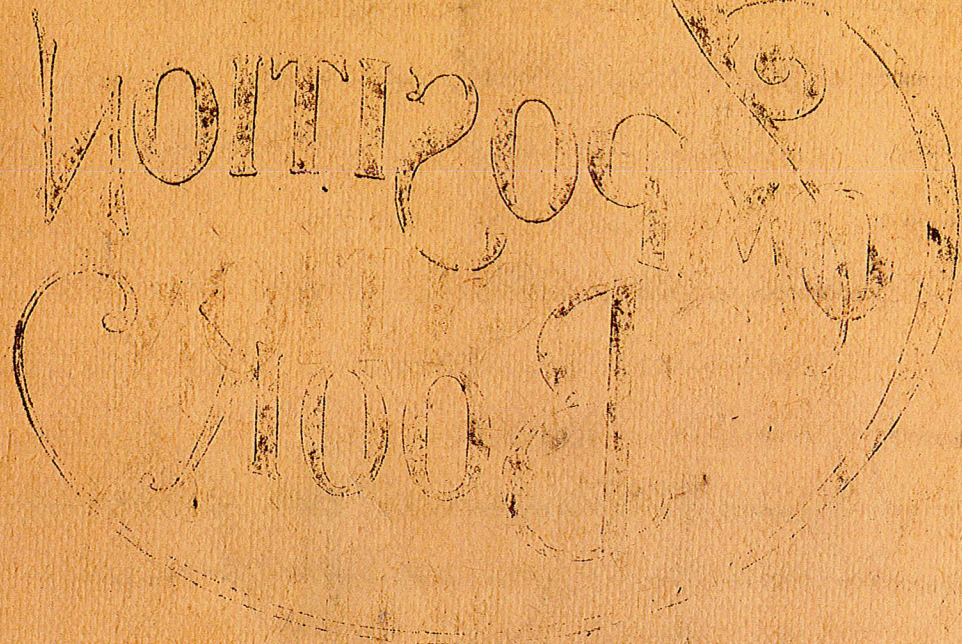


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Frances Cross Diary



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Jan 11th It has been so long since I wrote that I never can tell it all. I haven't written since Nov. 4th. My boy is better than good now. Altho there is a mark there yet. I had a pretty good time Xmas & New Year. I went to both trees at the school & the Church. Blanche came over New Year & we went to the Reception at the Church New Year's Night. Then Sunday afternoon Richmond Barbours came over and went back with her. I got quite a few Xmas presents. George sent a bunch of novel handkerchiefs. Gary gave me a tie & Mrs. Burgess a pretty scarf. Then I got lots of other things.

F. didn't come back for N.Y. He couldn't get home at that time. He is in Denver now. That sure had beat Blanche Sunday but he wasn't. I am going to

Aunt Lizzies Fri. night I guess.
I would like to go to the Stock Show but
I have so much to do. Gary & Mrs. Sharp
are going, & Rosella is going.

Al Coon is going away. He is so struck on
Gary He can hardly bear to go, I guess.

I sent Gary a ~~miss~~ card, but I haven't
heard since Thanksgiving. He never has
sent me one from Stirling. Grace works
in the P. O. there.

They have the floor in the basement at the
Church now. It is awfully nice.

I shall try and write of this now.

Jan. 31st.

Well I went to Aunt Lizzies. and had
a fine time. Walter and Dave have
the dearest little baby girl.
We were nearly burned out last Fri.
night. The train set the field on fire

west of the barn, & it burned everything
but the house and granary.

That was an awful night. The wind
blew terrible. Papa got his arm hurt
while trying to move a load of hay.
It fell on top of him. We thought since
the house would go. Mrs. Burgess was
so good to us. We stayed there till
Thursday morning.

I went to Dr. Wintermyer last
Sunday. I am feeling better now.
The 19th of June I went to the
Stock Show. A crowd of us went.
I met a fellow that had been work-
ing at Harmon's. His name is Mr.
Curtice. He was awfully nice.
When we came out of the Empire Theatre
he & Al Coon was sitting on a saw
horse. Al jumped up & offered me his

seat, but I declined. Then he dared me to sit there, so of course I did.

Then the whole crowd came in and had lots of fun at our expense. I said I wished I had one of those badges & he said he would bring one back with him. Well, he had to go home to Ohio (his father was very sick) & Fri I got a card from him. He said he was very sorry he had to leave so soon, but would send me the badge if I wanted it. I answered his card & told him I'd like to have the badge very much.

Mr. Knott has his Granddaughter Laura Green here keeping house for him. I don't like her much. Mrs. W. was out to Church a week ago yesterday but I went to Denver, so didn't see him. Haven't heard from Geo. for some time.

5 I don't care so much if I only hear from "Gaily" that's what they all called Mr. Curtiss. We have Grange there right. We have Installation. I was elected "Chaplain" Ahoy

March 3rd

Well I did hear from Mr. Curtiss. Got a letter & the badge, and a pretty postcard too. I haven't heard for a long time the now and I guess he has forgotten me.

I had my picture taken the other day. It is real good too.

We have a cow stable and horse stable built now, & are digging a well.

John, a fellow from Alys, and Rex Mock are digging it.

All of Mock & Alys & Jacksons come into the Grange tonight.

Frank was out nearly three weeks ago. Lela came with him. He don't hurt himself coming out here.

Belle Stebbins is to be married the

23rd of this month. I am going to the wedding I guess.

There was a basket social at the Church Feb. 20th. Mrs. Mundock got my basket, & Gard Boner got Gary. We all ate together, and had a picnic. Withams are going away, and Joannas Gary, Rosella, Mr. B. Charley Parsons & myself are going over Friday night.

I hate to have them go, they are so nice. Laura Green has gone to Denver, & Mr. Hewitt is going to, as soon as Bill Edwards gets some one to take his place.

March 7th

This has been a fearfully lonesome day. I had an awful cold yesterday and if it isn't better yet.

