

- ✓ Cole 521 - an immense formation, & note during its hunting nature, force had clep it in 2 parts, making an avenue thru its center at least 100' wide. Then ch we all passed, as the trail led thru instead of around the bluff. (raves about scenery)
- 177 ✓ ~~Loomis 521~~ ~~(NS)~~ ~~traces above its fellows like a small~~ ~~castle~~  
~~Dick 644~~ ~~(NS)~~ ~~traces above its fellows like a small~~ ~~castle~~  
 177 ✓ ~~Tommas 32~~ (Lumber Pass)  
 Green 521 - Fg or so is in (6 cr) I c. to pl where the road lies thru it. The place - called Scott's Bluffs at this pt. I find 3 lodges Is & on trappers. Here I lv the old tr & take a cut off pass through a gap & the bluff - which was so windy & diff. these bluffs present a magnificent scenery - I got a supply of seed in wood in all to last me 3 or 4 days. After passing the bluffs 2 mi I found a tp. The v is wide here & rather with a few patches of grass.
- 40 ✓ ~~Swales 58~~ 9/30 camp, going east  
~~Horton 52~~ c. me some by bluffs called "Scott's Bluffs"  
 40 ✓ ~~Dunbar 53~~ (NS) c. opp to a vs hi bluff, a v. prec. shape, one near a gap block of bluffs, we near the Capitol at Wash. They are called Capitol hills & S.B.s for a co of trappers. Log a rock was by the man of Scott near these bluffs, a skeleton of animal for etc.
- 54 ✓ ~~Arnold~~ + + +  
 203 ✓ ~~McCoy 34~~ 5/30 Passed thru a hi bluff thru a pretty good pass & avoided gg but one of them & the river where there are bad rapids
- 63-66 ✓ ~~Fried 43~~ + + +  
~~Fenn 30~~  
~~Fenn 43~~  
~~Whe 64~~  
~~Pennell 32~~
- 10 ✓ ~~Lee 58~~ + + + (both ways)  
 10 ✓ ~~Anderson 58~~ - best view S.B.s, look by dark & prairie like some mighty battlement up its fronts & towers & minarets, pass thru the narrow defile ch cuts thru (from - pass of the trappers - chit as of highest pts. - - - the v. cd stream itself.
- 206 ✓ ~~Ann U.S. 54~~ + +  
 206 ✓ ~~Curry 66~~  
 206 ✓ ~~Murphy 66~~ - 2 yoke bull team stampede w/ parts & equip of a saw-mill, & saw down steep hill to the plateau. I do not see any other who alive & gotten of mill

11 ✓ Boschman 58

X X X

66 ✓ Vogden 68

X X

Mulligan 65 62

X X

Murphy 49

(NS)

Fuller 49

Scots Bluff

Clare, Jr 52

(NS)

86

Copman 53

X X X

✓ McAulay 52

Opp the Capitol Hill

43

✓ Burd 55

X X X

✓ Allen 53

Opp

(NS)

✓ Davis 52

(NS)

✓ King 53

(NS)

✓ Shap 52

6/17 July was p. on 513

19-20

✓ Green 53

(NS)

Capitol Hill

Snow 59

42-339

✓ Wright 53

X X X

22-135

✓ Taylor 53

X X X

17-129

✓ Lee 34

X X X

33

O B Huntington 48

(NS)

S-B. is of such a nature

that they v worked into various shops closely seen, has, edifices, courthouses, churches & public bldgs of every order of architecture. the bluffs is his or at least 1/2-6 in give an actual opp of mammoth c'tion

✓ Stover 52

(NS)

Gov 46







### Scotts Bluffs

These bluffs are situated directly upon the south bank of the Platte, so near that the waters impinge against their nearly perpendicular sides, forcing the emigrant road away from the river, in and among the bluffs. Here is some of the most beautiful and picturesque scenery upon the whole route.

