

JANUARY 1879**Wednesday, January 1**

Clear and lovely day

Went to Camden

Alpheus went with me Evening Rehearsing at A. M. Drakes' after which we went over to the dance Large crowd present Danced but 3 times and came home. Felt cross and dispirited. Nice beginning for the New Year Get so discouraged with my prospects in life for anything worth living for that I'm alternately bitter and gloomy

Conversed a few moments with Mab Appears quite indifferent of late Doubtless tired of my attentions and exacting disposition Sometimes I think she has no true love for me or if she has that it is a cool passion at least

Well if 'tis so I'll give her up

I cannot exact it I cannot buy it and if it tis not freely given I do not want it. I want the pure responce of a tender heart unmarred by selfish interest and unbought by wealth And if this cannot be I must cast aside this sweet ideal and be as coldly selfish as they Cease to exact devotion or love And woo for the worlds God [?]

Recd. Of E. Parker \$3.70 for Cows hide

Thursday, January 2

Pleasant A.M.

P.M. Commenced Snowing Robinson Took 8 barrels and 7 ½ bushels No 1s and 7 ½ bushels of No. 2s

Recd. for same \$10.00 Ten cents due

Sold N. Clark 3 bushels of cider apples Recd. 65 cts,

Went to wood P.M. Got a load of firewood Wm. Not at work Evening went to the corner a few minutes. Folks all sick with a cold but myself

Carlton and Robinson up last night

Friday, January 3

Snowing blustering day Cold

Remained at home all day Cleared up some in the cellar

Choring and jobbing

Evening Writing at home

Saturday, January 4

Shoveled on the Highway A.M.

P.M.

Evening went to corner a few minutes

Sunday, January 5

Clear and pleasant

Writing and revising some of my poems

Evening went to the corner

Went up and got Fan R. and rehearsed at Len Drakes escorted her back etc.

Called on A.E. S. a few minutes

Lovely evening

Some thoughts of a lofty purpose and noble resolutions stir my heart tonight Something of a higher life with grand views and aims for an object And to do it I must make great sacrifices

Must think less of self and more of the welfare and happiness of those dear to me and of stern

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relentless duty even though toil heartaches and bitterness is the result
 What matters if a little while we suffer in the performance of duty and the fulfillment of the
 highest conceptions of a pure exalted life if at the end we can look back over a life well spent
 Even though the world misjudge our acts and motive

Monday, January 6

Clear and pleasant
 Worked on Highway A.M.
 P.M. Choring writing and studying
 Evening Rehearsed at W.C. Towers shop
 Warren and Carlton came up tonight
 Allen Miller and Emma Camet married today

Tuesday, January 7

Somewhat hazy
 Robinson Got 4 barrels and a peck of No. 1s and 2, barrels of No. 2s
 Watts got 3 barrels of No 1s and 2 bushels of No. 2s Recd of Watts \$3.50 for his load
 Rehearsed at Cheese factory P.M.
 Evening at J.M. Gordon's

Wednesday, January 8

Snowing A.M.
 Went to woods with Steers
 P.M. Cleared up
 Went to the Hall and fixed up the Stage Bought 15 yds of Cotton Cloth of B.R. at 6 cts. per yd. 15
 yds, of Calico of Mrs. Gordon at 6 cts per yd. 5 lamp chimneys and 2 galls. Kerosene of B.R.
 Paper of tacks and 1 bb. And $\frac{1}{2}$ of nails of A.T. Watly Evening Had our Exhibition
 Large company present
 Lovely Evening
 Took an active part in the entertainment

Thursday, January 9

Clear and pleasant
 Watts bought 4 barrels of No 1s and 2 bushel No 2s Paid for the same \$4.50
 Went to the woods with Steers
 Evening went to the corner
 Called at Stetsons
 Ella P. was present Escorted her over to the Milliners
 Snowing
 Came home early read Journal

Friday, January 10

Clear cold blustery day
 Writing and revising my original poems both day and evening

Saturday, January 11

Cloudy and warm
 Breaking roads A.M.
 P.M. went to the Cushion lot with the Steers Got a load of firewood

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Evening Went to Union Hall
 No Lyceum
 Carried Flo's Organ home
 Went back and part of us rehearsed our Dialogue
 Little Brown Jug

Sunday, January 12

Clear and pleasant
 Rehearsed our Dialogue P.M.
 Evening went up to see Queen Mab Her Royal Highness accorded a cordial reception Said she used to think me exacting but did not think now that I exacted anything but what waz right and reasonable Course of true love never runs smooth etc.

Monday, January 13

Warren bought 8 barrels of No. 1s and 8 bushels and $\frac{1}{4}$ of No 2s
 Paid for this and previous load \$11.18 cash and \$3.85 Rubber boots and sugar
 Went to woods with steers A.M.
 P.M. Went to Union Hall preparing for Exhibition
 Evening had our Exhibition
 Large company present
 Receipts of the evening
 Dance afterward broke up five o'clock
 Had the play of The Little Brown Jug

Tuesday, January 14

Cloudy and warm
 Hauling firewood with Steers
 Evening went to the corner a few minutes
 Paid a few Lyceum bills

Wednesday, January 15

Thermometer 5 below zero this morning

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Coldest day for the winter up to the present time
Hauling firewood with Steers
Company afternoon and evening
Joel Mahoney wife and daughter Wm McKenney
and wife and J, Lamb and wife
Carlton came up P.M,

Thursday, January 16

Cold Snowstorm
Cutting wood @ the door A.M.
Carlton left this morning
Did not take any apples here
Evening went to corner a few minutes

Friday, January 17

Clear and cool
Ned went home today
Hauling wood with steers
Carlton came up this eve
Went to the corner
Intended to go to Lodge Horse Sick

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Saturday, January 18

Snowing A.M.
 Carltin took 8 bushels of No 1s and 7 bushels of No 2s
 P.M. cleared up
 Choring about barn and house all day Evening Went to the Lyceum Small Co. present
 Took the Neg upon the debate that Intemperance is a greater evil than the desire for riches
 Took that side for sake of Argument Did not believe it.

Sunday, January 19

Clear and lovely day
 Remained at home all day Ella P. was present
 Evening N. Ross B. Rackliffe F. Miller present
 Went to see Queen Mab was lovely and affectionate
 Got home 4,30 Mon. 20th

Monday, January 20

Clear and sharp Went to woods A.M.
 P.M. Carried Fan and Georgia down to Boat On their way to Franklin
 Wm worked for me today chopping
 Carltin and Robinson came up to night
 Mrs. Chas, Billings died to day

Tuesday, January 21

Clear and sharp
 Hauling firewood
 Carltin took 3 barrels of No 1s and 8 bushels of No 2s
 Wm worked P.M.
 Robinson came back from Belfast to night
 Went to corner a few minutes this eve.

Wednesday, January 22

Clear and pleasant
 Warren Took 2 barrels of No 1s and 5 1/2 bushels of No 2s
 Cutting wood at door Hauled a couple loads of firewood with horse
 Evening remained at home sorting apples for Ave and Carltin

Thursday, January 23

Snowing
 Carltin Took 2 barrels of No 1s and 8 bushels of no 2s
 Cut wood at door
 Hauling Wood etc. A.M. Wm worked chopping
 P.M. Writing
 Cleared up pleasant
 Evening went to the corner

Friday, January 24

Clear and pleasant
 Made one trip to the woods with Steers
 Cutting wood at door etc.
 Evening Started to go up to the Lodge
 Went as far as Townhouse and found it drifting so badly I turned back Put my horse up and went

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to the corner

Saturday, January 25

Clear and warm
Felt rather unwell A.M.
P.M. Cut some wood at School-house
Also cut some at the door
Evening storming furiously
Remained at home
Wrote till late this evening
Cleared up cold and windy in the night

Sunday, January 26

Clear cold and blustery day
Toughest day of the winter
Writing all day
Revising original Mss. and poems
Ave came over a while
Sat up quite late writing

Monday, January 27

Cloudy A.M.
Thermometer 20 below zero this morning
Moderated and Snowed again P.M.
Shoveled snow all day on the Highway Worst blockade of the winter
Evening went to the corner a few minutes on business

Tuesday, January 28

Warm thawy day Some rain A.M.
Writing and revising my poems and original mss.
Evening went to the corner a few minutes then came home and resumed my writing
A lovely evening clear and calm

Wednesday, January 29

Cooler again
Broke into the woods today Hauling firewood
Evening called upon A.E.S. a few minutes and then upon Carrie Thomas
Warren and Carltin came up to night

Thursday, January 30

Clear and cool
Carltin loaded at J Mathews
Warren went to Belfast Returned this evening
Evening called at Stetsens a few minutes
Hauling firewood and chopping at door

Friday, January 31

Clear and cool
Chopping and Hauling firewood
Evening went to up to the Lodge
Election of Officers Was elected Secretary

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Carried Mab Promised to call tomorrow evening
 Warren took 2 bushels of No. 1s and a barrel of Tolman Sweets and 6 ½ bushels of No 2s Sweets
 \$1,50 No 1s \$2,00 No 2s \$1,63 \$5 13 Paid Feb 10th Recd. \$1,88 Balance due 25 cts

FEBRUARY 1879

Saturday, February 1

Clear and cool
 Chopping and hauling firewood
 Evening commenced to snow Went to the corner Returned and went up to see Mab
 "Snowbound, Spite of love one thing may part us"
 Requested her to keep tokens till she ceased to care for me
 "Sweet Communion long and tender Enchained us with its mystic spell"
 Retired in the "wee small hours"

Sunday, February 2

Blustery windy day Lovely evening
 Mab played and sang to pass away time
 Evening did not retire very early
 "Purest love and fond devotion mingles bitter with the sweet, For each tender sweet emotion
 must be trampled neath our feet" Ay, she loves me truly fondly

Monday, February 3

Clear and pleasant
 Practising Gymnastics
 Pleasant visit
 Evening Mab played and sang Mr. Russ present
 Got home about 12 O'clock to night

Tuesday, February 4

Clear and pleasant
 Robinson and Carltin Took 11, barrels of No. 1s and 5 ½ of No. 2s
 Recd. Payment \$12,38 also 45 cts on butter and 25 cts on previous load of apples Total \$13,08
 Chopping and hauling firewood
 Evening went to the Center Low spirited, [----] again with encouragement of Victory

Wednesday, February 5

Clear and pleasant
 Chopping and hauling firewood
 Recd. a postal from Fannie
 Carltin came up to night Took 3 barrels of 1s and 5 ½ bushels of 2s Loaded him tonight and
 started right off as he feared it would storm
 Went to the corner afterwards and Borrowed Mr Hodges Speaker

Thursday, February 6

Clear and pleasant
 Chopping and hauling firewood A.M.
 P.M. Took a ride over the School District with Ogiers to consult about expending rest of the

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money in Winter School

Hired Ogiers to keep 6 weeks of school for \$50,00 and he to board to himself

Evening Went up to the Farmers Club Declawed the Seminoles Defiance

Friday, February 7

Clear and pleasant

Chopping and hauling firewood

Evening went up to the Installation Read some original introductory lines and also an Original Poem "The Templar Cause", Dance after the Programme

Danced a few times and came home Carried Nellie up Carltin and Robinson came up tonight

Ave and Winnie were over this evening

Saturday, February 8

Clear and windy

Cutting and hauling firewood

Evening went to the Lyceum Small company present Took the negative upon the Resolve. - "that the use of tobacco in men is a greater folly than fashion in Women"

Warren stopped with us to night Coming from Belfast

Carltin took 3 barrels of No 1s and 1 barrel of No 2s

Sunday, February 9

Snowing

Picked up a part of Warren's load

Took 2 barrels of 1s and 2, barrels of 2s

Paid for the last 3 loads \$12 81 a barrel of flour at \$6,75 and \$6,06 in Cash

Evening went to the corner a few minutes

Blowing and drifting badly

Monday, February 10

Cold and windy

Shoveled snow on the Highway A.M.

