VOYAGE OF THE SHIP HUDSON.

Elder John L. Smith's Narrative of the Return From a Mission in 1864.

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June 6th, 1864.—On board the ship Hudson. An elderly man of the emigrants of the new part of the ship Hungarian, named Wm. Fitzgerald, from Limerick, Ireland, died of heart disease at six a. m. After six p. m. many of the saints and others gathered on the forward deck to witness a burial at sea. Elder the deceased of the first mate, Mr. Charles H. Knight, the body was brought to a midship lying on a plank, being been sewn up in canvas and a weight sufficient to sink it attached to the feet. One of the sons of the deceased read the burial service in conjunction with the church of Rome, and the remains were launched into the sea, resting on one end of the plank, which let the body slid into foremost into the deep blue sea and quickly disappeared.

Most passengers, having lost all appetite for sailing, felt very thankful for a bowl of soup made from preserved meat, but had been on a voyage to the south regions, twenty-five gallons were made and distributed by Cap. Pratt's direction. It was much appreciated by all.

June 10th—Through the kindness of Cap. Pratt twenty-eight gallons of that nourishing soup were distributed.

June 11th—T. Mc A. of Rotterdam in bed very sick with a fever for some days since coming on board, is now improving.

June 12th—A son of Brother and Sister Kenneth, aged one year, two months and twenty-one days, in the end bowl, died of inflammation of the bowels. At 8 p. m. the body was committed to the waves. I conducted the ceremonies in German. Captain Pratt, President Jay and others extended a few words to the parents. They received their bereavement thanks, all of which I translated.

June 19th.—At eleven a. m. meeting on the main deck, the presidency gave instructions and much good advice.

Sunday 19th—Sister Elizabeth Evans of the ward, aged twenty years, two months, died suddenly of disease of the heart. She was born in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, moved a hundred to Swiss Mt. Her children, Mrs. Bird's mother Lister day Saint of four years' making. The burial took place at 4 p. m., London time, I officiating.

June 20th—Sister J. H. Jones was taken very sick below decks and anxious to listen to her comfortably warm, which upon were to relieve and their fear.

June 23d—Capt. Pratt, Mr. Massey, per one of the Hudson, and President Eaton visited every deck and had all a clear outlook and experience. They gave to German and Dutch wards the journey of being in the best condition of health in the evening, the report so far as we improving.

Sunday, July 3rd—Meeting on deck as usual. Much improvement among sick company. Mrs. Sarah Ann Jones, daughter of the Gerson ward died, and prices was held under my direction. Brother Furer spoke comfortingly to the parents. The body was committed to the waves at 3 p. m., London time.

Wednesday, July 6th—Brother Ulrich Wagner's wife, born 1836, Canton, Zurich, Switzerland, gave birth to a son which is both doing well. At council in the evening several cases of measles was reported. Today the ship was thoroughly sprinkled with lime as a measure. July 8th—A contributor cannon passed to Brigham very slowly. Sir was wanted very slowly, so her interest caused very suspicious.

Tuesday, 12th—Sister Emily Frances Sarah Cuthbertson, Leighton, age one year, two months and twenty-two days, buried at 7 p. m. President J. A. Jay officiated. John Ulrich Wagner of convulsions, age six days buried at 8 a. m., London time. Elder Thomas Odell, aged one year five months, buried at 9:30 a. m. London time. At 8:30 p. m. we came into calming about a cover, mooring her by only a few there. We felt that the Lord is with us over His own.

Wednesday, 13th—Sister Barbara De Jager aged three years, one month and half days, Holland, buried at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Mitchell. Thursday, 14—Martin Thomas Cuthbertson, Leighton, England, out of measles, aged twenty-five months, and one day, buried at 8:30 p. m. Some decks all was sprinkled with lime and vinegar.

Sunday, July 17th—At 4:30 a. m. the ship came on board, bringing news paper. In the afternoon I went to the main deck below deck and gave instructions how to proceed, when the officers came on board and made arrangements about manner to be dealt.

Tuesday, 19th—A steam tug took the ship Hudson in tow at 7 a. m. and we anchored off Castle garden at 3:30 p. m. U. C. States came on board at 3:30 p. m. We addressed our company and stayed on board for the night.

