

JANUARY 1875**Friday, January 1**

Clear and cool
Did not work
Went to the corner P.M.
Evening went to a dance at Billings Hall
Indifferent time
Had the blues day and evening
George True and C. Moody stopped all night with me

Saturday, January 2

Snowing all day Went to the corner P.M.
Charles Knight Moody went home today
H. Heal and myself played euchre at Mrs. Stetsons this eve

Sunday, January 3

Clear and pleasant
Remained in the house most of the day
Went to the corner this eve

Monday, January 4

Clear and pleasant morning
George True went home
Chopping in the Cushion lot
Snowed a little P.M.
Singing School this eve did not go
C.W. Knight and Lady came over today

Tuesday, January 5

Hazy Chopping in the Cushion Woods
Snowed P.M.
Went to the corner this eve
Robinson was up today

Wednesday, January 6

Clear and pleasant
Chopping on the Cushion lot
Went to Singing School this eve

Thursday, January 7

Snowing all day
Wrote to the Union Publishing Co. inclosing 10 cts
Also to B.H. Willis' 340 Canal Street NY
Went to the corner eve called on A.E.S.

Friday, January 8

Clear and pleasant
Chopping at the door
Went to the corner this eve

Saturday, January 9

Snowing all day Hauled a load of firewood from the Cushion lot
Avans got the calf shod
Evening called on Mrs. Stetson
Abbie was at C. Towers' residence

Sunday, January 10

Clear and cool
Posting accounts in my '74 Diary
Went to the corner this eve Austin Fuller gave me a card and promised more
Talked of Purchasing a hand Printing Press

Monday, January 11

Clear and cool
Hauled 3 load of firewood from the Cushion lot and started a load of stove wood
Wm. Knight commenced work for Father
Played euchre at Mrs. Knights residence this eve Caro Billings was present also C.W. Knight and Rose Knowlton

Tuesday, January 12

Starting Kiln wood
Went to Deantown to a Show
Avans Alpheus Frank Rankins and myself went down together
Clear and cool
Charles Knight and Rose Knowlton came up to Father's this eve

Wednesday, January 13

Hauling firewood
Went to Singing school this eve Snowed

Thursday, January 14

Clear cool and Windy
Chopping and hauling wood
Called on A.E.S. this eve
Gave me a piece of wedding cake to dream over

Friday, January 15

3 degrees below zero and Windy
Copied some of my original compositions
Went to the corner this eve

Saturday, January 16

Worked on the highway one hour and fifty minutes
Clear and quite pleasant
Went to the corner P.M.
Eve went to Singing School
E.L. was present
Felt dispirited

Sunday, January 17

Clear cold and windy
Went to the corner twice
Copied some original Poems

Monday, January 18

Worked on the highway 50 minutes
Hauling wood
Went to Singing School this eve
Mailed a letter to the Union Publishing Co.
Enclosed 90 cts

Tuesday, January 19

Thermometer 13 below zero
Hauled a load of wood to Mrs. Adams also a load to Wm. Knight Eve went to a party at Albion
Drakes' remained about 20 minutes
I and Foss Rankins stopped at the Schoolhouse about an hour
Talked of mans' inhumanity to man

Wednesday, January 20

Clear and cold
Hauling wood
Went to singing school this eve
Married in West Roxbury Mass Anna J. Decatur and Mr. Thomas Peabody
Unhappy with this discontent
Afar from L. I'd roam
To shake this dreary longing off I'd cross old ocean's foam

Thursday, January 21

Clear and cold
Six degrees below zero
Hauling wood
Called on Mrs. Stetson this eve Abbie went up to James Mahoneys

Friday, January 22

Snowing
Writing and looking over my old diaries
Went to the corner afternoon and eve

Saturday, January 23

Clear and Windy
Worked on the highway $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour
Cut a little wood at the door
Went to the corner etc Evening Lucius Knight and myself called on E. Tower and wife F.E. Knight was present
Accompanied them to Singing School

Sunday, January 24

Hazy but pleasant
Went to the corner Called on A.E.S. this eve
Snowed tonight

Monday, January 25

Clear and pleasant
Worked on the highway about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour
Hauled two load of firewood
Went to Singing School
Sat with F.E.K. and C.J.B.
Escorted them home
Recd. a couple Books by mail (Science of Self Defense & Boxing made Easy)

Tuesday, January 26

Clear and windy
Charles Clark died today
A feeling of inexpressible sadness comes over me when a companion in the bloom of life is stricken down in death
H. Heal and myself called on A.E.S. and mother this eve
Hauling wood Yoked the steers etc.

Wednesday, January 27

Clear and very cold
Hauling wood from Cushion lot
Went to Singing School this eve
Remained till after intermission
E.L. was present
Resolved to have no more to do with her She seems to feel too sure of my love for her Therefore presumed to do and think that I will do as she wills.
Mistaken idea
She need not think to make me more devoted by assumed indifference

Thursday, January 28

Hauling wood
Yoked the steers
Clear and pleasant
Avans started for Rockland P.M. with a load of apples
Went to the corner this eve Snowed

Friday, January 29

Snowing the morning
Went to Charley Clarks funeral A.M.
P.M. went to the corner
Wrote to N.C.
H. Heal and myself called on Mrs. Stetson and daughter
Played euchre
Avans got home P.M. Bought this Diary for me Paid \$1.50

Saturday, January 30

Cloudy
Cutting wood at the door
Evening went to Singing School

Sunday, January 31

Warm and pleasant

J.C. Drake and myself practiced sparring A.M.
P.M. Filled out this diary up to the present time Took a ride with C. Moody
Called on A.E.S. this eve

FEBRUARY 1875

Monday, February 1

Clear and pleasant
Hauling wood
Went to the corner this eve
George and Mr. Davis stopped with us tonight

Tuesday, February 2

Hazy warm and pleasant
Hauling wood
Avans started for Rockland with a load of apples P.M.
Ruel Knight arrived in Lincolnville this eve also A. Piper
C.J.B and her Father went to the Beach to a dance
Went to the corner this evening

Wednesday, February 3

Cloudy A.M.
Went to the further woods chopping and starting
P.M. Rained
Went to the corner this eve

Thursday, February 4

Clear and windy
Rained last night
Worked on the highway ½ hour
Chopping wood at the door
Remained at home this eve
Reading The Complete Herbalist a medical book

Friday, February 5

Clear and windy
Chopping A.M.
P.M. Charles Moody came over after me Came in and went to the corner
Nellie came home from school sick
Called on A.E.S. this eve

Saturday, February 6

Clear and cool
Chopping in the Cushion lot
Went to Singing School this eve
Quite a company up from the Beach
Recd. a letter from Nellie Cross

Sunday, February 7

Clear and cold
13 below zero

Remained at home most of the day
Called on A.E.S. this eve
Took tea with Herb Heal at J. Lambs residence

Monday, February 8

Cold snowstorm
Father and Mother taken sick last night making four sick ones
Emma and Nellie are a little better
Went to the corner P.M. and eve

Tuesday, February 9

9 below zero this morn
Chopping in the cushion lot
Remained at home this eve
Reading

Wednesday, February 10

4 degrees below zero
Starting wood today Hauled 3 feet of firewood for Wm. Knight
Went to Singing School this eve
Conversing with Nettie R.
Ruel Knight and Mother were here today on a visit

Thursday, February 11

Snowing
Writing A.M.
P.M. Went to the corner
Rained this eve
Mrs. E. Fletcher died last night

Friday, February 12

Clear cool and windy
Worked on the highway one hour and thirty five minutes

Saturday, February 13

14 below zero by Alpheus' thermometer
18 below by B. Robinsons'
Clear and pleasant
Cut a little wood at the door Went to the corner twice
Winnie Tolman was at our residence P.M.
Went to Singing School this eve
Nettie R. brought me a message from E.L.