It consists of a widely extended grassy plain, along which, for more than twenty miles, courses a range of isolated or detached cliffs, of nearly equal height; but of singular conformation. It appears as though portions of a once continuous rocky cliff or range, with perpendicular sides, had been cut away, and the detached portions entirely removed, down to a level with the grassy plain that now surrounds them.

And thus they stand, in their vast proportions, some round, others nearly square, and lifting their tops four or five hundred feet upward, and crowned with dome, and spire, and battlement, resembling a collection of ruins, of towns and castles of every conceivable form, and imparting to the landscape a scene of sublimity and magnificence worthy their Builder.

47 They derive their name--it is said--from the fact, that here a man by the name of Scott, met with death, [Picture "Convent Rock -- Scott's Bluffs"] under the following circumstances: A party of trappers had been detained in the Indian country too late in the season to insure their safe return, if attended by the least impediment, that one of their number by the name of Scott, having wounded himself by an accidental discharge of his gun, and in a manner that must prove fatal to him in a few days at furthest, insisted, and prevailed upon his companions to leave him--with a supply of provisions--to his fate, and save if possible, their own lives. His skeleton was found the next year, under a shelving portion of the bluff near the river, where they had left him.

48 Another version is, that of a party of hunters returning from the mountains, Scott became diseased from his own imprudence, and unable to proceed: was abandoned by his party, and probably soon after died; that his bones were found scattered about, doubtless by the wolves; but recognized by the blankets, hunting knife, and tobacco box found near by, and known to have been his. The engraving is a view of Convent Rock, a portion of the bluffs, three miles south of the emigrant road.

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69 A Day on the Plains

Not until four or five days out, do the inexperienced become anything like well acquainted with the duties of the camp, or the regular routine of a day upon the plains. There is so much of novelty to the uninitiated, so much that seems to require a change of programme in every day's proceedings, that until emigrants have been out from ten to twelve days, can they be ~~said~~ said to have fairly established the order of the day.

But in following for hundreds of miles the Platte river, with one continued round of monotony from day to day, something like order generally arises from previous chaos.

Our company's teams were all horses and mules, and as it was deemed advisable to guard the animals at night, the following, with but the little change that circumstances--as the want of food or water for our animals at a proper time--made necessary, was the order observed. As near five o'clock in the afternoon as we could find good camping, we turned from the main traveled track, generally towards springs, creek

70 or river. The wagons were there arranged--if the ground would admit of it--in a large circle or corral, large enough to contain all the animals, when picketed. The animals were then unharnessed, watered, and turned loose to feed and range at will, with a lariat at full length attached to each. Fires were then kindled, supper prepared, and discussed with a relish that none but the overland traveler know,s.



N ✓ Coke 50: 143 C opp huge cliffs - fortified citadels w/ perfect defences of turrets + buttresses. they only wanted a few cannons moving athwart the sky

X ✓ Keller 50: 13 S.B. 5 mi (beyond C.R.) no. of very steep called

N ✓ Steele 50: - 80 ft high

N ✓ Horn 50: Capital Hill - 9, some c. S.B.s

Wadsworth 52: 46 Conway + Revere - Scott's Bluffs XXX

✓ Sawyer, Ft 52: 7 bs m for a m. n. sett. who perished under them for want of food. the story of his death is a pitiful one. the view of our bluffs was grand + beautiful

Septon 52: 127 - altogether the most sym in form + the most stupendous - size of any we've yet seen. one of them? is close to its name. to the ... Sugar Loaf Rock - observatory

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✓ Clear. 91: 49 - Camped within a semi-circle of high bluff - rainbow - fortified ramparts, lower to guard the safety of millers. ... Don't shoot a deer

✓ L + P 53: 91 - most remarkable sight I've seen since I left Engln. v. of the ... distance. The shadow of intense blue, while the rock ill. by the setting sun partook of its gold. ... 512

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✓ McLow 54: 24 c. opp S.B. - steep + bright clay bluffs we've yet seen

Compton 56: 34 Bluffs of lt col sandy clay - road is cut down into it m or less all the way - in places to depth of 6 to 8' w/ little more than room for wag to pass thru. ... decomposed mP G. visited by many, or a trail is worn - deep rocky walls

