

care had been assigned the transportation on the Missouri River, a distance of two hundred and fifty miles, by river, from St. Joseph to Omaha; and also the subsistence of the entire party until its return to Saint Joseph.

Two of the largest class Missouri River packets—the *Denver*, Captain Waddell, and the *Colorado*, Captain Hooper—with an additional band of music on board, were in readiness to receive the party on its arrival at Saint Joseph; and the excursionists soon found themselves, with bands playing and colors flying, steaming up the great Missouri River, which, for many hundred miles of its turbid, snaggy, barry, winding course, forms the western boundary of the Atlantic portion of the United States.

The journey from Saint Joseph to Omaha was accomplished, without serious accident or detention, in less than forty-eight hours; and the party reached the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad on Monday morning, the 22d of October, having been on the way from New York a little less than one week.

Some idea of the manner in which the excursionists were subsisted under the supervision of *Professor Hoxie*, while passing up the Missouri River, may be formed by a perusal of the following bills of fare on board the steamers:—