Sunday, February 14

13 below zero
19 below at the corner
Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner P.M.
Evening called on A.E.S.
Avans taken sick today

Monday, February 15

Clear and very cold
17 below zero
Wrote to N.C.
Went to the corner P.M. and evening
Nellie M. Knight

Tuesday, February 16

Clear and cool
Cut a little wood at the door
Went to the corner P.M.
Sliding this eve

Wednesday, February 17

9 below zero this morn Clear
Snowed early in the day
Cleared up P.M.
Starting kiln wood
Went to Singing School this eve Thence to John Clarks with J. Mathews
Danced twice
Got home at three o'clock

Thursday, February 18

Clear and cool
4 below zero
Starting Kiln wood
Went down with J.C.D. this eve
Thence to Spelling School

Friday, February 19

Cloudy
Chopping at the door A.M.
P.M. went to the corner
Went to hear J.F. Mills this eve
Public Reading

Saturday, February 20

Cloudy A.M.
Hauled a load of wood for Wm. Knight
P.M. Rained
Went to the funeral of Grandma'am Tower
Evening went to the corner

Sunday, February 21

Clear and windy
Went down to J.C. Drakes residence A.M. Practiced sparring
Evening J.H. Mills
Rehearsed Enoch Arden at the Billings House also the satire nothing to wear
About a dozen of us there

Monday, February 22

Clear and pleasant
Chopping in the Cushion lot
Evening hired E. Parkers horse and brought E.L. up to the dance
Did not dance myself
Carried E.L. to supper
George Lunt got home tonight
G.L. C.W.K. and myself went to Camden after the dance

Tuesday, February 23

Clear and very warm
Got home about sunrise this morn
Went on a ride A.M. with G.L.
Avans went to Rockland
P.M. went to the corner
Evening called on A.E.S.

Wednesday, February 24

Warm and rainy
Went to the corner
Got my boots tapped
Avans got home this eve

Thursday, February 25

Rainy
Reading The Polar Tropical Worlds
Writing etc.
Went to the corner this eve

Friday, February 26

Clear and windy
Sorting apples
Went to the corner this eve
Newburgh Band played
Geo. Heal and I danced once
Did not get up or dance

Saturday, February 27

Cloudy
Cutting wood at the door
Went to Singing School this eve
Snowed
C. Moody brought me up

Sunday, February 28

Clear cool and windy
Wrote a Poetical letter for C.W. Knight
Reading Burns and Saxe
Called on A.E.S. this eve

MARCH 1875**Monday, March 1**

Clear and pleasant
Hauling wood from Cushion lot Hauled 3 ½ feet for Wm.
Went to the corner this eve
Avans went to Rockland
Snowing this eve

Tuesday, March 2

Snowing A.M.
Revising my Poem entitled The Curse of Poverty
Writing most of the day
Went to the corner this eve
Avans got back P.M.

Wednesday, March 3

Cloudy but pleasant
Sorting apples A.M.
Avans went to Rockland P.M.
Went to Singing School this eve
Recd. a catalogue of Books by mail

Thursday, March 4

Fierce N.E. Snowstorm
Writing A.M.
Reading Whittier etc
P.M. went to the corner
Clear and cool
A.A. Knight and myself called on Bell and Abbie this eve

Friday, March 5

Clear and pleasant
Worked on the highway with oxen 2 ½ hours A.M.
P.M. Scraped the pond
Received of John Taber 75 cts for the same
Went to the corner this eve
Avans got back P.M.

Saturday, March 6

Warm and foggy
Cutting wood A.M.
P.M. went to the corner Had quite time snowballing
Went to the Democratic caucus
Evening went to Singing School
Returned B's letters by C.... this eve I will be honorable even though unfairly dealt with

Sunday, March 7

Warm and cloudy
C. Moody came up with me last eve
Went to the corner day and eve

Monday, March 8

Clear and windy
Went to the Town meeting
David home
Samuel Rackliff Orlando Stevens Elected Selectmen
J. Mathews Clerk
Wm. H. Hodges Auditor
A.L. Frohock collector
Recd. a letter from N.C.
A.A. Knight and myself called on Bell and Abbie this eve
Charley Heal died P.M.

Tuesday, March 9

Warm and cloudy
Avans went to Rockland
Cutting wood at the door
Horse Trot on the Pond P.M.
Went to the corner this eve
Sent a Postal card to Land Commissioner Burlington Iowa

Wednesday, March 10

Snowing
Sorting apples A.M.
P.M. Avans went to Camden with a load apples for John Taber
Avans went to the Beach this eve
Went to the corner

Thursday, March 11

Clear and warm
Cutting wood at the door
Went to the Beach to a dance this eve
C.D.B Geo. Heal C.W.R and myself went together Had quite a fair time
George Lunt & Phillips had a fight Crowd against George
E.L was present
A.P. & H.H. went to Albert Thomas's

Friday, March 12

Snowing
Sorting apples A.M.
Got home 5 o'clock this morn
Went to the corner P.M.
Called at Mrs. Stetsons this eve Abbie was sick A.A. Knight and H.Heal were present

Saturday, March 13

Sick a bed today
Headache sore throat and pain in my limbs
Clear and pleasant
Avans went to Camden
Singing School this eve
Avans and the girls went

Sunday, March 14

Clear and pleasant
Feel a little better today
A.A. Knight and Fannie and Avans went to West Camden
Freeman Spear and family were up today

Monday, March 15

Snowing part of the day
Foggy
Am gaining slowly

Tuesday, March 16

Foggy and Rainy
Considerable better today
Revising and rewriting some of my original poems

Wednesday, March 17

Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner A.M. called at Mrs. Stetsons
Evening Squally remained at home
Reading Burns

Thursday, March 18

Cold and blustery
Cut a little wood at the door
Writing most of the day
Alpheus and George were in this evening
Revising original poems

Friday, March 19

Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner P.M.
Evening H.Heal and myself called on Bell and Abbie

Saturday, March 20

Cutting wood A.M.
P.M. Snowed
Evening went to Singing School

Sunday, March 21

Clear and pleasant
Father and Mother went to South Hope
Revised my prophecy of C.W. Knight
Went to the corner P.M. and eve
C. Moody was down today
Read a pamphlet on Oregon

Monday, March 22

Cloudless and cool
Hauling firewood from Cushion lot

Avans went to Rockland
Went to the corner this evening

Tuesday, March 23

Cloudless day
Quite cool
Hauling firewood from Cushion lot
Hauled for Wm. Knight
A.A. K. and myself called on Mrs. Stetsons and daughters
Dance at Albert Thomas's Avans and Fannie went

Wednesday, March 24

Clear and pleasant A.M.
P.M. Snowed
Starting Kiln wood
Singing School tonight
Went over at intermission
Was tired and lame

Thursday, March 25

Snowing A.M.
P.M. Hazy and windy
Writing most of the day
Revised my Poem on the Female Tongue
Remained at home this eve

Friday, March 26

Clear and cool
Worked on the Highway with oxen 3 hours
P.M. went to the corner
Jesse Billings got home today
A.A.K. and myself called on Mrs. Stetson and daughters this eve

Saturday, March 27

Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner A.M. with oxen and sled
P.M. cutting wood at the door
Evening went to the corner and somewhere else
Met a person who professed friendship for me and nothing more Yet would make me a promise if I requested Which I refused to accept as binding either party A singular interview of information elicited without direct questions. Might change the mind. So might I disavowed all intentions of placing myself under obligation which I could not carry out to my credit. Gave my views on the subject in question. My questions taken as a proposition and declined.

