

representative of the canton of Glarus in the Swiss legislature, who accompanied them on this part of their journey, and provided covered wagons, in which they followed the boat on shore until all reached Basle.

The journey from this place to Rotterdam, in Holland, was continued on the Rhine; it was slow and tedious, which, combined with the cold wintry weather, and an uncertain future prospect, was the cause of much depression to all. Arriving at Rotterdam, on the 6th of May, they learned that the ship on which they were to sail lay at New Dieppe. Proceeding to that place, the ship was found to be not yet ready to sail; it having been engaged in carrying cotton from New Orleans to Europe, was not provided with berths, etc., for the accommodation of passengers. The colonists were thus delayed six days, until the ship was fitted for their reception. This caused the already needy people a great expense, which, however, was partially alleviated by an advance of one hundred gulden by a warm-hearted Swiss gentleman, P. Jenny. However, on the 12th of May, they embarked for Baltimore; and, after a stormy, toilsome voyage of forty-nine days, arrived at that place on the 30th of June.

They there contracted for passage to St. Louis, that being the point where they were directed to await orders from the pioneer agents, Duerst and Streiff. At Baltimore they were, for the first time, put on railway cars, and were carried about fifty miles, to Columbia, Pa. At the point where the road crossed a mountain, the first cars were drawn up by an engine on the top, by means of wire ropes, and then the descending cars were made to pull up the others. At Columbia they were placed on board canal boats, in which they were conveyed to Pittsburg, Pa. From thence they descended the Ohio in barges to Cincinnati; thence for the first time they rode in a steamboat, which took them to St. Louis, where they arrived on the 23d of July. They were here kindly received and entertained by Swiss countrymen, who were settled in that city.

No intelligence, no directions, had yet been received from the pioneer agents. On the contrary, after waiting some days, the discouraging but false rumor reached them, that in penetrating