Wednesday, 20th—P. A. Schettler came in early. A lighter came alongside and Saints with baggage were on board the steamer St. John at five p. m. and started for Albany, the miles up the Hudson river at 8 p. m.

Thursday, 21st—Arrived at Albany, at five a. m. The steamer, having taken ashore the baggage, deck, was soon finally crowded and there was a rush for shipping. The baggage was shook by the railroad station and engines at work. The people were found a train consisting of twenty-one cars and started for Buffalo at one p. m.

Friday, 22d—Arrived at Buffalo at four a. m. Counted for and at Lake Erie steamer; baggage was transferred from car to the Grand Trunk railway and we wait for Port Huron at eight a. m., arrived.

Saturday, 23d—Arrived at Port Huron on the river St. Clair at twelve noon. We passed the river and entered Canada and changed to the cars of the Central Michigan railroad and started at four p. m. Chicago, twenty-six miles. The track ran through a broad marsh or swamp, was on fire, and the logs which formed the bridges and made uncomfortably rough our train.

Sunday, 24th—Arrived at Chicago at five a. m. and on train all night.

Monday, July 25th—Left Chicago at nine a. m. on Illinois Central railroad for Quincy on the Mississippi river. The changing of cars, one of which took place at Bloomington, on 304 was a regular nuisance.

Tuesday, 26th—At daylight, while the engine was taking in water at Galesburg, I saw by the face towards Lake the Prophet's youngest sons and for instance, Arthur Milton, and ran across the road and passed a few words with them. They were glad to see me. On meeting Prophet's employed of the station keeper and learned that my brother George, A. D. Caverson, who recently died there, had moved to Iowa.

Wednesday, 27th—Arrived at Quincy at twelve noon. At six p. m. we joined the Hannibal road. Here we crossed a drawbridge that had been broken and left the road and had to camp in the way a near the station.

Thursday, 28th—Time trains were got in readiness and we reached the vicinity of the Hannibal road. At 8 a. m. we left the train and ferried that river and crossed in the ferry. Our baggage had to be conveyed across on two three-horses of a wheelbarrow on one's back, as very little wagon were obtainable for the heavy packages. I had charge of transfer the cars with the Germans.

Friday, 29th—At three p. m. all were loaded into three trains of cattle cars composed of tracks of all kinds. These were started at short intervals. The country about was beautiful. The persons and the painted houses and the decorated logs of burned buildings on the roads, and the ground were used to protect the railroad line.

Saturday, 30th—We all arrived at St. Joseph, Mo., the last train at noon p. m. the Kansas railroad 100 miles from experience. The last train brought in two children who had died on the route.

Sunday, 31st—After much delay crossed and ferried, we left St. Joseph per steamer Colorado at three p. m. for Wyoming, with wagons and the baggage loaded. The boat had no board with accommodation and freight for passengers was serious. J. A. Young, J. W. Young, and P. A. Schettler in the company.

Tuesday, August 2nd—We arrived at Wyoming at 4 p. m. where I found letters from young Brigham, F. F. Jay with the English saints either at Florence. We moved to camp ground, a small distance above the landing place, and all went to work with a will to bring up wagons. I brought passengers for the so-expended company's wagons. I could afford to take one trunk in my wagon, which after I arrived, Sunday, at 4 p. m., I was taken sick with vomiting and diarrhœa, which continued until Friday, 5th, when I was taken to the camp, during which time I had forty-two pounds in weight. I called on the brethren to come and administer to me. As they entered the tent I was able to say I saw them beneath and look at each other, upon which I said: "Brethren, you have no need to look at each other in that way, for I do think I am on the way to upon what spot of ground I am to be laid. I tell you I am going home. I feel as well as ever I did in Wyoming hill, for Brigham promised me I should return safely home. I have done nothing to forfeit the promise, and I am going home." The brethren then laid their hands upon me, and though their voices trembled, I received the promised blessing, and with the kind nursing of Brother Timothy Matz and the German brethren, assisted by the Dutch and German sisters, I grew stronger each day. I pray God to bless the sisters who were so willing to render every aid in my behalf.

