

① Platte R. Fork to Calif Crossings

- Robt 51-54 Roads heavy - short drive - a storm
- 27 Hi Bluffs apt. approach, beautiful - Fearful storm
- 28 Roads heavy - nothing singular
- 29 Buffalo - brownish tan skirt - footman R. 3 1000  
41
- 55 31 Prairie dogs
- 6/1 Bluffs - Ext. undulating
- 2 Friends bar. 3 horse, frequented by buffalo -  
4. more buffalo, w/ teams to bring -

✓ Knox 50 - 250

5/23

- ✓ Delano 49-18 - fanciful shaped cones + ridges which I can compare with nothing else in form than huge drifted snow heaps - scenery, tho pretty, neither grand nor imposing - full small willows + buffalo excrement
- 49-20 - many wood covered islands, + occ a few trees on the margin of the river - banks - many fanciful shapes of cones + nebulae
- 21 - robbed by 8 Pawnee Indians
- 21 - trouble stones - loss of stock due to some a kind of time from shipwreck - Buffalo for first time near the CC
- 22 daily meet men looking for cattle

✓ Range 66: 67 - description of empty scene - nothing could be discerned that was the product of human agency save the distant trail near the river, along which our train was lazily creeping, like a wounded anaconda

- X 69 Platte could not be forded, bridged or ferried!
- 70 Ranches - 8 to 12 miles apart -  
above 2 rooms, no garden, gray sheep - etc
- 82 antelope - hunting a pasture
- 88 Jack Monroes Ranch - For McPherson -  
array of train
- 102 O'Fallon's Bluff - Bettie's Point -  
Ondawa village - Indian's resistant
- 119 Canvas covered prairie schooner many over billows  
image of lake

- ✓ <sup>BC</sup> Clark 49: 12 Just beyond Ft. in crossing several small  
slabs, wagons mixed down to axle - had to unload -  
3 mi f. Ft., camped at head of Grand Salient -  
no fuel save dry brush - train while lying by,  
train constantly passing
- 13 many 24 pounds by train of Govt wagons (47)  
+ one Co. of mt. men - rain floods whole bottom -  
Dr. Tutt confined to his caryophyll - fuel cottonwood  
poles + brush of Platte R. islands - train  
clatters road
- 14 Sunday May 27 - passed several trains before they  
had gravel up



② Platte R: FK to CC

Clark BC 49: 14 - human skull of several races written in  
in pencil - visited 12 Paces, first since Potawatomie  
15 passed forks of Platte, 3 wagons crossed  
quit below fork - human, whole encompassed flound  
Notwotz our men cheerful & lively - loss of 26 +  
70 head of cattle

Cover 59: 289 C. at Nine Mile town - C. below O'Fallon's  
Bluffs at Fremont Spring, head of big slough that  
parallels the SP 20 mi

58: 304 No buffalo, lost one seen - This trip  
sick list increasing - great shortage of provisions -  
wagon getting trouble - of Pittsburg smoke -  
Wilson wagon of Phila., used on Cheyenne expedition  
316 Panel O'Fallon's Bluff mail station -

Lee & Frost 34: 116 - describe Platte R - it is nec. to keep  
in motion to prevent sinking - " water whitest  
app., thick sediment - lack of timber - antelope  
seen till Forks of the Platte, border of the Buffalo Range

Birdwell 41: 4 advs of "Cheyenne" Dawson - large band  
B app - several boats down n. AFC - lofty  
water spout (tornado). hail like turkey eggs -  
Indian nests - 3 BK - 8 BK not 1/10  
of meat used - many hundred B at camp  
main g of B bones, one complete slaughter yard.

William 41: 9 The most level plains I ever saw - some a  
scenery of beauty as is seldom witnessed - the Platte  
plains are lower than the banks - prof of willow bushes -  
one of our hunters robbed, etc - ends peacefully -  
hail storm, 1 Indian knocked down by hail stone -  
tornado struck river, great foam - 6 flat bottom  
boats, w/ robes & skins, fellows dirty & ragged -  
Indian come in to trade - bluffs higher & wider  
River banks low, but never overflow. Saw  
small cedars on bluffs

Fremont 42 - Brady's Island - abandoned hh ashale  
of emigrants - hill over - elev. -  
Forks of Platte [see CC] - buffalo  
camp down ravines - surrounded by moss  
Then massive Indian fence of Indians - North Fork.

Burnett 43: 107 Comp. Platte w/ The Nile - level sandy  
plain - buffalo paths, broken wagon axles -  
monotony of Platte makes one drowsy -  
fuel: willows, drift-wood, carry - wagons -  
buffalo chip & trash - B hunt - camp charged  
by B. balls



- Palmer 46: 138 Indian attack - trouble & Harrison, below forks of Platte, while searching for cattle - a. m. of arrows - H. stripped

- Horton 46: 90 - The Wichitans - no part of valley then ch it flows off into timber to sustain settlement

- Shively 46: 4 of The Platte should be high make a bull-boot  
Up the South Fork 75 mi to the crossings (plenty of B & antelope) -

- Ingham 47: 8 Now 30 mi of soft place where we struck the Platte, here divided by G.I. - now - Prairie ground - 120 mi on Platte bottoms, ch are level & good for roads in dry weather - B. hunt, 75 - the drive - K. & W. my dog gun - 1 man disturbed of Indians, shot them the wheat, & his mule & gun taken

- Jessup 49: 6 5/25 rain & a thin roar of thunder; some drops of such violence they were mistaken for hail - Ash Creek - another storm 5/27, wind, rain & hail - cattle strayed away - recovered

- Burrell 49: 21 - roads not as good as we found before we struck the river. - camp 1/2 mi beyond boat train 5/25 late start and heavy storm, blowed all tents down & drowned all the sleepers. - laughs, some thinking the elephant was in the neighborhood -  
X 5/26 4 wagons w/ B robes of FL 5/26 yesterday 500 teams passed us while we were in camp - Honey shot a deer, first fresh meat we had - cry of Indians of 2 men driving a B into camp

- Johnston, Wb 49: 93 - n. 2 mi. w. - numerous islands, well wooded. - willows, at intervals along the bank, used for fuel. - but B chips better - 5/17 heavy rain, orders to encamp to spare mules of constant pull over many roads - fire in tent - sheet iron stove, little heat, much smoke. - eat food raw

95 Co. of men w/ wgn & a drove of Calif horses. w/ mails of Calif & Salt Lake, left SL 4/17 - acts of greed due to Calif v. entrepreneur - Co. of Gravel & Trapp - of FL, w/ wagons heavily laden treated to B meat & venison - 2 hickies

