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Frances 1913-1917

OUR
DIAMOND



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My dear Dad 1913-1917

I have for^{now} hung all this
year that I haven't had time
to start my new journal.
It might be just as well
if I didn't start it, but have
good anyway. It's not the
first time I've done things
that I don't want to
do. I'll do it.

I spent my 7th vacation
in Whitehall, and about 2
weeks back from Whitehall
I moved down here to 1409
Charles. But I have
been so lame, & never
been so lame could do as
usually, because I haven't
got out of bed much

Adm. Genl.

Things seem to be moving along
just about the same as ever,
Not much change as I care
see. Mr. Stebbins and Hawthorne
were here for a few days
but have gone on now to
Calif. I was awfully
glad to see them. Stebbins twice
stayed all night with me
yesterday night and Tuesday night
to tell & I went out to
dinner with them and
dinner came & stayed all
night with me. Allen came
last night & took me out
to supper. He stayed till
nearly eleven o'clock. We
don't seem to do so awful
many just now. Anyway I
don't suppose any one really

call it what I think had seen
me last night. Every time he
comes he acts as tho he
thinks none of me, and yet
he does him talk, he hasn't
the slightest idea of speaking
that language.

I am in the 4. Class now,
I certainly will I had a job
to do before we have more power
near Rocky Mt. Lake, & may
go over there & board later
on. I got so homesick here,
William brought me 3 books
last night I think they
are pretty good.

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Dordrecht.

Apr. 8.

When I'm alone I'm lonely
as Evelyn says. I'm pretty
sure I'm alone tonight and
I'm pretty sure I'm lonely
too. I stayed here Fri
night & didn't go home. I
didn't expect Allen, because
I didn't think he knew that
I was going to stay but he
saw I told him I had
been to the Ford stand with
Elie and Maggie and couldn't
let any supper so we
just stayed here. We had
a good time in (Allen & I)
and I cried & cried. I just
couldn't stop. He said he
was sorry & was a brute to
make me cry so I think
I'm really & got so mad. That

about that girl & guess
them when he left me -
about hands. I seemed so funny
& wonder if he will come to see
me tomorrow night. Maybe
he won't come any more. I
hope he don't think I am still
mad at him. I'm not
lonely & the kids were
over home Sunday. Charley
is just as mad as I am
nearly as angry as I am
of and really I wish! at
the top of my voice.
Mrs. Johnson was there to
dinner. We played back
all afternoon and I was
around and around. It only
5.30. Guess I'll read a
little. Think I'll start
"The New World" & imagine
it is good. Eva Burpau & Carl Wamler
were married last week. Great kids.

Apr 23.

I just don't know what to do with myself tonight. I am just so lonesome & tired. It seems as tho I just can't stand to be alone any more. I expected Allan would come tonight he has been coming on Wed. for quite a while, but he didn't come.

I have been enjoying a couple of stunts lately. Magic, Chess, & Helium & I all went down to the Southhouse last Tuesday and Evelyn & I went out all night and I gave me a ride going to & from again. Evelyn came home with me, & we had supper & she called Arch up & he came down about nine o'clock.

I went to the dance at home last Sat. night. Clara was at Herbert's and I stopped in there and Clara & I went home & got my clothes and me came back to Birmingham on the car. We didn't have much of a fun good time.

Evelyn wants me to go to these George Dance Mat party I don't know whether

Allan will go or not. I think I will. I think I shall look for word this week. I think I'll move somewhere, when I do,

I am sure I could shake off this burning blue spell. I expect to go out with the tomorrow night & see Belle's new baby, but guess I'll wait till Monday now.

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It just don't seem like
I'm ever going to be real
happy again. I and so
lovely become here.
Bess is back in Denver
her mother died and I gave
Arthur is getting a divorce.
He met me place there
trouble at once. Birdseye
all night with me last night
I have been working for
a couple of weeks now
down in the Box & Electric
Bldg. I am so glad tomorrow
is Sat. so I can go home.
I miss the kids at school
just awful. Evelyn & I
eat together every noon.
I saw Thomas today. Allan
& I were out to her birthday
party a while ago. What

The last time I saw him.
Heard he isn't coming to see
me any more. I know he is
awfully busy, for he is
working now. He is carrying
his paper route but still
I think he could come to
see me if he really wanted
to. I am just awfully
tired & Denver. I wish
I could see someone
Stella & Houston were here
a while ago in there near
home from the South.
James Wright was here
with them. I wish
Mother would come out
here. I give there is
all I have to say. I want
go to sleep. That's all
mine & ain't there more.

June 4th
I had to wait until 4.45 pm,
to come through, and I am
feeling tired. Mr. Power left
on the morning train and
I had to stop the dictation
I may feel my position there.
I told him a while ago that
I didn't think I could stay as
he put me out, as the Post.
A few girls were in today
to see about the position and
he may take one. An old
womanly one about 30. He
said he would let me
know when we get back
here. I haven't seen Allan
for so long. I know now
that he didn't care the least
bit about me any more.
He surely wouldn't crush

me like that if he did. I
guess I'd have to write to
him & tell him to stop sending
the papers, and to quit coming
here altogether. Oh I just
feel so bad about it. It
just seems as tho I can't
get over it. I don't know
why, but I just can't
no matter how I try.
I don't know why I should
be being so stupid. I
am sure if we feel better
for me that things are
the way they are, but
as I never used to say:
"I'm a real one here but
some day but I can't see
it now." I have been
thinking about moving and
home for the summer but
am not sure about it.

