

always with the most satisfactory results, yet I would not recommend it as a remedy for constant use; but only on occasions when you are making your way on foot through snow two feet deep, with a week's provisions in your pack.

The second day we made across the prairie, and camped only two or three miles from the camping place the night before. The third day we crossed the Wisconsin, and camped that night on the higher part of the land at the foot of the Big Dalles. Made three or four miles in distance this day. Weather continued extremely cold. Made our first and only experiment with dry pine wood, to keep up our fire for the night. Midnight, wood all gone, almost perished before morning.

Fourth morning, up very early, made the Lemonweir about noon; but were in considerable doubt, owing to the crooked nature of the channel, and the numerous sloughs, whether we had found the river we were looking for or not. Finally to settle the matter beyond doubt, we concluded to follow the stream down to the mouth, and finding the country to answer the description given us before, we retraced our steps on the ice, and camped that night at Provonsal's trading-post, about two or three miles above the mouth of the river, which we found unoccupied.

The Lemonweir had frozen over after the late heavy fall of snow, and this made the traveling comparatively easy.

The fifth and sixth days we followed up the river on the ice, broke through two or three times, went ashore, built fires and dried our clothes, and then continued on. On the morning of the seventh day we ate our breakfast, consisting of two crackers each, on the present site of the village of New Lisbon; and then, December 29th, 1837, started on our return down the river for Fort Winnebago. Following the otter trails or slides cutting the bends of the river, we found the distance greatly shortened, tightened our belts two or three times a day, dreamed at night of the good time coming, examined our depot of supplies in the sleigh, but found that some "good Indian" had been there before us. Continuing on our journey, we arrived at the fort on the afternoon of December 31st, the third day after turning back, weaker but not much wiser men—