

# Sketches Of Mormon Trail

By DELPHINE SQUIRES

(The diary from which the journey of our Mormon pioneers can be traced was kept by them and compiled by Andrew Jensen, assistant church historian in Salt Lake. It was later published by Miss Weir in a report of the Nevada Historical Society, 1925-26.)

The missionaries had been on the trail two weeks and had reached the Beaver River. Here they rested until Saturday morning in order to get more blacksmithing done.

Saturday and Sunday was spent at Parowan, where they were joined by George W. Bean. Tuesday they passed near Cedar City and several of the party visited the iron works and saw the melted ore being poured into moulds. Thursday, May 31, they camped in the valley called Mountain Meadows, where they met A. P. Hardy, one of the missionaries working in Santa Clara. Also R. H. Gillespie and Henry Gates, who were on their way from California with stolen horses.

Friday, June 1, they camped on the headwaters of Santa Clara creek and Saturday they passed several Indian farms of corn and wheat. Sunday June 3, was spent at the

bend of the Santa Clara where the road turns off toward the Rio Virgin country. Finding the stream clear and pure President Wm. Bringham thought best to attend to the ordinance of re-baptism. Tuesday, June 5, having traveled the latter part of the night the company reached Cottonwood springs, near the Virgin river, where they spent the day.

Wednesday morning, June 6, they found it necessary to double up the teams in order to get the wagons up a heavy sandy hill. The weather had become very warm but they managed to make 12 miles that day and camped in the Mesquite bottom. Capt. Sanford had camped near them en route from California with a wagon train of merchandise.

By Saturday they had reached the foot of the Big Hill which can still be remembered by most of us who have ever made the trip to the Virgin river over the old road. All day Sunday, June 10 was spent climbing the hill. At sundown they started for the Muddy, arriving there at 8 o'clock the next morning, June 11. After resting a while they made camp about three miles further up the river. Here they found Capt. Rufus Allen, James T. S. Allred and company from Harmony awaiting to cross the desert with them. While waiting for the missionaries to arrive they had baptized 230 Indians.

Wednesday, June 13, President Bringham with about half of the company and the strongest teams started to cross the 52 miles of desert between the Muddy river and Las Vegas. They took all the water with them they could carry in kegs and barrels for the purpose of watering their stock on the way. The ones remaining at the Muddy were in charge of James Allred and were to start 24 hours later.

The first division arrived at Las Vegas Thursday, June 14, at half past three o'clock P. M. Their teams and wagons were pretty well used up. They found David Savage with the California mail camped at Vegas. The weather was very warm and it was found necessary to carry water several miles back on the road to some of their animals in order to get them into camp. Friday June 15, the men who had arrived in camp sent a team and wagon loaded with water back to meet the remainder of the party. They met them about 20 miles out on the desert and the water which was distributed revived the drooping spirits of both men and beasts. About sundown eleven yoke of oxen were started from Vegas to help the weary teams into camp. At 12 o'clock that night all had arrived except William Vance who had decided to camp for the night and travel the few miles between there and Vegas in the early morning hours. On their arrival at Vegas they had made camp near where the old fort building stands. Saturday morning President Bringham and a few others rode out to look over the country to select a suitable location for the settlement. The Big spring, and several other spots were visited but it was decided to locate on the spot where they had built their first camp.

Sunday, June 7, the brethren built a small bowery, and that afternoon at 1 o'clock they held their first service. After singing and a prayer by the president in which he consecrated the place unto the Lord, Capt. Rufus Allen of the Colorado Exploring Expedition, was invited to preach. He spoke of his present mission which was to explore the Colorado below its nearest point to Las Vegas. President Brigham Young had sent him and four others to get the soundings of the river to see if it were navigable for boats. He was followed by T. D. Brown also one of the exploring company. President Bringham spoke of the gratefulness all should feel toward the Almighty for His care during their journey; that no fatalities had overtaken them, but that they had reached their destina-

# Rambler Solves An Old Problem

By DEATH VALLEY RAMBLER

A lot of the boys got into a big argument over at the store the other night, tryin' to find out why married men live longer than single ones. The argument got pretty hot but nothing hardly at all was decided for good, in that argument—Except the RAMBLER thought he could easily tell which feller arguin' had the highest blood pressure! Finally, another fellow and the Rambler took it upon themselves to go over to the Emergency Hospital and ask Doc. Shrum (a real authority on a lot of things) cause if anybody knows, it ought to be a doctor, or mebbe an insurance company, for they are all the time asking a feller how old he is and what kind of work he's been doin' and how many wives he's got—or rather which wife he's livin' with—i. e., if he's really married. How many brothers and sister's he's got, what all of 'em died with, and etc., etc. They pretty much all agreed that married men live the longest, but Why? That was the big question. The upshot of it was that Doc Shrum studied awhile and peeped over his glasses and reeled 'er right off: "They don't; it just seems longer."

tion under such favorable circumstances. Later he said Capt. Allen would take additional members to his company of exploration and called for two volunteers and it was voted that Sylvester Hulet and George Bean should go with them and that their crops should be put in and other labors performed in their absence by others.

Ira S. Miles was appointed herdsman to attend to and drive up the stock in the evening and his other duties were to be attended to by the rest of the brethren.

After singing, the benediction was pronounced by Brother Ira S. Miles.

## EL PORTAL

### PROGRAM

SUNDAY—MONDAY—TUESDAY

Loretta Young . . . Tyrone Power  
In the Red Book Magazine Story

"SECOND HONEYMOON"

—Also—

BETTY BOOP CARTOON  
Comedy and News

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"Blossoms On Broadway"

Starring

Edward Arnold  
Shirley Ross  
John Trent  
Rufe Davis

And a cast of comedians of  
Radio and Screen

—Also—

Variety—"Lula's Love"—  
Paramount Pictorial and  
Latest Fox News

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Two Major Studio Features

Zane Grey's

"Born To The West"

With

John Wayne  
Johnny Mack Brown  
Marsha Hunt  
Monte Blue

SECOND FEATURE

John Barrymore  
John Howard  
Louise Campbell  
Reginald Denny

"Bulldog Drummond  
Comes Back"

The fastest moving mystery ever  
dropped in Drummond's lap.

—Also—

Paramount News

## PRIZE 4-H COOK



ELLEN PARTRIDGE, 19, Fallon, Nevada, the year's state 4-H food preparation champion, has completed six years of club work in which she prepared 107 "new dishes" and 35 meals and canned 111 jars of fruits and vegetables. Her sales total \$103.00 and prize winnings \$9.75. She receives a trip to the 16th National Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26-Dec. 4, and will compete with other Western State champions for one of two Servel Electrolux kerosene operated refrigerators. If successful, she will have a chance to win one of three cash scholarships of \$400, \$300, and \$200, provided by the maker of the refrigerator supporting the contest.

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W. B. MUNDY,

Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Receiver.

Nov. 12-19-26, Dec. 3.