

## A ROMANCE OF THE PLAINS



From notes given hy his pioneer mother，the hith
Mrs．Mary Ale cander Variel．Copy－
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fur．
Ob，Cnifornin，Canifuruin $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$ With ging to mashlifourl on my knce． When I get to Caiifornin



HE ablove lines are all that I re－
call of a song thet I heard sung
for the for the first time in iew Har
meony．Indiana，in 1 Ris．It ap．
pears．to lave been a pronduct on the exceitement attconning the
discusery of golal in Californin discuvery of gold in California
Sone enthusiastic miner witl the poetic fervor lad in this manner given
exprecsion of the faith that was within lium， and at the same time liad put in cencis form a suggrestion of the greatest possibil
ities in the golden state off Califurnia for the one secking firtune．I maril the song
great deal at the time mentioned．and I reall that it macic a geeat impression o
 name of John Wesley Con．who was en－
thusiastic to go to Californin，but who，so far as I know，never realized his golden dimen．I was about to be married at this

## By WM．J．VARIEL．

lusshand and myself had many rery earnest
talks about gying out to California after

 and lwnite we frepurcutly discussed the pu，s
sibilitics of suct a ibilitices of such a venture，we were thor－
wughly alive to and cousidered fully the trigh，danger and ancertainty that would at－
tendl it，but countless stories of the bound－ tend it，but countesss stories of the b．and－
less gold fields，where we ciould go outt with less goid helds，where we sivuld go out with
a basket and pick up a supply of gold nuyg
gettis at any time orecriame any fears we lad gets at any time orervame any fears we had
contertained，audd we concluded to join the
firs entertainet，and we concluyed to join the
frst expeclition tlat was organized in our
neighliborliood．
 Mrou intence of Manot，Cumberland county the eldest of a family of thirteen children
He left home in 1836 andl with two or three companions＂pionecred＂across what was then the wills of Mainc．New Hampslire， Yermunt，New York，Olio．Indiana and II
linois，traveling in an old baruuctle drawn
 man by the name of（irosvener to buy
furs and skins from the Inclians，He le furs and skins from the Incliant：He led
this life of a trader for severa！vears and hen settled at the little town of Sew Har muny，reliana，near where a was born． urally derecloped a spinit as a atrader nat
dimenture and the discovery him，and the discovery of gold on the far
Pacific Coast fred lis ambition．As stated Pacific Coast fred his ambition．As stated
wed ecternuined to make the venture，but our
 hater．Sonine of our neiglhors，who had bee
put to California，liad brought some gold nusgets which were shown us．ante they fold the most alluring stories of the grea that lad heen made．and were being made
 had sent hack for their wives and children．
． 1 thef these things greatly excited us andl fired our enthusiasmon and we locited thed ahbout among our neighbors for recruits．Me the
fall of 1851
a plan laal becn fullv mature our a journey across the plains with in teauns，and orders，were at once placed dy
the lieads of fanilies who were interected in the trip for the construction of lig．，strong ox way wh：Whille these wagnis were bee ng built，the＂men folks＂were busily en－ an，and training thenin to the yoke，and col－
ind
lecting the necessary thols inplent lecting the necessary thols．implenents，and
supplies for the journey；white the＂women tronze the advertisers in the arlaziy peat
rulks＂busied themselves in lasing in sup
plies of mecdicine and the mane little duli
 would．think of and of which a mana wnold
never dream．Fach famity furnished its oun oxen，warmor aull suppplics，and if any out－ dider tlesired to ju，in the expectition he cunld do so by paying me hundred dollars casi
for the privilege．the money to go into
 of to liave fowl and slielter and the protec
tion of the rest of the parties，and he in adl dition to the numpes paide．wase to des his shar of the work on the joriney in making and breaking camp．driising team，and standing
guard at night while we were in the Indian country．
By the
angements haal liact of conaryleted，1852．all ar anycments hatl hecn complyted，and the
start wac artually marcle about the 11 tho o Ipril．from New Flarmony．Indiana．At por
ion of our party hatl sone overland acros tion of our party hacl gone overland across
Illinois to Saint Jo，Missouri．two weeks be－ ore，and they were to await our arrival a that point．
It was
It was a bright，beantifut Sunday morn－
ing about the 1 tith of April that thai portion of the expeclition to go pow steaner to sain
 arge wagons．cach drawn by foris＂soke or cight oxen，and about thirty people inade
up the party．We
We arrived at Evansille up the party：Wee arrived at Evansvill fupplies and without muld clelay we got al of our eftects and ourselves on bair
steamer－warons，oxen，supplies，ment，wo
 syes were said，and they were satl and tear
ful ones，our steamer，the＂Pronklyn．＂ swung oot into the current and the lown the broad（olisi），and we were actually
in our journey．As I recall it，ever yborly in our party seemed light－hearted．Whe ex pected to be gone only two years，that be ng the tinue within which everyhody was
supposed to pick up gold enoush for any lise，and then we were to return Home．Two cars！Home！Fortune！I wonder hem
many of that band of thirty actually did many of that hand of thirty actually did
make his or her fortune in the Golden State？ Not one．I believere，and none of the party
returned within the time set，and most of hemn never didl return．Vain hiopes of youth I was quite enthusiastic and Invite wiliing
to make the trip，and althougli I endured on make the trip，and although I endured many lardschips and passed through wany
danyers，and did not pick ap many of thic hir gold nuggets that the old song sug
gested might be lying around（although

THE GRIZZLY BEAR

Joc，＂Missouri，wsere we were to join the
rest of our party，who lacd preceded ous over－
land and then land，and thento go into canp enter tutil final
farrangements were made for the real start acrnse the desert．（aur vessel was a very old side－wherel river steamer，ant was com－
manderl by Captain Dutf．a mallant young mancled by Coptain Ihutf．a gallant young
officer who had with hiua his young wife

 （Independent（）rder of Odd Fellows），hav－ society in New Harmony．The thatge con－
sistecl of a yreen，pink a and white ribloon sisted of a yreen，pink and white riblown
worn about the neck．enting in a how．The
captain wis a mewler on worn about the neck，ending in a how．The
captain was，member of the Otril Fellows，
and my badge at once attracted his atten－
 little faror myself thateiving many a
liave nissed therwise wonld have missed．This I appreciated very much， It was rather a shomold have gotten along． It was rather a serinuls undertaking on my
part to have the care of a little threr－ycar－ sides rendering to others assistanice whe called on to do so．
The trip down the（ Shin was a very pleas－
ant outing．We lad music and singing，andl in the evening twp fidellers furnished music forr regular old－time dances，in which most
of the passengers indulugel．
Eseryoule seemed lighththearted aud none appearect to be worrying over，or to realize the clangers： we had realized then what was aheand of us，
I believe Captain I）uff would have been I believe Captain Dutf would liave been conpelled to turn back and return us all
Evansville．I suppose，though，that it wat the prize of golden nuggets that were a wait． ing our baskets that lurect us on，for we clid
not turn back，and never thought of doing not
so．
t．

Nothing worthy of note happened during clear and smooth，and when we turned fro the Ohio and steaneel up the broad Missis－ sippi we still had pleasant trareling．The
great river was comparatively smooth and great river was conparatively smooth and
as $I$ remcinher it，the water was fairly clear Wic arriect at St I．wuis，Mississippi，on aturday night after our run from Exans－
－ille，but we cid not go ashore until the next day．As the boat came to her mopor－
ings at the river bank，a dance was in prog
 come ahoard，but they were prevented fron There is smallpex on our men chatish boat．＂This hat ome dired effect for no one attempted to went on．The next day．was．Sindtay，and we all being closed，and so we ward to wait until The next day．The SIonclay forlowing，our hen purchased the supplies that were to fur－ foxd at alt was brought from home except come delieacics in the way of preserves and loading of supplies，was completed by Mon－ day evening，and cluring the night we once
more set out up the Nfisissippi， more set out up the Mississippi，turning into
the nuudly Alisouri river whicn we reached
its its moutli．Our journey on the steannloar
thus far had been without any incident thus far had been without any incident
worth relating．but when we reached the worth relating but when we reached the
Missouri，our troubles commencedd The
river was rough and turbulent，and con－
tained many sunken logs，and one day white
we were carcfully steanimg our way up


 deck！The luat is on a suag！＂Wieryboly
rushed out on deck and the little stcauler
 Ier buw was up in the air ind it was wint
great dificulty that I wals alde to stand up



 that fortune was with us，for we were told
byy the Captaine that if the accilent land