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Conway 57: 9 - these grand + mag views continue until you approach the Platte river in height. ... Devils Gap - home of Cheyennes

+ X

✓ Horton 58: 25 - yellowish clay - perp. base that served as the Plains Register

Wellman 59: 64 - C. under S.B. at a Spring. - close under E side of S.B.s or rather a spur of a mt w/ a natural pass through it for a wagon road only a few rods wide w/ masonry perp. walls. ... beyond the 60 we come to a I with a Platte + tp kept by an old fort w/ a square for a well

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Remond 60: 31 - like a huge bldg

Loring 60: 64 - opp S.B.

✓ Roberts 64: prairie S.B., c. on Spring C.

Road 52-9 - Close B into river

Shore 52 - pr. Slots bluff

Bradway 53 - near S.B. lodges + small trading station. Took the main road that led to it + thru a pass - the bluff road fine except thru the pass - vt rough + wind of about 1/2 mi. Bottom is plain - a small cha at the entrance of the bluff + a bridge - teams don't cross bridge - I.C. 25 lodges, 3 or 4 shanties for ...

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- ✓ Dalton 52 - 10th m singular, grand & sublime species 1 or 2 ahead... 3-400' h... ems of marl & limestone rock, much the wind has whittled & worn them away... arch. strues
- ✓ Castle 49 - S2 B3 Th most fasc. scene I ever beheld... lofty peaks rem. of some large city... on a well fort... ruins of ancient city as pic of Brian - Shakespeare
- ✓ Warner in 49<sup>64</sup> - opp. - we passed Scotts Rocks which Calia & I sketched... I will 30 - uncle charter to Amst Lizzie off 3 pines but she would not go

- + x Warner, MEF 64 x x x opp. - Is try to buy many
- ✓ Brayfoyle 49 - most beam scenery I ever saw
- ✓ Bowen 51 - c. 3 mi below Scotts bluffs - pretty pines... met an I to his family 88 on a hunt... he had all his tents & poles of dry grass packed on his tent... visit of a co. Sx I, the most intell looky I saw
- ✓ Richardson 52 - pines & cedars on the river bluffs... dinner close to fort SB... steep hill to go down near the bluffs - C 5 m A. SB on NP
- ✓ Bonner 61 - p. SB opp side... cold creek... fr Sx
- ✓ Burgois 62 - look grand... after dinner, move on thru a pass, partly natural & partly artificial.

- ✓ Richardson 52 - we were nearly a h ch had been - sight 2 days we came out to the river where a tp was rotab... here we filled a can of water, we spce to tp 9 or 10 m up ward a water... reached st after coming thru a deep ravine... this is a pic place & deserves more attention than the renowned ch r ck... the water vein is in gravel... 6 new Co... 4 old ones... to 30 m & camped near a tp

- + Evans 50 - view SB & CR grand beyond descrip... 8 mi... opp of a vast city, cpo huge castles & wide streets... 4 m W CR took a sketch of S2 B3... race of giants... E SB took a major hand road drawing of [Duna Rocks]?

- ✓ Hinds 50 - p. SB (NS) - perf. enchanted w/ the prospect... his bluffs res. walled towers of Europe... cholera ve had other side of river... ful old rage, by worn out clothes... iron, fr breaking down of tents & stores

Shum 50 - c. - Spring Creek 4 m above SB

- ✓ Elry 54 (NS) - opp of huge forts or ancient castles... w/ potholes as if already fr... cannon to breach path their thunders... cedars like soldiers on guard... a left a round tower stands alone & unconnected... of gr. lat... it is truly wonderful to view the acts of nature in these regions... here she has toll her energies of a grand mag display of might & sublimity to mark the acts of glorious man... these things teach us to consider the author of all things & steps his grandeur & his goodness

- ✓ Dunlap 64 (NS) - E opp in & out of sight, can't come down to the river & we hear they a puffing of water... many grand old bluffs, no. mag. ancient castles etc



