

**JANUARY 1881****Saturday, January 1**

Clear and cool  
Waiting upon Father and doing the chores  
Got Horse shod etc.  
Albert Knight hauling wood for us today. Ave was over  
Sat up with Father last night  
Married today Miss Eliza Hall to Mr. William F. Fletcher both of Lincolnville  
Married today Miss Carrie E. Young to Robert W. Hardy all of Lincolnville

**Sunday, January 2**

Clear and frosty  
Nursing Father and doing the chores  
Evening went up to see Goldenhead first time since my arrival in L.  
Cordial reception from all. Gave Goldenhead a Gold watch  
Remained till 11 P.M. and came home and sat up with Father rest of night

**Monday, January 3**

Cloudy  
Waiting upon Father and doing the chores

**Tuesday, January 4**

Clear and cool  
Tending Father and doing the chores  
Confined pretty close since coming home  
Evening I and Fan, Nell and Alpheus went down to see John Drake  
Found him fearfully changed since last I saw him. Had quite a long talk with him

**Wednesday, January 5**

Clear warm day  
Doing the chores and tending Father  
Sat up with him tonight  
Evening went to the Centre a few minutes

**Thursday, January 6**

Snowing  
Nursing Father doing the chores etc  
Evening read and burnt some of my old letters

**Friday, January 7**

Clear nice day  
Working about the House and Barn  
John Spaulding came here just at night and volunteered to sit up with Father  
Accepted his offer and went up to call on Goldenhead  
Came home in the wee small hours  
Cold and windy

**Saturday, January 8**

Clear nice day

Tending Father doing chores cutting a little wood etc  
Went to the centre this evening  
By C.P. Nash Camden Married this eve Miss Belle Parker to Mr. Amasa Heal both of Lincolnville

**Sunday, January 9**

Clear nice day  
Mr. Lamb, Ave, Winnie, and Joshie were over today  
A.R. Dunton was here P.M.  
Met Frank Miller and mother this evening. Had quite a long talk with them  
Went to the Centre a few minutes this evening  
Sat up with Father tonight  
Mr. Page and Erastus's little girl came up this morning

**Monday, January 10**

Snowing hard all day Turned to rain  
Feeling quite unwell  
Got wet through  
Evening pretty sick

**Tuesday, January 11**

Cloudy  
Sick abed all day. Ave came over and done the chores

**Wednesday, January 12**

Cloudy  
Some better than yesterday but still feeling pretty slim  
Wrote to E.M. Thomas today

**Thursday, January 13**

Clear and pleasant  
Feeling quite well, with the exception of my throat  
Ella Pottle called today  
Wrote some in my compositions book this evening

**Friday, January 14**

Warm and cloudy. Thawing  
Improving some but throat pretty sore yet  
Rained this evening  
Writing in my Compositions Book

**Saturday, January 15**

Clear and cool  
Much better today  
P.M. went to the centre  
Called upon Anna Thomas Said Erastus wrote they had Bonded the Pickwick Mine for \$2,000

**Sunday, January 16**

Clear and nice day  
Company all day Winnie was over Mrs. Stetson and Abbie called also Stephen Page, Ned Coose, and others

Evening went to call upon Goldenhead  
Took the colt came near getting away  
Remained all night

**Monday, January 17**

Clear nice day  
Got up about 8 o'clock  
Goldenhead sang and played. Went out and boxed with the boys etc.  
Evening came home  
A.A. was in a few minutes  
In God's universe of plans  
Wealth is a blessing rare  
Yet wealth alone never makes the man  
Nor a woman pure and fair  
The lofty minds of the great of earth  
For lack of paltry gold  
Turns not with scorn from noble worth  
Disdainful proud and cold  
A.W. Knight

**Tuesday, January 18**

Clear nice day  
Albert Knight and Billy helped getting up firewood today  
I and Ave cut wood at the door waited upon Father etc.

**Wednesday, January 19**

Clear nice day  
Cut wood at the door A.M.  
Ave hauled some wood to Mr. Page J. Gordon and Mrs. E.M. Thomas  
P.M. went to Corner Called upon A.E.S. also upon Elisha Tower and wife Fannie Knight and Abbie  
Moody present

**Thursday, January 20**

Clear nice day  
Went to Corner P.M. Called upon Aunt Ruth & Nancie  
Evening went to the Beach to a Dramatic entertainment  
Carried Olive Drinkwater  
Went up to Mrs. Dyers after the entertainment. Thence to Mrs. Drinkwaters remained till  
morning  
"Afraid you'll think I'm not very good

**Friday, January 21**

Raw chilly day  
Went to Camden with colt. Carried Sister Nell  
Evening went to corner a few minutes  
Called at Stetson's

**Saturday, January 22**

North East Snow storm raging all day  
Cut a little wood at door done the chores etc

**Sunday, January 23**

Clear and cool  
Albert Knight and Mr. Page were present today  
Called upon Mrs. Thomas P.M.  
Introduced to a Miss Estes from Boston  
Evening went to see Goldie  
"Did not think three years ago I should think so much of you"  
"L. Triumph!"

**Monday, January 24**

Taking life easy  
Passed the day playing games conversing etc.  
Evening came home

**Tuesday, January 25**

Clear and cool  
Cutting wood at the door  
S. Coose wife and boy present today also Mrs. Scruton  
Evening called at E. Parkers residence  
Congratulated Bell upon her marriage etc.

**Wednesday, January 26**

Clear and cool  
Went to Camden with the Colt  
Had Dr. Miller fill seven cavities in my teeth  
Worked upon them nearly all day  
Evening I and the girls and Alpheus went over to Joshua Lambs  
Olive and Earnest were present  
Vocal and instrumental music  
Miss Emma Lunt died today aged 22 years 9 months 16 days. Sweet rest in Heaven.

**Thursday, January 27**

Clear and cold  
Fannie E. Knight called upon the girls to bid them goodbye A.M.  
P.M. Carried Fan and Nell to Camden to take the Boat for Boston enroute for Franklin Got home at 7.30 this evening  
Went to the Centre a few minutes  
Called upon E. Tower and wife.  
Wrote in Sister Fans Autograph Album, also in Annie Drakes

**Friday, January 28**

Very cold and windy  
Choring cutting wood at door etc  
Evening went to Centre  
Called at Stetsons'  
Father very miserable today failing fast

**Saturday, January 29**

Cold and very windy  
Choring nursing father etc.  
Father some better than yesterday

**Sunday, January 30**

Pleasant A.M.

P.M. Snowy

I and Ave called upon J.C. Drake after which we went to Emma Lunts funeral at the Schoolhouse

Evening went to the centre a few minutes

**Monday, January 31**

Clear and cool

Working about the house and barn

Worked an hour or two on the highway

Sold about 70 bushels of apples to Richards at 90 cts per barrel as they run from the bin

Evening went to Centre Got a Postal from Nellie for Father

Called upon Aunt Ruth and Cousin Nancie

**FEBRUARY 1881****Tuesday, February 1**

Clear cold and windy

Cut and hauled up some logs today

Richards got 6 barrels of apples etc

Evening went to see Goldenhead

Bitter cold

**Wednesday, February 2**

10 degrees below zero

Windy

Cutting wood at the door

Geo. McKenney present today

Very cold day

Went to corner a few minutes this evening

Father failing

**Thursday, February 3**

Clear cold and windy

Father failing very fast today

Taken with pleurisy and spitting of blood

Cut some wood at door

I and Mother sat up with him tonight

**Friday, February 4**

Father died at 4 o'clock this morning

Clear and some warmer I and Alpheus went to Camden Sent a Telegram to Fannie and Nellie

Engaged Elder Nash to preach the funeral sermon Sunday next at 1 o'clock P.M.

Bought a casket and Robe of Hunt \$31,50

**Saturday, February 5**

Clear and pleasant

Went to the Boat this morning

Girls did not come

Sent a dispatch to Farmer & Sherman who replied girls left there last night

Drove through to Rockland and met girls at Depot at 6 o'clock train

Arrived at home 10,15 Nellie quite unwell  
Married Miss Minnie Fuller to Del Hall by F.B. Dunton

**Sunday, February 6**

Clear fine day  
Went to Camden got the girls trunks A.M.  
Father's funeral at 1 o'clock today  
Services by Elder Nash of Camden Text "Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets" Ecclesiastes 12<sup>th</sup> 5  
Large congregation present Capt. Wadsworth manager  
Evening went to see Goldenhead Staid into the small hours  
Al Hawes stopped at our house tonight

**Monday, February 7**

Clear nice day  
Richards got 8 barrels of apples today  
Went to the Centre P.M. and settled with John Gordon Wesley Young, and E. Parker  
Evening called at E. Towers residence F.E.K. H. Moody and Abbie present

**Tuesday, February 8**

Clear and warm  
Worked in the woods A.M.  
P.M. Ernest D. present also J. Spaulding and wife  
Richards got 8 barrels of apples

**Wednesday, February 9**

Warm and cloudy  
Working in the woods  
Billy chopping A.M.  
P.M. went up to Mrs. D's  
Gave up going to Camden to the Play  
"Will go with you!"

**Thursday, February 10**

Warm and foggy  
Cutting and hauling firewood  
Evening went to the Centre  
Called at E. Towers' residence  
Fannie E. present

**Friday, February 11**

Clear and warm  
Watts got 6 barrels of apples at \$1.00 per barrel  
Hauled a load of firewood choring etc  
Foggy evening  
Went to the Centre

**Saturday, February 12**

Stormy dreary day  
Looking over the papers of Father's accts.  
Ave hauled the Hay slats home A.M.

Went to the corner this evening  
Looked over the acct. of E. Parker and Rufus Knight  
Paid B. Robinson \$11.10 and took a receipt in full of all demands against the Estate of Rufus Knight deceased Called at Stetsons, Raining

**Sunday, February 13**

Dreary stormy day  
Looking over Father's private papers  
Home all day  
Evening called at Stetsons'  
Dissatisfied  
Touch of the blues

**Monday, February 14**

St. Valentine's Day  
Clear and cool  
Ave went after hoops A.M.  
Cutting wood at door  
Evening harnessed colt went to the Centre  
Recd. letter from Erastus Thomas  
Went up to Mrs. D's  
Somewhat disappointed at reception of propositions. Spoke bitterly as I felt. Denied her assertion that wealth made no difference and accused her of doubting my ability to win a place in life, and announced my intention of winning Olive (and proving by my life rather than by vain protestations)  
My ability to climb unaided the hill of life and not shrink in cowardly fear because the prospect looks hard and cheerless. Yet I detest the spirit of selfishness which can prompt a person to be willing to share in the prosperity and success which has been won while they are unwilling to share in the toils and sacrifices to obtain it.

**Tuesday, February 15**

Clear and cool  
Got home at light  
Commenced pressing our hay today  
Evening went to the Centre  
Pleasant evening

**Wednesday, February 16**

Snowing hard  
Cleared up pleasant about 5 P.M.  
Evening I and Ave went to Hope Corner to a dramatic entertainment Play "Better than Gold"  
Very good

**Thursday, February 17**

Clear and cool  
Hay pressers left this P.M.  
Pressed about 12 tons of hay  
Watts got 6 barrels of apples at \$1.00 per barrel  
Went up and got Judge Miller as mother wished to consult him in regard to settling up Father's estate  
Evening went to the Centre  
Show at Old Meeting house Did not go

The old spirit of restlessness strong upon me

**Friday, February 18**

Cloudy  
P.M. Snowing  
Ave hauled a load of wood  
Went to the Centre  
"Sleep soldiers! Still in honored rest  
Your truth and valor wearing  
The bravest are the tenderest  
The loving are the daring  
Bayard Taylor

**Saturday, February 19**

Snowing A.M.  
Writing and copying some of my compositions  
Evening went to see Goldenhead  
Manifested considerable emotions, and yet the position she takes is unsatisfactory to me  
A love like hers is too cool and calculating to be very ardent or very permanent I fear  
After all her professions she it seems can coolly wait and if I miss success would probably make  
no objections to my humble self providing no chances more eligible present themselves before  
that all important event. Not that I would bind a woman to poverty or a life of drudgery, but I  
would like to have a woman manifest a willingness to share the life necessary to win success  
rather than wait till nickels are won to share in its luxury without having made any sacrifices to  
obtain it

**Sunday, February 20**

Clear nice day  
Copying some of my compositions A.M.  
P.M. Went to the Centre called at Stetsons  
Remained the evening

**Monday, February 21**

Warm and cloudy  
Snowing some  
Sold Richards 14 barrels and  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushels at 90 cts per barrel and Watts 6 barrels and a lime cask  
at \$1.00 per barrel  
Sorting apples all day  
Went to the Centre  
Called at Stetsons'

**Tuesday, February 22**

Clear lovely day  
Cut some wood at door  
Ave went to Camden with 8 barrels of apples  
Evening I and Fannie went down to Rackliffes  
Spent the evening  
Pleasant time

**Wednesday, February 23**

Warm thawy day  
Rained some P.M.