 hight，enabling the officers to properly hand le
their buat，sareed us．Ny husl）and fell on the deck duriny the confusion and sprainecl
his ankle urite tereral． his ankle yuite severely，which injury buth－
ereed limu throusglout tlic journey ：in fact，he never did get ower it．as he ever
atter had a weak ankle．A day later we hadd ver $y$ serious．We were stcaming aloug ver close to the shore early in the merruing
while we were While we were seated at breakfast．I hap－
pened to look oint of the door towartls the stern and saw a big bla\％e going up from a wagmo in that part of the brat．The sight
of it filled me with terror．I saidl notlintr but acted wery quickly．I quietly pickert up my two little children and walk wold out of the steaner she hand stoppect aurd the bell was weully clanging the frie alarm．some of the elvk hands had hastily hrown nut the gang
plank to the river bank，and this I lost no Inee in mounting with nyy two little clii－ ren in my arms．As I walked away from
the river I could hear the luud wices of num
 chilldren．In a few mininites the fire was put
out and $q$ fuiet restorecl，and I I returned to the hoat．It a ppeared that in some waly
 monents it look ked very serionsis for ns．but
the canly effect of it was a terrible fright．and that was so great that the boat remained a her monrings for a couple of hours before
 and marle up my mind to get to a place o． afety as çuickly as possille，at least a place
that was safe from the fire，and land scemed to me at the time to bee about the safest place．It did not occur to me at the time
what in the world I should have done there alone in that wilderness with my clildren if the boat had burned $n$ p
We proceeded up the river and arrived in
due time at Saint Joe，Ni issouri，after a sey， due time at Saint Joe，Missouri，
entenn dayss run from Evansville．
This steance trip was not as pleasant as
it might have been，and pussibly the many
 recollection of the lhardships，anter per thaps
my remerul） my rementrance is not of the best，berthaps the
noite which I firta my husbantl made in his． note which I firti my hushand made in his
diary oi thic event is as follows：＂The best place on the river is．Saint Joe．This is a
pleasant town（saye when the wind blows pleasant town（save when the wind blows
and then it is disargrecalte）of some 2 sion in－
habitants，and is hacked est tantr，and is backed lly some of he fin－
is tount $I$ ever sats，and smme of it is well cultivated．We arrived here on the I ever tonk ini any way，for to be cooped up

年seribing the landing at haint Jne：＂I an Wonien treated iny family in an ythin：g but mespect．As minal，these of entimes with ope
 ness，and to crown all，when we lantled，I
had to clicek off writ freight，annl all the ther hands hadl nothing to do bout get their hings，which they diel byy pulling get and maling their wagons．This occupied all the
forenoon．I）uring all this time miy fanil hadl ton．remain on the hank ime the hot sumily ind dirt，andl no one offered nay wife a place
 Wot help，and when ther got loaded，I asked
Mr．$P$ ．to let $m y$ family ritle out

 tions aud left us standing on thic cank on the
river，to get out to canp as best we could river，to get out to camp as best we conuld，
but ingratitulte is always punishect．and in
this case it was instant for he let＂ but ingratitulete is．always punisherd．and in
this case it was instant．，for he let＂M．C．s
tean team run against his wagon and smas．lied
one hiumed whicel to atoms，but I did nnet iol－ fow his conrse towarrls，mute．I did nent and horrowed a wheel and helped hime to start our tents before dark．to cantip and pitcherd
This was the first
onv of May．＂ clay of May：＂
The sanic clay，just after we arrived in cannot rememberber camener，int，campe name carry－
ing his＂carpet sack，＂and told ing his＂carpet sack，＂and told usp that the
stermer thad sunk．＂On returning to the river，there，sure enoygh，we sawn only the
pilot house of the old＂Brong water．I then for the first the aboe the water．I then for the first time realized
what a perill we had passed through on the
in an old rutten aud filthy boat seventec put on laali rations is truly remarkable the such was our fate．＂ Personally，my tring on the steamer was
not a pleasiatt one oni aceunt of the selfish ness of some of the women in our parts，an the tirst night on the boat I lad to sleep on the eabin thorr，hut after that time I was
able to share one of the calins with two Mther laclies．
（Sill party lost no time in disembarking once wainel the rest of our party whot hat come orerlaud and lyad arriveed there thre
days previoustly．We harnessed tays previousty．He harnessed bur oo coaled on our supppiics，and druwe our teans the other side of the river aud then dron out abrout two miles from the river，wher ner friends had estaldsisheded a cannp．
My husliand was greatle incenol My hasl：and was．greatly incensed at the
treaturent I had recerverd at the lamels of the other wornen1．I will runte from his，，iar


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palhered a few: somehow I never, either
duriny the jourracy or since, regretted takdurtivy the fip I ditic:
 souri. thence up the Missinuri to "Saint trip, as I iearnell from that pilot that the
booat was a rotten cold eraft, and that she
 havi really taken great clandeses in making
the rovare in her. Nany of us thought at

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Fyeryinoly
hud packingly was lolsy mur dividing stores
 and difficulties att
final preparations
sinal prepparations:
te:arday Ihave determined to have another teann or stop at Saint Joe. MI. C. and
bought $Z$. Jolusous's half of a tean, consist ing of o wagon and outtit anyl two yoke oi noen, and T now lave cutcly for a partner. We mored this team out to the camp and I
set uf for nuscelf. $\$$ any $4,5,6,7$ anul $\delta$ were occupied in fitting out, and for me it is very Harmony who is disppscised to see mone hate a
fair chanice. Mr. C . las done all that he coulle, and has acted the nan. We have g our team now of four yoke of oncn
May 8 . Today we have divided ou stores, and 1 will say with trith that I
never knew the definition of selfish hofore,
but nowy I can apprecinte it in its fulles sense, but cennot tell all the lits fue mean
things I saw it do, and wouldilike to forget it. Truly is this the place to try men, camp ancl moved up to the ferry forire nites ${ }^{-1}$ May 10. Toclay was spent in fixins iver in a laratl train storm, anne auccussed thed the river in a harel rain storm, and ascenterl the hurudred feet in height, with a grade of forty degress. It was so wet that we had to put
twelve yoke of oxen (twenty-four animals) to a wagon, and hard work at that. But w To up safely, minnst the breaking of a few
chains and cracking Prs whip stock of chains and cracking Prs whip stock of
hoosier oak. We camped one and a quarte miles from the Missonti. where we founct gond grass and a good spring of water.
Nay 11 . We are now fairly allogt and our destiny is westiward. All well and in good spirits, except Mr. P... who has been
unwell with d- for several clays, but is tou cross to be in any danger. ians, who exancted from every mana In of one dollar for the privilege of goins hrough their country. And we had to pay crossed a britge. They were very friently eere well dressed and could speak very goond English, they laving lived near the town of dians. Joe. They were the Kickaper: InWhen our preparations were all com-
leted and the start was actually made. our emigrant train," as it was callect in those ars, was macle up of cleven large wagons, or prairie schuoners, covered with canvas,
cach drawn by four yoke, or eight oxen, and our emigrant compiny consisted of about ifty people, men, womenco and clidicren and and.
of course, a few of man's best friend, our

party, unt thonse I low remember are the for


 Y: Miclaci Craddlock andl Jovie Cradtlock Mrs. Corbin and Tiny Corljo, her two-vear

 her three daughters, Kate, Mlary, Lity, aseel
sixtecn, nine antl seren years (going to juin
 there practicing ne clicine), Burt Felloge Culdy. Crank I Marlin, D. J. Dumu with

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watcling over nyy cliktren.

(Contimucd in August Number.)
"The Tender Mercies."
Bishop Joseph F. Berry, during the Metholist. cinference's recerit session in New
Nork, told a story in illustration oi the tenler mercies of the wricked. "It is saic." he began, "that when the great
spanish marstanl. Narvaez. lay dying his confessor asked him if the had ant enenics. none,
Wint the priest, reflecting on the stormy . Think, sir! Manan, repented: Fon .$\quad$ Think, sir!
One whatever
$\cdots:$ No. said then "'№.' said the marshal. 'none. "And he added trampuilly:
"I have slot them all." Times.

