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Dear Fred,

I have just returned from the OCTA mid-year Board meeting in Independence. Since I'm no longer on the Board (thankfully!), Rose Ann and I spent some time in the library. In looking at a recently acquired diary, we realized it was another diary of an 1854 trip over the Jeffrey Cutoff! It is by Elisha Mayhew, who was in the same train as Rose Ann's Mary Stone Smith. You can't imagine how excited we were to realize it!

Here are two copies. Enjoy! Rose Ann says you deposited the other Jeffrey diaries in the Visitors Center at the Craters of the Moon, so the extra one is for them. The diary was found by Jeanne Miller in her husband's papers, and she donated it to the center. Just another example of diaries that continue to surface! I have encouraged Rose Ann to edit it and Mary Smith's for the series--possibly Harvey Jones and wife also.

I'm still working on the introduction to Ebey, I'll send it to you soon. By the way, I still plan to keep you on the book as co-editor. Even though I have done all the actual writing, your work transcribing and preliminary annotation was critical, and equal I think. We will have about six contributors listed, including Reg Duffin, so it should be a good compilation!

Sincerely,

Susan

*Original & t.t. in Merrill J. Matter Research Library,
National Frontier Trails Center, Independence, Missouri.*

Diary: Elisha C. Mayhew

1854

Shelbyville, Indiana to Oregon

Title: Sketches of a Trip Across the Plains

Born in Shelby County, Indiana, Elisha C. Mayhew (1831-1913) was a 22-year-old widower with an infant daughter when he made the overland trek to Oregon recorded in this diary. Of special interest are his lists of food and hardware supplies and other descriptions of outfitting for the trip.

While in Oregon, Mayhew acquired land, sold goods and served as a military company sergeant during some Indian hostilities in present-day Washington state. In the early 1860's, Mayhew returned to Indiana, remarried and enlarged his family before moving to Lamoni, Iowa where he died at the age of 81.

Sketches of a Trip Across The Plains March the 23. We started as my friends will know from Shellyville Ind. [...] and landed Jeffersonville at twelve o'clock the same day. At 1/2 past 4 PM we went aboard the Europea bound for St. Louis. Nothing of any importance occured during the trip.

we arrived at the above place on the following Sunday in the after noon.

Monday the 27 we went aboard the Sonora for St. Joseph and were until the 3rd of April getting through.

This evening our [...] & [...] stocked ourselves with all the spare [...] we had in the train (the [...] bug [...] of the contents of my Mexican chest) a few crackers and a little [...] walked one mile up the [...] to a train to an a sick boy we found the family [...] in a suffering condition they was out entirely of the [...] and had but a [...] families had no more flour in proportion to ther no of persons and scarcely any meat:

Thus far I have only given you sketches of the trip mearly to show you the rout we took heare after I will endeavor to be a little more brief. We bought our cooking utencils and [crib as a [pare?]] and rented a small house and went to housekeeping in earness.

on the 13th we were called to wit-ness the Death of Mrs. Emily Stone a member of the company a Lady that had been afflicted with the consumption for a number of years She was quite as well during the passage up as when at home Our time at St. Joseph was devoted to Buying our waggons and outfit and makeing the nessary preparations for the final trip. We start from St Joseph with the following out-fit and when I get through I will let you know how far we came from being right. Well in the first place we had four moderately - heavy two horse waggons. as it will be of some importance I will mintian guess how they were constructed. the Beds with the additional side bords on were in the neighborhood of two feet high. the bottom bords extended out behind about eighteen inches for the purpose of resting a box on. the top made slanting so as to shed the rain the bows are about ten feet over and made strong but light the cover is made of heavy good and double at that and made to cover the back end entirely and about three inches in frount with an apron made fast at the top and to Button down at the sides. I have now described either of the four waggons that is to bare us across the plains However to complete

the discription Iwill mention that we have constructed a false bottom to our waggon it is made of thin Lumber laid cros ways and resting on sleats runing the full length of bead placed sufficently high to admit a sack of flour. This bottom is used for different purposes First to protect the flour and other loading secondly it answers for a beadsted thirdly, as these plank are laid down loose we made a table of them by elivating the tounge of the waggon and placeing a pole in the hanndles of the waggon and the other one on a stake and placing the plank on them

Now friends the next most important thing is our provisions to [...] person

480 # Flour 3.50

120 # Crackers

80 # Corn Meal

120 # Dried Beaf

240 # Bacon sides & Hams

24 # Beans

28 # Coffee

4 # Tea

4 gal Molasses

80 # Dried Apples

80 # " peaches

16 # Lard

27 # Sugar or [...]

27 # Rice

26 # Saleratus

8 # Crushed sugar

28 # Sass[...] in the shape of Preserves

16 # Butter well packed

4 gal of Pickles

2 gal vinegar

8 # candles

4 Candle Stick

4 Knifes & Fork

8 Tin plates

4 Tin Cup we found made exspresly for the trip

Several tin pans different sizes and 2 or 3 Tin Buckets [...]

4 leanterns we have been advised to take

1 smaual water keg

1 leamp kettle

1 Frying pan

1 Skillet & Lid

1 Oven & "

a smaual sheat iron stove

2 smaual matres 3 & 1/2 ft wide

8 Comforts of Blankets:

1 Tins 8 by 10 to persons and what clothing will last us through

2 Rifles

2 Revolvers

6 # Powder

8 # Lead

10 Boxes taps

2 Lanterns

1 shovel or spade

1 2 inch Auger

1 1 " "
 1 1/2" "
 1 1/4" "
 1 Drawing Knife
 1 Good hand saw
 1/2 doz gimblets different sizes
 1 Hatchet
 1 Aze
 4 Camp stools
 1 smaui Wash Tub

Well I believe I have got down every thing that is of any importance I will now endeavor to give a slight description of our travels although I can not take time to tell haugh.

on Wednesday the 24 we left St Joe. and went up to Jim Whiteheads ferry about four miles up the River as the wind was very high and they had nothing but an old flat we were portions of two days getting across

we camped on the Nebraska side Friday night and started over one of the pretest praries in the world. Very rolling one objection there is scarcely any wood or water. in the evening we camped at musquetoecircle 12 mi to go only seven miles from the ferry we stoped early for the reason that a Mr Bozakin for Oregon and a Mr. Matthews for California were camped there waiting for company they joined us in the morning and we started on about eight oclock and came to a tol Bridge about [insert here: Joined another company of 3 waggon] twenty miles out kept by some Indians. we found them to be very friendly we paid them the required tol and went on about ten miles to the Mission 12 miles - 24 and camped we have met with no bad luck yet except brakeing a wheele but as there is a black smith shop at the Mission we feel very well satisfied there is a store

Monday the 29th. This morning we were delaied by repairing our waggon but we occupied the time by filling our canteens and kegs with water as these would be a scarcity for several miles in the evening we had to go two miles from the road to camp now as I have time I will just tell you how we live out on the plains you may think that we are not enjoy our selves but I can answer for one that you are mistaken we first arrange our waggons in a row and then pitch our tents and ascertain which way the wind blows then build the fire so that the smoke will not blow in our tents or waggons and then after getting sufficient wood and water for the cooks. and then we have nothing to do but to lay around on the hills and watch the cattle that they do not stray off to far at the same time amusing our selves by reading or writing or any way that suits us. we watch the cattle untill they begin to lay down and then eat our suppers and go to bed