Ave went to Searsmont with the colt  
 Several men here to buy the hay today  
 Sold what Baldwins we had to spare to a Mr. Gould  
 Cut some wood at door etc.  
 Ernest D. came down and put on the gloves P.M.  
 Evening went to the Centre  
 Called at Stetsons'

#### **Thursday, February 24**

Clear and cold  
 Sold our hay to Geo. Young  
 Copying some of my compositions doing chores etc.

#### **Friday, February 25**

Clear and cold  
 Cut and hauled a little firewood  
 Evening went to the Lodge installation Cilleys' Hall  
 Carried Fan and Nell  
 Met several old acquaintances  
 Felt discontented and blue

#### **Saturday, February 26**

Clear and cool  
 Chopping in the woods A.M.  
 P.M. went to the corner Sold Watts 5 barrels of apples  
 Evening went to the Lyceum at Heal Schoolhouse  
 Debate on Protective Tariff and Free Trade  
 Carried Olive home Went in and went to bed

#### **Sunday, February 27**

Clear lovely day  
 Remained in the house most of the day  
 Conversing with Alice and Mrs. D.  
 Instrumental and vocal music  
 Evening sat up with Olive Brought her squarely to the test of her professions and found although she would not admit it, that the lack of wealth upon my part would ever be an inseparable barrier between us; that Gold, as in thousands of cases e'er this will build a wall between happiness and love, as impregnable, and impassable as the Rock of Gibraltar Ah, Well, why should I feel depressed to learn that what I feared, and should have known was thus, is indeed a hard and bitter reality & why need I shrink to face the worst at once and waken from an idle dream as false as fair, to earned effort and labor again  
 The bitterness now is mine the regrets more felt be here

#### **Monday, February 28**

Raining hard  
 Got home at 6 o'clock this morning  
 Sawing wood

### **MARCH 1881**

**Tuesday, March 1**

Snowing and raining  
Sawed a little wood at door  
Ave carried 6 barrels of apples to J. Lambs for Cider  
Mrs. Page had her party tonight, did not attend  
Called upon Cousin Nancie and Aunt Ruth P.M.  
Tortured with fierce unrest and bitter thoughts

**Wednesday, March 2**

Snowing and raining  
Copying some of my compositions  
Doing chores etc  
P.M. went to corner a few minutes  
Evening cloudy  
Alice had her party tonight. Did not attend  
Restless, discontented and miserable

**Thursday, March 3**

Snowing all day  
Writing A.M. some of my compositions  
P.M. went to the Centre  
Called upon Mrs. Thomas and Miss Estes  
Evening went over to the rehearsal of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" as I was requested to act as Stage Manager

**Friday, March 4**

Cloudy  
Ave hauled a load of hay 1410 lbs.  
Snowed P.M.  
Sawed some wood, done the chores and wrote or copied some of my compositions  
Evening rained hard  
Remained at home writing

**Saturday, March 5**

Rainy morning  
Cleared up warm  
Ave hauled 1230 lbs. of hay  
Joshua Lamb hauled 1980 lbs.  
Went to the Centre P.M.  
Evening went up to Mrs. Drinkwaters Carried Olive to the Lyceum at Heal Schoolhouse  
Large company present  
Alice gave me her ring till I saw her again  
Pretty cool, but came round pretty well at last

**Sunday, March 6**

Cloudy  
Went to Church A.M.  
P.M. went to see Goldenhead  
Gave some explanations and reasons that were a little more satisfactory than those she led me to infer were the real ones before, by her blank refusal of my propositions without any reason that she assigned  
Would marry me if I wished it, as soon as she was free at home

**Monday, March 7**

Clear and warm  
Went to Belfast  
Carried Fan and Nell  
Sat for my Photographs  
Evening went to the Rehearsal of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room"

**Tuesday, March 8**

Clear and warm  
Went to the Centre P.M.  
Conversing with O.W. Gould  
Went through with the rehearsal of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room"  
Evening gave the play of Ten Nights in a Bar Room Acted as Stage Manager and Prompter  
Went over to the Hall a few minutes Escorted Olive up as far as our house

**Wednesday, March 9**

Clear and warm  
A.M. went to the Centre  
P.M. went up on the upper road  
Called upon Fannie Knight  
Evening went over and staid with Lucius all night

**Thursday, March 10**

Rainy  
Went over to Enoch Knight's place A.M.  
P.M. I and Lucius came to the corner Recd. Photographs by mail Called upon A.E.S. and cousin  
Nancie Gave the latter one of my Photographs  
Feeling restless and low spirited

**Friday, March 11**

Rainy  
Copying some of my compositions  
Evening called at Stetsons also upon Cousin Nancie and I and Nancie called upon Annie Drake

**Saturday, March 12**

Cloudy  
Squally day  
Went down to Sylvanus' A.M.  
Gave him one of my Photos  
P.M. went to the Caucus I and Ernest D. called upon Anna Thomas nearly sick with cold  
Evening went to see Miss Olive, Talked rather bitterly to her  
Tried to test her Was quite affectionate and I was partially victorious  
Exchanged Photographs  
Sat up till day-light  
Stood squarely upon my rights, and insisted upon the same

**Sunday, March 13**

Raw Cloudy day  
Exchanged Photographs with Alice and Ernest D. Olive returned my letters as I insisted upon it  
Bade them all goodbye and came home P.M.  
Winnie was over also Lucius Knight Gave them each one of my Photographs

Evening went to the Centre  
Called at Stetsons'  
Retired quite early  
Alice gave me a ring  
Gave Llewellyn a set of Boxing Gloves

**Monday, March 14**

Clear and pleasant  
Bade my Relatives and friends farewell  
Called upon J.C.D and Horace Gilkey  
Doubtless never again to meet with the former on earth, and with the latter as well as many I dream not of, it is improbable that we shall meet again in an earthly life! Ah, well, parting from those we love and those who are dear to us by ties of blood, as old associations is indeed bitter anguish  
Left Camden at 10 P.M. for Boston  
Ernest Drinkwater started with me enroute for Colorado

**Tuesday, March 15**

Clear and warm  
Felt pretty sick on the Boat Chas. Clark and Note Ross and Geo. Heal were on the Boat from L. also Benj Rackliffe, Jack and Ed. Fuller were also on Board the former enroute for Nevada the latter like myself and Ernest bound for Colorado  
Arrived in Boston at noon Met A.A. Wiley Bought Ticket for South Arkansas Colo, \$27.75 Took the train at Old Colony Depot for Fall River at 6 o'clock P.M. thence by steamer Newport to N.Y.

**Wednesday, March 16**

Clear and warm  
Arrived in New York City at 9 A.M.  
Crossed Fulton Ferry to Brooklyn  
Saw Frank Dyer on board his vessel  
Returned to New York and crossed Jersey City Ferry to Jersey City P.M.  
Left Jersey City for Pittsburgh 6 P.M.  
Arrived in West Philadelphia this evening  
Feeling some better today

**Thursday, March 17**

Arrived in Pittsburgh at 8.30 this morning  
So dark had to light the lamps in Cars  
Dark, smoky disagreeable city  
Changed cars for Columbus Ohio  
Arrived at latter place at 4 P.M. and changed cars again for Indianapolis  
John C. Drake died today  
Aged 24 years 11 months and 17 days

**Friday, March 18**

Rainy  
Arrived in St. Louis this morning  
Wabash St. Louis & Pacific R.R. to Kansas City  
Changed cars for Kansas City Arrived at latter place at 8.30 Snowing  
Left Kansas City at 10 P.M. for Pueblo over the Atchinson Topeka and Santa Fe  
Distance from St. Louis to Kansas City 272 miles

**Saturday, March 19**

Clear and pleasant  
Riding slowly through Kansas  
Reading magazines and papers  
Arrived at Larned about 2 P.M.  
Married today Miss Ida Churchill to Mr. Joseph Mahoney

**Sunday, March 20**

Clear and warm  
Arrived in La Junta this morning Took a freight train to Pueblo arriving at noon. Saw Otis Heal there Stopped in Pueblo till two o'clock morning of 21<sup>st</sup> when we took the train over the Denver and Rio Grande for South Arkansas

**Monday, March 21**

Clear and pleasant Arrived in Poncho A.M. Arrived in Maysville P.M. Stopped at Maysville House  
Saw several of the boys etc  
Subscribed for the "Maysville Chronicle"  
Paid Thomas Gilson Twenty five dollars and gave my note for Seventy five dollars  
He relinquishing the deed upon the Pickwick and Dillon lodes  
Wrote to Mother this evening

**Tuesday, March 22**

Clear and nice day  
Went up North Fork today  
Took dinner at Pride of West Mine  
Went over to U.S. Treasury etc.  
Took some things up for Thomas his wife sent him  
Returned to Maysville tonight  
Mailed some Maysville Chronicles home this evening

**Wednesday, March 23**

Clear and pleasant  
Wrote to Horace Gilkey and Olive Drinkwater  
Roaming over town Looking after business chances work etc  
Ernest is driving a team

**Thursday, March 24**

Clear and pleasant  
Went to Poncha  
Sent a money order of fifty dollars to Anna S. Thomas for Erastus  
Saw my pony today  
Returned to Maysville tonight

**Friday, March 25**

Clear and pleasant  
Looking up a place to go batching etc.  
Settled up with Frohn and Ernest and I went in with Tom Gilson batching  
Engaged a couple of Town Lots at \$20 apiece

**Saturday, March 26**

Clear nice day

Wrote to Ave  
Reading papers, Roaming over town etc.

**Sunday, March 27**

Clear and pleasant  
Reading and living about the Cabin  
Funeral at Maysville today  
Went to Church this evening  
Mailed Maysville papers to Llewellyn

**Monday, March 28**

Clear and pleasant  
Wrote to Goldenhead  
Took a stroll over town etc.  
Recd. Postal from Ed Fuller  
Mailed some Maysville papers to Nellie  
"The bravest are the tenderest  
The loving are the daring"

**Tuesday, March 29**

Clear and warm  
Went down and got pony A.M.  
P.M. Went up North Fork, or, as far as Shovano  
Ernest went with me  
Camped in one of the old Cabins there

**Wednesday, March 30**

Clear and warm  
Went up North Branch of North Fork to Pickwick Mine Found snow so deep it would be difficult to work it at present  
Returned to Shovano P.M.

**Thursday, March 31**

Clear and warm  
Returned to Maysville A.M.  
P.M. about town reading writing etc.

**APRIL 1881****Friday, April 1**

Clear and warm  
Received a letter from Goldie informing of John Drakes death  
Roaming over Maysville Reading etc.