CHAS. H. TURNER
Gra:d Secretary N. S. G. W.
The order of the Native Sons of the Gorke en West is blessed in missessing mainy
men who are a crelit to the organizationn

and honesty of purpose, men who are tire-
less in their efforts to advance the spirit of and honesty of purpose, men whan are tire-
less in their efforts to adrance the spirit of
fraternit, and who leave no stonce fraternity, and who leave no stone tun-
turned to promote the general prosperity of
 the Grizzly will contain a portrait, together
with a short sketcli, of the men who are with a short sketcle of the men whio are
working unselfishly in the upbuiding of Wative Sonism. And in this is surue we wre-
Nater sent the likeness of Charles H. Turner, the
present Grand Secretary. Brother Turner has devoted his entire
time for the past eighteen time for the past eighteen years to the or-
der he loves. $T$ was through his individual efforts Calaveras Parlor IIO. 67 was organized. He was appointed a District Deputy:
Grand President by Grand Presilent Flint: and organizen Union and Copperapolis Parlors. He has traveled extensively thlirough-
out the State and is is claimed that he hass out the State, and it is claimed that he has
earned the proud distinction of visiting a greater nunuber of parlors than any other
Grand Officer to date. Grand Officer to dotate.
When Alcatraz Pari When Alcatraz Parlor was instituted Mr.
Turner was installed a charter Third VicePresidfent and surcesssinuly passed through
all the chairs. He was lected Girand Secrcall the chairs. He was elected (irand Secre-
tary at the Vallejo Girand Session and has been continuulsly re-clected and now is entering upon his fourth year.
Brother Chas. Turner has also attended every Grand Parlor since the twenty-sceond
session held at Salinas session held at Salinas.
The Grizzly Bear has received many favors frour our hustling Grand Sccretary, and
his unselfish eforts in securing scocial iterns his unselfish eforts in securing seccial items of interest is greatly appreciatec

## EVA T. BUSSENIUS

Grand President of the Native Daughters of the Gulden West


There is mo better kunin nor respected
officer in the Native Daughters thin officer in the Native Daughters than the
present grand presilen of this splendid ira-ternity- This worthy laly has ben, and is.
most active in ail affairs cuncerning the womost active in ail affars cuncerning the orr-
ganization she so gatization she so ath, represents, and has
spared no pains in ansiotius any ancl all prus gressive eftorts $t$,encticial to the state. Seventeen years afos she coteeed the rank as a charter menther oif La (arita Parpor, which disbancled sumne icur or five years
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 sonn was elected ad incumbent was ranit, ath
 at the followint grand sessino was grivenn
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splentid executive ability. ponetlier with a
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the maxnificent irateruily that has acco This wortlyy lacly fis a (anestiterniter
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frientlship.
The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West by eva t. bussenius There are nut words in the Finglish han-
 hink apmentheir hune-land and upont thes
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pride with whicll we wok back upo the prlievernents of those whe wan laid the found the ion npon which this marvelonss superstructure has been reared-the result of the
heroice eforts of our Pionecr fathers and $\underset{\substack{\text { mothers. } \\ \text { Such is }}}{\text { St }}$





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wormund of the future we look forward witl? "yual assisirance.

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to the (Order a most desirable and pendly membership: and these sisters, whun have endured son hecricatyy the trials, whiclo have
 Pionerer womed of the New San Francisco.
It is such a spirit , if leyalty and devouion to Siate and a spirit of leyalty and dew wime to
 new and forrever. Thus it is that the. Order of Native

The Wings of Time.
Melhuselah was walking in
Nethuselah was walking in his garden, hlere's ansther foower on that centuryant Why. it secms but yeaterday s:nce He walked stowly toward. an oak tree two
Hndrect years old, wlich hic had tenderly



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(Continued from July Iosue)
The first Indians we san: as previnusly
 promptly made deminuls on us to pay "toll,",
and of course, we had nuthing else to do but nay of conrse, we haal nothing else to do but

 decilines hisi invitation. I gave my little the latter having inspired the cliild with a very wholesume foal hut he walked we to to
 ance agnain invited us tus his camp. but I de-
athed. thed.
In making the final arrangenents for ours
nerland trip, we chase one of the men as

 duct in afairs. It was arranged that two
 mintil miduryight. ante two others, the valanee if the nieght. We also arranged bur mode
if travel and making camp. Fach wagon
 the first wagon would take a position ( s, the frist wagon would take a ppsition (so
that it would be the lasit one to move the next morning) and then the oth or wagns

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wayons when all had halted beinst in a cir-
le, forming a circular barricade or fort, indee forming a circular barritate er fort, in-
 cellent pantry. which was very tight and in
which kept supplies furs iumucthate usc in rery goopl thape: Each wavem loall and this respect. We liad tin plates tin erest
 isted of tea, coffec, sugar, crackers, flour. hams, sheullers, sumked bacon ankl cluesesefore the era of that very convenient form of food. Thad herusht tww hushels of dried
peaches before we started. and this fury
ished sined us with what seemed at the time a
very deliciotis dessert during the entire yery deliciutis dessert during the entire
 children and nyself, and two men, "Cuddy"
and "Louis.", both Frenclimen. Louis al ways gathered the fuel, carried water and
washed the dishles for me, little favors that washed the dishes for me little favors that
were munch appreciated by the conk.
 in the morning before starting tillet four lit
canteens and a little one for Reblert, with
thit chinteens and a little one for Rolbert. with
this colectl, boiled water. By this meanis our wage, party, at least. always had a
groorl supply of wholesome water some good supply of wholesonne water, some-
thing that cnne of the others neglected, and
to their cost, as will be seen. to their cost, as will be seen.
We found the road well defined, as it hat
beeen matked out and travelecl oior by the thousands of emigrants who had preceled 11s on their way to the gold fields. We gen-
erallty travecled about twenty- mites eacly
 hecing quite level. One evening just as we
haul reaclied our campiug place and had prea
 Craddock, brother of our Captain. lad been
taken ruite ill witl a complaint sumething taken fuite ${ }^{\text {fate }}$
like choleral This was untoubtedly brought oun hy his drinking wubpiled water. The puore man cane to my wagon and told me:
pared for the night. we learucel that Johur Cradtlock hrouther of our apptain, hat heen that he was very sick and that be be beevel
 in the patent wediciue and lameled it to hime.
telliny him to take six drops of it in a tum-
 mix up the tuelicine for him. but he lopked
at the bortic a mement. and instead of fol lowing my direction. he placed it to his lips
and


Yul." Jut he drank clown the entire contents marked, "IWell, if six drops would help me. I gucsis the whole bottle will do me
un, mer guoct."
He turned antl walked to his
 until about midnight thiat night, when I was
startevl from my slumber by his wife crying out to the to let her laye some of my
b, inully. She was terrilly excited antl scared
 of the cloblera, he is all cloubled up." I gave der the brandy, bint he was too far gone, and
diecl withina an lhour. It was a colli, dismal
 throped the tent right over his dead body
anal went to bect, leaving the corpsic witlimit watchers.
We laid br the
We laid by the next day and night, and
during the day we buried the last mortal Muring the day we buried the last mortal
remains of the frost victin, bury ing it at the foot of a beautiful granito boullifer. This
rock hadl red streaks in it and we called it Catico Rock." The loody was sewed up in a hlanker (for a cofin was sewt of the
t|lucstion) anul let down into a grave about thesition) and let down into a grave about
f(arr feet deep and was then coocred up, no
ceremonn of ant kind being hatl. It was a mournfil affair: and we all felt very much
depressedl each one no cloult woulterin who wouk he called next. Our fear of cholera was not ill-foundel., for we laal just
passed anntlier cmigrant train that harl four passed annether cmingrant train that hatin four
had cases of cloolera. After recuprerating for

the day and ri:ght following the death of | nur con |
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One morning while I was walking along ffor $i$, in fact. walked noost of the wav across the plains in this, way) I all buit
stepped on the near the road. It was that of a whatere mani. and the body was only half converell with
carth. (hae arm was bare and protrusted
from the shallow from the shallow and hastily made grav
The bocly appearedt to have been onty re
cently buried and tadt
 the poor fellow had been buried alivee as
the pooition of the honity would dimlicate this

 citulera. In the cholera scourges many pee
phe were buried in such haste that life wifictiple were buried in sucl haste that life wfiti-
times was not extinct. ©ur men, fuwe timess was not extinct. Sur men, however.
finisherl the harial. for they took their wades and covered the body.
We traveled no
We traveled on. antl two nights after the
cleath of John Calleway. Sarah. Johnis siser, was taken down sick with chotera. 11