P.M. Writing and revising my Original Mss.

Evening also remained at home Writing and revising Poems

Tuesday, February 11

Cloudy

Worked on Highway A.M.

P.M, went to the woods chopping and hauling firewood

Commenced to snow

Evening began to rain

Remained at home writing and revising my original Mss.

Rained all night

School Commenced again today Ogiers teacher

Wednesday, February 12

Rained nearly all day

Revising some of my Original Mss.

Evening Revising and writing Mss.

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Thursday, February 13

Clear and pleasant
Cut wood at the door A.M.
P.M. Cut wood at the School-house
Got the Horse shod etc.
Gave Mrs. Calderwood on Order of the Town of \$20,25 for board of Winter Teacher
Helped Ave pick up apples Evening Writing Went to the corner for a few minutes

Friday, February 14

Clear and cool
Cutting and hauling wood
Evening Studying upon the question Honor and Riches being Accidental things
Had a talk with Mother about my prospects in life
Announced my my intentions of leaving home again and shifting for myself

Saturday, February 15

Clear and cool
Hauling firewood A.M.
P.M. Robinson bought 3 barrels of No 1s and 11 bushels of No2s Recd. for the same \$5,75
Cut wood at the door
Evening went to the lyceum
Took the affirmative upon the Resolve; that Riches and Honor are accidental things
Elected officers was elected Vice President

Sunday, February 16

Clear and cool
Went to the corner a few minutes P.M.
Writing
Evening went to see Her Royal Highness Queen Mab,
Came home at the first sweet "dawn of light" 17th Intended to tell her I should give her up - But
I could not do it Why should I longer cling to a forlorn hope there is no longer any prospect of
being situated so as to enable me to form an Alliance with her with visible means of support

Monday, February 17

Clear and cool
Cutting and hauling firewood
Went to the corner a few minutes this evening
And so it is but a few days of grace after all She doubtless considers me a strong suitor and
strives to test my love for her perhaps even doubts it And I - well I am a Skeptic in a regard to a
high standard of human love unmixed with selfish purposes And though she seems to love me
and professes a true devotion at times I almost think it is at best a tame affair Calculating selfish
and lacking fervor, depth of feeling and ardent passion that marks a deep and holy love unaltered
by adversity unchanged by the seductions of wealth and is brightest in the hours of misfortune

Tuesday, February 18

Snowing all day
Cutting wood at door A.M.
P.M. Wrote to Fannie

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Wednesday, February 19

Clear and cool
 Started for the woods and broke the harness
 Cut a little wood at the door
 P.M. Went to the corner Got the harness repaired

Thursday, February 20

Snowing all day
 Sulphured the Cattle Oiled the harnesses etc.
 Went to the corner a few minutes this evening
 Began to storm furiously
 Came home and read the Journal

Friday, February 21

Worst day of the winter
 Windy and cold
 Writing and revising original Mss. day and evening
 Wind blowed a gale all day and all night

Saturday, February 22

Shovelling snow on the Highway A M, Cold and windy
 P.M. moderated
 Cut 4 ½ feet of wood at the Schoolhouse besides cutting some at the door
 Evening went to the Lyceum
 Paid Academy \$6, 62 taxes

Sunday, February 23

Clear and pleasant
 Wrote a little for the Lyceum Paper
 When Uncle Alvin and Charley Dunton came up and I laid it aside
 House full of company day and evening Evening went to see Mab Asked her if she regretted the engagement of nearly one year ago
 Said she did not but said it looked discouraging and asked my intentions, etc.

Monday, February 24

Clear and cooler
 Got home at 6 o'clock this morning
 Chopping and hauling wood
 Evening went to the corner a few minutes
 Escorted Nellie over to the Dance
 Quite a company present
 Did not dance Came home at 9:30 and retired Nellie got a letter from Fannie

Tuesday, February 25

Clear and pleasant
 Cutting and hauling wood
 Evening wrote till 12 O'clock for the Lyceum Paper

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Ave was over with Mr. Cross to sell his apples

Wednesday, February 26

Foggy thawy day
Cutting and hauling wood
Ave sold some of his Apples today
Evening rainy
Sat up till 12 O'clock writing for the Lyceum Paper

Thursday, February 27

Snowing A.M.
Cut wood at the door Cut down the hay mews etc.
P.M. cleared away
Got a shoe sat on the horse bought meal Shorts etc.
Evening went over to Aunt Ruths a few minutes
Carried my Composite Book down to Nancie
Came home and wrote for the Lyceum Paper Recd. a letter from Fannie Read a letter from Fan
Inclosed was a present from Clara

Friday, February 28

Thermometer 2° below zero
Clear and cool
Cutting and Hauling firewood
Evening Francelia and Bill were up a few minutes After which I and Nell went up to James
Moody to a party Staid till about 12 O'clock
Had some talk with Henry M about going East with him

MARCH 1879

Saturday, March 1

Clear and pleasant
Cutting and hauling wood
Evening went to the Lyceum
Had a paper
Took the affirmative upon the resolve 'that all immigration should be prohibited by law'

Sunday, March 2

Clear and pleasant
Remained at home Ave was over
Evening called upon Mab Said why she seemed to love me less was because she had confidence and trusted me to fully to doubt my love or feel jealous of me She professed a love deep and true and yet I almost doubt a love that seems so passionless and calculating
Told her I doubted if she knew what it was to love deeply
Got home 5,30 Mar. 3

Monday, March 3

Clear and pleasant
Cutting and hauling wood
Evening went to the corner for a few minutes

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Asked Wm C about some money
'Said he would let me have it

Tuesday, March 4

Clear with a southerly wind
Cutting and Hauling wood
Evening went over to the Lecture by Freeman & Son
Rained slightly
Phillips had a dance Large Co. present
Did not dance Mab present
"A consuming fire rages in my breast, burning lifes' vitality to ashes

Wednesday, March 5

Clear and windy
Cutting and hauling firewood
E.B.T. Came on the stage today
Called to see her a few minutes this evening
Greenback caucus this evening

Thursday, March 6

Clear and cold A.M.
P.M. cloudy
Cutting and hauling firewood P.M. Got the sled repaired
Began to snow
E.B.T. Came up on a visit
Evening went to the corner
Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes
J. Lamb and wife were over So discouraged and disheartened that life offers no inducements to me and I am tired of it

Friday, March 7

Cold snowy squally day
Went to the corner Called upon E.B.T. and Cousin Nancie
Criticised some of my poems and writings
Evening pleasant
Called upon E.B.T. again

Saturday, March 8

Clear and cold
Cutting and hauling firewood
Evening Went to the Lyceum
Took no active part
Harassing thoughts make me irritable and gloomy
Know not what to do nor how to move and my inability to act makes me restless and fretful
Tis an aggravating position in which to be placed and it maddens me to think of it
Lovely Evening

Sunday, March 9

Snowing A.M.

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P.M. cloudy
 Called up E.B.T. a few minutes also upon A.E.S.
 Evening went to the corner Called upon E.B.T., Freddie D. present Took a stroll through the corner
 Called upon A.E.S. a few minutes and came home Foss True and Ned Coose were over to the Hotel
 Restless and gloomy
 I must lose all in any case

Monday, March 10

Town meeting day
 Clear and pleasant
 Geo Young Ellis Freeman and Henry Price Elected Selectmen J. Matthews Clerk J. Cilley Collector E.P. Hahn Treasurer A.A. Knight Auditor
 Fred Wiley and C. Moody present most all the afternoon
 Evening called at the Elm House
 Conversed with the Teacher W. Ogier
 Called upon E.B.T. a few minutes etc.

Tuesday, March 11

Foggy with some Rain
 Went to the Corner called upon E.B.T.
 P.M. Wrote and studied upon the question of War vs. Temperance
 Evening Geo. McKenney came down to see if we could trade for his place, no trade,
 Went up to see Mab. Told her I intended to go away and advised her to give up all hopes of marrying me Clung to me like a little heroine and said she should do nothing of the kind That if I ever came back I would find her single and true to me
 That she was not discouraged at the prospects and had my fears but I would be successful
 Strove to encourage me with her love and devotion like a true and noble woman and asked if I did not want her to go with me
 May God bless and grant her happiness

Wednesday, March 12

Clear and pleasant
 Cutting and hauling firewood
 Evening Went to the corner a few minutes Called upon E.B.T.

Thursday, March 13

Cloudy thawy day
 Cut up some wood at the Schoolhouse A.M.
 P.M. Cut wood at the door
 Evening went to the Farmers Club
 Took the Affirmative upon the Resolve that Intemperance causes more suffering than War

Friday, March 14

Clear and pleasant A.M.
 P.M. Cloudy and chilly
 Got sled and harness repaired
 Fred Wiley and C. Moody and Ave were over Put on the Boxing Gloves a few minutes
 Evening rained

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Called upon E.B.T. a few minutes
Frank McKenney present

Saturday, March 15

Clear and windy but very thawy
Got Will McKenney to help me start out some logs
Evening went to the Lyceum
Took the neg. upon the resolve that the world is morally growing better

Sunday, March 16

Cold windy day
Ave and Winnie were over E.B.T. also was up awhile
Called at Aunt Ruths Got my composition Book
Went up to Robert Moody's and got a Trunk
Evening went to bid Mab farewell
Gave me several little mementoes and reiterated her promises of eternal fidelity Clung to me
with a fidelity tender and sweet and wept bitterly as we parted We said but little our hearts were
too full for utterance

Monday, March 17

Got home at light this morning and began to repair and pack my trunk
Snowing fiercely P.M.
Bade my folks "goodbye" Ave took me down to Camden Boat did not come down So I went
through to Rockland with Chas. Moody and stopped with his Uncle Frank
Gave Frank Rankin an order of \$7,50 on the Town for Wood furnished Dis. No, 2,
Alpheus
Cashed my order for filling wood and repairs on Schoolhouse

Tuesday, March 18

Clear and pleasant
Took the boat at Rockland where Fred Wiley joined us
Arrived in Boston about 8 O'clock
Remained on board tonight Was pretty sick all day
About to try the unknown future in the far West Am well aware that there are dangers
hardships and expenses to be encountered and the picture of the life in the Western wilds is not
at all rosy hued [??] and freedom from the galling fetters of poverty are what I seek if I fail I shall
at least feel I have striven against an ignoble and servile existence If I succeed may it not be too
late to bring me happiness and happiness to those I love.
If not may I not become hardened and debased by the frowns of misfortune but become a man of
worthy of success and strength and better for adversity

Wednesday, March 19

Pleasant Drove over Boston all day
Bought our tickets for Denver Colorado for \$28,00
I and Fred and Chas. and Wm Coleman and 3 others at Washington St. Took us to the theatre
gratis
Took the train for Fall River at 6 P.M.