**Saturday, April 2**

Clear nice day  
Wrote to Goldie  
Thomas came down from mine today  
Evening strolling about town

**Sunday, April 3**

Clear fine weather  
Strolling over town Reading etc.  
Evening I an Ernest and Thomas went to Church  
Very good sermon  
In the course of the sermon Said, "Wealth does not constitute true prosperity in its highest sense with individuals or a community, if we yield to dissipations temptations and vice if we sacrifice everything noble and pure, in a mad pursuit of wealth it is not prosperity it is not success it is not happiness"

**Monday, April 4**

Clear nice day  
Sent Alpheus some Maysville papers and Report of Town Board  
Hurley & Hagan came down from mine today

**Tuesday, April 5**

Clear and windy  
Election of City Officers of Maysville today  
Horace M. Gilkey Died today aged 28 years  
Mailed some Maysville papers to Horace Gilkey today with a report of the Town Board  
Left eye somewhat inflamed today  
Thomas returned to mine today  
Victorious party had quite a jubilee this evening

**Wednesday, April 6**

Cool and squally  
Consulted Dr. O'Connor in regard to my eye which is badly inflamed and painful today  
Remained very close today and applied his medicine  
Hurley & Hagan returned to mine

**Thursday, April 7**

Snowing all day  
Eye very painful and swelled so can hardly see  
Consulted Dr. O'Connor again  
Remained in Cabin all day  
Recd. letter from Nellie

**Friday, April 8**

Snowing all day  
Remained in Cabin pretty close  
Eye getting better

**Saturday, April 9**

Cold and squally  
Eye much better today  
Went down town  
Talking with Tyler and others about contract work  
Shaved my moustache off today

**Sunday, April 10**

Cold and squally

Wrote to Nell  
Reading, roaming over town etc.  
Mailed some papers to Burton Robinson

**Monday, April 11**

Cold stormy day  
Wrote to Geo. Heal in regards to mines  
Recd. a letter from Ave stating Fred Patten and Carrie Blood were married, also old Joel Marriner  
Wrote Emma had had another one of her sick spells  
Cooked some doughnuts, Reading etc.  
Dean Powers came over from Bonanza  
Stopped with us tonight

**Tuesday, April 12**

Several inches of snow at Maysville this morning  
Cold and squally  
Wrote to Mildred W. Martyn Philadelphia Pennsylvania in answer to advertisement for fun

**Wednesday, April 13**

Clear and pleasant A.M.  
Powers returned to Bonanza today Reading  
Cold P.M.  
Washing clothes strolling over town etc.  
Ernest nearly sick today

**Thursday, April 14**

Clear and cool  
Ernest got a letter saying Horace Gilkey was dead  
Roaming over town  
Reading etc.  
A feeling of melancholy sadness depresses me today at the news of H.M. Gilkey's death  
So many of my old schoolmates, and companions of younger day are passing beyond the realms of earth and though we trust they have but passed to a higher scale of life, to a purer and nobler existence we feel sad to know of the bitterness that wrings the heart of those whose loved ones are torn from them by the hand of death  
We regret to part forever with those who have been dear to us by the ties of friendship and old associations  
By all that touches the sacred feelings that binds the human race in one vast brotherhood of love, with material feelings of sympathy, and generous aspirations we are saddened to see one by one those old ties severed that bind us to the recollections of our youthful days and youthful companions

**Friday, April 15**

Clear and pleasant  
Wrote to Ave

**Saturday, April 16**

Warm and partially cloudy  
Went over to Greens' Gulch and relocated the Arlena claim in my own and Ernests names  
Thomas stopped with us tonight  
Cooked some bread and Doughnuts after coming back  
Mrs. Lydia Drinkwater died today



**Sunday, April 17**

Clear and windy  
Thomas went back to mine A.M.  
Reading copying map etc.  
Evening went to a Lecture by A. Feathers upon "Christian Union"  
Mailed some Maysville papers to F.B. Dunton and Capt. Wadsworth

**Monday, April 18**

Clear nice day  
Recd. money orders of \$75.00 in a letter from Ave today also letters from Goldie and Nellie  
Went to Poncha and got orders cashed Returned to Maysville Paid T. Gilson \$25.00 of the same

**Tuesday, April 19**

Clear nice day  
Bought two Town Lots of J.F. Kelly Paying \$50.00 down  
Wrote to Sister Fannie and Goldie

**Wednesday, April 20**

Cloudy and showery  
Worked on Highway Eight hours  
Cooked Doughnuts etc. after coming off

**Thursday, April 21**

Cloudy morning  
Warmest clearest day yet of the Spring  
Worked on the Highway Eight hours

**Friday, April 22**

Clear warm day  
Roaming over town A.M.  
P.M. went to Shavano with team with Capron, Stowe, Wilson and Smith for the purpose of seeing mine with a view of making a bid on 100 feet of Contract work

**Saturday, April 23**

Clear and very warm  
Left Shavano at 4.30 A.M. and went to the Vanderbilt Mine (Grizzly Gulch) thence to Pride of West Mine thence to Maysville arriving at 12.15  
Recd. Check of Thomas of \$81.00  
Got it Cashed  
Sent his wife \$25.00 in Registered letters  
Paid Kelly \$40.00 on Town Lots 8 & 7, Block 6 Making \$90.00 paid for two Lots by Knight & Drinkwater

**Sunday, April 24**

Clear and windy  
Recd. letters from Sister Fan, and Clara Gilkey the latter in reply to my letter to her brother, deceased  
Ernest recd. news of his mother's death which occurred 16<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Wrote to Goldie also replied to Miss Gilkeys letter, expressing my sorrow for Horace's death  
Mailed Papers to O.W. Gould  
Evening went to Church

Very good sermon Text "How shall we escape if we neglect these things

**Monday, April 25**

Clear nice day  
Recd. Deed of J.F. Kelly for Lots 8 and 7, Block 6, Town of Maysville  
Put in a Bid of \$22.50 per foot on the Vanderbilt Tunnel for 100 feet

**Tuesday, April 26**

Clear and fine  
Recd. letter from Mother and Nellie  
Roaming over town made arrangements to Secure a building lot etc.  
Hurley and Hagan down today

**Wednesday, April 27**

Clear and windy  
Moved into Norris's Cabin  
Consulted Mr. Delany in regard to lumber for building a house etc. Engaged same on time  
Recd. Mourning letter from Olive D. containing some flowers  
Letter brief and sad  
Obtained of River Lot 17, Block 7, reserving Lot 18, Am to pay \$2.00 on first and \$10.00 on letter if taken  
Bought Stove water Bucket etc.  
On credit of Rogers \$1.80

**Thursday, April 28**

Clear warm and windy  
Delany delivered lumber for House today

**Friday, April 29**

Clear and warm  
Building a house today I and Ernest  
Hired Jake Shawves to help me  
Went to the City evening

**Saturday, April 30**

Clear and warm  
I and Ernest working on our house

**MAY 1881****Sunday, May 1**

Cloudy  
Wrote to Mother  
Sent Maysville papers to Fred Rackliffe  
Trees leaving out at Maysville

**Monday, May 2**

Worked on house A.M.  
P.M. went up to Shavano  
Camped with Seal and Dougherty

**Tuesday, May 3**

Warm  
Went up to Basin A.M.  
P.M. Commenced work on Helmick Mine

**Wednesday, May 4**

Worked in Helmick Mine

**Thursday, May 5**

Worked in Helmick Mine  
Recd letters from Ave and Goldie

**Friday, May 6**

Squally  
Working in the Helmick Mine for Hurley

**Saturday, May 7**

Squally  
Working in the Helmick Mine

**Sunday, May 8**

Clear and pleasant A.M.  
Came to Maysville  
Wrote to Nellie and Goldenhead

**Monday, May 9**

Squally  
Started for the Basin A.M. with Ed Hurley  
Ernest went to Poncha

**Tuesday, May 10**

Cold and snowing all day  
Worked on Helmick Mine for Hurley & Co.

**Wednesday, May 11**

Pleasant  
Worked in Helmick Mine for Hurley & Co.

**Thursday, May 12**

Cold and windy  
Worked in Helmick Mine

**Friday, May 13**

Cold and squally  
Worked in Helmick Mine for Hurley & Co.

**Saturday, May 14**

Warmest day yet

Worked in Helmick Mine  
Not feeling well pain in my side all day  
Ernest came up P.M. Staid all night

**Sunday, May 15**

Squally morning  
Clear warm nice day  
Went up to Pride of West Cabin  
Got check of Thomas of \$72.00  
Ernest took it to pay for lumber on our house etc.  
Goldenhead's birthday 26 years of age

**Monday, May 16**

Clear nice day  
Worked in Helmick Mine  
Ernest Sold old Bogus for I and Thomas for \$40.00

**Tuesday, May 17**

Fair day  
Worked in Helmick Mine

**Wednesday, May 18**

Snowing all day  
Worked in Helmick Mine  
Mothers and Fannies birthday  
Mother 62 years the latter 26 years of age  
Recd. letter from Geo. Heal in Regard to Mines

**Thursday, May 19**

Squally A.M.  
Started for Maysville this morning A.M.  
Recd. Postal from Wm. P. Coleman  
Squared accts. With C.O. Rogers to date Ernest having paid him \$10.00 previous to this and 75 cts  
today balance books  
Paid over the \$40.00 Recd. for Bogus and \$17.00 on Check balance of money unexpended  
Hurley called this evening  
Wanted me to work for him

**Friday, May 20**

Clear and pleasant  
Wrote to Geo. Heal and a Postal to Coleman  
Reading old diaries etc.

**Saturday, May 21**

Clear and pleasant  
Loafed about town A.M.  
P.M. Finished battening the house Cut trail to Wales etc.

**Sunday, May 22**

Clear nice day

Went to Shavano thence to the North Branch to show Ernest the Pickwick  
Stopped all night in the Cabin I bought of Hassock boys  
Paid the \$5.00 for the same

**Monday, May 23**

Went across the Mts to the Big Basin  
Ernest shoveled snow from the Pickwick  
Worked for Hurley moving and cleaning up his old Cabin  
Paid Thomas \$45.00 Forty Five Dollars  
Clear day

**Tuesday, May 24**

Clear and pleasant  
Working for Hurley  
Shovelling snow from Inland Lode  
Burnt face pretty bad  
Commenced work in Queen Victoria Mine for Altmans on 11 o'clock shift tonight

**Wednesday, May 25**

Sleeping all day  
Worked 11 o'clock shift on Queen Victoria Tunnel

**Thursday, May 26**

Sleeping today  
Not feeling well  
Worked 11 o'clock shift on Queen Victoria Tunnel  
Tyler came up brought me a letter from Nellie  
Snowing P.M.

**Friday, May 27**

Sleeping part of day  
Went up to Pride of West Mine  
Did not work tonight

**Saturday, May 28**

Shovelling snow all day Road to Queen Victoria Tunnel  
From 6 to 10 feet deep in places

**Sunday, May 29**

Clear and warm  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel  
3 o'clock shift

**Monday, May 30**

Shovelling snow all day  
Quite an incident for time of year

**Tuesday, May 31**

Went on 7 o'clock shift in Queen Victoria Tunnel  
Tyler came up

Brought me papers from Maysville Letter from Ave etc.

