

## **PERRY A BURGESS (1880-1900) DIARIES**

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**Perry Burgess Diary – Volume 1**  
**May 26, 1880 – August 26, 1880**

The following is an account of each day's travel and work from the time we left Boulder until we started for Georgetown after supplies.

May 26, 1880. Started from Boulder at 9 AM. Our force is composed of seven men viz Jas H Crawford, A. Shippy, Jas. F. Burgess = Mrs. C. B. and Bruce are to accompany us as far as Georgetown = Camp for night on South Boulder in a furious snow storm.

May 27 – nooned at Central City. Camp for night at Lawson in Clear Creek Canon – day cold with snow and rain =

May 28 = reached Georgetown at 8 AM = bought supplies

May 29 = Our wives start back to Boulder on cars = We load up our supplies and roll out = Camp for night five miles above Empire – a courier comes along about 11 PM with reports of indian depredations and Massacres in North park. He is going by order of the Governer to warn settlers and find out the true stat of affairs = He asks for company as far as Hot Sulphur Springs and Starke goes with him.

Sunday May 30 = Ate an early breakfast and pull out at 6 AM. Cross the main divide at 10 AM – had hard work shoveling through snow and holding wagon from turning over road very bad Noon at an old cabin down on the west side of range = and camp for night at head of Middle park 12 miles below the summit of the pass began snowing hard at dark = all hands very tired=

May 31<sup>st</sup> Snow is about five inches deep is cold and gloomy Our stock ran off found them at 10 AM. = Moved to Chamberlain's ranch 16 miles and camp = Roads muddy and bad = Crawford and Brooks each killed a grouse today =

June 1<sup>st</sup> Broke camp at 8 AM. Moved to Hot Sulphur Springs Halted to hear, rest and write letters, then moved on to mouth of Corral Creek and camp = I killed three grouse and a jack rabbit today –

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Travelled 20 miles Camp on the Muddy

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Continuing to hear bad reports concerning Indians, and Mr. Crawfords brother who should have been in from cattle camp a week ago not having come. Crawford and I conclude to leave the outfit and ride into the country ahead of us = Starke and Shippy accompany = rode 20 miles and lunched, then rode two miles further. Met Crawfords brother who reported all things quiet = Had seen no Indians = Rode back to our camp on Muddy = Crawford killed a deer today we saw a great many of them = are terrible tired =

Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> Got a late start – camp for night at foot of Gore range on east side = Starke killed a deer this morning and Crawford killed a beaver near camp at dark =

June 5 = Snowed last night all hands prospected today = Commence the mens wages

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> Got an early start, packed our saddle horses Crossed Gore range = Nooned on Rock Creek in Hills park = I struck out prospecting at noon and after a hard march found the boys in camp at head of Egeria park = I staked two claims today and brought in samples of one =

June 7<sup>th</sup> Garbarino and I remain in camp make a small coal pit = balance of force go prospecting = The boys report some finds and bring in samples of ore = Crawford brought in samples of ore.

Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> Work at assaying = balance go prospecting = I killed a fine buck near camp before breakfast. Crawford brought in some fine looking ore =

June 10<sup>th</sup> Starke and I go prospecting = the balance of force move camp 20 miles to Roaring fork of Bear River = The formation at this camp is eruptive =

June 11<sup>th</sup> Brooks goes to Crawfords cow camp after some horses and camp articles = Crawford and I follow up the stream to base of flat top mountains and prospect for placer diggings – Shippy and Starke prospect in a westerly course. Bradley goes to sinking on a bar in a big gulch near camp – find nothing

June 12<sup>th</sup> Prospect and hunt find no mines = a colt gets drowned

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> Moved camp to Oak Creek and camp

June 14<sup>th</sup> Moved camp to Bear river. Had a hard days work in fixing roads = digging and prying out of mud holes and finally had to unload our wagon and pack through mud and water on out backs = Crawford killed an antelope before breakfast and Starke a deer on the road =

June 15<sup>th</sup> Had to make a road at one point on the river, got stuck in the mud several times = Only made four miles. Camp at ford Prospect in the afternoon but find nothing = Got mail today

June 16<sup>th</sup> Made a raft and crossed all our effects on it. Swam the stock = Had a terrible hard days work and went to be tired wet and cold =

June 17<sup>th</sup> Moved camp to an island ½ mile below the springs (Steamboat) and lay over the balance of the day to rest and dry our bedding and effects = I have a terrible headache=

June 18<sup>th</sup> Moved camp to Elk River and go to prospecting for placer gold = results encouraging

June 19<sup>th</sup> Moved camp to fine spring built a coal pit and got it burning = Part of the force went to prospect in the mountains brought in samples of good looking ore at night = River high and raising = Have several samples of ore ready for assay

Sunday June 20 = Rain nearly all day = watch coal pit hunt some and write letters

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Prospecting continued by balance of force = Garbarino and I set up furnace = Work at assaying

June 22 = Work at assaying = Boys prospect for lodes

June 23<sup>rd</sup> = Prospect our placers = Make a raft but fail to cross the river on it, current too swift

June 24<sup>th</sup> Leave Garbarino and Brooks in camp to look after things and start up the river on horseback with pack animal camp 15 miles above, near Reeds ranch. The formation from Steamboat Springs to this place on east side of river is metamorphic and looks very fine with patches of float quartz in places

June 25<sup>th</sup> All hands strike out prospecting = killed a deer = Crawford and Starke start in evening for the Hahns peak mines and to get mail found good looking float

June 26<sup>th</sup> = Crawford and Starke return = Send Bradley back to camp at wagon after more provisions = The balance of us prospect

Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> = Moved camp 4 miles in a S.E. course = Prospect and stake two good looking lodes. Eat a late dinner = move five miles = Crawford killed a big elk and we camped =

June 28<sup>th</sup> = Move camp two miles to Big Creek and all hands prospect = find nothing

June 29<sup>th</sup> Shippy and Starke take some grub and start east toward snowy range = Crawford Bradley and I prospect back toward Elk river = Found and staked two lodes = ate a late dinner and returned to camp at wagon

June 30<sup>th</sup> Prospect on river = Work at assaying Crawford and I ride to Springs to stay all night =

July 1<sup>st</sup> Cross the river and prospect North side for placer gold in forenoon, in afternoon go down the river on North side and prospect = Starke and Garbarino kill a deer

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Build another coal pit, work on claim near camp Shippy starts to Troublesome after mail = Mr. Hunt a Boulder county smelter is here prospecting and visits our camp

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Work on placer claim in forenoon = In the afternoon we ride over to the Springs to bathe, catch some fish and stay until the 4<sup>th</sup>

July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday = fished, ate trout, venison, and bear steaks. Had some real milk and butter = Had a pleasant time and rode back to camp in the evening

July 5<sup>th</sup> Commenced locating a 160 acre placer claim = Two gentlemen from Hahns peak visit us to stay all night = Shippy returned bringing mail nearly a month old

July 6<sup>th</sup> Finished staking the claim. Made a plat of same rain in afternoon

July 7<sup>th</sup> Assay = Work on claim = Hunt and Henry Crawford visit.

July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Work at developing claim

July 10<sup>th</sup>. Complete the work on placer claim necessary to hold for one year

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> Gathered up our effects = Move to Steamboat Springs

July 12<sup>th</sup> Built a forge = Sharpened and repaired our tools and shod our horses. Got pack saddles in order = put up a supply of provisions

July 13<sup>th</sup> = Started for Browns park = at noon camp Crawford found a lode camp for the night at Marshalls ranch 22 miles down the river Out force consists of Crawford and self, Bradley, Shippy, and Brooks and Farnsworth with Mr. Hunt and man who are prospecting in their own interests = Starke is at Hot Sulphur awaiting his brothers arrival =

July 14<sup>th</sup> Move 25 miles = Camp on Fortification creek = prospected the gravel and found small quantities of gold

July 15<sup>th</sup> Moved 30 miles = Camp in Big Gulch = country, sand with thin stratas of gravel showing a very little gold = Water very bad. We had to dig for it. Flies, gnats and musquitoes thick and troublesome

July 16<sup>th</sup> Moved 25 miles over a very hard trail Camp on Snake river = country nearly all sand with patches of limestone = We are at Cross mountain with the Silurian formation in sight

July 17<sup>th</sup> = Crawford went a way up the mountain while the rest of us getting breakfast and found some fine cropping of carbonates = Moved to Douglass wells and all hands prospect in the afternoon made two good looking discoveries that we think lead to good mines

July 18 Sunday Moved 18 miles to Green river just above Lodore Canon, camp = Country sandy = weather very hot and no water between camps = Musquitoes so thick we can hardly breathe

July 19<sup>th</sup> Conclud we can expedite the work and get over more ground to divide our forces = we divide provision Crawford takes Shippy and Farnsworth and starts for Bullion camp about 65 M. farther westward I take Brooks and Bradley and move back to Douglas wells = Got there at 1 P.M. ate a hasty dinner and all went up into the hills to work = got back to camp late and went to bed very tired

July 20<sup>th</sup> Prospected hard all day found fine float but did not locate any lode or carbonate deposit

July 21<sup>st</sup> Traced up a beautiful flow of float to where it cropped out of the mountain = Staked the claim and named it the Copper King = Prospected in the afternoon

July 22<sup>nd</sup> As we were preparing to move camp one of our horses ran off and it took all day to find it

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Moved to Cross mountain = prospect in the afternoon found and staked two splendid looking claims with ore in place think these must certainly prove rich = Bradley found a fine deposit of ore =

Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> Prospected in the forenoon, found and staked two more claims = Had a heavy thunder storm last night as we lay in the sand, our horses stampeded and we had to go after them in the rain and darkness = Soon found them by the flashed of lightning, caught and repicketed and lay down again in our wet blankets to rest and get what sleep we could = Are about out of grub and no game in the country are entirely out of meat Moved in afternoon to Baggs cow ranch on Bear river = shot a sage hen as we were going into camp which was quite a God send

July 25<sup>th</sup> Moved across the country to Yampa peak = Prospect in the afternoon = found nothing move camp 3 miles to get grass for the horses Killed a fawn today

July 26<sup>th</sup> = Moved 30 miles back to Fortification creek = caught a mess of fish

July 27 = Prospect up the creek for placer diggings. Caught some more fish = Rain hard in evening

July 28 Ride 25 miles camp at Marshalls ranch rain some during the day. Raining hard tonight but we have a cabin to sleep in

July 29 Ride 22 miles to Steamboat Springs = arrived in time to take a bath and change clothes = Bradley killed a deer

July 30 Build a coal pit = Get it fired = Set up furnace, catch a mess of trout = Crush and prepare samples of ore

July 31<sup>st</sup> Work at assaying = Crawford, Hunt and party arrive except Shippy who was paid off at Douglas wells on the return from Utah = Write some letters

Sunday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Rested, wrote letters and fished

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Worked at assaying = Crawford and Brooks go west to Ladds Creek to prospect for placers and lodes = Bradley goes east to prospect = Brings in part of a deer

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Finished assaying = sharpened the tools = Bradley goes prospecting = Crawford and Brooks return having followed the creek up into the Indian reservation

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Crawford goes with Bradley and Garbarino to show them a lode that Crawford and I found four years ago to have them do some digging on while we are gone to Georgetown and to point out a filed for them to prospect in after they get sufficient samples of ore for assay = Brooks get up the teams while I put up some grub and things to use on our way out after a load of supplies = Start for Georgetown

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Having concluded that, as Crawford and I want to go to boulder we can save time to go from Hot Sulphur on stage and cars, and on our return, load here we leave Brooks with teams to let them rest and recruit = Start for Georgetown on stage As most of the heavy articles needed will have to be freighted in during our absence by the merchants here, had rather pay than haul ourselves

Aug 19 & 20 = Have returned to Hot Sulphur = Met our man Bradley who left the work we had assigned to him = and our employ = He says that he was induced to take this step after reading a letter that Starke had written about us = That Starke had told him that he was going to stop payments of money due us and to break up the company = That Starke was going to buy up a herd of ponies to take back to Missouri and wanted him (Bradley) to help him drive them back = This intelligence is hard to believe although we have always found Bradley to be truthful. We think if it is true that Starke must certainly be crazy = Have always treated him like a brother = load our wagon =

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Having come 25 miles today and had time to reflect I write a hasty letter to Tygard (approx.) in regard to Starkes course as far as we have heard

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Reach Steamboat Springs in forenoon = See Starke and call him in a room = Mr. Crawford “goes for him” and demands to know why he had wrote back to the company such a string of lies stating what we had heard he had written = Starke denies most of the charges = Admits that he wrote a letter, that he thought as two of our men had left it would be impossible for us to fulfill our part of the contract this season, that he had so written, thought he had done his duty. I had a talk with him afterward in a friendly way He seemed to feel badly = said he had been missinformed in regard to our intentions +c (approx.) = He declines to eat dinner and leave in company of Shippy who had got with him and is here = Put in afternoon and evening writing letters, write a long letter to Tygard =

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Crawford, Brooks, Garbarino and myself start on a prospecting expedition south = take three weeks supplies with us

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 State of Colorado)  
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 County of Routt )

Personally appeared before the undersigned County and Probate Judge of Routt County, Colorado P. A. Burgess and Jas H. Crawford, who being by me duly sworn, stat that the foregoing record and account of each days travel and work of the expedition of which they are the managers and have charge is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief

Sworn before me this  
 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D. 1880

Henry A Crawford  
 County Judge (SEAL)  
 Routt County, Colo.

## Diary of Perry A. Burgess

### January 1, 1882-December 31, 1883 (Volume 2)

Sunday, January 1- Mercury at zero this A.M. There has been about 4 feet of snow fallen this winter thus far but it has melted and settled in the valley to about 24 inches.

Dave the mail carrier is stopping over today. Ms. Nord came up today brought some skins. The day was pleasant.

January 2- Mercury four below zero this A.M. day mild and pleasant = Worked at making a cupboard = Bought some deer skins at Mr. Wood today = Wrote Mr. N (?) L. Hurd at Denver.

January 3- Mail came again today Mercury 30 above 0. snowed all day. worked at cupboard unpacked books read letter from Crawford with bond from Hurd enclosing Title Bond on springs refused to sign wrote Mr. Hurd

January 4- Weather warm and bright shovelled snow off the house. The mail brought me three letters. One from Mr. Crawford, one from Mr. Cheney and one from Elmer = wrote to Crawford and Elmer, worked at book cupboard. snow at night.

January 5- Snow a little most all day warm = Wrote to Mr. Cheney, worked at book cupboard.

January 6- Shovelled snow off the cabin finished book cupboard day warm, mercury 30 degrees. Cloudy most of the day. Mail came in at 4 P.M. Annie done a washing. Read letters from Tygard, Macky, and Hook.

January 7- Weather mild mercury 20 to 30 degrees above 0. snowed about 4 inches = did not work of outdoors = wrote to Allen and Mc C. GeoTown = At 9 P.M. Mercury has dropped to 4 degrees below 0.

January 8, Sunday

Mercury 30 degrees below 0 this A.M. Mr. Stevens came down from Henry's. Dave brought in the mail Wier came down = clear and cloud today.

January 9- Mercury frozen = intensely cold. Slavins and Weir started up the R. C. H. Wood and R. E. Clark from Mouth of Elk = chopped wood today-mercury has risen to 0 at 6 P.M.

January 10- Weather mild. Wood and Clark started home= Bought \$10.75 worth of hides = Opened a new sack of flour #100 lbs. wrote to Orr and Macky.

January 11- Tried to go up the valley after hay but the trail sled was too heavy = Commenced work on a lighter trail sled = Mail on time tonight = Weather moderate.

January 12- Day pleasant snow very little finished trail sled. Henry Crawford and Hans Matagen (?) came down.

January 13- Cold mercury 21 degrees below 0. Read letters from Crawford Hunt and Sam Morrison = executed title Bond to Lea which expires April 9/1882 = Henry and Hans remain.

January 14- Mercury below 0 nearly all day = Henry and Hans went down to Farnsworth's = I went up river to hay stack and brought down some hay on trail sled.

January 15- Hauled hay = Henry Hans and Wood came up = Weir brought mail = Read letters from Lea Crawford, Mother (?) and Washington D.C. Wrote some letters. day warm. snowing at dark.

January 16- Clear and cold. Henry Hans and Wood left = I hauled hay and write letters. Mercury at 8 P.M. 31 degrees below 0. Write Mr. Hunt. Mercury 39 below at 10 P.M.

January 17- Mercury froze = hauled hay + write letters = very cold.

January 18- Cold and clear. Hauled hay wrote letters Mail came in at dark. Brought letters from Tom and First Nat Bk wrote letters.

January 19- Mercury 13 below 0 = Snowed a little after noon. Hauled hay. Mercury 10 degrees above 0 and snowing at dark = saw fresh track of a mountain lion today.

January 20- Mercury 25 below 0. snowed a little last night. Hauled ten (or six ?) loads of hay. Mail got in very early read cy (?) from Boulder.

January 21- Snowed 1½ inches last night. Day was pleasant. Mercury 10 above 0 at daylight. Hauled one load of hay.

January 22, Sunday- Mercury 20 below 0 this A.M. Day clear and bright. Cherry, Colman Smith and Wier came to help build foot bridge mail brought letter from Sandy with photograph = wrote letters.

January 23- Worked at bridge am very tired tonight day cold and clear.

January 24- Clear and cold = got two timbers on foot bridge all up in benches (?) = worked hard.

January 25- Warm snow occasionally during the day Dave came in with a Swede mail carrier writes to Sfork (?) Roger for instructions think that the other carriers have crowded him off the line I am not well. (Side margin writes Dave Slofs.)

January 26- Am some better chop some wood = day clear and warm mercury fell to 0 at 6 P.M. Write some letters.

January 27- Warm snow and blow some. Dave and I broke trail up to hay stack and hauled some. Mail got in at dark blowing and snowing furiously. Bruce is sick.

January 28- Warm snowing at daylight. Snow a little all day = Mr. J.M. Woolery started for Leadville on snow shoes. Bruce is better today. shovelled snow off the cabins Load shells and clean guns Chop wood = Write Gove (?) and Sons and Ms. James.

January 29- Clear and cold went after hay Dave went to Stafford's mail brought letter from Emma Cheney and Gove.

January 30- Dave went after hay I went to Hook and Roger. A.E. Lea Jus Vick and others. C.J. Smith came up after mail = Annie wrote to her Ma. Bruce is better today =

January 31- Dave went after hay. Snowed a little nearly all day. I began getting out boards to make a post office=

February 2- Warm and pleasant worked at post office = Dave went after hay = Mail brought letter from Crawford. Wrote and Sframace H.(?)

February 2- Mercury 24 below 0 this A.M. Chopped wood. Dave brought down hay. Day clear and cold.

February 3- Farnsworth and Coleman came up today = Dave hauled hay I chopped wood = Mail brought letters from Addie, Sam, Tom and Whitmore = Answered all of them = day clear and cold= The crane went away yesterday and has not come back I am afraid he is dead = Mercury 22 below 0 this A.M.

February 4- Mercury 14 below 0 at daylight day cold and pleasant Dave went to Staffords. My left side is lame today.

February 5- Warmer. day pleasant chopped a little wood mail brought me letters from Tygard Hook and R. N.S. Land Office.

February 6- Worked a little at P.O. Wrote to Tygard and Hook and Roger Day bright and warm but storm (snow) at bedtime went down the R.

February 7- My side continues lame I do not work much. clean snow off the house. day warm and bright. snow softens a little on south side of house.

February 8- Side very lame did not work today = mail came in on time brought letters from Crawford. wrote Crawford and Sandy day clear and cold mercury 23 degrees below 0 at daylight. This is Annie's 34<sup>th</sup> birthday.

February 9- Annie washed. Day bright and pleasant. My side is too sore to work. Write Mr. Lea.

February 10- Day clear and cold. My side is some better. wrote Lea Cheney and Macky = read letters from Macky and Cheney. Clark and Coleman were here to dinner write P.O. Department.

February 11- Mercury 6 degrees below 0 at daylight. Grows warm and thaws some today. Chopped some wood but my side is quite lame. snow at dark still warm at 8 P.M. with mercury 30 degrees above 0, Write Stern Bros. and W.H. Thompson=

February 12, Sunday- A little stormy quite cold = mail did not come.



February 13- Day cold and cloudy snow a little mail came at 4 P.M. brought letters from Crawford, Lea, and Cheney. Wrote Crawford and Lea.

February 14- Cold chopped some wood. My side is getting better. Wrote Cheney and Crawford. Voice came after mail.

February 15- Clear and cold went up to R. after hay = write Lea. Read letter from Sandy = and from Hook and Roger=

February 16- Cold in the morning getting warm in the evening. hauled hay day cloudy = write to Crawford.