Mrs. & Mrs. Witham, Kenneth & Rosella came yesterday afternoon. Laura

was here too. She was coming up this afternoon she said, but she hasn't come.

Joe Dibble & Ethel Parke didn't come today they are there. John went to Louisville for Dynamite for the mill this morning. Rex was here all morning but they both went home at noon & didn't come back. Rex is awfully nice. Blanche thinks there is no one like him. Mrs. Mock & Mrs. Dibble were over here the other evening for a while. I wish Zella had come. She is just as cute as she can be. There is to be a hard time social at the Church Friday night. I have to work tomorrow, I have to go to Denver one day this week too. I shall be awfully busy.

How I wish Gary or someone I think
a lot of was here now. I am so
lonesome for some reason.

I ought to write to Gary, the poor
little kid is sick. Gary asked all
how old Langton Gusted is and he
said he was 25. I'd like to know
why he don't write, so I would.

Mar. 28th

Lots has happened since I wrote.
Had a fine time at the Cyter Supper
and also the "hard time" social.
Bennie got the prize at the social.
I had a circus with Mr. Valentine.
He tried to take me up stairs &
I wouldn't go. We had a great old
time. He's awfully cute. He was at
Church yesterday too. When we
shook hands I wasn't shaking
awary much & he said "Now

(Mrs Burgess' name must be Annie -
sister of Amie, - and wife of Wm. Burgess)
see Edward Collum. Lillian

Shake! And we sure did too.
I had a fine time at the Wedding.
Belle looked too sweet for anything.
She is the dearest girl anyway. Ernie
is awfully nice too, & good looking.
Lottie looked real nice. She had a
pretty pink dress. Ella & I put up
the decorations. Roy is getting to be
first time. I always did like him any-
way. Lottie expects to come over soon.
Frank was out yesterday. Mrs. Burgess
another died a few days ago, & she
brought her sister Amy out with
her yesterday. When I went to Church
'Mother' came out & asked me to stop
as I came home, but I said I'd
have to hurry home and get dinner
but would be up in the afternoon.
I didn't know Frank was coming.

them. They fixed up a joke on me. When I got there he was not to be seen & pretty soon there was a knock at the front door. Rosella answered it & said "Francis there a gentleman to see you". Of course I was surprised & pulled down the curtain, but I didn't really know who it was. I went in & it was Frank. Oh, how we laughed. He said we put the door too.

We went for a walk, then after supper he came home with me & took the car at Burns.

We met a fellow that asked where Brownfield was. The moon was shining over that way, & Frank said "Over there where the moon shines". I couldn't hardly wait till the man had gone to laugh.

Apr. 13th
I have just finished making an apron for Blanche and its not quite supper time so I'll write a little.

Lottie came over the 6th and stayed till Monday (11th). We didn't get to go any place but to Brownfield, Church and Burgess. We took dinner at "Mother's" Sunday. Then Monday Papa & I went to Dinner with her. We had some ice cream and then Lottie took the 12 car home.

We got a sanitary couch for the girls and a new rug for my room. I am anxious to get my room fixed up. I am mighty lonesome today for some reason. I wish I had some where to go. I do get so lonesome, and the wind howls something awful. It never does stop blowing.

lately it seems.

I got a letter from Blanche today. I was awfully surprised. He is working pretty hard I guess. Poor kid. One day is just like another here lately so there isn't much to write. Ted (once is home to stay now). Oh, Rex has gone away. I don't know whether he is coming back or not. Oh, I forgot about the 'Open House'. We had it April and had a lovely program, quite a crowd. Leah came out & played. She stayed with me that night. That little Mrs. Pope was with her again. Mrs. Dabbs sister & cousin Cora were there too.

Lilly Bengers has a baby boy. I am going to try to go to see her tomorrow afternoon.

Apr. 25th
I had a lovely time yesterday. Went home with Cary from Church. I had such a good time. Ted was there but went to Denver after dinner, to see his wife he said. Sybil & Bennie fixed it up that Ted, Mr. Murdock, Cary & I were to sing a quartet, Children's Day. I don't think it will go. Ted says he won't. Cary & I went down to the creek & sat a long time and talked. Then we hitched up & she brought me back, and when we got to Burgess there was Beulah & Mr. Witham & Frank. After while we all walked up the hill. We had more fun. Cary & Frank threw ants & stones at each other, and then he & I got to playing ball with rocks. We started with a little pebble & got a bigger one, and bigger all

the time, till finally we had rocks as big as a ticcup throwing to each other. They wanted me to stay there for supper but I didn't. Frank had a joke book there & wanted me to stay, & he'd read me some dry jokes.

Some man Beulah found out about that moonlight story. We were joking & going on about the moon & she said she heard all about it.

Frank said to me "You've been telling tales out of school." But I didn't tell her, I told Gary & mother.

Mr. K. can't help me clean house till next week so I'll have to wait 3 years

May 12th

The expected had happened. George was out here to see me today. He

is poorer & skinnier than ever. I hardly knew him.

He brought me some nice candy tho. Maybe he is coming out tomorrow & go to the school picnic. He came at 10 this morning & stayed till five. I have so much to do. I have my cake to bake yet. Tomorrow night there is an entertainment at the hall. Some D. people. Maybe Grace is coming up Sundays.

I got my housecleaning done all right. Maggie Dineflar helped me.

Next Tuesday night is Graduation exercises.

There is so much to do. I forgot to ask Geo. when he was going back. But more than likely he will be out tomorrow.

May 20th

Well this is an unusually, miserable day. The girls have gone to the Dry Creek School picnic, & I am so lonesome.

Cary & Roulla are going to some D. U. exercises this evening. I suppose either Bennie or Frank invited them.

Grace & Geo. were out Sunday. Lilla was out too & about 11 o'clock Frank came.

Cary was there. We had a nice time. We all ^{except Cary & Lilla} went down to the Auditorium.

to the Dry Dinner meeting but we didn't come home so very dry.

We were had over some in mind.

Grace waited for that 3 o'clock train. Her and Frank acted a fright.