Owner's herd of B north side - gr. quantities of bleaching boxes - another party of trappers w/ 4 wagons laden w/ F - St Louis Co. passed us again, but we again left it behind at night  
Cacti, red will, antelope - Mr. Clark of Blakey's mess, had the good fortune to be first to shoot down an A - venison & stoves



Johnston 49: 98 Found a Scirp sculp today - Cal. Russell's  
train - he absconded w/ cook, a guide  
mud & 8' clouds of sand - scintillation  
blow about cannon pain eyes & nostrils  
On a tree - an island, the body of a  
defunct Indian - trace of Indian

Clark SF 49: 12 Tent set there nearly all the rain that  
falls - it - dropp was clothes, wrapped in a  
wet blanket - in SF wood so we could wash -  
Sory business to the hands

Cowell 49: obtain water by digging holes 4' deep - no oil  
soti within 1 m of r, soti several miles - heavy  
wind, blowing sand, sore eyes - heavy rain -  
Los of Virginia + NY stop to recruit - sand bluff present  
miniature not scenery to perfection - magnets terribly thick,  
key cattle - continuous chafe - B hunt on side,  
my quarry perpetual away

Brown 50: 17 No. of walkers ... grove 14 persons passed today  
49 feet danced cotillions in the carroll ... next day,  
usual no. of grove + to east sickens ... 2 mule teams  
w/ mail of Salt Lake to Station ... water gen procured  
by digging 2-3' but imp + may cause sickens ...  
river water prob but ... buffalo & almost entirely desp

Blood 50: 12 herd B opp. 100

Ferguson 50: 35 B getting in plenty, sev. X compelled to  
stop to lead a herd pass ... 5 m long ...  
snow down at pass, burn 3 wagons to keep f- preserving  
39 If the Govt would offer me a patent  
of all the land FKT to the I would not accept it

Forbes 50: - Big Springs, 35 mi up water  
Pan over 100 M wagons

Keller 50: 10 dried stalks of Lobelia inflata on fuel  
only wood, few cotton & willow, bark ... 160 m to  
port - cold & wet

Packard 50: 7 much treasure common

Pegram 50: 9 P. a singular stream 2 m wide ch c be waded at  
nearly every point + never ch made navigable. - Duncan's train  
ahead of us burning the grass at our camping ... 15 m. no grass  
Oy's to B, I cook supper sitting at head, cooking B on a  
fire of B chips ... penury fire away f river ... U.S. mail  
f K.L. - mirage of fire lake ... clouds like bluffs

Street 50: - Guide



- Thompson 52:5 ... obvious line of vari-colored w. covered  
res. a gr. serpent crawling & wriggling up the valley

- Clark 52:23 B chips det. camps - lots of B  
skulls & messages & record of camps. ... vision  
of Sisy, at war w/ Panacea. "all the propensity of gr. Warriner"  
... travel, etc, to avoid the dust of a thousand wagons  
at (25) OF Bluffs, description of it

- Judge 53:30 ... long E to opp. looked like heaviest  
portion of E on north side P, ch made it all the better  
for our stock. ... white tops rem. one of sailing vessels that  
I had often seen on Lake Erie, beating against a  
light head wind

X  
- Chambers 55:366 - full of dry willows - cholera evidence - torn  
up by wolves - demented man ... B-but leads to  
damaged horses & washed tents ... exhaustion of helping mules  
turn the wheels

- Conroy 57:6 ... after FK of our days than vast herds B. ... short  
doubt of habits of this see animal ... rare solitary cottonwood tree or  
a few decayed trunks of same ... Sahara? ... God has blessed us w/  
a season & climate that lvs this vast expanse open to the husbandman ...  
noxious wolves ... But FK & FL the mag scenery is unsurpassed,  
perhaps unequalled in the world (?)

- Horton 56:24 learn how quickness acted ... G of girl w/ stomach,  
slanting hole - G w/ Amy button, body dragged away ... down on  
savage tall cottonwoods w/ bundles

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- Wickmann 59:50 ... No cut of oyster P. in st. Bluffs - legs ... PK full of  
islands & were tumbled w/ cotard ... so many channels you can't tell ch  
in the main one, water too muddy to be fit to drink w/o by stomach ...  
Klein Creek ... Wolveston's Whiskey ... G of murdered gen Gamin  
C. 40 mi w/ FK (3d day out) ... 100 teams both sides river  
53 Cottonwood Spgs ... plenty red cedar w/ ravines, this is a tp  
& stage station w/ ox. log cabins ... 55 P. Fremont's Spring 9 AM & stop at  
O'Fallon Bluffs at noon ... here is stage station, tp, ps & I will ... 6x tall  
& sullen looking ... many on road to fight Panacea ... Burying Place 1/2  
m. distant, dead on platform to rest ... small Platte forks here ...  
Send letters back ... 2 fiddlers, stage dance

- Lemon 49 - water of digging 3 to 5', no wood except islands ...  
They are deceitfully covered

- Short 52 - 200 w/ pan in ... pan 100 today ... no. of drinks

- Bradley 53 - wood only on islands

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- Dalton 52 - moss like stuff ever saw ... triple  
stone ... crawl w/ of darkness ... det not to be skinned  
of trails ... & yet see the elephant other side Sierra Nevada ...  
water is muddy PK but stays impreg. w/ alkali



② Platte Fk & cc

Castles 49 - No. of weeks before us - dry B man's  
fresh G3 - los lays by by sickness - hunt by Washington,  
a slave of Churchill - Alexander of cholera at cc...  
wild scene - storm - cholera - B hunt

Crayzola 49 - antelopes deer + wolves scampering over the plains, but  
could not get a shot at them - Is very scarce - wolves  
churn in encampment, I scare them prank - E w/  
I has on their net to the stakes, take leaves - two offer to  
X some B of us if we stay and assist in br. it in - least  
in low line w/ mules + oxen - abundant wildlife -  
river > 1 m wide, 1 E wide across w/ deeper waist, most of  
way not over the knee - it seem to be made apparently by B + I  
- I scaffold + tree burials -

Richardson 52 - c. lower part - knee deep to midside to a horse -  
road on tableland - 18 m - bottom, up bluff - bottom 17 m 16  
up steep hill - to alt - ~~X~~ ~~X~~ 15 - 66 m to NP in alt

Burgess 66 - Chill fixed by potatoes - ranch up large pile of dead  
wolves, over 100 - 6/13 soldier's egg w/rot - goats + mosquito, dust  
+ don - lay open fur cotton wool, warty of museum of 20 wags +  
30 armed men - wine + bogon to east

Richardson 52 - shallow wells - fill cans at plum creek - drop  
2300 sheep - visit of Chien tribe while eat breakfast -  
ponies - shells - brass rings - G3 tom up - G3 w/ inscriptions