- + Ferris, B 52 - (prop) 1 from a X old exp. int. there was  
 1st a gigantic perp. rock in fr cylinder, on ch arose a  
 smaller rock of same form, & on that a 3rd. It looked  
 like the vast meadows of some here of. past rock  
 waits 62 first indie of rugged mt at coming - climb  
 + (35) mag view of summit - scene seldom v. to mortals  
 + Kelgore 50 c opp Ss Bs. this has app. of ancient fort & at the  
 + East end stands a rock that has very much the app. of a Life  
 house, heavy stone  
 Show 49 - Ancient architecture - deceptive atmos -  
 no cleaner spot in the world, no trace vegetation  
 + Duncanson 51? NS - all day in sight of - cedar grove  
 scattered among them, contrast to sterile scenes - Baed Hill  
 Smith again, bury more E.
- 60 Holladay 65 - bridge place of "Green River", The yg road  
 X agent - thru Pass - Fort Mitchell  
 51 McKee 50 - sand & cl 400', res. a 3 square foot  
 of 3 tunnels [also 10 m E SB & Bs shop, \$10 set w/straw, \$4.00  
 \$1500 a floor]
- X Hampton 52 (see RP) - splendid view of LP 100 m, on Pine  
 trails along the bluffs, there is a U.S. mail sta & a Bs shop here.  
 + also on Fr bridges & Is. first Tr seen since leaving H. Camp  
 near the gain - 66s - JB 554 m  
 ✓ Hester 64 (NS) - small mt in a level plain  
 ✓ Hickman 52 - These bluffs is the most splendid, that I've beheld.  
 From the base to the top appear to be 500'; on the side facing the road  
 the rocks more almost perp. the rd runs bet the bluffs, & is difficult to pass.
- ✓ Gage 52 - cir. - proc. on to t. sta. then on to Scott's Bluff  
 by way of cut off 2 & 8 m. Passed through them & on to  
 Platt again - to 28 on this day  
 ✓ Hite, A 53 6/8 - came to the first tp & Bs shop,  
 passed thru JB in evening in sight of another smooth  
 shop & there I got two screws made & c.
- 1300  
 X Barta 65 p. 3 Bs came to where the soldiers  
 had a fight with the Indians found some portions of which  
 one had two arrows in its back some saddles were  
 + also picked up fine written c. by an old trading man  
 when some soldier was c.



W. Moore 59 / We c. touch - 5 Bs. You - the most beautiful scenery we've seen among the walls and mts whose sides & tops are covered with pines & cedars, the rippling stream (?) make up a scene so enchanting, lovely. I thought of these in years to come - the old the heart that was humble my hope for it here. - Sleep scattered all over the canyon

G. A. Smith 52 / P. 5 Bs today. These bluffs are 2 in number out on each side of the road they're a blue gray opp.

NS Patton 58 / Passed a rock ch 1 mi. tower rock. Or res. a town w/ a water house on it. P. 5B

Dennis 50 / ... 5Bs & it around here is some of the most splendid scenery I've seen. ... scarcely any grazing

NS Bryant 53 / Capitol Hill - 5Bs, a singular group of rocky hills ss of river. These bluffs are of a gr. kerjar. Light clouds float on their tops as we pass

Grady 53 / ... 5Bs spring of good water. drove 4 m across the bluffs & c. at the foot

Bretzfelder 61 / P. then 5Bs. road thru the bluffs has the app of a wide natural highway, cut thru white clay. Back of the road, bluffs 200' high of almost perp. face. no place for camp - the road thru the bluffs

Loftin 49 / Start of Dome Rock

Hewitt 62 NS 7/10 - P. 5Bs, a ledge of rock worthy of mention - Purchase article of IS, estate of gr. nephew. 2 m. M. tra, 49 - 33 up

Barley 52 / Grand 5Bs - some of the most romantic scenery in our road. Between the bluffs Crooked Roader - you could not see the road unless in it - small cedars at the summit & - the narrow C. - to river bank

Miller 49

Stinson 50 / Mount Scott - v c at trout C

Smalley 62

Stuart 49 / - sketch ... to summit, find bleached

sketch of B. Canyon & Eagle's nest. - pass a small tp called St. Bernard, 55 mi of FL. Here we found some springs of clear, ice-cold water

Udell 50 / ... noble app of sev fets creca together? the rugged mts now badly behind them - all colors, ...

