

Winslow Blake
Mary

Floor K
Shelf 17

Nov 30. Found (2) birds
 & a number on Harris fork
 sand grassy upland. Grass
 generally green all the way
 till Schuylkill valley in
 north. Low. Barren. Mountain
 north & south in light color
 and with snow.

The road is covered
 25 miles covered on just
 into the town as it is green
 and snow.

Day 2. Found a number
 to Lake Bridge on a road
 just from Bridge. Did not
 find them in the same way
 in the north of the bridge. The
 Green River, the water of
 the stream is brown and
 muddy. The water is
 high. The stream is perfect
 water on the highest mountain
 of the mountain. The water
 is clear and the stream is
 found to be very good. The
 4. The water is very good.

Monday 3. Went to Miller
a camped near Bear River.
about 6 miles a very rapid
stream. Forcible, grass wood
a water plants, Rain generally
good. Some but stormy hills.

Remained all day
at Bear River. Bays and in
some trout. Found some straw
hermises for the first time.

Monday 5. Went to 20 miles &
camped near the river. River in
very fine stream & very rapid, some
water in it by rapids but much
good.

and was taken sick. was very
ill. Remained all day at
this place. In the evening much
morning. started.

Tuesday 6. Went to 20 miles
River. From camp and many
very steep hills. Went to and
as much as very difficult to
descend, taken in the morning
all day. The River from
the river to E. of City
all water from excepting is
very hard and becomes so
over high hills & the river
becomes in some places, showing
the bottom of the river very
shallow, which the drops on
river & the other 13 times &
the water is very shallow.

of them quite difficult
The steep ascent to the mountains
from Berlin to the City is very
great & unassuming, on the
right rises in a mountain
ridge almost perpendicular
from 5 to 8 hundred feet
high on the left the elevation
is equally high but not
so abrupt & more sloping
in many places the
is very barren & can be
easily defended with a very
small force & under the
passage in fact the
seems to have been made
less one of the great passages
very from it little like the
Jutland. The scene is
many places very
interesting. It is difficult

among these rugged regions
where great mass & grandeur of
of creation is mostly striking
by contrast with the soil. The idea
of an untamed & Prudent
the creation of the world
must be acknowledged by
any rational being. These
high mountains & ranges &
deep ravines, on every
side, the peaks being covered
with perpetual snow. The
conspicuous vegetation appearing
fresh & green, presents a
strong contrast to the scene.
The mountains must have had a
hard & gloomy time & are coming
the valley where things grow
they are beautiful for the view
it would be a discouragement to
nothing of its location till it

spend our lives there as they
common view of the back country
from the Mountains, Rome's
looked to them there I am not
happy and to day, but often
these many trials & persecutions
in the State, especially of the
then tidings, a fore going jour-
ney over the plains, it must
certainly ^{be} looked to them. When
Canaan a land of rest, where
they may be seen again their
Temple in honor of them, the
Lion and great Whistle in
front of the thing again, and
when they may be seen from
the fields and persecutions &
when many ^{can} make their
stomachs, as you can
with them grow in sorrow, the
stable, and the great

is brought plainly, directly to
the sight, the City is a back land
distant, & looks into the distance
like a green mountain point of
Emigrants with their tents, always
ours, white as snow, I thought
in the first place it was the
emigration of the Emigrants
back as I approached the City, it
began to appear, ^{come near} heaven
and as you ^{come near} it
you see one of the most beauti-
tifully laid out cities that
can be seen in the world. It
is divided into blocks of 10 acres
& each block into 8 lots and
just running water from the
mountains is brought to
every house, and every
to every house, and every
conveniently, the very best

The Sunday 22, Myself & John started
again for Lake George, traveled
about 12 miles & stopped at a
private house. As you leave
the City in a West direction you
will round a high sloping
point of the Mountains, to the
left of our town assistant near
the Great Salt Lake. It looks
more by, not more ^{than} 6 or 7 miles
but is said to be 20 miles
distance. At some seasons
of the year, 3 bunches of them
will, ^{from} one hand of Salt Lake
in various places but can
be made in any quantity.
The water is so heavy ^{that} a per-
son will not sink but be
brought up to the surface.
We being unable to find
in it any sign of the salt of the

ground of the long streams then
is quite a large island in the
lake, that is a Mountain of it
self being about as high as the
surrounding Mountains in
some places. Cattle can pass
over to the Island, & large herds
are then herded there.
The rivers are composed largely
in passing through which brings
a high foam with the breaking
on the California or to reach
to the Confront I doubt if
an instance can be found in the
settlement of the whole country
where greater ~~so much~~ ^{so much} ~~in~~
improvement and all the various
business of life attending ^{the} ~~the~~
settlement of a country ^{that} ~~the~~
the Mountains. They have engaged
largely in farming & have some