Evans 50 - man w/ cow, shake w/ ague - bean PR valley - all  
The fossils on islands + difficulty of access - level on a floor, sand  
best of ever saw - Valley Navaho's c. 100 miles W to 3 or 4 -  
potato hills to the left, man unwell + neglect - pure air,  
sharp visibility, no bluns, quit delicate - sand on the  
XX move, a word of desert - a burlesque of a river - B  
crosses PR but F's, hard to capture as a steam ferry boat

Pettyjohn 47 - Plum C - B. of 10,000 - Prolet  
all on bays - some c/plan of vegetable fuel - make  
a gr. smoke but with coals (clump) - ash G - Bone  
Valley of B bones (stare last winter)

+ Dr 49 I 60 m W Fk - only the eye & object is one thin plane  
occ dotted of E wgs + cattle - v panel 500 w/

Ashley D - 49 - Decamp early to head by ox train

Anon 49 - Description of PR valley

Lindsay 49 - See CC!

Farris, B 52 - Fk W PV 5-8 m - sand hill become more level  
+ irregular, until they run into rug + rocky rgs

Wood 50 - Stampede W Fk - cholera epidemic  
at Plum Creek - demoralization

3 Burial - Ellis Dyer, David Wright + Job Glenn  
at Plum Creek - Robert Duncan G 90 m W Fk  
then m H - 3 days up SF - all day is path  
made by B - stamped again,



Sauger - Opp. bank lined w/ E trains on CB road -  
No wood, xcep frags of w/ bases, " sweet poplar + chard  
bristles, f islands - next 2 hrs for broken of Rms  
[Ingallo: 5 w/ loaded w/ skins, send letter 25 + ea]

PR 33  
X

Plum C - well near blue, 5' - gran.  
better, Pr a neck + beam et x x x better to Saratoga  
Bottoms black w/ B - immense solid mass of mass - K. 50  
wagons run w/ B. herd - explanation

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37 - Debate on T where the Forces are - E: do not  
see the gc unless they go in pursuit of it.

Melrose 66

10. of wooded islands rem of thousand Is of St. Lawrence . .  
G1, once 90 mi long, just lgot river island - wood -  
now cut into 4 . . w/ SW, PR 900 mi, utterly worthless  
f purps of navigate, quicksand of today fills chs of yest.

(24) origin of Platte (27) Fort McKim - hills . .  
like some gigantic ocean breakers - meadow larks,  
plovers + doves remain

(3) Jaca marrow + his Junction House - wooden Indian  
of band of spotted tail, g. of variegated extremity now at Ft  
Alkali Sta properly named - prairie flowers

O'Fallon's Bluffs f. hunter K. then of cheyenne - soul  
pains around . . lane of chard, willow + sweet-brier, an  
oasis after sun, sand + shade of tele. poles

(34) G of WOMAN - 6/18 Beaumont Rancho, old Calif Crossing

Barber 58 - Soldiers + team of Ft Dodge + SLL - <sup>B</sup>grit meat at  
Plum C - Cheyenne lodges, jobs of the low E beg of us -  
tp + mail sta on PR - retention of cheyenne, good news -  
C. m. Pole Creek

Farris man 52 - G1 FK W 60 hrs - at Plum Creek  
160 mt reflex w/ train baggage-wagon, to FK  
w/ them ret. E: mil 1 woman, 5 children, lost husband + 1c

Dunning 57 - Cross PR 8 on W FK

Herndon 65 - more sad Camps of Gs + Ala at  
(Plum Creek) station - Gs of 11 men, last Aug. -  
2 women captured, 1 d. insane - 1 man, except  
place squeezed bet bluffs + river islands, girls  
in danger - human skulls - Fremont Slough  
6/22 Star Ranch, or old Calif Crossing, 12 m below Jules?

86 X

Young 65 - 12 1/2 m. PT, road goes over - 17 m FT  
many raised mounds; 1 headboard, massacre of family,  
inscrip illeg - Joseph Berry, shot 11/24/67 - wrecked rancho  
house - C. Plum Ck, 35 FK - inscrip of 11 men

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Pat Mullaly's rancho - another gruesome little headboard  
2 of 12 m. Car - Miller + Penman's R - San Smith's R.

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shaly line of guard - Gebman R. + soldier sta  
lonely tel. poles - Cottwood Spgs + Ft McKim - blazed  
Return to take!

X



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Fitch's R 1 m - 12 m Jack Morrison R - no B - Fremont's Slough or Diamond Spgs - Bishop's R -

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passage of O'Fallen's Bluffs, like doubling of Hatteras Cape. Alkali Sta & mil. post - Beauvais R - (Siberia) or old Calif Cr. w/ soldiers - Burt's R - stage sta + Garrison in Colo, wreck of a wagon

Hale 49 violent storm at 36, all wrapped in blankets. - cold & coughs - fire of chips, brush, ox yokes, anything Exhaustion of bad roads; haste of fear of snow SP - like salt marshes of Atlantic Coast - all tents down

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Snyder 45 - clouds of sand - 4 carmen - 20 m - handkerchiefs over faces - yg man accid shot - no of I skulls, pierced w/ arrows - I lodge (burial?) on island - The Battle Cr of Sx, P + 000000, signs of old diffies settled men Fords - road thru for a good as any in U.S. not excepting any

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Cogwin, wa - PR one vast level plain, w/ undulating bluffs on the left, as you go up the river, full of ripples & cotton wooded islands, on rt bank, seems one vast plain of the tableland - This vast valley is now one more big map of animated nature, the shrill Bugle, the Viol, and harp make the valley re-echo - Anglo-Saxon regno Supreme - Storm, one sheet of burial fire - brace wagons to keep of

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Capozuy to St Platte - lunch - after ch a Co. of us scaled Pannee Peak

Hogketer 50 - neither wa w ... 5/29 water but no wood so go thru until w/c to PR, wa w - a road was always in a valley, as on both sides PR nice long net chains - sev G of pieces yr - tr. wind tip tent, endure cold with

Hampton 52 - no wood but - island - B chips & dig of water 2 G 6/6 Plum C, 1st B. Hyde shot it - many team opp. 6/7 wood - ram, wolver stampede cattle & bite them 5 G 6/8 Brady's Island, 6th C, Ash C, 6 G, 377 m St J 6/9 Bluffs h - rough, Cedar - 6th = hollowed bark 4 n 5 m. 50-60 G 15 G

Buffan 49 - at on - concrete salt below of turf - hunter & traders w/ loads of B. hides - fierce tempt.

