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Left St. Louis April 10th and arrived at St. Joseph, 530 miles, April 16th, making 808 miles from home. Purchased our outfit of provisions to supply us to California, viz - 100 lb. pilot bread, 100 lb. flour, 80 lb. side meat, 10 lb. coffee, 10 lb. rice, 20 lb. sugar, etc etc to each person, with cooking utensils, a medicine chest with a small assortment of medicine.

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May 4th; Crossed the river four miles above St. Joseph, crossed in the night and camped on the bank till morning.

May 5th; Moved out six miles on the plains and camped among a crowd of immigrants.

May 6th; Sabbath. Moved two miles to a good camping ground and for the purpose of meeting with the Springfield Company.

May 7th; Eight miles and camped with the Springfield Company, consisting of eight wagons and thirty-one men. Our company of two wagons with eleven men, making ten wagons and forty-two men. The wagons were loaded with from twenty-five to thirty-five hundred each.

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