February 17- Warm and windy hauled hay = mail came in on time.

February 18- Windy and chilly. Not very cold. Chopped wood =

February 19- Day pleasant but cold Mr. Reid came up from Hayden = Mail brought letters from Hook and Tom = Wrote to Hook and Roger ordered pair of rubber boots snow at dark.

February 20- Mr. Reid went back down. Walter Coleman came up to R. = Day cold I chopped wood. Mr. Farnsworth came up on his way out east.

February 21- Went out hunting but did not get far as the snow was sticky. Chopped wood into after noon. Farnsworth went away. day mild and pleasant = Wrote a letter to Tom.

February 22- Clear and cold but pleasant. Chopped wood. Clark came up the R. = Mail brought letter from Tygard and Morrison = wrote Tygard = Charley the dutch man comes with mail.

February 23- Mercury 24 degrees below zero at sunrise= day clear and cold chopped wood = Clark went home = ordered stamps and envelopes of the Department Counted stamps envelopes and c and found a shortage of only two cents.

February 24- Clear cold. Mercury 14 degrees below 0 at sunrise = I started up the river after hay saw the mail coming and turned back. Read letters from Hook R. and Macky = wrote Sam Morrison and Hook-Dave brought the Mail = M. J. Woolery returned From Leadville = Price and Herwig came up today.

February 25- Day pleasant. Went up the river after hay = skinned a deer have only one more left = Wrote to Ridley and Sons and M. Bates Joolen Mercury at 0 at sunrise.

February 26- Hauled hay day warm and bright mercury 15 above 0 at sunrise = read letters from Lea wrote Lea = Dave brought two marten skins from Charley's for me to buy = saw blackbirds today.

February 27- Mercury at sunrise 34 above 0 was warm = had several snow squalls (?) today = hauled hay wrote to Crawford = my eyes are burned with sun and snow.

February 28- Warm and cloudy. Hauled hay. Got very tired.

March 1- Shoveled a road to the foot-log- Brought down hay and chored around home Dave brought a lot of furs down from Charley Heinberg – day warm.

March 2- Sent cash \$23.25 to Heinberg for furs by Dave = set some traps Annie and I snow shoed down the R. Ramsden and Brunner came = Brought hay down for the cow = read letter from Crawford last night and wrote to him.

March 3- Day warm. Caught a fine beaver last night. Mr. M.J. Woolery killed a deer today = a new man brought the mail = read a letter from Mr. Cheney als. A copy of the Lena Star with account of deaths of Mrs. M. White and Jos. Moore = wrote Cheney.

March 4- Snowed and blowed last night. Today has been cloudy and raw. Mercury 30 degrees above 0. Found a red fox in one of its traps this morning but in striking at his head to kill him I missed and hit the trap knocking out one of the jaws and letting my fox lose he ran away.

March 5- Went up the river after hay = found a skunk in the hay stack and killed him. Joe Coleman came down today = cold and raw.

March 6- Set some traps and hauled hay = day cold and raw = wrote Cheney. Hook, Mafus and Bradley and Mc Clure. Sent \$16.25 to Central City Land Office for homestead fees.

March 7- Went up Soda Creek today. Saw mountain lion tracks = J.M. Woolery commenced moving down the R. today on trail sleds = day clear and cold. Mercury 15 degrees below 0 at sunrise = some grouse came down near the house today = Bruce, Annie and I had spent sliding downhill = Mr. Cheney came up to R. today and took dinner with us. Annie done a washing.

March 8- Very cold. Mercury 24 below 0. Day bright and clear. Went up Soda Creek and set a couple of traps = Mr. Woolery's family are staying with us until they finish moving. Read letters from Mr. Crawford.

March 9- Warmer, snowed a little nearly all day. J. M. Woolery and family go down the R. Commenced work on a pair of snow shoes for Annie. Snowing at bedtime. Wrote to Crawford.

March 10- Mercury 0 at daylight. Harry Crawford Ramsden and Clark came in after noon read letters from Lea and Dilancey = wrote Lea.

March 11- Day bright and pleasant. Our company left after dinner = hauled hay. Write 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bk. Boulder enclosing deed for my share for these springs also sending check of \$200 for Collee (?) for Ramsden.

March 12- Warm and bright. Mail brought letter from Morten and Crawford.

March 13- Warm and bright. Thawing fast. Caught a big lynx today. Skinned the last of our winter supply of deer. Voice came up today. Mail left this P.M. Wrote mother, Cheney and Macky.

March 14- Warm. Clouds, snow and sunshine. All mixed together=hailed a load of hay. Fixed my snow shoes, caught two skunks, wrote Tom and chored about home. Mercury forty degrees above zero at sundown.

March 15- Warm thawed fast all day. Mr. Reid came. Mail got in a little after noon. Read letters from W. C. Taylor, Hook, and R. – Shoveled snow off the house = snow very soft and steep south spots showing bare spots.

March 16- Very bright and warm. Reid started home. Voice came down the R. Finished Annie's snowshoes = Mail started 3:40 A.M. Wrote M. Piggott and Quincy III.

March 17- Warm. snowed all day. I hauled hay. Read letter from L (?). A. Wade, Sam, and Addie wrote P.M. Hermitage for stamps. Annie saw a robin yesterday. Mail came in at 5 P.M.

March 18- Bright and pleasant. Found some wildflowers down by Iron Springs. J.M. Woolery and Wagner came up today and took dinner. Write Crawford.

March 19- Sent new schedule of time on Routt to 3811 to Washington = Mail to learn GeoTown Colo. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Arrive at this place in 86 hours. Leave here Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays, arrive at GeoTown in 86 hours. Bruce found the crane dead today S.W. side of the corral fence. Mex is the fat sheep fell off the foot log today and was drowned. We all were very sorry. Annie, Bruce and I went up to the beaver dams after hay. Bruce rode on the trail sled part of the time = the fore noon was clear and bright. After noon cloudy with wind and some snow. Read letter from 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bk Boulder containing fifteen dollars in small bills.

March 20- Snow all night and blew hard all night and all day. Clark came up. Wrote Addie, L(?)A. Wade, and U.S. Land Office Central.

March 21- Day clear and cold very pleasant to work or walk caught a beaver. Hauled hay fixed rubber boots and Annie, Bruce and I had a nice time snow shoeing downhill after supper. Clark went home. Walter Coleman came down R. today = Mercury 14 degrees below 0 at sunrise.

March 22- Mercury 7 degrees below 0 this A.M. Day clear and bright hauled hay Annie washed brought down one load of hay from the stack wrote to Hermitage Troublesome

March 23- Hauled two loads of hay from stack to Spring Creek. Day bright and warm.

March 24- Warm and pleasant. Hauled one load of hay from the stack, home Bruce saw a groundhog up on the hill. I shot him. Have a sore throat tonight. Annie thinks she has a felon (?) coming on her fringa (?) = Mail came in bought some stamps from Hermitage write to Crawford my eyes feel the effects of the snow. Had a beaver tail for dinner.

March 25- Warm and pleasant hauled one load of hay from the stack to Spring Creek today. Annie, Bruce and I snow shoed up Soda Creek about 3 miles today. Heard a blue bird this morning.

March 26- Snow. I made a pair of mittens today. Wood and another man from Hahns Peak came today =

March 27- Warm and cloudy hauled a little load of hay down from the creek read from Cheney and Morrison wrote Crawford My throat still continues very sore saw the first hawk of the season today =

March 28- Warm and cloudy snow began to melt some. Saw two wild geese flying high today. Went up on the hill I found some willow grouse but did not capture any. Opened a new spring not far from the house today. Write Crawford and Morrison.

March 29- Warm and bright. Found another spring today = done some ditching saw quite a flock of geese today = Wood and Lahu came down today on their way back down to the Peak = The bare patches of brown on the south slope are looking larger =

March 30- Mail came in at 1 A.M. Day warm and bright. Hauled a load of hay from Spring Creek. worked at draining by the springs near the house = looked over my garden seeds divided them with H. Woolery.

March 31- Hauled a load of hay from Spring Creek this A.M. Worked at the springs= Made up the quarterly reports. Mail brought letters from Crawford, Cheney, Macky and Orr wrote Lea, Crawford and Cheney. Day bright and pleasant some cooler today J.M. Woolery was up today mail got in at 3 P.M.

April 1-Hauled the last load of hay down from Spring Creek took a bath in the hot spring just (?) in the balance of the day in digging and ditching around the springs = Have at this writing added four new springs to the group. Day warm and bright it looks a little stormy this evening = am very tired tonight.

April 2- Warm and pleasant. Annie, Bruce and I went hunting kill two ducks. The old cat got wild and savage and I shot her for fear she would hurt some of us put in the afternoon cleaning out the big Iron Spring and digging a ditch = Joe Coleman. Mr. Herwig and Mr. Moore were here today = the creeks and river are raising a little and the bare patches of ground are increasing in size. It's cloudy and looks like a storm tonight.

April 3- Very warm. Worked at ditching all day = write to Crawford in the evening.

April 4- Snowed and rained all day by turns (?) = Killed 1 solitary wild goose today Annie roasted him for our suppers no mail yet one of the middle benches of the foot bridge was knocked out last night and two span lie partly in the river sat in the house nearly all day.

April 5- Snowed hard all the fore noon and rain part of the after noon. Mail came in at 10 A.M. Read letter from Crawford saying they have a new daughter = shot one duck shoveled three inches of snow off the house = very disagreeable day = write 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Boulder, Sawyer and Crawford.

April 6- Morning bright, Dave does not dare to start out on account of high water. Stretched a beam skin dug 180 feet of ditch.

April 7- Snow hard all day killed one duck stayed indoors nearly all day write to Macky.

April 8- Snowed nearly all day shoveled ten inches of snow off the house in the fore noon dug 75 feet of ditch in the afternoon am very tired tonight shot one duck this A.M.

April 9, Easter- Had eggs for breakfast and dinner = Dave left with the mail at 1 P.M. = Charly Roger brought in two mails at dark read letters from Crawford and Tom Orr. = Wrote them both wrote Preston -day bright and warm.

April 10- Mail left at 8 A.M. Day warm. Cloudy and snowy again this P.M. Worked hard at ditch digging today. Bruce was also busy all day with the shovel. Are both very tired tonight = snow melted fast today. New snow nearly gone and river raising fast. I'm afraid we will have a big storm.

April 11- Snowed all night last night and nearly all day today = clean snow off the house and dug ditch. Mr. H. Woolery's only mule died today.

April 12- Did not storm today for a wonder. The sun shone part of the time Annie done a small washing I worked at ditching developed one new spring Smith and Price came up from Farnsworth with horses today they report having to wade threw deep snow to break a trail from the animals. Write some to Crawford tonight.

April 13- Clear and cold. Worked at ditching and cleaning out the big bubbling spring am tired -no mail yet.

April 14- Clear and cold = in the fore noon I went up Soda Creek after traps and up on the mountains North to look for bear and elk = saw no signs of game = in the afternoon worked at ditching = Annie done a washing M.J. Woolery and Paul Wagner came up and took dinner with me.

April 15- Did not work today. Was not well. Voice and Clark came up today. Voice brought some skins day bright and warm. Looks like storm tonight.

April 16, Sunday- All snow shoed up to Spring Creek and took a big bath = Found Dave with the mail sack when we got back to the cabin day warm hazy in the fore noon. Snow and rain in the afternoon Read a letter from Crawford under date of April 5.

April 17- Snow and rain nearly all day. I put in a hard days work dug a ditch up to the fend/fence (?).

April 18- Snow a little in fore noon after noon pleasant, thawed fast today = I worked at ditching = See the new moon tonight. Am awful tired.

April 19- Snow 1 ½ inches last night day moderately pleasant. Worked hard all day at ditching Dave started out with mail this morning saw a crane tonight.

April 20- Cloudy all day. Little snow and rain by turns. Snowing at dark. Worked hard at ditching all day = It seems like an endless job =

April 21- Snowed 5 inches last night cleaned off the house and worked at ditching- wrote Cheney. Day cold and cloudy with some snow.

April 22- Clear and cold worked at ditching all day heard a frog croak today. (Side margin-set itu (?) him)

April 23- Warm = Went down the river to fish. Caught none = Henry and Hans. Roger and Murray came and stay all night = Dave came with mail. Roger was here to break trail = raining at 9 P.M.

April 24- Snowed two inches last night day warm and snow going fast. Work some at ditching. Went out with the gun this afternoon killed one sage hen. Our company went away this A.M. J.M. Woolery and Wagner came up with the horses and got their wagon today.

April 25- Day warm and windy. Mail came in badly wet. Dave says it was unavoidable and he reports that he got the mail wet that went out yesterday = Prichard and Dutch Joe came down today in route to the Peak. Read a letter from Crawford. (Side margin- Killed a snake today.)

April 26- Pleasant snow is melting fast. Killed one grouse and two hawks today. Made tent jichs (?). Wrote Lea and Sandy.

April 27- Warm and cloudy. Price came up today. Went hunting in the fore noon killed one grouse. Work at cabin in afternoon will rain tonight.

April 28- Jas H. Crawford and Dever came today, were very glad to see Mr. Crawford = We made a small coal pit today to burn coal for assaying day warm and pleasant.

April 29- We made some assays today. Shadbolt took dinner with us today. Weather very pleasant I shot a beautiful white heron today. Mail came in this P.M.

April 30- Crawford and Dever went down the R. today = Stafford, Shadbolt, Bruner and Wall were here today= I killed two grouse and one hawk, write some letters.

May 1- Day warm and pleasant went hunting killed two sage hens one hawk and one large elk traveled a long distance today it was bad walking and I am very tired, write to mother.

May 2- Mr. Woolery, Dave and I went after the elk skinned and brought him down Mr. Walker was up from Hayden today.

May 3- Warm and pleasant commenced shading a garden spot today C.J. Smith, Mr. Wall, and Mr. Shadbolt was here today.

May 4- Pleasant worked at making garden all day. Planted peas radish, turnips, salsify beets carrots parsnips lettuce and write Mr. Cheney.

May 5- Planted onions and some turnip, beet and carrot seed that I need from Department of Agriculture = Knocked the loose dirt off the inside of the cabin onto hill and covered it anew with dirt. Annie rake the yard, made a rock mound, and planted some flower seeds.

May 6- Rain in afternoon and at night. Frank Ramsden here tonight = cleaned mud of the inside of the cabin on the hill.

May 7, Sunday- Rain all afternoon we went up to bath house in fore noon and (?) grt (?) rained on coming home mail came at 1 P.M. = Cheney and Smith were up today – Read letters from Macky and Mrs. James – wrote Macky.

May 8- Rained and snowed all day. I started out hunting, but after going a few miles had to turn back on account of storm. Killed one hawk. The cabins are beginning to leak badly.

May 9- Stormed all day = I went hunting. Killed three grouse and one hawk.

May 10- Stormed hard last night we had a time to keep dry. Had to get up at midnight and put a tent up over the beds. Mail came in at noon today = I chopped house logs up in Shadagers Park. Frank Price was here today. Read letters from Cheney and Hook. Wrote Hook = Saw a good many fresh bear signs today.

May 11- Froze quite hard last night. Mail started at 6:30 A.M. I brought water for Annie to wash. Dug up the seed polatris sorted and cut them. Went to the woods and cut logs = All hands tired tonight =

May 12- Very pleasant. I went up to the woods and cut logs – Crawford, Dever and Elmer came today and are camped in the cabin on the hill – I killed a couple of geese this morning but one of them floated away down to R.

May 13- Pleasant and warm. Crawford and Dever both sick have a touch of fever. Henry and Hans came here today = Did not work any. Wrote Lea and Tom Orr.

May 14- Mail came in at 9 A.M. Read letters from Sam, Addie, and Mother. Crawford and Dever both quite sick. Took a bath. Saw a bear tonight. Wrote, Sam, Addie, and Mother.

May 15- Mail went out at 6 A.M. Crawford and Dever are better today. I planted potatoes, went hunting in the evening, killed one each of grouse and hawk. Day warm and bright.

May 16- Morning bright and pleasant but soon clouded over. Crawford and I started out to hunt. Separated up in Soda Park after a long hard hunt I killed a big bull elk, got home at 4 P.M., Annie met me at the fence with the starting and painful intelligence that Mrs. J. M. Woolery is dead. H. Woolery and Crawford hunted up some horses and took Mrs. W. and Annie down to J.M.'s cabin. Mr. Dever and I are busy making a coffin. Looks like storm tonight. Mail came in at 5 P.M.

May 17- We finished making the coffin. Ramsden, Smith and Price came. Dug a grave on the island and buried poor Mrs. Woolery a sad pioneer funeral. Only two women and nine men. Annie has taken the motherless baby. Had a thunderstorm tonight.

May 18- Went after a load of meat most of the boys went home. Elmer brought the horses today they look fine. Saw a deer today = Mail came in at 5 P.M. Saw the first deer of the season today.

May 19- Snow today by spells nearly all day. Worked in the garden a little and sat in the house a good deal. Wrote Cheney = Ramsden was here a little while today.

May 20

Cold and windy froze quite hard last night mail came in one time.

May 21

Went to hot springs on Elk R. Started claims. Killed the first deer of the season, a fine buck, two grouse and one porcupine. Elmer hitched up the horses, drove down to his ranch, Crawford and Dever left Reed, Woolery, Wagner, and Price was here today.

May 22- Went hunting killed two hawks one of them lodged in a tree I could not get him worked some in the garden Mr. Trull and family passed down the valley today mail left on time.

May 23- Mr. Woolery and I went after the deer today, killed a big cinnamon bear today = Mail came in on time today. Read letters from Cheney, Tygard, Farnsworth et al = Wrote Duff, Cheney, Mapes, Addie, Mother and Delancey = Fell proud of my bear.

May 24- Slated my skins, cleaned and loaded shells, fixed garden fence, killed a hawk etc. Ramsden and Shadbolt was here today =

May 25- Warm, went to the woods today to chop logs. Mail came in on time. Read letters from Lea, Macky, Hunt et al = Wrote Lea and Hunt.

May 26- Chopped logs and poles. Killed a deer on my way to work. Shot three times at a grizzly but did not get him. Saw two bears across the river tonight. Ramsden and Shadbolt are here tonight.

May 27- Chopped in the woods. Killed a deer, two hawks and a porcupine. Mail came in on time, read letters from Sam, Tom, and Hunt. Wrote 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bk Boulder a new mail carrier tonight name Burton.

May 28- Went after the deer Henry and Ramsden came. Elmer came R. today. Stormed hard part of the day. Write Spruance and Hutchinson. Elmer has a badly cut finger.

May 29- Mail went out on time. Mr. H. Woolery and Elmer went hunting today Woolery killed a bear and Elmer an elk. I mended my shoe. worked in garden slated down some hides and went down to my ranch claim and c. Price was here today.

May 30- Rained by spells all day. Planted corn, cucumbers and melons today = Killed two hawks and one skunk today. Elmer brought in his elk hide and meat and went down to his ranch the cow did not come home last night think she has gone off to calf. Hunted for her today but did not find her – saw a number of deer today – Mail came in on time.

May 31- Worked in the woods today = Mr. Woolery found the cow with the calf today. Killed one hawk. Awful tired.

June 1- Worked in the woods Mr. Shelton came up from Hayden. Mail in on time. Rained part of the day.

June 2- Worked fixing mad (?) to claim. Brooks came, he killed a buck this P.M. write Ms. Stunt Walton and Tygard, rained some today.

June 3- Very pleasant hitched up hauled a load of wood and three loads of logs down to the ranch = Mail came in on time. wrote Crawford and Sam and Addie.

June 4- Very pleasant today helped Bruce make a cart. Loaded shells for the rifle = Elmer got up the horses, packed up and started for Boulder = I went out after 6 o'clock and killed a fine bull elk.

June 5- Annie, Bruce, baby and I went up into the hills. I skinned the elk, slated out the hide and hung up the meat, came home I sowed some radish seed and Julianlut (?) the (?) balance of the potatoes and stretch a deer skin=

June 6- Mail came on time. I worked spading in the garden today = Annie washed write Crawford day pleasant and river raising.

June 7- Mr. Woolery and I made two trips with the donkey after meat Henry and Frank came down after some flour. They crossed the R. at the nearest ford (?) going back. I planted some carrots and beets today – day pleasant.

June 8- Went up to the woods and worked until the rain drove me home (1 P.M.) Chopped a little wood at home, started at 4 P.M. to find a bear but it soon began to rain and I came home wet again. Killed two deer = Mail failed to come water dangerously home.

Am very tired and almost sick and very tired tonight.

June 9- Quarried stone. Day pleasant. River high.

June 10- Went to the woods and chopped. A couple men from Empire are here tonight. Mr. Reed and Mr. Price was here today = Tonight is Mail might but no mail.