## **JUNE 1881**

### **Wednesday, June 1**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 3 o'clock shift  
Went down to Shavano to let contract on Pickwick

### **Thursday, June 2**

Pleasant  
Reading papers  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel  
3 o'clock shift

### **Friday, June 3**

Pleasant  
Worked in the Arkansas Tunnel on the 3 o'clock shift  
Got pretty wet

### **Saturday, June 4**

Pleasant  
Worked in the Gen. Dorriphan mine 7 o'clock shift  
Went over to Hurley's cabin this evening  
Recd. papers from Fred Rackliffe

### **Sunday, June 5**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 7 o'clock shift  
Thomas and Gilson let contract on Pickwick 10 feet for \$100.00

### **Monday, June 6**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 7 o'clock shift

### **Tuesday, June 7**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel on 7 o'clock shift and on 3 o'clock shift for Fiscus making two days in one  
Recd. a letter from Nell and Fan

### **Wednesday, June 8**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel on 7 o'clock shift

### **Thursday, June 9**

Clear and pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel on 7 o'clock shift

**Friday, June 10**

Clear and pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel on 7 o'clock shift  
Evening wrote to Ave

**Saturday, June 11**

Clear and cold  
Worked a shift in the Queen Victoria Tunnel after which I and Ed Hurley came to Maysville  
Recd. a letter from Goldenhead  
Winnie's birthday 22 years  
Stopped at my house in town

**Sunday, June 12**

Clear and windy  
Mailed some Maysville papers to Lewellyn Drinkwater and also to Wm. Knight  
Returned to Basin P.M.  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 11 o'clock shift

**Monday, June 13**

Pleasant  
Sleeping today  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 11 o'clock shift

**Tuesday, June 14**

Pleasant  
Sleeping today  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 11 o'clock shift  
Steve crushed my foot laming me pretty badly

**Wednesday, June 15**

Clear A.M.  
P.M. Showery  
Unable to step today from the effects of a crushed foot  
Sleeping  
Tyler came up today  
Did not work tonight  
Recd. letter from Nellie saying Flora Young was dangerously ill

**Thursday, June 16**

Clear and pleasant  
Recd. note from Quinn saying Pickwick contract would be finished Sat. night  
Martin Walsh my partner in mine quit work today  
Wrote to Goldie  
Ernest commenced work in Queen Victoria Tunnel 11 o'clock shift with me tonight

**Friday, June 17**

Pleasant  
Sleeping today  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 11 o'clock shift  
Ernest for a partner  
Sent letter to Town by Hurley

Mrs. Flora Young died today

**Saturday, June 18**

Pleasant  
Sleeping today  
H. Quinn came up to Basin notified me that the Pickwick Assessment was finished Gave him an order on Tyler for \$33.35  
Thomas paid his Third  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 11 o'clock shift

**Sunday, June 19**

Clear nice day  
Sleeping A.M.  
P.M. Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 3 o'clock shift

**Monday, June 20**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 3 o'clock shift  
Reading papers

**Tuesday, June 21**

Pleasant  
Worked 3 o'clock shift in Queen Victoria Tunnel

**Wednesday, June 22**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 3 o'clock shift

**Thursday, June 23**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 3 o'clock shift

**Friday, June 24**

Pleasant  
Worked in Queen Victoria Tunnel 3 o'clock shift  
Got blowed up at the close of the shift breaking left leg and mangling right cheek in a ghastly manner

**Saturday, June 25**

Was brought to Maysville arriving early this morning  
Wounds dresses and leg set by Doctors O'Connor and Leake

**Sunday, June 26**

**Monday, June 27**

Curiositys, Angels without wings, a flirt in love



**Tuesday, June 28**

A Hornets nest, a dry rainstorm a day that went bark, a man that went growl, when out of tobacco, a woman that went scold when you spit on the floor  
 Fire that won't burn, a pig that can fly, a raven that can sing, an ass that went bray

**Wednesday, June 29**

Comparisons used in my writings to -  
 "Icebergs in hell"  
 Like "Smiles of a book agent" or "candidate for office"  
 Squalls of a baby, yowls of a cat, and yelp of a dog"  
 "Hard to enjoy as the toothache, or, tight boots and corns and curtain lecturer"  
 "Thick as mud, or Lives paid advertisements" and gossiping old women"  
 or hairs on a dogs tail

**Thursday, June 30**

"Scarce as honest republicans or, Angels visits"  
 "Deep as the bottomless pit, or the machinations by which republicans obtain and retain office"  
 "Strong as limburger cheese, the kick of a mule, or a republicans grip on office"  
 "White as a crow A Niggers complexions or Henry Ward Beechers virtue"  
 Sweet as honey, a maidens kiss, or the song of a crow

**JULY 1881****Friday, July 1**

Rare as charity, a happy marriage, honesty rewarded, or a person contented with his lot  
 Worthless as the faith of Ingersoll, the examples of Beecher, the life of Quitters and the politics of all three  
 Changeable as the love of a woman, Ben Butlers politics and the decisions of Republican Judges  
 Happy as a School girl with her first love, as an old maid about to be married or the Mother of the handsomest baby at a baby show

**Saturday, July 2**

Garfield shot today  
 Resulting in his death  
 Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 81  
 Assassin Charles J. Guiteau  
 Desirable as water in a desert, Democratic supremacy, and cash in the pocket.  
 Musical as the bray of a mule, a tom cats serenade or the voice of a scolding woman and the song of a raven  
 Awful as the Mormon religion, and the laz of Painter

**Sunday, July 3**

Sour as vinegar, an old maid's temper or a man out of tobacco  
 Troublesome as flies on a bald head, and the duns of a creditor when ones pockets are empty or poor relations.  
 Numerous as mosquitoes in a swamp and Saints in purgatory  
 Fraudulent as pretty girls or the money on Church festival Grab bags and Republicans returning boards

**Monday, July 4**

Patriotic as a bond holder or a republican rebel guerilla or a stump speaker

Free as a miners gold, the Christian religions and the threats of hell from a Methodist pulpit  
 Invisible as a miser's philanthropy, and Indians' pity or the love of a coquette  
 Plain as smoke the folly of lovers or the envy of a woman for a [illegible]

### Tuesday, July 5

Dark as a tunnel, on African's skins, or the Christians, path to heaven  
 Ugly as sin, or a long nose with a wart on it  
 Certain as death, the sting of poverty, or lovers quarrels  
 A head like a peeled turnip, or a billiard ball  
 Sweet as stolen fruits or a kiss in the dark

### Wednesday, July 6

Solemn as a love sick youth, a jilted maiden, or a condemned convict or a Methodist parson  
 About the same chance as a red headed country girl for marrying a millionaire, or a bald-headed  
 old bachelor, for marrying an heiress  
 Gold like charity covers a multitude of sins  
 Pointed as Josh Billings pens, a Yankees questions or an old maids nose, or the point of a tack

### Thursday, July 7

Fine as a creditors memory, the "Needle to the pole", or a womans indifference to her husband  
 Tough as boiled owl, Colorado beef, Fried boot legs or a Loungers conscience  
 Tender as a school-boys love, the seat of a boil, or a Niggers skin  
 Foolish as a drunken man, Elizabeth Tilton, or the likes and dislikes of a woman

### Friday, July 8

Gentle as a Washoe zephyr, a Bengal tiger, or the voice of a shrew  
 Dangerous as the bight of a sheep, the threats of Painter, and the ferocity of the Rabbit  
 Crafty as his "satanic majesty" the Electoral Commission, or a deceitful woman.  
 Deceitful as appearances, a boys faith in his first love, and the promises of a flirt or a mirage in  
 the desert

### Saturday, July 9

Long as a mules ears, the road to wealth, or a giraffe neck or a story in New York Ledger or a free  
 lovers hair  
 Empty as a contribution box, the head of a fop, and stomach of a tramp  
 Flat as a poor mans "pocket book", the courting of an "old maid", as a Kansas Village after a  
 cyclone  
 Hard as steel, the heart of a monopolist, or the life of a poor man

### Sunday, July 10

Barren as a Colorado desert, Grant's administration of honesty, a hens mouth of teeth, or the  
 world of charity  
 A mouth like a shark, nose like a parrots bill, neck like a crane, and ears like a mule.  
 Thin as a wafer, the defense of republican rascality, hairs on a Chinese dog, or creams upon milk  
 in a restaurant  
 Fragrant as musk, Limburger cheese, or the perfume of a skunk, or the smell of an onion

### Monday, July 11

Recd. letter from Olive saying thought she and Fan would come out here, also Ernest had a  
 dispatch saying they would come if he thought it best  
 Dispatched to them not to come

Wrote home, also to Olive

**Tuesday, July 12**

Big as "old Grant", the lies of republican editors or the Brooklyn bridge  
Numerous as Grasshoppers in Kansas, Republicans in Iowa, babies in a poor family, or bones in a herring  
Modern miracles, a woman in love, a happy marriage, babies in two months after the wedding, an honest man

**Wednesday, July 13**

Pleasant and cool  
Ernest settled with Altman and Tyler for our work in mine  
Recd. on my acct \$46.70  
Forty Six Dollars and seventy cts.  
Ernest got letters from Ave and Nellie

**Thursday, July 14**

Cool and pleasant  
Modern reforms, marriages for money and appearances instead of for love and worth. Polygamy, Beecherism, Returning boards, Electoral commissions, Star Route frauds, and Conkling methods  
Modern resolve never to marry a poor man, get rich at all hazards, appear richer than you are

**Friday, July 15**

Happy as the father of twins, the mother of the handsomest baby at a baby show, lovers in the dark, a nigger convert at a revival, an "old maid" with a beau, a woman with a new bonnet, a man who marries an heiress, or a boy playing truant and stealing watermelons  
Meek as Moses, a henpecked husband, a whipped cur, and a sick chicken

**Saturday, July 16**

Proud as a peacock, a nigger coachman, Roscoe Conkling, or a policeman helping a pretty girl across the street  
Useful as a rich husband, a boat on the water, a free lunch to a tramp, and a spanking to a boy  
Useless as a Ute Indian, a Saratoga belle, a stray dog or a bar room loaf and a sick cat  
Useless as a policeman at a row, a husbands love to his wife, and a third person in the presence of lovers

**Sunday, July 17**

Pretty as the hump on a camel's back, a painted squaw, a shanghai rooster, or a hairless poodle  
Soft as a lovesick couple, the head of a fool or a rotten pumpkin  
Soft as the hand of a belle and worthless as the pulseless thing she calls a heart

**Monday, July 18**

Faithful as a dog, the love of a mother or a misers grip on his gold.  
Sure as the sun in its course, the increase in a poor man's family and the emptiness of his pocket book  
Green as grass, a bridget from the Emerald isle, as a country boy's courting  
Poor as the dress of a tramp, a crow diet, or an old woman's teeth or a Germans count or Neal  
Dows chances of becoming president or a rich mans of entering heaven

**Tuesday, July 19**

Recd. letter from Nellie  
 Rich as the Rothschilds, the trial of Beecher, the love of an heiress, or the song of an ass  
 Weak as boarding house coffee, a reformers efforts, a clairvoyants prophecy, or an old womans  
 superstition

**Wednesday, July 20**

Showery  
 Doctors O'Connor & Leake bandaged my leg in Plaster Paris today  
 Futile as a north-pole expedition, the prayers for Garfield, of the efforts of Conkling for a  
 reelection  
 Reasonable as the story of the "three worthies", Guiteaus call to kill Garfield, the freaks of a  
 woman, the story of Jonah and the Whale or the exploits of a hero in a dime novel

**Thursday, July 21**

Showery  
 Sat up in chair today  
 First time since hurt  
 Smooth as the talk of an insurance agent, the lip of a boy, a bald head, or as eels back  
 Sleek as a Dutch aldermans, a greased pole or a peeled onion in oil

**Friday, July 22**

Showery  
 Sat up A.M.  
 Thomas started for Tomichi today  
 Wrote to Fannie  
 A rich combination, a mixture of butter and hairs and boarding house hash

**Saturday, July 23**

Showery  
 Ernest papered the roof of our house  
 Did not get up today  
 Cheeky as a street gamin, a republican politician's Grants, aid, and pardon of thieves, Hayes'  
 usurpation, the State steal of Maine, or Conkling's love making to Mrs. Sprague, a horse thief, a  
 borrowing neighbor

**Sunday, July 24**

Pleasant  
 Thomas returned today  
 Schofield and Chamberlain and wife called to see me  
 Sat up most of the day in chair  
 Egotistical as a Republican platform, Painter's opinions of himself or Guiteau's self esteem

**Monday, July 25**

Showery  
 Schofield returned this morning  
 Offered to let me have money if needed it  
Height called to see me  
 Gritty as a gravel path, a hen's gizzard, boarding house lettuce or a bantam rooster

**Tuesday, July 26**

Showery  
 Recd. letter from Olive and one from Fannie  
 Thomas told me he was going to call our acct. square  
Ferrins called to see me  
 Bald as an egg, or a brass monkey

**Wednesday, July 27**

Showery  
 Wrote to Llewellyn  
 Recd. letter from Olive  
 Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Norris made me a call  
 Brittle as glass or the thread of love  
 Stupid as a British joke, or democratic blunders

**Thursday, July 28**

Pleasant day  
 Wrote to Ave and Olive  
 Gilsons & Schofield were present P.M., Stopped overnight  
 Crusty as a whipped candidate, or a husband to his wife  
 Short as a rabbit's tail or the bliss of matrimony; a bloomers dress or the prayers of the devil