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Thursday, March 20

Arrived in N.Y. this morning
Left on the Jersey Ferry at 9 O'clock
Took the Pennsylvania Central Train to Pittsburg
Reached Pittsburg at 11,45 to night

Friday, March 21

Changed cars for Indianapolis this morning
Arrived in St Louis tonight about 9 O'clock
Took the No. Pacific for Kansas City
Splendid looking farming Country over which we passed to day
Passing Ind, Ill, Mo, and Kansas

Saturday, March 22

Arrived in Kansas City Took the A.T. & S.F. R.R. for Pueblo
Splendid land in the vicinity of Kansas City
Fred W. Got Robbed of \$40 at Emporia to day He and Chas, stopped off to recover

Sunday, March 23

Riding through a rough and barren Country to day
Arrived in Pueblo this evening Got off from the train and engaged lodgings in town Clear and lovely night New moon which we will take as a good omen for our arrival

Monday, March 24

Travelling over Pueblo Met John Freeman
Drives an Express in this place
Feels uncomfortably warm here
Wrote to Father also to Mab
Chas. and Fred arrived P.M.
Sold my ticket to Denver

Tuesday, March 25

Cloudy
Settled our Bill in Pueblo and started for Silver Cliffs Stopped at Half Way House to night

Wednesday, March 26

Clear and pleasant arrived at Bossicks mine tonight Went up to the mines and saw Erastus Thomas
Concluded to wait here a few days and try for work
Enoch Heath from Belfast Maine invited I and Chas. to stay with him which invitation we accepted
Paid \$4,00 for Fred his part of the Fare through

Thursday, March 27

Clear and pleasant
Applied for work at Bossicks mine also at the Ben Franklin P.M. I and Sanborn went over to Rosita

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Evening went over to Enoch Heaths Cabin and I and Chas. staid all night
Snowed

Friday, March 28

Clear and pleasant
Concluded t start our own business on our own hook till we could get employment
Bought a Camping outfit for \$14,00 dollars and organized a Co. of four Knight Moody & Co.
Pitched our tent and camped to night

Saturday, March 29

Part of our crew saw Bossick who promised us employment 1st of next week
Moved to an old Log Cabin
Went out and chopped awhile
Evening went over to Rosita

Sunday, March 30

Clear and hot
Lounging about Thomas's Cabin
Wrote to sister Fannie
Reading etc.

Monday, March 31

Cloudy blustery day
Otis H. and Coleman Got work to day in the Michigan Tunnel
Chas and I cut wood and done the cooking at the Cabin
Fred and Sanborn went down to the Sawmill

APRIL 1879

Tuesday, April 1

Snowed last night
Clear and warm to day Chas and I went over to Rosita to see Bossick this morning Had gone to Denver
Bought some provisions and outfits for the Co. Knight Moody Coleman and Wiley
Otis began boarding with us to day

Wednesday, April 2

Clear and pleasant
I and Chas. went to Silver Cliffs to day
Coleman got discharged
Evening trying to devise some Scheme to get money or employment

Thursday, April 3

Snowed last night
Clear and pleasant to day
Wrote a Postal to the Postmaster of Leadville Chas. wrote his brother Butte City Montana
Went over to Rosita this morning Fred went with me

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P.M. I and Fred went up to the Ben Franklin and Little Nannie
Evening went over to E Thomas's Cabin Played Euchre

Friday, April 4

Cloudy
Loafed round to day
Reading Papers Practicing with revolvers etc.
Evening strolled round the camp awhile

Saturday, April 5

Windy I and Chas. and Wm. went over to Silver Cliffs I and Chas, went over to Wet Mountain
Valley Searching for work
Was promised a weeks job by Mr. Huntington perhaps a contact for another
Came back about dark Walked about 25 miles to day Some tired

Sunday, April 6

Clear and cool
Wrote to Ave also to Mab.
Reading papers etc. P.M.
Evening gave some Bangor boys Lodging supper and Breakfast
Felt quite unwell to day

Monday, April 7

Clear and cool
Went to Rosita A.M. Applied to Bossick for work Made some purchases for the Co. Mailed two
letters
P.M. Loafing round Bossickville
My purchases for the Co. Beef \$1,25 2 Doz. Eggs 60cts 2 lbs, Cheese 40 cts Total \$2,25
Colman Paid for the Co. 1½ lbs of Butter 50 cts

Tuesday, April 8

Clear and cool
Made two trips to the Mill site to day in a vain endeavor to see the proprietor
Sanborn Got a job in a Saw Mill at Grape Creek

Wednesday, April 9

Clear and cold
went down to the Mill site A.M. three miles from Bossickville P.M. loafed round town
Visited the Kankakee Mines etc. Evening I and Coleman went to Rosita

Thursday, April 10

I and Chas, Went to Wet Mountain Mountain Valley
Both of us attained temporary employment
Chas, returned to Bossickville while I remained at the Rancho

Friday, April 11

Clear and pleasant

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I and Rube left Huntingtons Ranche for the mountains to cut Posts Commenced Cutting P.M.
 Camped out in the mountains to night without tent or covering Grub Pork Potatoes and Coffee
 without sugar
 Chas, Moody Commenced work for Huntington on the Ranche Fred took Otis place in the
 Michigan Tunnell
 Coleman at work for Stevens

Saturday, April 12

Clear and pleasant A.M. P.M. Commenced snowing
 Cut about 50 posts to day
 Snowed so hard we left the mountain and went to Huntingtons Ranche
 Tired and wet when we arrived

Sunday, April 13

Snowing very fast
 Walked in from Wet Mountain Valley to Bossickville this A.M. Snowing so thick that I had some
 fears of losing my way
 P.M. Spent at Thomas's and Higgins Cabins

Monday, April 14

About 2½ feet of snow on the ground this morning Wrote a letter to Frank Clark Portland
 Oregon
 Clear and pleasant
 Done some washing etc.

Tuesday, April 15

Snowing again to day
 A.M. Went over to Erastus's Cabin
 P.M. went down to Chase's Cabin
 Found a Belfast Journal containing the deaths of Lucy Thomas and Isaac Heal of Lincolnville

Wednesday, April 16

Clear and warm Fred worked A.M.
 Chas, came over to day
 Got my hair cut Went down to the Mill site etc.
 Received a letter from Sister Fannie
 Evening sat up late reading
 Fred got a money order of \$50

Thursday, April 17

Clear and warm
 Went to Rosita A.M.
 Mailed a paper to A.A. Knight
 P.M. remained round Bossickville
 Reading at Higgins Cabin
 Evening I and Erastus played Euchre with Fred W. and Joseph Patch
 Lonesome and tired of inaction!
 When will my prospects brighten?

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Friday, April 18

Clear and pleasant
Oh dear, this is hard work Wish I could make a start some way Try as I may success and fortune seems to frown upon my efforts Is there nothing in all this wide wide world but misfortunes and bitter disappointments for me? I cannot, will not give up without struggling for something better God grant me the strength will and endurance to succeed, to rise from this accursed bondage of poverty and dependence to become a man in the broadest sense of the word and be enabled to assist those I love to a higher nobler life unfettered by want and a life of drudgery

Saturday, April 19

Clear and pleasant
Went to Rosita this evening
Reading magazine and papers

Sunday, April 20

Clear and windy
Loafing about the camp
Wrote to sister Fannie
Chas, M. went over to Huntington Ranch P.M.
Worked on the Leviathon Mine to night Coleman and Fred worked with me
Cold wet job
Worked between 10 and 11 hours

Monday, April 21

Turned in about light and laid till most noon
Got up and got dinner and went down to Higgins cabin
Snowing hard
Wrote to A. A. Knight
Evening went to Rosita Got a letter for Coleman

Tuesday, April 22

Clear and pleasant
I and Fred went down to the millsite again to day Coleman Took the job to sink the Ben Wade claim down 20 feet from the top for a half interest
Got up some firewood done some washing etc. Evening played Euchre at Erastus's Cabin

Wednesday, April 23

Snowing A.M.
Coleman and Fred went to work on the Ben Wade Mine
Staid round the camp and done the cooking
Evening went to Rosita
Paid out 25 cts for Coleman

Thursday, April 24

Clear and pleasant
Lounging about the camp conversing with Stephens
Restless and uneasy long to get to earning money

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Spent the evening at E. Thomas's Cabin

Friday, April 25

Clear and pleasant
Thompson started for Pueblo to day
Lounging about camp without much prospect of getting work
Evening Stephens brought me out a letter from sister Nellie Said Herb Heal & Dave Proctor started for Nevada April 12th

Saturday, April 26

Clear and pleasant A. M.
Reading Harpers
Went down to Higgin's cabin done the cooking etc.
P.M. Went up and worked awhile on the Ben Wade for Coleman
Went to Rosita this evening
Chas, came over

Sunday, April 27

Clear and pleasant
Staid round Bossickville to day Started for Huntingtons towards night Stopped at the Cliffs for supper
Stopped at the Theatre awhile and proceeded to the Valley

Monday, April 28

Started for the Wood Ranche
Got in the wrong track and went up to Grape Creek Saw Mill Hired out and went to work P.M. at \$1,25 per day
Was taken with chills and fever flushes but worked till night Could eat no supper and spent the night with a fearful headache and a body full of aches and pains

Tuesday, April 29

Loafed about the Cabin till noon felt awfully but resolved to try to reach Bossickville if I could
Started at noon with Sanborn
Arrived about sunset completely exhausted
Higgins gave me some medicine and I retired Fred acting as nurse How I even got through that 12 mile walk I hardly know Sick and faint as I was

Wednesday, April 30

Burning restless fever awful sick
Ate a little gruel first I have eaten since Monday noon
A hard road to fortune and this is one of the hardest ways of obtaining success

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Thursday, May 1

Clear and pleasant
But oh! what a May day for me was fearfully sick

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High fever

Was advised not to have the doctor as he as often kills as cures Began to think I should never see old Maine again

Chas, came over to see me

Boys in camp do everything they can for me

Friday, May 2

Clear and windy

Felt badly to be sick and alone in such a place is trying to the soul of man Felt as if I cared but little whether I lived or not And yet I hate to have my life a failure Oh! if I could win some brilliant success.

Recd. a letter from Mab expressing true and noble sentiments of encouragement and hope

Saturday, May 3

Clear and windy

Feeling a great deal better

Walked to Higgins Cabin thence to Thomas's

Fred went to Wet Mountain Valley to see Chas, today

Wrote to sister Nellie P.M.

Evening retired quite early

Sunday, May 4

Clear and pleasant day

Fred came up from the Valley and went back again to night

Took a walk A.M.

P.M. and evening spent at Higgin's and Thomas's Cabins

Davis commenced boarding with us to day

Monday, May 5

Clear and pleasant

Wrote to W.S. Cortes Real Estate agent at Denver

Also wrote two full sheets to Mab or little Golden-head

Evening went to Rosita

Tuesday, May 6

Clear and pleasant

Throat still sore

Chopping mill logs at \$1.00 per thousand to day for Apperson [faded writing - can't make out]

Evening Went to down to Higgin's Cabin

Very tired to night

Throat still bad Sent to Rosita for some medicine

Wednesday, May 7

Clear and warm

I and Erastus went down Apperson's Saw Mill to day

Coleman got a job as an engineer at Rosita

Worked a shift for Geo, Wintrath on Bossick's mine to night

Got a letter from Ave and also from Fan to night with a few lines from her roommate

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Thursday, May 8

Clear and warm
Went over to Thomas's A.M.
Read the Maine Farmer etc.

Friday, May 9

Clear and windy
Went down to Wet Mountain Valley and back to day Saw Chas, and Fred
Davis got his foot crushed in the mine to day Received a journal to day
Loaned Wm, Coleman \$10,00
Wrote a Postal to H,W, Boyle in regard to going to New Mexico

Saturday, May 10

Clear and windy
Staid about camp today
Coleman moved to Rosita
Read the Age and Journal
Went over to Thomas's Cabin several times etc.

Sunday, May 11

Windy and squally
Chas, and Fred came up P.M. and returned Worked nicely to throw me a out of a job all round
Wrote to Sister Fannie and also a few lines in reply to her roommate Thought Fred and Chas,
treated me rather unfairly
A little blue about it at first but finally felt rather defiant and concluded I could stand it
Davis went in Co. with me on board & rent

Monday, May 12

Went up to the Leavenworth mine for a job this morning
Thence two miles beyond Rosita to look at a Timber range with a view to taking a contract if
advisable Came back and got a situation on the Michigan for night work and gave up the timber
idea
Commenced work on the Michigan shaft to night

Tuesday, May 13

Windy and squally
Received a reply from W. S. Cortes in regard to Ranches
Went over to the Range and got my axes
Worked on the Michigan again to night Cold and stormy but the thoughts of loved ones far away
encourages me to dare and endure

Wednesday, May 14

Partially clear squally
Working about the Cabin and fitting up the same to day
Worked only half a shift tonight as Stevens was sick

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Thursday, May 15

Clear and pleasant
Little Goldenheads birthday
Happy may it be and may it be in my power to bring her many happy repetitions of the same
although powerless to day to contribute aught but kindly wishes for her happiness
Worked on the Michigan to night

Friday, May 16

Clear and pleasant
Not doing much day times
P.M. Reading at Higgins Cabin
Worked on the Michigan to night

Saturday, May 17

Had some talk with J.N. Stevens about sinking a shaft 20 feet for a half interest
Worked on the Michigan tonight
Man shot and killed in Rosita to night

Sunday, May 18

Clear and pleasant
Wrote a letter to Ave
Worked on the Michigan commencing at 1 P.M.
Fred came up P.M.

