## ON TO CALIFORNIA IN THE **GOLD RUSH DAYS OF '59**

(Continued from Page Five) une 14th, Monday, 71st, day's June 14th, Monday, 71st, day's journey:—Came to the ford this day, water too high to cross, took the on the left hand. We travelled about 9 miles in deep sand, passed a pond or small lake of alkali water, this surface was covered with saler

June 15th, Tuesday, 72nd day's journey:—This day we forded the river, had some of the road a little hilly, frost this morning, night pretty cold. We had some of the road stoney in the afternoon, stopped at a branch of the Sweet Water River for the night, plenty of snow in this

place, grass a little scarce.
June 16th, Wednesday, 73rd day's
journey:—Started this morning very early, had hard frost this morning Travelled 8 miles, then forded the Sweet Water River for the last time. The river does not strike the road The south pass is 10 miles again. from this place, we turned to our right and fed six miles from the ford. This was on the Sweet Water River this was the last place we saw it, for four miles more brought us to south pass between 3 and 4 o'clock p.m. The road was good since leaving the ford, the altitude of the pass is feet above the sea, here the water leaves the Atlantic and flows to the Pacific. Camped at the Pacific springs tolerable grass here, this was the first water we came to since crossing

the pass.

June 17th, Thursday, 74th day's journey:-This morning passed men digging a grave, the first instance I since we started. Camped on the Little Sandy, good grass here. 8 miles back from this, the road forks, one goes by way of Fort Hall, the other to Salt Lake. We went by way of Salt Lake.

June 18th, Friday, 75th day's journey:—Crossed the Big Sandy Big Sandy this morning, considerable water in this stream. Drove on a few miles and got good grass at noon. Mountains covered with perpetual snow can be seen in several directions here. Drove 27 miles, camped on the Big Sandy, good grass tonight, considerable alkali on the ground along the stream.

June 19th, Saturday, 76th day's journey :- Drove to Green River this morning, a large stream, paid \$5 for each wagon and 44 cents for horses for ferrying. Drove 5 miles down it, and left it on the left, very little grass along it. Camped on Blacks Fork, good grass.

June 20th, Sunday, 77th day's journey:-Rested our horses this day, having good grass.

June 21st, Monday, 78th day's journey: --Drove to Hams Fork, forded it. We had to raise our wagon considerable water in this stream, had a small shower of rain this day. Camped near Fort Bringer, a trading post. There is a large mountain stream here, had good grass, drove about 35 miles this day.

June 22nd, Tuesday, 79th day's

journey:-After leaving the Fort, we ascended a high hill, its ascent is gradual, the descent steep and stoney Crossed Muddy Fork. Three miles further on is the soda springs; the water tasted a little sour. Then we ascended a mountain, its height above the sea is 7319 feet, had a shower of rain this day with thunder and lightning. Ascended another mountain this evening, its height is 7700 feet above the sea, the descent is steep. Stopped at a spring of water it was not very good but we had good grass.

June 23rd, Wednesday, 80th day's journey:-Came to Sulphur Creek this morning. There is a sulphur spring said to be here and a tar or oil spring. Broke the ring bolt of our wagon near this stream, took one of our rifle barrels and cut it and made a new king bolt of it, came to Bear River and forded it. It is a very swift running stream, stopped at the head of Echo Creek near Cache Cave This cave is on the right of the road, good grass and water.

June 24th, Thursday, 81st day's journey: — Followed down Echo Creek 21½ miles to Red Fork of Weaber River. The best grass I have seen since leaving home is days leaving home is down seen since leaving home is down up this valley is good water and Echo Creek. Some of it is as high plenty of grass, came to Marys River as our shoulders and looks like bald this evening, plenty of grass, drove wheat at a short distance. We followed down Weaber River about 4 miles and then forded it, had to raise our wagon box. It is a strong current about 4 feet deep, camped at a small

creek, good grass and water.

June 25th, Friday, 82nd day's jour ney:—This day we found the road rough down Cannon Creek, crossed it thirteen times, left the creek and ascended a mountain, the ascent was same, fording good.

stony travelled 4 miles to the summit its altitude is 7245 above the sea, the descent was also steep.

