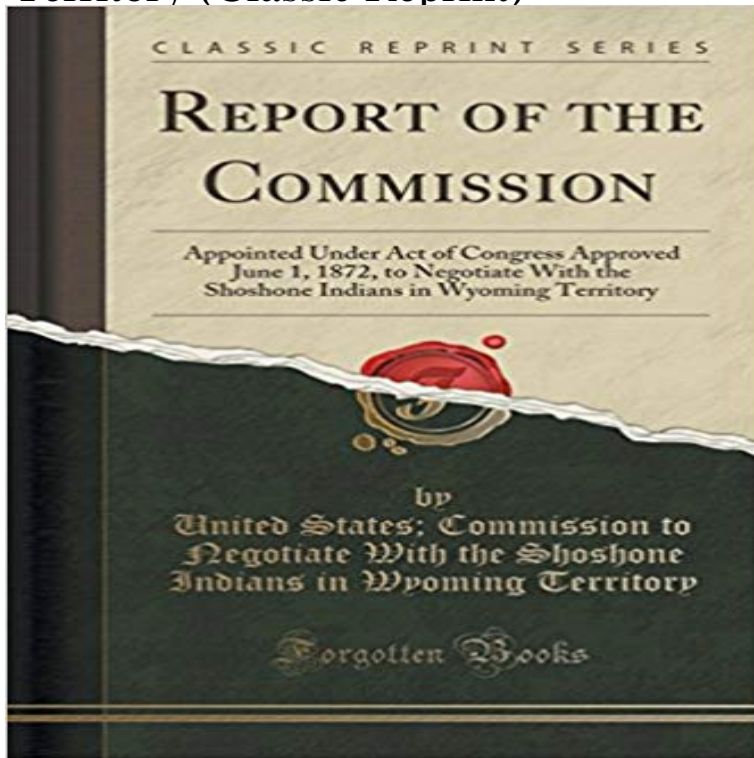


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Excerpt from Report of the Commission: Appointed Under Act of Congress Approved June 1, 1872, to Negotiate With the Shoshone Indians in Wyoming Territory: Sir: I have the honor to state that, in compliance with the request of Department telegram of the 10th ultimo, and in accordance with a letter of instructions from Hon. F. A. Walker, therein mentioned and subsequently received, I held a council, and entered into a convention with the Shoshone Indians of Wyoming Territory, for the relinquishment of a part of their reservation as contemplated by the act of Congress approved June 1, 1872, and make the following report: I left Bryan Station, on the Union Pacific Railroad, on the 11th of September, accompanied by Thomas K. Cree, esq., secretary of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and arriving at South Pass City on the evening of the 12th, reached the Shoshone and Bannock agency, in Little Wind River Valley, on the 14th. The road to South Pass City crosses Green River, Big Sandy, Dry Sandy, and Pacific Springs, passing through a country of sandy or gravelly plains, destitute of water save at the streams named, chiefly covered with sage-brush, and totally worthless for either cultivation or grazing. South Pass City is in the Sweetwater mining district, on the south end of the Wind River Mountains, and about 8,500 feet above the level of the sea. Four miles farther into the mountains is Atlantic City, and one and a half miles farther is Camp Stambaugh, a two-company post just within the limits of the Shoshone reservation; and one and a half miles farther is Miners Delight. The population of the three towns is now probably less than one hundred each. The best gold mines of the district are said to be located on the reservation, and a quartz-mill is in operation at Miners Delight. There are also some placer mines worked in the town and vicinity. From

Camp Stambaugh to the agency the road descends rapidly through a country extremely rough and mountainous, the only tillable land being in the Popo-Agie Valleys, the one fourteen, and the other twenty miles from the agency. The distance from Camp Stambaugh to the agency is fifty-four miles. There were no Indians at the agency, but a runner had been sent out by the agent. Dr. James Irwin, immediately on the receipt of my telegram. On the 16th he returned with the information that he found the Indians encamped on Green River; that they were now on the way to the reservation, and expected to arrive on the 21st instant. The runner was immediately sent back with a message to Wash-a-kie to hasten his movements, and a note (A) to Colonel James A. Brisbin, in command of Camp Stambaugh, requesting his co-operation to facilitate their passage through the towns. The interval until the 21st was occupied in visiting Wind River alley, some forty miles north of the agency. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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