Will be really left alone ^{July 1st}
from 1429 to 1430 and
I am not near so lonely
since I have been with
Selma. Quack is a good
deal of company for me
the latter he is kind of
funny. Quack is not
nearly so homesick and has
been going out a good deal.
I left my position at
Bones on Saturday he let
me go. That other woman
took it. The female
Evilgen & Cook, Jim & Elsie
William and Ben, Dorcas
I all went up Mt Jackson
on a picnic and we had
a dandy time. Mr D.
has an awful case on
Evilgen. I went out to

Buty Park with him last
Sunday night. We had game
away now, I got a card from
him the other day. Bees
and Ants didn't get
their divorce they have to
wait till June. I worked
for a few days out of the
Hagerman Co. but it
seemed as tho I never got
anything ready.
Ellen had forgotten all about
me & geese. We came out
there one Sat night but
I was gone, and the owner
came again. Well I should
never get them like a needle
and I have put out eyes.
Well I really could take
if that way, and not care,
but I quit even yet.
I went up to the Gravelle

Dear Mr. Fairbank Mrs

William met them. He made a date to take me out to look Paul swimming today. I decided to go what so ever, and said I'd go, and forgot about today being Sat. so I guess he'll be down so I'll go up to school. He says you can not go. Guess you're in about all the news.

Aug. 12.

I have been a pretty busy girl since I wrote my Journal last. I am working again. Just having a very good place. Oh Fred is more enough to me. He let me off today for the Spring Templeton Parade. I went up to Ensigns office and saw up

from me of the Frenchman by the Village Bldg. I never go so crowded with people that we can hardly move.

Lat. night Emilia and I stayed in to see the lights and went out on the last car.

A while ago Jimmie Wright and a friend of his were here and I saw. John and I went out to take a ride with them one night and had lots of fun. I liked Tompkins just fine and I guess he liked me too, because he said he did; and they young folks better than he did. The next night we went out to City Park with them and when they went to Walpole I have only need one card from Tompkins as far as better cards than are out

to the box now, and I said
they were coming back to
Denver in about a month
but I know they won't ever
come back. I never hear
a single word from Allan
any more. I put a card
about a go signed a friend
but I don't think he sends
it but I can't figure out
what on earth did. I am
one had told me a few months
ago that Allan would not
be on the way to say if
just couldn't have believed
it. The same week that
seeing to get the address
the rest the paper says so
he said and not a sign
of the paper ever came.

It seemed so funny. I guess
there was no trying to understand
it all. It seemed to me I am
as different from most girls
I don't care a rap for these
spare part nothing follows that
last word, or there was
your next evening day, or there
have I talked to you further
than as there can but
see that meeting a good
reliable fellow with a
"wisdom" of brain well,
nothing like that ever
happened to me.

Before we wedding night
during the Omelet week
this was the first night
I have felt very handsome.
I got a long letter from
Orrin Quench and the other
day. Myra has been married
some time now.

Aug 26

It surprised me to be spending
along just about the usual
tall thin skeleton and
and had our fortunes told
all try and make a little
it down as I remember it.
She told me I had a strong
will and had been stubborn
at times. She also said that
I didn't take up the profession
I was fitted for, which was
the Stage, I was to take
a trip west shortly she
said - and will marry
some of a queer - she
felt a wicked very young
and marry again. Well
always there plenty of

money the more. Well come
into money twice by inheritance
and the last time will have
to go into the court to get
it. She decided a fellow that
had been in my life, and
the description just tallied
with Al. The first man
my going to marry "that
going to die" up to the tall
and dark. I am a real
well only I don't want him
to die, that's about all.
a few unpleasant things but
I don't want to remember them
Brook's brother came down
to the office today and tried
never introduced me.
Chadwick in and he
don't say anything about
going out to supper
when free as there.

I think Everett is kind of
nice. He brought a picture
in for me to see that
was taken when he
went up the Moffat with
a survey. I think and I
went up to the picture
show tonight.

Oct 3.

Well, I haven't been at
the Cato Ranch for any
time and have been out of
work for quite a while.
Well I took some position
and it may not be steady.
I am working up the
Boston Roberts survey claim
and getting \$1.50 per day. I
worked for a little Dutcher
or Sebastian for a couple
of days. He wanted to take

me out to supper & see an-
tite Rieck, and I guess I would
17 years, but he had to go
back to his ranch in North
Park and I never heard any
more from him. Last
night I went up to see Gene
We went to the picture
show and seeing Jack we
met by the Emerson after
and walked right up
and the porch and sat
there a long time. It
surprised Jack old times
so. We talked about the
good times we had there
and about Arthur & Ellen,
and we talked of all the
funny things we did
and laughed about them.
I really was happier then
than I have been any time
since I have been in Denver

Frank was here a while
ago, I went to the night
& was coming back to town
on the 9 o'clock car and
was at Burgess'. Just
then Frank came back
from Shreds, and after
Ellen's Blanche went home
Frank just wouldn't let
me go. He took me into
the house and took off
my coat & hat, and made
me stay. Then we all
came into town in the
morning. He went to
Ohio, Monday evening.
I didn't go home last
night. I am so glad tomorrow
is Saturday.