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clid what we could to alleciate lier sulfer-
ings. She was a goocl, kind-hearted womat ings. She was a good, kind-hearted womat
andl my heart went out to her. She had : nine months' uld baby and the prospect of
this biittee child being icit au orphan wa terrible. The poorerw wornan lav sick all day, a barrl in her tent. Sice was very sick and
sulfered great pain. She told me slic was sure she was. going to die, but i spowe to her encouragingyly, and set shout trying to
din somethany fori her. She was very whld, din something for her. She was very chll.
so I got some rocks heated up and put then! to hihe feet and 耳ave her hot pepper tea:
she scemed to get better, but she was ter
 ribly frightened, and kept crying that she
llidn't want to dic, arul le buried in a hlan
ket. Her brother's deatlo and burial hat ket. Her brother's death and burial ha
cerrified her, and I Delieve that if her cour
 have racovercit. She kept crying that she
was going to die, anul during the evening became very low. and just about midnight
her terrified, troubled soul passed away The night, thoughl clear. was very cold
as it had been rainiug durins the dav, and a ferce wind was blowine that cliilled t the bone The sky was slightly overcast,
and black clouds shiifted rapidy across the
face of the pale moon face of the pale nioon. We were all terror
stricken at the death of nur friend. and stricken at the death of nur friend. and
deep. gloom pervaded the camp. Mlost the canp were up and about. each onc, no
doubt, filled with his or her own thouglits of loneliness and sorrow. I walked over to
the tent of the dead woman just a few moments after slie died, and was abount to go
into the tent to assist the other ladies in preparing the body for burial. when I was
startled and fairly transfixed by a loud long, unearthly scream issuing from some
bushes near by. It sounded lilie a woman screaming out in agonized terror, and a she same dime it thad the ficreeness and
power that betokened sone powerful wilk
nimal. It was terribte animal. It was terrible, and T was fright
ened half to death. It was so strange and weird, too at that. lonely. midnighit hour whitn death latri just claimed a victurn, for
that panther to be at our campand give out
that terrible cry hhout it since. I have never heard a dog that panther's screaun. It is said that dog
howl when a luman soul passes away. What relation was there possibly hetween the
leath of our poor friend that dismal nisht rieath of our por friend that dismal nieh het,
and the one dreadful scream of that pantlier? It was ervilently a strange coin-
cilkence, and such a thing as would be calcilcuce, and such a thing as would be cal
culated to fill us all with superstitious Iread. I know I I did not sleep any that
right, and I doulto if anvibody in camp slept night. and I doulte if anybody in camp slept.
aind a close watch was had at the tent of death.
the dead. Tlis solemn duty havirig been performed, we spent the rest or the day in ittering our tents, sunning our clothes and ward again.
A night or two after Sarah, diecl, another
of our party, Charles Twiys, was.
takern our party, Charles Twirgs, was taken aul neighbor at New Huarmony, and if felt very kindly towards him, so when Hearned
that he was sick, I determined to make an fort to save him. He lad great confidence
me and begged me to do something for him. I hlated. a heard over the fire and
nade my lusband put it on the sick man's stomacli, antl ordered it to be kept there hot,
fred cayenpre pepper. Ierry we met the owerlaul stage, and the:
whon hatl any letters fors homme. simt them in.

 day or two he was well. He alvazs said hat I saved his life.
The next day still anuther member oi our
party. Rall McFadten, was taken ill with the same tromble. Twiys canke tol me at

 atdition save him somee lot lirande and lec
 tunned "professinnally" to the tent of
Charley Pritchard. who) a few dialss later was taken dhwn with He same stread dis-


 (1) marn was alkewed to ride at anty time
unless ill, he being compelled to walk all fle way acruss the plains, aut we women.

ahead to escape the dust, and it was about easy to walk ass to ride in those big, lum-
eriug, "cleal ax" waguons. The treatment had used I had learned from my mother,
nd $I$ gave them the benctit of this "hones
 and told them they would all die if they didn't boil their drinking water. This ad-
monition was very scrupulously olsserved hontion was very scrupulously olserved
by ereryone after that, and we, in fact, had no more serious illnes, in oure party.
We crossed many rivers in our travels, but therossed many rivers in our travels,
but in particular, some two hundred miles. west of Saint Joe. where there was a ferry and we had to pay $\$ 1.50$
per wagon to get ferried over. There was, also, a store at this point where we wot a
few supplies, but were compelled to pay out supplies, but were compelled to pay outrageous prices. The man who kept this
store I understood from my husland, cceilt
largely in whiskey and so-called trand largely in whiskey and so-calleer brandy,
and some of our men got a taste of the sturf, and some of our men got a taste of the stuif,
and it did not do them any pood, either. Our oxen were bothered a great cleal by
great swarmsis of black bugs: they were in great swarms. of black bugg: they were in
shape and color like the pinch betys and annoyed our cattle so much one evening that
we had a stampede of our oxen and it took we had a stampede of our oxen and ir took
the men over an hour to gather thicm asain.
We had many reports from discouraged, returning travelers whom we niet. of very
short grass and penty This was not very cheering to us, luut we
kept on. A few miles further on frona the
and depressing impression. It was: one tee minny and alnost constantly recurring about us. founcl thus far, plenty of goo
Wee had for water and fect for onr animats. . Dut ffeel loc
came a very scrious question fur us as bon as we were in the prairie region, wood iuel being out of the truestion, and for luin-
treds of miles the only fuel we hal will
 As we nearel Fort liaramie, we met four yourg nen, driving an eight ox tean, con-
iny back from the West. The young men were cryyirg, and we asked them what wa
the matter, and they the matter, and they replied that they four
with their Captain, who was an otder man with their Captain who was an older man,
haar started from kentukv to go to Cali
fornia ; that everything had gonc well until ornia; that everything had gone well unt
the day before we met them, when their the day before we met them, when their
"Caita in" had been stricken, down with
cholera, and had died. and tiee. afier burry.

 | ng him, had lost heart and lad turnerl hack |
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| towards home. They were nearly frantic | with grief and disappointment. I spoke to

nne of them and sail Kentucky was my
 old blue grass statc. and I I lackl d warnm place
in my heart for any Kentuckian), and asked in my heart for any Kentuckiau), and aske
thenry to turn back and go on with us, but they were not to be turned from their nur-
pose. and bade us goodbye, and went on pose, and bade us goodbye, and went on
towards home. I lave often wunleted wiat

ant it was a very wewne sight, for re-

 maxno Here one of the meen deserted or leit
Hester our party; he quiri becauss he lidy nut like
the idea of wirking. We wrote sunue be
 vere in women here, at Iecast I saw nume. sereral miles that aifernmon before camping for the night. ano after leaving fort kearney, we
 vitten. "The Lone Girave. 1 Yuung tiirl
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had scen the fatal ravages of chovera. This tune grave out there in the bowndless desert



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 lhing to prite the miok int sol as to save it Suyins that everything in their wayw was op and that I could dit make any nise si it.




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itrikc , wut the she
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pursuing hinn. The old man hushed ifp after
this. and we went away murd left himn. Just we were abmut to lo leave, the cold Just




 L.ake Route, and sold hive wern and buyght he was guing atmen, driving his teand vir latrses and accumpaieel by the uegro girl
aud dord One evening at sundown, a few days before we arrielel at Fort taramnec, whe hacjlst stopped for the day and were alnoxt to
 away from camp driving the cattle away to
graze. I Iarl just gotenn down from (our
 int lo, get wur silpher. It was just dark and serental cam? fires had already been lighted

 decily lietle Rellert spoke up and said. "Flere
emuns circus frmm ITarmuny. Wheres the
 clown. lim airaid of him"
 cight lirawne huclines each monoted on a lave litd other weaphns. (One of them said.
Iltere. yive me your papuose (baby). I want

 that ceery syuaw liked her own papoose
lest. Not wishiny to anyer him, or show

 yp to him, and sailif "Itcre, you hold my
inaly whife I ket you some sugar and crackers." He tomk the chiicl, and I tan to
the track of my wayou and lrouglta a cupful
 and came back and! gave each Indian a
cricker and prourcd some oi the brown criaker and prourcd sompe of the brown
suspar into eacl ones hand. When the sinkesman of tie party received his cracker
and sugar, lee said something in Indian and suyar, he said something in Indiat
tongut +0 his comparions and away they went yellings like denions and running their
horses at full speed around the outside of horses an full speced around the outside o
nutu circte of warous I was terribly fright
cued, as I had licard that the Inilans lite cunct, as I I had hinsard that the Intilins lik
to get white children, to bring them up ind to get white children, to bring them up an
I auxiously waited for them to return. The a anxiously waited for them to return. They
stoppel at ter a couple of revolutions about Sur camp. and the chicf stopped by my
waron and handed back my bbyy, and as he
lid so, pointed up to the Mayon and handed back my baby, and as he
did so, pointed up to the theat that was float
ing on our wason and he soid "Heap iug on our wason and has said, "Heap good
flay." It was the tlag of the Independent thay. It was the thag of the Independent
Order of Old Fellows and we alurays had one sn our wayon. The thay semed to im
press him as beins a yery inuportant thing proses hine has beiny a very inportant thing
ande hooked at it a hong time. He aske me for gunpuwster, but I told him we dildn't
lave ant. They waited arourd a few min-
 turned lus horse, gave a terrible yell, and
started away Irom the camp on the dead started zway Iron the camp on the dean
unt fillonved hy his sevenn companions, al relling like dennons. Charley Twigs, and
ItcIean had fallin down under their wan lecie by, and fremainew there during the en-
dient
tire colloquy, It did not last more than
five tinutes, but they were the longest five minutes I ever spent in my life.
Twigb, after the fadians left, ,
 a.sked why 1 yave up my child. I answered
dhat 1 dilought it was the best thing to dh



 to see those twin men disappear under thei
wianon leaving a deecenselecsis woman to treat
with With iluws savarases all alcone.
When the mer returtued fron
xhen the men returned from putting the oxen ont to graze, and learned what had
takeen place, our Captain was very angr: because I had given ny crackers aud surar




