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Bround to Owyhee again for letters

291 days

Friday September 30th 1853

We are now out side of the points of land making the best of our way against a head wind and tide Wind N.E. and light. Took the Irons from John Clark so he is doing his duty again. Two in Irons yet

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Saturday October 1st

Remarkable
All well
and all
on duty

Working our way slowly toward Owyhee with light N.E. trade winds and most beautiful weather and nothing to do. Saw 2 ships steering before the wind for the Lander Islands. At 4 P.M. Charles Pierce was liberated and sent to his duty after being kept on a biscuit of bread and water each day for 4 days. Jewett was also sent to his duty. Peace and order is once more among us.

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Sunday October 2nd

Sunday finds us near the Island of Owyhee and probably before tomorrow night we shall know how many will get letters and how many will get disappointed. I dare not expect any thing. I must think there have been sent to me. The day has been pleasant and has not been given in vain to me. I have thought much of my home and my meetings.

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Monday October 3rd

The wind light all day and during the night very baffling with a few squalls of rain. The Mountain in sight above the clouds with a few patches of snow on its summit. Nothing to do.

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Tuesday October 4th

At 5 in the afternoon lowered the Sturges boat and the Capt and the Honorable Wm. G. C. with 4 heavy farm hand carts started for the port of Gile. It being large 15 miles distant but we are all in a hurry for letters. After a long and tiresome pull of 2 hours and 35 minutes, but not without some blisters but what did I care for that as long as I was to get a letter in fact I had made up my mind for 4 or 5 with our many papers and the papers would pay for the pull and blisters and the letters would be all clear gain. Well wearied at 8 and the Capt was so good as to ask me to accompany him to Mr. Pitman's ~~office~~ to get mine before I slept.

In Owyhee for letters

I had thought I should not be able to sleep that night without knowing the result of our success. The letters were overhauled but none for me but the Capt did not appear to be satisfied much better than I was for he said he knew there was one for me so he overhauled them again but it was no go he could not find mine. My folks had probably forgotten me. The Capt got 13 the 2 mates & Mr. Lambert & Mate 3 Mr. J. R. Oakman 1 and Mr. Charles Pierce 1. The Capt gave me 100 and the rest of the boats 50 cts and Mr. Pitman gave us a nap and sent us to a victualing house kept by one Henry Schmitt with directions to him to provide us with board and lodging at the ships expense and we had a very comfortable time notwithstanding our disappointment. In the morning the ship was out of sight so we took it very comfortable ashore in the shade. Took dinner at noon and prepared for a start the ship about 12 miles off.

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Wednesday October 5th

At 3 P.M. started for the ship which was about 12 miles off. At 5 reached her and shaped our course for Lahaina again. Had a fair wind during the night and forenoon. Let the foretopmast studding sail. At noon the Island of Maui not far off.

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Thursday October 6th

At 5 P.M. arrived abreast of the port of Lahaina and the Capt went ashore the ship lying off and on. The ship, Montezuma bound out and the ship, Phoenix of N.B. Europe's, Agnes, Lydell, Mary of Washington and the Mary Gardner. During the night the wind came in gusts and so hard it was thought safe to double reef the fore sails. After breakfast sent a boat for the Capt but he don't conclude to come off it.

Friday October 7th

Laying off once on and the Capt on shore looking for a mate there is two ashore but he has not made a bargain to send yet. Two ships come in today the Maitha and the Venus both of N.B. The Venus is lying off and on this kind of business is driving but it don't pay. I believe I have an old friend on board of the Venus but I shall not be able to see him. She carried away the main topgallant yard while entering the harbor.

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We saw that Mr. Chas. was
no longer at the house
at 13 1/2 miles and had
left the ship.