any fine farms well fenced
& comfortable. Have water
& every thing showing thrift
& economy. In the advantage of
water no country can equal
this valley. Water can be
carried from the canons in
the mountains to every man's
house & around them. Every
man's farm & much more
water can be brought or let
upon the farm as may be
necessary in quantity of the soil
so that things can all be made
the very best of. Gardens & raised
the best of wheat, corn, potatoes
&c. The valley is divided into
sections entirely with the mon-
tains current. most of the season
with
broken and as the season moves the
water runs down the

corrigors which come from
the mountains quite often coming
in from 1 to 2 or 3 miles ^{part} and
then coming by an ^{optimal} canal
run and wherever any man
may wish. Those parts of
country which can not be
irrigated, are made for
agriculture except for feed
for cattle, as it is so much
in the summer season, sufficient
for agricultural purposes.
This will render the settlement the
valleys in some places some-
what satisfactory. I am told that
settlements are already being
commenced over a section of country
extending from a point some
60 miles north of the City west
of the mountains & base camp
on the Lake & thence south.

by some 250 miles. The settle-
ment north of the City is quite
dense. In no place being more
than 3 or 4 miles apart and
the farms look very pretty.
It is very best water country
& some of the best quality.
After you cross Bear River the
country is very well watered
the face of the country more
even than a Bluff. The River
generally flows from the City to the
west. The water is pure, though
hard for cattle feed. I did
not see many sleds, cattle or
horses. After crossing the
River, the land continues
to where it is very good, as in part
good. Though you can find
timber & some few cattle
and some the good Acadian
timber. There is some quite steep

drifted hills to pass, but
by careful driving, there is
not much trouble in passing
them. The country after you
leave Bear River is very
susceptible of cattle water
owing to the scarcity of food &
water & the dryness of the
country is becoming all the

Thursday ^{Apr 3} Traveled 30 miles
I camped on a small stream
in the Thousand stream Valley about
13 miles from the Hornbath the
Road being low down among
Bluffs & through some canyon
Valleys grass remarkably good
on each side are high mountains
some of them covered with
snow that probably remains
in patches. The low down bluffs
are covered with grass. It is
very beautiful to see for horses
or cattle.

Wednesday 4 Traveled 25 miles
I camped on Hornbath, and
today rode mostly in the water
the River grass just
water, Valley from 1 to 2 miles
wide, a very rich & fertile. The
timber is very good. This season
grass is scarce. In the mountains
on each side of Valley
are high rolling bluffs with
deep ravines. Very beautiful
thick and soft. The timber
is covered with willows but
no other timber of any size
because of the water. Generally
look well. The river seems as yet
Hornbath. But the river does
not have horses or cattle. Had
several quite large stones
a great deal of timber & the river
the river does not run of it.

Thursday ^{5th} Traveled 30 Miles
I camped in Bank of River
River found a pretty ranch
the way in Valley, grass quite
rich & the general appearance
of Valley & surrounding country
than I saw yesterday, heavy
clouds.

Friday ^{6th} Traveled 30 Miles
I camped on the bank
first part of the road in the Valley.
I found later on over the
bluffs and found a horse
grass growing for 5 to 10
feet high, mostly the same
as the bluffs. No sheep
found a cold night & heavy
clouds, very much very hot

Today ^{7th} Traveled 25 Miles
Camped on Bank of River - South
of River, grass quite rich here
I have since I came upon plains
I look the grass on the bank
of River has been better than
on any other part of the jour-
ney. Road mostly in the valley
& good. Valley from 1/2 to 1 mile
wide & flanked with high barren
bluffs. We have not seen the
Indian yet. They undoubtedly
keep back around the bluffs
& are very seldom seen.

Sunday 8. Gravel 25 Miles & camped on River bank of Broad River. Gravel first seen. The river bed some way we saw shales in the bottom according to appearance. The days are not very hot & the nights are quite cool. Burnt stone or cinder is scattered all along the valley, showing that formerly the volcanoes were here from this place. In fact there is evidence of them being here for some length of time in the recent times, extending over a great distance. The country Valley of the River is mostly black loam or clay. We found some sand on some much sandier clay.

seems to predominate. The
Bluffs or mountains on each
side of them in this position
appear about same as
yesterday. No Indians as
yet

Monday 9. Traveled 15 miles &
camped on River, Road good
over a clay soil. Beards
sweeter yesterday. Comfortable
all Ball & Graham left at
11 o'clock on the afternoon train
Don Daniel quite sick his
Recovery I think very doubtful.
Took supper with Ball
He was quite a company
man & a man of good
tastes, I suppose first rate.

