deep. We had sand for 15 miles and then we struck Platte River flats. Then we came 3 miles and crossed Prairie Creek. Drove up this creek about one mile and camped this night. We found the remains of an old wagon. We had plenty of good wood, water and grass. Came today 20 miles. Day is pleasant.

June the 2nd

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came one mile and crossed Dry Creek. Then we came $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles and crossed Wood Creek. Grazed our cattle for noon. Hitched up and drove 4 miles and camped. Today we

saw a curiosity. We passed through a dog town and saw prairie dogs for the first time. Tonight we had a tremendous hard rain and hail. Came today $13\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

June 3rd

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on and traveled all day in the Plains. Roads good today. Hunted all day. Saw seven antelopes but killed nothing. Came today 15 miles

June 4th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 10 miles. Crossed two deep ravines and came 2 miles and grazed for noon. Came on and traveled along side a slough. Came 4 miles and crossed a deep dry creek. Came 3 miles and camped. We had good wood, water and grass. Passed through several dog towns today. Came 20 miles today.

June 5th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 8 miles. Crossed Buffalo Creek. Came on 4 miles and grazed for noon. Then came on 9 miles and camped. Came today 21 miles. Started out hunting this morning and killed a buffalo. This was the first one that we had.

June 6th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on today. It was raining. Came 10 miles today and we struck up camp. We killed another buffalo today. We had good grass tonight.

June 7th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock. Came 1 miles and crossed a deep dry creek. Came on 14 miles and crossed a low range of sand bluffs where they but up to the river. Came on 1 mile on this side and camped. Stopped this evening at 3 o'clock. Plenty of chips, grass and water. Came today 16 miles.

June 8th

Started this morning at 10 o'clock and came 5 miles. Struck _____ Creek, traveled up _____ 5 miles and crossed it. Came 1 mile and passed by a lake on south side of the road. Came 5 miles and camped at a spring at the foot of the bluffs north of the road. Came today 16 miles.

June 9th

Started this morning at 8 o'clock and came $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Crossed Caring Creek. This creek is so wide we came 2 miles along the creek and camped. Good grass and water. Came today $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

June 10th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Bid the last timber farewell for 200 miles. Came on 2 miles and crossed wide, deep, dry creek, by banks but not bad to cross. Came on 5 miles and crossed North Bluff fork. Came on 3 miles and camped on a sandy plain. No grass nor water. Came today 18 miles.

June 11th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on 10 miles over sand hills and grazed for noon. Came on and crossed sand bluffs at 3 miles. Came on one mile this side and camped. No grass tonight. Came today 15 miles

June 12th

Started this morning at 8 o'clock. Came one mile and past a good spring north of the road. Came on 3 miles and crossed Potatoe Creek. Came on 6 miles and got _____ Creek and grazed our cattle. Started on this afternoon and came 8 miles and camped north of the road. Came today 18 miles.

June 13th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 1 mile. Crossed a spring branch and came 4 miles. Crossed a small creek 12 feet wide. Came four miles and crossed a spring branch and it made a spring on each side of the road. Came 1 mile and nooned _____. Started this afternoon and climbed the sand bluffs. Came 1 mile and struck the bottoms and came on 8 miles and crossed a small creek. It has much the appearance of rains tonight. Came today 20 miles.

June 14th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on 2 miles and passed the lone tree on the north side of Platte River. Came about 2 miles to Ash Hollow on the south side of the river. Came on 3 miles and got to Castle Bluff. This creek is about 6 rods wide, quicksand bottom, but not bad to cross. Came 4 miles and grazed for the noon. Started this afternoon and came 8 miles. Camped on a small creek. Good grass. Came today 20 miles.

June 15th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 10 miles. Grazed for the noon. Started on this afternoon and came 10 miles. Camped at the foot of the ancient bluffs. Went 3 miles after wood and parket it on our backs. Good grass. Came today 20 miles.

June 16th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came on 10 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon and came 8 miles. Crossed a rise of sand hills. Came 1 mile on this side and camped in a bottom. Good grass tonight. Came today 19 miles.

June 17th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock, came 13 miles and passed Chimney Rock. Came 4 miles this side and grazed for noon. Started on and came 11 miles. Camped on small creek. Grass good. This being a fine day for traveling we made 28 miles.