Oct 22

Staying home some days
the world seems like a

nice place and I like every
body and everybody likes me
and they other day. Oh I
could just cry & cry all night
tonight. I wish my feelings
would not so easily hurt.
Even when someone thinks I
can't leave that I nearly hate
those some mean truck or say
something mean about me
I can't pass it off. I just simply
have to cry about it. That
was headed I am called up at
the office to day and want
me to go to the dance to-
night. but of course I
didn't get to go. It seems
that is always my luck.
I wish so that I am never
happy any more. Dear
come over last night and
I had a better time and
enjoyed myself more than
I have for so long.

I hope I don't have my job
very soon. All the ladies were
amused there. One told her
fortunes with tea leaves
last night. She told me I
was going to be blue about
something. I brought me
a cake today. I hope I'll
like it. Pamela came
into the office today and
we went to dinner together.
She only a little while
till my birthday. I ate
almost forgot to about
it. I got a card from
Frederick the other day.
It says "All out I had
and had not yet in yours."
A good thing I have
some good things to

tell me in a while or
then I can't send in a "tale
of Woe" soon enough. I need
to write mostly good things
but now I am so gone
I can't even begin any
more that I really
don't know to write
everything to. I don't
know still about my
biggest worry trouble of
all, and perhaps that's the
best way.

— 1914 — Mar. 1st

I'm not making any excuses.
I seem to be too lazy to write
any more. There is quite a
good deal I should have
written about. See, I want
three blank books. and I
must write to dinner &
to the Stenham. He wrote

To me after he went back
& I am, but haven't heard from
him for a long time now.
Just "Gods Will"!

Oh, yes, and there was Tom.
He is mighty out & strong.
I hope he comes back to

Danvers pretty soon. I want
to see him again. Father
didn't get married after all
& I feel so sorry about it, I
heard at the factory that
Madden sent her a telegram
saying he would come here
and that was the last she
ever heard of him. I wrote
to her the other day. I am
not so awfully crossy about
my job as I only get it & I
get lab, afterwards off & it is
better than the Boarding

Company in that way. Mr. La
Plane is real nice to me. I like
Mr. Cox pretty well too, only he
is rather "brill" and Mr. Hooper
isn't so I like him less.

I still seem to get awfully
discouraged & blue sometimes,
but I guess I shouldn't but I
ought to be thankful that I
have a job, and if I haven't
a head I should never think
that. I am so like the Post-
man that comes to Danvers.
but he don't seem to care about
me, I guess he is likely to
marry. Helmer has a real
big dip below again. She met
him at G. & Paul! That's
a secret. Miss Stans & I go
quite often lately, but it's
sent now & Helmer can't.
I guess I'll meet Ben tomorrow

might & we will go to some
picture shows & games. They
got their divorce. I am
getting pretty cold so guess
I'll ridg off.

Mar 29th

I had Sunday night and I
just got back from home.
It was warm all day & I
didn't go to Church at any-
where. I can't see as there
is very much change in
things. I am working at the
same old place & away of
all am getting the same
old wages. I got a letter
from Tony tonight & he
sent me some pressed Orange
Glossums. He, but I would
love to see the kid. I got
a letter from Mr. Shinn

the other night & he called
up Friday from Elbert, Colo.
While he was in Denver, we
were on the go most all the
time. I got several good
pleas, "Witness the fact & the
Deep Purple" meantime the
also went to the Edgewater
to supper & to the Orpheum
one night. He partook night
and went out home to a
supper & he had an ant to
meet us & take us to Lafayette
to a dance. He seems to be
pretty stuck on me but I
don't care anything for him.
I don't seem to make any
headway with the Postman
or Herald either. Johnny
looks in the window &
smiles every night. There,
might Evelyn, Sylvia &
Edith & I went swimming.

then Edith & I went to
the Paro. I brought me
a new blue coat hat.

Poor George has been sick,
he is thinking of selling out
& coming out to standing or
Denver. Guess this is all
till next time.

June 2nd
Mr. D. is supposed to be
here a few minutes so
I don't know how long I'll
have to wait. I am up at
him. We went out
to Blanch's grove ~~there~~
Friday night & he asked
if I wanted to go to
the Custodian. Monday
night. (I guess he didn't
come on this one either)
I never heard a word from
him since last Friday

night till tonight one of
those girls at the house
called me up & said Mr. D. had
wanted me to come up there
& asked how many she didn't
say so himself & she
called him to the phone
& he knew I was mad.
We talked awhile and then
I hung up. A little
while later he called again
to wanted to know if I'd
see him if he could and
I finally said yes. & if
he'd like now he was
going to treat the date.
He just said if he wants
to for all I care. I should
know. Last week I
had to work nights and
had to work no hand
to never get a cent extra
I could hardly stand

of tell I got home
+ then I just had to
cry. I just must get
a better place.

June 17, 1914

Well Mr Shinn and I
wrote up again and
went to El Dorado Spgs a
week ago Sunday. We had
a lovely time and very
thing about as my real nice
until last night. He
had told me that night
that he had something to
tell me Wed. night. He
couldn't come till rather
late & he acted rather
sneaky & funny when he
did come & we went to

the little Park out there,
He told me some things about
his past life his mother's father
and etc. & told me that he
cared for me. I didn't know
what to tell him, all I
could say was that I didn't
know. Oh, how I wish I
did know for sure. He
said he wouldn't come any
more till I sent for him
Bellevue & I'd be out in the
park tonight. I just know
what we would do without
that Park, Idaho.