Monday, May 19

Clear and pleasant
Went to Rosita this morning
Sent a money order of \$30 to Father
Bought some provisions for the Co, Knight & Davis
Called on Coleman etc. Received a letter from Alpheus Informed me of Levi Calderwood's death
Worked on the Michigan tonight

Tuesday, May 20

Clear and warm
Went down to Higgin's Cabin Reading papers etc.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Wednesday, May 21

Clear and warm I and Fred went to Rosita this morning
Bought some leathers to tap our boots
Bought a Paper etc.
Evening and night worked on the Michigan

Thursday, May 22

Clear
Wind blowing a gale
Topped my boots Read the Age and Rosita Index etc.

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Worked on the Michigan to night Windy and disagreeable

Friday, May 23

Clear and windy

I and Fred commenced work on the Cicero Claim for half interest A.M.

P worked on the Michigan to night

Saturday, May 24

Clear and pleasant

Went to Rosita this morning

Mailed a Paper with an account of the Shooting in town to Father

Bought some Provisions for the Co. Knight & Davis

Fred repaid the money \$3,75 that I paid on his fare from Pueblo here Worked a shift and a half to night on the Michigan

Sunday, May 25

Clear and pleasant

Turned in just before sunrise

Went to work again at 1 O'clock and worked a shift and a half on the Michigan

Chas, and Coleman were up today

Were notified to leave the Cabin to night

Monday, May 26

Clear and pleasant

Bossick starting up in his mine and putting on more men today

Reading Darning etc.

Worked on the Michigan to night

Tuesday, May 27

Clear and pleasant

Moved into Enoch Heaths Cabin to day

I and Fred went in Co. with him on board Pay him \$1,50 apiece per month for rent Fred went to work on Bossick's mine to day

Wrote a postal to Chas,

Worked on the Michigan to night

Received a letter from Goldenhead also from Sister Fan and a couple of journals from home

Reckoned accounts with Coleman & Davis

Wednesday, May 28

Clear and pleasant

Repairing up making shelves camp stools etc.

Worked on the Michigan to night

Thursday, May 29

Clear and pleasant

Charles Moody came into the Co. to day

Received a letter from Sister Nell

Commenced a letter to Mother

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Worked on the Michigan to night
Snowed

Friday, May 30

Decoration Day
Charles Moody commenced work on Bossick's mine to day
Wrote a letter to Mother also to Goldenhead
Worked on the Michigan to night
Cold and stormy
Ground covered with about 2, inches of snow

Saturday, May 31

Cold and snowy
Mailed a couple of letters
Worked on the Michigan to night

JUNE 1879

Sunday, June 1

Partially clear and cool Snowed A.M.
Cooking most of the day
Wrote to Alpheus inclosing two small specimens of Ore from Bossick's mine and requesting him to give one of them to Ave

Monday, June 2

Went to town A.M.
Sent a money order of \$50,00 for Fred Mailed some letters etc.
Cool
Worked on the Michigan to night

Tuesday, June 3

Clear and pleasant
Reading cooking etc.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Wednesday, June 4

Clear and pleasant
Heath sick to day
Washing cooking etc.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Thursday, June 5

Clear and pleasant
Cooking reading etc.
Went up to Thomas's Cabin read the Age
Bought some milk
Worked on the Michigan to night

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Splendid night

Friday, June 6

Warm A.M.
P.M. Cooking
Worked on the Michigan to night
Brown paid me off to night for 19 days and a half

Saturday, June 7

Went to town A.M.
Sent a money order of Thirty dollars to Ave
Wrote to Nellie etc.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Sunday, June 8

Clear and pleasant
Settled with Heath on the Board bill for May
Barbering and cooking
Wrote to Cousin Nancie also a few words to T.M. by permission of C.M.
Worked half a shift on the Michigan to night

Monday, June 9

Went to Rosita this morning
Mailed some letters for Fred and one for myself
Ordered another Sack of Flour
Settled accounts with C.J. Davis
Recd. of him \$3,40 Payment in full of all demands against him
Worked in the Michigan to night

Tuesday, June 10

Clear and warm
Quite unwell to day
Laid abed most of the day
Worked on the Michigan to night

Wednesday, June 11

Clear and warm
A little better to day
Cooking washing dishes reading etc.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Thursday, June 12

Clear and windy
Cooking reading etc.
Called upon Erastus a few minutes
Worked on the Michigan to night

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Friday, June 13

Clear and pleasant
Wrote to E.F. Gould Esq.
General routine of cooking washing dishes etc.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Saturday, June 14

Chas. Roberts started for home to day Belfast Me
Clear and pleasant
Went up to Thomas's Cabin and read the Age
Fred went to Rosita to night got a letter for me from Father and Ave.
Worked on the Michigan to night

Sunday, June 15

Clear and pleasant
Went down to Browns Cabin A.M. P.M. Coleman was up Paid him \$3.03 on mine and Davis's account (Provisions for Co. and board bill)
Went down to Chase's and got a couple Belfast Journals
Evening went to Stevens's Cabin

Monday, June 16

Clear and windy
Commenced working day shift on the Michigan

Tuesday, June 17

Clear and windy
Worked on the Michigan
Evening visiting at several cabins

Wednesday, June 18

Clear and windy
Worked for the Michigan Mining Co.
Commenced sinking a new shaft Worked alone
Evening went to E. Thomas's got the Age and read it

Thursday, June 19

Clear and warmest day yet
Working for the Michigan Co.
Sinking a new shaft Worked alone Tired
Evening writing and copying

Friday, June 20

Clear and warm
Sinking a new shaft today for the Michigan Co.
Evening reading the Index

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Saturday, June 21

Clear and warm
Working on the new shaft for the Michigan Co.
Brown informed me that we must lay off next week
Evening wrote to the California Colony Buffalo N.Y.
Went to Town etc. Fred and Chas. got a letter from Nell Moody

Sunday, June 22

Clear and very warm
I and Fred went down to Blizzard's Rancho this morning
Heath cut my hair
Cooking washing dishes and Barbering in general today
Reading papers etc.
Wrote to D.P. Ells and Co. Chicago Ill.

Monday, June 23

Clear and warm
Sinking a shaft for J. N. Stevens for a half interest
Evening went to town
Mailed a letter Ells & Co. inclosing 4 stamps

Tuesday, June 24

Clear and warm
Working on a Shaft for a half interest Chas. wanted to go in with me He's to work when he has a chance and pay me the difference between our labor in money
Evening reading the Clipper

Wednesday, June 25

Clear and warm
Worked on my Shaft the Cicero to day
Evening felt nearly sick with a cold

Thursday, June 26

Clear and warm
Worked on my shaft A.M.
Traded an 8th interest to Chas, Fred and Heath
They to pay me \$2.50 per day for my labor upon it
Went to Town P.M. Received a letter from Elmer Gould

Friday, June 27

Clear and pleasant
Worked for Chase
Evening went over to Stevens Cabin

Saturday, June 28

Clear and pleasant
Working for Chase

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Received several papers from home

Sunday, June 29

Clear and pleasant
Reading papers A.M.
P.M. went down to Buzzard's Ranche
Evening Went over to Joe Stevens Cabin
Violin banjo and vocal music

Monday, June 30

Went over to see Brown this morning
Went down to Rosita
Cruising round all day
Mailed a paper to Father
The Rocky Mountain News

JULY 1879

Tuesday, July 1

Commenced to sink anew Shaft on my claim the Cicero
Evening read some Boston Papers
Boston Daily Traveller

Wednesday, July 2

Clear and warm
Working on the Cicero
Evening went over to Sanborn's Cabin Instrumental music

Thursday, July 3

Clear and warm
Received a letter from Sister Nellie
Informed me Fan had got home
Received some papers and pamphlets from California Colony Co. Buffalo NY
Working on my claim the Cicero

Friday, July 4

Working the Cicero A.M.
P.M. wrote to Sister Nellie and went in Town
Received a Circular from D.P. Ells Ill.
Received little Goldenheads picture and a sweet true womanly letter from her
Went down to see Coleman took tea at his boardinghouse Saw J.N. Stevens in regard to developing the Cicero
Evening wrote to Goldenhead

Saturday, July 5

Clear and warm
Went over to see Brown about setting me to work

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Had a little talk with J.N. Stevens in regard to the Cicero and another Claim in which he wanted me to go in with him Went to Rosita P.M. Mailed a letter to Goldie and returned one of the Photographs
Evening rode to Town with Michigan John Had a talk with Chase in regard to sinking his claim 10 feet

Sunday, July 6

Clear and warm
Working most all day Cooking washing dishes cleaning up etc.
Evening Wrote to Charles Brother Butte City Montana or rather finished a letter to him that Chas. had Commenced Went up with J.N. Stevens to see the Tilden Lode Claim which he wished me to relocate in my name

Monday, July 7

Clear and warm A.M. P.M. Partially cloudy
Went and relocated the Tilden Lode Claim in my name and commenced to sink a shaft on the same
Evening received a School days review letter from Cousin N.A.D.
Reading Age and Journal

Tuesday, July 8

Clear and warm A.M.
P.M. Slight thunder showers
Sinking the Tilden Lode
Evening went down to Chase's Cabin
Received of Brown for work on the Michigan \$39.00
Met a Waldo Co. boy at Chase's who inquired of several my acquaintances whom he knew

Wednesday, July 9

Clear and hot A.M.
Working on the Tilden Lode
Got it down about 11 feet and got home at 2,30
Went in Town P.M.

Thursday, July 10

Clear and hot A.M.
Went down to Silver Cliff on the Ore team with Frank Gay
Loaned him \$2,00
Driving over Town
P.M. Heavy Shower

Friday, July 11

Clear and warm
Went down to Huntington's Ranch A. M.
P.M. Came out to Bossickville with Frank Gay
Evening went in Town
Mailed a Silver Cliff Mines (with a map of the mines and Rosita) to Father

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Saturday, July 12

Clear and warm
Mending A.M.
P.M. Went to Rosita Saw J.N.S. in regard to work on the Cicero
Consulted Judge Adams in regard to my relocated claim
Had an interview with one of the pretended owners etc.
Recd pay of George Wentworth

Sunday, July 13

Clear and hot
Shaved the boys etc.
Evening went to Town to church Very Good sermon
Referred to the mothers who had helped their sons with tears in their eyes at parting And who this night were praying for the welfare of those Sons who in a distant land were striving for fame and fortune

Monday, July 14

Clear and hot
Preparing to work on the Cicero A.M.
P.M. Went in town Craig a pretended owner of the Tilden Lode Talked short in regard to the claim Asked him if he would want to kill a man for the value of the mine and also told him that I wouldn't be drove out of my rights

Tuesday, July 15

Clear and hot A.M.
Went down to the Humboldt
Finished the Windlass on the Cicero and began hoisting dirt
P.M. Worked an hour or two
Came up a heavy Thunder Shower and we quit
Went to Town again this evening
Chase paid me for work done in June

Wednesday, July 16

Clear and hot A.M. P.M. cooler
Worked on the Cicero J.N. Stephens working with me
Went over to Thomas's Cabin
Read the Age etc.