Tuesday April the 30th we arose in time this morning put things to rights and was on the road by eight oclock we arrived at the Nimehaw 81 miles this evening cross the tol Bridge and camped in as delighsfull a place as ever I sen the water is very clear and cool there is a smaui store here and a black smith shop here

Wednesday we were up a little earlier than usual we started at seven oclock in high spirits as this is a beautifull morning we have had a little rain

but not as much as we want I do not intend giving a general discription of the country but the good bad or indifferent success we have you shal know it

this is friday thus far we have not sen any thing worth mentioning excepting that we see number of graves a long the road [...] persons that died in 1850 & 52 We met with a great many persons hunting lost stock to day we have to camp at the early hour of one oclock as there is no wood nor watter for eighteen miles which will be a good big drive tomorrow

Saturday 6th last evening there was a german come roling in to our camp with an grind stone rigned up on a one wheele concern very much resembling a wheele barrow which he had brought from philadelphi. he said that he believed that he would join a company if he could get to some of the company accepting his propposition the next day he was mounted upon a horse driving loose stock we arrived at Big Blue 116 (stream some thirty feet wide) a camped and are all willing to confess that it is the nicest camping ground yet that is on this side of the river. the other side is similar to what we have been camping on high blufs and scarce of grass. There is in the neighborhood of three Thousand head of stock camping on this stream tonight I would not like to undertake to count to men women & children for they are quite numerous there is a store here but it would take a large cappitol to buy him out at his regular retail price common whiskey 100. pr qt. and all staple articles in proportion. We amused our selves last night by fishing they are very plenty in this stream

This morning the 7th we were delaid until nine oclock by our cattle wandering to far off we have been a some what unfortunate to day, one of Mr. Bozatin's little boys fell off of the waggon and the wheele ran over one of his legs and broke it. We have traveled to day with out seeing any watter and have at length camped where it is very scarce and by no means good the distance that we have trtaveled to day is a bout twelve miles There is a nice little gob of hearing the stock tonight for the first time there is not so much danger of them streying as there is of the ponees stealing them.

Monday 8th this morning we was delayed in sepperating our stock from that of a neighboring drove that sliped in after the moon went down. we have made good spead to day as there was no watter short of 20 or 25 miles. we have made no discoveries worth mentioning except a skul of some human laying in the road also a catfishs head that was about a foot acrost they say there is very large fish in any of these streams they are small by my map. we have a very good camping to night.

Tuesday 9th This morning we were off by 1/2 pas 7 but soon asertained that ten of our stock had given us the slip as we were only intending to travel about fourteen miles we will get them and get through we are camped in a very nice place this evening our cattle that were missing we got from a drove that came along. To day friends has been one of the trying days on the plains the wind has blown insesantly and the dust so thick and fast that it was with the greatest dificulty that we could see the fourth yoke of cattle at least a part of the time our camp is on a beautifull little stream about 170 miles from St Joseph we find plenty of Indian wigwams here but no ocupants at least they are not to be seen although they may be skulking around to steal our stock but we will watch them close to night as there is strong indications of them here

This morning is as beautifull as you generally see this 10th of of may we geathered our stock to geather and found them all safe and [...] soone sixed ready to start the wind is not quite so strong to day as yesterday we traveled some 15 or 18 miles to day and had to got about one miles off the road to camp but was well paid for it for I dont think that ill ever seen a nicer camping place yet on the road we are now on the little Blue. we begin to see signs of Buffalo. as yet we have not seen any game of any importance But plenty of fish

This is the 11th of May and we are again on the road bright and earley. we stoped at noon and fead and camped at three oclock again on the little Blue. probably traveled 12 miles to day. here we discover [...] of Buffao & Beaver the boys caught some fine fish this evening. we are making preparation for rain to night which we need very much as the dust is very bad.

May 12. this is another of those disagreeable days. it rained insesantly last night and is dresiling rain and very cold this morning. we started about nine oclock and soon found one of the cows gone and sent two men back after him they wer very luckey in finding her but with a young calf which they knocked in the head and soon caught up with the drove at noon we stoped and took our dinners in our fists as usual and is soon disappeared we camped again on the Little Blue.

13 This morning is clear but cold we got a tolerably earley start this morning but as the grass where we stoped lass night was not very good we camped at one oclock and done up the washing.

This morning is a very cold & rainey one for the 14th of May and we were some later starting than usual but as it was cold we made a very good drive and camped on the little Blue once more

15th we started at eight oclock by the Little Blue for this trip and traveled seven miles before we came to wood and watter. then we laid in a suply for twenty two miles we traveled about five more and camped. it rained all night.

This morning is the 16th and a more disagreeable morning I never seen however it is nothing more than we were aware that we would see while in the neighborhood of the platte. it was equally as bad all day. this evening we landed in the neighborhood of the Platt but as the timber was on the other side we had to burn little green brush and had to carry that about a mile we found an old broken spade and the handle we used to boil the tea kettle we were soon satisfied with food and then retired to sleap

17 This morning is clear & cold we were detained by our cattle being mixt with that of a neighboring drove we ate dinner before we started we are now traveling up the the plat bottom which is about fifteen miles wide on an avrage we are in plain site of the platt all the time this stream is about a mile wide and very swift but shallow we past Fort Kerney 157 miles from St Jo about a mile and camped as the do not allow emigrants to camp within a mile of the garrison. we were called out about twelvbe oclock at night to attend to the cattle there was a wolf got among them and made them scatter very bad and as there was a large number of us we soon collected them

together and again retired to bedd

we got arrose early 18 this morning to make an early start to get away from the principal throng of emigration. we can see a complete string of waggons & cattle on the other side of the river and would not be attol surprised if they could see equally as many on this side for I can see them for three miles either way. we notice several crossing the river supposing the north side to be the best but we are strongly advised to keep this side which we shal do as there is not so much emigration ahead of us. we camp this evening near the river at the early hour of four oclock for the purpos of unloding our waggons to sun our clothing in doing so we discovered that our provisions were damp and desided that the first suitable camping place that we came to we would stop and sun a day. The stock wer easily found as the pasture was so large that they could not get out of site

we started at fifteen minutes past seven on the 19th and gep up a brisk walk untill half past four and camped near plumb crick on the river avery nice camping & concluded to make preparations to wash and sun our loding and consiquently the 20th was spent as above mentioned those that were not otherwise engaged made an effort to obtain some fresh meat as antelope are very plenty when dark appeard and the late hour of nine ocl came round the hunters made their arrival but left their game among the bluffs

the following was the 20th and a very pleasant morning it was we made an early start and good days travel I will mention that our road is fenced in by high Bluffs on the south and the platt on the north. we are now camped on the platt about twenty miles from plumb crick we start this morning with the seventh hour nothing of any importance occured during the days travel today we seen several antelope at times some of the boys would slip out for a few minutes and endeavor to kill the above mentioned animal but with as little success we are camped this evening in a beatifull spot. everything is pleanty excepting wood that is scarce all the way up the valley.

