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I directed the men to sit perfectly still until the Indian should be hidden from our view, and then to separate, and let him fall into the ambush. Would the publisher please update with the proper content? At that very time there was a vessel from San Francisco in the Willamette River, loading with flour, the master of which knew the fact but concealed it from our people for speculative reasons, until the news was made public by the gentlemen connected with the Hudson Bay Company. I was satisfied that there was no fight in him.

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How our hearts leaped for joy! There were also several families of late immigrants residing temporarily in that vicinity.

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He was evidently suspicious of treachery.

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I had not the slightest idea of leaving that country until the summer of 1848. About 10 o'clock one of our party saw a deer, and followed it to a beautiful little stream of water, flowing from the hills into the forest.

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This they found a slow mode of travel.

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This was about the 20th of October, 1848. After the foundation was gone, they kept alive the fire by setting the wood on end and kindling the fire on top. So long as this small party were traveling through prairies, or open woods, they could make fair progress; but the moment they came to heavy timber, they had not force enough to open the road.

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These packers had overtaken us the previous evening, and were with us when we discovered this new wagon road. We plied our axes with skill, vigor, and success, and opened the route about as fast as the teams could well follow. Here we spent the remainder of that day.

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Very soon the Indian came within about thirty feet of one of our parties, and suddenly found himself confronted with four rifles pointed at him, with a command by signs to stop. We spent many pleasant evenings together, around the camp fire at Long's Bar. For months and years he waited upon his sickly wife without a murmur.

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