

## *The Aftermath*

decided to lay down and wait for daylight. We camped on the prairie without fire and just our overcoats for cover. Broeffe found two cows and a calf, and drove them in and we caught the calf and shut it up. I woke up about light, and we started to find water, but finally had to go to the river. We made some tea and started on, and found the tracks of the cattle. We followed it out some 4 miles, where we lost it. We kept on until we struck the Abercrombie road, about 6 miles from the crossing of Hawk Creek. We met the Holmes train of emigrants bound for Montana. We learned that the cattle came into their camp about midnight, and they were bringing them along from the crossing. They had turned them out, and we had to go back to within two miles of the fort to get them.

After a short rest, we started home straight across the prairie. We arrived home about three P.M. Found the cows alright and after a supper of bread and milk, we laid down to sleep. I saw Homor Davis and Norman B. Barron with the Montana train. June 5th we worked on our cabin until late, when a storm came up. We went to the woods and peeled some bark and fixed up a shelter in one end of our cabin and moved our things in. The storm increased at dark and lasted all night, blowing and raining very hard. We slept very comfortable, although all of our things got wet. The storm lasted all night, and until 10 A.M. when the sun came out. The Williams boy came over and claimed the cow and calf we had found.

June 7th we commenced breaking in the afternoon. About sundown the wind came up and blowed a perfect tornado. It continued all night, from the south and south east. The next day we broke some on Broeffe claim.

June 3rd we put the roof on the house. The weather is very warm. The next day, Sunday, I went on the prairie to look for some hay. The 25th Broeffe went to town to get a grindstone.

I made an ox yoke. The next day we ground our scythes in the forenoon. In the P.M. we went down the river to show the land to some men who were looking for homesteads. The next day we started mowing in the forenoon. About noon four of our old neighbors drove in. After dinner we went down the river to show the country to Munn, Broeffe, Soule, Omm and Gibson. I took Mr. Broeffe up the river the next day to show him a claim.

June 29th, we mowed in the morning, and put up some hay in