

3. Amos and me started to take a night in
a cross the prairie I company with 5 oth
ers one old Lady her daughter 2 sons and a
Brothers son. our Boats crew are 7 French
men only one of which speaks English
he told us we could go about a mile and a half &
then come to the River again he said how
ever he would tell the largest boy who was
going with us where to come to River again.
he is large enough to carry a gun and
can speak a few English words. his
father the old Lady's husband is ^{an} French
man he & his ^{brother} was gone on with A.M.
and some others the Old Lady I understand
and is Chipeway and speaks French I beli
eve her daughter is nearly grown
She carried the least boy on her back
he is not quite as large as Amos

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The other boy was large enough to keep $\frac{1}{4}$
along very well so we nine set out to go
about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile by land so we walked on over
a beautiful prairie $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 Miles then we
sat down in the shade of an oak to rest
After we had rested a little I inquired which
way we were to go to the Boat and instead
of turning off towards the river as I
thought we ought they pointed on ahead
so we thought we must follow them and
after going about a mile farther they
appeared at a loss which way to go but
still kept going higher up the river
I carried Atlas and went with the boy who
had the gun towards the river about $\frac{1}{4}$
of mile through bushes and weeds and
Sarah tried to follow but got out of sight
the rest of the party staid on the

5. prairie to gather Strawberries
after we had got about half down the
hill we thought the prospect looked
too dim and turned back so we all went
still a little higher up the River then
went down a hill like one of straight
Creek hills and across a bottom like
a straight Creek bottom except that the
scrub grass was about 3 feet high all
over it and we were all glad to find
the kind we kindle a fire to keep
off the Muskets and fired the gun
to let the men on the Boat know we
were ahead then I started down the
hill to meet the Boat and after a
difficult walk of 2 or 3 Miles sometimes
through ^{scrub} Rushes & some times through
Willow bushes I met the Boat

and before the sun was down the
 Boat was up at the place where we
 found the River and we staid there
 that night having come 17 Miles
 July 1st after we had come 4 Miles we
 came to a small Village 3 or 4 houses
 no body there the man on the Boat
 told us it was but 1 Mile by land
 to the place where we were to
 leave the River and a good
 Road through a prairie and 4 Miles
 by water so I took Lydia & the
 Children and in company
 with the same Indians we went
 with yesterday we went for some
 time through timbered woods &
 Nettles then came the prairie
 heavy grass some times water

7 Some of those who were with us
carried the children and I carried Lydia
2 or 3 times for several rods when the
water was about a foot deep. Lydia thinks it
is 2 miles from the village to the traders
house where the boat was to land we arri-
ved there before noon and found the fire in good heat
the fire had a dinner prepared for us with
Mr. Penville the old gentleman with
whom we are going we had good fat Hog &
butter unleavened bread and coffee
The knives and forks were placed round a
large table and the plates all set by
Mr. Penville who cut meat and put on all
our plates then helped him self last
the coffee was filled out by a french man
brother in law to the old lady named about
soon after dinner the boat arrived
we got our things hauled up the and street
took our tent made ~~coffee~~ tea for supper
July 2 we started by land in company
with 6 carts and the french men on horse
waggon and a number of Indians on
foot one half bred on horse and several others
on foot which I have not mentioned. 2 of Mr.
Penville's sons

we started about 12 o'clock we found very bad
road in places the horses would frequently sink in
to the belly and with out help none of them would
ever have got along with their loads till the road had
got firmer. The carts and waggons did not break
through so bad as the horses but sometimes
they got in pretty deep. Horses were in
frequently to the belly. The men would
gather round and lift at the cart and

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whisk and hollow some times they took
the horse out and took out the cart or wagon
by hand some of these places is not more
than 3 or 4 rods ~~to~~ a cross others 8 or 10
some places no water on the ground other
water waist deep

I suppose ^{that} on Friday 3 of July we went through
water over shoe month 20 or 30 times
Saturday 4 of July we crossed 2 Creeks or Rivers
they are called here the first one before breakfast
it was waist deep we packed over a consider-
able part of the Load before we drove in then we
drove a cross till the ^{top of} Women and Children got
out on the Bank then 3 or 4 men helped the horses
and had hard work to get the Wagon out
we were told the next one was not so bad but it
had like to a moved worse for us for in going
down a steep bank one wheel went down
first ~~and the wheel~~ ^{being stopped suddenly} and everything
in the wagon was jolted to that corner and the
other kind wheel tilted up till water came in
to the corner of the body very much we got a great
many things wet several of the wagon bows
were broken but we all got out without being hurt
the wagon was speedily reloaded things laid on
beath banks of the Creek which was knee deep &
4 or 5 steps wide we lost but little a little
sugar and the lid of the Tea Kettle was the most
we loaded up and when we got to the top of the hill
we had to take wood with us to do till Monday
we laid some on behind the double trees and
fastened some behind with the log & chain got
a good piece behind the carts but found no very
bad place that Evening got to the Camp
before sun down

Saturday Morning Mr Kenville
with one Cart and all the Indians
except one hurried on leaving 5
Carts 5 fine Drivers and us two waggons
Sabbath Morning all the carts. all
on and left us alone every warm day
Monday 6 we hap on till near sun
down where we found running
water and camped having wood cut
us Tuesday 7 Cool good day to travel
good roads for the most part but at
3 o'clock the horses got in & that we had to
take out part of the load and the hitch
the horses to the end of the tongue with the
Log Chain Wednesday 8 no place so
led as to stall or fall down in the evening
crossed a handsome Creek with gravel
in the bottom
Thursday 9th got to Mr Kenvilles
after driving about 2 Miles
Saturday 11 there was 40 carts came
here from the River with about as many
families moving mostly to Illinois &
there was 144 souls in the caravan
a great part of them were Scotch Pres-
byterian They staid over the sabbath and
came to hear preaching

Proverbs Twenty third Chap and 4 verse

Labor not to be rich: cease from thine
own wisdom

Nov 12th 1897 Mr Riggs preached from a part
of the eighth Chapter of Pauls Epistle to the
Romans beginning at the 18th verse "For I

rejoice that the sufferings of this present time
are not worthy to be compared to the glory
which shall be revealed in us," & C.

Nov 19th Mr Riggs preached from

"But ye have a more sure word of prophecy
whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto
a light that shineth in a dark place till the
day dawn & the day stars arise in your
hearts"
(Mr Riggs
John was present for the first time to hear

How sweet the peace which Christ bestows
The peace to Christians given
Sweet as the softest notes of love
Which Seraphs breathe in heaven

Not Paradise knew aught so sweet
Mid all its fragrant flowers
No peace like that which Christians feel
Was felt in Eden's bowers

How sweet it is none know but they
Whose hearts with love are glowing
It comes from richest fountains above
Through Christ the Saviour flowing
It fleets not by with fleeting time
But like some mighty river
It holds its deep and steady course
Increasing still forever.

S. Bond

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July 25
August 2
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August 20
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September
July 21
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October 29
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