I got a letter from Blanche
tonight. I don't know what
to tell them at home
about this affair. I only
hope it will all turn
out for the best.

July 7th

I surely don't know what
will become of me if I keep
on being so discontented. Perhaps
if I fully had something
else someone to be entitled
about, I'd be contented
but I don't seem to.

Thank S. so much for me.
I guess I think he must
be going with someone else.
I suspect supposed he would
beast me like this. I
haven't heard from him
for a week, and he never
told me anywhere the
4th or anything. I don't
think I can ever forgive
him this time. I guess
he not ought to ever

believe what a man
says. He couldn't have
meant the things he told
me or he wouldn't act this
way, I ~~that~~ if ever the
truth was told, he surely
told it. He seemed so sure
about him if he really
cared so much I don't see
how he could give up so
easy. I went to the
pavilion the 4th but
didn't have much fun.

Thank L. worked all day!
and we were going to
Dinner for the evening
but such an awful storm
came up & we didn't go.
We stayed home & sang
and talked and - well
we were lonely as we
are satisfied with each other.

I guess there was nothing serious about it, and I know I had a better likelihood of getting serious for the week I know, I wish I had come out to Longfellow now, I feel as blue I could just cry my eyes out. The actual winter not only loses you, I & guess all feel a little better or completely up to get. Miss Waller is back that I am going to stay while Miss Weston takes her vacation, Rosal & George thoroughly are engaged, and what a small pretty party being, I went over to Mother Sunday & Lucie was there and she made me go home

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I saw Elsie Miller a while
ago and she tells me Allan
has been married for a
long time. I guess he went
to Canada last summer
and married her. I only
wished their happiness over
also he did count me a good

deal of heart-ache. I wonder
if he loves her and if he is
good to her. I wish I were
I wish I were
I wish I were

Aug 26

I was out for a streak
the last time I wrote, I
haven't anything good to write.
Prospects are pretty discouraging.
I come back from home last
week. I don't see any sign
of a get up. Everything is
so dull. This awful heat is
making things worse. I
sincerely had a good time out
there. I went visiting quite a
bit. Went to see John &
her new baby, & Burgess &
Bertha & Melchiorre. I went to
a social at Mitzy's and Sophie
Elay gave a party and we had

a pretty nice time at that.
Then we gave our play, "The
Milkmaid's Sonnet", and it
went off pretty good. I stayed with
Reginald that night & Frank stayed
there too. A bunch of us went
to El Dorado on Sunday on
a picnic. Would return from
El Dorado with Melchiorre
and he even was a most perfect
I think he rather liked me.

Mr. Stein came up to El Dorado
that day & that the last I saw
of him. I called him up when
I got back & he was going to
meet me down town & but
he called up again & said he
couldn't get off. I don't think
he wants to get off at last
he could call me up once
in a while & while I was
out there he never wrote
to only came out once. I am

going home tomorrow as
usual as I get there every
I hope I'll soon have a job and
be able to write a more
cheerful tale than this.

Sept 25

Well I don't seem to have a
more cheerful tale to write
at all. I haven't any work yet
and at times I get so blue.
I could mood all day last
Sunday. Thank G. has gone
away I guess. He was to
be here today somewhere in Wyo.
Frank S. has gone to find a
place for him to be
back now. He went to
Papa's place to runny some
further land but never a
word has he written to me
while he has been gone.

I don't see any use carrying
this parcel any further as I
guess the only way it too have
it out where I sell them again.

My Barbey is here in town.
Attila is still in Circus but
they haven't been living together
for about a year. I was as
sorry to hear it. Huxton told
me yesterday afternoon. We
went to a couple of pasture
shows. Then today he called
up again & we went to
dinner and after dinner we
were walking down Cheyenne
& met Dotsey who had just
got a job. He went with
us to a couple of shows. I
think Huxton was going
to take her out tonight.

I am getting pretty discouraged
about not getting a job. They
are "white shirts like those boys"

but I really haven't much
hope left.

Oct 9,

I am still in town and
not yet, but tomorrow I
am going to put my applica-
tion in the stand and
put one ad in Sunday. I
don't get much then I haven't
fully decided what to do but
I may have to go out tomorrow.
I expected Houston out here,
but he didn't come and I haven't
heard from him yet. She said
if he left town he would
write to me and I said
"then you won't forget" He
said "Or you think I will?"
Of course I had to say "No"
but I'm from "Massachusetts"

and I won't be sure about
it till I see his writing on the
letter. I'm not sure you
won't tomorrow and he hasn't
sent me a word. Of course
if he does come back & call me
up now I'll have to tell him
what I think of the way he
has acted & also tell him about
Houston. I tried to do a little
unseasoned work and get
them to make up but it
didn't work. We went out to
Boulder Park Fri and stayed
all day. Got all day cause
we didn't get there till 12
o'clock but we took lunch.