Sunday, March 28

Clear and cool
Practised sparring with J.C.D.
Loafed round the corner
Called on Mrs. Stetson and daughters this evening

Monday, March 29

Clear and warm Cutting wood at the door Avans went to Rockland
C. Moody came up to see me about going West George True also came over this eve
Went to the corner a few minutes

Tuesday, March 30

Clear and warm
Cutting wood at the door A.M.
P.M. went to the Horse Trot on the Pond George True and mother were over on a visit P.M.
Played euchre at the residence of C.W. Knight
Foss Rankins and Avans were present

Wednesday, March 31

Clear and pleasant
Avans went to Camden
Cutting wood at the door
George Knight was up to Fathers today
He and I were talking of going West
Singing School tonight went over at intermission
Conversing with Flora Cross

APRIL 1875**Thursday, April 1**

Cloudy
Avans went to Camden
Cutting wood at the door
Went to the corner this eve

Friday, April 2

Clear A.M.
Warm and thawy
Wild geese flying North
First Sparrows of the season
Seems quite springlike
Cutting wood at the door
Went to the corner this eve
Called at Mrs. Stetsons a few minutes
Singing School night Did not go

Saturday, April 3

Rainy
Remained at home all day
Copied a letter intended for N....
Also composed a poem on an incident in the life of F.W...
Played euchre at home this eve A.A. Knight was present

Sunday, April 4

Cool and rainy
Remained at home all day
C. Moody was down He intends to start for Iowa tomorrow

Writing this eve
Cousin N.F. Knight was married today to Miss Louisa Carlton

Monday, April 5

Rain and Snow
Wrote a poem entitled A Prayer for Stella
A fictitious name for a person for whom I have a deep regard
Went to the corner this eve

Tuesday, April 6

Clear and cool
Cutting wood at the door
Went to the corner this evening

Wednesday, April 7

Clear and pleasant
Cutting wood at the door
Went to Singing School this eve
Dance at the Hall afterwards went over but did not dance

Thursday, April 8

Hazy but pleasant
Cutting wood at the door
Went to the corner this eve

Friday, April 9

Clear and pleasant
Went to Camden
Foss Rankins went with me
Went to the corner this evening
Called on Bell and Abbie

Saturday, April 10

Cutting wood at the door
Went to the corner P.M.
Evening played euchre with Mrs. Billings against C.W. Knight and Caro B.

Sunday, April 11

Warm and cloudy
Packing valise A.M.
P.M. went to the corner
Winnie Tolman was down to see me this evening
Went a short distance with her B. Noyes met us and escorted her home
Went to the corner

Monday, April 12

Cutting wood at the door
Clear and pleasant
Went to School meeting 4 P.M.
Recd. a letter from N.C.

Went to the corner this eve
Called on Bell & Abbie

Tuesday, April 13

Cool and cloudy
Went to the Beach
Came back and called on Stella Gave her a poem The Prayer for Stella
Went to a party at Billings Hotel Danced and played plays
Was treated first rate

Wednesday, April 14

Snowing A.M.
Caro J. Billings 17 today
Went to the corner P.M.
Called on Caro by special invitation
Wrote some lines in her Autograph Album
Gave her a copy of Leigh Hunts Poems as a Birthday present
Played euchre at the Hotel this eve Called on Bell and Abbie

Thursday, April 15

Clear and pleasant
Called on Winnie and Mother this morning
Bade my friends adieu and went to Camden with the intentions of taking the Boat for Boston
intending to start for Nevada Boat did not go Lucius and myself walked back to Lincolnville
Henry Knight carried us down Ephraim Lucius and myself

Friday, April 16

Cloudy
Reading Goldsmith
Wrote a poetical Acrostic on Caro J Billings
A.A. Knight and myself played euchre with Bell and Abbie this eve

Saturday, April 17

Rainy morning
Wrote an Acrostic on the names of W.L.T. E.L. N.C. and B.C.S & A.E.S.
Played euchre with Abbie against Bell and her father
Clear and cool this eve

Sunday, April 18

Clear and pleasant
Copying poems A.M.
Went to the Lamb Schoolhouse to a meeting Went to the Centre a few minutes P.M.
Evening went to the residence of Israel Cross
Flora was present

Monday, April 19

Clear and cool
Bid adieu to Friends and home
Was deeply affected more so than ever before on leaving home was unable to conceal my
emotion
Walked to Camden

Took the Boat for Boston
25 cts for Lunch in Camden
2.00 for a Ticket

Tuesday, April 20

Clear and cold
Arrived in Boston
Drew \$32 from the bank
Paid \$65 for a Ticket to San Francisco
\$2.50 for Blankets
75 cts for our dinner 20 cts for my supper
3 cts for a Herald
Started for N.Y. at 5,30 P.M. Via Fall R. Line

Wednesday, April 21

Clear and cool
Arrived in N.Y. this morning
Spent the day in the city
50 cts for Baggage to Depot 65 cts for Dinner at White Hotel Chambers St. 4 cts for apples

Thursday, April 22

Clear and cool
Arrived at Buffalo about 6 P.M.
Changed cars at suspension Bridge

Friday, April 23

Pleasant
Arrived in Detroit at noon
Laid over till 5,30 P.M.

Saturday, April 24

Cool and cloudy
Arrived in Chicago about 8 A.M.
Left Chicago for Councils Bluffs at 10,30 A.M.

Sunday, April 25

Changed cars at Council Bluffs for Omaha
Reached Omaha about 10,30
Laid over till night
Splendid Country from Buffalo to Omaha

Monday, April 26

Running through Neb.
Made no stop except for refreshments
No place of importance today

Tuesday, April 27

Arrived in Laramie City this morning
Running through Wyoming
A Barren country

Wednesday, April 28

Arrived at Rock Springs about 8 A.M.
Laid over several hours
Passed the break on the R.R. bridges between Rock Springs & Green River P.M.

Thursday, April 29

Changed cars at Ogden
Arrived in Carlin at 10,30 P.M.
L.H. E.H. and myself stopped here

Friday, April 30

Laid over in Carlin today
Sold our Tickets for \$7.00 a piece
Partially agreed to go to work
Wrote to Father

MAY 1875**Saturday, May 1**

Started for Cornicopia
Rode out to Limeburgers Ranch and staid over night 28 miles from Carlin

Sunday, May 2

Started for Taylors Ranch on our way to Cornicopia
Hired Limeburger to carry us part way
Stopped at a Cabin on Taylors Ranch

Monday, May 3

Started from Taylors Ranch for Cornicopia
Reached Fords Ranch A.M.
Spent the day searching for Plant
Did not find him
Camped for the first time in my life
Taylor loaned us a horse

Tuesday, May 4

Went from Fords Ranch to Cornicopia and back again
Distance about 32 miles
Camped out

Wednesday, May 5

Reached Limeburgers Ranch this eve On our way back to Carlin
Came 40 miles today
Got a chance to ride all but about 14 miles

Thursday, May 6

Came from Limeburgers Ranch to Carlin
Rode on a freight team
Bought a ticket in Carlin for Palisade 75 cts
Remained in Palisade tonight

Friday, May 7

Stopped in Palisade today
Bought a ticket for Eureka
Paid \$15,75 in Greenbacks
Started for Eureka

Saturday, May 8

Arrived in Eureka today
Looking for a job
Stopped at Chas. Knights' Lodging House
L.H. E.H. and myself visited the gambling Saloons and Hurdy Houses this eve
Perfect Hell

Sunday, May 9

Driving round over the town
Reading Moores' Poems etc
Clear and pleasant
Drove round the Gambling Saloons and Hurdy Houses
Hell on earth preserve me from them

Monday, May 10

Clear and pleasant
Tried to get work without success

Tuesday, May 11

Tried without success to get a job on the R.R.
Am getting about discouraged
Froze ice last night

Wednesday, May 12

Applied to Mr. Lameraux for work
Sent a Post Office money order to Father \$75,00 Seventy five dollars
Hired to chop wood

Thursday, May 13

Chopping today
Resolved to brave anything for a while at least
Did not expect to find home comforts when I started for this coast and am not disappointed or discouraged at meeting reverses at the outset

Friday, May 14

Sore and lame
Chopped A.M.
P.M. came in town
Wrote to C. Moody

Saturday, May 15

Windy
Stopped at the Cal. House last night
Deposited \$75,00 Seventy five dollars in Paxton and Co. Bank

Sunday, May 16

Snowing all day
Wrote to Avans and E.E.W.