**Friday, July 29**

Necessary as brains to a fool, honesty to republican politician and a man to a woman or a compass to a ship  
 False as the teeth of a belle or the hair on her head or the pretensions of a foreign count  
 Large as a Chicago girls feet or the Continent of Australia or a spanking to an unruly boy

**Saturday, July 30**

Bitter as gall, the parting of lovers or the reflections of Conkling  
 Stern as fate, the retributions of justice, or the decrees of poverty  
 Cruel as a Turk, the sport of a boy, or a girl coquette  
 Wise as Solomon, or a fool in his own estimation

**Sunday, July 31**

Thomas went up to Basin today to resume work at Pride of West mine  
 Hurley called to see me also Chamberlain and wife  
 Frisky as a kitten or an old widower after a third wife

**AUGUST 1881****Monday, August 1**

Mrs. Belle Heal 21 today  
 Got a pair of crutches tonight  
 Reading Waverly's Magazines  
 Jesse Billings 31 today  
 Lively as a boy with a hornet up his trouser legs or a young lady with a mouse seeking shelter under her petticoat

**Tuesday, August 2**

Mary E. Drake's birthday 24 today  
Stood up with aid of crutches  
Wrote to Nellie  
Gray as a patriarchs beard or fog in Winter  
Blue as an indigo bag or a man in love  
Brave as a kiss or a coward free from danger

**Wednesday, August 3**

Scribbled a few lines of a poem  
Ernest read to me nearly all day  
Charles Montange and James Glacken called to see me  
Cheap as a Jews clothing store or the feelings of a man in presence of his mother in law  
Fits "shast like de paper on de walls" or a boys arm to a girls waist

**Thursday, August 4**

Not feeling well today  
Mrs. Edwards called to see me  
Cold as a refrigerator or the love of a belle for a poor suitor  
Clear as crystal or the rascality of republican politicians

**Friday, August 5**

Recd. letter from Olive answered the same  
Pure as a lilly, or a poets ideal  
Beautiful as "Leaves, young dreams" or our visions of heaven

**Saturday, August 6**

Ernest reading Sherman, Grant, and their Generals, to me  
Gilson came down P.M. stopped over night  
Treacherous as a quicksand, a woman's professions, or a Mexicans promises

**Sunday, August 7**

Heavy rain last night  
Recd. letter from Ave  
Choherliens, wife, and Mrs. Banners also Mr. Priest called P.M.  
Reading  
Busy as a bee, a boy in mischief, or a poor mans wife with sixteen children on washing day

**Monday, August 8**

Very warm A.M.  
P.M. Cooler  
Edwards called A.M.  
Commenced a letter to Ave  
Reading papers books etc.  
Hot as the infernal regions, the love of a red-headed girl, or the business end of a wasp

**Tuesday, August 9**

Warm  
Mailed letter to Ave  
Mr and Mrs. Edwards called leaving me some cake ice cream etc.

Fierce as a bull dog after a cat, the devil after converts politicians for office or American belles for marrying a foreign title

**Wednesday, August 10**

Warm  
Reading  
Recd. papers from Wm. Knight  
Paid Dr. Leake \$25.00 for medical attendance by E.E. Drinkwaters agent and business manager  
Sent papers to Ave, and Llewellyn

**Thursday, August 11**

Showery  
Reading  
Revising compositions  
Sharp as a razor, a frosty morning, the tongue of a shrew, or the retorts of a clown

**Friday, August 12**

Rainy day  
Revising some of my compositions  
Brief as matrimonial bliss, the reformation of drunkards, the grief of a widower, the speeches of Grant  
Disagreeable as a squalling baby, a curtain lecture, and old maid out of temper or a boil on the neck or a battling neighborhood

**Saturday, August 13**

Foggy, Rainy  
Doctors O'Connor and Leake removed part of bandage today  
Revising some of my compositions  
Leg pretty bad today

**Sunday, August 14**

Cool and showery  
Recd. letter from Nellie  
Answered Nellie's letter  
Sent William some papers  
Keegan called with Dr. O'Connor  
Bad to take as vinegar bitters, charity from your friends or the small pox

**Monday, August 15**

Cool and showery  
Revising and composing poetry  
"Sometimes with thoughts almost divine  
In hopes of grand achievements to be won  
Impatient of the fate that seemeth mine  
I turn to seek some nobler work undone  
The past is past and vain the sad regret. We were not lent our lives that we might weep. Why  
should we weep, though we may not forget  
The memories that haunt in our sleep"

**Tuesday, August 16**

Cool and showery

Composing and revising poetry  
Reviewing old diaries etc.  
Elder Case called this evening leaving some vegetables for me

**Wednesday, August 17**

Showery and cool  
Hassock and Lindsey called  
Reading

**Thursday, August 18**

Rainy  
Reading writing etc.

**Friday, August 19**

Cool and showery  
Reading composing writing etc.

**Saturday, August 20**

Clear and pleasant  
Reading writing etc.  
Gilson came down

**Sunday, August 21**

Clear and cool  
Recd. letter from Goldie answered the same  
Hurley and Ferris called to see me also Chamberlain and wife  
Got up again today first time since bandage removed

**Monday, August 22**

Pleasant  
Recd. papers from home  
Mailed papers to Nellie  
Reading  
Commenced letter to Fan

**Tuesday, August 23**

Pleasant  
Finished letter to Fan

**Wednesday, August 24**

Cool  
Reading  
Mailed letter to Fan inclosing Billy Leroys picture

**Thursday, August 25**

Cool and pleasant  
Recd. letter from Nellie  
Reading Bible etc.



**Friday, August 26**

Cool and pleasant  
Composing and revising poetry  
Wrote to Nellie  
Dexter Maddox died today in Lincolnville  
Aged 34 years and 3 months

**Saturday, August 27**

Pleasant  
Mailed letter to Nellie  
Schofield was down today

**Sunday, August 28**

Showery  
Received a letter from Ave also from Lew Drinkwater  
Sent Llewellyn some papers  
Doctor O'Connor took off the old bandage from my leg and found it well united at the fracture  
Rebandaged it with cloth  
Chamberlain and wife called

**Monday, August 29**

Pleasant  
Wrote to Lew D.  
Recd. papers from Wm. Knight

**Tuesday, August 30**

Pleasant  
Gilson and Seal came down  
Reading  
"Be kind to thy mother  
For thee will she pray as long as God giveth her breath  
Well mayest thou comfort and cheer her lone way, Even to the dark valley of death."

**Wednesday, August 31**

Clear and pleasant  
Seal, Fiscus and Dougherty called today  
Gilson present  
Chamberlain and wife called this evening  
Left some pie cake etc for me  
Walked across the floor upon crutches, first time since injured

**SEPTEMBER 1881****Thursday, September 1**

Pleasant day  
Gilson left A.M.  
Reading papers  
Walked about a little upon crutches

**Friday, September 2**

Clear and pleasant  
Ten weeks to day since I was laid up, by being blown up  
Walked upon my crutches about the house  
Reading Waverly magazines

**Saturday, September 3**

Clear and pleasant  
Reading papers  
Fiscus, Seal and Folke called to see me  
Walked about the house with crutches  
Hurt my leg slightly [illegible], by losing my balance and throwing my heft upon it  
Invited by Mrs. Edwards to dine with her tomorrow if able to get out

**Sunday, September 4**

Cool and pleasant  
Wrote to Ave  
Sent A.A.K. and W.H.K some papers  
Ernest dined with Mrs. E.  
Sent me a nice dinner  
Chamberlain and wife called

**Monday, September 5**

Raining hard all day  
Gilson came down Staid overnight  
Received a letter from Nellie

**Tuesday, September 6**

Cold and showery  
Gilson returned to Basin today  
Dougherty came down P.M. Staid overnight

**Wednesday, September 7**

Clear and cold  
Reading Endymion by the Earl of Beaconsfield  
Dougherty left this morning  
"Good counselors for the laborer. Beecher and his republican advocates of cheap labor and Chinamen, mixed with "Bread and water", a little rice and leprosy added gratis to show their philanthropy

**Thursday, September 8**

Clear and cool  
Reading Endymion  
"Be kind to thy Sister, not many may know the depth of sisterly love  
The wealth of the ocean lies fathoms below the surface that sparkles above"

**Friday, September 9**

Clear and cool  
Wrote to Nellie  
Edwards called P.M.

**Saturday, September 10**

Clear and cool  
Composing rhymes  
Reading etc.

**Sunday, September 11**

Clear and cool  
Reading  
Commenced letter to Goldie  
Dougherty came down  
Chamberlain called  
Bogardt's wife and children had their legs broken by a runaway team today

**Monday, September 12**

Cool and cloudy  
Finished letter to Goldie  
Mailed papers to Llewelyn  
Uncle Solon, where were "them steers" last Monday?  
Camden Herald Sept. 16  
Hauling votes, fas, Nelson Dingley.  
A.W. Knight

**Tuesday, September 13**

Clear and pleasant  
Reading  
"There will come an eve to a longer day,  
That will find thee tired, but not of play  
Well were it then if thy aching heart,  
Were as free from sin, and shame as new  
If then as now thy lips can tell at an hour like this of a day spent well"  
N.P. Willis

**Wednesday, September 14**

Clear and cool  
Recd. papers from Olive and letter from Nellie  
Reading papers

**Thursday, September 15**

Clear and cool  
Composed some lines on Father's death  
Ernest worked on the Church building  
Since those "dishonest democrats" of Virginia won't repudiate their debt we "honest republicans" will do it for them  
We believe "honesty is the best policy"

**Friday, September 16**

Clear and cool  
Repairing my old clothes  
That zealous stalwart Guiteau should not be allowed to suffer for his zeal. But that bloody assassin Mason must be punished that republican officers may uphold their dignity and save the nation from disgrace.

**Saturday, September 17**

Clear and cool  
Writing Copied lines on the death of Father  
Commenced letter to Nell  
Republican temperance advocate Gov. Fortes of Ohio who manufactures wine and cider presses.  
Also Neal Dow of Maine who would have a man imprisoned for life for the manufacture of wine of cider

**Sunday, September 18**

Clear and pleasant  
Finished letter to Nell and mailed it, with original lines on the death of our father  
Solon Chase's Steers hauled in about 5000 votes for Dingley in Maine, second congressional district. Sept. 12

**Monday, September 19**

Clear and pleasant  
Recd. letter from Ave and also from Goldie latter pretty blue, from the letter  
Commenced a letter to Goldie  
Wrote seven pages  
Pretty bitter, as well as blue  
Garfield died tonight

**Tuesday, September 20**

Clear and pleasant  
Finished letter to Goldie inclosing some lines for her Mother's tombstone  
Composed today  
Wrote to Ave in regard to the family estate inclosing note Recd. from him last winter to be turned in to administrator

**Wednesday, September 21**

Cool and windy  
Recd. letter from Nellie requesting a revision of my acct  
Looked over some of my old accounts  
Edwards and wife called this evening Brought me some watermelons

**Thursday, September 22**

Clear and cool  
Looking over my old Diaries and accts.  
Ernest pretty sick today  
I am tired of sorrow, tired of strife,  
Tired of adversity, tired of life,  
Tired of poverty and life's troubled breath  
Tired of everything, Welcome is death

**Friday, September 23**

Cool and windy  
Eloquence personified – Grant begging a “third term” and a “life pension”  
True piety R.B. Hayes praying for a blessing on his great usurpations  
“Good for evil” Hayes rewarding the “Returning Boards for the counting in fraud”

**Saturday, September 24:**

Cool and windy  
Ernest sick  
Republican patriots, Guerilla Marby and Gen. Longstreet  
"Honor among thieves", Grant pardoning convicted "Whiskey Ring Thieves"  
Religious elements Henry Ward Beecher and Bob Ingersoll

**Sunday, September 25**

Clear and pleasant  
Ernest is pretty sick today  
Doctor called to see him  
Edwards and wife called  
Keegan called with Doctor this evening  
"Tail wagging the dog"  
Greenbackers, nagging the Democratic party

**Monday, September 26**

Clear and pleasant  
Ernest sick abed. Doctor called to see him again  
Edwards came up and waited upon us a little  
Funeral of the President at Maysville today

**Tuesday, September 27**

Clear and cool  
Ernest a little better  
Jake Shawves called to see us  
Republican honesty exemplified by Harrogate, Sessions and Star Route Patriots  
Beauty spots of the Republican party, Cadet Whittaker and Lieutenant Flipper

**Wednesday, September 28**

Clear and cool  
Recd. letter and papers from Nell  
Ernest better today  
Honesty rewarded President Arthur for his honesty at the New York Custom House  
Beecher, great exhortation to voters, "Vote for the Republican party, bread and water is good enough for you and if you all vote for me we'll try to prevent you getting any thing better"

**Thursday, September 29**

Clear and windy. Squally  
Wrote two full sheets to Nell  
Despondent letter  
Type of my feelings  
Wrote some explanations of my acct. against the estate telling her not to have it rendered in and therefore it was unnecessary to revise it, or go into any details Also told her to have Mother turn in the note as her own

**Friday, September 30**

Clear and warmer  
Reading Bible A.M.  
Edwards called  
Emblems of purity in the Republican party – Beecher, Conkling and Platte.