He told me all over again
that he wanted to marry
me after he & Della get
their divorce. He surely
seemed to be serious but

one can never tell. Took
from A.S. died. You know range
if I will consent I can
be put all the necessities
of life, that he can always
get a good job and whatever
he has will be mine, but
we wouldn't want me to
take him for that, he
would want me to care for
him as I should. That is
all very reasonable if it
would find Stella. I like
Stella and wouldn't say
a word against her. I can't
hear to stand it up on her
account. She says if I
feel that way about it
I'll have to choose between
him and Stella, that is pretty
hard too, because I could

think a whole lot of him
under different circumstances.
Maybe I will say so. I think I
could care for him enough if
we could only get along. He
says he is sure he can
get me, and he even gave
me to understand that he
has for a long time. He re-
membered the time when he
gave me a piece of good-
bye when I left Mitchell,
and asked me why it was
I always acted rather cold to
him and why I wouldn't see
him that time. I told him
he was always married when
I knew him before.
After he brought me home that
night we sat on the porch
outside and he said he had
a good time that day but

hadn't got the answer he
wanted and that was what
he wanted to go out there
for. I told him I would
I could give him the right
answer but I couldn't for
a while. He seemed to be
quite disappointed and I
said I would try to find
out for him.

I went to see Buckle the
today. He was changed so.
A married man by the name
of Stanton (he made such a
handsome picture, all the medals
was a prize) came to see her.
He said I was too even if
I was there she let me on to
me she just left but kept
a straight but she had to be
in the house. I went with

myself. I went to the Billy
Stanton meeting last night
and after the sermon. Roddman
held prayer meeting. It certainly
was a fine meeting. I gave
enough so a plenty so that I
wrote a letter to her. He still
likes me I think.

- 1915 - Feb. 7, 1915 -

I haven't had my breakfast here
until just a few weeks ago. I
and every day I would have
had many interesting things
to write. All about Richard
and Ruby & Bertie and I going
to the Yalousee dance, and we
were had our circus. I liked
Richard better than any of
the boys who have been here.

I see no one and Ellen seems
pretty lonely. Francis took
Blanche to church tonight.

Blanche is getting to be an
extraneous little flirter and she
is getting so pretty and cute.
We had quite a lot of excitement
here the other night.
Gwen & Percy went to Townsend
and got drunk the other
night. Towne was rather
foolish too. Bertie and I are
went down to Union as Walter
and the kids and I were here
alone. We tried every way
possible to keep out of their
way. When we went to get
coal they locked us down
cellar and we came out the
other door but they had gone
down town. After awhile
when we were in the front
room we heard them coming
so we blew out the light to
make sure they wouldn't

come in but Gwen came
right in anyway. Walter tried
to shut her out & send her to
bed but he wouldn't go and
maybe there was a scorpion
hand. I was so mad at the

fact I wouldn't care if

Walter had most killed him.

Now Gwen don't speak to either

Walter or I and I am glad for

that is the only way I can get
along with him. I guess this

road work will soon be done now

and then I'll go home for a

while. George still wants to

come and he wants me such a

pretty white dress and

comb for James. Bertie and

Cham are sitting out in the

patio in afternoon. Henry'll

go to bed as we have to get up

so early.

Mar 29th

I have been home for over a month now. The camp moved to Plattville and Walter and Frances N. went to Idaho Spg. and are working in the mine there. I have had several letters from W. N. & they seem to like it fine up there.

Percy is still at Bentons, and works here some of the time and at the mill sometimes.

Alma is here for in Denver rather getting ready to be married. The 21st of Apr.

Ellen & I went to Denver Sat & got goods for Alma new dress. Ellen is making here. We met Alma down town & I went out to the house that we stayed till then night.

We came down every once in a while to see how the mine is. We enjoyed travel between Pan & Percy. I built up a start to spend about next week. I will have to produce up some before I can hold a job now. It seems pretty lonesome here now. I am doing a little sewing to pass the time away. I saw Elsie Miller Sat. in the Denver. She told me that she said Ellen & her wife & baby. She said her wife was nice. The baby is a girl. I suppose they are outrageously happy. She wants to me quite often. Hence I will close for tonight.

Apr 19th

I started to school Sat Monday and I guess I will soon be starting the same

of work for a job. I do
hope I am more successful
this time.

Helma is to be married
next Wed. I am going out
there ~~the~~ ^{at} tomorrow
evening after school to
take her a wedding present
I got for her. She is on
1847 Progreso better bridge
and sugar shell. She came
out and stayed Thurs. night
with me.

Edna and Dee are out buying
sundies tonight. You and
Lottie have had a fuss. She
says she don't love him any
more. He was over here
Friday night with Dee.
We went walking and he
told me all about it.

and says all he wants is
an explanation. Blanche &
I were over to Brownfield this
afternoon and she told me how
he has felt so bad and is all
broken up about it. She is
going to show both sides.

Frances W. came from Idaho
Sage to see Blanche. I had
heard from Walter for some
time till Fri night I got
a letter from him. I thought
he was dead but she didn't
seem to be. I am not going
to answer his letter in any
way this maybe not at all.
I don't know why he didn't
write for so long but I
don't care extra much
either.

May 2nd
This is Sunday and the wind

leaving just awful & think
I will go over to Burgess.
I have been going to school
3 weeks now. I have improved
a lot on my 2. V. I quite
a few things have happened
since I wrote last. Grand
Dad died a week ago today.
They buried him in Denver.
Blanche and I went to the
funeral. Francis came out to
see her this night.
There, I got a telephone call
at school. I was very much sur-
prised to hear Mr. Blaine's gentle
voice. He met me that day
and I & he took me to dinner
and he met me after school
and we went to a picture show.
I stayed with Mrs. Macken
two nights and we went to the

Deerham and had "Tea & the
Stomach Country". I answered
Walter's letter yesterday. I don't
think he intends to stay up
there much longer. Since he is
tired of the noise. Bertie and
Nan didn't make up & game.
He has gone away now I think.
Cory still lives here & game. They
have been cleaning house.
I got a letter from Leo this
morning and he thinks he will
soon sell out. I just wonder
if he will come back here.
Mr. Blaine has not explained
yet why he didn't write, but
I think he will be called
upon to explain very shortly.

