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Letter from the Plains

R. W. FURNAS: We are now most gloriously snowed under. We arrived here on the 13th o blowing a perfect gale from the Southwest, and snowing incessantly. Those as we have superior grass, water, and shelter for our cattle, having an abundance of willows and other timber. remarkable time and success thus far, and so near our destination. This morning as yet in the valley, has only reached the depth of fifteen inches.

Trains behind us, of which there quite a number, must necessarily experience much suffering both among men and animals, as they are deprived of the shelin company with us, is also delayed near

We hope to yet reach the Valley, a distance of eighty miles, in a few days .-Should the storm continue for one week, we will be compelled to remain here all winter. Our Cattle can winter very well here, but our men will suffer for provis-

Should this storm reach North Platte, the destruction of stock will be immense, as well as great suffering among the men. One hundred, and thirty trains have left Leavenworth this season. Many of them are yet behind us.

This storm reminds of having visited, a few years after, the scene of suffering of the Donon party near the Siera Nevada. There is nothing in the annals of R. W. Furnas: the history of the world, even in the his-

over forty feet in height. A person who has not experienced the the measure?

touch the food of the carcass.

being frozen up.

Antelope, sheep, and other game are de- wind from the south.

to his company.

is quite a curiosity to the uninitiated. their effects a slight ducking. is rather a drawback upon us after our when all hands repair to a convenient terests, we must live as near each other one offspring of our loves. bank, and take a load of cluy upon their as ever; and having then no community A few words in relation to our coming tails, and swim to the dam, when it is of interests to curb our rancorous feelings, in the Union, and I am done for the presthe snow is falling faster than ever, but laid on with all the precission of a mason. shall we not then be apt, very apt, to give ent. Four years ago, there was not five FRIDAY, Oct. 22d.

tiguing travel, day and night, we have bad enough certainly. But, in reality, have been the worst financially, this namade about fifteen miles.

double teams. I thought I had "seen the rival points, as they are between the number near forty thousand souls in the ter we enjoy. Train "27," travelling elephant," in the way of roads, but he people north and south of it? Is not Territory, and now times in the east, are lives here. We have been in a canno for about five miles, where, to a casual observer it would appear impossible for a team to go through.

When I can get an opportunity of sendin this, I am unable to say, as no mail passes here, and I pity them if they ever should at this season of the year.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8 o'clock. Snowing rapidly. I fear we are again tied up for the winter. Four Nebraska City Trains just ahead of us; seven Leav enworth Trains just behind.

More anon, should we succeed in getting through this winter to our place of destination. WAREKA.

Annexation. PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. Sth, 1858.

tory of the Dark Ages, that will compare tice an article, favoring the annexation of ges, may in a few months be outstripped new inducement, in four years, we have with the privations and sufferings of this South Platte to Kansas. At the close of in the race for greatness, by causes un- increased to forty thousand, surely i party, numbering eighty-three souls when that article you invite the opinions of forseen or uncontrolable. Time alone can would be safe to say in four years more, first snowed in, but only about forty of those interested, either for or against the tell the point that shall spring ahead of we shall add sixty thousand—and Iowa whom were recovered. All traces that measure. Although, I as one, whose home all others. And when time has thus de- had an addition of about one hundred I could discover were the houses in a di- is in this land of shallow waters, feel a cided, all local jealousies will die away; thousand in one year, So it seems to lapidated condition, the hair, and bones of deep interest in all that relates to her wel- and every sucker will be proud of his me that we will be ready to come into those who had been devoured by their fare, yet I confess, that I have never giv- Chicago; every Puke of his St. Louis, the Union soon enough, fully as soon as companions. In building their houses en this proposition the thought to which and every shallow-pate of his-well, we we care about it. they cut the trees from two to five feet a subject, fraught with such mighty re- shall see, what we shall see. from the surface. When the snow ceas- sults, is entitled. Pardon me, if, there- Now, Friend Furnas, as to being ad- to live in Nebraska. ed falling, it had reached the depth of fore, I make your hasty arguments my mitted into the "great sisterhood of forty feet, and became encrusted on the text, in the remarks which follow. But States;" "being free, breathing free," top, when the party had to ascend and seriously, have you not in that article &c., is there not really a good deal of cut the trees, where I saw the stumps, set forth nearly, if not quite, all the ar- highfalutin about it? don't you think it

the Teneessee in Tennessee; or the Pe- were paying too dear for the whistle. We do not anticipate any suffering in dee in South Carolina; or the Tombigby, Again, you say, "The line, as it now consequence of scarcity of provisions, as in the west, or the Tennessee, in the exists between Kansas and Nebraska, is