Seize and Capture
of Los Angeles of Los Angeles (Contimuel from pige ${ }^{56)}$
They arrived at San Pedro withnut molestation, and four or five days later embarked on the merchant ship Vandalia.
which, however, did not at once leave the port Ciilespic in his march was accompancd by a few of the American residents and robaly a dozen of the Chino prisoners,
who had heen exclianged for the saniec numher of Californians whiom he had held under arrest. most likely as hostages.
Gillespie took two cannon with him when he evacuated the city, and left two spiked
and broken on Fort Hill. There seenis to and broken on Fort Hill. There seenss to
have heen a proviso in the articles of capithave heen a proviso in the articles of capit-
plation requiring hinn to deliver over the unns to Flor's on reaching the embarcalero.
If there was sucl a stipulation Giillespie vio.
 runnions and rolled them into the bav.
Thecse four guns were probably the sarie These four guns were probably the same
that Stoktwn reported having found in Castro's alhandonell camp. Marshall, of gokl
discovery fame, claims to lave unspiked the guns virth a hane hamer and cold chisel, and
his and pon improvised
cl on Fort Hill
The revolt inaugurated by Varela at Los Ingeles spread tilirouglout the territory
The . Imerican garrisons were ldriven out of The American garrisons were ldriven out of
San Iniego and Santa Barbarar Monterey
and San Jose were placed under martial law, and San Iose were e placed under martial law,
and $a$ number of sanguinary engagements and a number of sanguinary engagements
mollowed before Stochton, Kearney and Fremont regained what Gillespic (through
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would permit. but we never laad any of the other to give away.
Wee arrived one fine morning at Fort

 ing wars a pleasing sight to us. Wc felt the
security afforded hy the solliers, but when we left the fort belind, we felt that the last ye left the fort beind, we felt that the liast
tie was broken connecting us witli civiliza-


#### Abstract

tion, and we were strictly dependent on our- selves for protection. We reached the ${ }^{\text {Platte River, and were }}$  vised to provide blocks to ratise the waym beds so as to keco nur supplies froman bocoming wet. My h hashand hat prucrured the blocks for uir wagu, but maus of our party were driven to the expectient of using Dufirilo skulls for bleseks. (Tolv women and chitdren were allowed to ride aurnss, the men being comperlled to wade. 1 s the water was up to the huls ne the wheels, generally. it was no easy task getting acriss. Mr huswas no easy task getting heris ins hisi- band's aukte had been bothering him a great deal, from the accident on the steamer, and in wading this river he yave vat nud was compelied to ask for went to his assistance and threw out Wong oo whip. the entre of which my hurbband cought and was thus assisted througlh wagon was the last to cross. and just as we were about over. I heard a man calling out back andt saw a mank. woman and two cliti- dren in a two-lurse. light wagon, fonllowing us; one of the horses had iust fatlen down and was struegline in the water, The and was strug ling in the water. The man was trying to extricale the aniual, and call- ins ingel huidly for help, saying he would pay well for any assistance rendercel. Ye asked for a yoke of nxen th pull the wagnon out of the river. our captain refused to allow any uxen of our train to be usecl. saying that we had all we could do to take care of ourselves, and he he cridered us athe to dre of our- and we had to travelers to their fate. We Me never what beeane of then, but the cries of the wounan and the cliotren, and the luarse calting and swearing of the man haunted me in many a day. They must have perished fier the fist A siwn of them. they were gradlually. After getting across the river we stop to take the blocks off the warnu. We then canme into what ther cilled the Bis Meadhws. With nits were up higher thar the backs of the oxen but the grass hoppers Where in bad that the phon nxen couldn't eat. attle, they Fittled over the covered the swarms and the men were kept busy two or pest. It was a terrible trial andl it seemed have been practically out of the trip should procize the advertisers in the orizzly be these insects that were there in mysiads. There were millic,ns, and millions of them. Our cattle had to be beaten at every step to make them more, and if exery man had not been at hand the cantle certaintr would have been at hand the cattle certainls would have broken away. and stampeded. 1 never duubtond the stories 1 read in after vears of the de- ander Mastation of tarings mint in Ransas and deread that a faranerss scrthe hat its edre cat- en off by them duritit the numon lourt I acen off by them durine the rinon hours. I ac- cepted the story as true without quastion or ceptec the story as true witiout quastion or connunt. Through this country, we had to use the greatest care in the use of water. and I siat wap every night unth alter mindight hoiling water for the next day, and popping cornt popeorn was saill to be a prevention of popeorn was sail to be a properantion of seurvy, and as we had been on a salt meat scurly, and as we had been on a salt meat and york diet for some time, we constumed great great quantitites of popeorne, ind-well. there was no scuryy in our party. We covercd twenty miles a day throtgh this part of the country, and nearly every day young men, carrying their blankets, came to us asking for something to eat. They had leit their own trains and had theen getting along the best way they could. 'I never reinsed to give any of them fowl, but ntany of the other members of our party nljecterd, and I was the sul, ject oin frelluent abhese for dhing what I considered to be my dutv in relieving the humsry. dutv in relies ing the hungry, life druve near a lone eftin  travelers jnined us, on foot. They proved to be "fodd Fellows," and curr . lay at tracted  minting to the eree. "Many a pone driver has been lung to that tree. They tokl us  whenn sume driver harl oiffented the rest. that the men would take their tent poles. that the men would take their tent poles, ris. up a scaffold and hang the poor wretcli to it, and then dig a grave and hare him. We hearl many- such storics of violence no the thesc were the times wlen men thonk the law into their own hands. and when they did it was sloort shift for the offender. no malter what defense he night have. IVe wownern oiten walked on far ahtead of the wagons, and nnce while so walkings, we came up to where there had recently been came up to where there had receutly been a camp. When the wagons came up, one of our men looking ahout our men looking alloit. frund a bloody hatclict and a pool of fresh blood. There were many things left there indicating a hasty departure, and we always folt that


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hbut tiree huultet yards away from this builing springe was a hine somata spring
and we all enjuevel drinking at this wornIterfut nattral sinla ionntain. the wone hlumph what was callet the Rink City
Fluye whlanic rocks reared up on all sites
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int") (califíruia.
Ster this we came tha dry sandy desers. The weather was opperssi wely hot, the way

 this lat, sande stretch, than one "f ne wen.


 every tean in our train gave nut in the sanke
way that same day. lnut they were turned way that sanke day, but they were turned by the enseptres and in this way he clid not Which nur os fel! down. I jumped out of
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 Casis in the desert anel it was with consider-
able regret that wo lirike camp the next
 This Ilesert was. I Detieve, what is now called sierra Valley, as
duction to Calliforvia.
When we reacleorl this print. nnore truble occurect. Our captain hadl resigned his Ohfice, and the train was withunt a heat-it
was numb everyburdr for himself. And then the extra nuen whut had antel ax hodpers and
drivers desited the train. Ther elaimed drivers desirted the train. Thes claimed
that they had beern uniarly treatel, put 1



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five left. and no wne to drive them but nuv
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nur party. Clartcy Tritchartl, was taken ill with clootera. Fé hathl beon ailing for ser-

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sick and peryed mu to louk atter hime: I



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Is the land for me.
Y'm yoing to Califoruia
When I get to California
I will look all atrount.
I'll sele the great bigg gind lumpls
Oh, California, California
Is the land for me,
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husband and myseli had many very earnest takse about gome ont to Calnorma after wur marriage. I was married on ()cuber ? lste to Jushua Hutchings Variel. My husband and I were greatly interested in the anderements wat a trip to California offered and while we frequently disensed the phesshbilites of such a venture, we were thor wiil. in ahe to and constdered fuld tend it, but comntless stories of the boundless gold fields, where we could go out with a basket and pick up a supply of gold mugcrets at any time orercame any fears we had entertained and we concluded to join the first expedition that was organized in our neighborhood.