Monday 10. Went to 30 miles &
camped on River. grassy
with mud in Valley. General
appearance same as yesterday
Water as yet not hot. No
Indians.

Wednesday 12. Went to 30 miles
& camped on River. grassy
with mud in Valley. General
appearance same as yesterday
Water as yet not hot. No
Indians.

Thursday 12. Went to 25 miles &
camped on River. Wooded
with sandy grassy ground

Friday 13. Went to 30 miles &
camped on River. Wooded
with sandy grassy ground
as yesterday

Saturday 14. Went to 25 miles
& camped on River. Wooded
with sandy grassy ground
as yesterday

Monday 15. I went 10 miles &
arrived at Smith's trap fissure
explored the whole, Mendocino to find
my team. could not find
them from 25

Tuesday 16. Remained all day
in camp on Mendocino trap
ground

Wednesday 17. Went to the command
of Smith's about 20 miles trap
ground. Water not very good
kept water to water any in-
jury to us or horses. The
grass this year on the Mendocino
trap is to be unusually good

better than I ever seen before
the good bottom grass on the river
bark than on any other part
of the journey. Teams look
well, especially again, but
few cattle or horses died
on the river.

Thursday 18. Crossed the Des-
ert 40 miles. Started 10 o'clock
P.M. arrived at Truckee
River at 10 o'clock. The
horses found the journey well
but most of the day is rather
hard. & the water is very
hard. But the horses
could not without much
difficulty

Thursday 19. Rained all day
at Indian River. Water got
good [unclear]

Friday

~~Thursday~~ 20. Went 10 miles
camped on river. Road
rough & bluffy. Saw
[unclear] [unclear]

Saturday

~~Thursday~~ 21. Went 15 miles &
camped on river. Road very
rough. River & bluffy valley
of Indian river narrow & high.
Bluffs on each side & very
rough & stormy.

Sunday

~~Friday~~ 22. Went 15 miles
Road is too rough to
continue along river well
the whole Mahoning Range
is covered with a thick for-
est of pine timber. The forest
I saw here. The timber com-
mences on [unclear] [unclear]
leaving the desert & [unclear]
[unclear] the timber
increases in size till [unclear]
the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Monday 23. Went 15 miles
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

resound the echoes of the story, that
that place (my men had
lost 2 virgin cattle to the
Indian dogs, they were
killed, however.

Sunday 24, Went to Koon
 March 4th 1899, then
 and on my way to
 the city, back to
 the city to call on
 the school board. I
 had a small
 of the day, but
 I am the
 I am the
 I am the
 I am the

4. Shorter than any other &
greatest water in abundance
in a few years it is found
to be much poorer than any
found in the Pacific region
of Western California

Wednesday 25th. Went to Davis
mills, after some of the
apples growing there in
the collection of Thompson
4 or 5000 - then up to
the second part of the
town - we will build
up some of the
Dance

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LULU BLAKE WOODWARD
FLORENCE EMERY BLAKE

TALLADGE, ALABAMA

(Matter Collection)

Blake, Winslow SC 201

Great Salt Lake City
July 21

My dear wife & children

You will be sur-
prised to receive a letter from me at this
place I came here 10 days ago & have
been here up to the present time & today I
expect to start again for the gold mining
I was taken sick about 60 miles from
here in the mountains with the mountain
fever & have been sleeping on that account
I am now quite well & think I shall
be able to endure the fatigues of the remainder
of the journey. John who is with me. The
rest of the Co have gone on they remained in
the City only 2 days. I have only 7 men.
Berkel has left me as I have before
unfamiliar ground & Boyden has gone to Oregon
he left me when the boat landed off to this place
he got home & the Co. generally did not
like him. So I gave him \$20. & he went
his way rejoicing. So now I have sent
one Wagon & 5 yoke of oxen on with all
the Co. but myself & John, & we are going
to make through & expect to overtake the
Boys long before they reach Carson
Valley. We shall get through in 25 days or
less & the ox teams will be in about 30
days. My teams are still with George
Hansen. Reed & Wilcox have cattle have
withstood the journey remarkably well. I shall
try to keep them except the 5 yoke. I shall
just check what they cost me at home
& if I do as well with the rest, I shall make
them exceed my expectations. I have now
a good promise & perhaps I shall ^{see more} ~~see more~~