Southern Bulldozing Mahone bulldozing the Republican party

## OCTOBER 1881

### Saturday, October 1

Clear and pleasant  
Read the Book of Job yesterday and today  
P.M. moved down to Mr. Edwards and commenced to board  
First time I have been out of the house since hurt  
Married today by Geo. Young Miss Annie M. Spaulding to James H. Thomas

### Sunday, October 2

Clear and very warm  
Ernest pretty sick yet  
Walked out of doors today  
Thomas came down from mine called on me this evening

### Monday, October 3

Clear and pleasant  
Thomas called again A.M.  
Loaned me Fifty Dollars  
Reading writing etc.

### Tuesday, October 4

Rainy  
Received letter from Nell  
Reading and writing  
"There is a war through which at length we struggle into greater strength, as opposing evil  
wields  
The weapons of its' many hands,  
The soul is human when it yields  
Divine when it withstands"  
Commenced to write some lines entitled "Our Loved Ones"

### Wednesday, October 5

Rainy  
Reading  
Writing some upon the theme entitled "Our Loved Ones"

### Thursday, October 6

Cool and squally  
Wrote to Nell  
Gilson called today  
Born to Winnie and Avans Knight a son

### Friday, October 7

Cool and squally  
Revised and copied the verses "Our Loved Ones"  
Sent a copy of the same to Nell inclosed with letter

**Saturday, October 8**

Clear and pleasant  
Recd. letter from Goldie  
Read Mary J. Holmes novel "Tempest and Sunshine"

**Sunday, October 9**

Clear and pleasant  
Reading papers  
J. Shawves and wife called upon me this evening

**Monday, October 10**

Pleasant day  
Read "Conquerors Pride" by Mrs. Mary J. Holmes  
"A love is but half a love, that contents itself with less than love's utmost faith and truth and unwavering tenderness"

**Tuesday, October 11**

Clear and cold  
Wrote to Goldie  
Ernest settled with Jas. O'Connor for my drug bill since injured also for his own since sick

**Wednesday, October 12**

Clear and pleasant  
Ernest went up Jennings Gulch to commence work for Bogardt. Cook for the miners A.M.  
Revised and copied the lines entitled "Faith" P.M.

**Thursday, October 13**

Cloudy  
Reading A.M.  
Revised and copied "Blue Eyed Girls of Maine" P.M.

**Friday, October 14**

Clear and pleasant  
Recd. Postal from Nell informing me she sent registered letter Oct. 4  
Copying and revising some of my original Rhymes  
Gilson called to see me

**Saturday, October 15**

Clear lovely day  
Reading A.M.  
Sent an order for "registered letter"  
Recd. registered letter from Mother containing Twenty Dollars

**Sunday, October 16**

Clear and windy  
Wrote to Mother inclosed a couple of original poems "Faith" and "Twilight of Gray"  
Recd. letter from Nell  
Wrote Ave had another boy Born Oct. 6

**Monday, October 17**

Clear and pleasant  
Walked downtown A.M. First time since hurt  
Got a Warrantee Deed of my town lots

**Tuesday, October 18**

Clear and pleasant  
Walked downtown again A.M.  
P.M. Reading  
Commenced letter to Goldie  
Mailed papers to Lew

**Wednesday, October 19**

Clear and pleasant  
Went to town A.M.  
Paid Doctor O'Connor (\$20.00) Twenty Dollars  
Whole amount of bill for attendance (\$200.00) Two hundred Dollars by O'Connor  
Finished letter to Goldie

**Thursday, October 20**

Clear and pleasant  
Went downtown A.M.  
Had a shampoo at barbers

**Friday, October 21**

Clear and pleasant  
A.M. Reading and walking about  
Thomas took dinner here today  
P.M. Went downtown  
Mailed papers to William

**Saturday, October 22**

Clear and pleasant Thomas called again  
Walking about A.M. Also began a letter to Nell  
Paid Edwards \$10.00 on board  
Finished letter to Nell

**Sunday, October 23**

Pleasant day  
Wrote to Ernest  
Reading etc.  
A Christian Oct.  
The abolition of hell, by Beecher and Ingersoll to save themselves, and their republican associates from the imminent danger of a future residence there

**Monday, October 24**

Splendid day  
My birthday  
Mailed papers to Fred Rackliffe and O.W. Gould  
Made two trips to town  
Recd paper from William



**Tuesday, October 25**

Pleasant  
Went downtown P.M.  
A.M. Reading  
Silent as the grave, or republicans over the rascality of representative men in their party or a  
Quaker meeting

**Wednesday, October 26**

Chilly day  
Recd. letter from Ave  
Wrote to Sylvanus Coose

**Thursday, October 27**

Cold and squally  
Received letter from Nell  
Went to town twice today  
Have a cold, not feeling very well  
"Ah me! I believe in this life of ours, the bitter outweighs the sweet"

**Friday, October 28**

Cold and squally  
Went to town  
Wrote letters to J.G. Stouffer Palmyra Pens, M. Young 173 Greenwich St. N.Y.  
E. Nosen & Co. 111 Nassau St. N.Y. and Patten & Co. 47 Barclay St N. York  
Inclosed 12 cts. in the letter for music  
Got some Liniment for my leg of O'Connor

**Saturday, October 29**

Pleasant day  
Wrote Postal to Ernest and letter to Goldie  
Went up to my Cabin A.M.

**Sunday, October 30**

Pleasant day  
Sent Ernest's mail to him  
Wrote to Ave

**Monday, October 31**

Cloudy  
Went to town  
Eye badly swollen this morning  
Mailed papers to Llewellyn

**NOVEMBER 1881****Tuesday, November 1**

Snow 16 inches deep this morning  
Snowing all day  
Wrote some comparisons I have used in my writings and some for future use

Received letter from Fannie containing Six dollars from her and Emma as a birthday present

**Wednesday, November 2**

Clear and pleasant A.M.  
Snowing P.M.  
Wrote to Sister Fannie  
Wrote some Similes and comparisons, both humorous and sarcastic  
Hurley called this evening

**Thursday, November 3**

Pleasant day  
Eye better today  
Writing humorous and sarcastic comparisons, Similes, paragraphs, etc.  
Hurley and Gilson called, latter paid me two dollars for provisions at my cabin

**Friday, November 4**

Clear and pleasant  
Writing humorous and sarcastic comparisons and similes

**Saturday, November 5**

Clear and pleasant  
Revising poem entitled "Life" Composed 1872  
Ernest came down tonight  
Quit work for Bogart  
Miss Nettie Heal died today at Lincolnville Centre Maine

**Sunday, November 6**

Warm and cloudy  
Reading papers

**Monday, November 7**

Clear and fine

**Tuesday, November 8**

Snowing all day  
Election of State and County officers in Colorado today Sent a team for me, and I went to town and cast my vote  
Drew up articles of agreement between W.H. Edwards, myself and E.E. Drinkwater in regard to the lease of the Milk Ranch of said Edwards, by myself and said Drinkwater  
Articles amended, ratified, and by said parties Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Null and void

**Wednesday, November 9**

Snowing all day  
Leased the Milk Ranch, in company with Ernest, of W.H. Edwards  
Lease extending from Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1881, to Sept, 15 1882. As per contract, bearing date of Nov. 10, 1881, and signed by said Edwards, E.E. Drinkwater, and A.W. Knight  
New contract

**Thursday, November 10**

Snowing all day

Two feet of snow at Maysville  
Ernest took charge of Dairy Ranch today  
Recd. pamphlets from J.G. Stouffer and Nason & Co.  
Also papers from Nellie

**Friday, November 11**

Decidedly winterish  
High winds and snow blowing furiously  
Wrote a new contract and articles of agreement between Edwards, myself and Ernest for the lease of Dairy Ranch  
Ernest moved up to ranch today

**Saturday, November 12**

Cold windy and squally  
Felt nearly sick all day

**Sunday, November 13**

Warmer and more pleasant  
Feeling better today  
Revising poetry

**Monday, November 14**

Clear and pleasant  
Signed articles of agreement on Edwards lease  
Paid Mrs. Edwards \$15.00 on board  
Recd. letter from Mother and Fannie  
Wrote to William about Atty Recd. pamphlets from M.Young  
Gave Edwards a due bill of \$24.00  
Moved up to the Ranch P.M.

**Tuesday, November 15**

Nice day  
Recd. letter from Nellie  
George Boyce commenced work for I and Ernest today  
Reading papers

**Wednesday, November 16**

Lovely day  
Wrote to Mother and Fannie two full sheets of paper  
Wrote to them to have subscription stopped – that I would not come home on charity any way  
Charley Boyce commenced work for us today, in place of his brother George

**Thursday, November 17**

Lovely morning  
Snowed slightly P.M.  
Wrote to Nellie and Llewellyn

**Friday, November 18**

Squally day  
Cold night

Reading writing etc.  
Edwards bought another cow for ranch today

**Saturday, November 19**

Clear nice day  
Ernest went Adobe Park today for load of straw  
Reading a reply to Paine's "Age of Reason" by R. Watson Bishop of Landoff

**Sunday, November 20**

Clear nice day  
Composing and revising poetry  
Edwards called today  
Married today Sister Fannie to Cyrus Young  
Love, peace, and happiness be theirs  
May they be blest with prosperity and be a blessing to each other all the days of their lives

**Monday, November 21**

Clear fine day  
Composing and revising poetry  
Recd. letter from S. Coose urging me to come home and go to California with him

**Tuesday, November 22**

Lovely day  
Writing reading revising poetry etc.  
Mrs. Edwards called P.M.  
Recd. paper from Fannie

**Wednesday, November 23**

Lovely day  
Read Helen's Babies  
Ernest butchering  
Recd. letter from Ave with two money orders inclosed Fifty Dollars each. Also recd. letter from Nellie informing me that Fannie would probably be married ere her letter reached me

**Thursday, November 24**

Thanksgiving day  
Very pleasant  
Revising some of my compositions  
Church Festival, and Dance at Maysville tonight

**Friday, November 25**

Pleasant day  
Went downtown A.M.  
Took dinner with Edwards and wife  
P.M. Ernest went to Poncha to get my money orders cashed  
Charley came down after me with team, and I returned to ranch P.M.