May 22 This morning we get off at seven some appearance of rain about eight ocl is cleard off and at ten one of the boys and my self thought that we would try our luck for game and the result was that we overtook the waggons at noon with an antelope which made some of there eyes open. after lightening it of it head & entrals we tied it on one of the waggons and drove on untill night we camped some what willinger than usual

Tuesday the 23 we made an earley start as usual we met with a number of traders on there return from Fort Larame we camped early this evening

This morning we were up by [...] as our cattle was mixed with an other drove. we started at 8 and traveled untill 5 camping on the south Fork of the Platt A great many companies crossed and went up between the two Plattts but as the emigration was getting lighter (after seperating our stock from two other droved) we started at ten oclock again on the south side of the south fork and drove only seven miles & a half to the first timber & good grass and camped untill morning

May 26 This morning we start at the earley hour of fifteen before seven for a long tramp without wood concequently we made provissions for scarcity we drove untill noon and ate dinner and went on untill 1/2 pass four and camped

where grass was good but no timber as for watterwe are camping on the platt or near it all the time for several hundred miles we have had rain all day but not very hard. This evening we discovered Buffalo accross the river and waded over to give them chase in the mean while the supper arrangements are going on about [...] the unsucksessfull hunters retired wet & hungry having wade the river

May 27 This morning we start very earley as there is about twenty five miles to travel to make the fourd we have met with no axident to day, it has rained some we camp this evening late within one & half miles of the ford This morning it is raining and for the first time we are compelled to start without our breakfast we cross the river between nine & ten oclock here we find some indians that are for trade they mockisons at 75 pr pair we travel on about two miles & camp. as we are both wet & ahunger here we wer not much more than camped than the indians came flocking in by the dozens they will give you a pair of mockisons for almost any thing to eat they stayed around examining things until almost dark and then returned to their camps they are at peace with the whites and at war with the pawnees This morning we start in tim to make ash Hollow which is on the north platt and only about sixteen miles from our present camp well we are at the Hollow by two oclock but as grass is not very good we drive on some three miles and camp at the mouth of the Hollow there is an indian village of two or three hundred and one hundred head of horses and several young colts we are surrounded by large droves of cattle and trains.

This morning 30 we are all trying to get out of each others way it is sprinkling and there is strong inducations of a heavey rain. The Indians are moving their village [...] travel with our train as they are of will that the pawnees will attack them they are going to Ft Laramie so as to be safe They camp near us to night

This morning th 31 we start at fifteen of seven after the Indians had got started that they might not scare our horses & cattle we traveled untill noon and stoped for dinner about two oc just as we were hitching our cattle to the waggons one of the young girls was cocking & snapping one of the guns although there was no cap on it, it exsploded and passed through the back end of the waggon and shot one horse in the hind leg belonging to [...] Huntington after after putting a bandage on it and asserntaining that he could not travel we left him on the plains hoping that the indians would cure him up and take care of him in a few minutes there was a party of returned warriors numbering about 30 came prancing and yelling up in the rear of the waggons and causing six of the teams to stampede for a quarter of a mile but were stoped with out any damage worth mentioning we then traveled on untill night and camped. This morning

1st June we start early leaving one of our less young work cattle belonging Huntington it was damaged by the stampede and died before we wer ready to start we traveled to day from about ten oclock in site of the court House rock a rock that very much resembles the court House and dome at St Louis to night we camped nearly oposit it and after doing up the [...] work about camp some four of us start over to see it supposing from the appearance that it was not over two or three miles but we traveled for two hours & [...] at the rates of four miles per hour before we got there and then in stead of finding it to be the size of a court house we judged it to be over two hundred

ft high and a hundred & fifty [...] long as it was dark when we arrived there we did not spend much time but after climbing with much difficulty to the very top and burning some straw that they might see us from camp we returned to camp arrived there at just twelve oclock and found the folks half scard to death for our safty

3. we start at 1/2 past six and traveled until noon as stoped and hour to rest our cattle and [...] a little as the gras was good at quarter pass one two of us left the train to go pass a rock called the chimney rock (this rock also has been in view since ten oclock yesterday) we have been travling about three hours and are just now at the foot of the rock at a distance the face appears to be shaped like the dome of the capitol at Indiana but there is a peas on this about one hundred feet high tapering from 30 to ten feet there is probily one thousand names engraved on this rock as it appeared to be a custom we placed ours on the [...] and returned to camp which was nearly oposite after busines several of the boys went over as it did not appear to be over a quarter but when they returned they wer very well satisfied that it was six miles no one has the least idea how deciving the ground is through here. This morning we have travel five hours and are stoped for noon oposite the capitol rock which did not appear to be over two miles off some few are going over to see how it is on the top they over took us about three miles This evening we are passed [...] station camped Scotts Bluffs here [...] there is two rodes one goes through the Bluffs and the other goes some distance to the left. This morning we start at 1/2 pass six and take the left rode and traveled about twenty five miles before we came to the river here we camped close to a large spring and near a large indian village. This morning we start at eight oclock as we waited for the indians to move and some of the emigrants to get out of the way yesterday we laid in wood enough to last for four or five days the [...] are very good though this part of the country evry few days we pass a trading post To day we are camped within four or five miles of the Fort Larime here the company prepared letters for the states This morning we crossed the bridge over (larime Fork) a very nice pine bridge after finishing our trading at the Fort 295 from Ft. Ker we drove on two or three miles and stoped for dinner after we rested we drove six or seven miles and camped whare grass was scarce but wood & water very plenty and we built a log heap fire as it was cool

This morning the 7th we pass a trading hous & blacksmith shop here we get some work done and travel on some two three miles Larimii Peak in site thin we strike the hills although a very good road some very hard hils to go up and down to day we hear a report in regeard to the indians being troublesom at the lower crosing of the platt but we were smart enough to know what it was all about it was an oposition [...] To night we camp about twenty five miles from the fort. This morning we start earley over the hills acros the reaveans to the principal amsuments of the day and camp at five oclock far from watter

7th of June consequently our cattle wer scattered in evry direction This morning until 10 oclo was spent in collecting the cattle togeather we then started on about two oc we came to the ferry but concluded to pass on to the bridge. After laying in a suply of watter and wood we drove on about five miles and camped without watter for stock This morning we started our road for the last four or five days has been over a very hilley & rocky country

we have traveled sixteen miles and camp on a swift running stream the name I do not know here I will refer you to Stanlessys Reports of the trip to the west. This morning we start at seven after some delay as our cattle were next with other droves to day we have traveled over a hilly country about noon we passed over three or four miles of red earth and stone supposed to be caused by iron ore we have traveled about twenty miles and are camped on a swift running stream we have strong indications of rain but as we are threatened often we are not much alarmed Here we had some trouble with our cattle during the [...] part of the evening

This morning the 12 we start at seven o'clock after noon (as we had neglected to count in the morning) we found that three of our cattle were missing we camped this evening on a small stream called LaPearle a very nice camping. This morning we start early with the intention of only going to a stream called Little Dear Creek 7 1/2 miles and laying over the remainder of the day and tomorrow. here we find a splendid valley where there emigrants generally lay over to recruit their stock. here we got among a tribe of indians called *Cheyenne they are very friendly in fact too much so we lost a small frying pan and other small articles. we traded them pieces of [at bottom of this page in parenthesis (Shi'in)] bread not larger than my hand for a good price of mockasons they value bread very high as it better raises their papoose on.