X w/man

Littleton 50 - no timber on islands - wood hard to get at, gr. chub. - guides as bel as mo. R ... man w/ broken leg act mule. - 2 Gs - 3 w/ rat. - 4 Gs (fresh). Plum C in thumb C - 21 Gs w/ names. Chisler fatal enough to die The Great heart, I wounded in dog well ... 3 w/ legs by for a sick man, 2 B Outwren who I thk die has Dysentery - 23 Gs w/ names - sev n to side of departing pass Oregon to - 2 w/ / 5h - 8 Gs seen, may be buried off the road 1/4 to a mile

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3 Find  
altys

Littletown SD .. leave river 3-4 m - river fork, 1  
to river, other up Bluffs .. it hard to lower fall? ..  
1 B shot .. 13 Gs of man .. a broken leg dog will ..  
8 or 10 sick by dysentery .. 30 Gs + 9 m .. there are  
may we do not see .. 6/25 2 Find 5 m apart,  
Cross lower one .. 6 Gs .. The tv c know this Find of  
observing 2 cw from 1 m below the fall

Gage 52 - water looks v much like mo. .. see 4 Is, first  
since log Big Wolf R, - 5/14 to 5/15 leave river briefly,  
Plumb C .. path wood of river .. 5/16 freeze a ground .. or B chips ..  
shoot horse w/ broken leg 5/17 ice 1/2" thick .. on B hunt,  
but saw none 5/19 met Scott Lake mail met 10 train in  
Scotts Bluffs loaded w/ B skins of the states .. 5/20 open up snows

Schelle SD 28 PR no dr wt or fire wd .. 29 + 30 by head B also  
draws of white wolves .. June 1 dr along river, 6/20 cr. it in the  
2nd time (P), this time w/ better success .. 6/3 over steep  
hill on an North arm of PR .. Baren, no unhook ct, a  
very den of snakes + wolves. Cross at FR

Thomason SD .. as pretty a road as I ever saw it is level  
+ smooth as a plank floor .. wgs opposite side .. The road  
leads of council bluffs .. v blow today the buffalo gnats  
very bad

Stone SD .. most disagree part of Route yet. mucky wt, wd scarce  
+ can't be had until it wade across the islands - the Bluffs.  
mosquitoes can't be beat, day + night swarm, eplce cov has 3 miles  
as night wear, + if you do not suffocate yours w/ smoke inside  
the tent, they would eat you up .. animal chow fruitless .. only  
2 deaths, one of fresh B meat, + 1 of bad water

Lewelling SD .. Cottonwood Spgs

Murphy 54 .. Is returning, departed of Panaman

Chamberlain 49 .. made 40 m, p. num, time of ~~sp~~  
mule + Ox teams .. p. 3 sort trains w/ troops at 50 wgs  
to each train one Regiment of Calif .. v parcel 760 wgs up  
to this log .. since St go at 30 m to log .. swap w/ mountains  
Lott .. 6/8 gr ferry of arms off us + supp a party of Es isle  
atte of Is .. tonight a man brought news of a gr fire in  
St Louis

LX

Nash Ct .. see a nice Brooks (Plumb) one such as I have  
read of, clear as crystal a strange sight on the Plains ..  
we see some nice bluffs this day one was grand in  
The extreme Patten reached its summit + planted a dime

in Moore 59 .. Scenery along this river is very beautiful. It is true  
there are no alpine heights to strike w/ awe the beholder but  
one perfect scene of small loveliness, the ct is fast settling up, the  
whole build thence sod has + manage to live on nothing ..  
C. - Plumb C .. 6/12 had to go 2 m back across a bridge



Plum C by so swollen we cd not find - - Get no wood here at all we haul - - a beam sign to see the sand hills - the dust & the dark clouds across where beams the forked lightning plays long up behind them threat & pres of wrath to man - - broad river left its beam to Heaven beam of the river fleeted of foam - this is a beam river some would scarcely grant trust of looking at it

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Cottonwood Spr. some Gs in a rainy season - - Scene of rural loveliness, in moss & I went to the top of Fremont's Peak, we could see far away - the distance, the river lay calm as a babe in its untroubled slumber, while the SD poured its turbid waters into its depths - - Fremont Springs

John 49/ - - The V is a beam - - 6 to 8 m - width the bluffs are low & a range of sandy knolls - - but the grass is very numerous & stock a very feed of it - - Forks, no timber - - 6/3 into low bottom land, you go under the bluffs sev. miles & again rise - the bluffs on higher land of sev miles & again descend - 14 m. bring you to the 2nd cross where it is - - There is a good one near the ford, & another up above this some

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15 mi  
G A Smith 52 - - no full of game & its bottom is hard of B they - - p over Gs where wolves dug up the badger - - nest & co. of fur holes lately of 20 wgs & 30 men

Langton 50/ - - try on river beam & level roads - - The grass up this bottom is very fine indeed - - I enjoy myself riding over the sandhills a co. w/ Tom, G Taylor & his sister, viewing the scenery it was novel in the extreme -

Knappton 49/ - - Flood Gates of heaven opened up - - cup of coffee - - Xth cold, no wood - - run, scuffle, jump - - dig a hole roads bad & much cut up - - saw the mirage & a beam, sight it was, the wgs on ahead of us were reflect in the air & looked like moving spectres - - Beauty of Platte country in no & variety of its islands - - sleet & rain

Stan 49/ - - Wounded off Bradley's about m. after - man who was murdered there some years ago by one of his comrades the G is a one of the ravines, ch we cross, there is a fine spring in the same hollow - - to 17 mi & C. at the foot of O'Fallon's Bluffs m. after - man who made a fortune selling liquor to the I's at this place, the hi G comes close to the river forming the bluffs

Pease 49/ - - wet heavy roads - - go white w/ salt peter & saleratus - - cattle scattered bad at night - - mixed up w/ other

ough fork of platt 15 mi: the 16 m to ford  
Wilson 50/ (See FK of distance) - -

Shandre 49/ - - bluffs of the most romantic & pic char. - -

Young 50/ - - p. Hawk Creek (Plum?)