Got a letter from Ken & he says he wishes he was back in Denver for he wants to be where I am at. How very sad that he can't be where I am at. It worries him more than

me.

Tue. night was the graduation exercises at the Hall. Christina came and went with me & stayed till yesterday morning.

Last Friday was the Picnic & that night the D. U. entertainment. Had a fairly good time at both.

The Graduation was fine, and the Hall was packed.

Oh, I have such a blue spell today. I simply can't throw it off.

Sunday is Childrens Day. I'll never forget last Childrens Day, or rather the day before. I guess Mr. Buhler is going away for a while so of course they had to have it a couple of weeks earlier.

Mr. Valentini was at the D. U. Social

I think he was mad, because at the Church social awhile ago I called him an Irishman and teased him till I think he was surely mad, but he was sitting up as high as ever the other night, so I guess he isn't.

June 1st

We have had just beautiful weather the last few ~~weeks~~ days.

Last Thurs. we all went to the D. V. Commencement exercises. Gary and I went down at three. We fooled around & had lots of fun. We were to meet the crowd at the Sholly Drug store, so we called up where Frank works & left word for him to meet the crowd there at six or seven.

Gary & I were sitting there talking and he came in. He couldn't go

tho. After while Rosella & Lottie came & then we went & met the rest of the crowd. Gary stayed all night with me.

Sunday we had the Children Day exercises. The Church was just packed. Frank came out. Mother invited Gary and I there to Dinner but Gary couldn't go & I couldn't till afternoon because Charley & the kids were here. We had some fun that afternoon tho. He had a little stick & kept fooling around & Rosella & I took it away. We had a good old scrap.

I took the magazine & went out on the porch to read & pretty soon he came out too & sat down by me. He started about my ring again. He thinks Geo. gave it to me & he

and I just let him think so.
He said "Let's see your ring" & took
my hand. Then he said he'd tell
my fortune. He looked at my
hand awhile and said "You are
awful flink" I said "not so very."
Then he said I was too, or I wouldn't
let him hold my hand.

He is the bravest kid I slopped
him with my paper.

I want to go to Aunt Lizzie's this
night. I have a lot of work to do
today. Am baking & will go

June 3rd

It is trying to rain. Hope it does for
everything is so low & dry.

I washed this morning. Papa & the
girls and I all went out to Lakeside
last Friday. We had a real nice

time. We went out with a boat &
I almost learned how to row.

I got the goods for a linen suit &
expected to get Amy to make it, and
now she can't for an old lady, a
friend of hers has a broken hip
and Amy had to go and take care
of her. I am so worried I don't
know what to do now. I went over
to Aunt Lizzie's. Blanche was
gone to Greeley. Her & Cayne are
going back to Ill. soon. They said
they would try to come over before
they go but I don't expect them.

Cary has that old Hay Fever again.
Poor little kid.

We had Grange a week ago Thurs.
night. The men got the supper and they
had baked potatoes, cheese, crackers

lemonade and oranges. George Graves was there and we had a nice talk. He is going to stay at Ft. Collins all summer I guess.

I guess Frank is coming out in a couple of weeks. I sent him a card from Aunt Lizzie.

There was a social at Grattan Tues. night. Had a nice time.

June 22nd.

Well I have a good deal to do so haven't long to write. I got my suit made after all. Mrs. Mock made it.

My it is hot work cooking these days.

I bake bread again now too.

I don't know what we will do this year yet. Geo. wants me to go to Sterling.

He is in Alliance Nebr.

I guess I would have a nice time

if I went to Sterling, but somehow I don't feel exactly the same to ~~leave~~ as I used to, since she was up here last. I know I ought to go. but don't see how I can leave very well now. Mr.

Witham is working here.

I went to a social at Frank Church Sat night. Buelah, Poulla, Mrs. Fielder and I all went in the car.

I was feeling awful tired and worn out, and Gary went off to talk to a friend of hers & the rest of them were off in the alcove so I didn't have much fun the first part of the evening. After while I went into the alcove, & pretty soon Mr. Valentine came in.

He was just as funny as usual. Mrs. Hosmer offered to let me ride

home & I didn't go, I don't know what she thought. Rosella & I went out in the hammock on the porch and out came that Mr. V. & sat down by me. Mr. Church came to the door & teased us a while. He went to the car with me and got in & rode to Church's & paid my fare to Burns. I told Gary Sunday. She nearly died laughing. Paulah teases me all the time about Mr. V. & H. K.

July 17th

We went out to Luna Park (the 17th) Had a pretty good time nothing extra. Rosella's Mother went with Frank. I expected Blanche over this week but they all went camping. Thurs. up near Estes Park, so I don't know when she can come.

Tuckers are up in the mountains at Gardnerville near Eldora. I think I shall go up there after the play is over. The play will be July 27th. It is "The Trouble at Satterlee's." I have the part of "Kathleen" an Irish girl. Eleanor is coming down for the play and I may go back with her. We want to get Maggie to keep house. I hope she can come. I am just crazy to go.

Sybil is going up tomorrow. A week ago Friday, Jones, Withams, Morris & Rosella and I all went on a picnic to El Dorado Springs. Oh, yes, and Mr. Buhler too. We had the best time. Climbed the crazy stairs via Karahon

Falls and came back the other way. Ted tried to poke my finger in some pitch pine, and we had a scrap. I got a lot on my hands & had to grease 'em to get it off. They are just going on about the pictures, & Mrs. Jones said she walked the river over the canyon July 4th. I don't think any of them has guessed who the picture is, and I hope they never do. No one but Bridger and I know, and Mother told Frank. Mrs. Kallner has been sick 3 weeks with Typhoid, but is some better now.

July 28th

Well the last week or so certainly has been busy.

July 21st was the Grange Picnic

A big crowd went from here.

Adrian, Eldred Marrian & Viola Kew, Mrs. Sibble, Zella & D. We didn't get to Ft. Collins until about noon.

George H. came and ate dinner with us, but he had to work that day. We sure had some fun come into home. Clarence stole a basket of pink geranium, and if we didn't have a scrap over that. We sure had some fun.