This morning the 14th there was four or five of the boys and myself started over the hills [...] to the south for several miles with an indian for a guide. he made every effort to kill game for us but returned unfortunate at noon the remainder of the day was spent in [...] lame stock and cooking. it rained last night.

Fifteenth After rigging our teams we start once more as it rained the last two nights the creek is very near past fording we passed Big Dear Creek about noon to day and camped within fifteen miles of the bridge over the north platt after the first four miles from Big Dear Creek we have traveled on or in sight of the platt we are surely at the prettiest camping that we have been in for several nights.

Morning early and travel in sight of a range of mountains partially covered with snow we passed over the bridge at three o'clock and travel on about three miles and camped about one mile from the river and a scarcity of grass we begin to think [...] this is hard times but it will not do to get discouraged yet this morning we start at six o'clock as we have 25 or 30 miles to travel without wood water or grass of any consequence alcohol ponds are plenty. the cattle thirsty and requires all the force to prevent them from drinking it we camp at nine o'clock on the little branch leading from Willow Springs and about two miles from the road with no grass nor wood except the wild sage. after [...] of milk and crackers we laid down to wait for breakfast

18 (This morning with the assistance of the wild sage we got a warm cup of coffee and some nice meat and then yoked up our cattle to drive on to good grass for the purpose of recruiting our stock after a drive of 16 miles we camped on fish river about three miles from the crossing here after doing up the necessary work the after part of the day was spent by seigning and caught a large mess for the whole train

19 This morning after doctoring our lame cattle we drove some three or four miles and turned the after part of our waggon to the wind preparatory to a heavy hail storm which lasted about ten minutes (here was a large saluatis lake Mormons use) we traveled on to Independence Rock and then stoped for noon and then drove on past one or two miles and camped near the bridge as there was some repairing to do to our waggon that was [rascally?] past up in the first place (I can advise with a free conscience to not depend of the starting point for waggon peticularly)

20 To day we [...] over off to the right of the rock about two and a half miles on a nice little clear running stream with plenty of grass and [greace?] wood here the boys killed two antelope my friend Bunting & myself in our hunting spree crossed over a high mountain of pure rock in climbing a round we discovered a clear stream of water running from under a large stone near the top and close by plenty of dead cedar & pine that lived as long as the mountains was covered by earth and when it was all washed off it was compelled to die for want of the proper nourishment we drank of the watter & seated our selves to rest a moment and as it was past noon and we some what hungry we concluded to make a fire and broil some game. we soon found that we were minus matches entirely but we was not to be outed in that stile we looked around for a flint which was numerous and of the finest quality the next thing in question was twine the [lining?] of my old jeans pants answered the purpos egactly the fire was soon burning and a rabbit about four times as large as those found in the states we hanging on a stick before it (it was well without bread or salt) we then returned to camp late in the evening

This morning 21 we start our move and soon cross the river just about the bridge as it was good fording the next thing we passed of any note was the river through Devils gate we took dinner here and passed on leaving the river for 7 1/2 miles and came to in again just at camping time here the bluffs wer very high in all sides and if we had not known better we would of doubted there being any chance for us to pass but as we have been deceived before we will be to smart for them this time just to the left is a large saleratus lake to saleratus collected on top looks like snow.

This morning 22 we about 10 oc we arrived at the winding roads one is called the river road and crosses the river four times in nine miles while the other bares off to the left is two miles further over sandy bluffs we took the latter not choosing to cross the river so often we arrived at the river at noon and stoped for dinner here we was soon surrounded by a tribe of Indians called the shoshounees smaller in stature than any that we have yet come too there was a great many of them and appeared a little sassey. after we had finished our dinner we sit them out the remaining half bucket of mush and a pan of [...] they thanked us in their way (which was by saying the word how and a shake of the hand) and went off satisfied to night we are camped on the river whare there is a little [creak?]empties as clear water as ever seen. the Indian are coming over to call on us. they keep coming proved very mischievious [...] at our cattle but we soon stoped them from that after [...] then 2 on horse back came along and attempted to steal a valuable shot gun from one of the wag but it caught on the cover and as they was sen and hollowed at they dropped it Mr. huntington aimed to discharge one of the bbls at them as they rode off but only shaped a cap at them the lode was damp and would not go but it answered the same purpos they made for there

wigwams as fast as possible. two was placed on guard but they wer afraid to ventur near about twelve oclock ther camp was [...] up and the ladies and Doctor Bozatrín was invited over to a neighboring camp which contained eight men and one lady the result of the visit I did not liarn from them but had my opinion of the matter this company was in much wors condition than us but appeared to be in high spirits and perfectly contended

(This morning 23 we are off early it is [...] miles to the crossing. we cross it then four times in ten miles the sicond and third was crossed with much difficulty. we wer compelled to elivate our waggon beds by placing small rocks under beds between the bolsters and then the loading to the fauls floor we are now encamped with in a short distance of the fourth crossing early to repack our loading after supper J. Firestine myself went accross to the mountains on right to get some wood. these mountains was at one time covered by earth and a heavy groth of pine & cedar as the former washed off the latter having nothing sustain life is compelled to die & fall. this makes good wood for the emigrants we assended the highest peak in these mountains which was six or seven hundred feet high for the purpos of seeing the wind river mountains but there was a much higher peak between us and them we returned to camp satisfied to see them tomorrow when we get out on the road this evening we met eight or ten families returning from Salt Lake fairly cursing the Morman name they say that there is hundreds of familes that would return if they could get away they expect very hard of times

(This morning 24th we make preparations to ride back a few mils to get a cow that was left in the bushes at the last fording this morning we cross the river again in four miles and now the wind river mountains are in site these mountains are completely covered with snow and in the morning when the sun shins they look like sollid silver. about six mils further we come to the secholi marsh whare cattle will go under when they get in it in crossing over one part of it with the waggons it appeared that they are going under the earth shakes for some distance around a short distance beyond this ther is a smaui saleratus lake entirely covered with a crust of saleratus of the first [...] ten miles more we strike the river again. here we camp we have traveled twenty miles to day and to night completely surrounded by camps about 12 oc we was visited by the wind in a most fritefull manner blowing over some of the tents I was compelled to get up and restake my tent three times during the night while [...] portion of the train let thers lay and managed to do without it. We are underway by eight oc and camped again on sweet watter by twelve as it is almost impossible to travel through this dust and wind we are now within thirty miles of the south pass and have not seen a single new grave and only learn of two back on the platt. they wer two young ladies that wer walking along before the train and the oxen became frightened and ran over them and killed them almost instantly I seen a man yesterday) the owners of a train that was encamped about a mile in our rear the night before we reached the platt) that had a difficulty with one of his hands. the exchanged shots in the affray the old man has recovered but left the other at fort Kerney to be sent back to the states (if he recovered) as he made the first fire his shot took effict in the left side the other in back between the shoulders. This evening some of us are engaged at making a slides for a waggon that was broke having nothing else we are compelled to make a large ox bow answer the purpos

this 26th we are off by six oc to escape if possible a part of the emigration

for we are completely crowded To day we are climbing the hills we find on the top of each a heavy ridge of rock that we have to pass through which is very hard on the waggons. we are now occupying the smallest possible space with our train as there is trains behind and before as far as I can see we are camped on willow river [...] miles from the south pass a splended camping every thing that heart would wish for: snow ice water wood and grass.

