

upon him. But the greatest pleasure is often dimmed. I found my wife quite sick. When we arrived at St. Louis she was more fleshy than ever before, now she appeared like a shadow. It was high time for all to leave St. Louis; the unhealthy climate there has already cost us five human lives, all however children, of whom the oldest was the 11-year-old son of Henry Stauffacher of Matt. The intoxicating joy did not subside for some time, for our people are not yet naturalized to control their feelings. In this country, people make little show on going and coming, and when a child departs from the parents, even for life, the only expression of feeling is a clasp of the hands and a short good bye from both sides. But I am parting from my subject nearly as easily as one American parts from another. But there was much to be done now, first the baggage had to be weighed. The contract was that they should pay 25 cents for overweight. The Captain had ordered it loaded into a flat boat, a heavy storm broke upon it and nothing having been covered and many of the trunks having been broken by the frequent handling, we had cause for complaint not only because of overweight but also for damaged baggage. The Judge had a letter of reference to one Mr. Zoya, he and Grob went to see him and I was detailed to supervise the weighing and note each one's weight. I got into a hot argument with the Captain—I held up the rainwashed bed clothing under his nose, so that he drove me off the boat twice. But without fear I came back the third time. I told our people we would weigh the baggage, note it down and bring it ashore, and not pay anything, and so it went, though George Legler and another were obliged to be surety for the freight charges. The Judge and Mr. Grob engaged a dwelling so as to bring the people under the shelter of a roof, for there were yet several sick among them. The Judge himself engaged a German doctor who wrote down the ailment of each patient and prescribed the necessary medicines. The Judge decided that a troop of the men should go on foot in advance, partly because the expense of travel would be less, but