May 20,

I am still going to school &
studying as yet, but there is no

Monday night and of course
I wasn't here. He hadn't got
my letter & didn't know I was
working. He is supposed to
come over today if he don't
have to do some repairing on
his engine. I am afraid he
won't coming then, and I have
to go back at 5 o'clock.

Edgar Watson the dog fellow
that worked for me so in
revenue trouble. He read about
the "Barney kid" in the papers
and has held up a lot of
drug stores in Denver. They
caught him Wed, and paper
went in to see him.
I am staying with Mrs. Mackay
and would like it alright
if I only had a dog pot. I
have a lot of fun at the

Garage. Jimmy is a rather
cute kid and all the boys
there are real nice. They
take me home in an Electra
every night.

July 18

It seemed to be a case of off again
on again, gone again, "Hearings",
with me and my job. I am no
longer at the G. H. Co. I
quit so that I wouldn't get
fired. Mrs. F. didn't like me &
guess anyway he wasn't satisfied
with my work. He said I couldn't
take dictation fast enough. That
was a lie for he only gave about
75 words for mine and just last
Fri. the Remington lady gave
me a test and I made 99
per min. I couldn't stand
that much work very well
anyway so I am glad I am

away from There. Danny is
the only one I miss. Since I
wrote last Evelyn and Anne
were married a few weeks ago.
and I don't believe that it
is recorded in this book club
for the past two months Mrs
H.B. Evans has been Mrs Percy
DeLeon. It seems I am to be
left on my mind all by my
self alone. There is Rachel yet.
She and George have never made
up yet. I wish they would.
Last Tuesday Walter called me
up & wanted me to go out home.
That night I went & he and
Francis came over night after
& got there. They were going up
to Nederland to watch in the Orino
Walter and I had a little beer.
I haven't heard anything from
him yet. But Edmund got
a word from Francis and he is
back in Denver. Don't know where
Walt is but Francis said there
was no word at Nederland, so he
is probably back at Westminster.
Mr Shum was down at the
garage one night & walked home
with me. He called up at Burgess
the 4th and wanted me to go to
El Sgo with him. Rachel told
him I was going to El Sgo on a
picnic & he went up there &
looked for me all day as he
said I was with Walter up
Coal Creek Canyon and we even
had one splendid day. I went
out Sat night & stayed all night
with Walter's cousins. They are
very nice girls and I certainly
did like them.

Sept 20th

Monday & much as since I have

morning in this week. I really
ought to be better than that
quite a few interesting things
have happened to. I have been
meeting Tom Mr Pierce nearly
2 months now. I don't know
how it will finally turn out
for his business is so perfectly
bad shape now. The bank I
heard about Walter he was
out at Bennett. He has not
written a line to me, but that
suits me alright. I don't worry
any about it. Mr. Kim went
away I suppose. He said I
would see him again before
he went to Greeley but of
course he did again. I don't care
now whether I ever see him
again or not. Mr. Wood has

been quite nice to me lately,
but I can't seem to find out
whether he is married or not.
He brought me home in his
car one night last week and
that he came up there at
1 o'clock and we went to
The Home Dairy and had lunch
then he took me home to
Bromfield. He didn't come in
the office today. Last night
Blanche and I went over to
Walter Chapel with Russell
and Jack. I like Jack the
best but Blanche always
goes to go with him and I
have to go with Russell.
There isn't much other news
I guess.

Oct 18 '15 -
Heardie is I expect and I am

intended to go to bed by 8, as
I was up till 12 last night.
Gusell & I went to church and
he came in and stayed till
12 o'clock. He was in town
Friday night and we went
down town to a picture show.
He said he will soon go to
Mich. now. I found out
that he is a lot younger
than me. It beats all how
I do pick up with me
growing fellows. Jack came
in town on the car I did
the morning and never eat
by me. Made me kind of mad.
He let he is in town tonight
too. Mamie is working
tonight as I am here all
alone. Mr. Pierce is down
in Pleasantville with that

Mr. Elmer from E. to Mr.
Johnson & Mr. Woods and
I am taking care of the office.
It looks as tho Mr. Johnson
was going to have some
business pretty soon, as guess
I'll stick a while longer and
see how things turn out.
Mr. H. sure is grand looking.
The regular picture, and all
he needs is the frame. He
is married of course. I
never imagined he would
be so handsome. Henry &
Percy have moved over to their
place. I haven't heard any-
thing from her but have an
idea she will write. I have
given my little "Sugar Pie"
Punk. If I had a kid like
she is I would love her
to death. That Howard West,

never come near the place
any more. A week ago last
Thurs night we had a party
here. Mr & Mrs Sweet Harry
Ford, Mrs Esther Pearson.