Thursday, July 17

Clear and warm
Working on the Cicero I and J.N. Stephens
Evening went over to Joe Stephens Cabin Instrumental music "Home Sweet Home and other familiar Airs
Frank Gay paid me to night

Friday, July 18

Clear and pleasant
I and Chas, went to the Cliff with Frank Gay

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Quite an excitement over the Bull-Domingo Mine Bull parties took possession to night
Worked prospecting P.M.

Saturday, July 19

Clear and hot A.M. P.M. Showery
Worked prospecting with a chance to work for wages or for an interest in Discoveries by
Stephens and Mandeville
P.M. Came out to Bossickville
Evening went to Rosita

Sunday, July 20

Clear and hot A.M. Cooking
P.M. Wrote to Ave also to D.P. Ells 127 Adams Street Chicago Ill. Inclosing \$1,25 for myself and
\$2, 75 for Heath Moody & Wiley
Evening went to Church

Monday, July 21

Clear and hot A.M.
Came down to the Cliff with Frank Gay Went out to the John-Bull mine to get employment
Sent home a Prospector and Chieftain to Father also a couple papers for Robert Moody from
Charles
Stopped at the Cliff to night

Tuesday, July 22

Clear and warm A.M. P.M. cloudy
Chas, sick to day
Remained at the Cliff and not looking round much
Had a talk with Wm, Craig and Mr. Patrick about the Tilden Lode claim Offered me \$10,00 for my
work and employment at \$2,50 per day for 3 months to give up my title to it Stopped at Palace
Hotel to night

Wednesday, July 23

Clear and hot A.M.
P.M. showery
Went out to the John Bull mine
Came out with Frank Gay
Evening went over to Joe Stephens Cabin

Thursday, July 24

Clear and warm
A.M. went over to the Michigan
P.M. Wrote to Father went to Town Got a letter from Goldenhead
Evening answered the letter

Friday, July 25

Clear and pleasant A.M.
Worked on the Cicero claim
P.M. Went to Town Mailed a letter to Father also to Goldenhead

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Made inquiries in regard to the money Order sent home June 7th
Gooch the P. Master that they would draw from the Washington Office

Saturday, July 26

Showery to day
 P.M. went to Town We the members of the Cicero Claim Bought a corner of the Lafayette claim
 Paying there for \$20 and also had our claim recorded
 Paying \$1,50 there for

Sunday, July 27

Quite cool
 A.M. went up to the Cicero and got the mining tools
 P.M. wrote to E.F. Gould
 Evening went over to Stephens's Cabin to hear the music
 Charles quite sick to day
 Shower of hail to night

Monday, July 28

Clear and pleasant
 Went up to the General Sampson, Queen Victoria and Michigan mines A.M.
 Coleman was up
 Mailed a letter to E.F. Gould
 P.M. went part way to Town Met Charles and Fred who had my mail a letter from Fan Evening
 Noble brought me a letter from Ave and Nellie Went over to the boardinghouse

Tuesday, July 29

Clear and pleasant
 Went to Town remained all day
 Took dinner with James Higgins and Roy Barnard
 Chas, Cinden and Geo. Wentworth started for California to day
 Evening went over to the Boarding House to a dance
 Took no part in the dancing

Wednesday, July 30

Clear and pleasant
 Mending A.M.
 J.N. Stephens was up to see about our taking a contract to sink the General Sampson 20 ft I and
 Chas, offered to take it at \$7,00 per foot
 Wrote to Nellie and Avans
 Went to Town to the Literary entertainment Slim affair

Thursday, July 31

Cloudy
 Commenced Reading The Crusades
 Wrote to Sister Fan Cooking etc.
 P.M. Went to Town Got two Journals and a Herald from home

AUGUST 1879**Friday, August 1**

Warm and pleasant Shower P.M.
 Reading the History of the Crusades
 Sat about camp and read nearly all day Robinson Smiths partner was present P.M.
 Evening remained in camp writing reading etc.
 Charles quite sick to day

Saturday, August 2

Clear and warm A.M.
 P.M. Rained
 I and Davis worked on the G.W.T. Mine to day Hard days work
 Evening finished reading the History of the Crusades

Sunday, August 3

Clear and warm
 Remained at home all day reading
 Rainy night

Monday, August 4

Clear and pleasant
 Washing A.M.
 P.M. Went to Town
 Evening went up to see them dance at Chitwoods Cabin
 Failed to get the contract on the Gen, Sampson of J.N. Stephens
 Every project for labor and opportunities for making money honorably seems to fail, plan and toil as I may

Tuesday, August 5

Cloudy and cool
 Showery P.M.
 A.M. Reading
 P.M. went to town
 Made some purchases for the Co.
 Not making much headway for the last month It really seems discouraging when one tries so hard with a noble purpose in view
 Wrote to Ave to night

Wednesday, August 6

Aves, birthday
 Rainy
 Wrote to Horace Gilkey giving a brief description of Colo. Went to Town P.M.
 Bought a couple books Routes of travel in Colo. and Buffalo's Guide
 Nelson the Dane was seriously hurt in the Michigan. Head badly cut
 Rainy night
 Heath sold his Cabin

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Thursday, August 7

Foggy misty day
A.M. Traveling over the Hills
P.M. Went to town Got a letter from Ave
Reading in the Reform Club Room etc. Evening cooking Belcher called in and spent the evening
Charles made up his mind to go home

Friday, August 8

Clear and pleasant
Went over to the Humboldt Mine, thence to town
Reading in the Reform Club Room
Evening studying mathematics

Saturday, August 9

Clear and pleasant
Making preparation to go to Maysville tomorrow A.M.
P.M. went to town Went over to see Coleman, and to get part of our camping outfit
Stopped in town this evening

Sunday, August 10

Clear and pleasant
Settled with the Co. Bade the boys at Bossickville good bye and started for Maysville I, E. Thomas
and Leroy Barnard Hired Charley Walters to carry us through
Camped on the road

Monday, August 11

Clear and pleasant
Enroute for Maysville
Camped between Clara and Poncha Pass. Expect Chas, started for home today also Alton
Wentworth

Tuesday, August 12

Clear and pleasant
Arrived in Maysville this A.M.
Looked over the town Hired out at \$1,50 per day to work on a road
Moved our baggage out to the works and went out and pitched our tent and camped two miles
from Maysville

Wednesday, August 13

Commenced work on the road today
Rough set of boys working here
Moved our camp two miles further from Maysville

Thursday, August 14

Working on the Road
Working towards the Range on the South Branch of the Arkansas River
Boys raising the Old nick in Camp to night

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Went in for a noisy jolly time as they got their time to night

Friday, August 15

Working on the Road
More quiet in camp to day
Texas boys got into shooting affair to night 3 of them shot
Heavy shower P.M.
Fearful cold nights here in the mountains
Texas boys got into a shooting affair to night at Maysville Bob Hedges and Buckskin Jack shot and a man by the name of Shelby on the other side

Saturday, August 16

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Road
Wrote to Fred this evening to forward my mail to Maysville
Wrote him what I had heard of the shooting affair etc.

Sunday, August 17

Clear and pleasant
Mining Camp was left on guard after taking down the tent
Working to day
Wrote Fred a Postal giving more minute particulars in regard to forwarding my mail
Sent the letter by one Gay to Maysville Wrote to Goldenhead while on guard
Wrote to Goldenhead while left to guard the camp

Monday, August 18

Clear and pleasant
Sent a letter to Town by messenger
Worked on Toll Road
Talking at the Camp fire

Tuesday, August 19

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Toll Road
Campfire discussions
Archibald Matthews died to day

Wednesday, August 20

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Toll Road
Mill on the road to day

Thursday, August 21

Clear and warm
Working on the Toll Road
Wrote a letter to Ave this evening

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Friday, August 22

Clear and pleasant
Sent a letter for Ave to town by B.C. Wheeler
Worked on the Toll Road

Saturday, August 23

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Toll Road
Freezing nights

Sunday, August 24

Clear and pleasant
Went to Maysville
Read letters forwarded by Fred from Rosita From Sisters Fan and Nell, Cousin A.A. Knight E.F.
Gould and little Goldenhead
Fannie's friend Miss Anderson also wrote in Fan's letter and Fred W. wrote the Bossickville News
Said Chas, started for home as intended
E.F. offered me a situation as Editor in Missouri

Monday, August 25

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Toll Road on short allowance

Tuesday, August 26

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Toll Road

Wednesday, August 27

Clear and pleasant
Working on the Toll Road
Commenced a letter to Fred

Thursday, August 28

Worked on the Toll Road
Showers P.M.
Evening rain

Friday, August 29

Clear and pleasant
Worked on the Toll Road
Wheeler discharged all the men but I and Thomas Austin and Collins
Froze ice in the River to night

Saturday, August 30

Clear and pleasant
Moved camp to day

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Worked on the road P.M.
Freezing nights

Sunday, August 31

Clear and pleasant
Went to Maysville Got a Postal from Fred saying he and Otis and Joe Patch were going home
Saw Buckskin Jack who was shot at the Shooting Aug. 15th Bought some clothing etc. Wrote to Elmer this evening

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Monday, September 1

Clear and pleasant
Sent some papers to Father and a letter to Elmer Gould
Worked on the Toll A.M. and most of P.M. When a tree was felled upon me disabling me from work

Tuesday, September 2

Pretty bad off to day
Unable to walk
Sat upon my blankets and wrote to Goldenhead and Sister Nellie
Wrote an encore raging as possible about my injuries
"Tis hardly in a body's power
To keep at times from being sour" Burns

Wednesday, September, 3

Clear and pleasant
It seems hard to be obliged to lie here disabled when I might be earning money while there is so much need of it
Yet I try to submit with as good grace as possible to what seems to be inevitable
Although I must confess it frets me considerable

Thursday September 4

Clear and pleasant
Pass these long and weary days with as much fortitude as I can command
While torturing thoughts rack my brain and pain racks my body
Freezing nights
No one seems to know what to do for me
Scant attention

Friday, September, 5

Clear and warm
Badly off unable to walk and compelled to keep my bunk and suffer, while reflecting upon the vicissitudes of life and thinking "The best laid plans of mice and men Gang aft agley"
Mailed my letters to Nellie and Goldenhead

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Saturday, September, 6

Clear and pleasant
Sent for the Dr. to day to ascertain the extent of my injuries Sent me some liniment and medicine for which he charged me \$2,50
Feeling some better but still unable to walk
Wheeler discharged all the men to day

Sunday, September 7

Clear and pleasant A great deal better to day Was able to get on my feet and walk a little
Powers left to day Chas, Gay left yesterday
Wrote to Cousin Nancie

Monday, September 8

Clear and pleasant Expected to go to Maysville but Collins did not come with team
Deputy Sheriff Came up to the camp with a bill of sale of wheeler's tent 16X36 and all the camping outfit on the Toll Road Putting the same in possession of Knight, Thomas and Austin as security for what he owed them for labor upon the Toll Road

Tuesday, September 9

Still in Camp at the summit awaiting the team to move us to Maysville Thomas went to town and engaged a team to move us tomorrow
Gaining rapidly walked nearly 3 miles to day

Wednesday, September 10

Windy disagreeable day
Moved our camp goods etc. from Summit Loose & Toss to Maysville
Set up the big tent at that place and went into Camp there to await the return of Wheeler
Mailed a letter to Cousin N.A.D.

Thursday, September 11

Clear and pleasant
Keeping guard of the goods tent etc. turned over to Knight, Austin and Thomas by B.C. Wheeler
Roamed about the Town a little
Made some purchases for the Co. etc.
Recd a letter from A.M. Gilkey
Thomas and Austin Started out after employment this morning
John Freeman was over to the Camp A.M.

Friday, September, 12

Clear and pleasant
Walking about the town Reading papers etc.
Thomas and Austin working on a Ranche
Commenced a letter to Fannie

Saturday, September 13

Clear and pleasant
Walked about town up to the Smelts etc.