June 11, Sunday- Stayed around the cabin. Our guests departed for Hahns Peak today. J.M. Woolery and Wagner came up on the outer side of the R. but did not attempt to cross. Rain hard last night and a little today. Weather warm and water high.

June 12- Worked in the woods. Mail came today at 10 A.M. and went back. Dave came H. Woolery killed another bear. Had new onions for breakfast. Day very pleasant.

June 13- Worked in the woods. Killed two deer. Mail came in on time.

June 14- My 39<sup>th</sup> birthday. Went to try and kill a bear but could not find none. Skinned my deer and came home. We had brains for dinner. Mail departed on time. (Side margin – Dave latces (?) the mail.)

June 15- Bruce and I went to the woods. I worked hard. After supper Woolery and I went after a load of meet with the donkey.

June 16- Worked in the woods this forenoon. Quarried stone tris (?) = P.M. = the mail that should have come last night came in the forenoon at 10 and went right out again. Day warm.

June 17, 2005- Worked in the garden. Henry is sick has come to bathe. C.J. Smith came down today. Write Lea and Cheney.

June 18, Sunday- Went hunting in the forenoon. Found no game caught a young crane and brought home for a pet. Annie and I went to the bath house. Smith and Price came up today after mail. Water very high, weather warm = Annie has a headache tonight.

June 19- Rain almost all night. Frank and I worked at the bath house = Did not work today.

June 20- Chopped logs Slatford and a dentist from GeoTown came Henry and Frank went away. Three parties camp at bath house I killed two deer this evening mail came in on time.

June 21- H. Woolery brought in the deer. Coberly and Bryant and Smith were here to dinner. J.M. Woolery and Wagner are here tonight. Coberly has bought out Sandy. Write Lea.

June 22- Worked today at moving skins to middle cabin and cleaning out front room. Mail came in on time. A party of four men from Snake R. passed through today. Write to Fur Co. Denver.

June 23- Worked in the woods. Day fine.

June 24- Worked in the woods. Mail in on time. Read letter from Crawford and Macky.

June 25, Sunday- Woolery and Wagner was here, also Frank Price.

June 26- Went out a killed a fine bull elk this A.M. before breakfast = H. Woolery and I went after the meat. Elmer was here today.

June 27- Worked in the woods this forenoon. Crawford Brooks Garbarino and Johnny and Logan came today = Word came from Hot Sulphur that Henry was sick and Crawford rode back to see him = Dever and Wood came tonight – Mail came on time.

June 28- Worked at cutting sage brush on claim. Rain this afternoon, got wet.

June 29- Dever and I went up to the woods to see the condition of the roads- After dinner we went hunting and killed a fine Grizzly bear. Mail in on time, read letter Wm. Tygard –

June 30- Spent most of the P.O. Department. Write to Mother, W.H. Tygard.

July 1- Took up the horses. Our Italian neighbors in coming in lost their horses in Fish Creek. The boys took Coley and Molly and got them (the family) out and brought them down. Mail in on time. Read letters from Crawford and Delancy. Rain this P.M.

July 2- The boys helped Borgi to get his effects down to Spring Creek. Mr. Dever killed a large bear. I tinkered around home and wrote some letters.

July 3- Hauled wood and stone. H. Woolery commenced work for me today.

July 4- Mr. Dever commenced work. Hauled stone today, a deer came down to the pond and I killed him = Terribly tired tonight. Crawford came back reports Henry improving which is very gratifying news. J.M. Woolery was here today began the foundation of one of the cabins on the ranch and cleaned out the spring a little. (Side margin – mail started for Hahns Peak today).

July 5- Mr. Dever hauled one load of stone and one load of poles. I made a reach for the wagon and worked down on the claim. Rain. Mail from Hahns Peak came in on time.

July 6- Worked at the cabin. A large number of campers are in. Mail came in from GeoTown.

July 7- Mail came in from Lay. Worked some down on ranch, bought some furs of B. Whitmore. Fixed to mend hole over the creek.

July 8- Moved foundation and worked on ranch. Rain. Mail from East on time.

July 9, Sunday- Haltered Nellie Colt. Caught a mess of fish. Wrote Lea, had my hair cut. Mail went East, Price Woolery and Wagner here today.

July 10- Mail came from Hayden a(t) 10:30 A.M. and started back worked on claim. Mr. Woolery commenced digging post holes. Mr. Crawford read letter saying that Henry was worse. Will start for Hot Sulphur Crawford made some assays today. Wrote Macky.

July 11- Mail left for Hahns Peak. Worked at cabin today. Mr. Woolery hunted today. Several new parties in today = Weather very pleasant, mosquitoes getting less.

July 12- Mail from Hahns Peak in on time. Worked on ranch today.

July 13- Mail in on time from Hot Sulphur and Hayden. Worked at cabin.

July 14- Annie had a bad headache I stayed home this forenoon to attend to the housework. Worked on cabin this afternoon. One of Mr. Crawford's horses choked to death last night. Mail departed for Lay and Hot Sulphur this A.M.

July 15- Mail from East in on time, read letters from Crawford, W.H. Thomps(on) and Orr wrote Crawford, Thompson and First Nat Bk Boulder, worked on ranch today.

July 16- Handled over my furs and skins. Stretched some hides. Hauled some hay etc etc. Mail departed for Lay and Hot Sulphur

July 17- Parties are here from Hayden to look out a Co. road = Work on ranch. Mail from East on time rec (received ?) letters from Mother, Addie, Sam and D. M. Durka (?) and Crawford. Write mother and Delancy (crossed out).

July 18- Mail left for Hahns Peak on time. Worked on claim. J.M. Woolery changed wagons with me. Annie and the children were down to the ranch today write Crawford.

July 19- Mail in from Hayden on time = Worked on claims. Ramsden brought cow and calf. Woolery (J.M.) and Wagner are here on their way to Leadville. H. Woolery went to the woods today to cut brush.

July 20- Mail from East in on time, worked at ranch, rain this P.M. Read from letters from James H. Crawford with the very said news of his brother Henry's death at Hot Sulphur Springs.

July 21- Dever went to relocate Hot Springs but found them not. I worked on the cabin. Killed five hawks today and two deer tonight, rain this P.M.

July 22- Finished chunking cabin mail brought letters from Lea and Macky. Wrote Lea and Macky and 1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Boulder safely party came in today.

July 23- Handled over furs and skins cut and hauled grass, fished and c. R.E. Clark was here today.

July 24- Cut sage brush on the ranch today. Ramsden Matzen and Charly were here today to say goodbye. Am awful tired tonight. Mail from East brought letters from Tom, Cheney, and Sawyer.

July 25- Worked on ranch, wrote Cheney Woolery began stable.



July 26- Commenced a new cabin. Mails from West and North in on time.

July 27- Dever started to Hahns Pk after lumber. Worked on ranch.

July 28- Worked on ranch rained this afternoon am very tired tonight. Some new campers are in.

July 29- Worked at the ranch. Woolery completed stable and began hay pen. Dever returned with load of lumber. Rev. Jackson and party in.

July 30, Sunday- Worked with my furs, had a long visit with Mr. Jackson, James H. and John (Col) Crawford and Louis G came in today = Dever killed a deer this P.M.

July 31-Worked on ranch. Dever Woolery only worked ½ day. More new campers in, read letters from Frank James, write Land Office Affidavic (?).

August 1- Worked on ranch day very warm = Write Sam and Addie. Make out monthly reports P.O. Department. Order stamps and envelopes =

August 2- Settled with Dever today = Woolery did not work. Mails came in from S. and W. on time =I worked on ranch.

August 3- Work a little on ranch. Am not feeling well. Mail in on time. H. Woolery did not work today.

August 4- Am not well enough to work today. Woolery worked. Caught a mess of fish this P.M. write to Tom.

August 5- Worked a little on ranch. Crawfords started for cow camp read letters from Mother and Macky.

August 6 -Hitched up and drove the folks up the river. Caught some fish and brought home some hay.

August 7 -Worked on cabin today. Am feeling a little better. Woolery worked today.

August 8 -Worked on cabin today. Woolery worked for Elmer.

August 9 -Worked on cabin in forenoon went fishing in afternoon.

August 10 -Worked on cabin. Jay Coleman and Mr. Pritchard came down. Read letters from Morrison and Cheney.

August 11 -Wrote deed. Went hunting and killed one deer. Am very tired –

August 12 -Went to Farnsworth's today and worked some on cabin. Write Cheney and send deed for Whitcomb.

August 13 -Visited with Mr. Jackson and wrote some for him. Handled over the furs sold some furs and a bear skin to Mr. Jackson bought some elk and deer skins of H. Woolery J.M. Woolery got in from Leadville today.

August 14 -Worked on cabin today. A good many new tourists are here =

August 15 -Worked on cabin. Mr. Woolery put in ¼ day today Mrs. Hunt and daughter Bessie are here tonight. Lots of new campers here.

August 16 -Got both cabins ready for mud = Woolery killed three bears today. Louis Thompson Margridge (?) Frazin came in today.

August 17 - Worked at putting dirt on cabin. Woolery worked ½ day.

August 18 - Worked on cabin. Bought some skins from Gristy, Woolery worked all day =

August 19 -Assayed today. Woolery worked on cabin.

August 20 - Went down to M. Woolers (Woolery?) and chored around some. F.M. Jones came down from the Peak.

August 21 -Woolery and I worked in the forenoon and went hunting in afternoon. I killed two deer. Elmer went to the Peak.

August 22 - Went after deer in forenoon. Worked plastering cabin in afternoon. Woolery worked ½ day.

August 23 - Mowed grass = Woolery worked ½ day = Crawford Dever and Louis came today.

August 24 - Woolery worked all day I cut hay in afternoon. Sold a bear skin to some St. Louis parties.

August 25 - Woolery worked all day shoveled (?) up hay.

August 26 -Made a hay rack and stacked hay. Read letter from Cheney saying 1/8 of this place was sold and enclosing Dep ticket for 3750 dollars.

August 27 - Chored around wrote letters, took a bath. Elmer Louis and J.M. Woolery took dinner tonight.

August 28 -Rain in forenoon, wrote letters wrote Cowers (?), cut hay in afternoon.

August 29 -Cut hay all day rained some = Sent order to Stein Bros for goods. J.M. Woolery and R. E. Clark here tonight.

August 30 -Rained some. Cut hay all day.

August 31 - Stacked up hay. Read letter from Mrs. Bennett.

September 1 -Stacked hay today. Mr. Dever worked for me.

September 2 - Worked daubing cabin.

September 3 - Baled hides. Sent a load of skins to GeoTown by Tom Blarney.

September 4 - Baled hides in forenoon. Plastered house in afternoon.

September 5 -Packed up some things, loaded some shells. Went hunting got no game.

September 6 - Worked on ranch today. Elmer came down after sugar.

September 7 - Got ready and started out at 2 P.M. Camped on Oak Creek.

September 8 - Forenoon on Roaring Fork Camp for night near Castle Buttes. Day pleasant.

September 9 - Made 30 miles camp at head of Egeria Park this is Bruce's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

September 10 - Met Crawford this A.M. Nooned on top of Gore Pass Camp at Cedar Hill At Pass Creek.

September 11 - Camp for night at Hot Sulphur Springs.

September 12 -Got the horses shod. Broke camp at 10 A.M. Camp for night two miles above June tun (?) ranch.

September 13 - Nooned on summit camp for night at Empire.

September 14 - Hitched up at 10 A.M. Drove to G.Town. Found Lissie Sampson awaiting our arrival. Looked around some. Woolery and Clary left us for Denver.

September 15 - Busy all day buying supplies.

September 16 - Do-same.

September 17 - Sold furs-Wrote letters.

September 18 -Load up started at 1 P.M. for home. Camped five miles above Empire.

September 19 - Cold. Hitched up Mr. Potwin's horses refused to pull. Left his wagon. Camp at top of range.

September 20 - Went down and pulled up Mr. P's load. Have made 15 miles in 3 days.

September 21 - Came down the range. Noon one mile below Cozzen's. Meet Elmer and Clark going in after loads for me.

September 22 - Reach Hot Sulphur Springs.

September 23 - Camp at crossing of the Troublesome.

September 24 - Camp on hill near crazy man cabin at foot of Gore Pass.

September 25 - Camp at head of Egeria Park.

September 26 - Camp at Hunt's cabin.

September 27 - Move to Iron Spring and lay over balance of day.

September 28 - Arrive home.

September 29 - Unpack and get things in shape.

September 30 - Make up quarterly reports, go hunting and kill a deer.

October 1 - Get in my deer and do some writing.

October 2 - Go down the R. Pull some turnips and work some at home write some letters.

October 3 - Go hunting. Kill two very fine bucks. Get very tired stay out until after dark.

October 4 - Stay and help Crawford brand stock. Elmer began work - Crawford Lornie and Dever went away.

October 5 - Bought warrants at Fiske, Crane, Cheney et al. Elmer and I went after deer. Mr. Crawford came back. Killed 4 ducks.

October 6 - Skinned deer=Went hunting. Killed two deer. Snow last night. Dever came back.

October 7 - Killed five ducks. Dressed some game and salted it down.

October 8 - Storm all day. Dr. Earhart Judge Beck et al came in.

October 9 - Went hunting saw nothing = Elmer and Dever went after Elk.

October 10 - Went up the creek shot 3 grouse snowed.

October 11 - Snow nearly all day. Dever and Elmer came home. Killed two ducks. Write Will Tygard.

October 12 - Elmer started to meet (?). Mr. Woolery and help him in. I went hunting hard work and no game.

October 13 - Went hunting. Killed an elk.

October 14 - Stay at home got letter from Sam.

October 15 - Went up to Fish Creek caught 50 gayling.

October 16 - Mr. Dever and I went fishing caught 346. Elmer and Woolery got home at sundown.

October 17 - Dever, Elmer, Mr. Woolery and I went fishing caught 526 fish. It is snowing every day now am afraid winter has set in.

October 18 - Elmer went after wood and fish in forenoon. Dever work on cabin. I work at home.

October 19 - Elmer went up the river. Dever and I work on cabin.

October 20 - All hands go down to ranch got the vegetables buried (?) horses enclosed etc. Crawford came.

October 21 - Elmer hauled goods down. Dever, Annie and Lissie worked down at cabin. I stay at home. Looks like storm=

October 22 - Elmer and the girls went down to ranch. I went hunting found no game.

October 23 - Dever and Elmer went up to the woods to haul out logs.

October 24 - Moved down to the ranch. F.M. Jones came.

October 25 - Dever went to the woods after a load of logs. Elmer starts for Snake R.

October 25 - Settled with Elmer. He started down to Snake R. after supplies. Dever hauled logs.

October 26 - Dever and I went hunting. Saw no game.

October 27 - Dever hauled wood. I spaded ground for garden.

October 28 - Mr. D and I worked at getting wood.

October 29 - Got in 5 loads of wood.

October 30 - Snow 5 in. deep this A.M. We put in a floor and partition in East cabin.

October 31 - Snow all day I made a grindstone frame. R.E. Clark and Mr. Smith started to Rock Creek after a load of supplies that was left there.

November 1 - Settled with Dever. Elmer came up from Snake R. = Day pleasant I went hunting. Killed no game =

November 2 - Elmer and Dever started up the R. I went hunting killed a fine bull elk.

November 3 - Hunted hard all day. Killed nothing but one grouse. Mr. Leahe came down from Hahn's Peak.

November 4 - Stayed home and chored around.

November 5 - Fixed up stove in East cabin. Hauled three loads of rock to fix spring.

November 6 - Am nearly sick got out wood today = write letters.

November 7 - Am sick nearly all day. Went to election in afternoon. At 7 P.M. we had a distinct shock of earth quake which lasted several seconds.

November 8 - Hauled wood today am not very well.

November 9 - Went to Hot Spgs. 7 miles North.

November 10 - Chore around home. It began to snow about sundown.

November 11 - Chored around home. Snowed most all day.

November 12 - Went to P.O. and chored around home.

November 13 - Stayed home began to frame logs for out building write Macky = Mercury this A.M. 23 degrees below 0.

November 14 - Work some at out building. Went P.O.

November 15 - Laid floor in (s?)pring and put on 1 ½ courses of logs.

November 16 - Laid 3 courses of logs on cabin.

November 17 - Went North hunting wounded a big bull but lost him-

November 18 - Went P.O. and worked on cabin=

November 19 - Work at cabin.

November 20 - Put roof on cabin.

November 21 - Sawed doors in cabin and began chinking. Wrote U.S.F.O.

November 22 - Worked at chinking.

November 23 - Finished chinking cabin made privy seat +c.

November 24 - Put doors in privy and chinked house = Elmer came last night.

November 25 - Commenced to build a wood shed. Went to the P.O. and brought the chickens home.

November 26 - Worked at wood shed commenced getting Denver dailys today.

November 27 - Worked at wood house. Day exceeding pleasant.

November 28 - Put ridge pole on wood house.

November 29 - Work some at roofing wood house, Brandegee and Voice was here. Elmer came down and brought some meat. Went to P.O. = Set some traps=

November 30 - Finished roofing cabin. Clark was here today. Wrote Mother.

December 1 - Went out to look for horses in forenoon. Chopped wood in afternoon. Went P.O. in the evening.

December 2 - Chopped wood. Wrote U.S. Land Commissioner and The Receiver at Central City Coler (?). The weather which has been very fine for some weeks till continues but then are signs of a change and a storm =

December 3, Sunday. - Set out some traps = Mr. Baxter came tonight.

December 4 - Looks like storm = Went to the traps = Caught nothing carried in wood in afternoon = Write Macky, Shelton and Jackson = Baxter gave me a dog.

December 5 - Took up part of traps chopped some wood.

December 6 - Snow fell about 2 ½ in. last night. Nearly gone tonight. Write letters and chop wood.

December 7 - Took up the traps sawed a doorway in wood house = Send order to Stein Bros. for Mrs. B. Read some =

December 8 - We all went walking. Saw window holes in cabin and chopped some woods = Write letters.

December 9 - Was not very well today and laid around the house. Snowed 1 ½ in. last night. Cold and windy today.

December 10 - Worked all day at chinking wood house = Wrote at night to Wm Leahe, 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bk, Mrs. Reed = Read mail.

December 11 - Stormed all day did not work Elmer came and stayed tonight. Wrote letters.

December 12 - Snow most all day Elmer looked for the horses but could not find them.

December 13 - Quite pleasant. Elmer found the horse and Mallie has a colt = He took the horse up the river = Read letter from Matzen enclosing \$35.00 to pay their taxes –

December 14 - Warm and cloudy = Made a work bench. Read letters from Leahe et al.

December 15 - Warm and bright = Made a chair today = Write letters.

December 16 - Colder and clear. Made another chair today.

December 17 - Made a toy cradle for Alma Woolery = Tinkered around home = Started another chair (Sunday Mrs. Woolery, Mr. Wood and Clark was here.)

December 18 - Made another chair. Day warm and cloudy. Snow 2 in. last night = Read letters from several parties tonight.

December 19 - Wrote some letters. Day cloudy with some snow.

December 20 - Make another chair and write some letters.

December 21 - Make a wash tub bench and work on secretary. Snows an inch or so every night = Weather cool = Went to P.O. Write some letters.

December 22 & 23 - Worked on snow shoes. Snow a little all the time.

December 24 - Tinkered around the house. Steamed (?) and lent my snow shoes etc. etc. Day clear and sunny = Mercury 10 degrees below 0 this A.M.

December 25, Christmas. - H. Woolery and family, Dever, Brooks, Clark and Whitmore were here. Had a good visit.

December 26 - Dressed out a pair of snow shoes for Bruce = Day cold and clear =

December 27 - Finish my snow shoes. Steamed and bent Bruce shoes = Chopped some wood and wrote some letters = Day clear and cold. Mercury 24 below 0 this A.M.

December 28 - Chopped woods and sit by the fire = Mercury 28 degrees below 0 this A.M. Day clear and pleasant.

December 29 - Cold and clear = chopped wood today.

December 30 - Chopped wood and wrote some letters – Day cold and frost fell all day.

December 31 - Went up to the P.O. Wrote some letters and made up the quarterly statements and remittance = Elmer was down to the springs. Cold. Frost falling all day. Read letters from Crawford et al.

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January 1 - Laid around the house all day.

January 2 - Snowed about 2 ½ inches hewed out some posts for a bedstead and went to the P.O.

January 3 - Went up to the Springs and chored around home some – Weather warmer.

January 4 - Day warm. Snow nearly all day = Worked some at a bedstead.

January 5 - Worked some at the bedstead. Clark came. He has the toothache. Stays all night. Went up to the Springs after mail no mail in.