Spent over it all the way home. Their Fri. night was the social at Mrs. Frank Church's. We had a lovely time, only I couldn't get away from that Valentine. Gary just can hardly breathe for him.

Frank came out to the social

He rode home with us. We took
Burgess and Mocks.

He sat in the front seat and
of course couldn't sit up straight.

Guare came out Sunday.

I was up home. Frank came out
for a while too.

Then Monday Night Mother, Rosella
Cary, & I all went to Denver, and
before Frank & Bennie met us and
we all went out to City Park and
saw the fountain and heard the
Band. We took a ride on the
Steam Launch, and then when
we got down town, Bennie took
us all to a Picture Show.

Last night we gave the Play.
We got thru with it pretty
good. Rosella recited, the Quartet

sang, Viola recited and Miss
Quibb sang. Eleanor & Harriet
played a duet & Sybil played.
There is a house party of Denver
Society folks at Judge Club house
and the whole bunch came.
Flora Bloedt whose name is always
on the Society Page is one of the
bunch.

Miss Murdoch had all our girls to
supper last night. We were had
a nice time.

I am going up in the mountains
with Eleanor tomorrow morning.
I know I'll have a nice time.

Aug 7th

I went to the mountains and
surely did have a fine time. We
had some fine rides. We rode out

with Mrs. Tucker to salt the cattle one day and I got into the bog with Old Shinn, and when he got out of the bog, he ran off home and I had to ride in the wagon. We took another long ride to a Tungsten mine, and coming home we found a lot of Margerites. We gathered armfuls. We rode about ten miles that day.

Sunday we took a ride to Bear Cabin. We went there the cabin and it was a delightful ride. Then one evening Mrs. Tucker, Milt, Eleanor, Bud, Alice and I went into the tunnel of the mine near Cardinals. The tunnel is 800 ft. It was awful wet. We pushed a car in and rode out. They mine

gold, silver, and tungsten, in that mine.

We rode up to Nederland several times. The day before I came home, Eleanor and I went out on the range with old Charley Murphy and we climbed old Bald Mountain. It was so cold up there we nearly froze. We found some snow and went over to it across a rock pile, and made a snowball. A little farther down we found some Columbinas and we picked a great armful of each. Then a storm came up and we had to stop in an old miners cabin near an old abandoned mine. It thundered and lightnined, and hailed and rained. Eleanor and I amused ourselves by singing, and

jumping over a bench.

We got home about 4 o'clock and we certainly were hungry.

The next day I came home.

Sybil was on the case, and she gave a Columbine to the conductor and she wouldn't give the brakeman one, so I took pity on him and gave him one.

Mrs. Kallver has Typhoid and is very sick, they thought she couldn't live yesterday morning but Roselle and I were up yesterday afternoon and she was better.

Sept. 19th

It has been an age since I have written in my journal.

Frank Lewis was married Thurs.

Sept. 15th. He married Gail

Hoskinson. She is such a dear little girl. The wedding was so pretty and they got some lovely presents. There were only about thirty people there. I wore my new blue dress that Amy made. It is real pretty.

I went to school Fri. with Blanche. She has such a nice little school. Then Fri night there was a social at Felch's. Richmond took Blanche, and, Carrie Mary Corbett and I all went together. Mr. Grazer was there. He came up to marry Frank and Gail. I came home Sat. Grandma is coming over this week.

I couldn't get ready to go to Church yesterday morning. We have a new Minister. His name is Johnson and he is a married man. The

Church was plastered a while ago.

Frank was out yesterday. I went up in the afternoon and he was there. We sang "Garden of Roses". He heard me playing it and came in, and we sang it. We sang lots of other songs too, but nothing he quite so lovely as "Garden of Roses". He was reading from that speaker of his and pretty soon he said "here is something for you Frances, I think it was written for you."

What should it be but a lovely poem about a dear little maiden, who was always happy and loved by everyone and welcome everywhere.

I never was so surprised. To think he would say that. I shall get that book and copy the poem, for altho

as "grandma" who was "coming over this week (9/19) same as "mother"? Sarah Burton would be "mother to Leggie..."

I know it isn't like me, it is a lovely bit of verse, and that was the prettiest compliment I have ever received. Mother, Amy & Frank came home with me. We came up alone from the railroad. Mother and Amy waited for him to come back, he took the car at the junction.

He shook hands when he said Good-Bye. In fact I think he would have shook hands for five minutes, providing I'd have let him, and it hadn't been car time.

I got a letter from Jessie yesterday. Some money has been left me all of us, by Mrs. Agnes Howatson a kind of great aunt to me. It will be a year before we can get it I guess. It will be about 5 or 6 hundred

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would have been 76 and would have lost
Thomas Burton May 31, 1908) Janet

dollars Jessie thinks Jessie wants me
to go out there when I get it and
make a visit. If I only had it now
I'd take a Burdick's Bounce I believe.
Then I have shot some of Deer making
or Millinery.

George sent me a Mexican opal
in a stick pin. It is quite pretty.

Oct. 15th

Grandma has been here on a visit
and we had a lovely time.

She visited Goodhue's, Keweenaw, Colman's,
Burgess and Mrs. Church, and went
all over.

We had a lovely time at Goodhue's
We met Paul & his wife. She is this
cutest little girl I nearly ever saw.
Last Sunday we took dinner at
Mother's. Then we went down to

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Camp in the evening.

Mother, Amy & Grandma drove and
Rosella and I took the car.

We missed the ten o'clock car home so
Ted brought us home. He brought
me home two weeks before that time,
when I was down to see Camp.

He was kind of shy both times.

I had to cut on his lap that night.

I hated to, but he said he was bare
ing it and so I did. Burgess must
be shivers and sat there.

He got a new ring for his birthday
and he showed it to Mother and she
tried it on and then passed to R. & I.

When I put it on he said Oh I got
it too big. Just a minute before that
he had said that he left it blank
(it was a real ring to have his wife's
hand paper with)

Oct. 24th Well this last week has
 some been dreary and lonesome.

