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St Louis Mo

Apr. 29
1850

A list of the names of persons
of the Beulah Steam Company who
left to leave for Baltimore on the
29th of April 1862.

Dr. Beulah Knapp & family

Franklin Knapp

Henry Knapp } son of Dr. Knapp

Richard Knapp

Beulah Knapp & family

J. Grace - wife of Dr. Knapp

company on Charlotte River

Negroes

Monty H. Lewis - man

George, James H. Bond - boys

Mark - a girl

PassengersAmericans

L. C. Mason, he died near Fort Laramie
 R. C. Lacy, left the company at Larson river
 Hawley, left at do.
 Dwyer, left near Sierra Nevada Mountains
 [unclear] left at Fort Laramie
 [unclear] left near S. N. Mountains
 [unclear] at Boyden, left at do.
 Prescott White, left 35 miles from Weberville
 [unclear] Montgomery, left at do.
 [unclear] Gould, left over S. N. Mountains
 Geo. Crowell, left at do.
 [unclear] Kinsman went through with the train
 Jos. [unclear], left at Larson river
 Pancoast, left near S. N. Mountains
 Fitch, left at Larson river
 John Davis went through with the train

Americans continued

Mayer, left on Larson river
 Alex. Heguenbourg, left near S. N. Mountains
 Cal. Smith, died on Humboldt river
 Geo. Collier, went through with the train
 Stephen Ladero, do.
 Gaity, do.
 Washington, do.
 J. M. [unclear], left 35 miles from Weberville

Irishmen

Nic. Walsh, went through with the train
 Cooney, left 35 miles from Weberville
 Andrew Mahoney, do.
 John Ryan, died 10 miles north of Humboldt river

Germans

Henry Donaburg, left on Carson River

Joseph Hackman, do

Hardman

John Steppewell (Baker)

Cop. Kibera, do

Phillip Laine left on Carson River

Adam Loser, do

Henry Steppewell left 35 miles from Debarville

Lewis Horn, left on Carson River

Freese left 35 miles from Hangtown

Mause left on Carson River

Roddefelt left 35 miles from Hangtown

Wm. Miller left on Carson River

August Miller, do

Edward Newhouse

} Brothers

Ladies

Mrs. McDevett, went to Sacramento

Mrs. Warner, left on Humboldt River

The whole number of persons was 57

Left St Louis for journey
to California

April Monday 29th 1850

Took passage on the Steam Boat
Mary Blane at 9 O'clock P.M.
the boat was a big lion with
passengers, freight etc. such as
stoves, wagons, provisions, baggage etc.

Tuesday 30.

At 6 O'clock we entered Mississippi river
and arrived at St Charles at 8 O'clock.
The engine broke, and we were detained
an hour or two.

May Wednesday 1st 1850

Left Mt Pleasant & went in boat
down river high but falling.
Boat got aground several times in
the night, and made but little
progress, water rather cool.

Thursday 2nd

Passed Gasconade River, and got aground
near Jefferson City.

Friday 3rd

Arrived at Rockport, where I passed
in the river, & saw plenty.

May Saturday 4th

Stopped at Glasgow, went up in town
got newspapers, we met a man
fishing in the river, the current
is so strong as to carry our boat
down stream, & we were

Sunday 5th

Called at Pottsville.

Monday 6th

Arrived at Lexington at 2 o'clock
where on taking our food, we saw a large
fleet of Perogues & some small boats.

May Tuesday 7th 1850

Left at day landing to take our ride
went up a high bluff to see the
country, the Indians went out gunning
quail and ducks.

Wednesday 8th

Went to the Indian village to
see the great freight also to take
some of the furs.

Thursday 9th

Went out with traps, the river is full
of fish, the country is very fertile,
and the Indians, we saw a large number
of them, and we went out to the river to see the

May Friday 10th

Started went up to St. Joseph,
this is rather a new place,
the street is not graded, the streets are not
very many, the Indians, some
Indians, went up on a high
bluff over looks the town, the
view is fine.

Saturday 11th

Left here about 6 AM for St. Louis,
saw a great number of travelers, and
some Indians, with carriages, and some
on horse back. The country in this region is
very fertile, and the soil is
very rich.

May Sunday 12th 1850.

The country looks wild, the river is obstructed by sandbars.

Monday 13th

Did not get a gun several times.
Saw several flocks of wild geese.
Arrived at old fort Osage
at 5 o'clock P.M. at this point
left the boat for land carriage.

Tuesday 14th

As camp at the old fort our
huts were built without doors or windows
and one drew his air coming in
for a few days.

May, Wednesday 15th

We have plenty of provisions, but
indifferent cooks, yet we have
a jolly time of it, I stood on guard
all the last night, weather cool,
I had a surmace from Bob, &
Whippoorwill, which were raised
by the day birds.

