

*July 8.*—Extensive prairies, studded with clumps of trees—considerable inconvenience with regard to provisions from heat of the weather—antelopes in sight—in the afternoon the country swampy and beset with underwood.

*July 9.*—Prairie harder and more open; grass withering under recent drouth; more antelopes; circuit of a swamp near Broken Arm River, losing a few hours.

*July 10.*—Forded White Sand River with the mud up to the bellies of the horses; hitherto weather dry, clear and warm, but a cold rain fell afternoon and night.

*July 11.*—During the night a serenade by the wolves and foxes; an early start and a glimpse of an object eagerly looked for, the Butte aux Chiens, towering with a height of about four hundred feet over a boundless prairie as level and smooth as a pond, evidently once the bed of a lake, with the Dog-knoll as an islet in the centre, and which was covered with an alluvial soil of great fertility. On leaving the Dog-knoll, the party traversed about twenty miles of prairie among several large and beautiful lakes. The cavalcade now consisted, in all, of nineteen persons, fifty horses, and six carts with the following order of march. The guide was followed by four or five horsemen to beat a track; then came the carts, each with a driver, and lastly followed the unmounted animals under the charge of the rest of the party.

*July 12.*—Followed for twenty miles, the shore of "Lac Sale," having waters as briny as the Atlantic. The most curious circumstance with respect to these saline lakes, is, that they are often separated from fresh water only by a narrow belt of land. For three or four days the soil had been absolutely manured with the dung of the buffalo, but the animal had not been met.

*July 13.*—March till ten o'clock in a soaking rain. In the afternoon, "traveled a long distance through a picturesque country, crossing the end of an extensive lake, whose gently sloping banks of green sward were covered with thick woods." Here the party fell upon the trail of *emigrants from Red River to Columbia*, and then followed the well beaten track made by them for both horses and carts.

*July 14.*—Under this date we annex a considerable extract:

"In this part of the country we saw many sorts of birds, geese, loons, pelicans, ducks, cranes, two kinds of snipe, hawks, owls and gulls; but they were all so remarkably shy that we were constrained to admire them from a distance. In the afternoon we traversed a beautiful country with lofty hills and long valleys, full of sylvan lakes, while the bright green of the surface, as far as