January 6 - Elmer came today and brought a whole elk we skinned and cut it up = Worked in shop some. Snow some nearly all day.

January 7 - Snow all day. Do not do anything but loaf around the house.

January 8 - Finished the bedstead and set it up, wrote some letters and banked up the stable with snow.

January 9 - Shoveled snow away from the wood pile. Chopped some wood = Went up to the Springs =

January 10 - Repaired trail sled. Went to the Springs after a keg of Iron water.

January 11 - Made 50 pickets for a garden fence. Day clear still and cold = I have a cold.

January 12 - Wind blowed hard today. Did not work. Went to the P.O. and got some mail =

January 13 - Made 60 pickets for fence. Went to P.O. got some mail.

January 14, Sunday - Loaf around the house most all day.

January 15 - Worked at blocking out a pair of snow shoes =Day clear and cold =

January 16 - Worked on snow shoes went up to the Springs = Mercury 30 degrees below 0 this A.M.

January 17 - Made 120 pickets and finished my snow shoes.

January 18 - Made 100 pickets = Went to the Springs after the mail= Day cold and windy = Write some letters.

January 19 - Worked at sawing off logs for the pickets. Day very cold. Mercury 20 degrees below 0 at sundown. Wind blowed quite hard all the afternoon.

January 20 - Very cold. Mercury frozen until late in the morning = Was 25 degrees below 0 at 12 M. I made 150 pickets today and went to the P.O.

January 21, Sunday - Snow all day = I cleaned snow off the house. Fixed sewing machine cover and made order to Vick for seeds.

January 22 - Shoveled trails from house to spring and stable. Went to Springs turned one the post office effects to Mr. Woolery.

January 23 - Shoveled snow away from wood pile. Made 40 pickets +c. Annie is sick today.

January 24 - Made two trips up to the Springs. Made 125 pickets.

January 25 - Day warm and pleasant. Shoveled snow today and write letters.

January 26 - Warm and springlike. Snow fell about 6 inches last night. I put in the day shoveling out the trails from house to spring from house to stable and from stable to spring.

January 27 - Warm. Snow a little most all day. Shoveled snow and loafed around the house. Clark brought down the mail this A.M.

January 28, Sunday - Read all day. Went up the Springs no mail. Have a headache.

January 29 - Snow and blow hard all the afternoon = I shoveled snow some=

January 30 - Snow all day. Clark came down with the mail = rec'd several letters and a lot of papers. Day warm.

January 31 - Snow hard all day. Warm. Walter Coleman and Clark here today. Write letters.

February 1 - Clear and beautiful. Put in part of the day coasting.

February 2 - Very cold and windy. Snow lrids (?) froze today.

February 3 - Cold. Mercury 28 degrees below 0 this A.M. Have read no mail for some days.

February 4, Sunday - Read and laid around the house no mail yet = Clear and cold today. Mercury 20 degrees below 0 at 8 P.M.

February 5 - Clear and cold. Mercury froze. Shoveled snow. No mail yet.

February 6 - Cold. Snow all day. Got a little mail today - Worked out sawing off logs for pickets.

February 7 - Pleasant. Sawed logs for pickets today.

February 8 - Clear and cold. Elmer was here today to get a check cashed and get his snow shoes. Walter Coleman was here. This Annie's 35<sup>th</sup> birthday. Annie, Lissie and Bruce snow shoed up to the springs.

February 9 - Day cold and bright. Made 300 pickets today.

February 10 - Day clear and splendid. Made 342 pickets today. Annie done a washing.

February 11, Sunday - Another beautiful day. Went up to the Springs after a keg of iron water = Annie and Bruce and I went up in the park and coasted a while.

February 12 - Clear and beautiful. Shoveled snow from the wood pile and chopped wood. Went to the springs and got a little mail = Woolery, Johnson and Coleman killed an elk today.

February 13 - Chopped some woods = Voice and Joe Coleman came. Bought four marten skins of Voice = Went up to the springs with them. Elmer came home with me. I helped him make a trail sled = Day warm and cloudy. Snow some.

February 14 - Chopped wood. Annie and Lissie snow shoed up to the Springs. Day warm.

February 15 - Snow most all day - I mended Bruce's boots and chopped some wood, write some.

February 16 - Clear and pleasant. Read two mails today with lots of letters and papers.

February 17 - Clear and cold. Stayed in the house and wrote letters and read the newspapers.

February 18, Sunday - Pleasant, weather looks hazy. Air feels like storm. Went to the Springs after iron water.

February 19 - Very pleasant. Chopped some wood. Mr. Leahy came down today from Hahn's Peak.

February 20 - Warm and pleasant. Mr. Leake (Leahy?) and I and Lissie went up to the springs = Annie

February 21 - A beautiful day, Cheney was here today. Took dinner. Dever came down to get some tobacco.

February 22 - Looks like a storm is gathering. Leahy went up to the springs to stay a day or two.

February 23 - Cloudy in forenoon but cleared up warm and was very pleasant = Write out some regulations for the new Mining Company that is to be. Went to P.O.

February 24 - Clear and some colder. I chopped wood and write some.

February 25 - Clear and cold. Leahy was here on his way home took dinner. Went to the P.O. in the evening. Lissie got a letter with the sad news of her baby sister.

February 26 - Wrote some, chopped some wood, went to the P. Office to mail some letters. Day very pleasant.

February 27 - Chopped wood. Cold and pleasant. C.J. Smith and Record was here. I went to the office after mail.

February 28 - Chopped wood today Elmer came down and engaged to work for me from June 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Day cold and clear.

March 1 - Clear and pleasant. I finished chopping up my wood pile today.

March 2 - I went to the hills saw no game sign. Went up to the Springs after mail. Saw 4 black birds today = Write letters. (side margin-black birds).

March 3 - Dug some ditches to let the water away from the house, and shoveled snow off the S.E. cabin. Day bright and pleasant a good many large bare spots are showing on the steep south slopes.

March 4, Sunday - Went up to the river and put a foundation on Lissie's claim. Day warm and hazy.

March 5 - Snow an inch last night was quite warm today thawed some in the shade. I made a collar for Tiger and sawed about 6 acres to clover and timothy. Bruce and I snow shoed up in the hills saw a hedge hog, and had fun sliding down the hill, Annie done a washing today.

March 6 - Day bright and pleasant. I feel lazy today and do not work. Saw a few willow grouse and black bird today.



March 7 - Went to the P.O. and read mail. Day pleasant. I went in the hills to look for a good place to get fence posts.

March 8 - Warm and springlike. All hands snow shoed up in the hills and had lots of fun coasting.

March 9 - Very pleasant. I went over to the North licks (salt licks?) to see if there was any elk sign. Write some letters.

March 10 - Pleasant. I cleaned and rearranged the store room. Dever brought up a lot of furs. I bought them.

March 11 - Clear and bright. All of us went snow shoeing in forenoon. Elmer and Voice came this P.M. We all went up the springs. Got home at dusk.

March 12 - Went up the river to help Elmer down with the horses. Brought them down on the ice. Am awful tired = Day clear and cold.

March 13 - Elmer went on down the river with the horses today. I kept Coley home. Woolery and Cheney was here today. Annie, Lissie and Bruce went down to the springs after mail.

March 14 - Very pleasant. Saw the first blue birds of the season today = shoveled a trail to the hills and got the cow and calf on bare ground. (Side margin-blue bird)

Next page:(Side Margin-hawk and fish duck). Saw a hawk and a fish duck today.

March 15 - Clear and bright. I went up in the hills after my ox. Made a door in the hay pen and shoveled out some snow. Saw a sage hen.

March 16 - Shoveled snow out of the calf pen, made a little garden on the hill side, and went to the P.O.

March 17 - Found a new calf by Coley's side this morning. Clark came up the river. Will stay until tomorrow. I wrote some today =Heard a robin sing tonight. Day pleasant. (Side margin-robin)

March 18 - Spend in the day in going over to the hot springs and relocating claim. The afternoon is stormy and cold. I am very tired tonight. (Side margin-Saw an elk with one antler).

March 19 - Cloudy. I went to the P.O. and write letters. Rest up today think it will storm.

March 20 - Cleaned and walked up the spring. Day warm and cloudy =

March 21 - Consumed the day in going to the P.O. and reading and writing. Day warm and pleasant snow melted fast.

March 22 - Loafed around the house. Clark came down. Dever came down at night. Wrote Maxwill. (Side Margin-caribou at Springs).

March 23 - I went hunting, found no elk, went up to the springs. Bargained with Dever to start for the Grand. Saw a wild goose (Side margin-Goose).

March 24 - All hands went up to the springs then to the hot springs and took a bath. Day pleasant.

March 25, Easter Sunday - Did not stir around much. Day warm and cloudy at 9 P.M. . Mercury 40 degrees above 0 and raining. Went to the P.O. and got the mail.

March 26 - Warm and pleasant, very sloppy. Bought some furs of Johnson. Killed one grouse today =Can now go to the springs without snow shoes. All the gullies and runs are full of snow and water.

March 27 - Picked up around the house. Cut some sage brush, went to the P.O. Day warm, windy and cloudy snow going very fast.

March 28 - Cut and burn sage brush and chored around the house write some letters. Elmer came by here on his way down the R. after his horses.

March 29 - Storm. Rain and snow nearly all day. Elmer and Record came up with the horses. I cut a few sage brush. Wrote some letters. Heard meadow larks today. Our cabin leaks a little. (Side margin-meadow larks).

March 30 - Storm (snow) nearly all day but melts nearly as fast as it falls. I went to P.O. The mails are now running on horseback.

March 31 - I went hunting but find no game. Storm some in forenoon. A heavy snow storm set in at 3 P.M. Grew colder. It is very muddy and sloppy.

April 1 - Raw and windy. Went to the P.O. =

April 2 - Bright and cool, very muddy under foot, went up to the springs and helped Mr. W. make up his quarterly reports as P.M. Daisy cow has a calf = I expect to start for the Peak in the morning.

April 3 - Started for Red Park via Hahn's Peak. Stay for a night with Voice et al.

April 4 - Went to Hahn's Peak.

April 5 - Went for Red Park and locate claims.

April 6 - Came back as far as the Peak. Write out location certificates and file for record, pay taxes and c.

April 7 - Came home am nearly worn out = Frogs are croaking and cranes have come.

April 8 - Dever came back from Grand R. today. Reports locating some claims.

April 9 - Went hunting killed an elk. Met Mr. Woolery. He was also hunting. (Side margin-1<sup>st</sup> elk).

April 10 - Snow three inches last night. Dever and Johnson came today. Dever and I went after the elk. Day bright and snow melted off.

April 11 - Storm all day. We worked some fixing cabins.

April 12 - Snowed all last night and all day. D and I worked at the cabin put in a new door etc.

April 13 - Snow most of all the day. I went hunting. Killed one goose and two ducks, cleaned snow off houses.

April 14 - Cold and stormy. Stay indoors nearly all day = Killed one duck.

April 15 - Clear and bright = Made a temporary garden fence today.

April 16 - Warm and bright. Commenced a building for (s?)pring today. Made four rounds of logs. Heard kill deers today.

April 17 - Worked at cabin =Made 4 ½ rounds of logs today =Very sloppy and muddy.

April 18 - Went hunting. Killed a bull elk. Came home and rested and finished the log work on cabin. Dever went hunting horses but did not find them. He killed a couple of sage cocks. They were beauties = Johnson took supper with us.

April 19 - Woolery and I went after the Elk. Dever worked at the cabins. Day warm and windy. Killed a snake today. (Side margin-snake)

April 20 - Dug a ditch on upper side of Spring, spaded garden, worked some at privy=Woolery brought the horses from down the valley.

April 21 - Snow and blow hard all night last night and all day today= We stayed indoors.

April 22 - Keep Sunday. Day windy and raw, snow melting fast.

April 23 - Greased the wagon and put up an outfit to prospect with. Dever went after harness.

April 24 - Went up to the springs with team after some trunks and tools = Day raw and windy.

April 25 - Mr. Dever and I started for Grand R. with team and wagon found roads very bad. I shot a wild goose -Nooned at mail station 7 ½ miles up the R. Camp for night near top of Yellow Jacket pass.

April 26 - Heavy roads camp for night in a hard snow storm at upper form of Roaring fork.

April 27 - We lost the ox yesterday. I went back 8 miles today to get it. Snow part of the day and blow all day.

April 28 - Had a hard days work in mind and snow made Saunder's cabin. Found Crawford.

April 29 - Moved to Crawford's cow camp, went hunting. Dever killed one deer. I killed 3. Saw many deer today. (Side margin-3 deer).

April 30 - Packed a horse and went fifteen miles down Grand R. Made a raft to cross on. Got everything wet. Made camp prospected some and dried our things some.

May 1 - Staked a tunnel and some claims. Dug some and started a tunnel. Crossed the river and camp.

May 2 - Moved up to Crawford's Cow Camp. I went hunting. Killed 1 deer. Snow at night. Cold and windy. L. Pollard came in.

May 3 - (Side Margin-2 deer). Went hunting in forenoon. Killed 2 deer. Brought in all the meat and packed up ready to start home.

May 4 - Pulled out camp for night in Egeria Park near Willow camp. I killed a very large buck this morning. Day pleasant.

May 5 - Camp for night on N. side of Yellow Jacket pass.

May 6 - Arrived home and found all well.

May 7 - Warm. Wrote letters, cut sage brush, skinned deer and went to the P.O. Dever went to the springs. Johnson brought three beaver tails.

May 8 - Snow all day. Blarney, Johnson and Roats were to dinner today. Elmer was here to supper.

May 9 - Storm in forenoon. Tour around some and cut and burn some sage brush.

May 10 - Clear and pleasant. Put the day cutting and burning sage brush and cleaning up around the house.

May 11 - Cut sage brush. Went after the horses, write mining deed etc.

May 12 - Cut sage brush. Crawford and Logan were here today.

May 13 - Snowed and rained nearly all day. Went to the P.O. after mail but got none.

May 14 - Storm in forenoon. Crawford, Logan and Dever came down and took supper. Whitmore brought one from a new find. Cut sage brush nearly all day. Went to the P.O. after night.

May 15 - Wrote letters in forenoon, cut sage brush in afternoon, burned brush after night.

May 16 - Burned sage brush all day. Burned 9 large piles this P.M. Annie and Lissie done a large washing down by the Springs today.

May 17 - Stormed all day. Stay in the house.

May 18 - Storm all day. Did not work. Mr. Walker and R.E. Clark was here. Loan some money to Walker.

May 19 - Rain some today. Wrote letters and cut sage brush.

May 20 - We all went up into the hills hunting. Killed two deer and saw an elk, bear, and some smaller game. (Side margin-2 deer).

May 21 - Aired the furs and went after the other deer.

May 22 - Wrote letters, fixed a calf pen, and cut some sage brush. Elmer and Clark were here today.

May 23 - Cut sage brush, storm some today =Wrote Mr. Piggott Quincy.

May 24 - Hoed the garden and chored around some.

May 25 - Went in forenoon to show Woolery where to put Lissie's cabin. Afternoon went to the woods to cut poles, saw two bands of elk but as we did not need meat I did not molest them.

May 26 - Made garden and spread out the hides to dry at the Springs.

May 27 - Went up the hills with the girls and Bruce saw one bear. Mr. Dever came down from the Peak and took supper. Clark came. Crawford and Logan came down from Egeria Park stay all night with us.

May 28 - Chopped poles and made road up in the timber .

May 29 - Went hunting got nothing. Dever and Clark was here. Snow today.

May 30 - Went up to the woods cut a few poles. Killed one deer and two dusky grouse =Dever was here today (Side margin-1 deer and 2 grouse).

May 31 - Went to the woods and cut poles. Killed one deer near home after milking him. Clark was here. Cut 70 poles today. (Side margin-1 deer).

June 1 - Rain. Went hunting. Brooks was here.

June 2 - Made a roosting place for Elmer, Louis Garbarino is here tonight. Hauled down the skins from the Springs.

June 3 - Tinkered around home. Stacked the hides. Write R.E. Sunday.

June 4 - Went to the woods and cut poles = Dever came down from Elk R.

June 5 - Cut poles in forenoon wrote letters in the afternoon. Dever started the licks (?) as mineral springs. Elmer came up the R. Went hunting and killed an elk.

June 6 - Went to help Elmer bring in his meat. Fixed fence, worked in garden, ground an ax, and loaded a load of dirt.

June 7 - Covered the three small cabins with dirt, cleaned out the wood house, first mosquitoes of the season today.

June 8 - Rain, did not work, went to P.O. Water up so the carriers can not cross.

June 9 - Went up to the woods to chop the rain soon drove me home loaded rifle and shot gun shells.

June 10 - All went up to the bath house today. Saw a deer and a large bear. Elmer came up from his ranch.

June 11 - Work some in the woods rain all afternoon.

June 12 - Rain nearly all day. Elmer and I ground up the axes. I sent in an application to file on the N ½ of S.W. ¼ and S. ½ of N.W. ¼ section 6. Tp (?) 6 R 84 W. 6 P.M. as a timber culture claim. Lost my best pocket knife.

June 13 - Worked in the woods. Brooks began work today for me. Annie and Lissie and Bruce went to Mrs. Woolery's.

June 14 - My 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cut and trimmed up five trees today. Pony brought a birthday present from Mr. Cody and one from Mr. Leahy some brandy and beer and wine.

June 15 - Moved the stoves, went to the woods and cut logs and holes. River very high.

June 16 - Hauled more dirt to put on the cabins. Went hunting. Killed two deer. (Side margin-2 deer).

June 17, Sunday - Skin the deer, stretch their skins. We all took a walk. I made a new gate in the calf yard. Elmer went down to his ranch.

June 18 - Both worked in the woods. Waters getting very high again.

June 19 - Started Elmer for Red Park. I cut timber in forenoon and ground my ax and hoed the garden in the afternoon.

June 20 - We all went up to the Springs in forenoon=In afternoon Annie and I went hunting but did not get any game although we saw deer and elk.

June 21 - Made a bridge across Lick Run and began a road through gap N. of Corral. Went hunting in the evening. Killed a buck. (Side margin-1 deer).

June 22 - Bruce and I went after the deer in forenoon – Graded road in afternoon water very high.

June 23 - Finished grading the road. Dever came down.

June 24, Sunday - Laid around home. A man across the river wanted over bad. Went up to the spring to notify the men. Dever went over and got him. He was from Illinois.

June 25 - Went up to the woods and cut 90 poles, after supper went hunting, saw three grizzlies wounded two of them but did not dare to follow them into the brush as I captured none. Mosquitoes very bad.

June 26 - Went to the woods cut 60 poles went hunting after supper. Killed two deer. Mail came in today. Mr. Gapin was here. (Side Margin-2 deer).

June 27 - Worked in the woods, cut 35 poles and cleared lots of road.

June 28 - Cut 65 poles=Mail came in again tonight.

June 29 - Went to the woods, cut 100 poles.

June 30 - Cut poles and killed the deer.

July 1, Sunday - Cleared out the Spring carried stove and gravel and fixed it up and hoes the garden.

July 2 - Went up to the woods, do not feel well today, Elmer came home.

July 3 - We went up to the cedars to work today. C.J. Smith was here this P.M. Dever was down today.

July 4 - Cut cedars. Rain in the afternoon. Quite hard.

July 5 - Rain=Did not go to the woods. I went up to the Springs=We commenced a cellar in the afternoon.

July 6 - We worked in the woods. I killed a deer in the evening. R.E. Clark is here. (Side margin-one 7 point buck).

July 7 - Cut timber in afternoon. Farnsworth, Price and Clark was here today = Crawford's folks came in today also the Empire folks.

July 8, Sunday - We all drove up to see Lissie's cabin and tried to find some strawberries, found none=

July 9 - Elmer hauled four loads of timber, I chopped.

July 10 - Elmer hauled four loads. I fixed up the furs and skins and wrote some letters.

July 11 - Went up to the bath house to fix the water. Elmer hauled logs in afternoon.

July 12 - I worked part of the day in woods. Elmer was all day getting horses. I killed a deer in the evening. (Side margin-1 deer).

July 13 - Got loaded and Elmer started for G. Town. Uncle Lewis and family and Maxwell are at Fish Creek.

July 14 - Went up to Fish Creek and helped the folks over. All hands went up and took a bath. Mr. Maxwell is sick. Think he has a fever.

July 15, Sunday - Laid around home.

July 16 - Worked helping the surveyors=

July 17 - Made some stakes to stake lots +c.

July 18 - Surveying at the springs. Mr. Maxwell is sick again.

July 19 - Uncle Lewis and I went hunting brought in two deer. (Side margin-2 deer).

July 20 - Went up to the springs in forenoon. Rain in afternoon.

July 21 - Rain, did not work.