Monday, May 17

From three to four inches of snow on the ground this morning
Chopping P.M.

Tuesday, May 18

Clear and pleasant
Chopping
Birthday of my mother and sister Fannie
Many happy returns may they both have
When I am no longer a restless young rover

Wednesday, May 19

Clear and pleasant
Chopping
A good initiation to the hardships of a new country
Perhaps this is a needed discipline to make me appreciate the comfortable life with which I am
not content

Thursday, May 20

Clear and pleasant
Chopping

Friday, May 21

Clear and pleasant
Chopping

Saturday, May 22

Clear and pleasant
Chopping

Sunday, May 23

Clear and pleasant
Not Chopping
Came to town
Shaved my moustache off
Wrote to E.A. Jones
Called on Charles K and wife

Monday, May 24

Chopping
Clear and pleasant

Tuesday, May 25

Chopping

Time must bring its changes and if I have the courage and endurance to hold out against hardships and ill luck I may meet with better success
The Longest Lane must have a turn

Wednesday, May 26

Chopping
That women have a refining and elevating influence on society may be observed by the rude coarse and vulgar state of the people here who have been long severed from such influences

Thursday, May 27

Chopping

Friday, May 28

Chopping
What a place for a civilized person
No one could or would endure such a life in Old States
But what can a man not adapt himself to if he has the will
When with the Romans do as the Romans do

Saturday, May 29

Chopping
Well is it for a man to remember the refining influences of home and cultivated society on this coast or in a new country if he would not become a debased Barbarian

Sunday, May 30

Came to town
Called on C. Knight and wife
Recd. a letter from E.E.W.

Monday, May 31

Left Ginney Ranch
Walked to Eureka
Took the Stage for Alpha

JUNE 1875**Tuesday, June 1**

Clear and cold
Froze ice last night
Came to Mineral Hill today

Wednesday, June 2

Commenced work McCoy at \$45 per month and board
Building a corral today

Thursday, June 3

Stacking bailed hay and building a corral

Friday, June 4

Building Road

Saturday, June 5

Clear and pleasant
Building road

Sunday, June 6

Clear and warm
Wrote to E.L. and E.E.W.

Monday, June 7

Loading wood

Tuesday, June 8

Loading wood

Wednesday, June 9

Snowing all day
Loading wood

Thursday, June 10

Clear and pleasant
Recd. a letter from Avans and Sister Nell
Snow from 2 to 3 inches deep this morn
A strange country this

Friday, June 11

Clear and pleasant
Loading wood
Went to the Village this eve

Saturday, June 12

Clear and pleasant
Loading wood
Loaned L.H. Knight \$5.00
Went to the Village this eve

Sunday, June 13

Working A.M.
P.M. Wrote to A.A. Knight
Clear and cool

Monday, June 14

Clear and cool
Loading wood

Tuesday, June 15

Clear and pleasant
Loading wood

Wednesday, June 16

Cold and Lowery with snow squalls
Loading wood

Thursday, June 17

Cold and windy
Grading road and loading wood
Recd. of L.H.K. \$5,00 loaned June 12th

Friday, June 18

Clear and warm
Building road & loading wood
Went to the village this eve
Bought a lunch pail

Saturday, June 19

Clear and warm
Loading wood

Sunday, June 20

Clear and pleasant
Writing

Monday, June 21

Clear and pleasant
Loading wagons

Tuesday, June 22

Clear and cool
Loading wagons

Wednesday, June 23

Clear and warm
Went to Stimpsons' Canyon
Driving the bulls
Went to the village this eve
Loaned L.H. Knight \$3,00
Recd. payment July 3rd

Thursday, June 24

Clear and warm
Went to Stimpsons Canyon
Assisted in driving the team

Friday, June 25

Driving the oxen and assisting the teamster
Felt quite unwell
Recd. a letter from C. Moody

Saturday, June 26

Loading wagons
Was tempted to leave my job
Felt about sick and discouraged
High resolves will fade away when hope sinks in the breast
Weakness and dismay and sigh for peace and rest

Sunday, June 27

Clear and pleasant
Wrote to Sister Nell

Monday, June 28

Cool
Thunder Shower
Not much rain
Loading wagons

Tuesday, June 29

Cool
Thunder showers, not much rain
Loading wagons
Easy time today

Wednesday, June 30

Went to Stimpsons Canyon
Spotting trees
A.M. traveled about 5 miles over mountains
P.M. assisted in driving the oxen

JULY 1875**Thursday, July 1**

Clear and pleasant
Loading wagons

Friday, July 2

Clear and pleasant
Loading wagons
Pay day
Recd. of Geo. McCoy \$48 for labor up to July 1st
Promised me \$55 per month this month

Saturday, July 3

Exchanged \$40 in greenbacks with L.H.K. for gold
Also \$25 with E.H. Knight

Loading wagons
Went to the village this eve

Sunday, July 4

A quiet day with me
Wrote to N.C. and C.J.B. also a comical letter to F.E.K.

Monday, July 5

Clear and pleasant
Loading wagons

Tuesday, July 6

Clear and pleasant
Loading wagons
Paid July 11th

Wednesday, July 7

Went to Stimpsons Canyon
Driving bulls today
Came near killing the wheelers Chain broke on the pointers and the load pulled them down the hill

Thursday, July 8

Thunder shower not much rain
Loading wagons
Recd. a letter from Stella
Lucius had a row with C. Mandrake

Friday, July 9

Thunder shower but little rain
Loading wagons

Monday, July 10

Hot today
Loading wagons
Went to the village this eve
Dance at the village tonight

Sunday, July 11

Clear and hot
Wrote to C. Moody also wrote a serio comic letter in dialect to Stella

Monday, July 12

Loading wagons

Tuesday, July 13

Loading wagons
What a dull monotonous life living in an uncivilized country with no society or pleasures
A throwing away of life for the sake of paltry gold in the hope that it may bring future happiness

How ambition lives in the future instead of enjoying the present in peace and contentment
I often weary of this tumultuous ambitious unrest and long for happiness and rest

Wednesday, July 14

Loading wagons

Thursday, July 15

Loading wagons

Went to the village this eve

Friday, July 16

Went to Cave Canyon today

Driving the team

Saturday, July 17

Loading wagons

Recd. a letter from A.A. Knight

Went to the village this eve

Sunday, July 18

Clear and pleasant

Wrote to Cyrus Walker Washington Territory

Also to R. Knight

Went to the village this eve

Monday, July 19

Loading wagons

Clear and warm

Tuesday, July 20

Loading wagons

Went to the village this eve

Wednesday, July 21

Loading wagons

Went to the village this eve

Thursday, July 22

Commenced sledding wood today in Lone Cabin Canyon

Lucius was over this eve Had a letter from Flora Moody

Friday, July 23

Grading Road today

Lucius brought me a letter from Avans and Sister Nell

Saturday, July 24

Sledding wood today

Shower P.M.

Sunday, July 25

Clear and pleasant
Sent \$50 to Father by Wells Fargo Express
Also wrote him a letter

Monday, July 26

Making road in Lone Cabin Canyon
Lucius went to Eureka today
Eph commenced work in the wood yard for the mining co.

