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the Black moun-
passed two small
camped among
all creek, which
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of the party saw
from the river,
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by a new sort
e opposite side
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ght he ran full
passed within 18
fore the sentinel
more alarmed, he
a few inches of
and would have
he dog had not
e right, and was
confusion, every-
se of the alarm.
d to rejoice at
e to some guns
crossed.

and proceeded as
d two sand-bars,
handsome river
we ascended to
eless, by Clark; last
haps from some mis-
now left far behind.
the Judith, and there-
or twelve miles lower
"Bulldog" creek.

the distance of a mile and a half. We called it Judith's²⁰ river. It rises in the Rock mountains (*p.* 234), in about the same place with the Muscleshell, and near the Yellowstone. Its entrance is 100 yards wide from one bank to the other, the water occupying about 75 yards, and in greater quantity than that of the Muscleshell river; though more rapid, it is equally navigable, there being no stones or rocks in the bed, which is composed entirely of gravel and mud, with some sand. The water is clearer than any which we have yet seen; and the low grounds, as far as we could discern, are wider and more woody than those of the Missouri. Along its banks we observed some box-elder intermixed with cottonwood and willow; the undergrowth consisting of rosebushes, honeysuckles, and a little red-willow. There was a great abundance of the argali or big-horned animal

²⁰ "Cap. C. who ascended this R. much higher than I did has called it *Judieth's River*," Lewis E 17. The lady thus complimented was Miss Julia Hancock, of Fincastle, Va., familiarly called Judie or Judy by her family and intimate friends. Among the latter was Captain Clark, who perhaps had never heard her called Julia, and naturally supposed her name to be Judith. Miss Julia Hancock was the fourth child and third daughter of George Hancock and Peggy Strother, born Monday, Nov. 21st, 1791; married Captain Clark, at Fincastle, Jan. 5th, 1808; died at Fotheringay, June 27th, 1820. They had five children, the eldest of whom was Meriwether Lewis Clark, b. St. Louis, Jan. 10th, 1809. All are dead; for the only surviving son of General and Governor William Clark is issue of a second marriage. This is Jefferson K. Clark, now residing at 3121 Locust st., St. Louis, Mo.

This river was actually first called "Bighorn" by Lewis, from the abundance of these animals (see May 28th). The sentence I have cited above is partly in Lewis' hand, partly in Clark's, interlined and over a careful erasure; and so near was Miss Julia to losing her fine river that its name still stands "Bighorn," *his*, in the codex, not deleted, though with "Judith" interlined in Clark's hand. It does not rise so far west as the sources of the Musselshell, and far north of those of the Yellowstone. The Judith heads in the Little Belt and Big Snowy mountains (which are separated by Judith Gap), and runs on an average course due north to the Missouri, passing west of the Judith and both Moccasin mountains. It is by far the largest southern tributary of the Missouri since the Musselshell. Less than a mile above its mouth was old Camp Cook, or Cooke, on the south side of the Missouri, where some of the adobe walls were visible when I passed in 1874. Close by was also built Fort Claggett, a small Indian trading-post, of two log-houses; and this locality is now the site of the River Crow Agency.