Labretin 51

Kenderline 58

Lamban ? / - sketch

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Millington 1862 soon after lvg /CR/ it became so windy as to almost take the covers off the wgs and then it rained for a short time ve hard.

About 5 o'clock we stopped for the night opp a large rock ch Pa called the Capitol for its res in app the capitol at Washington City

June 10 About 10 o'clock we left the rv and tv over the hills or bluffs. After tv 3 or 4 mi we c to SBs where the road passed along between 2 mts nd, was so narrow we cdn ~~get over the pass~~ more than pass. A mile or so fruther and we c to the rv again. . there is a slough here ch has in it some oth nicest kind of fish. I saw some 13 inches long

June 11 About 3 o'clock came ~~to~~ to a ranch or station where there were also some Is cd, 35 mi frm FL. One I was ~~wrapd~~ wrapd in a B robe and Ike S- offered him a blanket in ex f it. It made us all laught to see how quick he swapped. There was a man and his wife kept this tage sta. . hail. . In the evening an I and his sq who was quite a pretty yg wmn stopd at camp with a freshly k antelope. Pa bought a fore quarters of them for 2 pints of flour and gave them so e bread extra. We found it to be nice meat. Musquitoes bad

June 12. . stop at stage sta. . 9 mi fm FL

June 13. . this mg when Ira went up on the hill near c to attend the hrss and mules he saw ehre ther had bn 2 I Gs but they were so old they had fallen down and scarcely anything remained but a few pieces of beads We girls and ? went out there and we got a few beads ch we strung. . white, blue, red and black. . . after tvg four mi we came to a "ranch" where there was a very nice store or tp. About 20 wigwams neary by and I do not know how many Is. . t is 5 mi to LR

Cramer 59. . June 21. . after another day of tv /after SB./ up this decidedly monotonous and uninterestg v, findg the horrors o numerous rottg and ~~stink~~ stinkg carcasses of catle, added to the other disag adjuncts, we arr at r enc and prep to pass the night. The slaughter don pn the catl on this rv is mch grn usual, I am told by exper men, dn l add gr to the av percentage oth loss ~~is~~ sustained by the drovers; eich rarely, . . falls under 20 per centum. This loss is caused chiefly by what is c ~~xxxx~~ Alkali

June 22 Near wherd we r enc today ther is a sm v o Sx Is. I went d to ex a scaf on ch rep the fresh corpse of a warr, slain, I supp in their late batle w the Pawnees, and over whose loss they ~~are~~ were "makg the night hideous." He was wrapd in a B robe, wooly side in, w his arms and equip included. His head was bared to the heavens and ~~dec~~ dec with the scalp lock and war paint in ch e had faln.

June 23 After a dr of a few mi . . we rch to Lone Star TP, kept by a man named Beauvais where we fnd a tol assortm of such goods as suit the I trade. Here we saw a man in the emp of Beauvais whom we had pointed out to us as the famous McCrea~~s~~ who had k Malcolm Clark in Ks in the early diffic in that Terr and who esc fm prison in Leav City. After dinr we pushed on to Laramie which we p in the midle of aft

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Caroline Richardson 52. . . . we er nearg scottsb/ bluffs ch had bn in sight nearly 2 days we come out to the river where a tp was est her we f r cans w water we expec to tv 9 or 10 mi ~~s~~ wo wood or water reached s bs after coming through a deep ravine this ia a pic lookg pl nd deserves m atten than the renowned ch or ~~ch~~ cr. the eastern view is grand the rocks r thrown up in almost every variety of shape imag c copy tower thin the battlements, castles and ruins dotted w pines and various flowers each side oth road was cov wi large pieces of rock ch hadfalln fm the top on ch was incscribed a gr many names and some in flaming black letters the cenery was vey wild and romantic on the western side is two large towering rocks res each other as we passed through several deep ravines today we v passed 6 news Gs and 4 old ones tvd about 30 mi and ecn near a tp saw 2 Is