Tuesday, July 27

Sledding wood
Broke the sled
Discharged the Chinaman and intended to quit work for McCoy
But he wanted me to drive one of the teams
Recd. a letter and picture from N.C.
She pleads for sympathy and love Is unhappy and discontented
How like my own feelings in days gone bye How strange are the records of time She pleads for
the love that she scorned when it was wholly hers

Wednesday, July 28

Driving the Team today

Thursday, July 29

Driving the Team today

Friday, July 30

Driving the Team

Saturday, July 31

Driving the Team

AUGUST 1875**Sunday, August 1**

Worked today
Drove the Team
Finished hauling wood
Recd. a letter from Fannie Knight

Monday, August 2

Clear and warm
Worked A.M.
P.M. Loafed

Tuesday, August 3

Recd. of Geo. McCoy \$59.50 fifty nine dollars and fifty cents
Went to the village

Staid with Eph tonight
Am undecided what to do or where to go

Wednesday, August 4

Left Mineral Hill today
Walked to within 18 miles of Palisade and Camped
Came over a dreary waste
Footsore and weary

Thursday, August 5

Took the train for Palisade
Loafed around the village today
Went in the river for a swim
Lodgings paid by a friend tonight

Friday, August 6

Remained in Palisade
Clear and hot
Bought a horse saddle and bridle
Paid \$55
Came to Carlin tonight

Saturday, August 7

Clear and hot
Remained in Carlin A.M.
P.M. returned to Palisade
Started for Mineral Hill
Camped in the Sage Brush tonight

Sunday, August 8

Riding across the Plains
Arrived in Mineral Hill about sunset
Stopped with Eph tonight
Met McCoys outfit this morning
Helped a Mr. Fuller out of the creek today

Monday, August 9

Monday
Started for Alpha Lost the way and rode over the hills all day
Arrived in Alpha about 5 P.M.

Tuesday, August 10

Looking for employment
Went up to Fullers Ranch tonight
The same gentleman I helped out of trouble Sunday

Wednesday, August 11

Went over on the Grade
The Boss promised me a job on the R.R.
Wrote to Eph, Knight

Camped in the Sage Brush no covering but my horse blanket
Came near freezing

Thursday, August 12

Commenced work on the E. & Palisade R.R. in Giles gang
Let Mr. Giles take \$32 thirty two dollars of my money for safe keeping as I had no place to keep it
Commenced work on the Eureka & Palisade R.R.

Friday, August 13

Worked on the R.R. Clear and hot
Clear and hot cold nights
Worked for the R.R. Co.

Saturday, August 14

Worked for the R.R. Co.
Work not very hard but associates disagreeable for a man of any refinement

Sunday, August 15

Moved camp
Worked all day
Believe I can adapt myself to most any society
(When with the Romans do as the Romans do)
Not always pleasant to do

Monday, August 16

Worked on the camp today
I often think and dream of distant friends and the pleasant hours spent with them and contrast them with the present
Recd. a shirt today
(Sentiments and facts rather mixed)
Perhaps I am getting a little homesick

Tuesday, August 17

Driving mules for the R.R. Co.
Clear hot day and cool nights
I am getting rather weary of this manner of life Rude, ignorant uncultivated associates and a barren dreary desert of a country I long to see the green fields and majestic forests again

Wednesday, August 18

Clear and hot
Working on the R.R.
Tis strange that one will suffer so much for ambitions hopes and the allurements of wealth which after all may bring naught but bitter disappointment

Thursday, August 19

Clear and hot
Digging a culvert A.M.
P.M. Laying a water pipe

Friday, August 20

Clear and hot
Driving a span of gray for the R.R. Co.
It is amusing to observe the different style and language of the Drivers one exclaims Come now;
another you; Get up will you; Hooey; Get up gee; and sh. With as many comical gestures as there
are exclamations

Saturday, August 21

Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.

Sunday, August 22

Not working today
Wrote to Nellie Cross also to Avans and Lucius Knight
In the former tried to express sentiments as noble and manly as I could and as I felt with some
gratuitous advice which was perhaps impertinent

Monday, August 23

Clear and pleasant
Working for the Company
Driving the Grays

Tuesday, August 24

Clear and pleasant
Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.

Wednesday, August 25

Windy and dusty
A weary day
Driving horses for the Co.
Sick of the job sick of the Country and sick of the society of the ignorant trash with which I'm
obliged to mingle

Thursday, August 26

Clear and cool
Driving horses for the E. & P. R.R. Co.
Tis hard to keep up the requisite courage and exertion for weeks, months, and years
To struggle with obstacles reverses and trials of every kind with the same calm unwavering
purpose in view and the same fixed determination to win success. One often feels like
relinquishing the trial
Not for myself alone would I strive for wealth or fame But the thoughts of loved ones stimulates
to renewed exertions and that I struggle on though often weary heartsick and discouraged

Friday, August 27

Working for the E. & P. R.R. Co.

Saturday, August 28

Working for the E. & P. R.R. Co.
Driving the Grays
A settled life in content and poverty is preferable to this roving ambitious existence even though
it were crowned at last with success

Sunday, August 29

Clear and pleasant
Sent for my valises
Wrote some lines on the boys in Camp

Monday, August 30

Working on the R.R.
Driving horses
A tedious day
Windy and dusty

Tuesday, August 31

Working for the R.R. Co.
How dissatisfied and discontented I am and have ever been Yet none prize peace and contentment more than myself although I place myself voluntarily in the midst of hardships and strife and toil where comfort and rest is [illegible] and all this may be of no avail for the aim I have in view wealth and fame

SEPTEMBER 1875**Wednesday, September 1**

Working for the Co.
Recd. three letters one from Father one from E.H. Knight and one from C. Moody
Was pretty tired tonight

Thursday, September 2

Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.

Friday, September 3

Driving for the E. & P. R.R. Co.
Reading Harper this eve

Saturday, September 4

Driving for the R.R. Co.

Sunday, September 5

Clear and warm
Wrote to Chas. Moody and Fannie E. Knight
Gave Mr. Giles some lines on the boys of Camp 2

Monday, September 6

Clear and pleasant
Driving horses for the R.R. Co.
Lame and tired had a mind to quit

Tuesday, September 7

Clear and pleasant
Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.

Received a letter from Lucius Knight

Wednesday, September 8

Clear and pleasant
Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.
Was pretty lame about used up tonight

Thursday, September 9

Clear and pleasant
Drove a wagon A.M.

Friday, September 10

Clear and pleasant
Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.
Quite an entertainment in Camp this eve Singing and story telling

Saturday, September 11

Driving Horses for the R.R. Co.
Evening Song Singing and story telling among the boys in Camp

Sunday, September 12

Clear and pleasant
Wrote to Father
Also commenced a poem the Blue-eyed girls of Maine
Copied the Beecher-Tilton Song
Wrestling in Camp tonight

Monday, September 13

Driving the Grays
Commenced work as Hostler and Stock Boss tonight

Tuesday, September 14

Working for the Co.
Tending Stock and Helping the Blacksmith
Rained tonight
Got soaking wet
What would they think East to Camp under the canopy of Heaven in a rainstorm

Wednesday, September 15

Cloudy and showery
Working in my new role for the Co.
Went to Camp with a team
Had a general fight in Camp this morning
Black eyes and bloody noses was the order of the day

Thursday, September 16

Clear and pleasant
Went to Camp with a team
Helping the Blacksmith Tending Stock etc
Received a letter from Avans and Sister Nell

Wrote to Fred Turner for my valises

Friday, September 17

Helping the Blacksmith and Tending stock

Saturday, September 18

Tending stock
Working with the Blacksmith etc.