our sportsmen are having rare fun. They Platte, there is, as a matter of course. soon annexation might take place occasionally cross the track of a 'Grizley,' a wide difference of opinion among engi- As for the "natural interests being one," but of this formidable mountaineer, all neers; some contending that it is almost &c., it is no more true in this case, than are rather charry, and prefer his room impossible, while others as stoutly main- it was in the formation of the older tain it to be no great task. Judging States and territories. In fact, in going to fear. The first sheep killed created quite a from what I have seen, I am confident over the country it is difficult to tell where sensation. This animal, though not lar- the Platte can be bridged at no great the line is that marks the boundary of Disturbance Among the Omahaswhich they are enabled to prosecute claims against the United States Government, or attend to any business beg ger than a common size marino, frequent- cost, should it ever be found necessary. natural interests in this nation; and I A muss occurred a few days ago, ly support a pair of horns weighing 40 I speak thus doubtfully, because I am sat- hope if such a line is ever found, it may among the Omaha Indians at Black Bird. pounds. In descending from a precipice, isfied that this river will be navigated by be immediately rubbed out. While we, Several were killed and others wounded. of the first octing a practical single-grown approximate sources of the first octing a practical single-grown approximate sources of the first octing a practical single-grown approximate sources of the first octing approximate source of the first octing approximate octing approximate octing approximate the first octing approximate octing approximate octing approximate the first octing approximate octing app Maps, Town Piats, and drawings of all kinds (meshanical, architectural, Ac.,) to the perfect satisfaction our custom beat skeptical. I will numbers, and power to the other pertion Neal severely wounded—Louis Neal, we the south with the selection of the sele

October, 19th. | four men constructed a raft about seven- part of Kansas, we loose that position.-Weather moderate. Made a drive of ty-five miles above Ft. Laramie, put their Teey are bound together in love or haover five miles to-day, over rocks, and traps, clothing, provisions, &c., aboard, tred-as the case may be by four years a cross small streams, the most trying to and in about thirty days, running only by of strife, toil, bloodshed, and a large exmen and animals. daylight, landed, all safe, in Plattsmouth. pense of money, and suffering. In this We are now on a new road made on The only serious accident that occurred to we have no part. They will ask the liaccount of grass, which is abandant .- their craft, happening as they rounded on's share in everything, and we, per-Beaver-dams in the creeks are met with into the turbid waters of the Missouri, force must yield. It seems plain to me, October. It has for several days been at every crossing. The inginuity of where they struck a snag, which did no that we would be in that delightful state this singular and industrious little animal, serious damage, only giving them, and described in jumping out of the frying-pan

> vent to those feelings to a much greater hundred inhabitants, exclusive of Indi-After three days hard labor and fa- extent than at present? Now they are ans, in this Territory, two of those years are not those sectional feelings, just as tion ever saw, when nearly all emmigra-To day I have seen six half trains with rife south of the Platte river, between tion completely ceased, and yet to-day we

> In your Advertiser of Dec. 5th I no- point, having secured all these advanta- of the gold fields. Now, if without this

guments that can be adduced in favor of would be just as well for Uncle Samuel to pay expenses a few years longer, as to pangs of starvation, has no idea of the You say, "The Platte river is a natu- aspire to the honor of paying them ourtransformation of the mind, which is, to ral boundary line." True, were it made selves? I do, and it is my opinion that

some extent, under the influence of de- so; but is it any more a natural boundary the great majority of our fellow-citizens lirium, while thus suffering. On relief than the Connecticut, which runs through will come to the same conclusion. And reaching this party, in one cabin they Massachusetts and Connecticut; or the what do we gain by coming into the Unifound one man preparing a feast from the Merimac, running through a corner of on now, but the right of doing for ourbody of Mons. Donon, who was very loth Massachusetts; or the mountains which selves what the General Government sort to other food. This is descending the Arkansas, in the State of Arkansas; taxed largely; and finally, the right of to a grade below the brute creation, as or the Hudson in the State of New York; electing one Representative to Congress; with all its attending horrors, by the side the Illinois, in Illinois; or the Wabash &c., upon the most approved principles? of one of its own species before it will in Indiana; or the Colorado in Texas, or I am afraid that we would find that we