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Wm. J. Variel
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Ioe." Missouri, where we were to join the rest of our party, who had preceded us overland, and then to go into camp until final arrangements were made for the real start across the desert. ()ur vessel was a very old side-wheel river steamer, and was commanded by Captain l)uff. a gallant young officer who had with him his yomg wife and their one-year-okd chikl. The captain was kind and considerate, and extended to his passengers every courtesy possible. I wore the hadge of a Daughter of Relsecca (Independent ()rder of Odd Fellows), having become a member of a chapter of that society in New Harmony. The badge consisted of a green, pink and white ribbon worn about the neck. ending in a bow. The captain was a member of the Odd Fellows, and my badge at once attracted his attention, and it no loubt was the means of my chiklren and myself recciving many a little favor that we otherwise would have missed. This I appreciated very much. and if it hadn't been for his kindness I do not know how I should have gottten along. It was rather a scrious undertaking on my part to have the care of a little three-yearold son and a six monthsold daughter, besides rendering to others assistance when called on to do so.

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tained many sunken logs, and one day while we were carefully steaming our way up stream, it was our misfortume to run into one of these. I was terrified by fecling the boat give a sudden lurch, and then to hear the pilot's roice ring out: "Everybody on deck! 'The boat is on a snay!" Everybody rushed out on deck and the little steamer seemed to be fairly standing on her stern. Her bow was up in the air and it was with great difficulty that I was able to stand up on the deck. The pilot stood in the pilost house, his face pale as death. In a few minutes the boat righted herself, and the pilot's cheery cry of "All's clear." quieted our fears and restored our equanimity. It appeared that fortune was with us, for we were told by the Captain that if the accident had occurred in the night time, we would all probably have been lost, lut the blessed daylight, enabling the uffers to properly hanctle their boat. saved us. Mr husband fell on the deck during the confusion and sprained his ankle quite severely, which injury bothered him thromghout the journey in fact. he never did get over it, as he ever after had a weak ankle. it day later we had another accident that might have proven very serions. W'e were sttaming alons very chose to the shore early in the morning while we were seated at ioreakiast. I happened $t$ look out of the door towards the stern is 1 saw a big blaze going up from a wagon in that part ui the boat. The sight of it filled me with terror. I said nothing, but acted very quickly. I quietly picked up my two little children and walked out of the cabin. By the time I reached the side of the steamer she had stopped and the bell was loudly clanging the fre alarm. Some of the deck hands had hastily thrown out the gang plank to the river bank, and this I lost no time in mounting with my two little children in my arms. As I walked away from the river I could hear the loud roices of men calling out, and the screams of women and children. In a few minutes the fire was put out and quiet restored, and I returned to the boat. It appeared that in some way a feather bed had got on fire and for a few moments it looked very serions for 115 , but the only effect of it was a terrible fright, and that was so great that the boat remained at her monorings for a couple of hours before proceeding up the river. I was very much frielitemed. wi course, but 1 kept my nerve.

in an old rotten and filthy boat seventeen days is bad, but to be thus situated and then put on half rations is truly remarkable; but such was our fate.
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We proceeded up the river and arrived in due time at Saint Joe. Missouri, after a serentecu days run from Evansrille.

This steamer trip was not as pleasant as it might have been, and possibly the many years gone by have somewhat softened the recollection of the hardships, and perhaps my remembrance is not of the best. but the note which I find my husband made in his diary of the event is as follows: "The best place on the river is Saint Toc. This is a pleasant town (save when the wind hows and then it is disagrecable) of some $3500 \mathrm{in-}$ habitants, and is backed by some of the finest country that I ever sar, and some of it is well cultivated. Wre arrived here on the last day of $A$ pril, after the most tedions trip I ever tonk in any way. for to be coorged up
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The same day just after we arrived in camp. the pilot of the steamer, whose name camot remember. came into camp carry ing his "carpet sack." and told us that the ateamer had sunk. On returning to the river, there. sure enough, we saw only the pilot house of the old "Brooklyn" above the water. I then for the first time realized What a peril we had passed through on the
gathered a few) somehow I never, either during the journey or since, regretted taking the trip I did.

We were to steam down the Ohio, thence up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Missouri, thence up the Missiouri to "Saint trip. as I learned from that pilot that the boat was a rotten old craft, and that she had been greatly overloaded, and that we had really taken great chances in making the vorage in her. Many of us thought at the time that from the fact that the boat was so heavily insured, that she was sunk on purpose to get the insurance-I have been told that that was a common practice in those clays.

Everybody was busy now dividing stores and packing wagrons. The notes in my husband 's diary shed some light on the trials and difficulties attending the few dars of our final preparations:
"Today I have determined to have another team or stop at Saint Joe. MI. C. and I bourht $Z$. Johnson's half of a team, consisting of a wagon and outfit and two yoke of oxen, and I now have Cuddy for a partner. IVe mored this team out to the camp and I set ap for mrself. May $4,5,6,7$ and $S$ were occupied in fitting out, and for me it is very unpleasant, for there is but one who left Harmony who is disposed to see me have a fair chance. Mr. C. has done all that he could, and has acted the man. We have got our team now of four yoke of oxen.
May \&. Today we have divided our stores, and I will say with truth that I never knew the definition of selfish before, but now I can appreciate it in its fullest sense, but cannot tell all the little mean things I saw it do, and would like to forget it. Truly is this the place to try men.
"May 9. Today, Sunday, we broke up camp and moved up to the ferry four miles abore Saint Joe, and camped for the night "May 10. Today was spent in fixing wagons and in the evening we crossed the river in a hard rain storm, and ascended the bluff. Which is a very bad hill of some two hundred feet in height, with a grade of forty degrees. It was so wet that we had to put twelve yoke of oxen (twenty-four animals) to a wagon, and hard work at that. But we go up safely, minus the breaking of a few chains and cracking I's whip stock of hoosier oak. We camped one and a quarter miles from the Missouri, where we found erond grase and a grool surbite of water.

I cannot recall the names of the entire party, but those I do remember are the following: J. H. Varicl and wife, Mrs. Mary Alexander Variel, and their two children, the one then three years old being the late Hon. R. H. F. Variel of Los Angeles, and the other, a daughter, six months old, who is now Mrs. Bell C. Eaton of Ventura countyr: Michael Craddock and Jane Craddock, his wife; Henry Hugo, fifteen years old; Mrs. Corbin and Tiny Corbin, her two-yearold daughter, going to join her husband: Danicl Perky, IVilliam Galloway, Nonis Burbeck, Charles Twigg, Frank MeNear, Charles Pritchard, Mrs. James liudden and her three daughters, Kate, Mary, Lily, aged sixteen, nine and seven years (going to join her husband in California who was out there practicing medicine), Burt Kellogg, -- Cuddy, Frank Durlin, - I. Dunn with wife and babr. Henry Hall, foln and Mark Delaner., "French Louis" (cook), 'Thomas Cox and $\cdots$ ife, Geore Grant, wife and sisters, Fide Lyon (her husband was in radia (it and she was coing on on hima). Green Cox, William Davis wife and haby Wreen Coa, William Dame rife and Faddeu illam Bradley, Zummerich Mr Faddeu. - Racquet, "Sill"-. Menry Tohnscin cleven-rear-ok hoy and hark Johnsenn. When we started we had a fine fatc -.... fort hy having hime as he was alwars about watching over my children.