Easton 49/ - - filled of various islands, all thick cov w timber - - magnetic stone - - c. up 1 m. Pioneer train, warts of wgs sent back to Fremont of provisions in explain



61 Explain the hills of Col. Wilson's request. Some... are of  
nature's earliest landscapes (white c. cloud piled for his hor-  
rison... Pinnacles all explain. Many sandstone exposures...  
most of them conical form, many look as if they ex. just - the pit  
of toppling over... a beautiful vale (?) - B chose, with  
company, some others. He fell dead pierced by > 50 bullets.  
He died a glorious death after whirling in his pursuers, of putting the  
to flight. He 1/2 day - relate exploits

✓ Gelwicks 49/ to me it is remarkable to see a rv as large as the Platte  
barren of timber on one side - will antelopes, will some - B on  
an island, unable to shoot - B hunt gone away & Brennan  
a plump of our animal - Mr. Papini (see Ft) -  
(Fk 21 after - 21 - 22 - 15 - 22 approx. hills, today first time  
some PR we passed over fine grasses, chad - B skeleton thick -  
28 mil. along high ridges (20 w/o water) - 18 ft. remnant, by sand  
hill, whole pr. a field of flowers, but more frequent

X Butterfield 61/ 5/27-16; 5/28-15 today saw PR of the first  
time. many Es all off to Denver up of train; 5/29-12 to Plum Cr,  
then to... many dead B w/ skins - 5/30-12, C. Midway Sta. of the St.  
Joseph & Denver line; 5/31-16, p. Gibbman's sch., & c. 1 m. Clark's  
ranch, his shop. 6/1-11 m. to Cottonwood Spgs, 2 others, po & Os ch.  
Is, & bidders. We had no whiskey. Amusement by getting Is to take  
a sniff of ammonia bottle - 7, c. off some very high bluffs; 4/2  
m. c. - up bluffs of vms; 4/3 - 11 m. to Fair Slough, P. Monon's R.  
6 m. further to Fair Spgs. no wood, P. 2 schs - 6/4-10 to O'Fallon's  
Bluffs, the Is, then 7, p. Monon R, other + po - 6/5-14 m. along  
river bottom; 6/6-11 to Craig Sp, where Calif Road Cr. over to NP.  
Denver - PP road Ctr. Sd. the stage road goes farther up before coming.

B Barley 52/ We see B. tracks every day where they go to the  
river to drink, it makes the road rough

X Scott 49/ death of PR - Timber in islands... dig of w. 3-5'  
narrower tracks if dug too deep - pr. was seen. Key to every  
way, it was free in Am

Cutting 63/ We intended to cross the r. here (Fk) + to up NS P via  
Fk, but decide to go as far as Julian Canyon... saw cattle team cross  
below us. road shown up B heads & bones. one patch of ground  
near the Station about an acre was c. w/ bones 5/12 p. Plum Cr, R,  
bones of legs, vs legs & q. comp. pl. today. Some seen. Band road here  
near the mail coach, 4 mules & 5 ponies, off east - to fair slough

X



Plum Hollow, break wheel 5/13/5/14 P. - Stage Sta, a splendid log cabin w/ stable att. . . stop at R. of water, R-man had f. a deer whiskey-canned fruit, + B. robes, 74-10. Sign said 75 in FK. . .  
 X grand antler hunt, boys in 20 yds, ch. make a dead shot 5/15. . .  
 I long string Is, trawls, some were no parts sp. those provided by nature. . .  
 X Sp. to wear up Ps (see Is) . . . at Bishop's R. or Fremont's Slough, man w/ broken leg (see accident) - (Dr. advised to go thru mail route, ant Snake Is w/ FL). . . Arrgo to add to funeral . . . at moon c. O'Fallon's Bluffs, . . . just saw the Prickly Pear - Pa skin to, recap of attempts . . . 5/17 reddish gravel - Ps Mo to take Govt store to some sta near FK. . . Sunday, + the boys all dandy - camp. . .  
 Pita L - fiddle scrapie - NO wood xap by a funeral of Ranch. . .  
 Pd 304 of old green chud log that would not burn. <sup>Chips (Cath. man)</sup>

5/18 Stop at Buckeye R. The R-man had I again. The first we v seen w/ whitman's dress + hoops. The marriage ceremony so simple, merely went - giving the bride a few pls of flour, coffee, etc, when she treats her friends, + th. thing is done.

McCabe 50/ . . . 3' in gush of water - I bleached his skull, prob. a P. skull for it seemed wanting in most of the organs that make the indiv g, head + gr. . . camp fire NS seen as numerous . . . 50 . . . Plumb G, 28 m. . . Rubedone train in Plumb G. (see) . . .

Wings again. gr. giant of man, horse + wgs seen to be wely there there (lake of clear water). this app is prod. by an unequal re. . .  
 XX position in the lower strata of atmos, + ch xpl of the low optics . . . discourse on PR. . . trail of worm, yellow water. . . 5/25 f. at 5 m Bluffs lay 1-2 m L: There was what the voyagers call butter or w. wistness (?) i. e. kenole; too light to be hills - too low + stuck to c. water. . . then to c. 20 m. 3-4 m f. the or. . .

B No forests of cedar, + prob. a low black or under app, but occ shiftg to + po like the dark shadow of a cloud. . . road rough f. B trails, neg. fungus ring close together, wgs etc. bounce. . . road to app d. stocked cattle yard, cord w/ manure + trout up. wallows, ch res. by hog wallows. bedent Thomas w/ mud, perhaps to keep off gnats. . . Carving a B. . . wind

XX B rush by dmy mite, deaf rumble thunder. . . again next day, desc. of an B app, man injured by getting run over. . . falls behind, as describe little app of I devolves now

Montgomery 50/ . . . LC Mason d. This morn at 6'oc Chol. after sickness of ca 10 hrs (w Plum G), + was buried at 2 hrs after. . . next mail stage f. FL. . . See G3



