



Horse Creek June 20 / 62

Dear Cousin

As went in camp at
2 o'clock P. M. to lay until morning and
as good a chance as i will get
i concluded to write you a few
lines to let you i am well at
present and as far as i know the
whole train are enjoying the same
good health We are supposed to be
500 miles from nebraska City and 50 East
of fort Tarrime in camp with about
300 wagons and 200 indians mostly
souis & utes I just got a splended
deer skin for 9 lbs flour.
Well for our trip so far We have had
4 heavy storms every one at night
wich took all in camp all night to
keep our cattle But we all enjoyed
ourselves first treat for our Capt whose
name is (Elija Frost) passed around
the whiskey freely and we never lost
a head There was a good deal of
Dissatisfaction in the train with

We got to Ft Kearny when we
had an Election which resulted
as follows Eliza Frost Capt Richard
Bennett Assistant & George Walker
Sargant at arms which made our
laws which was good and made each
and every man do his part and all
was well for about a week when
some discord arose and hard feelings
between our assistant Capt and he
resigned then we held another Election
which resulted in my Election to
that office which i assure you is
very disagreeable but being their choice
i thought it my duty to try it
and because i serve all alike there is some
clown on me and Joseph Price has
laied in a charge against me to the Capt for
not driving up his cattle when he & his
men was laying in camp and the
Capt has call the Camp together to give
him a hearing and i think he will
be voted out of the company I sent
in my resignation but there was only two
men against me in the train so
i had to with draw it again



We have now in our train
27 wagons 40 able bodied men and
10 young lads and about 75 young ones
at least i make a guess at it as
we had 65 in our train at Salt Creek
and we fell in with the rock Bluff
train the 17 which is known as Thomson
& Ashlys train and they have a swad of
little brats I will give you the prices
in this country as we are by a ranch
Flour \$6.00 pr hundred Corn meal 1.50 per bu
Whiskey \$7.00 per gal or 25 cts per drink
Gearlings from \$4 to \$8 pr head We passed
what is called Court house Rock &
Chimney Rock i went to see them
and was on top of the first one named
which is about 275 ft high and it was
hard climbing the other is about 250 ft
and we cant get only half way up
they are no rock but all clay & sand
Nell i do not think of going to
California or did not when i left
you but to rush river Washington
Territory i will stay with this train
until we get to Old Ft hall

I will have only 200 miles to
pack but I think some of the train
will go there to I will mail this at
Larime and I do not know when I will
get a chance to write again you must
excuse this sheet for I sit on the
wagon tongue ink in my hand and two
gals a bothering me but I will tend
to then directly tell all my friends
I am well but I will not write much
until I get settled down Jack & Mary
send the respects to them We have never heard
any thing from Bailiss or Joe some thinks
Old Bailiss is a morneon and is bound
for Salt Lake let him rip

Oh Nel the mosquitoes are as big as horse
flies and as thick as hair on a dog
We have shot some deer & antelope
No more this time

Yours Truly
Wm. S. Cavonagh