I had an awful cold all day Sunday
 and couldn't go to Church or any-
 where, and have been home ever
 since. I guess Mrs Jackson is coming
 tomorrow to help me wash and clean
 house. A week ago Sunday Frank
 was out but now he has gone to Grand
 Junction. I haven't heard a word from
 him yet but I guess she just have.
 I went up home in the afternoon
 Frank came back with me. When
 he went to say good bye he kept
 right a hold of my hand, and then
 I tried to get it away he got a hold
 of the other one and we had quite
 a scrape. The pretty little rascal
 I went to Denver last week and

got a new hat. It is a big blue velvet
 Spratts are going away for good I guess.
 I do hope the people who come here
 will be nice. There really isn't any-
 thing worth while writing about
 any more. Just rec'd a card from Mother.

Nov. 3rd

A good deal has happened lately.
 I got thru with my house cleaning
 Mrs J. helped me. Sat. Gary drove over
 for me and we went and decorated
 the Church for Halloween.
 Sunday afternoon Rosella came
 down and told me to get ready
 we were going to Grattan to practice
 I flew around and got ready and
 I didn't have any money, so R. said
 she had she had enough. We
 took the 3 o'clock car and as did

Oct 15-

initial put on.

Last night was the basket social
Ted got Eleanor's basket.

He was kidding Charley D. up and
Charley got mad and Ted had to take it
and he said "Oh I didn't want the
basket." He thinks he is mighty
smart. Mr Ferguson got married.

Mr. Patten got Camp, and the P.B. School
teachers and Mobbs. I didn't have any
fun.

Nov 3rd

Sybil and Harriet. Well of course
the "only young" fellows that all the
girls like were there with Ann
and what did P. do but run
out & ask him if we could ride to
Lorraine and take the car from there
she had a dime left. I stood at the
gate waiting for her & she holler'd

"I've found the car fare" I said. Well
the next thing to do is to take the
car and I walked over there, and
Ted says come on jump in the horse
won't stand. I was so mad I didn't
know what to do. We went scooting
by Sybil & Harriet and Ted acting the
fool was usual of course. When I got
in Ted said "You have to sit on my lap
and drive," I said "Well I won't."
and I didn't. He brought us home
home. Monday he fixed it up with
H. He brought her home from school
& gave her carnations & ate supper
with her. In short he had never
seemed so very devoted before.

I was afraid she would be mad at
me but she didn't seem to be.
I had a good time at the supper

Had my fortune told. It says I shall meet my fate at a large party & it will be love at first sight. Ha ha. Just as I was going home I ran down stairs into the kitchen to get my pie pans and Ted walks in after me & says something about "When dreams come true" and then he says, "You've been talking about me I say." Oh I don't believe it & I skipped out of there.

Edgar Pierce died in Wyo. and Mr. Pierce brought him out here to bury him. He was buried Tue. The funeral was in the Church. George and Emma Graves came down to it. I had a little talk with George. It seemed good to see him again. It really was refreshing after such fancy flustering

as Ted and Frank can reel off. Just got a letter from Larkie Hewitt so I will quit and read it.

Dec. 17th

What an age it has been since I wrote. Papa & Ellen are in Denver and Blanche just went to practice so I'm all alone. I am so busy getting ready for Xmas. I have a Brass Set and am making Brass work for presents.

An awful thing happened at Leyden the other day. The mine caught fire and there is ten men in it yet so far as I know.

I went to an entertainment at the Hall Wed night. to George Thurs night, and to a Basket Ball game at Westminster last night. That made three nights for me.

We had Election of Officers at Grange
I am Pomona. There was dancing
after grange. I nearly learned to
waltz.

Mr. Thompson and Leonard Graver
were teaching Marion and I to waltz.
There is to be a Xmas tree at the
school house next Friday night and
one at the Church for Sat night.
Clarence Wharton is home now.
Sybil and Clarence are nearly as
thick as Harriet and Ted.

I guess Geo. is coming after New Years.
There is to be an open grange
New Years eve. They will dance.
I hope I can go.

1911.

Feb. 17th

I am getting worse and worse. It has
been so long since I wrote. I had a

real nice Xmas. Geo. gave me a lovely
handbag, but I hated to take it.

He is in Denver now and comes out
about every two weeks. We are going
to see the Virginian Sat night.

Since I wrote last an awful thing
happened. Anatolia Wendell was shot
and killed by a fellow she went with about
2 years ago. I was in to see the girls
in Dec. and had such a good time.

Rosella, Lily Burger, Anna B. & I all went
to her funeral and took flowers!

Lothie was out last Sat & Sun. & Geo.
came out Sunday. Laura Hewitt was
out a few days. I was so glad when she
went back.

There was Grange last night. Fumby
came over and they danced a little
after Grange. That foolish John Murphy

canoe with Limbys. He goes with Ina. Leonard asked me for the first waltz. It was fine too. Bob and I tried to dance a quadrille, and had a circus laughing at our selves.

I like Bayers at the Depot so much. Mrs. Bayer is the cutest little woman.

Clara Legault has a baby girl about a week old.

We are giving a play in the stage.

Mrs. Mock, & Leonard Graves, Mrs. Dible & Joe, Eldre, & Marion, & Bob & I have the parts. The name of it is 'A Swiss Family'. Frank is still in Alamosa and Bernie is in Calif. They were both at Church one Sun. last month. I never hear a word from Frank any more. I think he is mean never to send me a card.

I am thinking of going to Penn. this spring. That is if I get that money is true.

Apr. 5th.

I have promised for the last two months to write in my journal, but I certainly am neglectful. Jessie says that business is liable to be settled in about two weeks. When it is settled I intend to start for Penn. as soon as possible. We will have to have a housekeeper of course.

Ellen and I are just getting over the Mumps. They are not so very nice. Not much has happened lately. I have been to a few parties, had company and visited some. Sekya came and stayed a few days with me, and Blanche and Richmond were over a few weeks ago. They may be married

this summer.