Mr Stacy, and Mary and J.
We had a dandy time, and
Fred & I even had a grand
dance. Oh yes Billy B was
here & came. A couple of
weeks ago Mrs Morrison gave
a party for Joseph and I and
Aunt John & had such a
swing. We got a lot of presents
and they are fine. Besides this
is the only time for this time

Now, it
I will soon get outback &
be here again. Russell went
to Mich. Last Tues night
& Mrs Wheeler left the same

time. I went to the Depot
with D. He brought me a real
pretty leather harness & had
about 3 cards from him, but
no letter yet. Mrs Woods has
gone, and it will seem
somewhat awkward time I get
to think a good deal of time.

Mrs Green is getting pretty
cross, and money matters
certainly look awful around
here. Mrs Ford told me
he put in my application with
A. & B. and I believe I will.

Maybe I came home to dinner
with me Sam and Della
and there to Joseph. I missed
Russell out home. He said he
was sure Jack would be over
to see me, but there was sign
of him so far. I wish he
would. Last Wed night I went

out to Gene Tomback's to supper.
There are sang about 40 songs.
I haven't heard from Evelyn
for a long time. I am waiting
some billow she for her for
a wedding present. I am
near on the go last week, but
guess I'll stay home for a while
more. The last sat. night Russell
was here and drove to Louisville.
We had quite a plain little talk
that night too. Its surprising
how much some of these folks
are. Guess I'll ring off, as
long as I don't forget my pen.

Dec 8, 1915 -

Not much interesting news to
write. I am still at. Gene
& I too. Haven't had any money
for over three weeks and it
sure makes me pretty blue.

Mr. Gene had been sick with
the Grippe and today is the
first time he has been to
the office since last time.
Mr. G. had it too but was
only out a couple of days.
The folks out there have been
rich. Blanche & Sophia's Car
have all had the Grippe. Last
Sunday afternoon Blanche &
I walked to Brown town & back
through no time. We had a
date with that damned old
week of two tho. I guess
Mr. & James will move pretty
soon. I don't like for him to
go just at so awful time
around there anyway. The
parties and bags are real
nice and talk to me a good
deal. I am working a bunch

elate with blue birds on it
and they are all very much
interested in the birds. Mr
H. and mother became
this evening. He asked me what
I did in the evening. I told
perhaps he was going to ask me
to go somewhere just he didn't
ask. Work with his mother girl
I suppose. Marie went to
church tonight and it is a
consequence.

— 1916 — Jan. 19/16
I remember it third year will
be like the last few years.
I hope it will be a better year
for me than the last two
have been, for I haven't been
as very happy. Goda nice
Xmas & got some nice things
too. was surprised to come

out here right after Xmas
but I don't hear a word from
him. He was to stop in Liverpool
and Alliance, & said he didn't
know how long it would take
but I can't imagine why I don't
hear from him. I am looking
for another job. Mr. Duine can't
keep up expenses, and Mr. H's
business seems to be at a stand-
still, so I will have to get some-
thing else — kind hoping I get a
good one. Mr. Xmas has been
giving me a little work, I hate
to lose it now. Mr. F. was in
a week ago Sat, but hasn't been
near the place since. I would
like to see him to tell him I
am leaving Penna.

Got off just a few days before
Xmas. Papa found him dead
when he went to call him in
the morning. I can't get used

To the place without him.

Salma is back to stay a couple of months while Ed builds their house. She was up here to supper one night. I guess she is out at her new house some with Michael to dinner Sunday. I also invited for the Sunday before. Left went out to Carter. At night they have a Ford now, so they met me and then Jim. We went over to Bromfield in the machine.

I had a letter from Russell a while ago, also his picture.

I got a letter from Eda Deal and Walter is out at Goodrich, Colo, on a sheep ranch. They have all moved out to Bennett.

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April 7.

I could hardly believe my eyes when I looked at the slate I wrote last. It's interesting though. I've hoped, but I don't see how I can get about the same old book. I don't know why I've

for I certainly try hard, but I guess I missed my calling all right when I took up ^{the} stenography.

I had two places where the pay was good. Both seem companies, but I wasn't fast enough. Mrs.

Wheeler is at the Miller now. I think she will be able to hold it for she has had good practice all winter & lots of experience.

Miss Greeley seems to have it in for me, in spite of the fact that several other girls fell down on both Thorne jobs.

I have been doing some work, but am not getting much of it.

She was out here but didn't
stay quite a week. He has a
job with the RR and will
look his plumbing business. Had
a letter a few days ago.

Helma was here the same
time he was, and the tailor
from Centerville was here & we all
went out to the Park one hot day.
I saw all the Padian's exhibit
that P.H. paid up and were very
interested by course. Mrs. George has
another girl in the office. She
seems pretty. I was in there
one day & M.D. promised to pay
me soon, but hasn't seen
anything of the money yet. He seems
rather idle & will have a
great hardy up to me. But
I should judge about that.

Last Sat night Mahon's gave
a dance in their new granary.

and we really received invitations.
Had quite a nice time. Jack &
Fred brought Ellen & I made in
George's buggy and Blanche & her
cousin. All Embury's took
me to home tonight. Since there is
all the money, except what I had
a 10 page letter from Samuel, &
we don't know what to make
of that letter. He said his future
plans depended upon my answer,
& to have my answer in my feeling
for him, & a lot of junk like
that & said he was coming back
to Colorado & did I want to have
a talk with him & have his
company for a while. I don't
think it will be made out of it,
or just what he means.
Henry & Percy were here one
night in their machine.
There is to be a party of 100
in the house next Sat night,
I am invited & may go.