our employers are too well aware of the north of of Alabama; or the Mississippi, really only imaginary-on paper-in frequency of those storms in the moun- in Louisiana; or the Missouri in Mis- passing from one to the other it cannot be tains at this season of the year, to let us souri? found." The same reason would hold go short of provisions. The road stations You say, "Full one half the season, good for annexing Kansas to Missouri, or are well supplied. It is certainly a great the Platte is utterly impassable." In this to the Indian Territory-in fact almost taining the freight until the season was the Missouri, sometimes impassable, an imaginary line. Such an imaginary On Sandy and Green river, we passed impassable," but that the mail has cross- as good, nay, a far better reason why the remains of three trains burned by the ed regularly, twice a week, for the past those Possessions should be annexed to Nemaha. Mormons, about twelve months ago .- season, and, up to the present cold snap, the United States. This reason may The situation of each wagon is distinctly the Carier has made but few failures- prevail in this case sometime or other; marked, by the quantity of iron lying on less than has been made in our eastern the only objection I can see at present is, forts were alike unevailing. They left mails, and at the present time there is a they are so awful cold, you couldn't raise good natural bridge across it, that will niggers there. But when the slave trade Sky clear, with a strong south easter. not be carried away by any "fresh," for is re-opened, the philanthropists who en-Thermometer twenty degrees below zero. some time, unless it should be a fresh gaged therein may discover a race of more robust darkies, who could stand the scending to the Valley; among which As to the practicability of bridging the climate, and then there is no telling how

give but one: During the last spring, of the Territory. When we become a presume, of Aspinwall. white the expension of the expension of the state of the

who have not witnessed one of these The manner in which they will cut down, As to the "bitter sectional or local mistake too late to mend it. With our cut into given lengths, float them to the feeling," which you say exists between old friends north of the Platte, we have the Mountains. We were extremely for proper place, and then sink a log from these two portions of the country. I can had our friendships, our quarrels, and ten to twelve inches through, will beat only say, 'tis true, 'tis pity that 'tis true; make-ups, let us stick by them to the end, the oldest mountaineer. When a suffic- But will this be allayed by separating? and not now after a few moons, as it ient amount of logs and brush is placed, will it not rather be increased thereby? were, of weded life, ask for a divorce, the work of masonry then commences, For should we separate as to political in- before we have had time to bring forth

Brownville, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, good again. Again thousands are look-Wyoming, Rock Bluffs, Otoe City, Ne- in west for homes, and during the next maha City, and others, just as jealous of spring and summer, will be here making each other, or of its own immediate rival, them. Six months ago there was a ruand do they not exhibit just as much feel- mor of gold on the South Platte, and noing, as is to be found between the deni- body there. Now, there are nearly one zens of this, or that side the Platte? To thousand sturey miners there, and coma certain extent, these local feelings are panies organizing in nearly every State proper. They serve to keep us wide of the Union, to start early in the Spring awake to our own interests; to exert our for this land of golden promise. The praybest energies to build up our own point. er of five handred pioneers, have gone Properly carbed, they injure no new up to Congress, asking for a Territorial country. It is true that extraneous caus- government, which ought, and no doubt cs contribute largely to make the city; as will be granted. I think it safe to say important lines of railroads, Land Offices, that this day twelve months, there will Surveyor General's Office, &c., but even be in that territory, a population of twenthese causes may be influenced to some ty thousand, and perhaps as many thouextent, by proper united effort. But there sand additional, in Nebraska, as the nearis a limit even to their influence; and a est and best point to reap the advantages

Yours, hoping that we shall continue

L. G. JEFFERS. BELLEVUE, N. T.

November 30th, 1858.

R. W. FURNAS: We have just had a Democratic vietory in this county of which every Democrat in Nebraska should be proud. You know that the enemies of Popular Sovereignty, and the right of the people to regulate their own affairs, have always claimed Sarpy county as their own. Well, the question has just been settled, and to give up his human flesh and again redivide eastern from western Virginia; or ought to do for us; the right of being "let a bird go." They hang their heads the Black Republicans feel like they had and curse their fates. They were so sanguine of success, that they bet largely on the result, in the way of boots, clothing, &c., and the result is that the barefooted Democracy are wearing boots at the expense of the Republicans. The election was for Sheriff. And, although our majority was small, it is worth everything for prestige, as the wavering, whose name is legion, will now flock to our standard. But what a triumph we will have in the Territory, when the battle becomes oversight in the War Department, re- you are at fault. At present it is, like every State in the Union has just such favorite strongholds, what can they exso far advanced that trains ran the risk of when the ice is running very strong, but line divides the United States from the in ordinary seasons it is not so "utterly Western British Possessions, and is just Territory? One general rejoicing will be ours, from the L'eau qui Court to the

General Thayer and Jim Stewart were the party for the plunder, and they begin to feel, no doubt, that they have "got ther foot in it." All we have to do is to be true to our colors. Nebraska is the child of Democratic policy, and we have no fears that she will ever turn ingrate and sting the bosom that warmed it into life. Let other counties follow the example of Sarpy, and fight all political parties on principle, and we have nothing A DEMOCRAT.