Address 52 . . 4 or 5 mi west of CR there is a collec of rock mounds bearg a ve close res to fortresses. Here db a rare chance for a draughtsman, there bg an abundance of scenery that is truly delightful. /SsBs/ r some higher than CR & cposed oth same kind of rock. . fm the top of these bluffs the ~~ix~~ view of the surr ct is extensive;. . Church Rock situ a SB is quite a cur, bg cposed of sand stone nd in secs the base bg on an angle of about 35degrees. Fm this ~~ix~~ arises a perp sec o csid height when it falls back a few feet and another sec similar to the other arises to about the same height and again recedes surmounted by a very small dome or shaft in its centre. The form oth tower is round, its heighth is not far fm 200 feet. . .The road basses thru the bluffs, one passes back of the bluffs and come tog near HC

Gray 49. . June 8 at 5 oc enc near SsBs a high ledge of land ch we had seen all day before us. Fm r ~~camp~~ enc a circular forma ld almost exactly like Caslt Garden, in fact, the imag c find res to almost everything it pleases, mosques, forts, towns, castles, etc.. .

June 9 Camp No. 35. off at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  oc all bg up at 2 in th mg, as v we understood it was 30 mi to watr, & ch we found to be incorrect. We went ahead of some 80 teams however. At 7 for breakf, laid bb 2 hrs then then pushed on all day. . Last eve we had arr at SBs & today we left them & departed from the river. . 24 mi

June 10. . Camp No. 36. . 5 mi, againstruck the rv. . the sun grew very hot & all of us began putting aside our heavy woolen garments. To my sorrow I took off woolen drawers and high boots and put on shoes and thin pants for for nearly all night (a severe storm vg come up) nearly died of rhematism, one oth most viol attacks I ever had, so that I d almost v hd my legsc/ cut off to ease the pain - my only remedy and perhaps a good one, a large dose of brandy put me in a cparatively insensiblle state. . We see by the cards & notices ch we find on ev tree & also on the bleached skulls and shoulder blades of the Bs that our Jackass frs who deserted the party r only a few mis ahead of us, ch quite animated us, as we v not a l pride to beat them into Calif.

For the past few days the mosqu ties v opened a singing school to a by no ~~men~~ means delighted audience - but these I look upon as nothing cpared to the l black flies - very small indeed but ch bite r ears & necks severely. . blotched shoulders. . from flies, or living so long on so much fat & grease and salt meals, entire dest of vegs?. . I must prenez ~~x~~ garde as the Fr say or I shall v my ~~t~~ back tattoed like a Sandwish Island bell's face.

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Mrs. Ferris 52. . We left eh rv bf reachg SsB, and p through a narrow v, lined w rocky bluffs of a similar char, /w~~has~~/ . .



1. Lewis 51: 70 vs crossed to east side of S.B., we turned south & camped near a tip. belongs to Major Drapp. ... nearly drowned by claudbuit - lot animals "never camp in a ravine" - met immigrants in gr. nos.

57: 269 my Drapp th. 19 mi f Laramie

2. Dupps ~~collected~~



> Buge 66: 167 1

> Buge 66 ... C: men Furmitheer

X > Holladay 65 — (61)

xviii > Bratt 66 + + +  
xix > Harry + + +

23-23 > Pennock Jr. 65 + +

> Vogler 65 + +

Clegg 66 / 7/31 Fur m. is a wash at foot of bluff. The  
fur is lower of oak, & the bark fur we've  
found. Saw a Chicago timber of the 19th at Sutherland  
where is late news to us

15-83 Patterson 65 p. Fur 3/19/65  
85 Battle of Horse Creek