& If I do not buy an other pony I shall
be able to leave this place with about
\$240.00. which I think is doing pretty well
My expenses have been quite as little
as I anticipated, & still my Co have had
every thing necessary for their comfort
I have provided bedding for my Co them
every man on the road, as is admitted by
all my Co. Yet some of the Boys will some
times set up a howl of complaint & go
whining this morning Charles was in
quarties in Maud & back from of the good
ones Chasney Haskell is with us & is
from the most disagreeable & meanest crea-
ture in shop of a man I ever met with
He is born vulgar selfish & contemptible
in respect. He is meaner than meanest
that Ben Bridger is much better & I like
him away from Chasney & I think
he would be a great help.

This is a very pleasant place & beauti-
fully laid out in blocks of 10 acres each
each lot contains $1\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Water is run
through every mans lot so that you
can have the benefit of running water all
the time - it is found to be one of the most
delightful cities the world can see
according to all human prospects. I
was only before you reach the City you
pass over a very high range of the Rocky
Mountains. Some places about 8000 ft
in altitude still much of the way the road
is pretty good. Some steep places to ascend
descend the Road generally is made through
deep Canyons which seem to be

made very properly from a great paper being
from the Mormons to this place & agreed
that many from the Atlantic to the Pacific
a person that has now traveled over the
plains can have but little idea of the
country especially the River the country
generally is very barren & desolate covered
probably with grass & wild sage. the River is
equal to the best River from Pike the River
length of River can not be found as good
in winter states in any direction as the
River is from Council Bluffs to this place
the river never has fine Buffalo on the
the American bottoms then all off among
the Bluffs. The valleys of all the streams are
quite narrow & then join come into the
hills & Bluffs & among the valleys the
grass is good & thousands of Buffalo Elk
& Antelope range there in multitude
except occasionally by the Hunters the local
English have is quite plenty on the Platte
the stunted one one day & eat on 2 days
on them but the horse would run 2
roads to the dogs one it is in order than
just they will run. I like the Mormons
quite well. They seem very kind & civil
& live together with great apparent peace
many good feelings. They own all their
property separate just as we do and
every thing seems to be conducted with as
much propriety & decorum as any where
in the States. I attend Church Sunday. That
House is very large will contain 3,000
persons. I should think there 2,000 in other
houses it is in afternoon. Communion time
& the people seem very devout. The only

thing whom they differ from us in our
 people generally is the practicing Polygamy
 a man has the right to as many wives as
 he pleases and take care of. They are
 regularly married to such women and are
 recognized as legal wives and their children
 are all legitimate. I have been reading
 in a printed journal & have conversed with
 the lady of the house quite freely about the
 women and their practices. She does not
 like the idea of a man having more than
 one wife. though she thinks it lawful
 her husband has been once wife & she seems
 to be a very good sort of a woman

See James wife that he may well do
 within your 2 letters and I am by
 your ok. Just I am & more by
 by letter home to the



Wm. P. Blake

Jefferson

Wisconsin



Received of the Hon. Secy of the Interior
 the sum of \$100.00

But my dear wife & children I must
 claim without saying help what I want
 when I see you can see well & that the
 time will soon come when I shall be able to meet
 I am dear
 W. P. Blake

Tuesday March 23 1832, started
for California, Went by
Rams 15 miles. Fare \$2.00
Road good 15

Wednesday 24 1832, went to St
Johns, Louisiana, 16 miles, fare
nothing, St. Johns has excellent
Road quite good, 31

Thursday 25 went to New Orleans
near Blain, 9 miles, fare 2.50
Rams in company. Road very
good 31

Friday 26 Went to New Orleans
19 miles, fare 2.50. Road
very good 58

Saturday 27. Went to Milford.
12 Miles. Fare \$2.00. Road
very good. This had some
supper & lunch, supper & breakfast
to go. Road of 11th, then 8 or 10
& part of road. Can not say much
of road, but it is very good.

Sunday 28. Went to Danville.
18 Miles. Fare \$2.50. Road
pretty good. Some dirt. Road
went to McAllister's house.
A nice house.

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Sunday 29. Went to Danville.
18 Miles. Fare \$2.50. Road
very good.

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Thursday 30. Went to Emporia.
18 Miles. Road good. Fare
\$2.10. "James" & "Lester".

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Wednesday 31. Went to Moon.
Pleasant. 10 Miles. Price
Moon. At Moon, seen
a very pleasant family. The
wife, fare. \$2.45.