June 26th, Saturday, 83rd day's journey:—Ascended another mountain this morning, it is steep to ascend and steep to descend. Before ascending this hill, we left a small creek, there is plenty of grass on its banks. There were some from the city drawing wood up these mountains. After descending this hill, we came to a small stream. We had to cross it 19 times; from the last mentioned hill to the city is 10 % miles. We got in to the city about 12 o'clock this day. Richard and myself went 8 mile south from the city and saw Parks and farmer people. We stopped all night in William Parks and went to a meeting with them Sunday morning. There was a large assembly of people there, must have been nearly 4000, Governor Yorke spoke and another. The crops in the valley look, where it is watered, as though harvest will not be long before it is in, that is the fall wheat.

June 27th, Sunday, 84th day's journey:--We went to church this day and heard the Mormons preach. Their synagogue as they call it, holds a great number of people.

June 28th, Monday, 85th day's journey:—I mailed a letter from here addressed to my father. We bought a horse here and paid \$60 for it, and after buying some things, we left the city, passed two or three hot springs near the city, some of them were nearly boiling, had good grass where we camped this evening The crops this side of the city look better than south of it.

June 29th, Tuesday, 86th day's journey:-Found the roads good this day, camped between Weaber River and Ogdon Creek, had good grass. Ogdon city is near this place.

June 30th, Wednesday, 87th day's journey:-Crossed Ogdon Creek this morning, ford not bad, as there a bridge here upon which toll is charg-ed. We forded the stream. We were fined for refusing to pay the toll. The toll and cost was \$8.00.

July 1st, Thursday, 88th day's journey:—Crossed Rexelder Creek this day, the last Mormon settlement is here. It is about 59 miles from the city, crossed Bear River this evening, paid \$3.75 for the ferry.

July 2nd, Friday, 89th day's jour ney:-Stopped at a spring of water at noon, the spring is on the left of the road and is some warm and a little salty, drove 15 miles to another a little warm and some salt. Then drove 12 miles to a spring of good water. Drove 35 miles this day.

July 3rd, Saturday, 90th journey:-Came to Deep Creek, this stream sinks 12 miles from where we strike it. Pilot Springs is 10 miles from this, water not good, drove 7 miles further to a spring in the edge of a mountain. Came 29 miles, grass not abundant.

July 4th, Sunday, 91st day's jour-Drove 15 miles to Casus Creek and rested the rest of the day, plenty

of grass.
July 5th, Monday, 92nd day's jour-Travelled over some hilly road to Goose Creek. Travelled about 30

July 6th, Tuesday 93rd day's journey:—Drove about 7 miles. Rain came on and rained considerable. Stopped the rest of the day, good

July 7th, Wednesday, 94th day's journey:—Left Goose Creek about noon, drove to Thousand Spring Valley about 35 miles this day, good

July 8th, Thursday, 95th day's journey:-Drove about 15 miles this day and then stopped the remainder of the day, excellent grass.

July 9th, Friday, 96th day's jour-

ney:-Drove about 15 miles to a spring at the head of Thousand Spring Valley, stoped until noon and then ascended the bluffs. The road is god through the valley. There are some hot springs in this valley, camped at some springs in a small valley.

July 10th, Saturday, 97th day's journey:—Drove 8 miles to a valley, some springs here, not good, further 26 miles.

July 11th Sunday, 98th day's journey:—Rested our horses this day, good grass at this point. The Hum-bolt mountains can be seen covered with snow. They are on the left of

July 13th, Tuesday, 100th day's journey:-Came to the end of Marys valley this day, here the road forks, the left follows down the river, crossing it four times in a short dis tance, the other ascends the bluffs on the right. We took the left hand road.

July 14th, Wednesday, 101st day's journey:--Crossed the third and fourth ford this morning. All these fords are good, the water being low. After travelling some distance we ascended the bluffs and left the river nearly 20 miles, no grass all this distance, and only one small spring of water. Forded Marys River this evening, here the river the right ascends the bluffs and follows down the north side, the left crosse the river and follows down the south side, had good grass this evening.

July 15th, Thursday, 102nd day's journey:—The road this day was very dusty. It is so worked up by the wagons that it is ankle deep in some places, could not get near the river for nearly 25 miles for deep sloughs running parallel river. Passed over some hills in the morning before leaving the river, could not get near the river at fork. Some of the emigrants were at a pool where water was obtained, though not very good, had tolerable grass

July 16th, Friday, 103rd day's journey:-Came to the river this morning and left it soon, went to the road bearing from the river, or rather the river bearing from the road. Had to use water for noon out of the sloughs, got back to the river at dark and good grass.

July 17th, Saturday, 104th day's journey:-Passed over some hills and came to the river again, followed up a canyon. This is stoney and some of it has high ridges of rocks in the way, camped on the river, not very good grass.

