

Oct. 15. Left Elbow creek where we lodged, after breakfast, & travelled 20 miles to the first house. The road led over a beautiful rolling Prairie. Here we stoped & fed our selves & beast. At table we had 4 Presbyterian preachers who had been to a camp meeting, with several of their friends. I expressed a little surprise that *they* should hold camp meetings! "Why," said one of them "Camp Meetings began with us, & I should be sorry to lose or give them up now." They said that about 30 professed to obtain religion.— We paid \$1.00 for our dinners & horse feed. Two of us.

We went from this to Beauror or Robinsons River, & through Princeton, & to *Dad Joe Smiths* that night 35 miles further, making 55 that day. The last 12 miles we travelled after sundown, & by fire light over Prairie, it being on fire. This was the grandest scene I ever saw, the wind blew a gale all day, the grass was dry, & the fire being in the Prairie, at a distance, where we entered it some men were kindling fire to burn it *away* from their fences & then let it run—no odds who it burnt up. As the dark came on, the fire shone more brilliant. A cloud of smoke arose on which the fire below shone, & the reflection could be seen for miles—in some instances 40. We passed 3 different fires in this 12 miles, having to turn out & get round them when they reached the road. The wind blew across our road, & the *long* ways of the fire was with the wind, in which direction it went nearly as fast as the wind. But when a streak was run, in the direction of the wind, then the fire worked side ways. By this means we had in view at one time from one to 5 miles of fire in a streak, burning from 2 to 6 feet high. In *high* grass it sometimes burns 30 feet high, if driven by fierce winds. By the light of this fire we could read fine print for $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile or more. And the light reflected from the cloud of smoke, enlightened our road for miles after the blaze of the fire was out of sight.

west shore of Lake Michigan, and agreed to move to a reservation of five million acres on the Missouri River. It took several years to effect the removal.— Ed.