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THE PONY EXPRESS.

"Ichabod" Herman Hunt's Straight Two Hundred and Fifty Mile Ride.

THE KILLING OF RALPH LOZIER.

Wounded and Fearful of Indian Outrage, John Applegate Killed Himself—Other Tragedies.

[LETTER NO. 5.]

Some of the animals were treacherous and exceedingly trying on the men that rode them, especially the mustangs and ponies. They would fight when being saddled and fall over backward when being mounted. Others you would have to mount while they were bucking, perhaps light behind the saddle and not get it into it in a half mile.

I remember one, a flathead stallion, that would manifest his playful disposition by taking your legs in his teeth if you were not sharp, and try to pull you off. He would "buck" down hill. He would hang you in the head with the pull of his head if you were not careful. He would fall over backwards and lay down and roll, when of course one had to get off. But a sound beating with a club usually educated him for the trip. The express matter was carried in a couple of pockets sewed or rivited to the inner lower back corners of the "mochila" or cover of the saddle, which consists of two oblong pieces of stamped leather and with a crescent shaped slot and oval opening for the cantel and pommel to project through. It will fit any ordinary saddletree. The pockets were some ten inches long, four inches wide and three thick, and were fitted with staples, eylets, chain, padlock and lid over the top, and no one but the local agents, route agents and superintendents had access to them. The express matter consisted of press dispatches, written on tissue paper, commercial letters, drafts and bills of exchange. The valuable letters drafts and bills of exchange were in inclosures, and the package for each pocket was wrapped in oiled silk, and at no time did the through matter exceed ten pounds, usually not half at it. The dispatches were carried at so much a word, the letters and valuables at so much an ounce or fraction thereof.

The life of the pony expressman was one of hardship, exposure and peril. He was often deprived of sleep for days at a time. Sometimes the express being delayed by deep snows, on one or more sections of the line, the riders from off one, two or more routes would be all mounted up at one end, and the rider at that point would have to ride his route and theirs until they could get out by mail, as "Ichabod," Herman Hunt on one of these occasions rode some two hundred and fifty miles at one stretch and to February, 1891, the writer was three days from the city to Echo, the snow snow on the east side of the mountains being half way up the horse's sides and to drifts over his back, and the rider from Camp Floyd with the express got lost in the drifting, blinding snow, and after tramping all Utah valley found his bearings and reached the city. In the winter of 1860 or at time when the express from the east was delayed it was an uncommon experience for the rider first out of this city to start out at midnight and ride up and down the canyon and over the Wasatch range for eighty miles, meet the delayed express, turn and ride back without a stop except to change saddles, and in this trip he would ride twelve horses.

It sometimes happened that a rider would get lost, with the trail obscured by the snow so he was unable to find the way, and in the winter with a driving the blinding, choking snow to contend with, and the atmosphere he would get bewildered and wander and wallow through the snow for hours before regaining his course. Deep drifts were also common on some parts of the road. A rider started out from Rock River one night with the thermometer at 28 degrees and on reaching Needle rocks bottom he was in the midst of genuine pogonip and both sides of the small valley being a similar appearance and the trail being obliterated with new snow he lost his bearings and wandered around for three hours when lower and river weat on some hole one of those large springs east of Needle Rocks and after dismounting to the rocks and water the rider succeeded in getting out and with a strap attached to the bridle which the rider carried he led his horse up hill and coaxed the horse out. The pony time when every of the spring gave the rider a hint as to where the trail might be found, and finally finding it, he felt down through the snow for miles of animals that had last passed over it, and finding which way they pointed got his horse and struck out, and he's to ride only about thirty miles in his home station before he would change his clothes.

The pony rider was exposed to more danger from the Indian than was the driver with the coach, for there were always two or more with that, while the pony man was alone and had just enough himself in the road but took a trail or cutoff whenever he could make time. On the first division east the three were seldom molested, but on the last division and on the Plains they sometimes caused the pony to coal his pony rider.

In U S all I felt a thewing band of hostile Ute sacks joined Myers's station on Beer river, killed the horses and took off the stock and I was a rider at express animals over from Echo the next morning after it occurred and—well there was a "skirmish" over and over the time to resume the season of the ride.

On the line west from Camp Floyd the Indians committed many depredations. In May, 1860, at Big Creek, 270 miles east of Jackpile or Rose river the station keeper, Ralph Lozier, was shot down as the pony rider, John Applegate, was so badly wounded that to escape falling into the hands of the Indians and being tortured he killed himself. Two miners—Nelson and Hall, I think, were camped near by at the time which was in the afternoon soon after Applegate had gone by with the pony rider and mail. The Indians fired upon them from the scrub cedars where the corral. The other man, Mccandless, being a "square man," were not molested and they attempted to get away, when the Indians closed in, shooting at them with bows and arrows only, and they succeeded in reaching Rocky Creek some miles east that night and giving the alarm. At first this is the version the writer had of the affair from "Hank" Easterday, a rider in that section at the time, and also about and interpreter for Captain Gates who at the time of the fight came in from Jake Hollon, the mail packer who was at Roberts creek at the time the affair occurred. A few months after this a pony rider was shot near Roberts creek, and I remember riding the express he was carrying, his saddlebags were spattered with his blood. In Eden canon also the pony rider were frequently fired upon and the Indians captured the station at that point and were having a feast, making the boys look for them preparatory to the sacrifice when Lieutenant Wood with a detachment of soldiers from Ruby station swooped down on them and interrupted with their festivities. Not after these things began to pass the road with the exception of an occasional shot at a rider or packer, the Indians quit their depredations in Utah. About July 1, 1863, with more violence than ever, which has been referred to in the article on the overland mail.