July 18th, Sunday, 105th day's journey:—Drove two or three miles to a place where we got good grass and rested the rest of the day.

July 19th, Monday, 106th day's

journey:-Travelled near the river this day, occasionally passing over ridges of heavy sand. The grass now is getting dry, the fire running through it, burning considerable of it in places

July 20th, Tuesday, 107th day's journey:—A very warm day, horses fatigued. Drove over considerable sand this day, making it heavy wheel ing.

July 21st, Wednesday, 108th day's journey:—Left the river this morning and drove about 16 miles before we came to it again, some of the way sandy. We travelled over a clayey plain several miles in circumference, there was nothing growing on it. Its white appearance can be seen some distance before reaching it, had to swim our horses across the river to get feed. Here we left our wagon made pack saddles and travelled to about midnight. One of our horses got frightened by the saddle, turn ing on his back, tore the bags that held our flour and rice and spilled it on the ground. leaving us without anything but a little sugar, apples and pork. Not very good grass.

July 22nd, Thursday, 109th day's journey:—Travelled over considerable heavy sand. The river here is very narrow with not much grass. Came to a trading post this night, got plenty of grass. Two of the traders got shot this evening by the Indians, one of them got five arrows in him, supposed to be mortally wounded. It was their own fault, as they were trying to take horses from the Indians that they had no business with.

July 23rd, Friday, 110th day's

journey:-Came to meadows where the river spreads over the ground, several trading posts principally in horses. Flour is 25 cents per pound here.

July 24th, Saturday, 111th day's journey:—Came to where Marys River forms a beautiful lake. The water in it is somewhat salty and is about 15 miles long and from 6 to 10 miles wide. Passed lake and camped at the slough of the river. Most of the way down the lake barren white clay, and in some places covered with salt. Had good grass at the slough. We Forty Mile Desert. We were now at the

July 25th, Sunday, 112th day's journey:—Filled our flasks with wat er, tea and coffee, water here was salty. The first of the road is clay for about 8 or 10 miles, and some what stony. We then came to a level white glazey plain, came to a station where water was sold a 75 cents per gallon, gave each of our horses a gallon and drove them through with out any feed. Got through to Carson River a little before day.

July 26th, Monday, 113th day's journey:—Drove over some stony road, leaving the river on our left for 10 or 12 miles. Drove about 26 miles this day. Had abundance of grass this night.

July 28th, Wednesday, 115th day's journey:—Followed up the river, had

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the river road, a little rough in some July 29th, Thursday, 116th day's

journey:—Followed up the river to what is called Carson Valley. This is a beautiful valley, sometimes over 30 miles long and from 6 to 10 miles wide, plenty of shops all the way up Carson River. Had good grass this evening.

July 30th. Friday, 117th day's journey:—Left the wagon road this morning, turned to the right and began to ascend the Tierra Neveda Mountains on Johnston's cut-off. The ascent on the first mountain is steep and long and took us three hours be fore we got to the summit. Passed a valley between two very high mountains, covered in places with the snow In this valley, a wagon road comes in which took miles below Johnstons cut-off. Had good grass this evening.

July 31st, Saturday, journey:--Ascended a high mountain this morning. The descent for some time not very steep, crossed several small streams coming down from the mountains, occasioned by the melting snow. After this our road was over hills and mountains, rocks and steep places with no grass for our horses, the roughest road we ever travelled, got no grass for our horses at night.

August 1st, Sunday, 119th day's journey:—The road hilly, though not so hilly as before, no grass, came to the south fork of the American river about noon, paid 15 cents per pound for hay, a toll is collected for a bridge that crosses this stream, got the vicinity of Placerville or hangtown this evening and with a

good grass where the road is near quarter of a mile from the first gold diggings.

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August 2nd, Monday, 120th day's journey:-Rested our horses this day on Johnstons ranch.

August 3rd, Tuesday, 121st day's journey:—We came into Placerville this day and sold our horses. Got for our black poneys \$125, and for the others \$100. Here I saw James Carroll this evening.
August 4th, Wednesday, 122nd

day's journey:-Took the stage and came into Sacramento City about one o'clock. Our fare cost \$8 each.

August 5th, Thursday, 123rd day's ourney:-Took the stage and came to Marysville, cost \$5 each for stage

August 6th, Friday, 124th day's journey:-Took the stage for Parks Bar on the Yuba River, paid for stage fare \$1 each. here we bought \$13 worth of mining tools to try our luck in the mines.



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