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7/ coming here in the 1830's, the government farmers

and blacksmiths working with the Indians did almost nothing to change the face of the land.

Into this primitive setting in 1846 came a stream

of religious refugees who would not only change the

face of the land, but also forever change the way

of life here. It might be said that the Mormons just

happened to be ahead of a general rush west-

ward. And it might also be said that the changes

they wrought here would soon have been made by

others had the Mormons traveled a different route.