

Arrived at St. Louis  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 4 P. M. put up at the St. Louis Exchange. Friday & Saturday spent my time riding about the city & visiting my fellow passengers on board the Neptune especially Misses Wells & Marshall.

Sunday April 10, very hot indeed rode out to the Prairie Hotel parted with Mr. Beebe of New York who I first met at Pittsburgh.

Monday spent this day in a most agreeable manner with Mr. Sublett who has spent several years in the mountains.

Spent ten days here in St. Louis very agreeably up to Monday, April 18. Esqr. Crocker, Alex. & John started for Independence by land taking 6 mules & 3 horses. Recd a letter this morning from Father & Sister. After having spent 2 weeks in St. Louis and having formed several very agreeable acquaintances we left Thursday 21 April at 8 o'clock evening for Independence on S. B. Rowena. Friday extremely hot. Called at Jefferson City 7 o'clock evening.

April 24, Sunday morning 10 o'clock cannot get over the bar. Heavy rain in the evening. Monday morning 9 o'clock got over the bar; a very cold wind. Called at Lexington 2 hours at noon 8 couple of Gentlemen and Ladies & band of music came on board for a pleasure party. Spent the evening very pleasantly in conversation and dancing with the Ladies. Tuesday morning very fine weather. Called at Liberty, landing 4 hours visited the Arsenal at Liberty village 3 miles from the river. 16 couple of Gent and Ladies came on board. Left the S. boat at 2 o'clock arr'd at Independence at 3 found the Boys had arrived the night before. On Friday April 29, we pitched our tent and turned our animals out in the Prairie about 6 miles from Independence we got our supper and slept in the tent. Saturday we got out all our things from the village. Sunday May first we spent all this day in the camp.

May 2d a meeting of all who are bound to Oregon was called to decide whether to wait for a company from Platt; Decided to wait 12 days. 4th Left camp 10 o'clock M. stoped at 2 o'clock to dinner. Started at 4 o'clock, E. stoped at 6 o'clock pitched our tent in a fine spot traveled 12 miles today, had a heavy frost last night ruined most of the corn and fruit in this country.

6. Rode to Independence from camp 18 M. 7, Returned, 3 more waggons came to camp. May 8, Sunday went to Shawnee meeting, returned by way of Mission. 10 Uncommon, dry and hot, no rain since we came to camp. 12, went to Independence, a fine shower. 14, Doctor came to camp with 36 Cattle. 16 Left camp at 1 o'clock E. drove 15 mi. and camped at 7 o'clock E. on the Santafe rout, found water plenty, wood & pasture scarce.

In our company were 16 waggons & 105 persons including children & 51 men over 18 years of age. 17. Started at 9 o'clock M. detained  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour by losing the trail. Left the Santa Fee trail at 2 o'clock and camped at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 3 evening, weather very warm. Traveled about 12 miles. 1 more wagon and 3 men came on. 18. A violent rain this morning much excitement in camp.