

On this date, Oct. 1st. Lieutenant Pike wrote Secretary of War Dearborn as follows:

Pawnee Republic, 1st Oct., 1806.

SIR,

WE arrived here on the 25th ult. after a tedious march of 375 miles, the distance (as I conceive) being very much augmented by the Osages, who accompanied us, leading us too far to the south, owing to the great fear of the Kans. We suffered considerably with thirst, but our guns furnished us amply with buffalo meat.

On our arrival we found the Spanish and American flags both expanded in the village, and were much surprised to learn, that it was not more than three or four weeks, since a party of Spanish troops (whose number were estimated by the Indians of this town, as 300) had returned to Santa Fe; and further learnt that a large body of troops had left N. Mexico, and on their march had met with the villagers of the Pawnee Mahaws, who were on one of their semi-annual excursions; that they encamped together, and entered into a treaty, but after this the Pawnees raised their camp in the night, and stole a large portion of the Spaniards' horses.

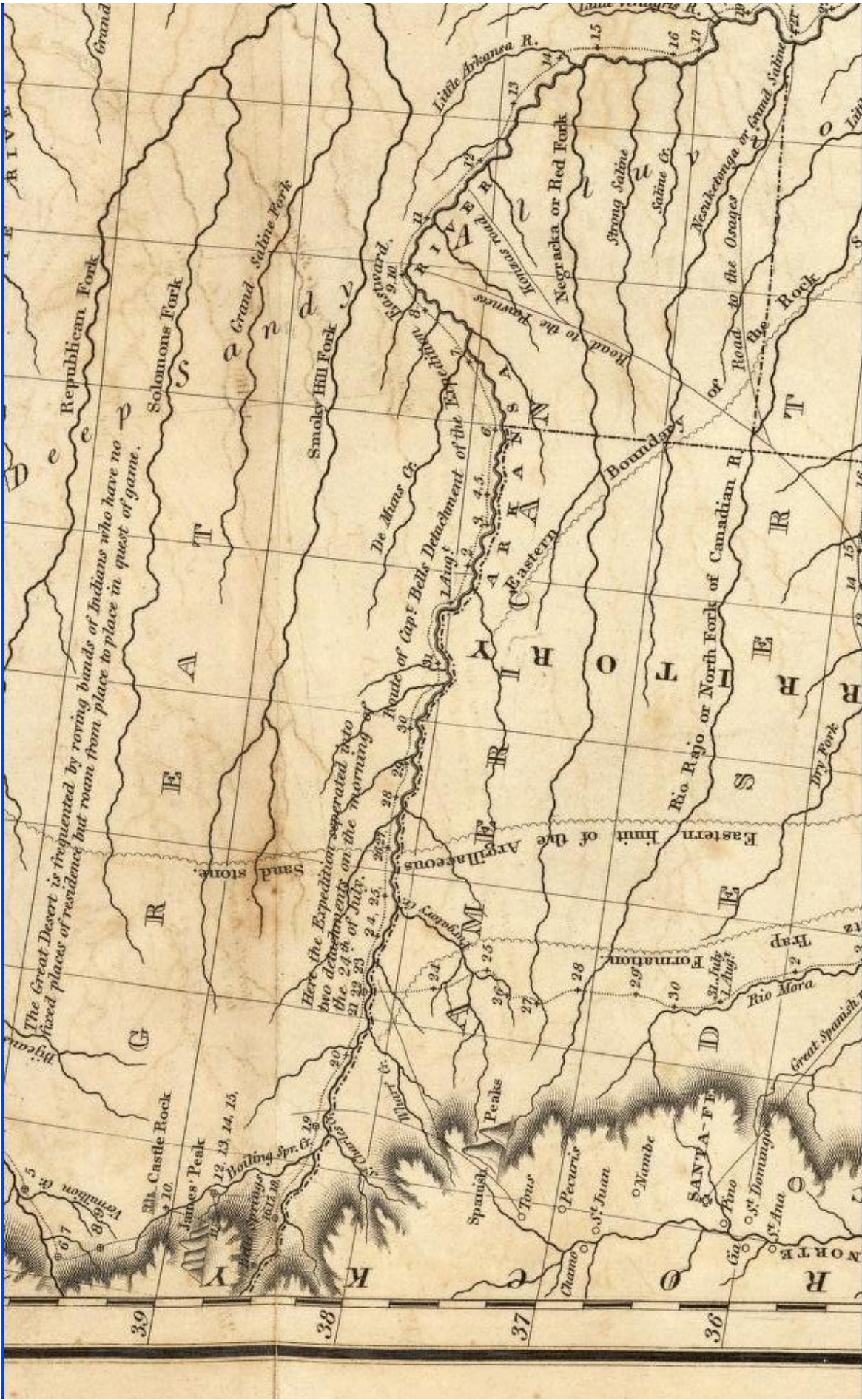
I expect to march from here in a few days, but the future prospects of the voyage are entirely uncertain, as the savages strive to throw every impediment in our way, agreeably to the orders received from the Spaniards. Being seated on the ground, and writing on the back of a book, I hope will plead my excuse for this scrawl.

I am, sir

With high respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Z.M. Pike, Lt.



Map from 1820

When he explored the area that was to become Nebraska and Oklahoma in 1820, Major Stephen H. Long called the region "the Great American Desert." He considered the area "almost wholly unfit for cultivation, and of course uninhabitable by a people depending upon agriculture for their subsistence." It was flat, treeless, and arid.

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FARMING VS. GOLD DIGGING

From present appearances, our citizens are likely to all be taken off with the Cherry Creek Yellow Fever, inasmuch that the farming interest of our Territory is likely to suffer materially, and the miners will also have to suffer for want of supplies.

This is all wrong; and our opinion is that farmers who stay at home, and spend as much money to improve and cultivate their farms, will realize more clear profit by so doing, than they will go to the mines.

There will be enough to go to dig all the gold all the Union will need, and those who raise stock and produce for the miners will get their equal share of the gold in exchange for their produce. Everything must be high, and will bring cash next fall; and those who live at home will be perhaps the best off. Many mechanics

will leave for the mines, and those who remain, will be much the best off in two years from now, as on the frontier along the Missouri, the emigration is going to settle up the country very fast, and wages will be very high.

Those who wish to get real estate will never be able to purchase it as cheap, nor on as good terms again, as the gold mines has turned the heads of all those who have bought property in the Territory, and all they think of is to dig gold and wash gold.

It is our candid opinion that those who have a few dollars to spare, will make more by buying property in eastern Nebraska at present, while the excitement is so high, than they will to go to the mines.



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Object Name Print, Photographic

Title Joe Hill with Colorado Central Engine

Date c. 1872

Description Black and white photograph of Joe Hill standing beside Colorado Central Railroad Engine #2 in the Golden yard. Hill is dressed in a hat and workman's clothes while a similarly dressed assistant is standing on a flatcar just in front of the engine. Wooden rail yard buildings and loose pile of railroad ties in background.

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Catalog Number	2011.099.541
Object Name	Print, Photographic
Title	Burgess House in Golden, Colorado
Date	c. 1880-1889
Description	Black and white photograph of the Burgess House with a "Hotel" sign on the top of the building and "Burgess House" sign on the side of the building. A pair of antlers are hanging above the "Burgess House" sign. Several people are standing on the side of the building on the boardwalk. There are three horse drawn wagons in the street. Small white buildings are behind the Burgess House. North Table Mountain is in the background.
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