July 22, Sunday - All hands went to see the Springs on the other side of the river.

July 23 - Went fishing in forenoon commenced cutting hay in the afternoon.

July 24 - Worked at haying most of the day.

July 25 - Worked at haying, looks like rain.

July 26 - Worked at haying.

July 27 - “ “ “ “

July 28 - Wrote letters in forenoon cut grass in afternoon.

July 29, Sunday - Uncle Lewis's folks came and took tea.

July 30 - Uncle Lewis and I went to the Hot Springs. 7 M.N. killed a magnificent bull elk. He had very large fine elk antlers. Rained on us and we got very wet. (Side margin-1 elk).

July 31 - Maxwell, Woolery, Clowser and I went after the Elk. I carried the head and antlers part way home on my back. Rained, and all wet again.

August 1 - Uncle Lewis and family and Mr. Walker were here today to dinner. Uncle Lewis bought a calf for Bruce. M. Woolery and Paul Wagner called. I brought the elk head home and fixed it.

August 2 - Bunched up the hay and went up the Springs in afternoon.

August 3 - Cheney and family and Maxwells left today =Leahy was here. Elmer and Johnny Sampson came in last night=Elmer and Lissie went up to Egeria park after Lissie's mother.

August 4 - Cody and Leahy was here today. Elmer and Lissie's ma came in today.

August 5, Sunday - Went fishing in forenoon and hunting in the afternoon. Brought in a fine buck. Annie and Elmer went to church. (Side margin-1 deer).

August 6 - Elmer mowed grass = I am almost sick today. Cody and Leahy start back to the "Peak". Mr. Clark came tonight to cut hay. Louis Garbarino is here.

August 7 - Elmer and Louis mowed grass. Clark cut with the machine. I made a hay rack.

August 8 - Made hay and worked at the Springs.

August 9 - Worked at hay and went hunting. Rain.

August 10 - Hauled hay. Killed two deer. Sent Louis Garbarino after them-Rained. (Side margin-2 deer).

August 11 - Worked at hay.

August 12, Sunday - Went to the bath house and then went fishing.

August 13 - Hauled hay. Voice was here.

August 14 - Hauled hay in forenoon and started for Hahn's Peak in afternoon. Annie, Lissie, Bruce and Elmer went along at second crossing of Elk R.

August 15 - Went into the "Peak" finish our business and start back camp on Beaver Creek.

August 16 - Got home at 4 P.M. Rain this evening.

August 17 - Made a hay rack and hay yard. Louis G. left today and was paid off. Rain in afternoon.

August 18 - Elmer and I hauled six loads of hay from over the river.

August 19, Sunday - I went fishing and caught a fine string of trout.

August 20 - Hauled hay.

August 21 - Hauled hay in forenoon, wind blew hard in afternoon wrote letters. Stockbridge came to help Elmer.

August 22 - Hauled hay in forenoon. Elmer and Stockbridge went down to Elmer's ranch in the afternoon-I went fishing. Mr. Denison from Denver is here and will stop a few days.

August 23 - Went hunting in forenoon. Killed one deer- Piled sage brush in afternoon.

August 24 - All hands went fishing caught a fine mess.

August 25 - All hands except Annie and Aunt Mary fixed Lissie's cabin.

August 26 - I went hunting. Killed nothing.

August 27 - Went hunting. Killed a fine buck. ( Side margin-1 deer).

August 28 - Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. H. Crawford and children and Stafford visited here today. Elmer and Stockbridge came up tonight.

August 29 - Cut and hauled hay topped out the stacks, and made some more fire guard.

August 30 - Went up in the woods in forenoon grade road to the timber. Elmer hauled poles-I went hunting in the afternoon, killed two bucks (Side margin-2 deer).

August 31 - Went after game in forenoon rain in afternoon. Mr. Walker took dinner with us. Today Elmer hauled him here.

September 1 - Elmer hauled poles. I put some boards on the roof and dug some in the cellar.

September 2, Sunday - The folks all went down to Elmer's ranch. I went fishing in forenoon and chored in afternoon.

September 3 - Elmer hauled two loads of timber. I work in cellar.

September 4 - I work around home. Elmer hauled one load of timber and one of boards. F.M. Jones was here. Annie and the rest of the folks went up to stay all night with Lissie.

September 5 - Elmer hauled two loads of boards and one of post timber. I put the roof on the East cabin and went down to the river and located Aunt Mary's claim.

September 6 - Put on the roof on West cabin. Elmer hauled timber and boards.

September 7 - Went hunting killed no game.

September 8 - Went hunting. No game.

September 9 - Started for the R. camp for a night on Grouse Creek.

September 10 - Noon at crossing of Roaring Fork, meet Crawford, camp for night near Big chimney rock.

September 11 - Camp for night on East of Gore Pass.

September 12 - Camp for night-East of Hot Sulphur Springs. Expense \$5.30 = Rain.

September 13 - Rain. Move camp in forenoon. Go into camp for the day near Ostrand's.

September 14 - Make the foot of grade on East side of range.

September 15 - Get in Georgetown at 11 A.M. Stop at Yates house.

September 16 - Loaded up the wagon. Elmer started home. Went to Golden.

September 17 - Went to Boulder.

September 18 - Visited friends.

September 19 - Visited and started for Mo. at night.

September 20 - Arrived at Holden.

September 21 - Went to Adrian.

September 22 - Visited.

September 23 - Took the train for Rich Hill.

September 24 - Back to Adrian.

September 25 - Visit.

September 26 - " "

September 27 - Went to Holden.

September 28 - Visited.

September 29 - Started home. Made the proper connection at K. City.

September 30 - Reached Denver at 7:30 A.M. Went to Golden.

October 1 - Went to Boulder.

October 2 - Went to Golden.

October 3 - Went to Georgetown.

October 4 - Bought a load.

October 5 - Loaded up and started home. Camp at foot of range.

October 6 - Went over the range camp below Cozen's ranch.

October 7 - Camp on Divide near Hot Sulphur Springs.

October 8 - Camp near Corral Creek.



October 9 - Camp above Hermitage.

October 10 - Start but camp in three miles in a big snow storm.

October 11 - Lay over. Elmer took part of the load to Rock Creek.

October 12 - Struck out again. Traveled in a snow storm all day. Camp in Caberly's old cabin.

October 13 - Camp in Hunt's cabin.

October 14 - Reached home at 9 P.M. Very tired.

October 15 - Unloaded and rested.

October 16 - Elmer went hunting. I went to the Springs.

October 17 - All hands went fishing.

October 18 - Elmer went after his horse.

October 19 - Started for Rock Creek after the balance of load.

October 20 - I killed two elk. We got them down to camp.

October 21 - Concluded to come home with the meat. Killed one goose. (Side margin-1 goose).

October 22 - Elmer started back to Rock Creek. I went hunting, hunted hard all day and killed one grouse. (Side margin-1 grouse).

October 23 - Hunted today. Killed two big bull Elk. (Side margin-2 elk).

October 24 - Went hunting. Killed one elk. (Side margin-1 elk).

October 25 - Went up to look for bear. Did not see any- I get very tired these days.

October 26 - Stormed all day. Snow melted as it fell. Mr. Dever was here-

October 27 - Snow most of the day. I went up to see the meat.

October 28 - Storm nearly all day. Elmer came in with load from Rock Creek.

October 29 - The 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our wedding. Elmer and I went after the elk. Clark stays all night.

October 30 - Put in the day cutting and curing meat.

October 31 - Elmer brought a load of mud to daub the cabins and went to look for wood in evening.

November 1 - I worked at plastering. Elmer cut a road to the wood.

November 2 - Elmer hauled wood. I plastered cabin. C.J. Smith and team here tonight.

November 3 - Work at getting out wood.

November 4, Sunday - C.J. Smith is here with two teams.

November 5 - Got three loads of wood plastered the cabin (privy). Lulie came down after Mrs. B. to go to stay with Mrs. Woolery.

November 6 - Election – Went to vote.

November 7 - I worked putting door in cabin and burning off the bottom lands. Elmer made fence posts and plowed some.

November 8 - Worked today at cutting sage brush and plowing on the timber claim. Snowing tonight.

November 9 - Put floor and partition in East cabin.

November 10 - Elmer made fence posts and cut sage brush. I made a bed for East cabin.

November 11 - All hands went up to the Hot Springs with a team. I went with Lissie to her cabin to help her bring down some things.

November 12 - I made a table and cut sage brush. Elmer hauled a load of timber and plowed.

November 13 - Elmer hauled a load of timber. Burned brush and set 22 fence posts.

November 14 - Elmer hauled one load of timber. I worked at fence making. Burned some brush.

November 15 - Hauled timber and made fence.

November 16 - Finished the garden fence. Began setting posts for pasture fence. Elmer hauled a load of timber.

November 17 - Set fence posts and hauled timber. Elmer's time is up today.

November 18, Sunday - Chored around.

November 19 - Bruce, John, Lissie and I went up to the claim, cut and put the fence post and the firewood in the cabin. I killed two mallards. Mr. Dever was here for dinner. He will start East soon. Snow tonight (Side margin-2 ducks).

\* November 20 - Chored around home. Snowing hard tonight.

November 21 - Mended my boots and tinkered around home. Snow all day = Snow 7 inches deep.

\* November 22 - Snow all day = The boys and I snow shoed some. R.E. Clark was here.

November 23 - Pleasanter today – Went to the P.O. and trued down the grind stone.

November 24 - Sharpened up some tools.

November 25, Sunday - Elmer started out with the horses today = I paid him off.

November 26 - I worked at a cupboard or safe. Very cold today.

November 27 - Spent the forenoon going to the Springs = Worked some in afternoon at safe.

November 28 - Worked at kitchen safe. Brought it in and Annie and Lissie moved the dishes into it.

November 29 - Worked at door frames for cupboard or safe. Smith and Potwin took dinner with us today.

November 30 - Worked at kitchen safe.

December 1 - Finished the safe. It looks fine. Went to the P.O. =This is mother's birthday. Write to her.

December 2, Sunday - Went up into the hills.

December 3 - Made some trestles and began overhauling the timber pile to separate the fencing and logs.

December 4 - Went to the P.O. and worked at the logs. Write some. Annie went to the Springs to spend the afternoon.

December 5 - Worked at the house logs and wrote a long letter of description of this country.

December 6 - Stormed. Made a sled for Bruce. All hands went up to the Springs in the evening and Mary and Johnny remain for a visit.

December 7 - Work at a napkin ring for Uncle Lewis and made some fence.

December 8 - Made fence -thirty panels.

December 9, Sunday - Went to the P.O.

December 10 - Made 24 panel of fence. Lissie went up to the Springs with Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Lulie et al in a sleigh.

December 11 - I went up to the Springs and began laying foundation for a new house.

December 12 - Worked at the house today. In the evening finished a pair of elk skin mittens that I began last night.

December 13 - Worked at the house. Write to Mr. Dever.

\* December 14 - Worked at house. Lissie and Lulie came down. Lulie stayed all night.

December 15 - Annie and Lulie went to the Springs = I worked at the house and I went to the Springs in evening.

December 16, Sunday - It looks like a storm was coming.

December 17 - Worked part of the day at cabin. It began to snow at 3 pm. Snowed until dark.

December 18 - Snow part of the day. Made up some mail-Broke trails to the stable and the spring. Went to the P.O. and the C.

December 19 - Snow most all day. I mended some things around the house and broke trail. Shoveled the snow off the big cabin.

December 20 - Mended up Elmer's fiddle. Went to the Springs. Crawford took us up in a sleigh.

December 21 - Broke trails and went to the P.O.

December 22 - Tread snow. All hands went up to the Springs.

December 23 - Sunday

December 24 - Broke trails etc.

December 25, Christmas - Went up to the Springs in the evening.

December 26 - Blowed furiously all last night=We all feel unwell today and stay indoors.

December 27 - I am nearly sick with cold. Do not work.

December 28 - The same.

December 29 - Ditto.

December 30 - " "

December 31 - Snowed last night. Very cold today. Began work on a chair for Annie =This is the last day of the year, fix up the accounts of the ledger = Goodbye ol' 1883 . au-revoir, adios, farewell.





**Diary of Perry A. Burgess**  
**January 1, 1884-December 31, 1885 (Volume 3)**

January 1884

January 1 - Very cold last night and today. We had a New Year's dinner of roast duck, oysters and c. I finished the frame for Annie's chair. Mr. H. Woolery was here today. Aunt Mary has a headache=

January 2=Made a chair for Lissie=Snow nearly all the afternoon. No mail yet.

January 3 - Snowed all night last night and most of today=I broke trails, shoveled snow off the house, and began a chair for myself=

January 4 - Worked all my spare time today at my chair. Finished it at 8 P.M. Mail came today.

January 5 - Mr. Crawford and family cam in a sleigh and spent the day with us. Had a good visit.

January 6 - Snowed all last night and all day today =Snow is now fully three feet deep. Mr. Woolery brought the mail again today=I put in a good part of the day breaking trails=

January 7 - Pleasant today. I broke trails and began a chair for Aunt Mary. Had to kill two of the cats.

January 8 - Finished Aunt Mary's chair and cleaned the snow from around the Spring. Day quite pleasant.

January 9 - Spent the day in breaking trails on account of the snow drifting.

January 10 - Shoveled snow from the wood pile and chored around home. Day bright and crisp today. Is Johnny Sampson's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday = We took dinner with Aunt Mary =

January 11 - Clear and cold. Began to dig my logs out from under the snow. Mr. Woolery was here today = He reports that the mail carrier broke in the river last night and froze his feet quite badly =We have had no mail for nearly a week.

January 12 - Clear and cold=I shoveled snow today=

January 13, Sunday. - Chopped some wood, dug out some logs, and wrote letters. Stopped milking today.

January 14 - Snow most all day-I did not work much.

January 15 - Clear and cold. I began working on the new cabin again. Got a small mail today = Extremely cold tonight.

January 16 - Clear and very cold, worked a little at cabin today, Louis Garbarino was here to dinner=

January 17 - Clear and cold. Worked at the new cabin today.

January 18 - Worked at cabin. Was warmer today. Louis Garbarino was here to dinner. We got another mail today. Snow a little most all day.

January 19 - Pleasant. Work at cabin=

January 20 - Worked some at cabin and read the papers. Cold-Received a large mail today.

January 21 - Clear and cold = Worked a little at cabin today. Got another mail=

January 22 - Work at cabin. Write some letters.

January 23 - Snowed most all day. Stayed indoors most all day.

January 24 - Clear and cold-Worked at cabin today=Have it nine logs high=Have a pretty fair view of the comet=It is South of West tonight.

January 25 - Clear and cold=Worked some at building. Mr. French was here. Got another mail=

January 26 - Very pleasant. Worked at the cabin=Mail came again.

January 27 Sunday- Clean snow off the house and chore around. Looks like storm.

January 28 - Work at cabin. Annie and Lissie go to the Springs.

January 29 - Work at the cabin=Snow and blow in the after noon.

January 30 - Work at cabin=Warm and windy.

January 31 - Finished the log work of the cabin and began to cut a doorway-Warm and pleasant.

#### February 1884

February 1 - Very pleasant. Finished sawing out the doorway that I began yesterday and put in the casing and sawed another door =Got another mail today=

February 2 - Read a large mail today. Put in two door casing and cut one door away. Logan Crawford, Johnny Suttle, and Mr. St. John was here this evening. Day cloudy and warm.

February 3 - Sunday. Loafed around the house and read the news. Mr. Woolery was here. Day warm and very pleasant.

February 4 - Very warm. Snow a little most all day. I only sawed out one window in the new house.

February 5 - Warm. Lissie and the boys go up to the Springs -Last day of school. Snow a little by spells all day. Saw out and put casing in one window. Hear owls hooting tonight.

February 6 - Warm. Snow a little. Out in one casing in window and saw the remaining window. Have concluded to build another small room for a larder (?) or store room.

February 7 - Warm. Snow some nearly all day. I put casing in the last window and began making mortises in wall for the contemplated new room=Shoveled new snow.

February 8 - This is Annie's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday =I finished the mortising and began sawing door for the store room - Pleasant but turns cold at night. John went up to the Springs to help Johnny Crawford celebrate his birthday-Does not come back tonight.

February 9 - Finished sawing the door, put in casing, and began digging out sawing more logs. Have concluded to build the house higher. Annie and I went up to the Springs in the evening = Day clear and cold.

February 10 - Shoveled snow out of the new house and took of(f?) the top logs. Day clear and cold. Looks like some snow tonight.

February 11 - Cold and windy this morning, grew very warm by noon. At 3 P.M. a big snow storm set in and turned cold=At this 8 P.M. storming hard. I worked at the cabin today put on five logs. Have had no mail for a week.

February 12 - Worked at the new house hard all day-Mail came again. Was cold all day but at 3 P.M. grew very cold. Put up 14 logs.

February 13 - Laid 14 logs today =Very cold.

February 14 - Clear and very cold, finished putting logs on main part of house. Levilled (?) up the roof logs and nail boards on ends to keep them in place. Picked and shoveled away snow from where I will build the store room=

February 15 - Moderated some today. Elmer came home from his visit East looking well. I visited this forenoon with him and this afternoon filed and set the saw and began the addition to cabin.

February 16 - Quite warm today. Snowed some today-Worked part of the day at the addition =Mail came again. Elmer was here this afternoon.

February 17 Sunday - Shoveled snow some, cut a little wood, salted the stock, and write some.

February 18 - Snow and blow nearly all day. I put in most of the day in shoveling out the trails. Laid two courses of logs on the pantry and chinked a little. Elmer was here to dinner today = Not very cold. Thaw part of the time. Snow is getting very deep.

February 19 - Warm and snow. Worked at chinking = Elmer was here and fixed up a trail sled. Began to move down to his ranch.

February 20 - Snow about six inches last night. Mild today and windy in afternoon. Elmer came after another load of dunnage. I worked at chinking=

February 21 - Worked at chinking. Snow and blow hard in afternoon. Elmer came up for another load.

February 22 - Very mild and pleasant. Put in the day at breaking trails and chinking. The mail does not come in.

February 23 - Warm and windy. Worked at chinking the house. No mail since MOnDay.

February 24 - Sunday: Very pleasant and springlike. All hands snow shoed = Received another mail today.

February 25 - Worked at chinking = Bright in afternoon but cloudy in the morning. Warm today.

February 26 - Blow hard all day, did not work.

February 27 - Cold and pleasant. Worked at chinking house.

February 28 - Snow a little most all day. Worked at chinking and dug some logs out from under the snow. Do not feel very well today=no mail.

February 29 - Snow all day=Warm. Do not feel well and stay in the house all day no mail.

### March 1884

March 1 - Snow a little most all day. Worked at the pantry part of the new house. Mr. Woolery brought the mail=

March 2 Sunday - Annie, Bruce, John, and I went down in the grove. Shot a porcupine. After dinner we all snow shoed and had lots of fun and some hard falls coasting. Day bright and beautiful. All hands thoroughly tired tonight.

March 3 - Clear and cold. Very pleasant day to work. Finished the log work of the pantry=

March 4 - Rain and snow all day. I worked at chinking pantry. Elmer, Nott and Logan was here. Elmer stays all night.

March 5 - Warm and cloudy. Finished chinking pantry. Shoveled some ditches in the snow and ice, shoveled out and moved the lumber. Saw two black birds today. Thawing at dark. (Side margin-Black birds).

March 6 - Snow and rain all day = I fixed up the hand saw, made a nesting room for the chickens, fixed a pair of over shoes and C. John Crawford stayed all night with John Sampson. Snow is quite wet and soft on top. Storming at bedtime.



March 7 - Snow and rain nearly all day. Shoveled snow off the house. Mr. Woolery was here to grind his hay knife and brought the mail. The surface of the snow is quite soft.

March 8 - Clear and cold. I shoveled and made trails part of the day. Put one course of boards over the pantry and South half of the kitchen, my supply of lumber is about exhausted.

March 9 - Warmer, cloudy, snow a little. I began making a boat. Elmer, Louis Garbarino and Wyan Woolery were here today. Sunday. Tried coasting but the snow stuck to our shoes.

March 10 - Warm. Snow and blow hard all day sometimes a blizzard. I worked some at the boat.

March 11 - Cold and windy, snow some most all day=I worked some at the boat. Got another mail today.

March 12 - Cold, clear in forenoon but got cloudy and began to snow again toward night. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford snow shoed down today and took dinner with us. I spent the morning shoveling out trails and worked at the boat after noon. Mr. Woolery was here this evening.

March 13 - Clear and cold-Very pleasant. I finished the boat, roughed out a pair of oars. The boys and I dragged down to the river and we had a boat ride.

March 14 - Quite pleasant, made new oars and rode some with the boys. Mr. Leahy came down from the "Peak" tonight.