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Wrote to Sister Fannie also wrote a reply to her friend Miss Anderson
Thomas and Austin working for Breed on a Ranche

Sunday, September, 14

Clear and pleasant
Went down to Breeds Ranche
I and Thomas explored a flat beyond with a view of taking up a ranche thereon
Pretty tired when I got back

Monday, September 15

Clear and pleasant
George Chin Came after me to go to work in a mine Was unable to go and I went down to the
Ranche to get Thomas to go which chance he gladly accepted
Wrote to Wm Coleman Rosita
Concerning my property there
Especially the Tilden mine Borrowed \$5,00 of Thomas for change

Tuesday, September 16

Roaming about town
Was registered as a voter of Maysville to day
Reading all the papers I could find etc. Read in an Illinois paper that Maine and California
elections had gone Republican

Wednesday, September 17

Smoky hazy day
Went up to the Smeltes and down to Breeds Ranche
Got a letter for Thomas from Rosita Received a sweet little letter from Goldenhad
Lonesome and discouraging business for me loafing about this town and unable to work

Thursday, September 18

Cloudy but quite pleasant
Had a talk with Wheeler this morning - said he would try and get some money for me to day
Wrote a letter to day to Alpheus also wrote an answer to little Goldenhead

Friday, September 19

Cloudy and cool
Was summoned as a witness in the trial of Wheeler Vs, Oler Went to Poncha Springs to the trial
Got back just after dark

Saturday, September 20

Clear and pleasant
Went up to the Smeltes Had some talk with Dr. Fields about sinking some prospect shafts
Got a letter for Thomas from Belfast

Sunday, September 21

Clear and pleasant
Not feeling very well to day

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Sent Thomas's letter to him by messenger
 Wrote to Father and Mother
 Went up to see Dr. Wm, Fields about taking a contract on his prospect
 Agreed to sink shaft 10 feet for \$8,00 provided it was all Picking and no blasting

Monday, September 22

Clear and pleasant
 Commenced working the Assessment on a Prospect for Dr. Fields by contract
 First day work since I got hurt Sept. 1st.
 Felt pretty sore and tired to night as my side is still weak

Tuesday, September 23

Clear and pleasant
 Slightly squally P.M.
 Working the Assessment on a prospect shaft for Dr. Wm. Fields
 Working by the job on a contract

Wednesday, September 24

Clear and warm
 Working the Assessment on a Shaft for Dr. Fields
 B.C. Wheeler Came after me to work on the Road to day

Thursday, September 25

Clear and pleasant
 Finished working the assessment on Dr. Fields Shaft
 Recd. payment for the same to night
 Received a letter from Nellie Saying Archibald Matthews Died August 19th and then Emma Lunt was just gone in consumption That Austin Fuller was just alive and that they had heard from Herb Heal in Oakland California

Friday, September 26

Clear and pleasant
 Working for Mr. Wheeler to day Moved the Tent across the River Building fence etc.
 Gave me an introduction to one Stevens who promised me a job in a mine at \$2,50 per day and board or \$3,00 and board myself Also said he would send B.C. Wheeler the money to pay I and Thomas & Austin Smith the desperado in town to night driving his Horse in to the Steves Saloon etc.

Saturday, September 27

Cloudy squally day
 Read a letter from Ave to night forwarded from Rosita
 Worked on a job for Wheeler A.M.
 Thomas came down P.M.
 Paid him \$5,00 borrowed Sept 15th

Sunday, September 28

Clear and pleasant
 Wrote to Ave and Nellie

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Several miners at the tent and took dinner with us to day Arnold John left to day

Monday, September 29

Clear and pleasant
I and Thomas Went up the north fork A.M.
P.M. Wrote to little Goldenhead mailed the letter etc.

Tuesday, September 30

Clear and warm
Started on Cruz camp to work for Wheeler and Stevens at \$2,50 per day and board
Arrived late P.M.
Hard walk
Thomas recd. a lot of Ages from Belfast

OCTOBER 1879

Wednesday, October 1

Commenced work on the North Missouri A.M. for Stevens and Wheeler P.M. laid off and prepared for night shift
Cold and windy
Worked a night shift on the Legal Tender mine for Stevens & Wheeler Disagreeable cold and snowy night and a disagreeable Irish Dutchman to work with for a partner

Thursday, October 2

Clear and pleasant
Sleeping A.M.
P.M. built a table for the Camp
Evening worked the night shift on the Legal Tender mine
Clear and lovely night but rather cool

Friday, October 3

Clear and pleasant
Sleeping A.M.
Reading mending stockings etc. P.M.
Worked on The Legal Tender mine part of a shift to night
Partner taken sick and had to quit
Clear cool but pleasant night

Saturday, October 4

Clear and pleasant
Sleeping A.M.
P.M. jobbing about the camp Cooking washing dishes, lugging water wood etc.
Worked a shift on the Legal Tender to night with Jack Tyler and Thomas
Commenced a poem Fairest of the Fair P.M.

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Sunday, October 5

Clear and pleasant
 Sleeping A.M.
 P.M. visited the Eagle Bird and other mines in Cruz Camp
 Worked on the Legal Tender Mine to night
 Indians on the war path in the middle Park Utes, and Uncompahgres

Monday, October 6

Cold and windy
 Hailed and snowed some in the mountains A.M.
 P.M. Went to Maysville Whole crew that were working on the Legal Tender Mine to get registered as legal voters. Obtained the necessary witnesses etc. We are allowed our time the same as if to work
 Boarded at the Hotel Went to a Caucus and Political Lecture to night
Reasons by Judge Shea and B.C. Wheeler
 Received a letter from Goldenhead

Tuesday, October 7

Clear and pleasant
 Went to Town Meeting at Maysville Voted the good old Democratic Ticket A.M. State Election this state and Ohio to day Jack Tyler and Owens had a fight
 Left Maysville just after dinner
 Got in Camp about Sunset and went to work on the Legal Tender
 Worked a full shift
 Indians on the War Path Held a War Meeting in Maysville last night
 Got 27 Volunteers

Wednesday, October 8

Clear and windy
 Sleeping A.M. P.M. working about camp
 Gum bile broke to day
 Pained me badly for 3 days Face badly swollen
 Commenced a letter to Herbert Heal
 Worked on the Legal Tender Mine to night Cold windy snowy night

Thursday, October 9

Clear cold and windy
 Sleeping A.M.
 P.M. jobbing about camp finished my letter to Herb Heal etc.
 Worked on the Legal Tender Mine to night
 Getting good mineral
 Clear cold night

Friday, October 10

Clear and pleasant but quite cold
 Sleeping A.M.
 P.M. jobbing about camp Washing dishes Reading Harpers Magazine etc.
 Worked on the Legal Tender Mine to night

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Saturday, October 11

Clear and pleasant
 Sleeping A.M.
 P.M. Wrote to Ave wrote in regard to the Indian excitement Election in Colorado etc.
 Worked on the Legal Tender mine mine to night
 Clear and pleasant night

Sunday, October 12

Clear and pleasant
 Sleeping A.M.
 P.M. jobbing about camp Reading etc.
 Wrote to Goldenhead
 Described some of the hardships and dangers of life in the far west Also spoke or wrote of some of my plans determinations and hopes for the future
 Sent 3 letters to Town
 Worked on the Legal Tender Mine to night Considerable uneasiness in Camp about the Indians

Monday, October 13

Partially clear and windy Sleeping A.M.
 More alarming reports in regard to the Indians
 Warriors reported seen in Foose's Gulch
 Received a letter from Sister Fannie
 Stated Ave had exchanged his Colt for a Wagon - also received a letter from Wm Coleman Rosita
 Said Craig refused to keep his agreement and he had got the Tilden recorded etc.
 Worked on the Legal Tender Mine to night

Tuesday, October 14

Raining all day
 Camp had a false Indian alarm last night Caused by Badinens the Dutchman firing 3 shots from a Revolver
 He left camp this morning Sleeping A.M.
 P.M. Worked a half a shift digging a well

Wednesday, October 15

Cold windy snowstorm
 Hanging about camp A.M.
 P.M. Wheeler and Race came up
 Wheeler said we should not work any more on the mine for a few days Wanted us to go to Town and settle up Went down to Maysville P.M. Recd. of Wheeler \$ 15,00 in part payment for labor on the Legal Tender mine Stopped at old Cabin opposite Crazy Camp to night Recd. a letter from Alpheus

Thursday, October 16

Cold morning
 Cleared up pleasant A.M.
 Boarding at Blatchford Restaurant
 Had some talk with Dr. Collins in regard to a mining Contract
 Recd. some Journals and a Herald from home etc.
 Hired a Cabin of Feathers agreed to pay \$2,00 per month rent

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Friday, October 17

Clear and pleasant
About Town A.M.
Recd. a letter from Sister Nellie a scrap of poetry inclosed from Mother
P.M. Went up Green Gulch to look at my mine the Arlena
Got back at dark
Boarding at Blatchfords Restaurant

Saturday, October 18

Clear and pleasant
Remaining about town all day waiting for parties to settle up for work on Legal Tender mine
Afternoon recd. of Race a check of \$13,00 on Canon City Bank and a due Bill of \$3,25 on Stevens

Sunday, October 19

Clear and pleasant
Sent some papers to Father
Took a walk P.M.
Staid about Town most of the day
Boarding at Blatchfords restaurant

Monday, October 20

Clear and pleasant
Recd. a letter from Ave and Winnie
Had some talk with Wheeler in regard to work in the mine or on the Toll Road Took a contract to sink an Assessment on a mine for Dr. Collins for \$12,00 Wrote to Ave and Winnie inclosing \$5,00 to Winnie for Victor J.

Tuesday, October 21

Clear and pleasant
Let Thomas take my check of \$13,00 to get cashed
Started for Cruz Camp A.M.
Arrived at noon and prepared to go to work on the North Star Mine
Camped in the mountains alone tonight

Wednesday, October 22

Clear and pleasant
Commenced work on the North Star Assessment for Dr. Collins
Jack Tyler came up at noon
Camped in the mountains alone
Man feels his insignificance in the awful solitude of the mountains alone at night

Thursday, October 23

Clear and pleasant
Working on the North Star mine Cold night
A Sick Prospector stopped with me to night

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Friday, October 24

Clear and pleasant day
Working on the North Star assessment A.M.
P.M. came down to Maysville
My birthday 28 years of age to day
Received a letter from Goldenhead
Said she thought of going to California
Wheeler wanted me to go to work on the Toll Road again John Tyler advised me to go to Poncha as they were advertising for miners there Took Tea at Blatchfords, Restaurant

Saturday, October, 25

Clear and pleasant
Came to Poncha A.M.
Went up to the Springs Had an offer of a job in a mine of \$2,50 per day and board
Got back to Maysville about dark
The Hot Springs of Poncha are quite a curiosity Some 15 or 20 in number and boiling hot 168 degrees
Pleasant tasting and called healthy

Sunday, October 26

Snowed slightly tonight
Clear pleasant day
Thomas had an Age American Cultivator and Portland Transcript come by mail which I took from the office and read

Monday, October 27

Roamed about town A.M.
Wrote to Goldenhead Rather a bitter letter Felt cross. Thomas got back to night
Boarding at Blatchfords Restaurant

Tuesday, October 28

Clear and pleasant
Went up to Crees Camp early this morning
Finished the Assessment on the North Star
Got breakfast at Blatchfords
Supper at a miners camp

Wednesday, October 29

Clear and pleasant
Came in town early this morning
Dinner at Blatchfords
Made arrangements at once to leave for Silver Creek Mines
Went down to Poncha P.M. and stopped over night Big fight there today Shooting and fighting with stones
Amount of board bill at Blatchfords on Wheelers account \$7,80

Thursday, October 30

Clear and pleasant
Left Poncha this morning for the Silver Creek mines

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Arrived just before sunset at Vosburghs Cabin About 15 or 16 miles from Poncha

Friday, October 31

Clear and cool

Commenced work for Vosburgh at \$2,50 per day and board To work in the mines

Helped finish the cabin to day

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Saturday, November, 1

Clear and cool

I and Thomas Commenced work on the Olympic mine to day

Used Grant Powder

First I ever used

Sunday, November 2

Clear and cool

Feel a little lame and sore to day

Not working

Vosburgh went to Poncha Did a little cooking, mending, reading, etc.

