

Route
Nebraska City to F.K.

2 Robt 51-52 St Jo to Saranah, c. near Hadaway Bridge -
Oregon - Big Targma - Rock Creek - High Creek
+ Neokabaton R - Fork - Crossed mo -
? East side?

May 14 On et of Otors, 300 warriors - Grant rolling prairie
well watered, + sk w/ timber - Co. of 13 wagons -
Storm w/ appalling explosion of electricity - mth
of regular watering + perpetual storm - in sight of
Platte, trib of Saline R - Indians about to flee
Pawnee et - numerous graves of last year - disturbed
3 bags lost - toward Platte in storm
19 up Platte - antelope, wolf, wild fowl
21 old Pawnee village - ruins - more rain
23 Ined - Over wagon salvaged itself + of a co. of Californians
24 trader f Fork, 25 miles west - trav. not dangerous
Wagon w/ 3 gunds - Jan Indep. Weston
St Jo roads - Emigs more numerous

2 Knapp 50 - 70-75-80
243 stal - F.K. May 31

2 Below 50:17 - Capt Tutt - 11 days to junction
Story a trail of Pawnee - hidden in wagon

2 Bngt 66: 54+ a little solitary and hunt
63 we struck the Platte R. trail f Omaha, ch
X follows near the southern bank of that stream.

✓ Gray 36: 115 fur company at the Pawnee village? -
here the missionary menagerie was first exhibited -
at Pawnee village fur co. shot of meat a bacon -
ans made to slaughter one of the mission cows

✓ McKim 57:34 5/1 - Settler 5 mi. divide bet Weeping water on rt
+ Nemaha R on left - rolling prairie w/ plenty water sloughs
+ ravines - break wagon axle, back to Nea City - Salt Creek,
Paul Farm forced in + corn to sell - Settlers + put up bridge +
stud poles + change toll when C. Tor hi to pad.
X 39 Govt train owned by Mayes + Russell. X X X
Camp by G of numbered many - teams set for Pikes Peak Coal mines
42 Elm Creek - Platte R. "turning table"
Several hundred B. - mustnell show - Still opp B.1 - am
5/17 to where st Jo road comes into ours - 2 men Bldg Soil
Home here q. tp. stock of goods a Barrel of whiskey w/ a
little tin cup - drink 25¢

✓ Lowry 60: NCG - 12 - 10 to Sact C on a bridge 4-15-22 - 10 to
Big Platte 4 Elm C - 12 Clear C - 16 - 10 to tp a coal
house, 4 another on a trail - 6-18-20 - 18 saw
sev. trains on St Jo road at 5 pm - 13 to F.K., passing
on the way sev. whiskey shops also ranches

Richardson 52 - from - Is west bank - Snake C - Salt C -
traces - the PR - visit of Paines Is, fr, sleep w/ heads
to the fire - Clear C - PR 110 for old FK - Platte Bottom
cov. w/ sand mts - 26 mi to deserted Paines vill -
pass 13 horse heads land - a circle 3yds diameter - from
another old vill in ruins - met 14 Shian Is go to find Paines
much by I than the Paines - c. on river opp when stage + mules
road struck the Platte bottom - see by no teams com off of the
bluffs down - the bottom

Burgess 66 Plattsmouth to FK - Salt Creek, Parker's Ranch,
Giddings Ranch, murdered by teamsters - PR - Clear Creek
rail whisky barrels

Lindsay 49 - run day w/ ease + accidently - Salt Cr, water
two brackish f- cooking purposes - 1 tree to the mile -
c. Quaking asp fr - 12 US mule teams for us - One Grove
onto the bluff bordering the Nebraska on Platte Bottoms - the Gr
River of Shallow Water - boys took to river, unwise -
1 lose gun - Platte hole - 100 m and further -
keep in view of this river + unprofitable river - bottoms become
m. sandy - 60 US mule team w/ stores of Fort Hall - PR water
too fetid, dig wells 2-3'

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Gr Paines village - sit on ridge on the P + coasts of
ab 60 wigwags but in a circ form varies 10 to 45' diam of ? + pole
w/ straw + dirt - refuse of smoke - vacant, by dusk to the
work of their insupportable enemies, the Sioux - day day 12
Paines, gave them bread + tobacco - I into camp, wounded,
feverish + famished - 5/19 I suffer in no better - but have supply
of provs + some clothing, + a line rec. line to the sympathies of
others who may pass the way

Road over kind of loam or soil - 125x warriors, lg. well
prop. + noble-looking - to w/ them of moccasins + game
missed Co. of Salt Lake, go to CBS, give for. reports of road, feel + lab
missed w/ FK - 2000 teams ahead of us - much abundant
5/22 yr of Indep - St Joseph, + FK roads - teams on either
road as far as the eye could see - overgrown B. hunters -
far as visible, all or crowding - all along strawed thickly w/ -
ware, flour, bacon, beans, etc - "mound" even the watershed