April 1. 1852. Went to V. City.
10 Miles. Road bad, we
could not go. Fare \$2.50.
John B. Carpenter.

Friday 2. Stopped all day at
Carpenter's. Fare \$2.50. At 11
miles, we found a good place to
rest. Dined at 12. Dined at 12.

Saturday 3. Went to V. City.
Bought a horse. Stays at 11
miles. The rest went back to Cap.
Had point to cut in road. Road.

Went to Lake 8 miles. Saw
a lot of birds. Saw a lot of
birds. Saw a lot of birds.

Sunday 4. Unusually cold day
at Cape Henry, a very high
comer with a large fair
\$600 including Saturday, with
business all afternoon & night.
Monday 5. Cold & foggy with rain &
windy. Went to the
& went about 6 miles to
a little beach, a very clean
beach. Seen \$2,40, and
yacht. Seen \$3.75

Tuesday 6. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.00
Wednesday 7. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.54

Thursday 8. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.65
Friday 9. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.65
Saturday 10. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.65

Thursday 8. Went to West-
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Sunday 11. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.65

Monday 12. Went to West-
field. Little more. Seen \$1.65

Tuesday 13. Remained all day
at College's place for cabin
\$8.35. Expenses from Saturday
25.48

Wednesday 14. Went about 2
miles & stopped all day. They
don't seem to have any more
engines at C.

Thursday 15. Remained all day
at same place. They don't seem
to have any more engines at C.
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Friday 16. Remained all day
at same place & remained
all day.

Saturday 17. Went about
15 miles. Exp. 25.00
2 miles of road at C.

Sunday 18. Went about
6 miles, going to 600 ft. high.
22.50. Bacon at C.
From 202 ft. C. Bacon to C.

Monday 19. Went to the
College. 15 miles. Exp. 25.00

Tuesday 20. Went to the College
15 miles. Exp. 25.00

Wednesday 21. Went about
20 miles & camped in the
Purim.

Monday 22. Went 20 miles to
the summer house.

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Tuesday 23. Went to Parkerburg
by way of Viroville, 13 miles.

291

Wednesday 24. Went to Lefthand
16 miles

307

Thursday 25. Went to Dr
Brooks 6 miles

313

Friday 26. Went to Camp
Luce 15 miles. passed through
thick the morning. population
a very pretty civilization.

328

Saturday 27. Went to Shirts
cut 5 back & 20 miles from
me & very fertile timber land.

346

Sunday 28. Went to Aben
22 miles - camped on prairie
rich, some very level and
fertile. no settlements
seen on road. on night by
him from 1-5 miles dis
tance.

370

Tuesday 29. Went 13 miles &
camped on prairie. all prairie
& very fine. no timber any
where.

383

Wednesday 30. Went 14 miles.
camped on prairie. Middle River
a bad crossing, crossing all
prairie very fertile & timbered.

397

Thursday 31. Went 12 miles to
Camp on prairie. passed
through country from very

Small fertile 1/4 section on 2
has a small creek runs through
it from very handsome pec-
tate.

Sunday, 2 Went 16 Miles. from
2 nearly no timber, from good
campsite on a creek. On
ground not very good.

Monday E. Went 19 miles
 Jasper & Kistnotation. Perry
 & saw with. Brown County
 generally. Some small groves
 & some very good bull
 & cow. Some but one horse
 in a grassy field. Jasper Mon.
 Scott. Myers. & Bell

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I thought that 20 minutes
 to go to the station in
 a train of the morning
 cannot be much of a delay,
 and therefore I had
 my things and baggage
 packed, and sent some
 of the collection.

Monday 10th from 10th to 11th 41st to the 12th in the morning
at Kaniabli, - and then to the
the Nippon River, at this
being detained there 2 days, no
very good place to cross the river.
Being - on the 12th is better, for
100 m. beyond, but in heart of the
campfire - west bank of the
on the 13th. Then came
Kaniabli, some 10 m. west of
Kaniabli - and on the 14th

Monday 17. March, 18. Miles to Lamp Post
the Spring, then up to Lamp 12.
The land is covered in Drains, and
the land is very thick Little timber
to any point upon the descent
to the land of the Lamp, it is
the appearance so far as I can
see if an individual calling
Drains, more or less a scattering in
the deep recesses of the bottom
land. The top is similar to
that of the Plaster but not so
large, very thick & fertile, and
has a well known by water, and
the water of the river is low
with the tide, and the water is
very cold with the exception
of now & then a willow, the most
common both on the Plaster
& Lamp.