27 This morning after sitting the tire on two waggons we start at none oc and camp crossed a branch of the river and another smaull stream on sweet watter as we got a late start we could not make the paciffich spring which is thirteen miles further three miles beyond the pass This evening I had a race with a man for this camping he had started for the same point as it was the only chance I was not going to be beat in that stile he was a head of me and on a full run but I had a little the advantage of him I was down in the bottoms while he was on the hills hid from each others view my horse was fast and I made him faster. I had got here in time to get off my horse and laid down on the ground which is a signell that the ground is reserved although very much dissatisfied he concluded to look further

This morning after crossing the river we left it for good and passed through the pass from Ft. Larimee about three oc in 2 3/4 mils we passed the pacific springs here is the first watters that flow westward the pacific [...] we crossed in the evening and camped nearest to the right as there was very good grass this evening I [...] of an accident that occured back on the platt while two men wer hearding there cattle another covered himself with a white blanket and attempted to play wolf just to frighten them one shot him about a hundred yards and killed him instantly

This morning we are off at the early hour of six oc passed the [...] Sandy and camped on the Little Sandy here we lost a [...] cow

This morning start at seven camped 20 miles on the big Sandey

Morning at half past six 19 miles camped on sandy at the junction of the salt Lake City and California & Oregon road grass inferior

This morning at seven and camped at six on green river 78 mils grass tolerable good then we lost a very good [...]

This morning we return letters by the case and [...] of Captain

Mon Mng July 3 we make a very early start as it is nesessary to hold our place at the ferry we are on the oposite side of the river at twelve oclock the cattle we swam a mile up the river and was soon under way for it was ten miles to grass and watter the emigration on this road is principally Oregon as a great many Californians go by Salt Lake to night we are camped off to left about a mile from the road on watter as the little stream is on the right hand side of the road tomorrow is the fourth and according to an old established rule evry one will assist in celebrating it [...]. the members of the Hunting train excepted. this morning after fireing off all the loaded guns & revolvers we started not knowing how far we would have to travel to watter at noon we crossed a smaull stream wattered our cattle went on untill evening and camped without watter. the cattle suffer [...] for watter

we made an earley start this morning 5 Ju to get watter [...] have crossed one of the smaull streams leading from what is called the Mountain Springe up to this point we have gone over several high and dificult mountains to climb Next to Alcholar springs we then came to several smaull streams, between to ranges of mountains here we camped near poplar ridge 2 blacksmith shops

This morning 6th off early intending to make hams fork of Bare River Today our road has been tolerably rough crossed several smaull branches leading from the different springs in the ridge they was deap and [...] to cross the drive over the ridge has been hard on the cattle being a mistake in the sirveyor whare he intended to make the road strait up has made it to lean over a little however we have not had the same dificulty that a man told me he had in 49 he said he was compelled to let the cattle down by the tails and the waggons by ropes we are safely camped on hams fork and surrounded by plenty of campers here we find plenty of fish called the speckeled trout same few strawberries

This the 7 July We did not move as the cattle are getting a little tender footed but in better order than they wer when we started

8 This morning we rose early there was a heavy frost ice an inch thick we commence assending the mountains as soon as we start they are dificult to climb the first ridge more gradual in decent the next ridge is gradual in assent but extremely difficult decent here we strike a smaull stream which is formed of the various mountain springs and is as cold as ice. the warmist days that is known here the cenery has been beautifull for several days travel we camped on the above mentioned stream as it was nearly sundown although it was only six miles I spent the time from camping untill starting again in making a head board and repairing the grave of Mrs. Eunice Stone Died July 23rd 1848 aged 67 years

This morning the 9th we wer delaid some time for various reasons. there was a villin happened along just as we wer camping and drove off one of our work oxen belonging to Mr. Halprin the owner went on after him we climb another high mountain and as usual dificult accent we strike Bear River bottom continue up some distance and camp between to high bluffs on opposite side of the river we meet Mr. Halprin with his ox

This morning we are on the way early to avoid the musquetoos that would be apt to call on us. Nothing of any interest during the day except that we have seen a number of graves to day all fifty two & three. we are camped about a half mile from the forks of the roads leading across Thomas's fork of Bear River one road five mils round to a [...] toll of one \$1 pr waggon. our camp is on the right hand {bank?} near a fine spring and the cattle knee high in grass

This morning we take the left hand road as it is twelve mils from the Riv to it again and over some very rough hills five mils further would be to long a drive we are camped on the river again & thousands of mosquetois to visit us

This morning after [...] four or eight waggon tire we start once more for the

land of onions & potatoes soon after starting we passed a black smith & trading post in six miles we came to a nice clear stream here we camped near the blufs. This is an old camping and the grass is short near the creek but from a half to one mile ther is grass knee high and on the blufs the grass is good but difficult to get to we are perfectly surrounded by campers to night the musquetoos seam well prepared and are on the field an hour by sun and continue a regular course of fire until half hour after dark and then with from the field to prepare there instruments for a morning attack

This morning we start earley. the road very good We are now traveling down Bear River almost in an north direction. we cross several smaul streams that are as clear and swift they can possibly be. stoped for noon on one of these streams and to night we are camped on one of the swiftest streams that I ever seen the watter runs with such fury that it can not content it self to be quiet evan after it is in the bucket

This morning there is some little delay on account of a part of our stock being mixt with a neighboring drove how ever we are on the way by eight oc Passed through Boznom then crost a smaul stream [...] miles and then camped at the head of smaul stream the finest spring I ever seen the watter came through a lidg of rock sufficient to run a smaul mill grass splendid

The morning 14th off early at seven oclock two miles passe & the greatest curiosity on the road I speak of the Soda Springs Before describing them I mention a more singular curiosity than them it was two large mounds composed of lime red earth & rock on the top of these wer numerous little springs one in particular was in the top of a rock which was about a foot above the mound this watter boiled like there was a fire under it this watter tasted some like soda disolved in watter. the soda springs are about two mils from this they are two large springs that boil up out of the earth from under a ledg of stone near the river. the next curiosity is the steamboat spring half mile further on and near the river this is a hole in a rock abot a foot in diameter where the watter boils & fomes nearly to the top makeing a nois some like the scape pipe of a young Mo steamer tow miles further we leave the river also the main California road four miles we pass some poison watter and four hundred yards we cross a smaul stream of excilent watter eight miles further we camp on this other stream full sage grass some better than the best of the meadows in the states. That is on the blufs but the grass on the bottom very injourious to the stock impragenated with alcholi

This morning we start [...] but with hast to prevent the cattle from drinking watter as they got a [...] of the bottom grass which made them very sick but did not get enough to kill them we cross several streams within five or six miles and at noon struck the first watters of the Columba (the first waters of the [...] called Poretaneuf) strike of before emptied in in the regions of lower California) we follow this stream five mils then cros on a tol bridge 25ct tol pr waggon. strike for the Blufs to the west two mils camp on a little stream grass good fuel wood here we are joined by three more waggons a family from Oregon we join them by there own request for we are already stronger than nead be we now number eleven waggons and a hundred five head of loose cattle.