Thursday 16th

We have commenced loading our
went to the river, and to the store
house, saw an Indian chief,
dressed very odd, and a woman
around the neck of a
bear, under of the teeth of a animal

May Friday 17th 1850

This is a delightful spot, cleared
by most of the birds in New England
with a fine creek on each side
and plenty of good springs
on the banks.

Saturday 18th

I took a pleasant walk in the wood
helped to harness Mules our company
are nearly ready for a start.

Sunday 19th

Preparing for a move

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May Monday 20th

We got under way & left the fort
about 11 O'clock A.M. for the plain
we travelled about 15 miles & then
we gathered a kind of dog wood
to cook supper wth fried ham & bread.
no wood here, even here
See trees, nothing but prairie here.
Our waggon are nearly filled
provisions, & baggage, & harness.
So but few can ride now, it is
and a few on horse, or mules.
as the mules are many of them
wild, the leaders require a man
on each side to make them go
into the trail they get used
to work in harness.

May Tuesday 21st 1850

We started at about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. went 15 miles. Country rolling, & not much grass yet. we had a great deal of trouble in crossing a creek. (Spring Water Creek) prospect discouraging, encamped near the creek. I stood watch 2 hours this night.

Wednesday 22nd

It was raining in the morning, we got under way about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. went about 12 miles. Encamped near Salt Creek with an beautiful prospect all around. we had a violent thunder storm with high wind, rain, & hail all night, and were overflowed in our beds by the water.

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May Thursday 23rd

It was late in the morning before we got under way on account of the storm last night, our blankets & clothes were wet. we travelled a few miles and stopped early.

Friday 24th

Commenced travelling about 7 A.M. Country somewhat rolling. I fear a wolf was wounded & a small one killed. Birds are plenty, encamped at night where there was no wood. gathered wood stalks to cook with. I stood watch 2 hours. We are getting into a dangerous country.

May Saturday 25th 1850.

Started at 7 A.M. County rolling.
I had the misfortune to have
a fore wheel of one of our wagons
go over my right foot, about
the middle, and left leg just below
the knee, altho it did not fracture
any bones. It obliged me to ride in
the wagon about 2 weeks, and the foot
was lame for a long time after.
We are now coming near the
Pawnee Indian town, and begin
to see them plenty. I buckled on my
pistol and am ready if they
show fight (as I cannot run)
apart in a finding out how it is.
We reached the Platt river this night
at dusk.

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May Sunday 26th

Started early without breakfast
saw Pawnee town, had some trouble
in crossing a creek. Indians
a large number, keeping us company
all the time as we were crossing
them, and gave us
presents, and entertained
chief with 2 attendants and
also the great medicine man
who caused more trouble, I believe
than all the others, but we
were all rejoiced to be rid of
of such distinguished guests.
Gave him a fine portmanteau.

May Monday 27th 1850

High wind & thunder tempest
city A.M. started at 8 A.M. for
Indians about. Country beautiful
saw some game. travelled in
sight of the Platt river nearly
all day. This is a wide & shallow
river very muddy & not fit for
steamboating. weather cool & bracing.

Tuesday 28th

Started about 7 A.M. Country rather
level. some bad creeks to pass.
Company in fine spirits since we
have got rid of the Pawnee. The
river is shallow & in some places 2 miles
wide and the water nearly as white as milk.

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May Wednesday 29th

Started at 7 A.M. road generally good.
met a company of about 70 Indian
warriors going to fight the
Pawnee. They were all on horseback
& had long spears & were with the
scalps of their enemies, and on
painted faces they looked truly fierce.
we saw the old Pawnee town.
Saw how their huts were constructed.
Travelled most of the day in sight.

May Thursday 30th 1850

Left camp about 7 A.M. Country
moderately level & sandy, encumbered
where there was no wood. Had to
dig for water, too far from the Platt
to get it there, water clearing.

Friday 31st

Left about 7 travelled fast
Country very level, a perfect flat.
Nothing remarkable on the road
except some emigrants returning
home, & the St. Joseph road
where we saw several trains
bound for California. We arrived
at Fort Kearney towards night.

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June Saturday 1st

We lay by this morning, have some
rain, went to the fort. Two of the
principal buildings are of wood,
others of unburned brick, & in
bad. But few soldiers stationed
here. Large herds of Buffalo
seen here last winter, but we
have been 15000 in sight at one

Sunday 2nd

We remained at the fort all the
day. Trains of emigrants, &
Californians were passing constantly.

June Monday 3^d 1850

Left camp near Fort Kearney about half past one P.M. and travelled in the rain completely drenched to 30 miles past the fort, it rained until near night. Grass wet to camp on.