Tuesday 18. March 18. Miles to
on Plaster, paper & day 2.00
down with the river in a well
known collection apparently
of dirt & small sticks of timber,
up right on which was found
the whole of the river or something
like rain, near one of the river
was the remains of an old
or trading establishment in
evidence of having gone to the
hands of land have been planted
& cultivated, partly, and
an old soil could be traced
down. The country, I think
is similar to that of yesterday.
Bottom of the North river is
to day, perhaps to small creeks
on a bridge to the ford.

Wednesday 19. To day passed Cedar
Creek. About 6 miles wide &
flooded. Then about 8 miles
a passed the Lamp Creek where we
found, got over a short well
down & all night, & went back
this time. Camped on prairie
by the Lamp Creek. & went camping
around water & timber, yellow
oak & day down some burn
and on the Highland, & part
of the country some as high as
the bluest stone canyon all
along the Platte & Lamp Creek.

Thursday 20. Came over into
the main Platte River, and
traveled 15 miles & camped
north of the River on the bank
of the Lamp Creek. Got to the
water

8 miles on a good creek go
located & grass, we are con-
with the Buffalo region. This
country is bluish & low land
land, we are from the
10 miles from the Platte, West
the river begins & the river
flow.

Friday 21. Went 18 miles &
camped on Prairie Creek
Good station & good look in
timber, bluish & water
some from the rocky land
River water level.

Saturday 22. Went 12 miles
& camped on the main Platte
Good grass timber water

Sunday 23. Went to a junction on
the Platte 14 miles on edge
our timber. by a creek good
good timber water a very
pleasant surprise today &
yesterday. we found the fish
by River, quite common
— Prairie —

Monday 24. Went 24 miles &
camped on Prairie by the
Platte, good water grass &
timber. Had to dig in the
bank, some alkali water
Some part of the region can
be described as pregnant with
alkali. *Crotalus* are
quite numerous but it
is very difficult to shoot
them. The Boys have not

as yet killed any game
or any consequence. I
heard the Emigration from
the South on South side
of the Platte.

Tuesday 25. Traveled 25
miles passed Elmer the
good timber. good & was
I camped on a small
creek 25 miles South of
Platte good timber &
timber. The Bottom of
Platte is some 3 miles
wide. To day we saw
of good island. passed
Emigration South of the
island the Platte forms
a series of channels with
South of the Platte. on
the North

Thursday 28 Hunt 20 miles in
can. full on Prairie north of
the Platte 1 mile from Platte
to my camp Buffalo creek to
bottom of the Platte down to
6 mi. in a low valley covered
with the grass chips. The
grass is very short and
scattered. In getting some small
chips of grass I found 1 mile
this side the Platte & they were
all in the water. The 2nd grass
meadow was lower down the
canon. In the Platte water I
found a lot of grass & small
chips for fuel. We don't
take down much. The water
is very sweet & the soil
rich. The water is very
low. The water is very
low. The water is very
low.

Friday the 29th of the year
had the canon. There is a
to be considered. The water is
down to the south of the Platte
on the north no water. I
one of my men, Charles, has
been sick with the mumps
but is now quite well.

Saturday 29 Hunt 20 miles
completed on Prairie north of
the Platte. Getting and grass. The
grass is very short and
scattered. In getting some small
chips of grass I found 1 mile
this side the Platte & they were
all in the water. The 2nd grass
meadow was lower down the
canon. In the Platte water I
found a lot of grass & small
chips for fuel. We don't
take down much. The water
is very sweet & the soil
rich. The water is very
low. The water is very
low.

Friday 28. Went 18 miles &
camped on Sand Creek
in fine open country and
in few days past I have
a feeling of great weariness
in going to work each day
in the field. The whole matter
resembles an acute catarrh
of the prostate gland, but
not much enlarged.

Saturday 29. Went 18 miles and
camped on Sand Creek.
The road is very dry and
nothing to see. The
Platte to night we had
but good grass & water
and a few deer & birds.

Mr. Beckwith attended with
diarrhea & strong symptoms
of cholera & considered in
some way dangerous.

Sunday 30. Went 18 miles and
camped on Sand Creek.
The Beckwith is very ill
his condition is very dangerous
the diarrhoea & vomiting
are more severe, with dysen-
tery symptoms, but still the
weakness is not so severe. Sunday
night attended myself with
some disease.

Monday 31. Went 18 miles
and camped on Sand Creek.
The Beckwith is better
than & I think considered to
be better. Myself & the others
are better.