March 15 - Visited, smoked and took boat rides. Leahy went to the Springs after supper. Day very pleasant, but clouded up at night and grows warm. Saw quite a flock of black birds.

March 16 Sunday! - Quite pleasant. We had several boat rides today. Aunt Mary and Johnny went up to the Springs.

March 17 - Bright and cool but very fine. Shoveled snow off the hay stacks. Leahy, Elmer, Mr. Walker and Louis Garbarino was here today.

March 18 - Very pleasant but not very warm. Leahy and Walker was here at dinner. Leahy stays all night=We coasted and had some fine sport=I am not feeling first rate.

March 19 - Cold last night. Leahy went away today=I finished cleaning off the haystack. Elmer was here. Saw the first wild goose of the season. Lissie, Bruce and I had a boat ride. (Side margin-wild goose).

March 20 - Snow a little today, was a disagreeable day. Dug some vegetables out of the hole. Mr. Keller from Elk R. was here to dinner today-A. Mr. Adair was here. I went up to the Springs after iron water this evening.

March 21 - Snow all day, very disagreeable. I worked some at shoveling snow out of the calf pen and hay yard.

March 22 - Clear and pleasant. I worked some at making a porch. Mr. Suttle was here to dinner, sold him some hay. Got a mail again.

March 23 - Sunday: Quite pleasant. Snow shoed and rode in the river. Elmer called today.

March 24 - Pleasant=Worked at the porch and the cabin. Bruce and I took a little boat ride. Got another mail.

March 25 - Snow in morning, but cleared off and is quite pleasant=Worked at the cabin. Louis Garbarino and Mr. Adair stopped for dinner today.

March 26 - Clear. Pleasant. Snow shoeing very fine=Mrs. Suttle, Mrs. Crawford Logan, John and little Mary was here today. I work at cabin.

March 27 - Cold, windy, and snow part of the day. Did not work today. Humpty is sick today = Looks and seems like midwinter. Saw the first hawk of the season today.

March 28 - Clear and cold. Found Humpty in a very piliable (?) this morning. Her half born calf was dead and frozen and the heifer greatly chilled and exhausted. Sew for Missrs Crawford and Woolery to help and we got her quite comfortable and at this 11 P.M. she seems quite bright. She is quite a pet and we hate to lose her.

March 29 - Snowing again. Humpty is no better. Worked some at the house. Mr. Woolery was here today. No mail snowing hard at bedtime.

March 30 - Warm and bright. Humpty seems better tonight, we moved her this afternoon which seemed to rest her. Made a picture frame for Annie today.

March 31 - Cold and raw this forenoon but moderated by 3 P.M. and snow hard until bedtime, looks like would continue a week. Humpty about the same. Old Puss has been sick a long time. I shot her today to end her suffering. Annie, Lissie and I snow shoed up to Lissie's ranch today. Snow is crusted and settled very hard. Met Mr. Dever and two other men coming in. Called at Missrs Crawford and Woolery's. Began using hay off the stable, snow all night.

#### April 1884

April 1 - Clear and pleasant. Broke trails, attended to the wants of the sick heifer, killed two grouse. Let Johnny begin to use the shot gun today. Humpty got up on her feet this afternoon. Annie and I went to the Springs in the evening, get home at 10:30 P.M. Snow shoeing fine=cold and clear. (Side margin-2 grouse).

April 2 - Clear and cold=Am snow blind today=The boys and I snow shoed down the river find some bare spots on the sunny side of the bluffs. Mrs. Crawford, Lulie and Logan spend the day with us. Humpty gets up by herself today=

April 3 - Cold and clear. Thaw in the sun but froze in the shade all day=Worked as well as my eyes would permit as shoveling snow and picking ice around the house and tent. Elmer and Louis came up-Elmer fixed his show shoes. They went on up to the Springs. Got a little mail today. Humpty is better.

April 4 - Clear and bright. Mr. Dever came down and spent the day with us. Wyan Woolery came to see the boys tonight. I visited with Mr. Dever and do not work.

April 5 - Warm and hazy. Thawed some on the N. side of the cabins today=I went hunting. Killed 1 elk and 3 porcupine. Annie and Lissie went up to the Springs after mail got home a little after dark. I went part way to meet them. Snowing hard at 9 P.M. seems like mid winter. I can now snow shoe over the corral fence and the top of the picket fence around the garden is at least a foot below the top of the snow. Snow is settled down very solid. The girls report seeing a robin and some. Kill deers at the Springs. A few geese have come but they seem confused and fly up and down the valley looking for a bare spot to roost and fee in vain over summer if we have any will be very short=Spring is at least a month later than usual for this neck o' woods.

April 6 - Sunday-Cold and windy, snow drifted all day -Began saving Humpty's milk today =Send for goods to E. Ridley and Sons and Simpson. Crawford and Simpson made a picture frame.

April 7 - Johnny and I went up to the mountains after the hide, horns and meat of the Elk I killed Saturday the sun shone very bright I am very tired and terribly sunburned clouded up and snow in evening=

April 8 - Bright and pleasant: Thawed rapidly in the sun when the snow was dirty but froze in the shade all day. I worked at the house. Annie and Lissie went up to Mr. Suttle's to spend the day. Got home at dusk. After supper the boys and I went up to the park and rode down in the moonlight. Snow shoeing is superb.

April 9 - Bright and pleasant. Annie and I went up to the mountains to where I killed the Elk to see if any bear were out. Saw no game of any kind. Got home at 2:30 P.M. Elmer came up and went back today. Wyan Woolery was here to play with the boys today=After supper the boys, Lissie and I went snow shoeing. Aunt Mary ahs a headache. Today we snow shoed up to the hills over four to ten feet of sold snow while one year ago today Mr. Woolery and I went up to the same spot on bare ground.

April 10 - Pleasant. All hands went up to the Springs, and visited Mr. Crawford's folks. Lissie went up to the ranch. Lulie, John and Logan went with her. Aunt Mary and John remain. Mr. Dever came home with us. Got a small mail today.

April 11 - Snow and rain part of the day. Do not work much=Thawed all day quite fast. Bare spots are coming on the steep South slopes where the early snows last winter melted off and the late snows blow off.

April 12 - Do not feel well and lay around the house. Warm, snow is settling very little. Elmer came by with the mail today. Annie churned today.

April 13 - Snow by spells all day. Today is Easter Sunday. We have eggs fried boiled and scrambled and custard pies. Elmer brought the mail at midnight last night and stayed the balance of the night.

April 14 - I went hunting. Killed and dressed a very fine elk (10 points). Packed the meat in the snow. Came home in a blinding snow storm snow shoes stuck terrible I'm very tired, Mr. Dever went up to the Springs, Aunt Mary and Johnny came home. (Side margin-1 elk).

April 15 - Very snow blind=Got a big paper mail but can not read=Elmer came and stays all night.

April 16 - Eyes are very bad-Elmer and I went up to the mountains after the meat. Daisy has a calf=

April 17 - Elmer stayed and helped do the chores then went home. My eyes are better today. Snow in afternoon and at night=

April 18 - Pleasant. A high wind is blowing tonight from the East=I went with Johnny to his traps skinned and dressed the deer that we have kept hanging up all winter, cut wood and chored around loaded the rifle shells. Saw blue birds today. (Side margin-Blue birds)

April 19 - Pleasant. Went hunting for bear but did not find any. Saw two elk but did not molest them, saw a chipmunk today. Mr. Woolery brought the mail. Elmer passed here on his way to the Springs=Write a letter last night to the Denver News, dated it April 20<sup>th</sup>. Am tired tonight.

April 20 - Sunday. Annie and I snow shoed down to the ponds, coming home over the garden fence, saw many robins and blue birds= In the evening the boys and I rode down hill. Snow deep and firm. Write the prospector.

April 21 - Fix up the trail some and chop a little wood. Johnny caught a beaver. Messrs Crawford, Woolery and Drown called today.

April 22 - Went up into the hills but saw no sign of bears=Messrs Crawford, Woolery, Dever, Hull, and St. John and Logan here today with horses to break trail to haul hay. Had roast beaver and beaver tail soup for dinner.

April 23 - Cut wood and tinkered around home. The folks were down from the Springs breaking trails. Took a pack load of hay on a horse. Saw a crane today. The river is getting up.

April 24 - I have a lame back so can hardly get around. Killed a wild goose today, took the vegetables up and picked out the bad ones today. The Springs folks broke a trail down to Mr. Woolery's stacks. Got another mail. (Side margin-killed one goose).

April 25 - Gloomy and stormy. Do nothing but chores.

April 26 - Snow fell about 6 inches last night and snow by spells all today. Daisy is snow blind-I loafed around the house. Can see nearly all the top of the garden fence above the snow now. The river is raising very fast. Annie has a nervous headache tonight.

April 27 - Sunday=Annie is better, we snow shoed down to the river. The water begins to show through the snow in places where the ground is very low in the bottom. Elmer was here this evening.

April 28 - Went to look for bear but saw no sign. Snow three inches in afternoon and turned colder=I prospected some. Lissie fell off her snow shoes in the slough.

April 29 - Cloudy and snow part of the day. Began breaking a trail to get the cows to the hills.

April 30 - Snow part of forenoon, worked at breaking trail went down to the river struck a lynx trail, followed it up the hills. The low places and runs are getting full of slush. I broke through with the snow shoe, got one leg wet. The river is lower owing to cool weather.

#### May 1884

May 1 - Clear and cold, the crust hardly softens during the day. I went up to the hills to help Dever and Crawford dig on their copper prospect. Found some nice looking rock. Snow shoeing very fine=Lissie and John went up to the P.O. but got no mail. Annie done a washing today.

May 2 - Dever and I went up to the mine to work today. Day bright and pleasant.

May 3 - Work at shoveling trail. Louis Garbarino, Messrs Woolery and Suttle was here today. The girls went up to the Springs on snow shoes.

May 4 - Snow all day=I made some blow pipe tests of ore today, and succeeded in getting some small buttons of metal (copper). St. John and Johnny Suttle brought their horses and mules.

May 5 - Bright and warm. Crawford, Dever and Logan came with loaded trail sled for Camp Dever but the snow was so soft that they concluded to put off going until tomorrow. Mr. D. staying here. Logan killed 3 grouse and 1 hawk while here.

May 6 - Warm. Afternoon bright and clear. Crawford and Logan came down and we went up to the mine, took two trail sleds but the trail began to get soft and we had to leave the loads this side about 1 mile, saw a fresh bear track. Dever and Logan will camp up in the hills tonight. Heard frogs croaking in the slough tonight=Mr. French was here. Crawford and I signed a note with him for \$150.00 payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bk Boulder in 90 days from May 14, '84. (Side margin-heard frogs).

May 7 - Bright and pleasant. I went up to camp. Dever and I put in the day at work. We sunk the shaft about 18 inches deeper today and found some pretty ore.

May 8 - Very pleasant. Crawford and I made a small coal pit and burned it today. Colthorp came along tonight. Logan and John Suttle were here tonight. Saw swallows today.

May 9 - Warm. Had a thunder storm this afternoon. I got the cattle out to the hills today. Mr. Woolery tried to bring his stock across the river today but the water was too high. Mr. Dever came down from the hills tonight, report the mine looking well. Mr. St. John was here today-The slough in front of the house is like a small river now. Snow is melting fast=I picked some flowers today.

May 10 - Put in the day assaying up to the Springs. River and creeks raising fast. Gene Mandlin came up the river with the mail. He reports that Mr. Fisk had a four horse team and a young lady daughter drown yesterday. They are rigging up a boat at the Springs to cross the mail carrier in. Had several thunder storms this afternoon.

May 11 Sunday - Warm and windy, snow settling very fast, a few bare spots began to show on the bench lands that slope to the South. All the creeks and runs full of water. I took out the wagon bridge over Lick run and put a foot log across. Brought the boat from the river to the slough. The boys can boat ride near the house.

May 12 - Went up to the mine today. Mr. Dever and I went hunting. I killed a grizzly cub (a yearling) and two grouse, day cloudy with thundershowers. Saw deer tracks. The first of the season think they must have wintered up in the hills near here. (Side margin-1 bear and two grouse).

May 13 - Went up to the mine again today. Helped Mr. Dever some. Mrs. Woolery and children was here to visit today=Snow shoeing is getting bad, the snow is so soft and wet.

Got a large mail yesterday and today. Had a thunder shower this evening.

May 14 - I stayed at home, fixed the corral, cut some wood, stretched the bear skin, and c. and c. wrote several letters. Mr. Crawford and Logan was here with team and wagon after hay. Bruce and I went up the hill this evening and got a sage hen and a blue grouse=(Side margin-1 sage hen, Blue grouse.)

May 15 - Gloomy, rain in afternoon. Made a garden rake. The cattle went down the River and across some bad water. I took the boat down to cross and got them back. Had a tough time getting the boat through the drift wood and large Willows.

May 16 - Rain all day, rained all night last night. I went hunting this afternoon. Saw one elk but did not shoot at him. Was after bear but only saw tracks. Found where some elk had wintered and cast their last years antlers. Broke the extractor to my rifle tonight. Logan was here today. Went up the hills without snow shoes for the first, some places the snow is knee deep but one can work around on the south side hills and avoid most of it.

May 17 - Went up to the mine today. Went from there hunting and prospecting, found nothing. Brought a back load of Elk horns out of the mountains to where I can get to them with a wagon next summer. Dever and I found a new lead (?) today. It seems to be mostly iron. Can now go to the Spring and the stable on bare ground.

May 18 Sunday - Very pleasant. Snow went fast today. The bottoms are nearly bare of snow-The middle finger on my right hand is swollen and very sore. Picked up the bones from around the horses (?) and carted them away.

May 19 - Went up to the mountains with Dever. Johnny Crawford went along. Put up the snow shoes for the summer. Got another mail today=Warm and pleasant. (Side margin-one grouse).

May 20 - Rain nearly all day. The boys came down after a load of hay. I am sick today with the piles (?) Logan came after sour milk.

May 21 - Rain all day, stay at home and read-

May 22 - More pleasant today. I am not well yet, stay indoors most all day. Bruce and I went out in the park and shot two grouse. Work a little at harrow. The last of the snow between the cabins melted today. (Side margin-2 grouse).

May 23 - Finished the harrow. Began spading the garden, went up to the licks in the evening, killed one blue grouse. Day pleasant write showers, Annie, Bruce and John went up to the P.O. and got the mail. (Side margin-1 grouse).

May 24 - Work at spading the garden. Very pleasant.

May 25 Sunday - Went hunting. Killed one elk, one hawk and three porcupine. Forenoon very warm. Afternoon chilly. Got quite a big mail today. (Side margin-1 elk).

May 26 - Mr. Woolery and I went up after meat. Mr. Dever went up to the mine. Began to make garden today.

May 27 - Pleasant. Worked at the garden.

May 28 - Worked at garden. Rain in the afternoon and at night. Mail came.

May 29 - Tried to spade in the garden, found it too wet. Logan came after milk and took the spade up. I went up to the mountains and got balance of my antlers. Killed an elk. Mr. Dever came down from the mine and helped me dress it. Rain a very little today=Came home, loaded rifle shells and wrote letters. The girls raked around the house. (Side margin-1 elk).

May 30 - Very pleasant. I put the bridge in over Lick Run and spaded in the garden. Logan went up after the Elk I killed yesterday. Mr. Woolery was here to get the plow. Johnny went up and got the mail and Johnny Crawford came home with him to stay all night. Annie washed and worked at making flower beds.

May 31 - Pleasant in forenoon. Cloudy and cold in afternoon. Spaded some in garden. Livingston and Nott brought two loads of lumber for me. Mr. Dever came down from the mine was here to dinner. Mr. Woolery plowed this afternoon. I cut some sage brush. Johnny and Aunt Mary go to the springs to stay tonight. Annie cleaned out the shop today.

## June 1884

June 1 Sunday - Very pleasant. Went up into the hills today saw four deer, one elk and some grouse, went to the Springs after mail.

June 2 - Very pleasant. Spaded some in the garden, worked some at the fence. Nott brought two loads of lumber today. Dever was here this forenoon.

June 3 - Went up to the Springs in the morning. Put wire on the fence and spaded in the garden. They brought two loads of lumber and one of shingles today. Annie and Bruce went up to the Springs visiting today-Mail came.

June 4 - Worked in the garden forenoon and at house in the afternoon-Cloudy today, began to shingle the kitchen, write some letters.

June 5 - Pleasant, worked in garden in forenoon, shingled in afternoon. Lulie Crawford, Cusha Suttle and Nelly French was here to spend the day. Nott was here.

June 6 - Worked at the house. Mr. Dever came down from the mine today.

June 7 - Rain softly nearly all the forenoon, went hunting in the afternoon, killed one deer. The first of the season. Some of the garden truck (?) is coming up. Mr. Woolery came to plow this afternoon but found it too hard.

June 8 Sunday -The boys and I went after the balance of the deer, saw another deer. In afternoon I made a gate for cow yard. Louis Garbarino was here this afternoon. Annie and Lissie went up and got the mail.

June 9 - Finished shingling the kitchen and planted potatoes. Dever was here this afternoon.

June 10 - Worked at assaying in forenoon and at the house in the afternoon. Dever was here this afternoon making a wheelbarrow.

June 11 - Rained part of the day. Spaded and sowed some turnips. Laid floor in porch. Dever worked at wheelbarrow. Louis G. was here to dinner.

June 12 - Very pleasant. Worked at the house. Dever finished the wheelbarrow. Quite a number of persons were here today. Crawford and Logan got home with the horses. Aunt Mary and John got home from a several days visit to the Springs. Write a letter to the prospector.

June 13 - Boarded the roof of the main part of the new house and began shingling. We move the stove into the new kitchen and eat supper in it.

June 14 - My 41<sup>st</sup> birthday, worked at shingling in the forenoon and went up to the school meeting at the Springs in afternoon. After supper went out and killed a couple of bucks. (Side margin-2 deer).

June 15 - Rain in forenoon. After dinner Bruce and I went after the deer I killed last night. Hung a door in kitchen. Elmer has come down from Hahn's Peak. I saw 14 deer tonight while going after the cows.

June 16 - Cool and pleasant, worked at shingling the house. Dever went up to the mine this A.M. Elmer, Louis G. and Ida Woolery was here today. Elmer went up to the mine this evening, will help timber.

June 17 - Worked at shingling. Rained this afternoon. Annie put up lining overhead in the kitchen. Elmer came back from the mine.

June 18 - Finished shingling the house today and hauled dirt to level off in the main part to put floor on. Mrs. Crawford and Johnny spent the day here, "Pony" Whitmore was here to dinner today.

June 19 - Put floor in main part of cabin. Whitmore was here today also Mr. Crawford. Annie and Lissie went for mail.

June 20 - Worked at inside of house. Mrs. French and children and Mrs. Crawford and baby spent the day here. Mr. Crawford, Lulie and Mrs. Suttle was here a little while.

June 21-Worked at house. Mr. Dever came down from the mine this morning. Day quite warm.

June 22 - Went hunting. Killed no game. Day pleasant. Elmer came tonight.

June 23 - Warm and bright, worked hard at the cabin today and made good progress. Went out after supper and killed a deer. Dever and Elmer went up to the mine this A.M. (Side margin-1 deer).

June 24 - All hands went up to the licks after the deer I killed last night. I worked at the inside of the cabin. Have the woodwork most done.

June 25 - Work all day making a bedstead. Very pleasant. Lissie had a headache. Oscar came home with John tonight.

June 26 - Made and hung two doors. Dever and Elmer came down from the mine tonight. Annie and Bruce went after the mail. Mr. Whitmore lost his saddle, two mail sacks and his hat in Elk River today. John Crawford came to stay tonight.

June 27 - Went with Aunt Mary this forenoon to look up a ranch claim for her. Worked at the house in afternoon. Day quite warm.

June 28 - Made a screen door, finished and hung it, and began another-The warmest day of the season. Annie and Lissie went after the mail.

June 29 Sunday - Laid around the house and wrote letters. Very warm. The boys made a boat and both got ducked.

June 30 - Went with others to try to build a bridge across Fish Creek. We succeeded in getting the abutments and one stringer on. The creek is very high and we have to make a 50 foot span. Saw Mr. Tower the county assessor and gave in our list. Elmer is here tonight.

#### July 1884

July 1 - Work at home, finish door screen and began putting up partition in the old cabin. Rain and blow this afternoon.

July 2 - Finished the partition in old house and made a bedstead. Elmer got ready to start to GeoTown. Went hunting at night but killed nothing.

July 3 Mr. Crawford and I went up to the crossing of the river to help Elmer over the river. We took the wagon apart and took it over in pieces by the little boat- Worked some around home in the evening.