## CHAS. H. TURNER

Grand Secretary N. S. G. W.
The order of the Native Sons of the Golden West is blessed in possessing many men who are a credit to the organization they represent. Men of undoubted ability

and honesty of purpose, men who are tireless in their efforts to advance the spirit of fraternity, and who leave no stone unturned to promote the general prosperity of the State and its people. Each month of the Grizzly will contain a portrait, together with a short sketch, of the men who are working unselfishly in the upbuilding of Native Sonism. And in this issue we present the likeness of Charles H . Turner, the present Grand Secretary.
Brother Turner has devoted his entire time for the past eighteen years to the order he loves. "Twas through his individual efforts Calaveras Parlor 10.67 was organized. He was appointed a District Deputy Grand President by Grand President Flint. and organizen Linion and Copperapolis Parlors. He has traveled extensively throughout the State, and it is claimed that he has: carned the provd distinction of visiting is greater mumber of parlors than any other

EVA T. BI
Grand President of the Native


There is no better known nor respected - binicer in the Native Daughters than the giss-ent arand president of this splendid fraternity: This worthy lady has beet, and is, mon active in all affars concerning the orsumization she so ably represents, and has spared no pains in assisting any and all pro-

- iinwit I have detumined th have another team or stop at Saint Toc. MI. C. and I bought Z. Johnson's half of a team, consisting of a wagon and outfit and two yoke of oxen, and I now have Cuddy for a partner. We moved this team out to the camp and $I$ set up for muself. May $4,5,6,7$ and 8 were occuipied in fitting out, and for me it is rery umpleasant, for there is but one who left Harmony who is disposed to see me have a fair chance. Mr. C. has done all that he could, and has acted the man. TVe have got our team now of four yoke of oxen.
May \&. Today we have divided our stores, and I will say with truth that I never knew the definition of selfish before, but now I can appreciate it in its fullest sense, but cannot tell all the little mean things I saw it do, and would like to forget it. Trulv is this the place to try men.
"May 9. Today, Sunday: we broke up camp and moved up to the ferry four miles abnve Saint Ioe, and camped for the night.
"May 10. Today was spent in fixing warnis and in the evening we crossed the river in a hard rain storm, and asconded the hutf. which is a very bad hill of some two lumdred feet in height, with a grade of forty degres. It was so wet that we had to put twelve roke of oxeri (twenty-four animals) to a wagon, and hard work at that. But we go up safely. minus the breaking of a few chains and cracking $\Gamma$ 's whip stock of honsier oak. We camped one and a quarter miles from the Missouri. where we found gond grass and a good spring of water.
May 11. We are now fairly afloat and our lestiny is westward. 111 well and in good sidirits, except Mr. P., who has been unwell with d- for several days but is too cross to be in any danger."

While in camp we were visited by Indians, who exacted from every man a toll of one dollar for the privilege of going through their countre. And we had to pay 25 cents for each wagon crery time we crossed a bridge. They were tery friendly. were well dressed and could speak very goocl English, ther having lired near the town of Saint Joe. They were the Kickapoo Indians.
When our preparations were all completed and the start was actually made. our "emigrant train," as it was called in those days, was made up of cleven large wagons, or prairie schomers, covered with canvas. each (rawn by four yoke, or eight oxen, and our cmigrant company consisted of about
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Reproduction of old Daguerrotype of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.Variel
(Continued in August Number.)

## "The Tender Mercies."

Bishop Joseph F. Berry, during the Mernodist comference's recent session in New York. told a story in illustration of the tender mercies of the wicked.
"It is said." he began, "that when the great Spanish marshal, Narracz, lay dying, his confessor asked him if he had any enemies. "' '- o', whispered the marshal: 'I have none.'
"But the priest. reflecting on the stormy life of the ding man. repeated:
."Think, sir! Have you no enemies? None whatever?

and honesty of purpose, men who are tireless in their efforts to advance the spirit of fraternity, and who leave no stone tinturned to promote the general prosperity of the State and its people. Each month of the Grizzly will contain a portrait, together with a short sketch, of the men who ate working unselfishly in the upbuikling of Native sonism. The in this isste we present the likeness of Charles H. Turner, the present Grand Secretary:

Brother Turner has devoted his entire time for the past eighteen years to the order he loves. Twas through his individual efforts Calaveras Parlor Nöo was organized. He was appointed a District Deputy Grand President by Grand President Finit. and organizen Union and Copperapolis Parfors. He has traveled extensively throughout the State, and it is clamed that he has carned the protid distinction of risiting a greater number of parlors than any other Grand Officer to date.
Then Alcatraz Parlor was instituted Mr. Tumer was installed a charter Third VicePresidfent and successfully passed through all the chairs. He was elected Grand Secretary at the Vallejo Grand Session and has been continumusly re-elected and now is entering upon his fourth year.

Brother Chas. Turner has also attended every (irand Parlor since the twenty-second session held at Salinas.
The Crizzly lear has receired many favors from our hustling Grand Secretary, and his unselfish efforts in securing special items of interest is greatly appreciated.



By WM. J. VARIEL.



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Jirema notes given ly his pioncer mother, the late Mrs. Mary Alexander Variel.

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## (Continued from July Issue)

The first Tadians we saw, as previonsly stated, were at otr first camp) near Saint Joe, they being "tame Indians." They very promptly made demands on us to pay "toll," and of course, we hat mothing else to do but pay it, and this put them in a good humor. They had a big camp) fire near uts and the old chice came over and inviterl me to go over to their fires and warm my tea, but having a little iron stove for that purpose, I declined his invitation. I grave my little son, Rellort, fifty cents in give to the chicf, the latter having inspired the child with a very wholesmme fear, but he walked up to the old fellow and said, "lfere, four bits." The chief tow the coin and howed very fow, and again invited us tu his camp, but 1 declined.

In making the final arrangements for ont werland trip), we chose onc of the ment ats ciptain, Mr. M. Craddock, but my husband und another man were chosen licutenants and had a good deal to say about the conditet of affairs. It was arranged that two men should in rotation stand guard each night aud watch our cattle, two staying up) mentil midnight, and two others the balance of the night. iVe also arranged our mode of travel and making camp. Fach wagon tork its turn in leading, and when the cap)tain in the evening ordered a halt for camp). the first wagon would take a position (so that it would lee the last one of move the next morning) and then the other wagons as they came 11j, would fall in position, the
wagons when all had halted being in a circle, forming a circular barricade or fort, inside of which we pitched our tents and built our individual camp fires. In the back end of our wagon my hushand had built an excellent pantry, which was very tight and in which I kept supplies for immediate use in very good shape. Each wagon loadiand party hard its own supplies, ind dise its uwn cooking, there being no commonity interest in this respect. We had tin plates, tin cups, iron knives and forks, and our eatables consisted of taa, coffec, sumar, crackers, llour, hams, shoulders, smoked bacon and cheese. We had no canned goods, as this was before the era of that very convenient form of food. I had bought two bushels of dried peaches before we started, and this furb ished us with what seemed at the time a very delicious dessert during the entire journcy. I diel all of the cooking for our wagon party, consisting of my husband, two chifdren and myself, and two men, "Cuddy" and "loutis," both Frenchmen. I.ouis always gathered the fuel, carried water and washed the dishes for me, little favors that were much appreciated by the cook. I beifed water every night after suppere, and in the morning before starting filled four lis canteens and a little one for Robert, with this cooled, boiled water. Ry this means our wagon party, at least, always had a good supply of wholesome water, something that some of the others neglected, and to their cost, as will be secn.

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We laid by the next day and night, and during the diay we buried the last mortal remains of the first victim, burying it at the froot of a beautiful granite boulder. This rock had red streaks in it and we called it "(alico Rock." The bonly was sewed up) in a blanket (for a coffin was out of the (ucstion) and let down into a grave about frum feet deep and was then covered up, in ceremony of iny kind being had. It was a mournful affair, and we all felt very much depressed. each one no doubt wondering who would be called next. Our fear of cholera was not ill-founded, for we had just passed another emigrant train that had four bad casces of cholera. After recuperating for the day and night following the death of our comrade, we continued our westward jouruey.

One morning while I was walking along alicad of the front wagno to escape thic dust (for $T$, in fact, walked most of the way actess the plains in this way) I all bit stepped on the body of a dead man lying near the road. It was that of a white man. and the body was only half covered with carth. ()ne arm was bare and protruded from the shallow and hastily made grave. The berly appeared to have been only recently buried and some of us thought that the joor fellow had been buried alive, ats the position of the body would indicate this. for it certainly conlel ingt have been buried with ne arm sticking out. The suggestion was horrible. He had probably died of cholera. Tin the cholera seourges many perple were buried in such haste that life oftendimes was mot extinct. Our men, however. finished the butial, for they took their spades and covered the botly.

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diel whate we could to alleviate her sufferings. She was a good, kind-hearted woman and my heart went nut to her. She had a nine months' old baljy and the prospeet of this little child being left an orphan was terrible. The poor woman lay sick all day, and I went to her and found her lying on a board in her tent. She was very sick and suffered great pain. She tokl me she was sure she was going to clic, but I spoke to her encouragingly, and set about trying to (i) something for lier. She was very cold, so I got some rocks heated up and put them (1) her feet and gave her liot pepper tea; sho seemed to get better, but she was terribly frightencel, and kepr orying that she didn't want io die and be burjed in a blanket. ITer brother's reath and burial had terrified her, and I believe that if her courare could have been kept up, she would have zecovereal. She kept crying that she wats groing to dice and during the evening became very low, and just about midnight ler terrified, troubled soml passed away.