June 18

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 5 miles to Scotts Bluff on the south side of the river. Came on 4 miles to Spring Creek and nooned

Started on this afternoon and came 10 miles and drove off south of road and camped by a lake Good grass and water. Came today 19 miles.

+June 19th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 9 miles and nooned. This noon we reached a timber on the north side of the Platte River. Came this afternoon 9 miles and camped at a spring. Water and grass good. Came today 18 miles.

June 20th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 9 miles and nooned on a small creek. Started on this afternoon and came 10 miles. Camped on bank of Platte River. Wood, water and grass. Came today 19 miles.

June 21

Started this morning at 8 o'clock and drove 7 miles. Stopped and laid over til 22nd just above Fort Laramie about 2 miles. Camped near the river. Good grass and water. Came today 7 miles.

June 22

Started this morning at 8 o'clock and made a break through the Black Hills. Came today 10 miles and camped at a good spring. No grass for our cattle. Came today 10 miles.

June 23

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 6 miles and nooned. Started this afternoon and came 5 miles. Camped on a pine hill. Good grass but no water under a half mile. Came today 11 miles.

June 24th

Started this morning at 12 o'clock. Came 2 miles and crossed a spring branch. Came 4 miles and crossed a small creek one rod wide. Came 8 miles and camped on a dry creek north of the road. Plenty of timber but no water. Good grass. It rained on us today. Came today 14 miles.

June 25

Started this morning at 9 o'clock and came $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Watered our teams. Came on 8 miles and nooned. Came on 8 miles and camped on a small creek. Good water and grass. Came today $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

June 26th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock. Rolled on roads sandy and hilly. Came today 22 miles and camped without water or grass.

June 27th

Sunday again.

Started this morning at 6 o'clock. Traveled on this day, had good roads for about 12 miles. Then we had sandy roads for about 5 miles and good roads for the balance of the day. Made today 22 miles and

June 28th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 12 miles and nooned. Had very heavy sand this forenoon. Came about 8 miles and camped near the river. Good grass and water. Came today 20 miles. Killed an antelope today.

June 29th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on. Today we have a fine day for traveling. Came 10 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon. Came 10 miles and camped on the river bank. Roads today very sandy and hilly and very rocky in places. Came today 20 miles. No grass, water, or wood.

June 30th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock. Came 1 mile and loaded on part of a buffalo that we had killed this morning. Came on 9 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon and came 10 miles. Camped at Willow Springs. No grass tonight. Came today 20 miles.

July 1

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came on 11 miles and nooned. Road good this forenoon. Started on this afternoon and came 5 miles. Crossed Wood Creek and came 4 miles. Camped this side of alkali pond 1 mile. Rainy and bad this evening. Came today 27 miles. Good grass tonight.

July 2

Today we laid by and rested our teams. Went out hunting and killed one antelope. Camped at the same place tonight on Sweetwater River.

July 3rd

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 2 miles, and got to Independence Rock. This rock bears the names of hundreds of immigrants and also names of many explorers that found it out. On the opposite side of the river stands a rock that covers about 6 acres of ground. It tapers from bottom to top and it is a very silty rock. It is called the Temple Rock. Came on 1 mile above Independence Rock. Came on 1 mile above there and crossed the river. Came on 4 miles and got to Devil's Gate. This is a perfect curiosity to all immigrants who ever saw it. The river here runs through perpendicular rocks about 400 feet high. Came on from there 16 miles and there is another just like the other except the rocks not quite so high. Camped tonight and was at upper Devil's Gate. Good grass and water. Came today 23 miles.

July 4th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock. Came on 4 miles and crossed Bitter Cottonwood Creek. Came 5 miles and nooned. Laid by this afternoon about an hour by the sun and then started on. Came 2 miles and camped on Sweetwater River. Good grass and water. Came today 11 miles.

July 5th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came 8 miles and nooned. Day is cold and disagreeable for traveling. Ice froze on the bucket a quarter of an inch thick. Came today 15 miles. Camped on the river tonight.

Good grass and good water.

July 6th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came 3 miles and crossed the river. Leave the river now for 17 miles. Came on and crossed the river again. Came $\frac{1}{2}$ mile up the river and camped. No grass tonight. Came today 20 miles.