- ← Chillon 59 / - - - or lined up teams / miles for pt of watercrops
- x Tompleris 59 / - - - descrip PR - - - 120 m to confluence - -
- x attn scene of matchless beauty, hills chain to ocean in lofty + grand. -  
front clayey silt + duff - - - (exhausted language)
- ← Cole c 49 / - - - proposes to swim to island - - - water 1/2 to house
- ← Lobnitz 50 / - - - sm. island ge. overgrown w/ shrubs. sublimity of  
 scenery - - - w/ta infamis char, v.g. in it dissolv some alkali substances.  
 numerous Bs Es fine their course - N's gale.
- x ← Lamborne ? / - - - Sketch of O'Fallen Bluffs - - - Egypt! - Nile
- xx ← Cole 52 / - - - Descrip PR - - - death Robert Nelson 60 + WFA (see)
- ← Welsh 49 / - - - walk to island of wood. mosquitoes a m plentiful  
 here than I've ever seen before. I would judge them a 7 to 8 in of  
 their joints to the area. - They a of over 1/2 in
- ← C Smith 50 / - - - tho there is plenty timber opp shore, + island.  
 we were able to get a stick for this side (1 d. to Fu) - - all day  
 was windy along opp shore, wind of CB - - v. loud + clean. at 1 m  
 w. Plum Co in a most delightful place. The beam of ch I am weary of  
 delicately - - (E SF) - - - a cres today we left PR sev miles to  
 region + entered a high region.
- (13) ← Washburn 391 - - - 6 days on river bank - - P's opp disappear  
wielder - - - B. brows always carefully + S. Is to writ: Is it that they  
 thereby secure of look on the B. hunt, + c. it "medium" - - dried  
 B. dung burn too well but makes rather a glow than a flange fire,  
 adequate of look but on spot in some cold. (2 days blow SE)
- x ← come to a burial place where 2 Amos interred - one, white dress,  
 shot the other + then himself. Incident hopeful sev yrs ago; a simple  
 stone marks the soil spot - - at g. The bluffs, like wings of a stage,  
 on either side, had no been in intag - - climb to top to view - - find  
 magic circle - - 30 B skulls, a row of all kind gurgans - - cold str "melt"
- ← Watson 49 / - - - river in beam, but it is no value of commerce, an case  
 of its shallowness. It is filled w/ rocks - - 60 whs - - river at time
- ← Curtis 49 / - - - P one of the most splendid rivers I ever saw to  
 look at; 1-3 + wide; valley, 5-15, woudly its course thru entire  
 prairie. No chains of rocks or islands of pine timber + willow, but in  
 timber on either shore - - B. many, but old virgin plants
- ← J. Wright 32 / - - - La Platte is warm + muddy, causing diarrhoea
- ← McCracken 42 / - - - Animal alarmed of B. app. camp, 2 oxen shot  
 by the Guard thru mistake - - Capt Fuller
- x ← Johnston 49



(Plum Creek)

Sx I

← McGlash 50/ 5/4 35. Saw Sx I gallop into c. and w/ long sharp lance. They seem to swim vengeful on P. They recall a war party. (PR) not navigable even for barge - 5/5 - 35. R mules req a piece of the whip 5/6 - B too fast for us. 30 m. B - heads slower. canyon - B stampede, B pass me, w. i up pistol (base of fire shoulder 5/7. 30. mound on only left to hal slit 25 m. red beam up. record glacier - gastor. The sand in cutting to the right 5/8 - 30. see expression of B 5/9. 15 P forks out for below house. (Now) This afternoon we v reached the ford. up NS SF. Total 25 mi

40  
123

← Pleasant 49/ - below to avoid graded B trails  
← 56/ B home Plum Creek x x

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mirage - I deceive, decay of hours (?)  
← Root 48/ - City du Chien (?), at Plum Creek. Here is the first saline appearance we saw on the go

← Davis 50/ - E w lg, pop. had to detour 1-5 - / grass - a thorn of wolves while grazing - Egyptian darkness. Belt of camp - unusual attack at (O'Fallen Bluffs). Turn out to be B

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← Porter 60/ - mirage - Cottonwood - Front Spys. The first water bit. to Rms + m. R. We feel like fully done on w. whiffy thin fountain, cool to partial lips of man + beard when jete had had the birds to stop just + dull, craggy, muddy water of P -

Sx 48

almost enigma - quiet when seeing both? - don't work  
← Woodard 50/ - see LCC

← Dickens 49/ - <sup>5/15-28</sup> Dr Boyle found a human skull - a pretty sheet of water + altitudinal - nearly beautiful, shows no drift work. eddie + bail 5/16-10 met traders w/ 4 wgs (ox teams) loaded bits they loads w/ B robes + fur skirt 3<sup>50</sup> + 4. f. them. met 2 men w/ horse of SL to 50m - day. Stop acc same, also gen officer 5/17-25 again decid of instability - lot of oxen of B - over of (bluffs) looks high above the level plain + looks like a stream of silver girted up island 5/18-18 - on traders of P. w/ 4-5 wgs loads. had B. meet of us we had a small lot 5/19 - we lighter of burning boxes + packs - Bluffs end here abruptly + only rolling hills - flow of the - ore by train look like children's toy wgs. when looky / bluffs - Durdley a <sup>5/20-17</sup> <sup>NO</sup> Saboteur - would sneak my bel (the log) like a cradle 5/21 - Ill Ca descent of regs. - or sparsely timbered w/ chd + willows

← ? 49/ FK - 5/20-17 - plenty of w. = island. see obliged to use PR wta, turbid, + the noisy obje in water - Messoumian return



accident  
Storm  
off  
see one of trans had broke away & broke Cape of The Co. s. through,  
into by chief projector of the concern, oblique all to return 5/29-18  
to by others of lights, dusky rifle & pistol, 3 men fringed line in hand  
Cg submerged than my, no breakfast 5/30-14. separate of trans, potter  
wince; broken grey of trans, in an further, broken by a little in indep  
6/3-10 & crop st. I vice

← Bennett 50 →

← Schick 49 →

← Carrington 66 →

XX. Lamborne (log) ————— Sands of Egypt

25 ← Cummins 45 x x x Sahara. canals

B track a reg in any flunged furrows. dust storm.

27 Canvas covers proper potter. ————— arrived of Keaney ←  
Fremont ?

← Pearson 49 #1 plate, w/ a rusty sun reflector in  
Ocean of rolling, turbid, yellow water, in a channel over a  
mile wide, gave the idea that this would be the parent  
streams instead of a trail of mud. severity of precip. winter  
note in them of game & without bodies of B of all ages that lived

B The fishes & pulled the debris where they had sought shelter...  
So go their way, the myriads of wolves that live on them seem to be  
surprised, leaving them carcasses untouched.

59 ← Sage 41 x x x x x

89-97 ← Briggs - Brandy x x x

68-85 ← Thomas 46 x x x (lower p.d)

5-8 ← Sennell 58 x x x

41-43

← Bryant 42 x x x

141 ← Mungom 41. by spear of the road when no other  
thing existed! Plain on all sides! Plain at morning,  
plain at noon; plain at night!

← Eccles 67 wait 3-4 weeks at NP. 6-700 - 5 to

262 city of up Grand G. Rice. !!! by indep. con. of covets to cut Utah

28 ← Fairchild 49. part of 3 to build Keffau. Chelone  
not so bad now. only 3 to over St Joe

42 ← Arnold 63. Plum Creek. sunny station. next Great Eagle State

64-85 ← Cross 49 x x x

33-42 ← Goss 57 x x x

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59+ Bratt 66 + + +  
 Ware 64 + + +  
 Bunnicee 32 + + +  
 Clark. cm 58  
 Parkhill 49  
 Clyn 44

NC XVI

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XVIII 199

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190-193

Anders 59 - U.S. R. 10 - W Fk  
 Sheen 56 - death of Babitt at O'Fallons Bluff  
 Harry (1867) Plum Creek

Stansbury 49 + + +

Tray, Albert 60 + + + O'Fallons

Dennis 49 +

Leitch 46 +

Sutton 54 +

Boyle 49 +

Moon 50 +

Shepherd 50 - Bois de Vaude st. substatuta ...