Apr 24th the
Sunday was Easter and I went
home of course, and had a fine
time. Dr Scott was there in
the morning and there was an
Easter song service in the
evening and the girls sang.
Sat. night I had quite a
surprise, some one knocked
at the front door and I took
a walk to see who it was
and it was Presnell. Everything
went fine for a while and
we had a nice talk but
before the night we had
it out about that letter.

He had some pictures of himself
and Esther, and they were
looking like two days of rainy
weather. I finally got to
understand pretty much what he

meant by the letter. He
seemed to think I had some
strings on him, and he wanted
to get engaged to Esther but
wanted a little more time to find
out what I had to say and
still not say anything himself.
He even did keep around the
house and I told him so.

Then he wanted to know if he
could come over Sun. I told
him it might not be the best
thing Esther might do but had
better not come. He didn't intend
things to turn out just that
way, but he didn't come home
with me Sun. night, so
I don't know whether I'll see him
before he leaves to go home and
if not, and even don't care
much. I went into Presnell's
week and he paid me, so I bought

a new checked coat and come back
my skirt done, so I have a
little left to wear now. However,
I need a new hat & waist pretty
bad. I have had quite a number
of exposures lately. got a card
from Plumer Steeline a while
ago, also a letter from Faye
Greene & she may be here in
Denver soon. She says Barkeley
are at Henry, Neb. Another
exposure was a letter and the
snapshots we took the 4th from
Walter. He was even a long
time writing but I guess I
will answer. Mr. Hansen died
a few days ago & was buried
Thursday. I got a job today
up in the ~~stratotype~~ ^{stratigraphy}. They
are leaving. It is supposed to
last about a month. Old Bury

at the Metro Speed Machine too.
He sure is a mighty runner.
I guess we are going to see
Evelyn Tompkins night. She is
going to Cole Spgs to live pretty
soon. Oct 24/16

Well, I just couldn't believe
my eyes when I looked at
the book and seen the
last date (Nov 24th) of course
I didn't have my book and knew
but I came back to town
in August and have been
working ever since at Ron &
Loach. Like it pretty well
but it sure is hard work.
Ron gave me a little raise
last, so am getting 11.50. Don't
know why he didn't make
it 11⁴²/16. Well, I am thankful
for it anyway, as I need some
new clothes. I sure had

a fine rock out house this summer, but good things can't last forever, the strange Hall is done and there are been 3 or 4 dancers already, I went to animal with Helen & Happy but Russell was here for the last one and he took me, but he didn't want to much. He was down here about 4 weeks but it didn't seem long, the same sad sad life and I got so tired. We have just about half decided that I am to live on the homestead too, in about a year, according to present plans. We have 300 acres up there, and I guess it is nice land, I really believe we could be happy if we just

had a plant and could see our way clear to make a living. Russell, in building a little house on it now, He will live on it a month and then work all winter, there is no feeling how it will all turn out, but I don't see why I couldn't be happier. Then I am now, all alone the way I am. I do get so lone-some, and I was so glad to have R. here. For the last year up to Canada and China has gone back east for a visit. Hence W and Frank were summoned Conference Sunday, I have it heard from George for so long, Can't imagine why. Ellen was in town all last week. She worked a couple of days. We went out to Aunt Sybil's last five nights.

1917

Jan 4.

Well, I wonder if they go in going to be like all the others. I wouldn't be surprised. I am feeling rather blue tonight. I got a letter from P. last week that certainly made me feel bad. He told me he had learning to dance & of course I was glad to hear that, but he also told me that he was going with a girl up there. I just can't write to him, but I keep thinking of the things he said. I don't know why he acts so. Sometimes I think he don't really care for me and he should. I am not sure I do either, but still it hurts me when he does such

things. He sent me a set of chocolate forms for Xmas. I got them the same time I got that hand letter, & have never even written a word to tell him I got the pkg. There was a dance last night and I couldn't go. I took a funny spell last afternoon and almost fainted. I feel down on the floor. Mr. Mason & Boni picked me up and put me in a chair, & I got better of the while & came home, but didn't get to go out home till about noon. The girls went & said they had a fine time. Elly. has been home for two days, but we have another girl in the office. She is working for Thomas. Arthur is just as nice as ever. He is a cute kid. Maude & I went to the Dutch mill

for supper tonight & she stayed
at the office to do some work
for her "House". He is a pretty
steady visitor lately. And each
one are very fond of her and
have received her many, so I
have the whole set. I ought
to write some letters, but can't
seem to settle myself down to
it. I intended to go out to
Aunt Aggie's tonight but Mary
telephoned that they are all
sick with the grip, so that I
had better wait. Blanche &
her children are there. Well,
I guess there is no use crying
over spilt milk so I might as
well make the best of it & go
right on working every day. I am
going to plan to take a vacation
next summer and that is
about all I will plan on.

Sept 14, 1917

There are in some states
I have written since Jan 4th,
I am taking my vacation
this week next and I really
can't know whether I will
go back or if Dorell & I
will get married. I haven't
seen him for so long and
I feel so unsettled. I don't
like more married July 11th
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I get an announcement from
Frank & Anne tonight. It is
a baby girl.
Dorell's name is on the
list and I don't know
what would be best for me

to do. I am going to visit Ellen
Giles, and Martha and then
I must go out to Aunt Maggie.
I have so much to do in years
I had better finish.