Sunday, September 19

Clear and pleasant
Moved Camp today
Worked all day

Monday, September 20

Cool and squally
Tending stock
Boxing Chinamen and fixing up about Camp
Froze ice tonight thick as window glaze
Got kicked by a vicious horse Knocked me about twenty feet without serious injury

Tuesday, September 21

Clear cold and windy
Tending Stock Working with the Blacksmith etc.
It seems hardly fair to me to work as long as the other men
Besides having charge of 60 to 70 head of horses and mules and not get any better wages for it
Froze ice tonight
Recd. my valises today

Wednesday, September 22

Clear and pleasant
Worked with the Blacksmith all day Besides overseeing the work of some Chinamen and tending the Stock
Felt some-what disgusted at the multiplicity of duties and over-work devolving upon me

Thursday, September 23

Overseeing the work of Chinamen
Working in the Blacksmith Shop and tending stock

Friday, September 24:

Clear and pleasant
Work nearly same as yesterday
Freezes quite hard every night of late

Saturday, September 25

Overseeing the Chinamen and tending stock
Not working much in the shop
Saw John Gay this morn gave me information in regard to Eph Knight and others in Mineral Hill

Sunday, September 26 – Wednesday, September 29

Received a letter from Nellie Cross and also from Sister Fannie
 Wrote a reply to Sis. Who informed me of the marriage of John Scruton to Tamson Heal and George Lunt to Emma Sinclair
 Nellie declared her determination to live a noble pure and virtuous life for my sake – strong evidence of her love for me – But tis easy for a young girl to forget their allegiance to an absent lover
 Easy to form new and tender ties with others who mingle in their society
 The young impulsive heart may not know itself But why should I doubt her love when for more than a year she has said and done all a proud and spirited girl could to convince me of her sincerity
 I have coldly acted indifferently and advised her to accept the love of others more worthy than myself In every case she has shown (so far as I know) a loftier spirit a deeper devotion a tenderer heart a purer nobler mind than perhaps even I gave her credit of possessing
 But experience bitter experience has made a cynical skeptic of me I doubt even myself and the evidence of my own senses yet I would not be unjust
 I strive to prove and test e'er I condemn and if I wrong by skepticism It is because experience ever points to betrayed innocence and simplicity in the past as waiving that I have been to credulous Perhaps now I am to much the reverse
 Moved Camp today
 Quite hot at midday freezing nights
 Was very weary tonight

Thursday, September 30

Clear and extremely warm
 Feeling quite indisposed today but still performing duties
 Worked 28 days this month for the R.R. Co.

OCTOBER 1875**Friday, October 1**

Having a much easier time since we moved camp
 Could not stand it if I had not as feel quite sick
 Working for the Co.
 Clear and pleasant
 Finished the Poem Blue-eyed Girls of Maine

Saturday, October 2

Have had nothing to do outside of my line as Stock Boss for two or three days
 But this is quite enough for one man
 Long hours

Sunday, October 3

Went down to the six mile house today to see Jack Fuller and Lucius Knight
 Agreed to go to work for them
 Wrote to the Postmaster Mineral Hill for a letter in that office

Monday, October 4

Worked for the R.R. Co. A.M.

P.M. Quit work Recd. my check for this month of Marshall and commenced work for Knight & Fuller
Recd. of Giles \$11 of the \$32 I let him have promised the rest the 10th

Tuesday, October 5

Herding Cows
Warm days Freezing nights
Sent for my R.R. money by Giles

Wednesday, October 6

Met with a mortifying accident this morning The breaking of a couple of teeth by a cow striking me in the mouth with her horns
To have them broke in such an inglorious cause was humiliating
I would not have felt so bad as a broken arm but perhaps that was vain pride

Thursday, October 7

Herding
Clear and hot Freezing nights
Felt quite indisposed
Severe headache and mental depression
Mare ran away yesterday after I turned her out
Afraid I have lost her

Friday, October 8

Clear and hot day
Herding
Rather a wild exhilarating life dashing over the plains like a Comanche Indian
Cooking ones victuals and sleeping under the Blue canopy of Heaven

Saturday, October 9

Herding
Got my mare from the R.R. Co. again today
Lucius put her in the milk wagon with a view to buying if she would work

Sunday, October 10

Herding
Sold my mare to Knight and Fuller or rather they made an offer for her which I accepted

Monday, October 11

Herding

Tuesday, October 12

Herding
Rather like the business
One can hardly be troubled by the blues it is so exhilarating
One might be satisfied with such a life were it not for the love of money
Moved into the house tonight first night under cover for three months

Wednesday, October 13

Herding

Recd. L.H. Knight's note for \$30 on the mare

Thursday, October 14

Clear and hot day Freezing night
Herding Recd. \$55 Fifty five dollars of R.R. money from Giles
Loaned the same to L.H. Knight

Friday, October 15

Hot day cold night
Herding
Recd. a statement of my R.R. money from Giles also a Receipt for Poll Tax
Recd. a letter from Fan Knight

Saturday, October 16

Hot day
Herding

Sunday, October 17

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Monday, October 18

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Tuesday, October 19

Clear and pleasant
Herding
L.H. Knight got \$20 more of my money from Giles

Wednesday, October 20

Clear and pleasant
Herding
Recd. a note for \$75.00 of Lucius Knight for money loaned to him

Thursday, October 21

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Friday, October 22

Clear and pleasant
Herding
Rode to Eureka this morning

Saturday, October 23

Cloudy and cool
Herding
Thinking about writing a poem on Home today

For a feeling oft comes over me while neath a distant sky I roam and bright scenes will rise
before me of loved ones in a distant home

Sunday, October 24

Cold and windy
Herding
My birthday am 24 today
Year by year I'm growing older and instead of love or tears the heart grows prouder, sterner,
colder
In the weary lapse of years avarice and selfish passions Striving for that mammon gold proves
instead of growing better the heart is only growing old

Monday, October 25

Wrote to Eph. Knight last night
Herding

Tuesday, October 26

Herding
Cloudy and windy

Wednesday, October 27

Raining
Herding Got pretty wet
Hardships and expense enough to try the fortitude of even the most resolute and hardy
My courage and resolution often wavers

Thursday, October 28

Two inches of snow this morning
Cold and squally
Herding
Tedious work
Recd. a letter from Chas. Moody

Friday, October 29

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Saturday, October 30

Clear and pleasant
Herding
Camped under the Beautiful Stars Poetic but cold business
Tore the Cabin down for a stable

Sunday, October 31

Clear and pleasant
Herding

NOVEMBER 1875

Monday, November 1

Clear and pleasant
Herding
Recd. a letter from Eph. Knight
Rained tonight

Tuesday, November 2

Rainy
Herding
Got pretty wet
Slept in a wet bed under a snow-bank as it snowed tonight

Wednesday, November 3

Cloudy
Herding
Fathers Birthday
Blankets wet nothing like getting used to hardships

Thursday, November 4

Clear and pleasant
Herding
Composed a Poem on Home while herding today

Friday, November 5

Recd. a letter from Sister Nell written in Sept.
Herding

Saturday, November 6

Rainy
Herding
Got pretty tired done all the milking this morning 34 cows
Tramping the rest of the day after the cows nothing to eat till about eight o'clock tonight
That's roughing it a little
Turned into my virtuous couch wet cold and tired

Sunday, November 7

Squally
Herding lost part of the cows
I and J. Fuller had a few words Got pretty hot Told him to do his own herding if he couldn't furnish a horse
Was lame stiff and cross and sick of the country
Lucius lost the mare I sold him today

Monday, November 8

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Tuesday, November 9

Herding
Wrote to Sister Nell this evening

Wednesday, November 10

Cloudy
J. Fuller went to Mineral Hill
Herding

Thursday, November 11

Rainy this morn
Squally day
Herding
Milked the cows this morn alone

Friday, November 12

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Saturday, November 13

Cold and windy Herding
Wrote some lines on Friendship
Herding

Sunday, November 14

Cold and windy
Herding

Monday, November 15

Snowing
Herding on foot lost the stock
Got in about nine o'clock at night fairly exhausted and crippled
Was pretty mad and thought I would quit but kept cool

Tuesday, November 16

Cold and cloudy
Herding
Sore and lame

Wednesday, November 17

Cold and cloudy day
Rained night and morning
Horses run away with Lucius today Cried like a baby so Charles said

Thursday, November 18

Raining all day
Herding
Got wet through

Friday, November 19

Cleared up this morning
Terrible muddy
Herding

About made up my mind to go home
Tired of so much hardship with no prospect of doing any better than I could do East

Saturday, November 20

Pleasant but partially clear
Herding

Sunday, November 21

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Monday, November 22

Clear and pleasant
Herding

Tuesday, November 23

Pleasant
Herding
Heard of the death of N.H. Fletcher

Wednesday, November 24

Cloudy some rain Herding
Wrote to Charles Moody this eve

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving an uneventful day with me
Herding
Pleasant
Snowed tonight

