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**CROSSING THE PLAINS.**

[From a MS. journal kept by J. FORD, JR.]

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[NOTE.—By some mistake we were unable to furnish the copy for the balance of this interesting diary. We now take up the narrative, and hope our many readers have not lost the thread of the same.]

Mon. 30.—Saw trees along the creek this morning from 20 inches to two feet in diameter, which had been cut down by beavers. Divided our cattle and got under way about 9 o'clock. Traveled 18 miles, camping on a creek close to the river again. About eight miles from our last camp, at the crossing of a creek, found a paper nailed to a piece of board informing us that the three missing oxen are ahead in English's company. We struck the river bottom about five miles from here; a smooth, level road was quite a luxury after four or five days' travel among the Black Hills.

Tues., July 1.—Traveled about 17 miles, most of the way up the river bottom, camping again on the river. Much of the distance is lost in heading ravines, and we cannot be more than ten miles higher up the river than last evening. This has been the case all the way this side of Fort Laramie, and a map of our road would show many serpentine windings.

Wed., 2.—Went 12 miles further up the North Fork, crossed it, and camped, feeling as though one good job was done, now that all the main forks of the Platte were left behind. This fork at the crossing is about 80 yards wide, current rapid as a mill-race, and so deep as to render it necessary to block up some of the lowest wagon beds. The bottom is hard and pebbly, and in crossing it is necessary to turn first down stream, then up.

Thurs., 3.—One accident occurred yesterday, which I omitted mentioning. In crossing a ravine, a wagon was overturned, it being the first of the kind that has yet occurred. But one person was in the wagon, and he received no injury. We were moving again in 20 minutes. Traveled about 23 miles to-day, giving the Platte the good-bye, and camping upon a small stream running from springs among the sand-hills. On leaving the Platte we struck the dreariest country we have yet traveled, it being barren, sandy hills and plains, with not a tree or shrub in view except the eternal wild sage which abounds everywhere this side of Laramie. It is a species of wormwood resembling garden wormwood more than it does sage. In places from three to eight miles apart we come to little valleys of clay ground from two to five or six rods wide, having a little water and some short, fine grass in them, and there are the camping places. For fuel, buffalo chips again come into play, and where the wormwood is large enough, we use it, lighting the camp nearly at night. There is also a small bush resembling cedar, the leaves of which have an acid taste. The water in the deepest of these valleys is very brackish, the clay where it comes in contact with it turning black, and it tastes strongly of salt, sulphur, etc., and I think of iron rust. The higher springs are very good.

Fri., 4.—We went about 14 miles; country of the same character as yesterday. A company of five mountain traders camped with us last night, and we intend traveling together to Fort Bridger, they acting as pilots for us.

Sat., 5.—Went about 17 miles, the road sandy and heavy as ever, with occasionally a dry pond-hole in the valleys covered with a crust of salt mixed with lime, white and glittering in the sun like snow. Passed near noon a salt lake on our right, about half a mile wide, the borders of which were crusted with the same composition. About ten miles from our former camp struck and crossed Sweetwater River at a large rock on its northern side, called Independence Rock, from the circumstance of Capt. Sublette with a party of men celebrating the 4th of July there. There are hundreds of names cut and painted on the rock by persons passing it. We here entered the narrow valley of the Sweetwater, which leads on toward the pass between two low ranges of mountains, and soon after met the U. S. Dragoons returning from the pass, they having camped one night in Oregon. Near our camp is one of the widest-looking places yet seen, called the Devil's Gate. The

Sweetwater, after winding through a narrow, alluvial bottom, passes through a ridge of perpendicular rock 120 feet high, the chasm being about three rods wide, and the water roaring as it struggles among the loose rock at the bottom like a cataract.

Sun., 6.—Went 17 miles to-day, the road better in places. The latter part was a long, heavy pull, though. Passed a fine piece of red-top grass with crow-foot and dandelion among it, giving it the appearance of an Eastern meadow. This is the first of the plants I have seen this side of the States, or of the grass either. Saw a salt lake about 30 rods in diameter, full of soft, white slime, like the settlements of a brine cask, the borders being very hard and crust on top.

Mon., 7.—Went about ten miles; character of the country the same, with a slight improvement in the road. We camped near where the road enters the northern range of mountains, which have heretofore bounded the valley on its northern side. These mountains are of solid rock, nearly destitute of earth or trees. The southern range has considerable timber upon it in places being composed of earth, and much higher than the northern ones.

Tues., 8.—The road this morning led through the northern range of mountains,—that is, it struck across an angle which it makes across the river, after which both ranges recede from the river, leaving a broader valley than anywhere heretofore. We traveled about 29 miles, crossing and recrossing the river twice, and camping as we have always done upon the south side of it.

Wed., 9.—Went about four miles and camped, our oxen being a good deal cut down with the past ten days' travel, much of the road being very sandy. The Wind River Mountains were in sight nearly all of yesterday and to-day, lifting their snowy summits along the western horizon. The nights here are chilly.

Thurs., 10.—Went five miles and camped in the same bottom we were in last evening.

