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G. W. Thissell was born April 25, 1829, in Morgan county, Ohio, where he was a carriage-maker, until he eventually left for California in 1849 at the age of 20. He writes: "March 16, 1849, in company with Jerry Sheppard, Henry Seamon, William and Ambrose Palmer, I went on board the steamer Zanesville, at McConnelsville, Ohio, bound for California. The steamer's destination was St. Louis, Missouri. The hand-shaking, the parting words, "Write often," God bless you," and we were off for California. The steamer was crowded with men wild with excitement. The gold fever ran high."

"It is no light undertaking to prepare a story adequately describing the trip across the plains with an ox team, from the Missouri River to the gold fields of California, in '49-'50.

"No pen can describe the trials, the hardships, and privations. One must make the trip to realize the difficulties and dangers encountered. If there are errors, they are such as necessarily occur in writing a story that covers so vast an extent of territory, after so long a period of time.

"This story includes the experiences of many pioneers beside that of the writer, who himself crossed the plains twice with an ox team. It is filled with thrilling adventures and hairbreadth escapes from death, as well as many amusing incidents."

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