Every one is getting married, but we girls right around here. I guess ~~we~~ are doomed to be old maids.

Geo. still asks me to go in to the Theatre every once in a while. Saw "The Three Twins & A Gentleman from Mississippi". He don't come out any more tho, I am going to break up with him.

I went to a party at Snooks Monday night. I certainly enjoyed myself. Emory Verette was there, and we danced all but one dance together.

He is real nice looking I think.

Real tall and dark. There is to be an Easter Social Apr. 14th at Grange. I hope he will come to that.

G. G. might be at that to. I would

like to see him. I really consider him a very fine sensible fellow. I don't know what he thinks of me, but not much I guess.

Apr. 30th

Well, Geo. and I have quit. I wrote and told him I shot a change would be good for both of us. He seemed to take it pretty hard. Said he intended to marry me and I spoiled all his plans. I answered and told him that I was sorry he felt that way about it but he hadn't ought to have made those plans, that he should have asked me first if I would marry him. I don't know whether he will ans. or not.

Mortimer Levy has been studying to hang and it has unbalanced

his mind. I had a letter from Grace and she said he don't seem to be any better yet.

Charley and the kids came over Friday night. Charley & I went to the dance at Broomfield. Christina & Clara were there. Timmy has teased Emory V. till he was afraid to speak to me the other night. He never asked me for a dance until nearly time to go home. Then we nearly ran over each other, and so had to speak. Then he came and asked me for the next dance. We talked & had a nice time. It was all too short to suit me. Ha ha I guess he was only bashful. He is only nineteen. Rob. talked to me quite a while but didn't ask me to dance. Mr. Pank was there. I danced with him

and that little Mr. Lingor was there too. He is real nice. I had a splendid time. It started to rain Sat morning and has been raining and snowing ever since. It nearly cleared up now tho. I got a card from Stella today. I was so surprised. She is at Mitchell Neb. now.

May 5th

Last night Molholm came into the Grange, and after Grange Lilly Aly had a birthday party. I got many folks were there. We danced awhile.

I heard Viola Brooks has a baby. I am so sorry for her. Everyone was talking about it at Grange. They say it is some one over at Audala or Palston Creek. There is to be a lecture and candy

sale at the Church tonight, I have to make my candy yet.

Emory and Rob didn't come I don't know whether Lilly invited them or not.

Ethel and I stayed a little longer than papa & the girls. Then Ethel came home with me.

I had a letter from Jessie and she said she thought the Lawyer would forward me some money right away if I wanted him to. I wrote and told her to ask him. So I may go to Penn. in a few weeks. There's no telling.

June 2nd.

Last Sat. I got a check for \$100 from Mr. Anderson, and I guess I will start for Penn. about June 12th. I am awfully busy getting

ready. There was a supper at the church Tue. night. There was an awful crowd there. We went to the Dry Creek last day of school Sat. night. I had a pretty good time at them both. The girls school was out last Friday. They had a picnic. Harriet & Ted & some other night & made a regular show of themselves. The Swan Boys played and it was just dandy.

Boyers are going away next Tue. Saphel is going about the time I do. I resigned my Secretaryship last Sun. They elected Van Colstadt in my place. Van is going to take it to like a good little boy. Geo. has gone home to Nebraska. He sent me a card but I haven't

answered it. I heard from Grace
and she wants me to stop off at
Stinking and go east, but I ain't.
I guess I'll go right there to Chicago.

July 6th
I ought to have written before this
I left home at 9:45 P.M. June 12th.

Dada and the girls came to dinner
and stayed untill about 8 o'clock.

Rosella and Lottie came to the train
with me. I had a fine trip, only
I got so sleepy. It was so cloudy
and smoky in Chicago. I came
thru some lovely country.

Mabel met me in Scranton.

We have gone quite a good deal
since I have been here. It will
soon be a month since I left
home. I hear from the girls

quite often. They say they are lone-
some without me. I'd love to see
the folks at home all night.

I want to go to N.Y. before I go home.
I never saw such awful hot weather.
It was 99° one day, and it is so
hot nights I can't sleep in bed. I
sleep on the parlor floor.

I have met several nice people
here. I like Eva Schommer real
well, and a girl by the name of
Tessie Golden.

Rose and I went to Morris Lake
the fourth. It is beautiful there.
There is a fellow goes to the S.S.
and lives near here, who is about
as handsome as I ever saw.

He goes with a girl by the name
of Ellen, a granddaughter of Mrs.

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author and John Faraday?) Faradays)

Allen in Pittston. His name is
Steve Farrer. We met them in
the glen at Mousie Lake, and I
have seen him so many places,
but never get an introduction.

I am going to Pittston Tue. to stay
with Aunt Fannie awhile.

I will have quite a little visiting
to do in Pittston. I am going to
hunt up Grandma's folks too.

I shall write after this.

Nov. 1st

Well, in the limit, and what's
more I know it. I think it's a shame
that I didn't write more in my Journal
while I was in Pa. I did get the
Faradays. Arthur lived in Kingston
and John in Old Forge. Arthur
has a daughter Harriet who is about
the prettiest girl I ever saw.

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He also has a crippled boy. John has
two boys. Carl and Herbert. I liked
Herbert the best, but Carl was very
nice to me too.

In Pittston I saw so many folks
that had once known me. The
Van Ryzers, and Anne Kattie, and
then I stayed two weeks with
Hattie Smith in Bridgeport Conn.

It seemed so nice to see Aunt Fannie.
How I would love to see her again.

Jessie was quite a little like I think.
She would be only not quite so
dignified looking.

Rose is just the sweetest kid. I've
did have such good times together.
I didn't care for Mahel as much
as the rest, but liked her husband
Allen, pretty well.

When I came back. John Faraday

came with me. He certainly was nice to me, and I did enjoy the stopover at Niagara so much.

The folks were pretty glad to see me home, and now it all seems like a dream.

Stella and Louise came with & stayed two weeks with me. I was so glad.