Wood 50 - from Platte R. of Hawk's Ferry - report of I attack
- pass old P. vill ch was deserted - go to rescue?
- that we saw the elephant

Barker 58
Plattsmouth 10 turkey C; 16 Paines C; 4 Salt C; 22 Bear mud
near S. Cottard; 18; 25 Platte Bottoms; 37; 12 - Paine village
river opp B1 (old Big Island); 18 post seal mission
fall - w/ old trader of FK w/ 6 or 8 wgs + a squaw - +
man of Cherry C, w/ specimens

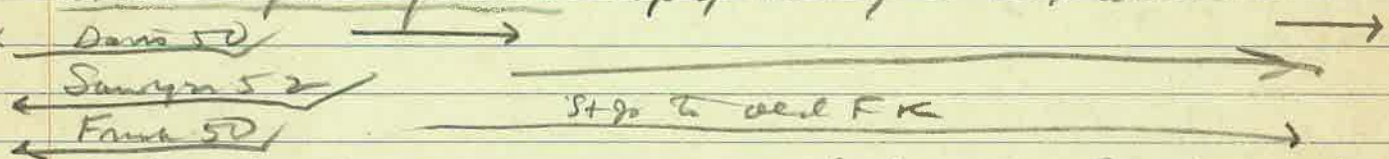
Herriman 65 - Plattsmouth - our little village on
wheels - stop at ranches - 2:30 by lg hs, wayside
town, dark dead - Bucky Sharp types - the ugly I

They were overtaken in the snow a year ago near Ft. Childs. to 18
m level for a desc in PV. mainly gravel. opp side of frame
fine rocks (see). 4/30 p. old Price w/ 50 lodges still
stand. lodges sunk at 3' of ice. crevasses deep cov of poles snip
to top of earth + rocks. a few of the tracks showed them here.
they are of Besson. their camp now sit opp side NW. on a plateau
w/ US dragons last season. They beat the 4k. over. w. left
practical of the FK, in Fort Childs, top of east wall. 6x
(80 + m E FK) 30 m. 5/1 33 m 5/2 about 31. 80 m lg.
w/ poplar, elm + hackberry. B. dark thru frame. never rain.
annoyed refuse to face it. nip of brandy to keep warm

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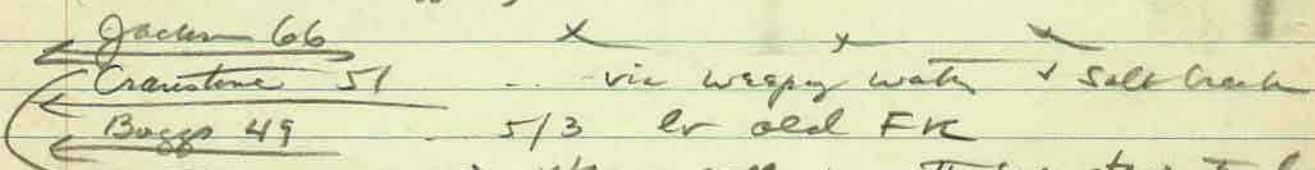
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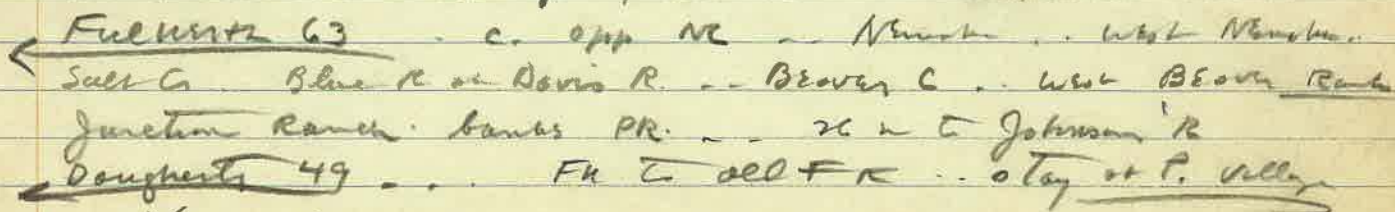


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Hedges 60 - ferry across m. of Sidney. Lv 5/3. 5/6 at
Salt Creek. 5/7 hail, walnut to grass-eggs, not round like
ordinary hail, but on the a full of ice had on further a pond creates
floor + pouring hail pan like an open train. mass of berries.
Wah-ho Creek, start of I creek. 5/9 Deer Creek under a bluffs
PR. 5/10 struck Salt Lake trail, 120 m NW. heavy trapping near
(NE not the Besson)



x thru rully p. The eye starts to distance
in rain to find - object upon which it may rest. scarcely a
stick by enough to steady whip. you not be enough to
anything but sheep or gear. Boggs is w/ paper "Have a
p. Is you had better treat them well. Be wof
of Stinking Creek. mail of new Flaming to me. stand
up us tonight. old deserted IV. lost wagon 30' dia
w/ some Gs - his of, we to - Cottons



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Dayles - 49 (5/12 - no R. off Flkany (that was wrong)
5/13 By hand ~~agony~~ we got over the ~~no today~~ every fallow →

Youngs 65 x x
Hansen 49 x x x

(Little blue map?)

