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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 westward. 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.