I expect to go to see her in a couple of weeks. I know I'll have a good time. Then I intend to start to Business College.

We went to a Hallouin Party at Blankens last night. The program was just splendid. They gave a play to represent a Thanksgiving. Naevies were all there. I only got to stay for one dance, & it snowed all the way home. I had the fortune teller tell my fortune

She was real obliging & told me such a nice fortune. She said I had a good lifeline & not much sickness, that I was very fond of the beauty & of music & art. She said I'd have money left me & would travel a good deal. That I was very popular, especially with the boys & every one liked me. That I did many favors for people that didn't appreciate them. Then she told me some stuff about a dark complexed fellow, and there was a broken engagement & one wedding. & that I would be successful in business life.

That fortune was sure worth a nickel at night. Kuba. Leonard Graves has gone to Oregon. Got a card from him the other day.

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Feb. 19, 1912

I'm certainly getting no better fast. I'm so sorry I don't write oftener. But it's just no use promising myself, for I don't suppose I'll do it. I sure had one glorious time in Mitchell. Stella is the dearest kid and Nathan is awfully nice too, but mercy me what an outrageous flirt. Guess he wasn't so awful much worse than I was tho, to be honest about it. He took me to the show a couple of nights. Fern Corcoran too, was the dearest kid. I just had a circus with her. I simply hated to leave Mitchell. Nathan is at Gunnison now I guess. I got a card from him a while ago, saying he loved me in the same old way.

I have been going to M. S. B. since Dec. 11th.

I am taking book keeping & like it pretty well. Have got quite well acquainted with some of the students. There is a real cute fellow called Galt, and I rather like Jones, and there is a awful flirt called Castello. I intend getting better acquainted with him. I got a valentine from Fern's brother Jim. & I answered it tonight. There was the cutest fellow in the P. O. at Mitchell called Van Elliot. That sent me one card, but guess he has forgot me now. There is a Birthday party at the Church Thurs. night. Maybe I'll go home for it.

May 7th 1912

The same old story. But its really a shame. I just love to read over this journal. There's some of the funniest, craziest things in it. Guess if any one ever was to see it they would think I was a perfect lunatic. Well a person does have a good many funny thoughts and they look funny on paper. Mrs. McPartys & Bernice are over here tonight. I think I'd rather come upstairs & write. Bernice is playing "Mothly" "Every body do it." Every time I write I introduce someone new. Last time it was Nathan & Fern. This time its the kids at school. Its funny, but I never mention

Evelyn. We are pretty good chums. We have gone together ever since we first met. She went home with me Fri. We had lots of fun. Went to the Ball Game. Brown team got beat tho. Ellen graduates the 15th. I guess Lottie & I will go out the exercises. I certainly did a lot of trading today. Mrs. Walker sold me a lot of Wdss for 25¢. Hank teases me nearly to death. He wrote Walker such a dear little note today & signed my name to it. They had a pair of goggles there, and put them first on me then on Elsie, & then on Florence Haas. It was lots of fun watching the girls.

It's best time so guess I'll ring off.
 I'm really going to write soon
 next time June 4, 1912.

Since writing last Ellen
 graduated. I must have given the
 exercises, and they were real good.
 Sybil & Mrs. F. Church, Mrs. Wright
 & Ella have all gone to Calif.

I just didn't get any work
 done today. Had company nearly
 all the time. Even Hank came
 & sat beside me & talked. Then
 besides there was Earnest, McNulty
 & Wacker. Every time any one
 else talks to me, Hank hollers
 "here, here, cut that out &
 go on home & etc. I even made
 a hit on the new janitor. Ha ha.
 I had about the best time

I've had fun some time last
 night. Right after school was
 out Walker came over and said
 "Say Let's go out to the Park."
 I felt sort of inclined to parks
 & shady lanes & etc myself so
 we went. We went down town
 first, & the kids all seemed
 to know it this morning.

We went & saw the animals
 first, then went thru the
 Museum. It was fine.

Then we had supper & about
 dark got a boat and went
 out. The fountain worked &
 the band played too, and we
 stayed out till the bell rang
 for all boats in. We would
 row away out in the middle

and then drift in to shore.
It was a simply perfect night.
The lights & the stars & the
music were grand.

I didn't have any coat so had
to borrow Walter's.

I really don't forget how to
oflick, but a little practice does
wonders sometimes. Hadn't had
any practice since I was in
Spitchell. We walked home
from the Park. I enjoyed it
all (most all) immensely.

July 1st

Money how the time does fly. I'll
be gray headed before I know it.
I have been in the office two weeks
now, and will be there about
that much longer I guess.

Here it is almost July 4th, and
I'm still book keeping. I don't
suppose I'll go any where the 4th.
There is a picnic out at Churches
but the folks aren't going & I don't
think I will. I've got some
evenings. Don't know what to do
with myself. Ellen was in a few
wks ago & we went & had our
pictures taken. Maybe I'll get
them tomorrow night.

Since I wrote last Kes. Graves had
got married. He married a Fort
Collins girl. Of course I was
sorry, but guess I'll survive.

Mr. Cairns is in the Office
now too. He is real nice & if
it wasn't for Daisy, I think I
could make a hit. Fri afternoon

it was awfully hot in the Office & Mr. Carter said. Let's go and get some ice cream Miss Brown. Of course I went. Who ever heard of me refusing ice cream? We got back without Sagar even missing us. Mrs. Sagar is quite sick and there was no classes today. Of course that made the work awful heavy today. I don't like Mr. Walker very well any more. He is too smart. I don't all the boys down there are pretty smart. I don't like hardly any of them.

July 16.

I am just as lonesome as I can be tonight. I have been in my room all evening. Lottie & Leona went over to Barnes, & Belle &

Caro went out. La Verne & Fred brought me an ice cream cone & it sure tasted good.

There was an awful flood here Sun. night. Cherry creek over flowed & flooded the lower part of Denver. I am not in the Office any more. I guess I'll finish up my books tomorrow & go into shorthand & news.