Read and destroyed some of my old letters to day

Monday, November 3

Clear and cool

Working on the Olympic mine

Vosburgh got back to day

Very hard working mine

Father's birthday 73 years of age

Thinking of Parents, Sisters, and Brother in the dear old home so far away and hoping the time may come when I may be able to contribute to their happiness by noble generous deeds as well as by kindly thoughts

Tuesday, November 4

Clear and cool

Working on the Olympic mine

God grant me prosperity and wealth in my ardent desire, not alive for my own sake, but for the good I feel I should be enabled to do with it, and the happiness it seems to me, that I could impart to the needy and to those I love

Wednesday, November 5

Clear and cool

Working on the Olympic

Hoping and striving to give satisfaction and to do my duty in such a way as to be worthy of success whether or not I achieve the ambitious desire of my heart for which I daily toil and struggle and encounter hardship and danger, and battling against reverses and misfortunes Feel nearly sick to night Bad cold and headaches

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Thursday, November 6

Clear and cool
Working on the Olympic mine
Not feeling very well Bad cold and very hoarse
Perchance I am yearning and striving for impossible things, and throwing away in a restless,
ambitious desire what should be happy years in my life And yet it seems to me I ought I must
accomplish something in life worthy of living for to give me happiness

Friday, November 7

Clear and windy
Worked on the Olympic mine
Some better to day

Saturday, November 8

Clear morning
Clouded up and began to snow P.M.
Worked on the Olympic mine Till about 2, O'clock P.M. disagreeable so we quit work

Sunday, November 9

Cleared up this morning From 6 to 8 inches of snow on the ground this morning
Read and destroyed some of my old letters
Cloudy
Wrote to Sister Fannie

Monday, November 10

Cloudy snowy thawy day
Harney & Obrien discharged today
Got fearful wet to day working on the Olympic mine just far enough under to catch the water
running from the top of the Tunnel
Cold wet and disagreeable

Tuesday, November 11

Clear and pleasant
Worked on the Olympic Tunnel mine

Wednesday, November 12

Clear and cool
Worked on the Olympic mine
Unable to hear from home or get any news of the Outside world through the papers as we are
about 15 miles from a P.O. and the Prospectors have all left the mountains a few of us hemmed in
working on the Olympic and Mammoth mines and cut off from all communication

Thursday, November 13

Cold snowy windy day
Worked on the Olympic mine
Decidedly winterish today

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Friday, November 14

Cold
Snowstorm all day
Working on the Olympic mine
Disagreeable working to day
Crew in the mammoth quit work at noon
Vosburgh struck my hand with sledge
Storm increased in violence to night

Saturday, November 15

Partially clear
Snow squalls
Not working jobbing sharpening drills, cooking etc.
Vosburgh went to town P.M.
Sent a letter to Fannie by him to mail

Sunday, November 16

Storming all day
Washing, cooking, mending, Packing Coal, etc.

Monday, November 17

Snowing
About a week's snowstorm
Working on the Olympic Tunnel
Austin Fuller died to day
Another schoolmate from sorrow departed, Gone from a world of sorrow and strife while loved ones are left to mourn brokenhearted, mid the miseries and sins of this imperfect life

Tuesday, November 18

Partially clear
Snow squalls etc.
Working on the Olympic Tunnel
Vosburgh got back to night

Wednesday, November 19

Clear and fine
Vosburgh put a new shift on the Olympic
I and Thomas worked on the dumps
Hoarse sore throat etc.
Felt crass and low spirited

Thursday, November 20

Clear and fine
Worked on the Olympic Tunnel Dump
Went down to the boys cabin to night

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Friday, November 21

Clear fine day
Working on the Olympic Tunnel mine
Dennis Lanton left to day
Felt very tired and nearly sick

Saturday, November, 22

Clear fine day
Working on the Mammoth Dump
Not feeling well bad cold

Sunday, November 23

Clear and pleasant
About Camp all day
Reading, mending, etc.
Vosburgh got mad and said we would settle accounts
And yet I've tried to give satisfaction and do my duty
But all is doubtless well and for the best

Monday, November 24

Clear and pleasant
Did not quit as I expected to this morning Shifted us about Thomas working with Johnny Rafes
And I and William Leroy working in the Mammoth Dump

Tuesday, November 25

Clear and pleasant
Not working to day preparing to work on the Night Shift
Wrote to Goldenhead
Worked night shift on the Olympic Tunnel with Wm Leroy
Sent a "letter" to Poncha by one of the miners also sent for some stamps

Wednesday, November 26

Hazy
Sleeping to day
Worked night shift on the Olympic Tunnel
Began to storm about midnight

Thursday, November 27

Storming furiously to day
Laid about all day
Did not work to night
Furious storm raging
Not much of a Thanksgiving for me

Friday, November 28

High winds
Got my time I and Leroy and started for Poncha

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Received \$43.00 of Vosburgh or rather got his order cashed at True's Store Poncha
Stopped at Poncha Springs Hotel

Saturday, November 29

More pleasant
Came to Maysville this morning Recd. a letter from Ave and also one from Nellie
Answered Nellie's letter
Made inquiries in regard to work etc.
Stopped at Feathers, Hotel

Sunday, November 30

Mailed a Registered letter to Nellie containing \$20.00
Sent a check of \$13. By mail to Canon City or got Mr. Feathers to send it for me Jack Tyler Witness
Went to Poncha
Stopped at Poncha Springs Hotel

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Monday, December, 1

Windy
Came to Maysville this day
Went up Greens, Gulch etc.
Hart died enroute for Maysville from the effects of Liquor etc.
Breakfast with I and partner Leroy this morning apparently well Side effects of intemperance
Bid on a mining contract \$4,00 per foot

Tuesday, December 2

Pleasant day
Stopped at Feathers Hotel last night and to day Working on the North Fork Road for Tyler & Co,
to day
Hart buried to day
Meeting to organize a free Reading Room at Maysville to night
Moved in with J. Ross this evening

Wednesday, December 3

Squally
Working on the North Fork Road for Tyler & Co.
Loaned Leroy \$5,00 to night

Thursday, December 4

Cool and squally
Working on North Fork Road for John Tyler & Co.
Evening went to the Town organization meeting afterwards to a free exhibition of works of art
and Landscape painting of Colo. Maysville and vicinity included
Loaned Ross \$5,00 this morning

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Friday, December 5

Cold and squally
Working on the North Fork Road for Tyler & Co.
Cold and sore throat

Saturday, December 6

Cool and squally
Working on the North Fork Road for Tyler & Co.
Cold and sore throat

Sunday, December 7

Clear and cold
Recd. a note from J.W. Wood informing me that the bid made for sinking a shaft by I and Leroy was accepted Saw Mr. Follet who engaged me to work on the Mountain Chief Mine
Wrote to Ave
Recd. a letter from Goldenhead and answered it to day
Paid Austin \$7,50 for work done on the Arlena Mine owned by us
Moved our thing to Jack Tyler's Cabin and left in his care Wrote to E.M. Thomas

Monday, December 8

Pleasant morning
Left my outfit in Charge of John Tyler and started for Mountain Chief mine Rested awhile at Hartsville awhile when it Commenced to storm Arrived at the Chief Cabin about 5 O'clock P.M.
Tired and nearly played out amidst a howling storm of wind and snow
Certificate of Survey and Location of the Arlena mine made out for I and Austin to day for which Austin paid \$8,00

Tuesday, December 9

Cold Snowy Blustery day Commenced working on the Mountain Chief Mine to day at \$3,00 per day and pay \$1,00 per day for board etc.

Wednesday, December 10

Cold Snowy windy day
Working on the Mountain Chief mine
Tired and nearly sick
Hardships weariness and illness

Thursday, December 11

Clear cold and windy
Working in the Mountain Chief Mine
Not feeling Well sore throat and cold
Thought of quitting at noon to day
Supt. Gourd went to Maysville to day

Friday, December 12

Cold and windy
Worked on the Mountain Chief mine

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Had an idea of quitting as I feel unable to work from the effects of a cold

Saturday, December 13

Cold snowy blustery day

Quit work on the Mountain Chief mine to day as I felt nearly sick with cold Came to Maysville

Stopped with Ross etc.

Sunday, December 14

Cloudy and cool

Thomas came up to Maysville to day

Cold pretty bad

Monday, December 15

Pleasant day

Roaming about Town Reading etc.

Thomas and I were talking of buying a half interest in the Mark Twain mine

Tuesday, December 16

Clear and pleasant

About Town fixing up the Cabin

Trying to Collect bills due me etc.

Got the cash on the \$13,00 Check from Feathers to day also the \$5,00 loaned to J. Ross

Thomas went to Poncha and returned to day Cold seems some better Depressed in spirits

Wednesday, December 17

Clear windy day

Recd. a letter from Fannie informing me that Austin Fuller died Nov. 17th

Recd. a \$7,35 Check on Custer Co. Bank from Follett for work on Mountain Chief mine Leroy cashed the Check for me

B.C. Wheeler in Town to day Promised to pay part of what he owed me

I and Thomas bought a Town Lot in Maysville of Wheeler and Feathers

paying \$18.25 and Thomas paying \$6,00 Thus squaring our bills due from Wheeler for work performed on the Maysville Hot Springs & Pitkin Toll Road last Aug.

Thursday, December 18

Clear nice day

Went up to Scotts camp North Fork Road Had some talk with him in regard to taking the contract for building 2300 feet off his hands for \$150.00 Recd. a letter from Nellie informing me she recd. my Registered letter with \$20.00 all right

Wrote to S. Page last night of Colo. life, Country, climate etc.

Friday, December 19

Clear and pleasant but some wind

Thomas went to Poncha to get off from his job in order to go in with on Road Contract

Wrote to Avans Wrote to Ave

Thomas went to Poncha to give up his contract in order to go in partnership with me on North Fork Road

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Saturday, December 20

Clear nice day
 Moved up to Scott's camp on North Fork
 Bought his outfit provisions etc. Paying \$40.00 per the same
 Clear nice day
 Moved into camp on North Fork
 Bought Sam Scotts outfit provisions etc. Paying \$40.00 for the same \$20 each for I and Thomas

Sunday, December 21

Cold Stormy day
 Reading papers magazines etc.
 Cold Stormy day
 Reading papers magazines etc.