Tuesday, 9th—Captain William Hyde took me to the office in his carriage. In the afternoon the company moved from the camp at Wyoming with ours wagons, one and a half miles, and were organized with Wm. Hyde as captain, John L. Smith chaplain, and D. Nielsen assistant captain, A. Ries community. Several were sick with diarrhœa. Captain Hyde spoke to the company and I followed a short time.

We kept on traveling, making only a few miles per day in order that some wagons from Wyoming might overtake us, who were to travel in company.

Sunday, 14th—An express reached us from the office at Wyoming, that to pass a certain station until Captain Sauer's company overtook us, so we were to travel in company, owing to Indian raids reported. We had meeting in camp. Four persons were buried today. We are waiting as patiently as possible.

Wednesday, 17th—Brother Sauer's company arrived in the evening.

On the 18th we travelled eight miles over hot roads, and by the time we pitching, I inquired the remainder of the Holland company and confirmed them, whenever persons that we had to opportunity of baptizing before leaving Rotterdam, but were ready.

As the routine of camp travel is so much alike I can only mention a few prominent points.

Wednesday, 24th—On account of Indian depredations on the route, we travelled in double file, which rules today, and camped near the Platte river.

Saturday, September 10th—Brother Joseph A. Young, with a few others, moved forward to free wagons and provisions, started from Salt Lake City to meet the companies that were late. We are now three hundred and sixty eight miles from Wyoming.

On the 12th we crossed the Platte river.

On the 20th we drove eastward more and nearer the North Platte.

Saturday, October 1st—Crossed North Platte. On Sunday, the 2nd, there were three holes in water.

On the 3rd and 4th, we met two wagons and sixteen yoke of oxen from Salt Lake City, to assist the Church teams; our yoke remained with us, the rest continued with Brother Sauer's company.

Friday, 7th—At Bitter Creek the several stage passed us late morning going to Salt Lake City. Apostle George A. Lamon and J. W. Young were passengers.

Saturday, 8th—Met two wagons and thirty-three oxen of cows to help up the trains.

Tuesday, 11th—Two mule teams arrived, bringing with provisions for the company. Up until lately, we have met no one for two months.

Wednesday, October 12th—By record of Cap. on Hunt's job my things left a pillow, a bread mould and cutter for Salt Lake City, to make some arrangements for the rest of our company, on arrival.

Saturday, 29th—Camped three hours at Bridger.

Monday, 27th—Drove to Coalville.

Tuesday, 28th—Drove to Wm. H. Kimball's ranch, here I came across the overland mail agent, Mr. Bromley, who offered me a passage to Salt Lake City in his buggy.

Wednesday, 29th—Mr. Bromley drove us through Hawn's mill and took breakfast, a few miles from the Historian Office, where I met my brother George A. at the gate. He accompanied me to President Young's office, and welcomed me warmly and said: "Now you return home all right, go and see your family, they are all right." Brother George A. went with me.

So I returned to my home in Salt Lake City, warmly welcomed by all, after an absence of four years and twenty-four days.

Saturday, evening, called upon the President's office and talked over the results of my mission, and he blessed me with the emigrants, that they might be blessed and winter blest.

On Sunday, the 23d, I attended meeting at the Tabernacle, and was called to the stand, and spoke to and an hour. Spent the most of the forenoon of his church in assisting our company in obtaining houses and lots and getting them as comfortably located as possible.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. SMITH.

Prairie dog, possessed with the ability to produce his own subterranean, has not the convenience of a grandfather, and it is for the benefit of such that the following illustration from a bulletin is sent to the United States department of agriculture, by our correspondent. These Hieroglyphics, presumed to be made up in the Indian country, are found in Texas. The Indian tribe to which we belong and live, their and are supposed to reside.

The hieroglyphics represented pointed and rounded in the top of rock behind which stands the Indian tribe. The Indian tribe is represented by a man with a bow and arrow, a bow in hand. The arrow is pointed in the direction of the tribe.

Hieroglyphics found in Mexico.

The remainder of the tribe is piled up with number well represented. The representation being completed by giving to the hoop the form of a house.

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