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OUR expedition, on the afternoon of the 10th of June, left the hill back of the apostolic capital of Minnesota, where the tents had been pitched and the messes made up the night before.

The scene had been one of great confusion previous to loading the carts and packing the mules—these the last sad offices before burying ourselves in the prairies of the Northwest out of sight of civilization. Crowds of citizens from St. Paul and vicinity were present during the ceremony. All about the camp-ground were scattered our provisions, sacks of flour and sugar

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