July 4 -We all stay at home except John and Aunt Mary who went to the Springs. Mr. Dever came down and spent the day with us. Had a good visit. I did not work today. Made Bruce a lead canon. Went out after supper and killed a deer.

July 5 - Hung two doors, and put on locks. Made another bedstead. Daisy's bag (?) is so sore tonight that she will neither let her calf suck nor be milked-Very warm today.

July 6 Sunday - Rested and wrote a little sent warrants and interest for redemption to Hahn's Peak amounting to \$124.86. Mr. Dever is better today, got another mail today. Rain a little today-Very warm-

July 7 - Was most sick today and did not work, cloudy and rain very little at times but not enough to wet the ground. The garden needs rain very much. Dever is better today. He went up to the Springs tonight. One of the little sage chickens died today. Aunt Mary, Lissie and Johnny planted two rows of radishes tonight.

July 8 - Am better today. Work hard at making fence all day. Annie and Lissie and Bruce went after the mail only got two papers. Aunt Mary and John go to the Springs. Made 15 rods of fence and am awful tired.

July 9 - Work very hard at making fence all night. Had quite a hard frost last night but was very warm today. The horse, and deer flies, nigger flies, and mosquitoes were worse today than any other time this year. Crawford's folks and Mr. French started for Denver today. Aunt Mary came home this forenoon. Mr. Suttle's team started Monday for Empire after supplies. Made 13 rods of fence and a gateway today.

July 10 - Very warm. Deer flies and c. very troublesome. I built a fence all day. Went out to hunt after supper. Killed two 5 point bucks.

The girls went after the mail and the cows. Mr. Dever came down from the Springs tonight. (Side margin-2 deer).

July 11 - Mr. Dever and I went this forenoon and got the meat that I killed last night. In the afternoon I made a bunk for Johnny.

July 12 - Very hot. Made fence and split and piled posts. Had to cut a road through the wilderness to make a place for the fence. Dever went up to the Springs. Lissie had gone to stay with Lulie tonight. Rain a little today and looks like rain tonight. A new species (to me) of miller is very thick am afraid they will breed a pest of worms. Started in to break a new pair of shoes today.

July 13 - Sunday: All hands went up to Lissie's ranch and tried to find some strawberries but met with poor success. Mr. Dever came home with us. Day very warm. Rain a very little.

July 14 - Worked hard all day cutting and splitting fence posts. We had a strawberry shortcake for supper.

July 15 - Very warm. Work hard at making fence. Mrs. French and Mrs. Suttle were here to spend the day. Brought the mail. I hear that Mr. Denison has come back-

July 16 - Very pleasant. Worked at the fence all day. Finished West line to the slough. Put in small gate and bars and put barbed wire on all that has been made for three days.

After supper I went up Lick Creek, looked up a place to put a down and began a ditch.

July 17 - Work at making fence. Elmer and his brother came in this afternoon. Had to leave the wagon and the load on the other side of the river. I built twenty lengths of fence today. Voice and Denison came.

July 18 - Work at fence. Sharpened and carried posts and poles. Elmer and Logan spent all day hunting horses. The girls picked a mess of strawberries and we had a shortcake for supper. I tried to fish for trout this evening but could not get a bite. Milton and Harvey Woolery and Mr. Livingston and hands got in today. Daisy and Reddy took the bull this day. (Side margin-Bird Brooks time begins).

July 19 - Worked at the fencing. Went out after supper and killed a deer. Elmer and Bird Brought in the load. (Side margin-1 deer).

July 20 - Hitched up the horses and all hands went down to Elmer's ranch. Had trout for dinner that Bird and John caught. Lissie and I tried to catch some but they would not bite we found a fine bed of strawberries, went back to the cabin and got all hands took dishes and picked a fine lot, came home and had a feast. Reddy did not come up tonight with the balance of the stock and I am afraid she is dead.

July 21 - Bird and I work at fencing. Reddy came home tonight, is quite sick. Elmer and Denison went down the river. Dever went up to the mine. The girls went out and caught a mess of trout for dinner. They were very fine.

July 22 - I have a sore thumb and do not work much today, set a few posts, went fishing but only caught only two trout. Drove Livingston's cattle down the R. to keep them off the hay land. Johnny brought the mail.

July 23 - Hauled posts in forenoon and set posts in afternoon. Had a royal mess for dinner.

July 24 - Worked at making fence in forenoon. Annie and I took the horses and went hunting. Killed a fine deer and did not get home until 9 P.M. A stranger who is in route for Hahn's Peak stays tonight here. (Side margin-1 deer).



July 25 - Commenced to cut hay. Mr. Dever came down from the mine. Mr. Denison came up and had a very severe attack of palpitations of the heart. Thought he was dying for a little while. He recovered and ate a hearty supper. Mr. Crawford and Logan came by him.

July 26 - Worked at haying. The women folks went up to the Springs. AM very tired tonight. Saw Mr. Milner today. Denison is better and went up to the Springs.

July 27 - Kept the Sabbath by fishing and visiting with lots of company that came.

July 28 - Worked at haying. Sent Bird up to the Springs after timber and hay rack.

July 29 - Rain most all night. The clerk of the weather has according to a time honored custom of his and as a matter of special accommodation with how rain all summer when it was badly needed to pour it down upon us just as we are hanging and earnestly hoping for a week or two of fair weather-I am on the sick list today and only worked a little. We however got the hay that was blown about and wet last night dried and put up when the wind scattered it again and a big storm of hail and rain played hell with it again.

July 30 - Worked at the haying. Milton Woolery cut with his mower for me today. Began stacking this afternoon. Mr. Denison cutted today. Mr. Crawford's folks drove down this evening. Wrote a letter to the Grand Lake Prospector this evening.

July 31 - Hauled hay in forenoon and lumber in afternoon. Went hunting after supper but saw no game.

#### August 1884

August 1 - Worked at haying. Put up a large lot of hay but it blowed down again. Mowed some this afternoon. Bird worked some of the fence. Went hunting after supper. Killed a fine buck. Mr. Harvey Woolery racked hay part of the day for me. Wrote letters. (Side margin-1 deer).

August 2 - Hauled hay. Did not get the cows until very late. Elmer came this evening. Bird went after the mail. Have now 11 loads of hay in stack. The first we hauled is healing some.

August 3 - Caught 20 trout for dinner. Put up a little hay that was down in swath. Dever and Elmer also Milton Woolery was here.

August 4 -Hauled hay. Annie done a washing. Lissie caught some trout.

August 5 - I mowed in the slough. Bird made fence, finished the pasture fence all but putting on the wire. Rain about 5 P.M. I went over the river and caught 16 trout and 1 greyling.

August 6 - I mowed grass. Bird put the wire on the fence last night, built and spread hay. Annie and Aunt Mary went to the Springs. Bruce went with them. Lissie and Johnny went fishing in afternoon and caught a nice string of trout. Bird is afflicted with a rash or sores on his body. He went up to the Springs to bath after supper. Aunt Mary stays up to Mr. Crawford's.

August 7 - Moved hay in forenoon. Put up hay in afternoon. Denison came up and stopped here at noon. He is feeling poorly. Lissie and Johnny caught a lot of fish. Annie has a bad headache-Rain a little today.

August 8 - Rain last night and today. We cannot work at haying. Work at fixing ford over river in af. noon, hauled the hay to make a fire guard. Denison is not feeling well. Dever called this afternoon.

August 9 - Cloudy and rain a little. We mowed grass today. Denison is much better today- Caught a lot of hoppers for tomorrow which is Sunday.

August 10 -Mr. Dever came in the morning. He and I took a long tramp in the hills. I killed one deer. Mr. Dever found some very nice "float".The balance of the folks went fishing and caught a fine lot of trout. Elmer was here this afternoon. I raked up some hay after supper. We saw a lot of bear sign but no bears.

August 11 - Hauled hay. Mr. Cody and a man from Chicago came down from the mines today. Mr. Cody is our guest. Annie and Lissie went up to the Springs this afternoon. Milton Woolery finished cutting hay across the river for me today. Rain a little today.

August 12 - Mowed and put up hay. Denison went down the river after breakfast.

August 13 - Put up hay in forenoon and mowed in afternoon. Lissie's sister and brother-in-law and a family from Nebraska by the name of Hibbler-I went hunting in the evening. Killed a fat deer. Mr. Keller and two other men who live up on Elk R. camp here tonight. They are on their way home from Denver. Denison was here to dinner today. Cody went home. Looks very much like rain-(Side margin-1 deer).

August 14 - Put up hay all day-Looks much like storm.

August 15 - Stacked hay until 4 P.M. when the rain stopped us. Picked boulders out of the fording place in the river.

August 16 - Went hunting. Killed a big bear. Saw many deer but did not shoot at any. Bird worked at the hay. Mr. Dever took supper with us. (Side margin-1 bear).

August 17 - All hands went out after the bear with wagon and saddle horses. Mr. Dever went with us. Were caught in a big rain and all got wet.

August 18 - Started to haul hay but found it too wet. Fixed up the hay cocks in forenoon. Went hunting in afternoon but saw no bear. Rain. Bird made a new hay pen.

August 19 - Rain so we could not work this forenoon. Went up in the hills and cut post timber in afternoon. Am afraid that my hay that is not stacked will get badly damaged.

August 20 - Cut post timber. Rain again. Went up to the springs in evening.

August 21 - Set Bird up to the woods. Stees and I hunted all day. Stees killed one deer and I did not kill anything. Seems like clearing up.

August 22 - Hauled hay all day. Stees and men hauled 2 loads for me in the afternoon. Went up to the Springs in evening to see Mr. French about his note in bank.

August 23 - Stocked hay in forenoon and one load in the afternoon when the rain made us stop. Wrote letters. Annie caught a fine mess of trout.

August 24 Sunday -Rested. Mr. Milner, wife and daughter were here on a visit. Rain most all night last night but was quite pleasant today. The boys went fishing but did not have good luck.

August 25 - I went up to the Springs today to see Braudeger. Settled with Crawford. Hauled hay after I came back. Voice, Denison and Braudeger were here to tea. Day very clear and pleasant. Annie has a sick headache today.

August 26 - Stacked hay in forenoon. Sent Bird with team to help Stees stack. In the afternoon I went hunting killed two bucks. Bruce has a very sore throat and quite a fever . (Side margin-2 deer).

August 27 - Bruce is sick abed. Am quite worried about him. I went up in the woods, dressed the deer I killed yesterday and brought home some of the meat on my back. Hung the balance up in some trees. Bird took the team and helped Stees stack hay. Mr. Stafford is here to stay tonight.

August 28 - Bruce seems much better today. Stafford is still with us. Cut hay in the forenoon in the afternoon I went up with Mollie and packed down the hams, shoulders and hides of my deer-It is quite warm tonight.

August 29 - Finished stacking in the forenoon, went up to the cedars in the afternoon. Hauled two loads. Bruce is not quite as well today. Stees and the other campers went to Elk River today to help Keller make hay.

August 30 - Bird hauled timber for posts. I worked in woods this forenoon and cut and split posts at home in afternoon. Bruce does not seem any better today.

August 31 - Rested-Dever and Mr. Hunt were here to dinner today. Bruce is not quite so well today. We are much worried that he does not mend. R.E. Clark was here today.

#### September 1884

September 1 - Bird hauled post timber. I chopped in the woods in forenoon, split posts at home until 4 in the afternoon then went hunting and killed a deer. Got home after dark very tired. Bruce seemed better today until late in afternoon when his fever came on and he was worse. Stees came down from Elk R. and cut hay on Lissie's ranch in the afternoon. Lissie and Aunt Mary caught a mess of trout. (Side margin-1 deer).

September 2 - Bird went up the river to help Stees cut hay-I went after the deer and chored around home the balance of the day. Bruce seems a very little better today. Mr. Hunt is staying with us tonight.

September 3 - Bruce seems a little worse. I stay at home and make fence posts. Bird goes to help fence the hay stack and brings home a load of poles. Uncle Lewis and Prof. Smith come. Uncle Lewis has a very lame back. Mrs. Crawford and some other ladies come to call.

September 4 - Bruce is a little better I stay home to visit. Uncle Lewis is pretty sore. Prof. Smith caught a fine mess of fish and killed some grouse.

September 5 - Bruce is better. I stay home. Uncle Lewis is mending. Maxwell and family are here to dinner today. Crawford and young Milner are here. Smith caught a fine string of fish and lost his glasses. Bird hauled two loads of poles.

September 6-Visited and went fishing. Bird hauled timber.

September 7-All hands went up the river to look for agates. Did not succeed in finding any very nice ones.

September 8 - Prof. Smith and Aunt Mary went fishing. Lissie and Uncle Lewis went up the river broke the buggy. I went hunting but killed no game.

September 9 - Hunted hard all day and only killed one buck. Was caught in a big snow storm up in the hills. ( Side margin-1 deer).

September 10 - Went after my game. Bruce is mending slowly.

September 11 - Prof. Smith and I put in the day visiting the Springs.

September 12 - All hands went fishing in forenoon. In the afternoon I went to the Springs to a convention.

September 13 - Prof. Smith, the girls and I went to see the mine.

September 14 - Rain. Prof. and I caught a mess of trout.

September 15 - I began plastering the house. Bird hauled much.

September 16 - Plastered the house. Bird went to the woods. The boys and the women went to the Hot Springs.

September 17 - Hunted hard all day. Got no game-Very tired. Prof. Smith started home.

September 18 - Worked at daubing the cabin. Clark got in with load from GeoTown. Had lots of callers today.

September 19 - Uncle Lewis started home. I worked at daubing the house. Bird went to the Cedars to work. The girls caught some fish. I wrote some letters in the evening. Killed a skunk by candlelight.

September 20 - Finished daubing the house this forenoon. Went hunting in the afternoon. Killed a very fine buck. Bird hauled post timber. (Side margin-1 deer).

September 21-Sunday - Went after the deer. Stees and Elmer came in with an elk and a deer.

September 22 - Worked all day at cutting and salting meat. Pulled some porcupine quills out of Humpty's foot.

September 23 - Bird went to the cedars I stayed at home and made fence posts.

September 24 - Bird went up to the Fish Creek and cut logs to build a stable on Lissie's ranch. I went hunting. Killed two fine deer and saw some very fresh bear tracks. (Side margin-2 deers).

September 25 - Bird went down to help on Aunt Mary's cabin. Stees and I went after game.

September 26 - Stayed at home. Rain today. Bird went down to help Elmer on Aunt Mary's cabin.

September 27 - Stees and I started to Georgetown. Camped for night above Scott's ranch.

September 28 - Camp for night near Rock Creek.

September 29-Camp for night above Barney Day's old ranch on Grand River.

September 30-Camp at Stage station above Junction ranch.

#### October 1884

October 1 - Reach Georgetown at dusk.

October 2 - Purchase supplies and fixed our wagons. Got the horses shod +c.

October 3 - Loaded the wagons in forenoon ate dinner and started homeward at 2 P.M. Camped for night at Atlantic house.

October 4-Crossed the range-Camp for night at Stage station. Are in company with a gentleman from Grand Lake named Butler.

October 5-Camp at Mill's old cabin above Hot Sulphur Springs.

October 6-Camp five miles west of Hermitage. Weather very windy.

October 7-Crossed the park range. Snowed so the roads were very slippery. We had to unload part of our goods and make two trips. Camp on the summit of Black Tail hill at 10 P.M. Very cold and tired-Steas team got stuck at Crazy Man's cabin.

October 8 - Both got stuck in the mud today and had to double teams up on one hill-Camp in upper end of Egeria park-

October 9-Made a big days drive-Camp for night at Salt Spring on Oak Creek.

October 10 - Pulled out at daylight and reached home at 9 A.M. Found the folks all alive and well and are glad to be here.

October 11 - Wrote letters, labored with French to get a note on which I am endorser put in shape. Fixed up my account and c.

October 12 -Steas and I went hunting. Got no game-The deer have mostly left for winter range.

October 13 -Made platform for stove. Went down to the grove and cut driftwood. Annie, Aunt Mary, Bruce, John and I went to the Springs and got Aunt Mary's stove. Very warm today and looks like a storm is gathering.

October 14 -Hunted hard all day. Killed one buck only-Got caught in a rain storm=Weather very warm for this time of the year.

October 15 -Very warm-tramped all day and killed no game-The deer are most all gone and Elk are very scarce. No sign of bear.

October 16 - Went after the deer I killed day before yesterday-Very warm and bright.

October 17-Took the team and went up the river. Hunted over a big tract of mountain country but found no game. Adair was here this A.M.-Stees moved down to Aunt Mary's ranch yesterday-Warm and bright today. Sent an order to Clark for goods from Rawlins.

October 18 - Went hunting in forenoon. Settled with Bird and let him go. Gathered some vegetables, rearranged the store room, and c. Kimmer is here to stay all night.

October 19 - Fixed up the stoves. Hung the door between sitting room and kitchen and c.

October 20 - Tinkered around home. Went to Mr. Suttle's +c.

October 21 - I have a stiff neck today. The balance of the folks went visiting to the Springs today-Bird came to get his trunk and things, Killed 2 ducks. (Side margin-2 ducks).

October 22 - Am a little better today. Voice was here-I finished digging vegetables and taking care of them. Sent a check to Elmer to pay for his work on Aunt Mary's house and to pay for goods ordered at Rawlins. Bird was here to dinner-Voice called today.

October 23 - All hands went up to fix the fence around haystacks. Then went up to Fish Creek. I cut some timber for Lissie's ranch. The balance of the folks went fishing but had poor luck. Very pleasant-Dever was having a big fire on his ranch.

October 24 -All hands went up to the river to Annie's ranch-Caught 12 fish. Got home after dark, found some potatoes that Mr. Shelton had sent up.

October 25 - Chopped wood all day.

October 26-Annie, Aunt Mary and Lissie went down to Stees to help "born a boy."

October 27 - Hauled three loads of wood. Day cold, Annie, Bruce and John went down to Stees in afternoon.

October 28 - Chopped wood in the forenoon hauled two loads in the afternoon. Lissie went down to Stees.

October 29-The 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our wedding-Chopped wood in forenoon. Went fishing in afternoon. Caught none. Mr. Shelton was here at dinner. Had roast duck for dinner.

October 30 - Chopped in forenoon. Hauled two loads in the afternoon. Lissie came home. Got my hand hurt while taking the calf away from sucking the cow tonight.

October 31-Hauled one load of wood in forenoon, chopped a little in the afternoon. Annie, Lissie and Bruce went to Mr. Suttle's after the sewing machine. Johnny took the mules and wagon home. The very pleasant weather still continues-I shot two muskrats this evening.

#### November 1884

November 1 - Put the potatoes in the pantry. Hauled a load of wood and c.

November 2 - Mr. Dever came. The boys went up to the Springs. Johnny Crawford came home with them. Bird came-Went down to call at Aunt Mary's ranch in the afternoon.

November 3 - Hunted saw no game.

November 4 - Went to election and voted for Cleveland.

November 5-Chored around. Looked for Nubbin-Mr. Dever came.

November 6 -Chopped a little wood. Dever and I prospected.

November 7 - Dever and I went to hunt topaz crystals.

November 8-Do not feel like tramping much today and chore around home. Do not find the cows. Had two hunts after the cows. Found them over the river. Stees and family came to visit. Aunt Mary came home. Killed 2 grouse (Side Margin-2 grouse).

November 9-Took the folks up to the garnet ledge to hunt specimens. Killed chickens tonight.

November 10-Mr. Dever came down-Went over the river and set fire on the bottom lands.

November 11 - Went up to help Dever with his cabin saw two deer.

November 12 - Cut sage brush and burned brush.

November 14 -Destroyed brush. Elmer came with goods. Leahy (?) was here this morning.

November 15- Cut and burned brush.

November 16- Do..Jim and family was here. Woolerys came and got hay rack. John and Bruce caught a jack rabbit.

November 17 - Snow about 2 inches and still falling at 9 P.M.-Set around the house-Dever went up to the mine.

November 18- Unpleasant weather, chore some around home.

November 19 - Hunted hard all day. Am awful tired-Saw three deer. Killed one a very large buck. Saw some bull elk. Did not get any. (Side margin-1 deer).

November 20 - Am too tired to work today.

November 21-Chopped a little wood and sat around the house. Dever came down.

November 22-Voice came-Visited all day-Have a cold.

November 23 - Voice went away. Dever was here to dinner. Keller and Hazlett stopped for night on their way outside. Aunt Mary, John and Bruce went to Stees.

November 24 - Lay around home. J.M. Woolery and J.H. Stees was here tonight.

November 25 - Chopped some wood. J.M. Woolery borrowed the wagon to go to Rawlins, cannot find the cows. Killed a sage hen.

November 26 - Hunted cows all day could not find them. Killed three sage hens.