I want to take a vacation so bad but I don't know where to go. I would go to Mitchell if it didn't cost so much. I got a card from Nathan a while ago & he expects to come to Denver the 1st of August. I do hope he gets his vacation.

I am going to see Mrs. Witham tomorrow night. I don't know a

single thing to write. There was a social out at Frank Bluncheon tonight. I wanted to go so bad but I would had to come back all alone & it costs so much to go back & forth so much. Well I feel as blue. Guess I'll go to bed & sleep it off.

Aug 16th

I am blue again tonight too. I don't know why in the world it is, but I must surely am.

Evelyn & I are expecting to go up Gray's Peak tomorrow. We tried to get a crowd from school but I am afraid we didn't make a success of it. We tried to coax Barnes, & the car conductor, but I don't think they will go.

I wish Walker would go, but

he wasn't there all now, & we never got to see him. Miss Jacobson & her brother may go. It is thundering, & I am afraid it will rain so we can't go at all. I am a judge of election this year. True is the first day. I got a letter from Nathan a while ago, & Lottie got one yesterday. He hasn't got his layoff yet & it don't look like he ever will. The other night Mr. Barnes & I went down town to a picture show. I was talking to Walker quite a while that same evening, but he was working for a photographer now, & when he left Barnes asked me to go down town with him. I haven't seen Walker since to talk to, but I'll let

Games told him. There was some-
thing about us in the Bulletin
today. Something like this: Since
Miss Cron left the Book Room,
Mr. Walker, the charming inklinger,
spends his time fussing Miss Weber.
Better watch him Francis. I guess
Pete did it. The Smarty.

Walker does like Stella Weber.
I am ahead of Mr. Goff in short-
hand now. We had so much
fun reciting together. He talks
to me quite a lot. Walker still
thinks he wants one of my pictures.
He tried to make me promise
I'd give him one before I left
school. I told him 'maybe'.

The folks here are going to move
the first. out in North Denver,
& I'll have to pay carfare.

I hate to leave this part of town.
It is so funny awful. I am afraid
we won't get to go.

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Aug. 29th
We did try to climb Grady's Peak,
but, didn't make it. Somehow I
felt it in my bones we wouldn't.
I guess I won't describe the
expedition that failed. The loop
trip was good tho. We met
Frank on the train, going to Idaho
Springs to see his girl. Walker
is going to take Evelyn to the
circus. She asked me if I cared.
I certainly don't care. I just hate
him. Anyway I wish I did.

"A" of Mr. Goff talks to me
quite a lot. He is always pulling
my chair around. We were
talking today in the typewriting
room, & Tain, Peterson, & Richd all
stopped working & hollered. "Get
that out now. Shut it, & Goff
said "Aw shut up."

I am going home tomorrow night
I guess & stay till Tuesday
night I guess. We are going to
move Mon. to 2100 Yamatilla.
I want to go to Camp's Sun.
Nov. 21.

Oh, yes, how is it, that when
I am feeling unusually blue
and miserable, I come to my
journal & tell it all. If any
one ever got hold of this I'd
be sorry & afraid.

I haven't written since Bess
and I have been keeping house,
and so many interesting things
have happened. We like it
fine, but I am afraid it
is of short endurance, for
Arthur Garland is the minute

carrying a marriage license in
his pocket, and coaxing Bess
so hard. But we sure have
had some fun here at 1358
Cameron. I have been going
with Mr. W. quite a bit there
lately. It's too bad I didn't
write about the Carnival
for we did have so much fun,
especially in the mask parade.
I went one night with
Rosella, the next with Bess &
Arthur, and the last with
Walker. We went to the
"Fortune Hunter" last Thurs.
night. It was just great.
There is literary tonight,
I just can't make up my
mind whether to go or not.

If I do I'll have to go all alone. Elsie M. is still going with me. Miss Bantz's sister Lorena is there at school. I like her fine, also Geneva Moore.

It is now nearly 6.30 and no phone call or anything of the sort, so Miss. Brown, you see if you are going you will have to go alone.

Well, of all the lies that could be told in 30 minutes either Elsie or Walker must surely broke the record today. Which one of them is lying I can't quite make out and neither can Geneva, but I would like to know, because if there's anything on the face

of the earth I hate more than a out & out liar, I don't know what it is. I have a notion to call Evelyn up & see if she is going tonight.

Evelyn has been working for some time.

Dec. 6th

Same old story. Lonesome again. Becky's her mother are over at Kelly's, and I am here all alone. Berne and Arthur are to be married Sunday. She just called me up and she says she is so nervous. She quit work and has been getting her clothes ready this week so I guess it's a sure thing this time. I think I'll stay

teases me awful, and say that there is more to it all, than we let on, and its not a bit of use preaching to them, about him being engaged.

There's one thing sure tho, you couldn't tell it from his actions.

We had quite an argument the other night. I told him it wasn't right for him to act so when he was engaged to another girl. It seems I just can't keep him from kissing me. He seemed to think it over real hard. He hasn't been here since. I hope he doesn't take my advice to seriously, for I do miss him. Well, I've warmed him now, and I can't be

expected to keep looking out for that other girl all the time. I wish he was here tonight, just because I am homesick. I guess he thinks I won't home, or perhaps he don't care a rap whether I did or not.

I guess I'll have to invest in a new book for my Diary. I must have some way to get rid of my tales of woe. Now Darius is gone, there is no one that I absolutely confide in. Perhaps it is just that way. Never can tell. Least said is soonest mended. I feel lots better now, since I have written this.

here till Xmas, and then go
back to Stebbins' & guess.

I was up there to supper
the other night & told the want
me to come back. I guess
it's got to Mitchell in Xmas va-
cation.

Evelyn came out to supper
last Mon. night. Walker came
up to. We three went down to
a Picture Show about 9.30 and
then took Evelyn home.

Mrs Babcock was here, and she
and Dora rented room 2 of that
night. Allan came in a while
and talked to me.

The man at school today
at all. It seemed kind of
lonely. E. Burr and Arthur
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