Fri., 11.—The mountains spoken of on first entering the Sweetwater Valley have disappeared in a range of sandhills rising on each side of the stream, leaving a narrow bottom along it, and gradually swelling higher and higher as they recede. They close in to the water's edge just above yesterday's encampment, and on leaving it this morning we were obliged to ascend the hills, traveling over a succession of high, gravelly and rocky ridges for 20 miles, when we came down on the river and camped upon it for the last time. Finding here a small company of men returning from Oregon and California, we embraced the opportunity of writing home again, as it was probably the last chance we would have on the road.

Sat., 12.—Before leaving Sweetwater I will here give the origin of its name, as it was given by the leader of the party spoken of on the 4th inst., and who left us a few days after. He was an old Canadian Frenchman, and had been in the mountains 18 years. He said one of the first trading parties to this part of the country, in crossing the stream at a time when it was swollen by a freshet, got 17 pounds of sugar drowned in it, and so christened it Sweetwater. We this morning crossed it for the last time, giving the waters of the Platte and Missouri the good-bye, and traveling over the sandhills again for 12 miles; camped near a spring, the waters of which flow down Green River to the Pacific, via Gulf of California. The Wind River Mountains are in full view on our right, apparently not far distant, and as we near them the snow appears wasting away from their summits.

Sun., 13.—Found ice frozen in the buckets this morning, and the air frosty and unpleasant. Traveled 20 miles, the road sandy and very dusty, and camped on Little Sandy Creek, a branch of Green River. The wind for the past three days has been strong from the west, driving a heavy cloud of dust constantly in our faces, nearly blinding us.

Mon. 14.—We camped the two past evenings near Capt. Tethro's company, and he has employed a pilot to conduct his company by a nearer route to Fort Hall, leaving Fort Bridger and the regular trail on our left, and striking it again at Bear River. This morning, after crossing Little Sandy they struck off on their new route, and when we arrived at the turning-off point a vote was taken and it was decided to follow them. Went about six miles, crossing Big Sandy, which is also a branch of Green River, and camped upon it.

Tues., 15.—As Tethro's company did not wish us to crowd them too closely, we remained in camp to-day to let them get clear of us.

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The scales of justice are for the weigh of the transgressor.

**Preparing the Seed Bed.**

Perhaps there is no one thing in which the ordinary farmer loses so much as in the failure to reduce his land to the proper condition for seeding. Any portion of the soil which is not open to the effects of the air, moisture and sunshine, offers no nourishment to the growing plant. The roots only seek their food where it is in a soluble condition and most easy of access. If they meet a dry clod in their search after nutriment, they are at once turned in another direction. They will not let the plant starve if labor will secure food, but they may be so exhausted in the effort as to be badly dwarfed in the struggle.

Our methods in gardening, both as to manure and culture, are well worthy of adoption for our field crops, and would pay as well in proportion. With such machinery as we have at command this is not so difficult as many imagine. A good team, a good plow, and a good plowman, at the right time, will prepare the soil for the seed; or will at least prepare it for the drag and roller, and these again for the plow, so that by persistence the field may be finally prepared most thoroughly for the seed and the labor not more than an abundant crop will repay.

The great cause of most farmers in a lack of thoroughness in what is to be done. It is the neglect of that solid maxim which teaches that what is worth doing is worth doing well. The results of this practice are accounted for on the score of "luck." Much of this so-called luck is of a character that few can afford. It will ruin its recipient sooner or later, and in the end will "keep his nose to the grindstone." It must be avoided as one would avoid the pestilence, and its path lies all the time over the cloddy fields, and through the undrained sloughs that are trod by the farmer who is casting forth seed.

A crop well put in is well started; a crop well started is half made. A crop poorly started is always in the wake of its adversaries, and takes what they leave. It cannot thrive on such fare. Prepare the seed bed and occupy it promptly. Let the plow follow closely upon thorough preparation.—*Davenport (Iowa) Gazette.*

**Sheep Shearing.**

One of the principal things for a wool-grower to consider is getting the wool to market in a salable condition. To do this the sheep must be kept in fair condition all the year round, and the clip taken off before the grass commences to dry, thus catching the full strength of staple before it weakens with the hot, dry weather, when the animal commences to shed.

Next, competent shearers are requisite, that are able to hold and shear the sheep without fighting it, and consequently breaking the fleece. The animal being round, it is impossible to cut a long blow with the shears without the points cutting into the fleece, and thus destroying the value acquired from length of staple. A short blow, no matter how wide on the body of the sheep, and the fleece taken off in one piece, is what ought to be required of the shearer,—when the sheep is let go the fleece will lie skin side up on the board; now instead of the shearer examining it into any sort of a bundle, and tying twine around it, it ought to be taken by the hips, gathered to the neck, lifted to the board and flung on to a table skin side down, when the stained parts should be trimmed off and put in locks, then the two sides folded in, and then rolled from the neck to the hips, tied and sacked. The table should be made of inch battens, half an inch apart to let dirt and small locks fall through. If sheep men were to follow this plan they would find their clip much better appreciated in the market; and would be well remunerated for their trouble.

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