July 7

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on 5 miles. Roads hilly and bad. Noon on Sweetwater. Traveled 10 miles over the highest one of the Rocky Mountains and camped on a small creek.

July 8 (Thursday)

Started this morning at 7 o'clock. Came 7 miles and nooned. Roads rough this forenoon. Came on 7 miles and crossed Sweetwater River, for the last time. Camped on the west side of the river. Good grass and water. Came today 14 miles.

July 9

Started this morning at 5 o'clock. Came on til about noon and laid up for the balance of the day. Came today 6 miles. Camped on Sweetwater. Grass and water.

July 10

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on 4 miles. Got to the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains. This is the point we have been making for ever since we left home. We got there safely and all in good spirits. We have got turned downhill towards the Pacific Waters. Came on to Little Sandy and there laid in water. Came 3 miles this side and camped without water or grass. Came today 23 miles.

July 11th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock. Came on 6 miles and laid by the balance of the day on Big Sandy. Came today 6 miles

July 12 the 13th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and face a 50 mile stretch without water. We laid in water and traveled all day and night over a succession of hills and hollows and arrive at Green River about 2 o'clock the next day (13th). Drove down the river $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and forded the river. Camped on its bank. Good grass and water.

July 14

Left Green River this morning at 8 o'clock and came down the river 4 miles. Struck out over the mountains to Bird Creek and found good grass and water. We camped for the night. Came today 8 miles.

July 15th

Stayed here today to rest our teams.

July 16th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock. Came on 5 miles and nooned at the spruce pine grove. This grove is situated on the south side of the road and is a beautiful grove of small pine trees. We have a fine day for traveling. Rained a fine shower this evening. It was cool this afternoon. Came on 5 miles and had to stop on account of rain. Camped tonight on O'harrow's Creek. Good Grass. Came today 10 miles.

July 17th

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 3 miles. Crossed Crow Creek. Roads this morning very hilly and bad. Came 4 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon and climbed a big mountain. This mountain is about 3 miles high. We rolled on the western slope 4 miles to Ham's Fork. We camped on this creek. Good water and grass. Came today 14 miles.

July 18

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came on 2 miles. And now for climbing another mountain 3 miles high. Came on 6 miles and got to a _____ ash grove and nooned. Hailed a bit for us today. Came on and crossed a very high mountain and down in the Bear River Valley. Camped at the foot of the mountain. Good grass and water. Came today 20 miles.

July 19

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 12 miles. Crossed Smith Fork of Bear River. Road today fine and level. Came 1 mile and nooned. Came on this afternoon 10 miles and camped on Bear River. Came 23 miles today.

July 20th

Started the day at 11 o'clock and came 5 miles. Crossed Thomas' Fork of Bear River. Roads good this forenoon and this afternoon hilly and bad. Crossed over several hills and camped at the foot of the mountain. Grass and water. Came today 16 miles.

July 21st

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came on 6 miles, and crossed a small creek. Came 1 mile this side and nooned. Road is good. Came on this afternoon 6 miles and camped on a small creek. No grass. Came today 13 miles.

July 22

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 3 miles and crossed 3 small creeks. Came 4 miles and got to a spring of cold water. Came on 2 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon and came 3 miles. Crossed Black Mud Creek. This creek is muddy and bad to cross. Came 3 miles and camped by a spring. Came today 14 miles.

July 23rd

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came 8 miles to Soda Springs. Came 1 mile to Steamboat Springs. Came 1 mile to these springs which are situated on the south side of the road. These springs boiled out of a solid rock and the water flew up about 3 feet high. Came 2 miles and nooned.

Came on 2 miles and got to the junction of the Oregon Road. Came on 12 miles and camped on a small creek that runs from the mountain. Road today good. Came today 25 miles.

July 24th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 6 miles. Crossed several mountains and in coming down a ravine upset our wagon. Broke the hound of our wagon. Then drove to water and nooned. Came on 4 miles to Bannock River and then laid in water for the night. Came on 3 miles and camped. Came today 13 miles.

July 25th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on 5 miles, and got breakfast. Came on 8 miles to the next creek and camped. Came today 14 miles.

July 26th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock. Came 8 miles to a small creek and nooned. Came on this afternoon 8 miles and camped on a small creek. Roads good today with the exception of two small mountains. Came today 16 miles.

