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This is just a few of the interesting things I have gathered regarding the early days of Kearney and the surrounding districts.

About eighty or ninety years ago, this part of the country was a dense forest. The government then started to offer the land free. The settlers started coming in locating the land, some 700 acres but mostly 200 acres to a family. Some came with oxen, some with horses. There were no roads and the men blazed the trails as they travelled.

They carried as many provisions as was possible, as the nearest store was Grousehurst. The men of the family would have to walk there for provision, which consisted mostly of flour and potatoes, and carry it home on his back. What courage these people must of had to face the hardships and