This morning 17th we begin here to assend the [...] ridge between the watters

of Bear River and the columba river this ridge is a solid [...] of marble to the summit [...] miles and one mile to a fine spring on the left good camping as our cattle are not very well we use this watter instead of milk this after noon we cros 2, 3, 4 & 6 mils apart whare we strike the [...] it was crowded with Oregon trains we passed on one mile through a Kaynon and camped wood grass & watter plenty After work this evening was spent by uncle myself and two others in assending the blufs on the left fifteen or thirty hundred feet and roling down stones six or eight feet through and then setting a large pitch pine tree a fire on the summit it made the nicest light I ever seen. To our surprise this morning we found two of our horses cut loose and taken supposed to be done by one or more of the rascally French that pretend to make there money by trading with the emigrants (a report says that evan the Mormans do such things) five besides myself started well armed in search of them but we could not find out any thing from the traders & no indians in site at noon we put the train in motion leaving one of [...] oxen behind with the general belief that we are going in an oposit direction from the stolen propperty we follow the creek that we last cross camped on some eight mils. Here I will say that we have been too careless about fastining our horses There is a part of our train that uses locks and chains and has not met with a single loss. I contribute it all to carelessness after leaving our camp

This morning 19th and traveled two miles. we left the creak for a drive of eight mils if we took the old route and twelve if Jeffreys cut off. when we came to the first forks of the road the fingerbord being misplaced we took the left hand rod traveled some three miles and met a spaniard that informed us that it was only a by road to avoid high watters on old fort Hall road we then turned found the tracks ware others had been fooled in the same manner followed them and came to the road at the junction of the Ft Hall road and Jeffrys cutoff. we then concluded to take the left hand or old road as the new one was not traveled much had not gone more than five miles when we discovered that the travel turned off and made for the new road. we found the road and drove to the ferry on Lewis or snake river and camped. one of the oxen give out to day and before we could get watter we have drove near twenty five miles without watter when we need not of drove but but twelve

This morning the 20 we cros the river by ferrying the the waggons at five dollars pr waggon and swimming the stock here we camped although it was only twelve when we got over here the boys caught a number of fine fish some two feet long we had two or three large misses

This morning 21st to get clear of traveling with Mr. Halparn any further although he has travelled with us from St Joe w4e have had to do all the work and care over the stock when he is as deaply interested as us

we plead that the train is too large and sepperate himself and Mr. Ervin travel together. Hunting Bozatrín and our new comer Mr. Justice formed the other train then there arose a dispute who had the best right to the three strays that had been driven the principal part of the way Some of the hands contended that they had the best right to an equal share (good common sence teaches a man that those that run the risk and there horses after them are intitiled to them. But to gratify the boys they wer sold at auction [...] the sale C. R. Huntington was the highest bidder at 71 dol which will be an advantage of two hundred dollars to him. we then started a ten oclock from

the river at noon took our diner by the largest spring called sage I ever saw it is only 4 mils from ferry eight mils more brought us to Rock spring whar we camped at night and until three oclock in the after noon whe then started across to the south Bute one of this that looks very much a like to the north of us these are round mountaines or peaks that have been in site for several days we traveled until nine ocl laid over until morning started early and traveled six [...] But spring on the north side until two oclock the following night before we arrived at Jordin River distance thirty eight miles however at the Bute which is thirty miles ther is a spring it affords sufficient watter for cooking purposes but none for stock. we have been traveling thirty five hours and through an old crater and and have not lost a single hoof nor suffered our selves. only from fatigue [...] of our company that suffered for watter but they stoped at the Bute rather than to travel after night but roled into camp this morning by ten seven hours later than us. His cattle are not rested so well as ours so we started at two oclock (leaving him behind as he is not willing to be governed by the majority) to travel five miles this after noon here we overtook trains that were three days ahead. This river that we are camping to night is called gordin's River and a quirrerr little stream I never seen. swift deap & clear forty feet wide whare we first struck it Last night gradually becoming narrower we only drove six miles to day intending to make a longer drive tomorrow Our train is reduced to five waggons. we still with Mr. Bozakin and will not be aped to accept an other company in our train for I believe we do better by ourselves

This morning the 25th we started with assurance that ther was watter in fifteen mils. When we came near the end of the trip we found a papaer stating no watter for twelve miles. It was now dark and the road being new was some what difficult to find and those that was earily discouraged was anxious to know the exact distance to watter consiquently I mouted the horse and road a head of the train to bring back news when I found watter I found it by twelve and the train was on it by two oclock Any one that has not the courage to do with out watter twenty hours had better not start over the plains but I do say ther is not a particle of use of going without watter (only for stock and they do not mind it much) for a single hour. our camp is a fine one. Mountains on East North and West and an old crater on the south.

This after Aug. 26th we went a head and found watter five mils distance and we concluded to drive to it as it was best to move our stock a little after a big drive

This morning 27 we followed the edge of the mountains and ocasionaly passing over a point of [...] for several mils to Morris clove creek and here camped being hemed in by the mountains and lava we concluded to station a guard. about two oclock our camp was allarmed by the guard stating there was some one advancing we soon found that it was the last one admited in our train (Mr. Justice) (he had joined the other part of the train we left behind and they wer campe) about six mils back) He informed us that his hands had left him and that he would have to leave one of his waggons and the loading and would not have enough to last him through. Not wishing to se any one suffer we concluded to furnish hands to drive his waggons on condition that he would pay them for it and that he would submit to the majority this he concented to do we sent two hands back with him to drive his teams up to our camp.

This morning 28. we now number eight waggons and still following the foot of the mountains completely hemd in by the above mention crater leaving just room for a road passing several spring up in the reveals of the mountains. we traveled 14 mils to Coral creek and camped the other train camped on the same creek but a mils above This evening we cross three branches of this same stream

This morning after crosing five more branches of Coral creek all within a mile we sone commended following the mountains road rough passing eight mils McArthur's creek and in four mils a dry creek watter plenty to right of road two mils further we camped at a smaull spring for a camping

This morning 30. we started early in four miles over a good road we crost trout creek three mils Clines Creek 2 mils a smaull creek 4 mils to spring valley creek 3 mils to smaull creek and to left watter 9 mils to [Molad?] is sickley. this is a beatifull stream we camped here for the night.

This morning 31 after crossing stream 2 mils [...] creek three and a half mils and another smaull stream 3 mils we camped.

the 1st of August we drove to Livatuce Creek to noon distance eight mils passing in the mean time 2 smaull creeks three and two mils apart after dinner we passed a smaull spring 2 mils three mils to a smaull creek (no wood) and thence to the Bute spring (most excellent watter) and a fine country as ever I seen (I will mention that we met Mr. Jeffrey and he gave me a guide to his cut off and says we are now passing over what is called CAMmass prarie. the name originated from the large quantities of cammass that is dug on it. Mr. Jeffeys intends puting in several thousand acres of this land under cultivation and building a tunge mill and establishing a fort on showshonee creek

This morning 2 we laid until noon and started intending to go to showshonee creek twelve mils passed creeks 2 and then three mils here Mr. Halperins train had camped after passing them four or five mils not much to our surprise eighteen head of there stock followed us and came in to our drove (now this is just the reason that we would not travel with them. they never pay any attention to there stock) we camped the above mentioned stream (Showshonee) after getting the camp in order stationing the guards and [...] we were soon passing one by one to the land of dreams about mid night the camp was allarmed by Messrs Halpain & Ervin and two of there hands that come on to see about there cattle. after learning to there satisfaction that they wer with us and all safe they returned to camp intending to overtake us in in the morning.