July 27th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on having today 25 miles of a desert to cross. Roads for the first 7 miles, had a big mountain to cross, and then traveled down a valley 10 miles. Road is good in the valley then for crossing a low range of mountains 8 miles to water. Yet after the crossing of the hill you will find the roads good to water. Got over this evening about 8 o'clock. Camped tonight at this spring. Came today 25 miles.

July 28

Laid by today on this branch.

July 29

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 9 miles to a small spring and nooned. Came on 6 miles and camped on Sinking Creek. Good water and grass. Came today 15 miles.

July 30th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came down Sinking Creek 5 miles. and then to Dry Creek 4 miles. Then to Spring Creek 8 miles. Roads today good. Came today 17 miles.

July 31 st

Started this morning at 7 o'clock and came 8 miles. Crossed Raft Creek. Came up this creek 3 miles and nooned. Good road this forenoon. Started on this afternoon by Raft Creek and came 4 miles and camped. Came today 18 miles.

August 1st, 1852

(Pyramid)

Started on this morning at 6 o'clock and came 4 miles and crossed a small creek. Came 6 miles and came to _____ Circle and nooned. This is

a beautiful circle formed by rocks of many sizes and shapes. These are composed of a hard granite. The rocks bear the names of many persons. Came 1 mile to junction of Salt Lake Road and Sublets Cutoff. Came 4 miles to a spring branch and camped. Good water. Came today 18 miles.

August 2nd

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came 3 miles to summit of the mountain. Now for a descent of 5 miles. Very steep, rough and rocky 2 miles to a small creek. Came 2 miles to Goose Creek and nooned. Came 7 miles and camped. Came today 19 miles.

August 3rd

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came up Goose Creek 10 miles and nooned. Came on 3 miles further and entered in a deep ravine. Came up the ravine 3 miles. The first part of the road very rocky and rough til we crossed the creek. Here we took on water for the night. Came out in the plain and camped the night without grass or water. Came today 20 miles.

August 4th

Started this morning at 4 o'clock and came on 10 miles and got breakfast in Thousand Springs valley and we stopped til noon. Then traveled up the valley 10 miles and camped at a spring on the right side of the road. Good water but no grass. Came today 20 miles.

August 5th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came 3 miles and grazed our teams and sunned our things that got wet the day before. Came on 4 miles and nooned. Came 10 miles and camped on Hot Water Creek. Good roads today. Good grass and water. Came today 17 miles.

August 6th

Started this morning and came 2 miles and got to the boiling springs. These springs are a perfect curiosity. The water in those springs is so hot that a person can't bear his hand in it, at all. There are about twenty in number and about two rods from these is a good spring of cold water. Came 6 miles to good spring and laid in water for noon. Drove 1 mile and nooned. Started on this afternoon and came 9 miles. Camped at a spring. Grass not very plenty. Good water. Came today 17 miles.

August 7th

Started this morning at 6 o'clock and came on down this branch 3 miles. Struck out over a low range of sand hills. Came 5 miles and nooned. Good grass. Laid by this afternoon for to fix up for packing. Came today 8 miles.

August 8th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on 9 miles to Canyon Creek. Traveled down Canyon Creek and came to Humboldt River. Crossed this river and came down one mile and camped. Roads today good and good grass and water. Came today 21 miles.

August 9th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on down the river about 12 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon and came 8 miles to north fork of Humboldt and camped. Roads today good and level. Came today 20 miles.

August 10th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and crossed north fork of Humboldt River. After crossing the points of three high bluffs came down the bottom 4 miles and nooned. Started on this afternoon and came 10 miles. Camped on this river bank. Roads good today. We had a very heavy frost tonight. Came today 20 miles.

August 11th

Started this morning at 5 o'clock and came on 10 miles and nooned. Sold our teams this day and now for footing. Laced up our packs and started on this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Came 10 miles and camped on the bank of the river.

August 12th

Started this morning by daylight. Came 10 miles and got breakfast. Came 10 miles and rested about 2 hours and then started on. Came 10 mile further and camped in a willow thicket. Day very warm. Roads hilly and bad. Made today 30 miles.

August 13th

Started this morning at daybreak and came about 20 miles. Nooned about 3 hours. Then struck out on a 15 miles stretch without water. Got to camp at sundown. Roads today good and level. Came today 35 miles and all were tired enough tonight.