Monday, December 22

Clear nice day
 Commenced work on our contract on the Road
 Clear nice day
 Found Erastus Thomas Commenced work on our contract on North Fork road

Tuesday, December 23

Cold and squally
 Worked on the Road A. M.
 P.M. Storming hard Went to Town Got a receipt for registered letter and a letter from Goldenhead
 Cold night
 Worked on our contract A.M.
 P.M. Storming hard
 Went to Town
 Got a letter from Goldenhead Contrite and penitent in tone

Wednesday, December 24

Cold squally day
 Not working to day
 Sat in our tent and read papers magazines etc.
 Cold squally day
 Did Not work Sat in our tent and read papers, magazines, etc

Thursday, December 25

The Glorious birthday of Christ
 Clear nice day
 Worked on our contract not even stopping for any dinner Hope another Christmas may find me in possession of wealth and in the society of those I love
 Almanac for January 1880 according to the twelve days of Christmas
 Married to day John Drake and Georgia Dean

Friday, December 26

Clear nice day

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Working on our North Fork contract
Evening talking of poetry literature wealth and old times in Maine
Almanac for February (Fine)

Saturday, December 27

Clear and pleasant A.M.
Working on our contract on North Fork
P.M. Came to town to get picks steeled
Bought some provisions etc.
Almanac for March (not bad)

Sunday, December 28

Started snowing hard to day
Taken lame with Rheumatism
Done some washing mending etc.
Storming hard all day
Taken lame with rheumatism
Done some mending washing etc.
Almanac for April (Very bad)

Monday, December 29

Snowing hard all day
Went out to work A.M.
Had to quit on account of Rheumatism, about noon
Came in and was so bad and was unable to walk managed to get in to bed
Thomas worked all day
Almanac for May (Bad)

Tuesday, December 30

Clear nice day
Terribly lame in Right knee and shoulder unable to step
Sat in the tent and read all day
Cold night
Almanac for June (Fair)

Wednesday, December 31

Nice pleasant day
Lameness a little better
Mending my old clothes
Could walk a little with difficulty
Evening conversing on Religion and religious theories wealth etc.
Almanac for July (Pretty good)

MEMORANDA

March 11th
Hired of Wm. C
Seventy Five Dollars
For which I gave my note dated March 10th, 1879

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May 9th

Loaned Wm, Coleman \$10,00 (Paid in on Co, settlement May 27th)

May 19th Sent Father Money Order of Thirty Dollars

May 27th Stock on hand on going into Co. with Heath \$2,00

Heath stock on hand \$8,25

June 7th Sent Ave a Money Order of Thirty Dollars (Paid July 17th)

July 10th Loaned Frank Gay \$2,00 May Labor (Paid July 12th)

Paid due from Chas \$2,00

Due from Fred W. \$1,50 (unpaid)

Due from Chas M. \$5,90 (unpaid)

Dec. 3rd Loaned Wm. Leroy \$5,00

4th od Dec Loaned J. Ross \$5,00

Nov. 30th Sent a Registered letter to my Sisters containing \$20,00

May 27th C.J. Davis Dr. to A. W. Knight for Company Provisions Paid June 9th \$31,0

Paid June 15th A.W. Knight Dr.. to Wm Coleman on the same

\$3,03 T. Wiley Dr. to A.W. Knight one weeks board \$2,00 Paid July 8th

Cash Account January

Paid

J 1 st For rubbers	50
J 1 st For G.R.	\$4,25
J 1 st For Dancing	35
J 1 st For Diary	45

Received

Of father	\$2,50
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Paid

20 th Exchange of G. R.	25
20 th Horse <u>Stabling</u>	10

January 1st 1880

Nice clear morning dry day

Recommenced work on the Road contract to day

Lameness much better Evening conversed of Lincolnville old times Prospects of wealthy returning and etc.

Jan. 2nd

Clear nice day working on Road contract

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Sat. 3d
Nice day Working on contract

Sun. 4th
Nice day Came to Town

Cash Account February

Sun Jan 4th
Got a letter from Nell and also from Goldenhead and some papers from latter

7th To Installation Dance	25
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Cash Account March

15 to Lyceum fee and <u>Troches</u>	16
17 th Stage to Rockland	75
17 th from Dis No. 2,	\$2,85
18 th Fare on Boat	\$2,50
19 th Ticket to Denver	\$28,00
19 th Revolver, Knife and Hack fare	\$3,75
19 th Dipper and dinner	30
20 th apples and edibles	30
21 st " " :	25
22 nd " " "	20
23 rd Expenses	10
24 th Recd on Ticket to Denver	\$4,00
25 th Board bill	\$1,75
25 th Medicine and Provisions	\$1,40
26 th Bills at Halfway	75
26 th For my own fare	\$3,75
26 th Fred's fare	\$3,75 (Paid May 24st)
29 To Hay	50

Cash Account April

1 st For the Co.	\$1,80
2 nd apples	20
5 th apples	10
7 th For the Co.	\$2,25
10 th For apples	10
17 th Mail Tacks & apples	27
21 st To Stamps	15
22 nd For work on the Leviathon	\$2,50
22 nd Provisions for the Co.	\$2,50
28" " "	10

Cash Account May

4 th To Lemons While sick	20
5 th To Stamps	15
" " Apples	10
6 th " Medicine	\$1,25
9 th To Oranges	15
Knight & Davis	
19 th To Provisions Beef	\$1,20
" " Beans	\$1,00

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"	"	Syrup	\$1,10
"	"	Eggs & Pork	55
"		Stamps and paper	20
"		On Money Order	15
23 rd		Milk 2, quarts,	25

		Knight & Davis	
24 th		To 8 pounds Oat Meal	50
"	"	4 lbs, Sugar	50
24 th		To one Pr Overalls	\$1,50
"	"	½ Lb. Figs	20
"	"	Postage	2
"	"	Taps and nails	65
"		of F. Wiley	\$3,75

Cash Account June

2 nd		Stamps	21
June		bills of Heath Knight & Co.	
5 th		Milk for Co.	10
6 th		Of the Michigan	\$39,00
7 th		On Order	15
"	"	" Postage and paper	04
"	"	" Figs	20
8 th		To Heath on board	\$2,07
9 th		To Medical Discovery	\$1,50
11 th		For milk Co.	10
21 st		Postage	03
22 nd		1 Doz. Co.	25
23 rd		Sugar for Co.	\$1,00
"		Stamps	49
"		N.Y. Clipper	10
"		Stamps	12
26 th		Of Heath for labor	
		on the Cicero	\$2,20
26 th		For the Co. Beef	60
"		1 Doz. Eggs	35
		Private expenses	15
30 th	"	"	30

Cash Account July

4 th		To 1 bottle Ink	10
"			10
8 th		Of Brown	\$39,00
"		Of Fred work on Cicero	\$3,40
9 th		To Sharpening Pick	10
10 th		Of Heath for work	
		on the Cicero	\$2,15
10 th		To Heath on rent and	
		balance Provisions bill for	
		the month of June	\$7,70
11 th		For meals	50
12 th		For meals Paper etc.	47
"		Of Geo. Wentworth	\$2,00
15 th		Of Chase	\$4,00
"		To Fruit	25

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18 th Board	80
19 th Board, Lodgings	\$1,00
19 th	10
20 For Books & Pictures	\$1,25
21 st Board and Lodgings	\$1,00
22 nd For Repairing Boots	75
21 st Received of Stephens, J.N. for work	\$1,75
22 nd Medicine for Chas.	15
23 rd Board	65
22 nd Canned Fruit for Co.	90
25 th Butter for Co.	35
" Private Expenses	33
30 th Milk	15
31 st Butter and milk Co.	45
" Soda (Co.)	10
" Apples Private	25

Cash Account August

1 st 2,qts of Milk Co.	20
2 nd Of the G.W.T.	\$2,00
4 th Milk and Crackers Co.	35
" 1, Shirt private	\$1,75
" Peaches private	20
5 th Flour Co.	\$2,05
" Soap Co.	25
" Pears private	15
6 th To six qrts of milk	25
" " 2 lbs of Crackers	25
" Books private	35
8 th Blueberries Co.	25
9 th Fruit private	25
10 th Co. Settlement	2.25
" One half of a tent	200
" Provisions for outfit	60
11 " " " "	60
12 " " " "	25
" To passage to Maysville	\$4,00
24 On Mail	40
" Refreshments	20
31 st 1 Pair of Drawers	1,25
" Refreshments	20
" Stationary and Stamps	40

Cash Account September

Knight, Thomas & Austin	
10 th Purchase for Co.	35
11 th " " "	65
12 th Milk	10
" To Dr. Collins for medicine furnished for my injuries	\$2,50
12 th Purchases for Co.	25
15 th Purchases for Co.	85
16 " " "	45
17 th Private	10

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18 th Milk for Co.		10
" " Meal " "		20
20 th Milk " "		10
21 st Milk Sugar & Bread		35
22 nd Bread and Pie		25
23 rd Provision for Co.		35
24 th Provisions for Co.		45
25 th Of Dr. Wm. Fields	\$8,00	
25 th Provisions for Co.		10
26 th Provisions for Co.		45
27 th Of B.C. Wheeler	\$2,50	
27 th		
28 th Provisions for Co.		50
" " " " "		30
29 th " " " "		35

Cash Account October

7 th To 1 Flannel Shirt		\$2,50
" " " Pair Drawers		\$2,00
15 th Of B.C. Wheeler	\$15,00	
15 th For cider		25
15 th " Supper		15
16 th Apples		25
18 th Of Race	\$13,00	
18 th Apples		25
19 th 8 Wrappers		15
20 th Apples		10
" To Winnie		\$5.00
25 th Bitters		\$1.25
" Apples		30
26 th "		10
27 Stamps and apples		20
29 th To Feathers Cabin Rent		\$1.00
29 " Of Wheeler	\$7.80	
30 th Of Dr Collins	\$5.00	
30 th Breakfast & Lunch To Thomas		\$1,20
30 th 1 Pair Overalls		\$1,25
31 st To <u>Blatch</u> for board		\$7.80

Cash Account November

26 Stamps		25
28 Of Vosburgh	\$43.00	
29 Hotel expenses		\$3.40
29 Lunch		25
30 Hotel expenses		2.00
" Apples		20

Cash Account December

2 nd Hotel bill		\$1.10
2 nd Apples		10
3 rd Flour 25 lbs.		1.40
4 th Sugar, Baking Powder		50
5 th Provisions		50
7 th To Austin		\$7.00
" Provisions		45

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13	Apples and <u>Snaps</u>		20
14	Provisions Beef Bread etc.		70
15	Provisions Jelly Crackers Cheese etc.		80
16	Apples and Cough Candy		40
17	Of Follet	\$7.35	
17	Provisions		30
17 th	Of Jack Keegan	\$10.00	
"	" B.C. Wheeler	18.45	
"	For Town Seat Maysville		\$18.45
18	Provisions		55
19 th	Beef & Onions		95
17 th	Of E.M. Thomas on Town Lot	\$6.20	
18 th	On Provisions		80
20	Scotts Provisions & outfit		\$20.00
27	For Steeling Picks		2,00
"	" Provisions		40
"	" Apples		10

Summary of Cash Accounts

	Received	Paid
Jan.	\$2.50	5.90
Feb.		25
Mar.	\$6.88	48.46
Apr.	2.50	7.47
May.	3.75	\$9.67
June.	\$41.20	\$8.36
July.	52.30	17.45
Aug.	2.00	
Sept.	10.50	
Oct.	40.80	
Nov.	43.00	
Dec.	<u>42.00</u>	
	\$247.40	
<u>Money</u> Hired	75.00	
Bills of indebtedness paid me	<u>\$6.40</u>	
	Total Recd.	\$328.80
Due me at end of the year	\$33.95	

Bills Payable June

Ages of Acquaintances

Jan. 3rd

Nellie Snow 18

Of Wm. Craig

\$11.25 (unpaid)

Bills Payable August

Deaths 1879 of people in L. and others with whom I was acquainted

Aug. 19th

Archibald Mathews

Nov. 17th

Austin Fuller

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Of B.C. Wheeler	\$26.25
Recd. of Wheeler per board	\$7.80
Oct. 29th	
Recd of Wheeler_per Town Lot Dec. 17 th	\$18.45

Bills Payable

Of Stephens or Race	
	\$3,25
Of D.Y. Collins	
	\$7.00
Paid Jan. 1880 by medical attendance	
Marriages of Acquaintances in 1879	
Jan. 6	
Miss Emma Camet to Mr. Allen Miller	
Dec. 25th	
Miss Georgia Dean to	
Mr. John C. Drake both of L. <u>ll</u>	

Memoranda

St. Julien
King of the Turf
Best time 2:12 3/4
Fastest on Record

\$560 000 000.Spent
in this Country
Annually for Liquors
\$60 000 000 spent
annually in the city of N.Y.
\$120 00000 more
spent for Liquor
annually than for all
the flour cotton goods
boots, shoes, woolens,
Clothing books, and
Newspapers.