Tuesday 4th

Left camp ground at 8 A.M. fine scenery on the north side of the Platt river, as seen from the south side, I was riding a white Mule. Country level, road wet from a heavy rain last night. River high.

June Wednesday 5th

It was raining in the morning. we got off about noon, roads wet & heavy travelling, Country very level we travelled until near night. Kencana River Platte River was scarce I have to collect weir stones

Thursday 6th

One of our company (L. S. Larson) died this morning about 6 O'Clock of Cholera, after a sickness of about 10 hours, and was buried about 2 hours after, the rest of the company are in their usual health. The Cholera is very prevalent along the way.

June Friday 7th 1850

Struck tents a little past 7 o'clock.
Ground level for the most part.
Weather very warm, travelled a
good long way for our team, saw
no Indians, but many emigrants,
set up our tents before night.

Saturday 8th

Started a little after 6 AM and travelled
about 15 miles before noon, came
to the Platt where we got plenty of
water, passed near bluffs on our right
hand which are barren, and full of
quartz, we here met the Great
Stage from Fort Laramie.

June Sunday 9th

Staid in camp all this day.
five or six Buffalo were
seen by one of our company.

Monday 10th

We struck tents at 6 1/2 AM. & travelled
most of the day near the lower
fork of Platt river, some of the
hills are sandy and barren, soil is
light in bottom also, we heard of
much sickness on the road,
and saw several graves, one
one of which had a well beaten path
as if it had been travelled by
a great number of people.

June Tuesday 11th 1850

Started in good season, saw a
deer, near camp, and an Elk on the
river with a load of antlers on
his head, saw a herd of buffaloes,
and soon came into a sandy region
of soil, we kept many game
in course of the day, 5 birds
and one train, Grouse sick.

Wednesday 12th

We started early, reached the mouth of
of the Pitt, crossing about 11 miles.
Loaded the heavy articles over and
found with the waggon, over a ford, it
was upset, which contained my baggage,
which was badly wet. - got there about 11 o'clock.

June Thursday 13th

Started about 10¹/₂ miles from the
fort, country rolling, reached
ash hollow about 2 P.M. country
very broken but romantic. we
arrived at the north fork of the
river about 5 P.M. one of our
company shot an Antelope, so
we had fresh meat.

Friday 14th

We started at 8 A.M. travelled slow
through a sandy soil & rather barren, with
bluffs on one side sandy, with some
rock, no wood except among the
bluffs, birds such as Pigeons, Pheasants,
Hens, & Crows, Snipes, marsh Quails &c.

June Saturday 15th 1850

We started about 7 A.M. road sandy.
Heavy travelling. Soil barren.
Left Buffalo. In Wolf, we
get into a more level part
of the country before night.
we encamp about 6 O'clock.

Sunday 16th

Started at 9 and travelled to
a place where there was water
& grass but no wood.

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June Monday 17th

We commenced travelling a little
past 6. Country sandy, two or three
wolves were killed near our camp.
Last night, we arrived at Loutham
Bluff at 12. & near chimney rock at
night, Country a little romantic,
here Supper. Took along & at Loutham
we had a violent hail storm in the
night, men after wood arrived.
the Bluffs get lost & don't reach
camp until 11 at night, appearance
very deceptive, must have
a stampede, and some from
where they are grazing into camp.
supposed to have ^{been} frightened by Indians.

June Tuesday 18th 1850

The weather is cold enough for overcoats. Warmer in the afternoon, fine bluffs on road like fortifications, on the ruins of a city, we encamp in a very romantic place, bluffs on 3 sides, dotted with pine & cedar trees.

Wednesday 19th

It was late before we started, country slightly rolling, we call'd at an Indian trading post & blacksmith shop, where were about 20 wigwags. A lone white trader, saw a fine pony, had a creek & saw large bed of gravel, Bird's nest in the same bushes (must be a hawk) half home creek & encamp'd for the night.

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June Thursday 20th

Started at 5 1/2 A.M. Country more uneven, pass'd an Indian trading post, some shanties & wigwags. Soil sandy & gravelly with some clay, sand &c, encamp'd only on a beautiful creek.

Friday 21st

We are getting into a more uneven country, Major Hem. Tanton's letter left this day, we arriv'd at Laramie river at 10 1/2 A.M. and forded for night, and forded with teams pass'd at 1.00 P.M. travell'd about 5 miles & camp'd near the Platt river (near night).

June Saturday 22nd 1950

We left about 8. Country hills,
sandy & gravelly, had one
very steep hill, the sides composed
of light rock, got no water at noon.
The lands became more narrow
encamp^d on Bitter Creek between
two hills. I Larson left this day.

Sunday 23rd

We are in a very romantic
place with bluffs on all sides
strewn with trees.