3rd after being on the way a mils the above mentioned train appeared in side there cattle was soon taken out of our drove and we bid them farewell. intending to keep out of there way to prevent any more trouble with their cattle. passed a smaull creek three mils to a good spring 2 mils to [Bannack?] creek 2 mils to smaull creek 2 1/2 mils here we camped poor watter but good grass and wood

This morning 4 we start late having some shoeing to do in two mils and a half we cross stile creek 2 1/2 mils and then over a ridge and across 4 mils prairie to Inscription Rock five mils ther is no watter here then over a

hilly road of three miles to granite ravine good water we nooned here the grass not so good (not secure from the Indians) after dinner we passed over four or five low hills to division Valley distance three miles. We camped here for the night this is both a beautiful place and a good place to camp there is a party of showshonee camped up the ravine to the left (perfectly friendly with the whites) we deem it best to watch them though

This morning 5th we started early after ascending & descending a very difficult ridge [...] for fifty yards. we crossed a small creek. 2 miles we then crossed over a low ridge to Jeffrey's defeat where we first strike in the water passes through a canon here we took dinner distance three miles after noon we followed the up the creek five miles to the head fine spring & good good place to camp next to Curtly's first pass. this is over a high ridge through a gap in the rock from a distance appears to be a piece of bad road but is not at all difficult (plenty of water) three miles. here we camped for the night. good grass across the creek to the left.

This morning 6th we commence our days travel by passing over Curtly's 2nd pass to lost spring (not good camping) distance four miles. from thence to creek at the head of canon one mile our road is hilly to day no rocks. at noon we are stopped at a small spring four miles. After one mile this afternoon we came to a creek where there is plenty of wood grass & water and conclude to stop until morning here I found a cow in good traveling order probably left by some of the forward emigration

7th we start late to avoid traveling with the [...] train rolled in soon after we did and camped just below us after passing over a ridge to the left we traveled down a narrow valley to the old road four miles and then to a small spring where there is no wood of any kind 2 miles we found that we could not get water for our stock here and passed on three miles further to a small creek called willow creek for noon after noon traveled two & 1/2 miles to another creek called Birth Creek here we camped here we found fragments of several waggons ox yokes log chains and up to this point on the old road seven miles & a half. we have seen fifteen head of dead cattle undoubtedly caused by poisonous grass & water and the immense heavy dust that is of the white light kind that is strongly impregnated with alcohol (however we was informed before we started that the road from Ft Haul to Ft Bose was the worst part of the trip)

the 8th after leaving the camp in not a very good humor to travel in the dust & from the fact that the above mentioned train turned there cattle among ours last night causing them to act differently from what they naturally would in two miles we cross a small creek and three miles and a half we passed Bitter spring (poison water) and then nine miles to Boise River without water we accepted Mr Jeffreys advice for which we are much indebted to him and took the middle road when we struck the bottom probably the only good camp for some distance. here our cattle got together again & I hope for the last time as we have concluded to lay still a month but what we avoid them

This morning 9th we concluded to lay still for the purpose of letting friend Halpain pass out of our way After the work the day is spent in hunting fishing & swimming as the only good place for the latter amusement was opposite the camp consequently we swam with our clothes on. At this point there was three Indians from Oregon they informed us that they had good

farms plenty of grain of various kinds.

This morning 10th we started in good spirits and the cattle greatly improved by laying by. after passing up to the second bottom to our dissatisfaction we could see in the distance a dust that we knew to be caused by the train that pretended to travel the day previous. we occasionally strike the river or a small brook after noon the dust subsided we passed on to a small stream that took its origin from the river and also empties in to it again here was our camp distance probably fifteen miles today.

This morning the 11 as early as we could get started we could see in our rut the same train that was a head of us yesterday. we are camped on the river again at the end of an other fifteen mile arrive and our friends train close by here we are surrounded by indians again.

the 10th we made an early start but stopped early in evening to give the cattle time rest and fill themselves well however we drove at a fast gate and probably made an ordinary days drive. we are camped on the river at the lower crossing but was not aware of it at the time as you will discover

This morning 13 we were ready at six but our brother train was a little in advance they sent a man ahead to find the road supposing that it bore to the left a few miles back of where we camped and that they could strike across to it (and I must say we were fools enough to follow) we traveled about five miles and concluded to send men ahead which we did and waited patiently until noon for a report. they reported that there was no signs of a road for at least ten miles we then turned around and followed the road we had made back to the river arranged things at camp started out and soon found that the road crossed the river just above us

14th as early as the stock could feed we were on the way the ford is very good at this point some of our young cattle were hard to cross & consequently those of the [cows?] that were in the lead got scattered in the brush and caused about two hours delay. at twelve oc we struck the river and nooned. 2 1/2 miles previous to the ferry there is allchilai [...] that has been the curse of a great many head of stock. after noon we drove at a fast gate & made the ferry on snake river at sun set This is called Ft Boise but understand it is nothing but a trading Fort & more anxious to buy than sell.

in the morning 15th we were over the river by ten and ready to start we paid the ferryman at the rates of six dollars per wagon \$ per horse and swam the cattle Here there was two men going over in two the valley and Mr. Justice employed one to drive and agreed to board both through. they have been over the road several times and will be some advantage to us. we are now nearly five hundred miles from destination) by a diligent drive until dark we are on a small stream distanced from ferry fifteen miles (I will mention that one mile from the ferry there is a spring of poisonous water that is best not to use it) at this stream there is two roads the new one bearing to the left striking the Willamet valley. about one hundred & fifty miles south of the Columbia I am informed that this is a good practicable waggon road sufficient grass and well watered and over an advantage of over a hundred miles to those wanting to strike the valley that far south. On this same stream to night there is a large train composed of families of different sizes all scarce of flour one in particular that has only forty pounds to seven persons not

enough to last a week and a month from post (this is all miss management) it would be much to their interest to go the new road but there is no chance of buying flour only at the Dalls or grand rounds on the old road This evening [...] rode into camp direct from Oregon & met his [...] that started from Arkansas May 5 54 fifty [...] below the crossing of this stream there is several hot springs the watter is almost boiling

To day 16th we are laying still as Mr Justices helth is not very good & the cattle was wanting rest.

This morning 17 we are on the way earley for a long drive of 20 mls without watter excepting a sulphur spring 12 mls not best to use the watter to freeley. we are traveled over rather a hard part of the country. no soil nothing but sage and greese wood will grow here. the road is good excepting the dust Lost a fine stear just befor reaching Birch there is no scarcity of that bred We arrived at Birch creek 20 mls soon after dark.

This morning 18th we did not make a very earley start. This time knowing the distance to the next watter after traveling over a low bluff four mls to snake river we ate dinner and then drove over another low ridge to Burnt River mls 4 here we camped for the for the night a fine camp good watter not cold like spring watter here Mr Bozakin lost two fine oxen and finds another in the same neighborhood there

This 19th we start of with patched teams not careing how far we drive for we travel on this river some distance. there is good grass and everything that [...] wish for after traveling 10 mls we camped on a smaull branch near the river plenty of wood watter and grass

This morning 20th we started again and traveled about ten mls to the spring and camped giving the cattle time to rest and graze, grass is is plenty on the hills and of the best kind it is what is called bunch grass watter plenty and cool the wood plenty but not handy

To day 21st we traveled a number of ridges back to the river previous to reaching the river we cross a smaull branch amediately afterward the end of an very mirey marsh one of the cattle slipt in and went completely out of site for a short time but with our assistance was taken out perfectly safe after following the river a short distance we came to a nice little branch after traveling up this about two mls to whare the road leaves it entirely to the left making 10 mls from whare we camped last night we passed up a revein to another branch and followed it five mls to whare the road leaves it and camped Every thing nesessary to start camp was present wood and watter at least and the grass on a low hill to the left here the Govenor was with us again. some what impatient was returning home without the knowledge of whar his sons are.