7  
 L 58 (30 B) change Camps Battery - they were  
 on R. 3, the 4th cele of a dress parade + valley of marketing  
 & trade with they v of sugar - musquitos, burn gunpowder -  
 fast - C. Front spring - one of the plots in Fk - met  
 w/ a few friends today - (returning) top on O'Fallons  
 Bluff + Plum Creek

Barclotina 50 - race of the camp - boys

Camp 5 egg wolves ... medium to 2 min

Wind 63 + + +

42+

5

Anders 58 + violence of musquitos

Ann U.S 54 - raised like all weather - road  
 vs bal - we had one of the damdest storms that was  
 was known ... I heard the first part of the night

Clyde 52 17 B trail 20 rods

Yang, CE 65 + + +

Wendler 58 + +

Carruth 66 + +

Moss 63 + + +

35+

55







Washed

Howell 49 / - 20 to Plumb. Sicken mine. Fresh Co every  
for us. Here we met Isadore Kobalov w/ 4 legs loaded  
w/ robin. Two of the nuts 6/4-20 6/5-20 6/6 Heavy rain  
lay by 6/7-20 P. Tracy Co. <sup>W.D. Hill</sup> Cos 5 men who had of hunt.  
Namely all Cos. v <sup>more</sup> Chalana. Physicians pass in both  
directions, in fall spread, to visit on poor suffering  
men 49 / - 2 men lost hunt B

Rabun 49 /

Mason 50 / Saul Hill tower up - majestic

Sponsler 50 /

Creech 66 /

Patterson 65 /

Lowe 49 / 5/15 p. For c. - 1.6 5/19 - 8 5/20 - To Fish 9

Acad. 21 - 5/21 - 16, p. tower Acad. 5/22 - 19 5/23 - 15

Here the Dills in full of Cedar. 5/24 - 15 5/25 - 16 5/26 -

(Lower Ford) - 3

Cypress 53

Buss 49 /

Caedwell 49 / - carry willow twigs - military train

Bluff trail, to pick up dry wood; The military train  
keeps the main road - 6

Parker 46

Wachy - Page 49 /

See FK

Ware 49 /

Bacon 55 / - <sup>NO train until you</sup> SP above where you  
come to the Bluffs of SP ch is 25 m, then no more timber  
to upper crossing of SP ch is 50 m

9.1 job 53 / meet the Roundabout train (see FK)  
(See p. 33) re crossing of PR below forks

Bond 55 / - lay of the land in flat & the soil rich.  
Saw any g. of antlers & wolver. saw the big white  
knit large than a Napoleon's Day - Saw the Buffalo Licks 2  
There are quite a <sup>45</sup> creek to go. at a catch were crazy  
for - numerous B trails cony to the licks - train  
CB road - to over bluffs & to Knight a c. & SFP,  
shall find it tomorrow

Greenlee 50 / - See st of (upper way)

Gray 49 /

X  
33 X X  
Annals



- Johnston, Joseph 49 (W FK) with Rowbedon w/ 6? wagon loads of 5,000 Buffalo skins to St Joe
- 17+ Dr Lard 49 / X X X  
 Parker 49 / X X X  
 Carpenter 52 / X X X  
 Atherton 49 (W FK) Had of the first fur in view of Platte River. It is here at the mouth & presents the app of the Mississippi on the French coast. Very little timber on the banks - water muddy & banks 2-4' high and is he could putty - req. of accounts (5/30)
- 4-54 Wood 53 / discourse in PR X X X  
 18-93 Howe 53 / X X X  
 Benson 49 / Ash Grove, also cham / wood  
 X some W to PR 6 days ago lady  
 X B Miller / ! ! !
- 7-334 New TL 43 / X X  
 8-389 Mump 39 / 1728 - came with a mule of Bradles grove (a man that was mired on yrs since), + epul - B
- 29-84 Stewart 53 / Plum Grove, mother falls - Sabbath stop - Eulogy of Percy. X X  
 42-274 Ketchum 53 / X X X  
 25-141 PV Crampel 51 / X X  
 17-124 Lee 34 / X X  
 31-58 Muller 48 / PR, had it up to g. & fed the dead E road, ch made a strange direction for one bird in the river to where it turned ahead of us, cutting off a lg bird a circle to a sight of sev. miles - X mark
- 3-413 Bennett det 43 / X X X  
 74 Weston 49 /  
 Bachelder \*\*\*\*\* (FK)



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We at last got under way, but on acct o unbroken teams, ig drivers nd desertions it was sev days bf we got in rkg order. Soti the whole night guard, with their outfits, would decamp in a body, leavg the catl to wander ofer the ct. The deserters er replaced by betr men obt fm retg trains, w ch we sent back r sick.

After some days of trib we cr the vs oth Big and L Grasshopper, nd reached Walnut Creek on the 8th of July. Here we saw r first deer, . . . On the night of the 17th, when 120 mi on the road, we had the most terr t under-storm I ever saw. I was out all night herding the catl, nd the glare o lightning and crash of thunder rendered them hard to manage. They hardly lay down all night, but wandrd fitfully about, ch made it hard for us.

Our next ~~day~~ night's camp was by the side oth new-made G of a teamster, who had bn run over by a stampede of oxen. A mound marked th spot on r arr, but by mg the herd had so trampled down the wet earth that no trace was visible of the resting place oth poor fellow, even th rude headboards, on ch was his name, bg displaced.

On the 20th we c to Marysville, on the BB. Here was a mission and reserv oth Otto Is. While des the bluff one of r oxen died; but th noble red men, when apprised, soon had him skinned, cut up and c to their villg. These Is shaved their heads and were otherwise as near naked as they cd well be.

The v oth BB was swarmg w mosqs, and that n while herdg we er badly pestered w them. They bit through yr clothg and sang merrily at their work. We wrappd rss fm head to heels in r blankets to fence them off, tho th air was opp sultry, but in spite of that they bit us s we er cov w a rash the next mg. To their shrill tenor a band o wolves on the adj bluffs howled a blood-curdlg baritone. The howl oth wolf is enough, but when a band of this species get down to their work, it i mo than that. They commence w a shrill whine, ch incrs nd deepends until it ends in an unearthly yell ch you feel in your bones.