Friday, November 26

Cloudy
Snowed tonight
Herding
Lucius informed me he had sold out today

Saturday, November 27

Cloudy
Herding

Sunday, November 28

Pleasant
Herding

Monday, November 29

Clear and warm
Herding
Commenced a Poem on Wagner and Gordon

Tuesday, November 30

Cloudy but pleasant
Herding

DECEMBER 1875

Wednesday, December 1

Squally
Herding

Thursday, December 2

Clear and very pleasant
Lucius sold out today
Herding

Friday, December 3

Went to Eureka
Thence to Ruby Hill to see Giles
Promised to pay Lucius what he owed me
Eph was in Eureka
Both went to the Ranch tonight

Saturday, December 4

Cloudy
I and Eph went to Eureka again today
Lucius came up in the [illegible] and we ran over the town considerable
I and Eph sat up tonight to be ready for the morning train
Loaned E.H. Knight \$40.00 in coin

Sunday, December 5

Left Eureka for Palisade
Remained in Palisade today
Bought ticket for Chicago
Very pleasant

Monday, December 6

Left Palisade today
Bound East

Tuesday, December 7

Pleasant
Arrived at Ogden changed cars
Bought a Book – Spanish Self Taught

Wednesday, December 8

Have passed the time pleasantly thus far
Anecdotes Conundrums Songs and Stories have been the rule

Thursday, December 9

Cold and windy
Crossing the Rocky Mountains today
Arrived in Cheyenne tonight

Friday, December 10

Pleasant
Running through Nebraska
Good stock country along the Platte River

Saturday, December 11

Arrived in Omaha tonight
Remained at the U.R. R.R. House

Sunday, December 12

Remained in Omaha today Left 4 P.M.
Bought a revolver
Changed cars at Council Bluffs
Took the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Route to Chicago Fine Country and splendid residences on this route

Monday, December 13

Arrived in Chicago 4,30 P.M.
Left 5,15 P.M. via Michigan Central and Lake Shore
Thence by Grand Trunk to Detroit
Had trouble on the cars with Texas Jack and his confederates all noted desperadoes

Tuesday, December 14

Arrived at Detroit at early morn
Changed cars
Thence by Grand Trunk to Toronto
Laid over in Toronto till 7 P.M.
Thence by Grand Trunk to Prescott junction
Thence by Omnibus and ferry to Ogdensburg

Wednesday, December 15

Arrived in Ogdensburg at 6,30 A.M.
Laid over till 10,20 A.M.
Thence by Vermont Central to St. Albans
Arriving at 6,30 P.M. Changed cars
Thence to Boston without change of cars over the Northern N.H. R.R. and Boston Lowell & Nashua R.R.

Thursday, December 16

Arrived in Boston this morning
Cloudy but warm
Called on Mr. Burditt
Saw G. Crawford
Roving over town all day

Friday, December 17

Ranging over town today
Took the boat for Camden at 4 P.M.
Run into Cape Ann on account of a leak in the boiler
Had a row on the boat with some drunken sailors

Saturday, December 18

Got in Camden at 1 P.M.
Rode up to Lincolntonville with F. Rankins
Spent the evening at home with Uncle Samsons' folks
Cold and windy

Sunday, December 19

Clear and cool
Went to the corner P.M.
Called on Mrs. Billings and daughter
Saw several old friends
Called on Bell and Abbie this eve

Monday, December 20

18 below zero this morn
Went to the corner P.M.
Remained at home this eve

Tuesday, December 21

Cloudy and pleasant
Went to Camden A.M. got my baggage
P.M. went to the corner called on E. Tower and wife Fan Knight was present
Winnie Tolman Fannie Knight Herbert Heal Laforest Rankins and A. Miller were at Fathers
residence this evening Had a pleasant time

Wednesday, December 22

Clear and very warm
Avans went to Belfast
Carried Sister Fan and Winnie Tolman
Went to the corner P.M.
I and Avans played euchre with Bell and Abbie this evening

Thursday, December 23

Clear and very warm
Went to the corner
Herbert Heal and myself played euchre with Bell and Abbie this even

Friday, December 24

Clear and cool
Went to the corner
Called on Mrs. Billings and daughter P.M.
Evening went to a dance at the centre
Carried Nettie Rackliff to supper
Escorted Fannie Knight home
Met a number of my old friends

Quite a fair time

Saturday, December 25

Snowed last night
Went to the corner Rainy
Called on A.E. Stetson and Bell
Recd. a note of Nell Cross written to Mother
C. Knight arrived in Lincolnville last night after an absence of eight or nine years in Nevada

Sunday, December 26

Pleasant A.M.
Wrote to Nellie Cross
Also to Pollard Leighton & Co.
Went to the corner A.A. Knight and myself called on Carrie Thomas this eve

Monday, December 27

Cloudy A.M.
P.M. Clear and pleasant
Went to the corner P.M.
Called on Bell and Abbie this eve

Tuesday, December 28

Pleasant A.M.
P.M. Cloudy
Commenced chopping a little today
Remained at home this evening

Wednesday, December 29

Clear and pleasant
Chopping
Recd. a letter from Nellie Cross also from Charles Moody
Bell Stetson was up to Fathers residence this eve Escorted her home Thence went to the residence of J. Lamb as Avans and Fannie were going
Played a couple games of euchre with Winnie against Fan and Herbert
Spent the rest of the evening with Mrs. Lamb and her mother Escorted Sis home

Thursday, December 30

Cloudy not working
Revising some of my poems
Called on Carrie Thomas
Fannie and Avans also Alpheus were present
Played euchre had quite a pleasant time in the evening

Friday, December 31

Warm and very pleasant with a beautiful sunset
Chopping A.M.
P.M. Revising some of my poems
Carrie Thomas came up on a visit Spent the evening Herbert Heal came over with Winnie
Had a pleasant time
Dance at the centre none of us attended

Escorted Carrie home as I laughingly dared her to claim the privilege of Leap Year and choose her escort which she as laughingly carried in to effect by asking me to escort her
 Went over to the Hall about fifteen minutes afterwards
 Called on Mrs. Billings and daughter the first of the eve also on Bell and Abbie

MEMORANDA

July 25th
 Sent Father \$50 in gold by Wells Fargo & Co. Express
 October 13th
 Recd. a note of L.H. Knight for \$30,00
 Oct. 20th Recd. a note of L.H. Knight for \$75,00
 Dec. 4th
 Loaned Ephraim Knight \$40,00 Coin
 Dec. 17th of E.K. \$10,00 in currency
 April 15, 1875
 Borrowed of A.A. Knight \$1,40 Also at his request took \$20 dollars extra
 May 12 Sent Father a Money Order amounting to \$75 in currency
 May 15 Deposited \$75 in Paxton Bank
 C. Moody address
 Box 960
 Marshaltown
 Marshal Co. Iowa
 Walter Decatur
 85 Orange St.
 Chelsea Mass
 No. of Bank book 26,852
 (Stella) Emma L.