This morning 22 the first thing on the list was to climb long but gradual assent and down to a smaull branch and followed it up to whare the road makes a turn to the left. we concluded to camp although we had traveled but four mls today not knowing how far we might have to drive to watter

This morning 23rd we started earley knowing there was long stretches in different places along we past over a ridge and then down a canon a crossed

the bottom taking the first left hand road which led to a branch of powder river and camped the grass on the opposite side of the branch Here we left an other ox out of the train

This Mor 24th we started for powder river ten miles distance however passing in about 13 miles powder river slow the water is standing and not fit to use we nooned on the river afterwards passing over a ridge and down to the river again where we cross it just five miles from where we first struck we cross and drove on two miles to an other branch of the river and camped good water and grass willows for feed there was a messenger came in to camp from a Mr Nobles train. Back on burnt river to the Dalls where there is no soldiers stationed requiring assistance in an outrage that was committed on some emigrants eight men killed three women & some children taken prisoners this was done at or near the pass where we were camped the 12 & 13th of this month by this same tribe of Indians that we are now in called the snakes

This morning 25th we started & crossed the branch here there was a large number of wigwams that had been occupied by the snakes but now vacated. after traveling one mile we crossed a small stream. this part of the country is level excepting a very slight raise here & there. we traveled five miles further then to the right of road five rod distances there was a fine spring and two miles more then there is springs on either side of the road good camping wood not so plenty here we nooned hooked on and drove up a ravine to the top of the bluff about half way up the ravine to the right on the side of hill there is a very fine spring on the top of bluff it is rough and occasionally passing over a ridge or down in a hollow for eleven miles to a narrow valley here there is several springs after traveling three miles up this valley and round side of hill & down hill very rough probably as bad as any on the road here you strike Grande Ronde valley water at the foot of the hill we camped here and laid over the day following

This morning 27th Bore to the left 1/2 way. we drove across Grand Ronde Bottom to the foot of mountains eight miles and camped here there was quite a number of trading posts that kept vegetables of different kinds some from Umatilla valley and others from Walla Walla valley distance about fifty & eighty miles

28th we commenced ascending the Blue Mountains This first was a mile & 1/2 of a difficult ascent and another in five miles and one equally as difficult to descend at the end of ten miles when you strike Grande Ronde River. here we made another camp. at this time there was four men and one of the chiefs of the Cayuse tribe come in to camp us to send back four men or as many as we could well spare to chastise the Indians on Boise River four were soon in readiness to return. Mr. Woods Mr. Bunton & Y Y & O H Firestone the two former from Bozakin & Halpains & two latter from W R Huntingtons train. I thought as I was not a teamster I would be one of the lucky persons but Mr Huntington preferred driving train himself and sending his own teamster.

This Mor 29th we drove up on the mountains up one or two bad hills and traveled twelve miles to where there had been camping done. here we found water in a canon to the left of the road and camped

30th we drove up and down on or two more hills and about three o'clock landed

at Leas encampment distance twelve mils here the indins had more vegetables.

31st we started on leaving one or two of our men with the indians to hunt an ox belonning to Mr Bozakin that had got away by some means. the teams stoped on the first good grass to graze The woods being very thick and full of brush we wer compelled to guard our cattle close. after a few minutes the lost ox was brought to the train by an Indian at the exspence of five dollars [...] on to the foot of [...] mound and camped on a smaul stream fifteen mils. there we bought some nice fresh beef stake peas & potatoes.

This Morn sep 1. we followed down the umatilla ten mils before we came close enough to watter our stock we nooned hir after diner we drove five mils further four to the river at the crossing & passed one mile down on the opposite side and camped oposite Wm McCays. the first settlement on the road he had about twenty acres in under cultivation. we looked through the different patches and found them all right & we left earley after filling kegs and drove 18 mils to the river again and then passed down 2 mils as there was no good camp here. there was one of the principal chiefs of this tribe came out to meet us he said if we are good americans there was plenty of wood watter & grass near his wigwam but if not good american he told them no grass no wood no watter. we met him in a friendly way and that is what he judges from. at supper as he was there we asked him to eat with us after we wer seated he requested that he might return thanks which he did in the same stile that an american minister would except the language after supper he drove his band of horses up to watter and I must confess it was the prettiest I ever seen they wer all of the spotted breed and in good or [...] larger than Indians ponies generally are.

This Morning 3 we traveled down the river [...] mil and crost. here stands a good sized frame house used by the Indian agent to transact his business with the Indians after leaving here we passed over to Butter creek 18 mils here we camped near the soldiers & vollenteers on there way for the snake

we left here the 4th and drove 18 mils to well Springs. there is two springs about 1 1/2 mil apart the right hand road forks 3 mils previous and leads to the best one and there is wood her at the other one there is not any here we had a heavy storm the vollenteers returned

This Morn 5 the vollenteers returned without the news in regard to we started early as usual and drove 18 mil to [...] willow creek. here we left Mr. Bozakin to spend a day in repareing his sons grave that who had died two years previous.

the 6 we traveled over a tolerably level county to [...] spring 20 mils but found the watter not sufficient for stock. and we drove two mils further down the canyon to Rock creek. good camp.

7th we passed down Rock creek six mils crossing the creek four times and then came to the mouth where it emptyes in too Jno Days River we passed down two mils further and crost passing [...] half mils further and camped untill three oclock and then drove up a very bad hill 1 1/2 mils [...] very rocky at the top of the hill the road forks the left over the Cascade Mountains and the right to the Dalls we took the right and drove about six mils and

camped without watter except what we brought along in kegs but the grass could not be beat. no wood except what we carried

8th we drove to the collumba river 20 mils and camped to day there was a man passed us and told us that he Indians had killed three more men back on Jeffrys cut off supposed to be the same Indians that comitted the former deppredation. the remainder of the families wer saved by giving up all their guns and live stock leaving them nothing except ther waggons & teams.

This Morn 9 we drove down to the [...] & swam our stock and ferryed our waggons at 4 \$ pr waggon then passing over a high mountain five mils to a smaull creek and camped. [...]

10 we drove 10 mils to the Dalls and her camped

11 put our waggons & baggage aboard a large flat boat and started the stock down the pack trail

4 miles to Ferry Spring
 8 to sage spring
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 8 " gordins river
 follow up
 Leave the river to [...] 8 mils
 15 mils to point of Mountains
 12 " to creek on foot of [...]
 12 " Lake creek
 14 " Fish Creek
 8 " Smaul "
 10 " [...] creek
 15 " smaull "
 17 to Cammass prairie
 17 smaull creek
 12 Tellick creek
 15 good spring
 20 White Horse Creek
 15 miles to Junction [...]

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