

Specimens of Clear Creek Gold dust

We buried many of our effects in the cabin brought up our Virginia Rocker from the Creek & left it on the bank & at 3 o'clock started with our three mules, in company with Cret Hall & party, for the big City where we after much difficulty in kicking off of Pucks & arrived at 7 o'clock P.M. 4 miles. Toak bedding, Provisions, two small Rockers. &c, &c, Night cold with hard frost. Slept in a vacated Cabin.

Friday Feb 22nd (Washingtons birth day,

We took our effects across the Creek in a Canoe, Packed our Mules, one of which I led, & started at 8 o'clock & 15 minutes in P.M. with 16 mules & 26 men for Cottonwood, Mr Smiths Pack came off, before reaching the top of the first hill. Delayed for an hour to get all right. Traveled through a very picturesque country, over mountain & vale, to the West, or west north west, all the time at the foot or near the Snow Mountains of Trinity. At noon we had a Hail storm.

Past several Indian Ranches in flames, set by the preceding parties, whose Mules had been stolen & who had pursued & killed two Indians retaken one Mule. & burnt another a part of which the Indians had made into Soup. We found two branches of the Cotton wood, waist deep, led our Mules. Water from Snow Mountains very cold, Encamped at night in a valley 20 miles from Clear Creek built fires, picketed our Animals & set a Guard for the night. Traveled during the day 6 hours.

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Saturday Feb. ^{23rd} ~~24th~~ 1850

Started ^{at} 8 1/4 A.M. clear day & quite warm - Crossed several small streams & forded the middle fork of Cottonwood. Water very cold Had a hard days travel. Passed several Indian Ranches on fire & arrived at our destination at 4 p.m. Found two parties, about two hours in advance of us. Fitched our tents & picketed our Animals, all well tired out without ⁴⁰ ~~forty~~ miles travel. The Indians had wounded an ox of the advanced party with an arrow, 52 lbs of the beef of which we bought at ²⁵ ~~25~~ cents

Sunday Feb 24th

This being my cook week, I made two pies for dinner baked short cake ^{clear days} Etc Many out prospecting & making preparations for washing, racing off ravines & c & c. Very little to remind one of Sunday -

Monday Feb 25th