**Saturday, November 26**

Clear and pleasant  
Wrote to Ave

Reading and writing

**Sunday, November 27**

Clear lovely day  
Read papers  
"Remember, aye the ocean deeps are mute  
The shallows roar  
Worth is the ocean – fame is but the brine along the shore"

**Monday, November 28**

Fine weather  
Reading and writing

**Tuesday, November 29**

Cool and squally  
Revising some of my compositions  
Ernest went up to Junction, or Garfield

**Wednesday, November 30**

Clear and pleasant  
Revising some of my original writings  
In a bitter and despondent mood  
As steel attracted by the magnet, is a young lady attracted by gold to matrimony

**DECEMBER 1881****Thursday, December 1**

Partially clear and pleasant  
Revising original compositions reading etc.  
As the pious Hayes obtained the "president's chair" by bribery and fraud, so does "gentle womans" obtain the hand of the man of wealth by sweet hypocrisy

**Friday, December 2**

Clear and pleasant  
Writing, reading etc.  
How does the busy little flirt improve each rich Old Goose  
And gather all his ducats in by the matrimonial noose  
And then should he refuse to die  
The darling he has wed  
Will break the noose by a divorce  
And curse his hoary head

**Saturday, December 3**

Clear and pleasant  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwards called today  
Commenced teaching Charley Boyce in Geography, Arithmetic reading spelling etc.  
Married today by J. Mathews Mr. Herbert L. True and Miss Abbie E. Moody  
The former of Hope the latter of Lincolnville

**Sunday, December 4**

Clear and pleasant  
Recd. letter from Llewellyn Drinkwater  
Tom Gilson called A.M.  
Wrote to Lew P.M.  
Feel in a bitter rebellious mood  
Yes! I rebel against a life of so much misery, the few blessings of which are over shadowed by misfortunes which are not enough in themselves but calumnies and burdens must be added by enemies, and bitterness and humiliations by friends

**Monday, December 5**

Clear and fine  
Inclosed a note to Olive in Lew's letter releasing her from her engagement of which she seems desirous and telling her she need not reply  
That I did not wish her to be humiliated by the disgraceful crime of my poverty which seemed so humiliating to her, nor would I consent to be a stumbling block in the path of her success and happiness

**Tuesday, December 6**

Soft snowstorm  
Recd letter from Nellie also from Addie Thomas  
Mailed letter to Lew with a few lines to Olive  
Ernest helped to bury Bancroft, or Reddy as he was called, today  
Buried without a prayer, or a mourner to follow his remains Another evidence of Gold worship among men Had he been wealthy how unctuous would have been the prayers, how ostentatious the grief for him. Truly poverty is the worst of crimes. Had he been a murderer, a libertine, a robber or a gambler who died in the possession of wealth, his crimes would not have deterred any from reverencing and honoring his remains with prayers and pomp and eulogies of his many noble qualities. But poverty is the one unpardonable sin

**Wednesday, December 7**

Snow and rain  
Wrote to Nellie Gave Ernest Due Bill Two Hundred Dollars

**Thursday, December 8**

Clear fine day  
Reading and writing  
Gilson called

**Friday, December 9**

Clear nice day  
Went down to my house and got some mineral specimens  
A man with the most money wins, the case in Elections, Lawsuits, and Courtships  
Wealth is the lever that the heart of woman although the fulcrum on which it rests may be the bald head of a consummate villain

**Saturday, December 10**

Clear nice day  
Writing and reading  
Foote called this evening  
Puffed up like a toad, a bloated bond-holder or a pregnant woman

Lank as a greyhound, or Farmer after his forty days of fast

**Sunday, December 11**

Clear and fine  
Reading  
Received letter from William  
Circulars from Stouffer and Co.  
Wrote to Addie Thomas

**Monday, December 12**

Clear and fine  
Went to town A.M.  
P.M. Reading  
Hagan came down this eve.  
Stopped the evening and we played euchre

**Tuesday, December 13**

Clear and cool  
Reading  
Ernest went to Poncha P.M.  
Obtained the money on money orders for me

**Wednesday, December 14**

Clear and cool but fine day  
Wrote to Winter & Myers Salida  
Recd. letter from Alice Drinkwater together with an invitation to her wedding Thursday evening  
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**Thursday, December 15**

Clear fine day  
I and Ernest, and Edwards signed paper by mutual consent making null and void the contract  
existing between said parties  
My part of indebtedness to E.E.D \$30.50  
By agreement Edwards, cancels due bill against me  
Married this evening Miss Alice W. Drinkwater to Mr. Edgar F. Whitney  
May happiness be theirs  
Also gives me three weeks board to throw up [illegible]

**Friday, December 16**

Cool and hazy  
Reading  
Recd. letter from Winter & Myers  
"He who binds his soul to Knowledge steals the key of heaven, But tis a bitter mockery that the  
fruit may hang within his reach and when with thirst wrought to a maddening frenzy he would  
taste it burns his lips to ashes"  
N.P. Willis

**Saturday, December 17**

Clear lovely day  
Ernest hauling wood  
Revising original compositions

Edwards called

**Sunday, December 18**

Clear and lovely day  
Revising original compositions  
Old man King called to see me  
Man killed at a shooting affray in Garfield today

**Monday, December 19**

Clear lovely day  
Hurley & Hagan called brought me a lot of specimens from North Fork  
Norris and Height also called  
In angling for women, it is only necessary to use a golden bait, and a smirched character. If there are as good fish in the sea as ever caught the best of them may be caught by the above method

**Tuesday, December 20**

Clear lovely day  
Wrote a letter to sister Fannie  
Murder trial at Maysville today  
One year ago tonight left Poncha en-route for home

**Wednesday, December 21**

Clear lovely day  
Mailed letter to Mrs. Cyrus Young  
Recd. letter from Winnie  
Wrote me that Foss Rankins and Annie Frohock were married

**Thursday, December 22**

Clear lovely day  
Went to town A.M.  
Recd. a letter from Olive Drinkwater  
Woman poisoned herself in Maysville tonight

**Friday, December 23**

Clear lovely day  
Received letter from Nellie  
Wm. King called to see me Gave me several specimens from various mines

**Saturday, December 24**

Clear lovely day  
Helped Ernest do some cooking  
Boys had a shooting affray on Maysville today  
Six months ago tonight since I was blowed up and I'm still unable to walk without crutches  
Recd. letter from Olive

**Sunday, December 25**

Clear nice Christmas morning  
Christmas tree at Maysville Church last evening  
Dined with Mr. Boyce and family  
Wrote to Ave and Winnie



**Monday, December 26**

About six inches of snow fell last night  
 Cloudy, cleared up P.M.  
 Recd. letter from Lew inclosing an indignant note from Olive  
 Commenced letter to Olive  
 Fasting today too blue to eat  
 Paid Ernest Fifty Dollars Thirty on board and Twenty on Due Bill

**Tuesday, December 27**

Cold and squally  
 Finished and mailed letter to Olive Wrote eight full pages  
 Feeling miserable and discouraged  
 Reading mending etc.  
 Leg painful today

**Wednesday, December 28**

Snowing and cool  
 Wrote to Lew Drinkwater  
 Restless nights and troubled thoughts

**Thursday, December 29**

Cold and windy  
 Mailed letter to Lew  
 Edwards took possession of Milk Ranch today  
 Ernest moved out and Edwards family moved in today  
 Feel sick and discouraged  
 Restless sleepless night

**Friday, December 30**

Cool morning  
 P.M. Pleasant  
 Went down to Cabin – talking with Ernest  
 Exhibition at Maysville tonight  
 Solemn as a sinner about to be hung, or a young husband at the waning of the honeymoon

**Saturday, December 31**

Clear fine day  
 Went to town  
 Settled up for miner to date and paid Fifty cts additional allowing it as a cancellation of Folkes indebtedness to me  
 Painter made out legal papers for me. Giving to E.E. Drinkwater the power of Attorney to dispose of all my property in terms of Maysville and Chaffee County  
 Another year of misfortune and misery ended

**AGES OF ACQUAINTANCES 1881**

|          |                     |    |
|----------|---------------------|----|
| February |                     |    |
| 22       | Charles H. Billings | 28 |
| 28       | Sylvanus Coose      | 52 |
| March    |                     |    |
| 4        | Elmer Gould         | 25 |

|     |                                  |    |
|-----|----------------------------------|----|
| 15  | Samson Knight                    | 71 |
| 17  | Ruth Coose                       | 33 |
| 27  | Ruth Drake                       | 67 |
| 29  | Florence E. Cross                | 23 |
| 31x | John C. Drake                    | 25 |
|     | Died March 17 <sup>th</sup> 1881 |    |

## April

|    |   |    |
|----|---|----|
| 2  | Benson Noyes  | 45 |
| 4  | Mattie Rankins                                      | 33 |
| 7  | Alice Abbott  | 28 |
| 10 | Emma Lunt   | 23 |
|    | Died Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> 22 years 8 months 16 days |    |
| 10 | Mattie Fernald                                      | 31 |
| 11 | Nettie Rackliffe                                    | 25 |
| 14 | Caro J French                                       | 23 |
| 17 | Joseph Lamb   | 40 |
| 19 | Rose Mills  | 30 |
| 23 | Nellie M. Knight                                    | 19 |
| 25 | Nellie E. Cross                                     | 25 |
| 27 | Tamson Scruton                                      | 25 |

## May

|    |                     |    |
|----|---------------------|----|
| 4  | Abbie E. Stetson    | 31 |
| 5  | Lilly D. Knight     | 10 |
| 15 | Olive T. Drinkwater | 26 |
| 18 | Fannie A. Knight    | 26 |
| 18 | Delania Knight      | 62 |
| 12 | James Hoffses       | 41 |
| 14 | Aubry Coose         | 11 |
| 8  | C.C. Shepherd       | 36 |
| 10 | Adella Pitcher      | 37 |
| 21 | Ezra B. Knight      | 41 |
| 25 | George Stetson      | 36 |
| 27 | Albert G. Knight    | 23 |

## June

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|----|-------------------|----|
| 10 | Eliza Adams       | 20 |
| 11 | Winnie L. Knight  | 22 |
| 16 | Mrs. Ida E. Jones | 26 |
| 17 | Ella M. Pattersen | 29 |
| 20 | Frank Calderwood  | 29 |
| 24 | A.A. Knight       | 34 |
| 29 | Mellissa Knight   | 40 |

## July

|    |                   |    |
|----|-------------------|----|
| 2  | Carrie E. Thomas  | 29 |
| 5  | Emma Maddox       | 32 |
| 8  | Mrs. Etta Thurlow | 25 |
| 9  | Ella Pottle       | 31 |
| 18 | Mrs. Emma Knight  | 31 |
| 22 | Minnie Fuller     | 18 |
| 23 | Evelyn O. Cross   | 27 |
| 28 | Gertie Adams      | 24 |
| 31 | Mary J. Bartlett  | 34 |

|      |                 |    |
|------|-----------------|----|
| Aug. |                 |    |
| 1st  | Mrs. Belle Heal | 21 |
| 1st  | Jesse Billings  | 31 |
| 2    | Mary E. Drake   | 24 |
| 5    | Riley Mathews   | 36 |
| 6    | Avans P. Knight | 28 |
| 15   | Annie B. Lamb   | 16 |
| 21   | Mary E. Macy    | 30 |
| 27   | Lusannah Irish  | 29 |

**DEATHS OF 1881**

April 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Lydia B. Drinkwater  
 Aged 57 years 7 months  
 Miss Emma E. Lunt  
 Aged 22 years 9 months 16 days  
 Rufus Knight Feb 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Aged 74 years 3 months and one day  
 March 17<sup>th</sup>  
 John C. Drake aged 24 years 11 months 17 days  
 April 5<sup>th</sup> Horace Gilkey Aged 25 years

**MARRIAGES OF ACQUAINTANCES IN 1881**

Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Mr William Fletcher and Miss Eliza Hall  
 Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Miss Carrie Young to Mr Robert Hardy  
 Jan 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Miss Belle Parker to Mr Amasa Heal  
 Feb 5, Miss Minnie Fuller to Mr. Del. Hall  
 March 19 Miss Ida Churchill to Mr Jude Mahoney  
 March 26  
 Miss Carrie Blood to Mr Fred Patten

**AGES OF ACQUAINTANCES 1881**

|          |                  |    |
|----------|------------------|----|
| January  |                  |    |
| 6        | Jennie Jones     | 29 |
| 14       | Herbert Heal     | 33 |
| 14       | Ella Cudworth    | 29 |
| 14       | John Watson      | 36 |
| 16       | Ella E. Watson   | 29 |
| 17       | Emma A. Knight   | 31 |
| 25       | Charles Drake    | 34 |
| 25       | Dora Cobb Hussey | 32 |
| 28       | Augustus Hahn    | 34 |
| 29       | Ephraim Knight   | 36 |
| 31       | Nellie Heal      | 22 |
| February |                  |    |
| 2        | Charles Moody    | 27 |
| 16       | Annie Drake      | 19 |
| 18       | Belle C. Stetson | 33 |
| 20       | Wm. H. Knight    | 40 |
| 20       | J.W. Milles      | 40 |