We cr the Blue on a rope ferry, swimmg all the oxen except what we wanted to pull the wgs on to the boat. My fr Finlay and I er sent to herd catl on the other side oth rv, where we er kept t ll night w nothing to eat. When we er relieved, we had to swim the rv to r wgs ch er not ferried over. The rv was swollen, so that we landed far blow in the darkness. The next mg we fnd r shoes stolen awa sm of r clothg, che we had left on the other side.

After crossg the rest oth wgs, the guards er re-arrgd, nd r rifles nd a few rounds of ammun given us, as we er getg among hostil Ids. Ther er pistols also in the train arsenal, but for motives of policy they we not given out. Some of r men cd punish one another w fist and tooth suff wo using these. At noon on the 25th we met a part oth troops sent to Utah, retg. They er artillerymen, w sm cav or dragoons.. and Gen Harney, still living in 1888 was with them.

We reached the va oth LB on the 26th June. This was full of mosqs, nd at night noisey w wolves. Thile herdg that nt, a wolf crosd a knoll within 20 yds of where I was lyg down, lookg in silhouette ag the clear sky to my excited fancy as lg as a horse.

Our rt lay the next day along the v oth LB om the direc PR. The rd was miry and lined w carcasses of dead oxen lost by precedg trains, ch f the air w sickening odors. We afterwards left the v and cr hi gr, fm ch we had a fine view of the lower ct to th south. Broad vistas of verdure, traversed by belts of darker green, marked the timber-lined streams.

The first of August found us among a range of sand hills whc ann r appr to the v oth Platte. These er a succ of knolls and ridges fm 30 t



to 60 feet hi. Amid their defiles r wheels sunk deep in the sand, and we freq doubled teams in order to get through. Fm these we came to the broad, level bottom oth rv, ch was marked by num wooded island. In the dist we saw FK, the low bldgs of ch er just visible above the pr. When within a mi the tr was stopped, nd orders givn f each man to overhaul his load, and put the flour ch was in any way damaged by rain in the bottom, so as the load d pass govtl inspec. We er forced to become parties to this fraud, whether lg or not. We enc at noon a few hundred yards beyond the Post.

Fort K is about 160 mi fm the Mo. It was estab durg the Mexican War, the intention bg to nnect the frontiers w the Pacific by a chain of mil posts along the P and Columbia Rvs. The bldgs csisted of barracks, hospital, sutler store and vcar stables. So er of logs, others o frame, but the majority er of dried mud and roofed w sods. It was not a ver prepossesg place, but after a j o 300 mi through a wildern, we welcd the sight, as we d also did the sound oth bugle that night, and the roll o drum and the shriek of fife the next mg fm the musicians oth l gar

At K Finlay left me. Since the tr started he had been as sick of hi prof as the trad dog of th prov broth. He cd see no romance in holler ing at and beating oxen all day and herdg them on alt nights, and was disgusted w his assocs. Much as he disliked to leave me, he was det to quit the tr in some way. One dark and stormy night, when on guard near the sand hills, he came to camp and, awakeng me, tried to persuade me to deser with him and make r way through 300 mi of wildern to the Mo. . I did not start out w the int o turng back, nd prev on him to desist. . He was after wards taken sikk, and went back w the next return train. .

24 We left FK the mg after r arr and slowly moved up the v oth P, whose waters er were to follow to the summit oth RMs. Our rt was ab a mile fm the shore, ch we er unable to appo nearer on acct of num sloos, as the Pikers call marshy creeks, ch extend fm the rv. The wtr we cdn see f the many islands. Towards night we p a Fr tp, whose owenr had grown rich tradg w Es and Is. Oc, the item of whisky was the most attrac part of his stock. These traders gen had one or m I wives, by ch means they ingrat themss w the noble red men.

24 We c six miles west oth F. The next mg we broke corral early, as r wgmaster was anxious to make up for lost time. I never saw birds in freedom as tame as here. They d alight near us as we pasd along, nd it wa sport for the skilled Pikers to pop them w their whips - the crackers bg as fatal as bullets. But we er soon to see larger game than birds. . B chase. . mtd on a l mulew, armed w rifles, revolvers nd knives w their heels, ch nearly dragd to the gr, bristling w huge rattlg spurs, our heroe lookd like Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, startg out on one o their wind-mill stormg expeds. . /escape/ / another hunt/ unsucc/ lost, locked amid a maze of sandhills, surr by darkn and in danger ev moment o bg run over b the bands of B, ch er now on their way to water and fillg the air w their bellowg. . with Polar star as y guide I endeav to reach the north side oth range of shs. . found only by firing final cartridge/ . .

27 One of r men, who was an old hunter, had ahot a B out towards the s-ns, nd skd me to go w him to get some fresh beef f supper. As dark as it was, through a sort of instinct, he led the way straight to where the animal ~~was~~ lay. . Carvg a choice cut from his flesh, we lugged it to the camp, much to the delight of the thirty men who had lived on salt pork long enough to get the scurvy. Still we soon got tired of B meat, as it wa tough and had a strong musky odor, nd some oth men er made sick b the change.



The road was lined with bands of B, and the whole plain bet the river and s-hs was fairly black with them. We saw them not by hundreds or thousands, but by hundreds of acres. The main body was about a quarter of a mile from us, the column near a mile in width, and extending parallel with the river as far either way as the eye could reach. Several grazed near the road and some came close to our wags, heedless of danger, and our constant targets for our rifles. I shot one within 10 yards of the

28 wag. How many were killed during the day I don't know; but far too many, and we at last got disgusted with the mis-sport and put our rifles away. To be sure, my first advance toward them was quite exciting, but now so quiet were they that there was no sport in firing at these harmless brutes. Numbers of them, killed by parties in advance, were scattered over the plain, half devoured by wolves; and the inroad made upon them by immigrants and hunters, over in thirty years to drive them out of existence, everywhere protected. I am ashamed to think that we had any part of this slaughter.

To show how near the outlying members of the large herd of B's had darkened the plain on the east came to our camp, I'll mention that a half-grown specimen, jumped over one of our wagon tongues, on its road to water. Its temerity was rewarded with a fatal shot. The bellowing of the main body made the air tremble and frightened our cats, while a musky odor filled the air.

The hunting of these animals seemed so much like gunning for cows in a barnyard that I only mention my experience to show how near I became lost while engaged in that misnamed sport.

B's and hogs in line to wallow in mud and water. With the river in sight, when thirsty we had to drink from the little ponds where they had been disporting, though from its musky odor it was almost unbearable. Still it was better than the alkali water we drank further on.

With the plain full of B's on one side, and the island-filled P on the other, we wearily trudged on under an August sun. It was pitiful to see the suffering oxen, as wagon tongues lolled out and eyes turned appealingly to the brutish driver, they slowly moved along. Some they were lashed, beaten and overruled until they fell dead in their tracks.