Harbell last timber on north side
Platte & also Black. Small creek
I passed north Bluffs creek
by road side and camped a
short distance from the creek
on Bank of Platte. Beckler
died today about 3 Black
Bells. The Brunell him on
the Bank of the Platte in the
horns near the first manure
we were able to see. It is
a good hard & common game and
the German found it not
hard to take down in forest
at this time. Some of the
excepted. Little Black Bell
much in feeding man in
my whole country. To
day Thursday 17. Birds

Thurs. Sunday 1. Nov. 210
I camped on Petate near
River Road & very rather
heavy bluffs Sunday

Wednesday 2, Nov. 26. I
camped on a small
north River. It lay for
quite a number of days
cracks of great water of
Puritan good.

Thursday 3. Nov. 27. I
camped on small
River of Platte
good & very good. I
saw a small Black Bell
ship. Paper to the 378
from Black Bell, 200 miles, all the

Friday 4. Went 25 miles &
camped 1 mile E of Creek
Mouth on Bank of River the
Bottom of the Plate grows monotonous
as some sandy & Limestone
stone begins to be seen in the
bluffs. The Indications of the
Buffalo are decreasing
the more we see any for
some days to

Saturday 5. Went 20 miles &
camped on Bank of River
to view the old Cobble Mounds
& Ancient Native Burials
having some resemblance to
the ancient fortifications
consisting of a black stone
in a horizontal arrangement

very large which is yearly
crumbling to pieces and
cavities see Chimney Rock
mounds in the distance some
40 miles as well as other
elevations looking like
some large Gothic pile
clung to day seen the grave
of John De la Harpe on the
surface near the West end
of Cobble Mounds.

Description of Burial

"John of 1811
Son of W. De la Harpe
Died May 21. 1832
(aged 18 1/2)"

John De la Harpe the hands
thought to look them when
from 1811 to 1832.

Sunday 6. Went 10 miles & camped
 on Bank of River Road. The
 the white valley of the North
 seems to be more or less im-
 pregnated with bituminous or
 some matter there is parson
 was to make a house with
 my & Fleming are quite im-
 mense. Weather is getting more
 better. But had 2 feet of snow
 I fear we will reach
 California.

Erasmus

Monday
Traveled 25 miles &
camped on Buck River
to day passed Cherry Creek
In the morning some 40 miles
distant & north appearance of
a large herd of with a few
of a prairie in the center

form 150 feet high when
done, the trees seem in
color of Catalpa hills in sea
blue. They are all on the
side of Kaiti. There are no
cactuses yet but the
pan-rat is found though
is evident they have in the
past very numerous.

Thursday 8 Thent 20 Mil
can be seen in the
upper Spring Creek. The
be track is, to the west
any. The bottom of the place
grass much more sterile.
Signs of Buffalo, or fine
farming, very plain. The
whole country is covered

Friday 11th Left Fort Snelling
& Travelled 8 miles and
camped South of River about
1 mile from where we got the
early part of the morning
on board our Buffalo
ships. The day is getting
quite warm & pleasant. I
do not see any reason what-
ever. They think the journey
my horse & some of the
are not sufficient to live
up to the agreement. They are
not sure. Bottom people did
& thought that the day was
too long, more they say
the work is too large hard
for them & still they seem
wonderfully good & some
should be able to do
nothing will show the same

Saturday 12th Travelled 20 miles
& camped on Black Hills. No
water, good scrub water. The
ship & horse day very hard
and a high & still. The
ground water is small.
The horses are in a state
of exhaustion and are

Sunday 13th Travelled 30 miles
and camped on Black Hills. The
River & they are in a state
of exhaustion. The ground water
is too small. The horses are
in a state of exhaustion. The
ground water is too small. The
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The ground water is too small.

Monday 14. Travelled 30 miles
mostly over a rough rugged
Reddish Bluffs & steep volcanic
hills part of the Black Hills.
Camped near the Bluffs
from which we saw coal on
some of the Bluffs. The Bluffs
are very barren. There are
some indications of *Brachyotus*
but not so plenty as in some
other parts of the Plateau.

The air, rain in company
again Hilary & Reed

Tuesday 15. Trav. 25 miles
& camped on Bluffs
Hill. Bluffs & steep volcanic
hills. Camped near the Bluffs
from which we saw coal on
some of the Bluffs.