The might, though clear: was very cold, as it had been raining during the clay, and a fierec wind was blowing that chilled to the bone. 'The sky was slightly overcast, and black clouds shifted rapielly across the face of the pale moon. We were all terror stricken at the death of our friend, and a leep gloom pervaded the camp. Most of the canip were up and about, cach one, no doubt, filled with his or her own thoughts of loneliness and sorrow. I walked over to the tent of the dearl woman just a few moments after she died, and was almont to go into the tent to assist the other laclies in preparing the bonly for burial, when I was startled and fairly transfixed by a loutl, loner, mearthly sercam issuing from some bushes near by. It sounded like a woman screaming out in agonized terror, and at the same: time it liad the fierecness and power that betokened some powerful wild anmal. It was terrible, and $T$ was frightened half to death. It was so strange and weirel, too, at that lonely midnight hour when death harl just claimed a victim, for that panther to be at nur camp and give out that terrible cry. I have often wondered abont it since. I have never heard a dose howl at night since, that I haven't recalled that panther's scream. It is sald that dogs howl when a human soul passes ilway. Whiat relation was there possibly between the death of our poor friend that dismal night, and the one dreatful scream of that panther? It was eviclently a strange coincidence, and such a thing as would be calculated to fill us all with superstitious dread. T know I did not sleep any that night, and I dombt if anybody in canp slept, and a close watch was had at the tent of cleath.

We laid by another day in order to bury the read. This solemn duty having been performed, we spent the rest of the clay in altering our tents, sumning oir clothes and choctoring the sick. Siter that it was westward again.

A night or two after Sarah dicel, another of our party, Cliatles Jwigrs, was taken sick with cholera. IIe had been a friend and neighloor at Nrew Jfarmony, and I felt very kinclly towards him, so when I learned that he was sick, I determined to make an effort to save him. Tre had great confidence in me and begged me to do something for him. I heated a board over the fire and made my husband put it on the sick man's stemach, and orclererl it to be kept there lint, and mate him drink a quart of hot milk in
which I had sprinkled a gencrous quantity of red cayemne pepper. He soon showed marked improvement, he sweat very frecly, and the severe pains he had been suffering left him, and lie slept all night and the next morning rode in his wagon, and by another day or two hic was well. He always said thit I saved his life.

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st ; here was Fort Kearney. It was a fine, bright morning when we cane in sight of the fort. The soldiers were out parading and it was a very welcome sight, for reports of Indians had marle usi feel a little nervorus. There were three or four frame houses, a few pieces of cannon, and some sixty soldiers, but we saw no American lag. We camped a few miles below the fort for noon. LIere one of the men deserted or left our party; be guit becaluse he diel not like the itlea of working. Ve wrote some letters and. mated then here at the fort. 'lhere were no women here, at Icast I saw none. We dind not remain at the fort, but went on several miles that afternoon before campo ingr for the night.
Soon after leaving Fort K゙earney, we came across a newly made grave. It harl a small plank for a head board on which was written, "Che Jone Girave. A Yound (iirl if Years." Whose body lay buried there. or what the circumstances of her reath weac, could only lie conjectured by us, when had seen the fatal ravages of clobera. 'lhis lone grave out there in the boundless denert
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As we neared fort J aramic, we met four young men, driving an cight ox team, coming back from the West. The young men were crying, and we asked them what was the matter, and they replied that they four, with their Caritain, who was an older man, had started from Kentucky to go to California; that everything harl gone well until the day before we met them, when their "Captain" hird heen stricken down with cholera, and had died, and they, after burying him, had lost heart and had turned back thwards home. They were nearly frantie with grief and disappointment. I spoke to one of them and said Kentucky was my state (my parents had formorly lived in the old blice grass state, and I had a warm place in my heart for any. K゙entuckian), and asked them to turn back and go on with us, but they were not to be turned from their purpose, and bade tis goodloye, and went on towards home. I bave often wondered what hecame of then.

Soon after this, Mrs. Corbin and I, while
one morning walking aboud of the train, came lup with an ox feam, four yoke as usual. 'lhe leader, or Ciptain, was an old man probalbly seventy yoars old, by the hame of Ayers, and he wats aceompanied by two young men, and a youme negro weman who diel the cooking for the party. Their oxen were standing still. and apparently they had licen in frumble of some kind. "The old man asked me if there were any Masmos in wur party, and I replied that I dien't know of any except Charles Fwige: that nearly all of our men folks were (kid liellows. (One of the yonng men, Jim Johnson, came and spoke tos me and satid that the old man hatd had tromble with the tran of which they were members, and that their formere comphandons refused (1) allow them to trated in company with them any foneser, and they hat been ermpellerd to fall behimd. Jim begged me very carnestly to allow him to join our train, so we wated antil our train came uf) to see what could be dome for the waifs. I at ence told (harley Twiger that there was a stranger there with the waton asking for at Masom. Charley talked with the Nissumbian at white, and the latter, after considerable aalk and parleying among ontr ment, wats pertuitted to join one train and io fall in lechind and take its turn, and his two yoing men were to stand wateh in turn as oirr men were doing. Several days went by without any incielent, jim especially making himself very useful and agrecable to tis all." Ayers was afraid $t$ ( go on alone for fear of the Indians, and was especially afraid of groing down the 1 Limbolelt River in Nevata. Tlis was his one fear, and he had begreed so hard that it was elecided to take him in, :10 matter what kind of a man he was.

One morning Ayers watron was at the rear, and Jim had just finished milking their cow, and he came to me with a bucket partly filled with milk, and asterd me if I had anything to pros the milk in so ats to save it, saying that everything in their wagon was filfed. I replied that the bantry was elosed up, and that $[$ couldn't make any tase of it. as the watgon had gene om. I always stayed behime when the waron first started, to see that nothing was left behinul. Ar. Ayers was standing chatling with me when jim came up, and I moticed that $\Lambda$ yres lad a bong bowie knife in his hand. Whan I satid | hat nothing to put the milk in, - lim simply farmed it nut on the grommel, and ats gatick as a tlash old dyeers drew his land hack and struck at Jim, whon was weat me on the other sisle, and voutd have ent him if I hasl not struck his arn and knocked the knife to the erronind. It was all done very quickly, and I beliexe the wh man would have killed Jim if [ had not been there. ? grabhed up) the knife and threw it away as far as 5 could, and said to the boy, "Jim, take my spade and knock his brains out." Jim picked up the spade and rrew it back to strike, lont the obld man ran to his wagon and sot his gun, hat the negro girl s.rabloed the gun from him and told him it wats net irsaded. Jim implored me to let him go with our wagem, and asked $A$ yers to give him his clothes, but $\Lambda$ yres tolll him io go on, that sie couldn't have them. I pleaded with the old man to give Jim his things, lout the old fiend was obderate and refused. I said, "Jim, come along. My husiband has plenty of clotlies, and you can get along some way." Jim dold Ayres that he hat done a great deal for him, and that he (Jim) hard
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When the men returned from putting the oxen wht to graze, and learned what had taken place, Our CCaptain was very angry becanse 1 had given my crackers and sugar away saying that 1 would need those trackers and sugar before I got across. I replied that I didn't think we would need either if we were all killed by the Indians.
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## Seize and Capture of Los Angeles

(Comtinacd from page 56)
They arrived at San Pedro withont molestation, and four or five days later embarked on the merchant shij, Vandalia, which, however, did not at. once leave the prot. (iilespic in his march was atecompanied hy it few of the smerican resislents and probably a dozen of the (:hino prisuners. who hat been exchanged for the same number of (alifornians whom he had held under arrest, most likely as hostages.
(iillespie took two camon with him when he evacuaterl the city, and left two spiked and broken on liort I Iill. There seems to have been a provison in the artieles of eapitmation requiring him tes deliver over the gums to librex on reaching the embarcaclero. If there was such a stipulation (iillespie violaterd it. THe spiked the guns, broke of the trumnions and rolled them into the bay. These [our guns were probably the same that Stockton reported having found in Castro's abandoned camp. Marshall, of gold discovery fame, claims to have unspiked the grons with a hammer and cold chisel, and apon improvised carriages they were mounted en liort IIill.

The revolt inangurated by Varela at Los Anseles spread throughout thic territory. The $\lambda$ merican garrisons were Idriven out of San Diego and Santa l3arbara. Monterey and San Jose were placed under martial law, and a number of sanguinary engagements followed before Stockton, Kearney ansl Fremont regained what Gillespic (through Stockton's blunderinge) lost in the surrender of Y.os Angeles.


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