June Monday 24th

Struck tents & left early. & travel
over an uneven country, came
opposite Harmon Peak, which
with the hills adjoining, was covered
with snow. We ascended a high hill
& had a fine view of the country around
we are coming to more timber (trees).

Tuesday 25th

We struck tents & left at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. for
Big Back Mountain. & red bluffs, brown
soil and coloured like coffee, we
have some very long hills, encamp^d
near a bluff without much grass,
wood or water. Used ground to pitch
tents upon.

June Wednesday 26th 1850

We started about 7. Country hilly but get where it is more level as we come west, rode in a wagon some along the white mud, & walk some. Camped near night at the mouth of Star Creek, near Platt river, our company are in their usual health.

Thursday 27th

One of our men chased a Buffalo last night & got some meat, we have been crossing the north fork of the Platt, but it will take us until night, we boat freight & waggon & drive the mules & horses.

June Friday 28th

We remain on the Platt through the night. H. Donaburg found a Magpie's nest, with young ones, they are much like young Crows except that on the back of the wing, found a few springs, & stone coal in several places. The country is uneven & hilly.

Saturday 29th

We left camp about 7 and the upper part of Platt river about 7½ miles. Travelling bad, hilly & sandy, no grass, no water for a long way, traveled 17½ miles & camped at a place where we used large stakes as fuel for cooking, some grass large & to put in fuel.

June Sunday 30th 1850

We travelled a long way to get
goats our mules almost starved,
~~and the horses are fine & strong~~
in a valley.

July Monday 1st

We started late, roads rather level
but very sandy, we travelled about
19 miles (quite a number of us
on foot before the waggon, &
over a desert without water,
and arrived almost famished.

First at Sweetwater river a tributary
of the Platt, goats not very good
Sage for food, Company rather solitary.

July Tuesday 2nd

We passed Independence Rock, & Devil's Gate
(a stone through a mountain about
30 ft wide) which the Sweetwater
river passes through, encamped on
this river, mountains all around, &
had an Antelope killed last night, one
was found dead & scalped.

Wednesday 3rd

Struck tents at 8 & travelled through a sandy
country, very little grass, we kept on
the Sweetwater all day, & encamped on it
at night, saw 2 graves, passed Sage brush
which is alkaline & dangerous for
man or beast to use, many ^{over} dead from
being in it almost as strong as it is.

July Thursday 4th 1850

We started early & went about 2
miles to Bitter Cottonwood Creek
where we spent the day in a quiet
manner, some of our men were
out hunting, we took it about
5 miles from camp to get good

Friday 5th

Remained encamped all day, took the
3 miles further back (making 8 miles
from camp) to the foot of a mountain
from which Bitter Clouds comes run-
ning down and goes into the ground,
and out several rods further down,
and a little further on down & no more
water was seen for half a miles distance.

July Saturday 6th

We started at 7 roads sandy, and
saw water Creek 4 times this day
& camped on it at night, we saw plenty
of snow on mountains

Sunday 7th

Remained where we stopped last night
grape, water & sage are plenty, Meyer
Hamm & Slater call to see us.

July Monday 8th 1854

We struck tent at 2 P.M. saw the spring
& salt water lakes. In sight of mountains
camped with snow from which we had
cold wind, put on our coats, road sandy
soil light, wild sage brush for 16
miles, encamped on sweetwater,
with sand hills all around.

Tuesday 9th

We ascended a very high hill this morning
where we found a hard bank of
snow in a ravine. It got some to eat
after reaching the summit the land
is more level, we kept a hill which
was literally covered with flints of differ-
ent sizes & shapes.

July Wednesday 10th

Ascending mountains we went over
the South Pass about 11 A.M. and
saw many beds of sand, the Pacific
springs, and began to descend where the
valleys were wet, we travelled through
a desert country without much
grass, & encamped near dry sandy Creek.

Thursday 11th

Country somewhat rolling pass
little sandy Creek. I camped on big sand
mountains in sight covered with snow
valleys rather level, sandy & gravelly, we
lay by this day for oxen to graze
before crossing a desert. We saw
a few nests & petrified wood on the creek.

Doctor Knox conveyed of 57 persons (He told
 left old fort Kearny with 11 waggons,
 (one of the bodies was in the form
 of a Boat, which was used for ferrying
 across rivers) and about 75 animals,
 chiefly mules, but a few horses, & ponies.
 Two of the heaviest waggons were left
 at new fort Kearny, one at Salt
 Lake, another, the Boat, at Humboldt
 river, Five on the Great desert.
 One in a Cañon, another a little further
 on the way, ascending the Sierr Nevada
 Mountains, this was the last, one hind
 wheel broke, after which we were obliged
 to pack everything on mules & horses.

Wm. Montgomery