CASH ACCOUNT JANUARY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
1 st	Dancing Expenses		.85
6			.04
7	To Book and Postage		.16
	To 1 box Troches		.25
	To Shaving Cream		.15
8	To candy		.05
11	For playing cards		.25
12	For Show Ticket		.25
14			.07
18	For Books		.93
20	Of Father	\$1,00	.13
29	Of Father	\$1.50	
29	To Diary		\$1.50
30	To Ink and writing material		.15

CASH ACCOUNT FEBRUARY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
6th	To J. Mathews		.11
8	To J. Mathews		.06
10	To J. Mathews		.05
14	To J. Mathews		.05
14	To Postage		.03
17	To Dancing		.25

17	To Singing School	.10
17	To Candy	.05
19	Public Reading ticket	.10
21st	<u>Recitation</u> of Enoch Arden	.20
22 nd	To Supper	\$1.00
	To Candies	.15

CASH ACCOUNT MARCH

Date	Description	Received	Paid
5 th	Of J. Taber	.75	
11th	To J. Mathews		.05
	Of Avans	.50	
12 th	To E. Parker for horse hire Feb. 22 nd		.50
27 th	To Candy		.07
28	Loaned March 28 th to C.D. Billing		.20

CASH ACCOUNT APRIL

Date	Description	Received	Paid
9	Of Father	15,00	
9 th	For 2 valises		1.90
	for 1 hat		1.75
	To the Barber		.20
15 th	To J. Mathews in fill of all demands against me		\$10,00
	Recd of Father	\$80.00	
19			2.25
20	For a ticket to San Francisco		65,00
20	To Sundries		3.47
			.15
21			1.20
21			.53
23			.55
24			.69
25			.55
26			.65
27			.75
28			.75
29			.50
30	For Tickets		1.50
30	Loaned E.H.K		.50

CASH ACCOUNT MAY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
1 st	Meals & Lodging		1.15
2 nd	Riding & Board		4.00
3 rd	For Meals		1.50
6	For L. & Meals		3.75
	For Ticket		.75
	For L. & M.		1.25
7	For Ticket		15.75
7	Refreshments		.80
8 th	For Barber		.25
8	For Meals		1.75

9 th	For Apples	.25
12	Money Order	75.00
12	Cost of Same	.60
11 th		1.10
11 th		.25
12		1.00
15		.65
16	Postage	.10
25	Refreshments	1.10
30	Barber	1.00
30	Refreshments	.30
31	Stage fare	7.50
	Refreshments	.90
	Recd. of <u>Ginney</u>	1.50

CASH ACCOUNT JUNE

Date	Description	Received	Paid
1	Lodging		1.00
2	R.R. Fare		2.00
2	Stage & Refreshments		2.50
12	To Postage		.25
12	To Medicine		1.25
18 th	To L.Pail		1.15

CASH ACCOUNT JULY

Date	Description	Received	Paid
2 nd	Of G. McCoy	\$48	
2 nd	For <u>Mits</u>		2.00
11	To Stamps & Medicine		1.50
11	Of C.M.	1.00	
13	Of C.M.	.50	
16 th	To treats		.40
17	Of C.M.	.25	
25	To Apples		.25
25	To Postage		.10
27	To 1 Shirt		2.50

CASH ACCOUNT AUGUST

Date	Description	Received	Paid
1			.25
3	Of G.M.	\$59.50	
3	To Board		.85
4 th	For Blankets	2.50	
5 th	R.R. fare		2.00
5 th	Board		1.75
6 th	Board		1.25
6 th	To Horse and outfit		55.50
7 th	Board and Lodging		1.50
7 th			.25
8	Board		.25
7 th	To 1 pair Hose		.50
9	To Board		1.40
10 th	To Board		.75

11 th	To Board	1.00
11	To Boots Blankets and Overalls	15.00
16 th	Shirt & Hose	3.00
Poll Tax		\$4.00

CASH ACCOUNT SEPTEMBER

Improvements in Centre Lincolnville (For 1875)

Cheese Factory built by a Company of Citizens during the Summer

Adelbert Drake made preparations for building a house next Spring Dug the Cellar Moved the old building etc.

CASH ACCOUNT OCTOBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
5 th			.50
8 th	To Apples		.50
26 th	For Socks		2.00

CASH ACCOUNT NOVEMBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
10 th	To Clothing		6.00
21 st	To 1 Pr. Boots		8.00

CASH ACCOUNT DECEMBER

Date	Description	Received	Paid
3 rd	To Apples		.25
3 rd	Of L.H.K	1.46	
4	Barber and incidentals		.75
5 th	Ticket from Eureka		8.00
5 th	Ticket to Chicago		51.50
	Meals		.50
6 th			1.25
7 th	Expenses		.75
9	Expenses		.35
10 th	Expenses		1.00
11 th	To Honey		.75
11 th	To Expenses		.75
12 th	To Revolver		7.50
12	To Board		.40
13	To R.R. Ticket		19.00 in coin
14			.75
15			.75
16	To 1 Suit Clothes		16.75
16	Board & Lodging		1.50
17	Ticket to Camden		2.00
17	Sundries		.35
20 th			.30
21 st	To Diary		.65
21 st	Perfumery		.67
22	To 1 Pr Calf boots		5.00
22	To 1 Pr Rubbers		.80
22	To 1 Pr Pants		1.75
24	Dancing Expenses		1.75
31 st	To Candy		.20

AGES OF ACQUAINTANCES

January 1875

Date	Name	Years
6	Jennie Jones	15
14	John E. Watson	30
14	Herbert Heal	27
14	Ella Cudworth	23
16	Ella E. Watson	23
17	Emma A. Knight	25
25	Charles Drake	28
25	Dora Cobb	26
28	Augustine Hahn	28
29	Ephraim Knight	30
31	Nellie Heal	16

February 1875

Date	Name	Years
2	James Pottle	14
2	Charles A. Moody	21
18	Bell C. Stetson	21
16	Annie Drake	13
20	Wm. H. Knight	34
20	Israel W. Miller	34
22	Charles H. Billings	22
28	Sylvanus Coose	46

March 1875

Date	Name	Years
15	Samson Knight	65
17	Mrs. Ruth Coose	27
27	Ruth S. Drake	61
29	Florence E. Cross	17
31	John Drake	19

April 1875

Date	Name	Years
2	Benson Noyes	39
4	Mrs. Mattie Rankins	27
7	Mrs. Alice Abbott	22
10	Emma Lunt	17
10	Mattie Fernald	25
11	Nettie Rackliffe	19
11	George F. Knight	27
14	Caro J Billings	17
17	Joseph F. Lamb	34
19	Mrs. Rose J. Mills	24
23	Nellie M. Knight	13
25	Nellie E. Cross	19
27	Tamson Heal	19

May 1875

Date	Name	Years
4	Abbie E. Stetson	25
18	Delania Knight	56

5	Delania L. Knight	4
18	Fannie A. Knight	20
12	James Hoffses	35
14	Aubry Coose	5
25	George Stetson	30
21	Ezra B. Knight	35

June 1875

Date	Name	Years
5	Louisa Blood	13
8	<u>C.C.</u> Shepherd	30
10	Adella Pitcher	31
21	Eliza Adams	14
11	Winnie L. Tolman	16
16	Ida E. Drake	20
17	Ella M. Pattersen	23
20	Frank L. Calderwood	23
24	Alpheus A. Knight	28
29	Mellissa Knight	34

July 1875

Date	Name	Years
2	Carrie E. Thomas	23
5	Mrs. Emma Maddox	26
8	Etta M. Mathews	19
9	Ella Pottle	25
13	May Quinn	17
18	Mrs. Emma Knight	25
22	Minnie Fuller	12
23	Evelyn O. Cross	21
28	Gertie Adams	18
31	Mrs. Mary J. Bartlett	28

August 1875

Date	Name	Years
1	Bell Parker	15
1	Jesse Billings	25
2	Mary E. Drake	18
5	Riley W. Mathews	30
6	Avans P. Knight	22
21	Mrs. Mary E. Macy	24
27	Lusannah Irish	23

Sept 1875

Date	Name	Years
10	Mrs. Georgia Lamb	30
14	Alice M. Bailey	18
22	Annie Adams	16
25	Frank W. Knight	25
28	Nancie A. Drake	26

October 1875

Date	Name	Years
15	Frederic Burditt	14
24	Arno W. Knight	24
28	Annie Hoffses	32

Nov 1875

Date	Name	Years
3	Rufus Knight	69
17	N.F. Knight	37
13	Lucius Knight	24

Dec 1875

Date	Name	Years
6	Georgia Drake	18
10	Walter Knight	6
12	Sarah Cleveland	20
23	Flora Parker	17
29	Joanna Knight	58
30	Carrie Adams	12

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