Mulligan 63 New City

Hansen 49 / - 5/15 old Flk. - ~~5/16~~ + 9 -

5/19 - 23 5/20 (Sunday) - 20 to Salt C. ps ms
5/21 - 24 5/22 - 23: Sev ago not done and cholera

5/22 - 25 5/23 - 24: Cs + Salt C. - Orange - 2200 ft. 15 mi.
5/23 - 20 to Oak Creek - 5/24 - 20 5/25 - 20
Platte Bottom

X X X

5/26 Ps R. V. now deserted - 16 5/27 lay by -
5/28 on points of bluffs, the rv came up to them - 15

5/29 Colan death, Platte Co - 15 5/30 ?

5/31 - 10-12, inland stg 2 miles back, ch we sand
1/2 mile of way to it, heavy up Es - C. 3 - Bluff

Creech 62 x x x

Bruff 49 x x x

Finkle 50 x x (See map)

Knob 45 x x

Gulpy 52 / Plattburgh, (fastg), just below the
mouth of PR, where we were pinned over in
boots prop. of land of lay bare. Next day we went
thru the Otoc I, the Is swamy out to see no pass.
As we saw neither Tomhunts nor gleamy scalp hunting
The summer of the voyage I saw but then chm & us

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Turner, Wms - Plattburgh via (down CB)

Pawnee, Charles 49 →

O B Humboldt 48 X X

Monday the 8th we landed at Fort Kearney (a log fort) where was about 70 of our boys at work for Uncle Sam, teaming. It looked good to see the old faces. . . hail. . . gr white

Reuben Knox 1850. ; Old Fort Kearney, May 19. . now seated in a tent. . boat coming in at landing. . tryg to get regulated and break the mules // rec. letter from his wife by this boat// I have retired to an old shell of a blacksmith's shop, once used by the Army, and seated myself on a bag by the side of one of the boxes sent up with r goods, now empty, and turned on one side, making a first-rate ~~xxxxxxx~~ writg desk

* * * * Ft. Kea rney, June 1. . 15 mi with r wild unbroken mules. . 15mi farther and cr the Weeping Water Creek. None of these creeks r bridged and the banks, bg high, we v to take out half the loads and then double the teams to cross, and in many instances wade in the water from knee to waist deep lifting the wheels to get along at

Wed . . got along. until we c to Saline or Salt Creek, and found the crossg so very bad that I gave an ox train about \$20 worth of corn ~~hch~~ to haul r wgs over. Here we enc. . durg the nite enc one oth most terrific gales and thunder storms I ever witnessed. . Eve tent was flodd nd some badly shatrd but none prostrated. . the wagon . I thought would need anchoring to keep fm bg swept by the gale. One constant flash g midnite the brightness of noon. . /nite before/ made first use of r seine and caught some fine salt water fish, as the ater in this cr is almost as salt as sea water. . Thurs after 8 mi stopped by mud. . Fri 20 or more miles to SweetWater. . Sat. drove 25 or 28 mi and enc near the Pawnee Capitol, meetg many I chiefs, etc. as we appr their vill cpose of some hundred or more mud hss, each cap of holdg a undred or m persons The Ps r the most treacherous and trsm I we v toenc, nd bf we had pitcf r tents the c was filled with them, so that I had to order out an xtra guard. As we appr their tn, some half a doz o chiefs nd braves, old Lierchurchief, their head, in full costume, mtd among them, came in the road bf me making signs for the train to stop, pulling up the grass, intimating that all belonged to them and we must not make use of it, saying, "Pawnee A heap, Pawnee, heap, Pawnee good, "tc. and w violent gesticula iintimatg that we must pay heavy tribute. I made signs for th to clear the road, and told the train (14 wgs) to drive on, which they did. They endeav to frighten r mules and did s cs Mr. Harding to run, capsizing his wgs, and break it so badly that we can get through their vill on the P, where we intended to enc for the Sabbath as Cousin Richrd had to go back pick up his scatrd load and br it along in his wg, alrdy heavily laden. We er cpld to stop here 2 mi fm wood nd wtr for the nite or enc the hazard of bg out after dark in the m of a band o desperadoes waitg nd anxious for plunder.

Next mg altho the holy Sabbath det to start by daybreak and pass the t if pos so as to get out oth crowd and v a quiet day. . but bf we cd harness the Is. . came throngg in and I had to order out guard again to keep them fm pilfering ~~h~~ r wgs and in this way we marched on 4 or 5 miles to Shell Creek. . By the time th wgs all reached the ford about 500 men, women and children had lined the bank and the mud and sand mired my horse cpletely down so that we was fast in the cr. . Many chiefs and braves had already crsd and becknd me to stop, but I ordered the ~~h~~ hands down, cut the banks down. . nd urged the mules down,