

in Nebraska Was 50 Miles. they had Plowed a furow 35 Miles and had 15 Miles More to Plow. if Snow in the Winter, they put up poles with Prarie Grass Tied to the top to be Seen at a Distance.

So this ends the Main Narative of the Trip to the Platt Valey in June & July 1863 by J I Blair & Party, as Sketched by  
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Party—

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Samuel, the Cook, from Boonsborro.

James, the Teamseter, Tent & Bagage Master,

Making 10 in the Party to Onowa on the Missouri, and 10 from Decatur to the Loup Fork or Collumbus, with Judge. Nieghler.

From Collumbus Back We Then had Nine of us, With 3 Carrages & 6 Horses Including also a Large New found Land Watch Dog.

This ends the Whole Story, with the Incidents of the Party.

J I Blair  
July 4' 1863

## To Cure Sick Headache

Gather sumac leaves in summer, and spread them in the sun for a few days to dry. Then powder them very fine and smoke the same twice a day, morning and evening, in a new pipe. If these directions are strictly adhered to for two months, it will in every case effect a cure.—*The Circle of Useful Knowledge*, Charles Kinsley, Clinton, Iowa, 1877.

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