**CASH ACCOUNT JANUARY**

| Date             | Description              | Received | Paid |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------|------|
| 3d               | Shoeing Colt             |          | .50  |
| 5                | Hair dressing            |          | .20  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Candy                    |          | .15  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Candy                    |          | .15  |
| 19               | Shaving Utensils         |          | 1.70 |
| 20               | Candy, Stabling,         |          |      |
|                  | Tickets to Entertainment |          | 1.75 |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Expenses Camden          |          | 2.75 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Filling Teeth            |          | 5.00 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Incidental expenses      |          | .65  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Figs etc                 |          | .25  |

Marriages of Acquaintance 1881

October 1st

Miss Annie Spaulding to James H. Thomas

Nov. 20

Miss Fannie A. Knight to Mr. Cyrus Young

Dec 3d

Miss Abbie E. Moody to Mr Herbert L. True

**CASH ACCOUNT FEBRUARY**

| Date             | Description                | Received | Paid       |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| 4                | Of Mother                  | 15.00    |            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Of Mother                  | 55.00    |            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Dinner Cologne etc         |          | .80        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Casket & Shroud            |          | 31.50      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Telegram                   |          | .43        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Shoes for Mother           |          | 2.25       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Telegrams                  |          | .86        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Cash to Fannie             |          | 10.00      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Colts Stabling & Dinner    |          | .75        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | To Minister                |          | 5.00       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | On Trunks                  |          | .75        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Barber, Collars etc        |          | .75        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | To J. Gordon               |          | 2.00       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | To Wesley Young            |          | 3.00       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | To E. Parker               |          | .75        |
| 12               | B. Robinson                |          | 11.70      |
| 12               | Total paid on Mothers acct |          | 69.69      |
| 12               | Total Recd                 | 70.00    |            |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Stabling colt and ticket   |          | .35        |
| 12               | Cash to Balance accts      |          | <u>.31</u> |
|                  |                            |          | 70.00      |
| 26               | To Candy                   |          | .15        |

Deaths of 1881

June 17

Mrs. Flora Young

Aged 22 years 5 months 25 days

Sept 16

Ephraim Fletcher  
 Aged 69 years, 3 months  
 Dexter Maddox  
 Aug. 26 Aged 34 years  
 November 5th  
 Miss Nettie Heal  
 July 10th  
 Mr. Clarence Cilley  
 Aged 17 years 2 months

**CASH ACCOUNT MARCH**

| Date | Description   | Received | Paid  |
|------|---|----------|-------|
| 6    | Candy   |          | .35   |
| 7th  | Photographs   |          | 2.00  |
| 7th  | Oysters   |          | .25   |
| 14th | State Room Ticket Boston                                    |          | 2.85  |
| 15   | Ticket to Colo.   |          | 47.75 |
| 15   | Refreshments  |          | .75   |
| 16   | Refreshments  |          | 1.30  |
| 17   | Refreshments  |          | .25   |
| 18   | Refreshments  |          | .50   |
| 19   | Refreshments  |          | .60   |
| 20   | Refreshments  |          | 1.35  |
| 21   | To Tom Gilson   |          | 25.00 |
| 21   | R.R. & Wagon fare to Maysville from<br><u>Sou.</u> Arkansas |          | 1.50  |
| 21st | Refreshments  |          | 1.60  |
| 21st | Barber  |          | .75   |
| 21st | Bath & [illegible] blankets                                 |          | 1.00  |
| 21st | Maysville Chronicle   |          | 1.50  |
| 22nd | Horse Hire  |          | 2.00  |
| 23   | Cider   |          | .30   |
| 23   | Stamps & Wrappers   |          | .20   |
| 24   | Cider   |          | .35   |
| 25   | Board Maysville House                                       |          | 3.70  |
| 25   | Cider   |          | .20   |
| 26   | Bread Co.   |          | .25   |
| 26   | Cider   |          | .10   |
| 27   | Bread & Corn Co.  |          | .50   |
| 27   | Gilson  |          | 1.00  |
| 28   | Oats  |          | .65   |
| 27   | Church Contributions  |          | .25   |
| 31st | Bread & Cookies   |          | .35   |

**CASH ACCOUNT APRIL**

| April 19 & 23,<br>To Drinkwaters 1/3 of town lots |                   |          |      | 30.00 |
|---|-------------------|----------|------|-------|
| Date  | Description       | Received | Paid |       |
| 2d  | Bread             |          | .25  |       |
| 3d  | Bread & Doughnuts |          | .45  |       |
| 4   | Bread & Corn      |          | .50  |       |
| 4   | Potatoes          |          | .30  |       |
| 5   | Sugar             |          | .50  |       |

|                  |                                   |       |       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 5                | Grapes & Peaches                  |       | .80   |
| 5                | Lemons <u>private</u>             |       | .15   |
| 6                | Medicine O'Connor                 |       | .25   |
| 7                | Medicine O'Connor                 |       | .75   |
| 9                | Bread                             |       | .25   |
| 10               | Wrappers                          |       | .05   |
| 12               | Stamps and Apples                 |       | .40   |
| 13               | Bread .25 Apples .10              |       | .35   |
| 14               | Candy                             |       | .10   |
| 15               | Corn & C. Balls                   |       | .55   |
| 16               | Sugar & Lard                      |       | 1.00  |
| 18               | Beef & Coffee                     |       | .85   |
| 18               | Dinner & Apples                   |       | .50   |
| 18               | Tom Gilson                        |       | 25.00 |
| 19               | Recd. Mother                      | 75.00 |       |
| 19               | Town Lots                         |       | 50.00 |
|                  | Knight & Drinkwater               |       |       |
| 20               | Bread & Corn                      |       | .50   |
| 21               | Eggs & Corn                       |       | .50   |
| 23               | Thomas 1/3 town lots              |       | 30.00 |
| 22               | Fare Shavano                      |       | 1.00  |
| 23               | On Town lots                      |       | 40.00 |
| 23               | Gilson to Square <u>Grub</u> Bill |       | 1.30  |
| 23               | Currants & Corn                   |       | .65   |
| 23               | Cider R [illegible]               |       | .20   |
| 24               | Apples                            |       | .25   |
| 25               | Beef .35 Corn & Sugar .75         |       | 1.10  |
| 25               | Lard .80 Eggs .25                 |       | 1.05  |
| 27               | Water Bucket and pan              |       | .50   |
| 27               | Peaches & Bread                   |       | .65   |
| 27               | Stove and Pipe                    |       | 4.25  |
| 27               | Apples                            |       | .25   |
| 28               | Nails                             |       | 1.05  |
| 28               | Hay                               |       | .35   |
| 29               | Nails Bolts & Lock                |       | 1.80  |
| 30               | Nails                             |       | .15   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Town Lot                          |       | 2.00  |

**CASH ACCOUNT MAY**

| Date | Description   | Received | Paid  |
|------|---|----------|-------|
| 2d   | To Thomas 1/3 of House<br>and Lot in Maysville      |          | 17.50 |
| 2d   | To Drinkwater one third<br>House & Lot in Maysville |          | 17.50 |
| 8    | Stamps  |          | .15   |
| 8    | Apples  |          | .25   |
| 8    | Of Thomas   | .50      |       |
| 9th  | To Tom Gilson by E.D.                               |          | 49.00 |
| 19   | <u>On Bogas</u>                                     | 20.00    |       |
| 19   | To Drinkwater on<br>provision of Rogers             |          | 5.35  |
| 19   | Apples  |          | .20   |
| 19   | My acct. Rogers                                     |          | 5.40  |
| 21st | Apples & Cider                                      |          | .20   |

|     |                   |       |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 22d | to Cabin          | 5.00  |
| 22d | To Thomas ½ Cabin | 2.50  |
| 23d | To E.M. Thomas    | 45.00 |
| 16  | House & Lot 1/3   | 17.50 |

**Born Italian Poets**

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| Year |                    |
| 1265 | Dante Alighieri    |
| 1304 | Francesco Petrarch |
| 1544 | Torquato Tasso     |
| 1474 | Ludovico Ariosto   |

**CASH ACCOUNT JUNE**

| Date  | Description             | Received | Paid  |
|---|-------------------------|----------|-------|
| 12  | To J. <u>Shawves</u>    |          | 2.00  |
| 12  | Peaches & Bread etc     |          | .65   |
| 12  | Stamps                  |          | .05   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                | Of Tyler                | 30.00    |       |
|   | Work in Mine            |          |       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                | On Pickwick [illegible] |          | 30.00 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                | Bottle Liniment         |          | 1.00  |
| Marriages for 1881                              |                         |          |       |
| May 1   |                         |          |       |
| Miss Jennie Drake to Mr John Brown both of Hope |                         |          |       |
| June 19   |                         |          |       |
| Miss Ada Marriner to Mr Charles Wentworth       |                         |          |       |
| Former of Lincolnville latter of Searsmont      |                         |          |       |

**CASH ACCOUNT JULY**

| Date | Description      | Received | Paid |
|------|------------------|----------|------|
| 13   | Work in Mine     | 46.75    |      |
| 13   | On Pickwick Mine | 3.35     |      |
| 13   | For work in Mine | 3.35     |      |

**CASH ACCOUNT AUGUST**

| Date | Description  | Received | Paid  |
|------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 10   | To Dr. Leake |          | 25.00 |

Other expenses paid to present time per Agt. \$93.00

On Amount paid to Agent One Hundred and Eighteen Dollars, Amount expended by same One Hundred and Eighteen Dollars

**CASH ACCOUNT SEPTEMBER**

Expenses paid per month of September per Agent \$50.00

Or amount paid to Agent Fifty Dollars, amount expended by Agent Fifty Dollars

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Sent Mother Note Amounting to \$99.24 in payment of Seventy Five Dollars received last April

Greatest length of the United States from East to West is 2,800 miles

Greatest breadth North to South 1,600 miles Average breadth 1,200 miles

**CASH ACCOUNT OCTOBER**G. Thomas loaned me Fifty Dollars

| Date | Description     | Received | Paid  |
|------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| 11   | To drug bill    |          | 7.25  |
| 11   | Same for Ernest |          | 5.00  |
| 13   | Slippers        |          | .75   |
| 13   | Note paper      |          | .10   |
| 14   | Washing         |          | 1.00  |
| 14   | Apples          |          | .25   |
| 15   | Of Mother       | 20.00    |       |
| 17   | Warrantee Deed  |          | 2.50  |
| 17   | Stamps & Paper  |          | .35   |
| 19   | To Dr. O'Connor |          | 20.00 |
| 20   | To Barber       |          | 1.25  |
| 21   | Apples          |          | .15   |
| 22   | To Edwards      |          | 10.00 |
| 24   | Envelopes       |          | .15   |
| 24   | Apples          |          | .10   |
| 25   | Repairing boots |          | .20   |
| 27   | Whiskey         |          | .35   |
| 27   | Pills           |          | .25   |
| 28   | Stamps          |          | .18   |

**CASH ACCOUNT NOVEMBER**

| Date            | Description        | Received | Paid  |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Of E. & F.         | 6.00     |       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | On grub (at cabin) | 2.00     |       |
| 5               | Washing            |          | 1.00  |
| 6               | To Ernest          |          | 1.00  |
| 13              | To Ernest          |          | 5.00  |
| 14              | To Mrs. Edwards    |          | 15.00 |
| 25              | Cider              |          | .10   |

**CASH ACCOUNT DECEMBER**

| Date | Description         | Received | Paid  |
|------|---------------------|----------|-------|
| 15   | To Edwards Board    |          | 24.00 |
| 22   | Apples              |          | .35   |
| 26   | To E.E.D.           |          | 50.00 |
| 31   | Of Folke            |          | 2.00  |
| 31   | Legal Papers        |          | 1.50  |
| 31   | Apples & Cider      |          | .40   |
| 31   | Whiskey             |          | .35   |
|      | On South Ark. Mines |          | 2.00  |