Wednesday 16. Travelled 16
& camped in a good
good grass water & timber
land & dry sandy & barren

Thursday 17. Trav. 25
& camped among the
no water & dry

Friday 18. Trav. 17. Trav.
& camped on Bluffs
good water & timber
land & dry sandy & barren

Saturday 19. traveled 22 Miles
+ camped on Bank of Sweet
water. To day passed White
Springs. + Shale. Saw Black
about 125 rods long. about
30 rods wide. + 10 feet high
Devils Gate in sight

Sunday 20. Remained in camp
all day. excavation and digging
of the Madison from an
2 feet - 3 feet deep. for water
to be used for the cattle. The water
is from 25 to 30 feet deep.
The water is pure + good.

Monday 21. Traveled 22 Miles
+ camped on the bank of
Sweet water. To day
I passed Devils Gate

400 feet high + 10 feet wide
+ 10 feet deep. The water
is pure + good. The
ground is sandy. The
water is pure + good.
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water is pure + good.

Tuesday 22. Traveled 22 Miles
+ camped by Sweet water.
The ground is sandy. The
water is pure + good. The
ground is sandy. The
water is pure + good. The
ground is sandy. The
water is pure + good.

Wednesday 23 Went 18 miles
and camped near Grand Canyon
Bluffs. The valley same as
yesterday & situated on both sides
with high rising bluffs & ridges
& many basins. To day met
15 or 20 California men returning
to the States. They packed both
California 14 & 16 King. They
do not know a word of Cali-
fornian. He can now talk quite
well.

Thursday 24, Went 28 miles
& camped on all of the same
branch of Great Canyon, to day
had 2 Indian boys with
us. We can see across
the canyon to the hills on
the opposite side of the canyon.

with a large & small stream.
We have met accidentally, with
Smith on his return from Ca-
packing back with some
sent short letter home
by train

Friday 25. Went 22 miles
& camped on Pacific
Great South fork. Pacific
Springs. Altitude 7,000 ft.
Lat 42.18' 50" Long 108.40

Thursdays were an easy day
and cattle are in good agree-
ment. The land generally
to the left is unsuitable for
cattle. Some places very low,
on which the cattle are
the ground is good and the
you can hardly see

it is from the high land upon
you see upon the mountain
shades of snow which
remain even perhaps & some-
times last the whole season
the soil though the moun-
tainous region is very sandy
& barren. The vegetation is the
principal grasses, with some
grain in the immediate valley
of the streams & ravines of
the mountains. The water
of the water of the running stream
is tolerably good, but in
many places it is strongly
contaminated with alkali &
is poisonous to cattle. The
soil is generally very barren
and sterile.

At the top of the mountain - 2400
feet - on the summit
is deposited a quantity of
silt & Pellicular. These
silt and sand are
pieces of the dry season
in the air, and are
found in the water of the
stream, and in the soil of the
valley. The water of the
whole country is a good
thing, after you descend
the high 2800 feet, is very bad
& not susceptible of culture
& any profitable extent, but
sugar & buckley pears are
the principal products of
the pears. It can only
be cultivated by the Indians
in small numbers, with the
Dakota. Elk, Antelope
&c.

Sunday 27 Remained all day
in camp, grub good &
water. To day had some
fun just then. Jacob
cut too much. Potions
of Madras Pills gave him
relief. Nucky Mountain
in sight could not be seen

Monday 28. Hunt 26 miles.
I camped on Big Sandy.

Tuesday 29 Hunt 16 miles.
I camped on Big Sandy.
Haven, under Green River
at Bridge. Hunted 26 miles
from Valley of Green River.
Grub, water good, fine

of timber on Big Sandy
valley all along the river.
Haven, under Green River
I back to whole country.
While hunting much time
is now being spent in
the hills. It is now being
cut. A lot of timber is
all in good condition.
Haven, under Green River
I camped on Big Sandy.
Haven, under Green River
I camped on Big Sandy.

The effort
less as if I would pay the
\$20, concluded to do it. He
him \$20, & he started again.
He is a large man
three weeks followed him
the completion of company
I am glad he is gone
are all

Wednesday 30. Traveled 20 miles
& camped on Harris Fork
good grass & water, grass
generally good all the way.
Soil somewhere sandy, mixed
with clay. Rock & mountain
north & south in light color
and with snow.

Thursday July 1. Traveled
20 miles camped on plain
into the flat no water good
grass.

Friday 2. Traveled 20 miles
to Clark Bridge on river
past Clark Bridge and
then in the country 20 miles
the creek is on the left of
Green River. The country
is hilly, some small
springs, some small
high hills. Green is
well on the high
of the mountains. To day
cabin on the river. The
land is covered with
4 Cornucopias, & some
other.