August 14th

Started this morning by daylight. Rolled on slowly til noon. Made today 10 miles. Day is very hot and the nights cool. Roads today good but very dusty. We stopped about 2 hours and now for a road to hunt a new camp. Traveled on 15 miles. Found camp as usual at dark. Hot and sultry. Came today 25 miles.

August 15th

Started this morning by daylight. Came 4 miles and took breakfast. Came 12 miles and nooned, about 3 hours. Started on this afternoon and came 14 miles and found camp tonight in a patch of willows. Day very warm. Came today 28 miles.

August 16th

Being foot sore and lazy started this morning at sunrise. Came along slowly til noon around 10 miles. Day is pleasant and cool. Nooned 3 hours and as usual came on to hunt a new camp. After traveling about 10 miles found it in the brush. Came today 20 miles.

August 17th

Got in a stretch and were off by day. Rolled briefly for about 18 miles

and nooned. Day is warm. Struck out for a new camp and after about 15 miles of travel found it in among the sagebrush. Came today 33 miles.

August 18th

Being stiff and sore this morning started at 6 o'clock and came 10 miles and nooned. Started on for camp and found it by traveling about 10 miles. Came today 20 miles.

August 19th

Started this morning by day and rolled on 20 miles til noon. Rested 2 hours and struck out on a burst for camp. After traveling 15 miles found it at the grazing ground on the Humboldt River. Came today 35 miles.

August 20th

Made a break for sink of Humboldt and we traveled pretty hard in order to get right for crossing the desert. Got there about 2 o'clock and camped. Came today 25 miles.

August 21st

Started this morning by day in order to make Carson River by night. Traveled til 12 and got halfway place and rested 1 hour. Started on and traveled til dark. Made camp on banks of Carson River. Came today 45 miles. The first part of the road solid and good and the latter sandy and bad.

August 22nd

Being tired and sore started at 8 o'clock and came 4 miles. We felt so sore that we concluded to rest today. Started this evening at sunset and crossed a 25 mile desert. We got to camp about 3 o'clock in the morning. Came today and night 30 miles. Road tonight hilly and rough.

August 23rd

Being tired and lazy started at 9 o'clock and came 10 miles and nooned. Started on in pursuit of a new camp. After traveling 10 miles found it on the river bank. Came today 20 miles. Roads today sandy and bad.

August 24th

Started this morning by sunrise. Came along slowly til noon meals 10 miles. Rested 2 hours and now for camp again. Came on 8 miles and got to a trading post and laid in our provisions for crossing the Sierra Madres. Came on 4 miles and camped. Came today 22 miles. Roads today good.

August 25th

Started this morning by sunrise. Came on 10 miles across a desert. Came 3 miles further and took dinner. Rested 2 hours and made a break for over the mountain. Came over two ranges of mountains and took supper. Then came on about 4 miles and camped on a branch. These mountains are

covered with a beautiful growth of heavy and tall pines and fir timber, cedar and so forth. Came today 34 miles. Roads hilly and bad.

August 26th

Started this morning at daybreak and came on 5 miles and got our breakfast. Started again and came 15 miles and took dinner. Thence for hunting a new camp. At the last we have a very high mountain to climb. Came 10 miles and took supper. Came on 9 miles further and struck up camp in lake valley. Roads today thus far mountainous and bad. Day pleasant. Came today 35 miles.

August 27th

Started this morning at sunrise. Came 2 miles to the foot of the main spur of the Sierra Madre mountains. Struck out for the top of it and by the time we got to the top it was 11 o'clock. Came on 10 miles and nooned. Started on as usual to hunt another camp. After traveling about 15 miles we happened on a trading post and we camped, with it really awful tonight. Today came 25 miles.

August 28th

Started this morning by day in order to make Hangtown tonight. Came along briefly til noon and got to Johnson's bridge. Til noon 20 miles. Started on a _____ for Hangtown. By the roads being rough we soon found that we would not make the trip. Camped within 6 miles of old Hangtown. Came today 40 miles. Day is very warm and roads dusty.

August 29th

Started this morning by day bright, full bent to eat breakfast in Hangtown. Hard walking we did so we got in this morning about 8 o'clock. And so this morning I will stop writing. So ends the travels of S. P. Kreps to California.

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