The financial troubles of the pony express were nowhere in proportion to the expense of running it and it was understood subjects that during the latter part of its existence it was largely maintained out of the secret service fund of the government. It was of vital importance that California should be preserved to the Union. Senator Edgerton and others of secession proclivities were only waiting an opportunity to throw her into the Confederacy. The immense expense of stocking her ports, the difficulty of intercepting communications with Australia and Pacific island ports and the perils of the Pacific ports of the Union should California secede were certainly enough to shake and quick communication to the transmission of orders and forming the loyal people of the state of the situation and succeeded in the Union cause prevented a relief in sending for it remain in the Union. But the pony was maintained until the telegraph lines approaching from the east and west were united, when it was withdrawn, having existed by actual count a year and a half. And although this time in one quarter way attach to the exploits of the men who carried it, and unlike Paul Revere's to not be immortalized in metric story, they were proud with many a cheer as they spoke over memorably their old plain, notwithstanding the success and misfortunes of the Union. And the life was so perilous, their devotion so constant and their services so essential to its cause as to long and worn the martial regalia of their country instead of the cowboy guise in which they have been denied.

WM. F. ADPLEY.

R. F. CUMMINGS, SR.

Benjamin Franklin Cummings Sr., whose portrait is here given, is a descendant in the seventh generation of Isaac Cummings, who came to Topsfield, Mass., the village in which resided the ancestors of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He is the son of James and Susanna (Willard) Cummings, and was born in Farmington, Franklin county, Maine, March 8, 1821. He is but was a mere lad in the war of 1812 and his grandfather and great-grandfather were commissioned officers in the Revolution.

In the spring of 1837 Mormonism was introduced into Farmington and James Cummings and his wife Susanna embraced it. Franklin, as the family called him, had never been much interested in religion, and his parents' conversion did not specially impress him. But when, on July 6, 1837, they left his native town to join the main body of saints in the west, he accompanied them.

The family stopped at Sunbury, Ohio, where they remained nearly two years. There was a branch of the Church here, and during the winter of 1838-39 Franklin listened to a debate between Elder Alonzo W. Babbitt and a Baptist minister, which nearly converted him. He continued his investigations and on April 12, 1840, was baptized by Elder John Compton. In June, 1841, the family went from Sunbury to Nauvoo, near Nauvoo, and a little later settled in the city. In the fall of 1842 Franklin went on a mission and was absent nearly two years, traveling in Ohio, Indiana and New York. He reached Nauvoo on his return home from this mission on the day on which occurred the tragedy at Carthage. In the spring of 1844 James Cummings disposed of his property in Nauvoo, preparatory to going west with the Saints, and Franklin made a wagon for the purpose, the first piece of carpenter work requiring special skill that he had ever done, though he had worked at rough carpentry on the Nauvoo temple.

The family, comprising three sons and two daughters, reached Winter Quarters in the fall of 1846, and during the ensuing winter Franklin and mother died of pneumonia. Lying on a bed in the room in which both passed away, were Franklin and his younger brother, Asa, utterly helpless from scurvy. In the following spring Franklin, his sister Mary, who married R. W. Noble on the Plains, and his brother Asa, started from Winter Quarter for the West. Franklin, whose legs were so crippled with scurvy that he could scarcely walk, drove an ox team, walking by the side of it and wading the streams of cold water that were frequently crossed. Noble (he used to tell the story he took good for such legs as he had, but strange to say, they grew better under it. His team was in Daniel Spencer's hundred, and was among the first immigrant wagons to reach the Old Fort block after the Pioneer company had arrived there.

After remaining in Salt Lake City a year or two, the subject of this sketch settled in Ogden, where, in 1852 he married Catharine Hall. In 1856 he married Jane Yearsley, and about the same time removed to Willard, where he lived until 1861, when he returned to Ogden. He was one of a regiment of Weber county militia, and in early days taught military classes in several towns in that and Davis counties. In 1881 he removed to this city, where he has resided ever since. He has lived in the Twelfth ward ever since 1881.

He was on the Salmon river mission in the States, and his journal has an odd history at the mission. In the summer of 1858 he went on a mission to Iowa and Nebraska, on which he was absent about one year. He has done a great amount of Temple work, having spent most of the time for several years in it.

On reaching Utah he adopted the trade of carpenter and millwright, at which he carried a livelihood until advancing age compelled him to abandon it. Though his health, much of the time, is not good, he is still active, and has thoroughly enjoyed the Jubilee festivities. Having seen the first house built in Utah, he can appreciate the growth of the place.

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11:00 "	11:45 "
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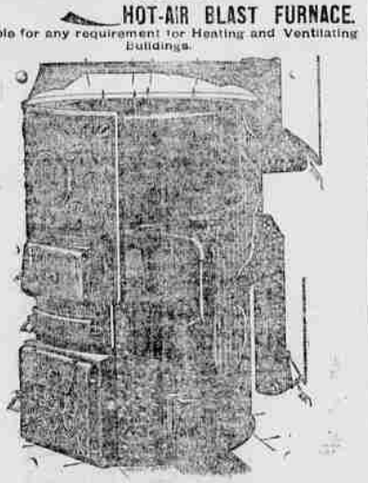

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