November 27 -Found the cows this forenoon, chopped wood this afternoon-Went to the P.O.

November 28-Chopped some wood-

November 29 - Hunted cows and chopped wood. Dever came down yesterday-

November 30 - Milner was here, also Elmer and Price.

#### December 1884

December 1 - Chopped wood-Went to the Springs in the evening-Wrote letters-Weather still keeps very fine with no snow.

December 2 - Mr. Dever and Johnny Crawford went up to the mine. Liss and Johnny came home today.

December 3 - Chopped wood. Went down to the river with the boys and Annie this forenoon. Annie went to the Springs this afternoon-Looks like storm tonight.

December 4 - Snow an inch last night and today. The cows laid out last night found them about noon. Got a letter from Cody today per Drown.

December 5 -Was cold and raw today. Lissie is quite sick today.

December 6 - Went with the boys to help them set some traps and with Mrs. Woolery to look up a place to take out a ditch. Dever and Stees here today.

December 7 - Kimmer and Milner came last night and brought fiddle and guitar. Stayed until today 4 P.M. Had a good visit-Weather cold.

December 8- Went with Bruce to the traps and chopped woods. Logan came this morning after the hay rade (?)-Weather cold.

December 9 - Chopped wood. Began a pair of mittens in the evening.

December 10 - Chopped wood finished the mittens.

December 11 - Snowed three inches last night and a little most all day today. Stees and family came visiting. H. Woolery started down to meet Milton-

December 12-Very pleasant today-Chopped wood. Mrs. Crawford and little Mary visited here today.

December 13 - Snow most all day. Snow is about 6 inches deep now. Looks like winter had come. Chopped some wood today. Ground the axes. Put a handle in Bruce's ax.

December 14 - Snow all last night and all day. Milton Woolery got back from Rawlins today. Broke my wagon tongue while on the road "in". I took the horses up today and put them in the stable. Pulled off their shoes. Fixed the coffee pot and c. and c. Snow 10 in. deep.

December 15-Snow in forenoon. Blow the rest of the day. Made 2 ½ gallons of brandy and fix up things. Harvey and Milton Woolery were here today-Milner came at night and brought the first mail we have had for over 2 weeks.

December 16-Warm and cloudy. Dever came down. Crawford brought the hay rack and a first hind quarter of fat elk. Milner went home this forenoon.

December 17 - Snowed steady all day-Snow is knee deep. The girls made some cakes today.

December 18-Snow all last night. Crawford started the horses out. Dever and the girls made candy. H. Woolery was here to get me on his read (?) overseer bond. Very warm tonight. Thawing very fast. Snow was 24 inches deep this A.M. but is only 15 inches-This is very stormy weather for this country. Think it will soon get very cold and we will have immensely (?) deep snow. Stopped milking Daisy.

December 19 - Lay around the house all day-Warm and thawing fast.

December 20 - Snow most all day, still warm. Elmer was here today-Johnny Crawford came.

December 21-Blow hard all last night and snow and blow all day. Snow nearly a foot-

December 22-Snow a little today. Turn warm and windy at night. Worked at my snow shoes.

December 23 - Warm and windy. John and Bruce went to P.O. No mail yet. Bent Annie's snow shoes, moved the snow from around the wood pile.

December 24-Made Johnny a pair of snow shoes. Snow most all day. H. and J.M. Woolery were here to dinner. Mr. Breeze was here.

December 25 - Stees's folks, Milner and Kimmer were here. Had a pleasant day of it.

December 26-Snow a little most of the day. Dever and I started for the hills but the snow was too sticky-He fixed his shoes and a sled. Did not accomplish much today.

December 27-Tried to snow shoe up to the hills to look for some missing stock and game but had to come back, snow was too sticky-Made Lissie a pair of snow shoes. Snowed 3 inches last night.

December 28-Laid around until noon, then went up to the hills-Saw one big bull elk but he was too far up the mountain to go to. Frank Jones came and will stay all night- Johnny went down to Stees. Dever is feeling poorly today.

December 29- Frank Jones came last night and went away today. Dever went up to the mine today. I went up to the mountains to look for game saw some animals when coming home but it was too late to try to get a shot. The snow was 3 to 4 feet deep where I was. Did not get home until after dusk.

December 30 - Went hunting. Killed and dressed two fine elk and got home by noon. Fixed up the trail sled and Bruce's old snow shoes in afternoon. Very cold today. (Side margin-2 elk).

December 31 - Very cold. I went up in the hills in forenoon to get a load of milk. In the afternoon the boys went with me after another load-We found the snow shoeing fine-This is the last day of the year-Fix up my books.

#### January 1885

January 1-Clear and cold. John and I went up in the hills and each brought in a load of meat. Baked (?) up snow around the cabin in the evening.

January 2-Clear and cold. John and I haul two loads of meat each and finished. Dever came down from the mine. Had some nice pieces of "rock". Logan came in the evening.

January 3 - Clear and cold. Made a lot of sausage. Lissie and John went down to Aunt Mary's ranch where Stees lives-Dever went up to the Springs.

January 4 - Hazy-Not quite so cold today. The cows went down to Milton Woolery's today. John and Lissie came home- Shoveled some snow around the pantry. Made Annie a couple of small picture frames. Looks like snow tonight.

January 5 - Got a whopping big mail today-Wrote letters. Dever came.

January 6-Warmer. Snow some-Milner and Crawford's families were here today. Fixed the big rocking chair.

January 7-Very pleasant. Dever went to the mine. Stees was here. Made Brucie a pair of snow shoes.

January 8 -. Made Aunt Mary's snow shoes. Fixed the spring and c. Clear cold.

January 9 - Worked at woodpile. The folks went down to the Stees.



January 10 - Woolery's folks came visiting. Dever came in, snow a little.

January 11-Worked at banking house with snow, cleaned the Springs, and c. J.M. Woolery came by-Warmer snowing.

January 12-Very pleasant. Worked at trails. Dever brought the mail.

January 13-Cold-Went down the river to look after Aunt Mary's ranch. Bruce and I are most sick with colds. Dever went to the mine.

January 14-Snow all day. Sent filing for Aunt Mary, Bruce, Lissie and I are sick.

January 15 - Cold. Bruce and I are better. Lissie is worse, commence on the big hay stack.

January 16. -Very cold. We are all better. Annie and Johnny went after the mail.

January 17-Snow all last night and all day. Dever came in at night. Johnny went down to Stees to help feed his stock. Write letters.

January 18-Snow all day. Dever went up to the Springs.

January 19-Quite pleasant. Shovelled snow from wood pile broke trail.

January 20-Fixed the wood pile and chopped a little. Went to P.O. Got no mail. Milner came to spend the night. Clear and cold.

January 21 - Clear and cold. Shovelled snow off the house. Annie and Bruce went to the Springs-Milner went away-John went to Stees and back.

January 22-Clear and very cold. Chopped wood. J.M. Woolery brought a little mail.

January 23-Snow a little all day. The Woolery Brothers went hunting. I went with them. Had an awful jaunt. Got no game. Got in after dark very hungry and tired. Kimmer was here. Lost my revolver.

January 24 - Annie, Lissie and Bruce went to the Springs. Visiting. Got the mail. Wyan came home with Bruce to spend the night.

January 25 - Lissie and John went to Stees. Snow all day chopped some wood.

January 26 - Pleasant, chopped wood. Milner brought his guitar. John came back.

January 27 - Pleasant, chopped wood and went to the P.O. Dever and Logan went up to the mine.

January 28 -Chopped. Lissie came home. John and Bruce went to the P.O. Ida and Oscar came.

January 29 - Cut wood. Killed a rabbit. Bird was here. Annie went after mail. John Crawford came.

January 30 - Warm. Snow some, chopped wood, John and Bruce went up to the Springs.

January 31-Very pleasant. Finished the wood pile. Got a mail. Dever and Logan came down from the mine. Lissie is sick.

## February 1885

February 1 - Sunday. John went to visit Kimmer. Annie, Bruce, and I went with Aunt Mary's down to the Stees. Shoveled snow from the pole pile.

February 2-Clear and cold. Began getting out fence poles and posts. No mail for a week.

February 3-Warm and cloudy, worked at my fencing. Stees and Bird were here. Snow a little this forenoon-

February 4-Warm. Snow in forenoon. Blow hard in afternoon. Work some making fence. Johnny Suttle called. Clear at night.

February 5 -Springlike. Worked at my fence timber. Dever and Logan came down. Logan has a sore throat. Annie done a washing. Stees brought some butter for Suttle's folks.

February 6 -Cloudy and warm. Worked at fence poles. Voice came down from the "Peak". Mr. Woolery brought a little mail. Wyan was here after papers.

February 7 - Aunt Mary came home, Stees and family came. Elmer and H. Woolery was here. Pleasant in forenoon. Snowing hard at night.

February 8-Sunday-This is Annie's 37<sup>th</sup> birthday. Johnny Crawford came to visit it being his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Had a fine dinner.

February 9-Cold and stormy, made fencing, Stees's folks went home. J.M. Woolery-Dever and Logan was here.

February 10 - Cold, snow. Work at fencing. Johnny and Bruce went after the mail. Voice went down the river. Shoveled trail for the cows.

February 11-Snow all day-Worked at making fencing.

February 12 - H. and J.M. Woolery was here. I work at the fencing, wrote chattel mortgages. Snow four inches last night.

February 13=Snow all day. Annie and Bruce went to the Springs. I work at the fencing.

February 14-Snow and blow all night. Shoveled snow and broke trials, set and file the hand saw, and c. and c. Dever and Logan came down from the mine. Have had no mail for nearly a week. Saw some picket stuff. John went to the P.O. and came back empty.

February 15 -Snow hard all day, no mail yet, set in the house all day.

February 16-Cloudy, worked at the fencing timber, did not snow today-no mail.

February 17-Snow most all day-Partly clear at night, made fencing. John went up to the Springs to stay all night. Saw a flock of ducks.

February 18 - Warm and cloudy. Snow part of the day, made fencing. John brought mail.

February 19-Warm and cloudy. Snow most all day, made fencing and went to the Springs-Three couples of young folks came to spend the evening.

February 20 - The day was pleasant. Woolery Bros. were here to dinner. Finished the poles and logs and began on picket timber. Aunt Mary and John went up to the Springs.

February 21-All hands went to the Springs visiting. Put in the day.

February 22-Cool and pleasant, Leahy came, snow shoeing very fine, split some pickets this forenoon. Lissie is sick.

February 23-Cold and frosty. Elmer, Dever, Stees and Milner came with mail.

February 24 - Went to the Springs, split some pickets. John came home.

February 25 - Put in the forenoon coasting. In the afternoon shoveled snow away from the tent. Cool and pleasant. A lynx came to the house last night.

February 26 - Very pleasant and fine "shoeing". Leahy went away. The boys and I went snow shoeing after night. Got quite a mail again today and a letter from Uncle Lewis.

February 27 - Pleasant - Went fishing, did not get a bite. Elmer was here. Dever came down from the mine -

February 28 - Snowed and blowed hard last night. Louis Garbarino and Billy Whipple was here to dinner. Johnny came home from Stees where he went yesterday. Clark came by with the mail. Day pleasant.

### March 1885

March 1 - Clear and cold. Annie, Lissie, Bruce, and I went down to Stees for dinner. Franz, and Ackhurst called. J.M. Woolery was here to tea.

March 2 - Clear and cold, chopped up big log. Helped the boys dig out the boat.

March 3 - Cold. Shoveled snow from Johnny's wood pile and worked some at digging around the boat. Emery and Miss Clouse came to stay tonight.

March 4 - Cold. Snow part of the day - Did not work today.

March 5 - Cold. Snow in afternoon. Fixed Bruce's shoes and legging began splitting up the woodpile. Clark called. Drown came this way brought a letter and package of marten skins from Leahy.

March 6 - Snow all night and all day. Warm. Clark brought the mail. I put in most of the day reading.

March 7 - Clear and pleasant. Split some wood and went to P.O. Milner and Kimmer came to stay all night. Clark called -

March 8 - Lissie came home. J. Woolery, Stees et al was here. Milner went away - Bruce and I had a boat ride. Saw a black birds today. (Side margin - black birds).

March 9 - Split wood. Annie and Lissie went after mail. Emery and Miss Clouse were here. Hull J.M. Woolery and Borghi passed by. Day pleasant.

March 10 - Mr. Crawford and family came to spend the day - Milner came at night. Day very pleasant.

March 11 - Emery bought my livestock and other personal effects. Bird came this evening. Day pleasant but looks like a storm was gathering tonight.

March 12 - Bruce and the girls went after the mail, got a big pile. Louis G. and Johnny S. here to tea. Louis stays all night. Split wood today.

March 13 - We went down to Mill Woolery's and visited. Dever went up to the mine after his bedding - Very pleasant.

March 14 - Very pleasant. Split wood. The girls caught 7 fine trout. We had them for dinner - Dever went to the Springs.

March 15 - Sunday. Pleasant. Emery came to spend the night.

March 16 - Split some wood. Mr. Suttle was here to dinner. Bruce and I went after mail in evening - Warm and cloudy.

March 17 - Enlarged the trail to springs, split wood, and c. Wyan and Oscar came to visit Bruce.

March 18 - Went up to Milner's. Made a churn out of a keg. Aunt Mary went up to the Springs. Dever passed going down.

March 19 - Pleasant. Joe Coleman came. Also Johnny, Billy, Wiley and Emery - packed up my tricks ready for a start.

March 20 - Greased and fixed my snow shoes. Made some brakes and cleaned ice off the house and porch.

March 21 - Emery and I started for Boulder, nooned at Thayer's. Stopped for the night with Louis Wilson. We are very tired.

March 22 - Snowed and "stuck" terribly all day. Camped for night in the old Cobberly cabin. Am snow blind.

March 23-Stuck badly. Made Rock creek, my eyes are very bad-

March 24 - Started from Rock Creek at daylight. Got to Mrs. King's at Troublesome at dark, very tired.

March 25 - Took dinner at Hot Sulphur Springs. Stay all night at Ostrander's. Shoeing was very bad today.

March 26 -. Got to Cozen's stay all night.

March 27 - Reached Empire. Stormed hard all day. We came down a long gulch on the East slope that made quite a cutoff. Had a terrible hard days work and are tired out.

March 28-Walked down to the rail road after breakfast. Took the train for Denver. Thence to Boulder where we arrived at sundown. Found Uncle Lewis very low indeed. He cannot get well. Shook hands with a good many friends.

March 29 - Uncle Lewis is no better. Took dinner at S. C. Brown's. Bought some clothes. Very windy.

March 30 - Slept at Macky's. Took breakfast and dinner there also. Uncle Lewis has been unconscious all day=Seems to be gradually sinking.

March 31-Uncle Lewis died at 9 o'clock this morning.

#### April 1885

April 1 - The post Mortern (?) was made today and preparations for the burial-Stayed at Brown's.

April 2 - Uncle Lewis was buried today. Stay for night at Macky's.

April 3 - Loafed around, wrote to Annie and c.

April 4 - Talked with almost everyone.

April 5-Sunday. Visited.

April 6-Had a meeting of the Springs Co.

April 7 - Started out again on my journey. Took dinner at Greeley (?). Got on the main train at Cheyenne.

April 8 - Passed through Ogden, got to Salt Lake City at 8 P.M.

April 9 - Took the D.& R. & G. for Montrose.

April 10 - Arrived at Montrose at 4 A.M.

April 11 - Loaf around all day. This is a very uninviting town and country but will probably come out all O.K.

April 12 - McConnell and I drove out Post and talked over business matters.

April 13 - Loaf around. Awful lonsome. Do not hear from home.

April 14 - Rain in the morning-Bought a half in land (?) with McConnell in the Bank at his place.

April 15 - Rain all day-nothing much doing-

April 16 - Pleasanter-but looks like rain. No letters from home since I got here.

April 17 - Cool and pleasant-mud drying up rapidly. Got letters from home at last.

April 18-Very pleasant. McConnell went to Gunnison-Read letters from Annie and Branchge (?)

April 19 Sunday-Pleasant in the morning but soon got very windy, rain in the evening-Read, wrote, and smoked all day. Am very lonesome.

April 20 - Disagreeable today-Rain and snow some.

April 21-Cold-Froze quite hard last night. We closed out the planning (?) mill today to P.B. Monell. Got another letter from Annie today. Our clerk went to Grand Junction last night. Some very fine Galloway cattle are here for sale-from Mo.

April 22. Stormy-Did not do much in the way of Biz. "Samy" came back from Grand Junction.

April 23-Storm all day-nothing doing.

April 24-Pleasant today. Received letters from and wrote to Annie and A.T. Henry today.

April 25-fixed up some business matters today. Very pleasant but the air feels soft like it is going to storm some.

April 26 -Sunday-I am very lonesome and would like to be at home.

April 27-Done quite a business today-Pleasant.

April 28 - Rain-Very good days business.

April 29-Pleasant. Read and wrote quite a lot of letters. McConnell went up the river this afternoon. Bradley got badly whipped last night.

April 30-Weather variable. Business is quite brisk today-

### May 1885

May 1 - Very pleasant, business dull today. Went home with Mac for tea. Took a big walk up in the mesa.

May 2 - Pleasant at forenoon, windy and dusty in the afternoon. An accident on the divide made the train 13 hours late from the East. Got two letters from Annie and one from Brandeger.

May 3 Sunday-Wrote letters. In afternoon Mac took me in his buggy down the river and up on the mesa-

May 4 - Weather pleasant and quite a stir in town.

May 5 - Showery-The train men on the D.&R.&G. are on a strike-no regular trains.

May 6 - Hot. Business dull. Mac and I went to see the new machinery that is being put in the flouring mill.

May 7-Warm and dusty-Very dull today.

May 8 - Rain last night. Pleasant today-Some trade in town.

May 9-Business very good. Day hot. Read letters from Annie, Dever and Orr.

May 10-Sunday. Rain and mud-Killed time as best I could.

May 11-Pleasant and another fair day's business.

May 12-Cold, rainy and windy, got letter from A.P. Henry.

May 13. Windy and dusty-I walked down to the river after the bank closed.

May 14-Warm and dusty-Do a little business. Read two letters from Annie and Dr. Bush.

May 15 - Pleasant and dull. Got letters from Addie and Macky.

May 16-Fair business today.

May 17 - Started for Denver at 4 A.M. Arrived in Denver at 9:30 P.M.

May 18-Attended to business. Saw A.P. Henry Carson et al.

May 19-Went to Boulder-Saw many friends.

May 20-Visited friends.

May 21-Went to Rawlins.

May 22-Took stage for Dixon where we arrived at 10 P.M.

May 23 Went from Dixon to mouth of Forti Jicalion (?) Killed a fine buck antelope. Came very close to losing the horses in Little Bear. (Side margin-1 antelope).

May 24 - Hired a couple of horses and started up the valley camp at a creek 4 miles above Hayden-

\*May 25-Got home at 4 P.M. Found all well-Am very tired and sore.

May 26-Visited my family.

May 27-Visited Crawford's. Killed a buck-Saw new bear sign-Rain. Stees folk's were here.

May 28. Packed in the meat I killed last night. Went with Mr. Crawford to set up with Mr. Milner who is sick.

May 29-Came home in the morning-Am not feeling well today.

May 30-Lay around the house.

May 31-Sunday-Have lots of company.

### June 1885

June 1 - Went hunting. Killed a very large buck-He had begun to get his summer coat of red and was getting fat. (Side margin-1 deer).

June 2 - The boys and I went after the meat. Had a hard tramp-

June 3 - Helped the boys make a swing and went with Annie to the Springs.

June 4 -Crawford's folks were here after hay. Mrs. C and little Mary stayed for a visit. Jim brought Lillie and left her here.

June 5 - Began to work on a ditch. Mr. Milner came to spend the night.

June 6-Worked at ditch. Has been quite cold the last two days. Annie, Bruce and I went to the P.O. in evening-Am pretty tired tonight-Really cold today and unusually windy.

June 7-Sunday-Rested from my labors. Stees's folks were here this afternoon.

June 8-Worked at the ditch-

June 9-Annie and I put in the forenoon going up to the bath house.\*

June 10-Worked at the ditch-Louis Garbarino came to visit-Day exceeding pleasant.

June 11-Milner, Will Kimmer came (to?) work at the ditch.

June 12-Work at the ditch-Steas's folks came. Lissie went home with them.

June 13-Work at the ditch-Killed a deer, the school master came to spend the evening. \* (Side margin-1 deer).

June 14-My 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday. All hands went down to Steas including Milner's folks.

June 15 - Worked at the ditch. Emery came to stay all night.

June 16 - Work at the ditch. Emery, his father and Will were there to supper. Mr. Milner will stay here while the boys are out to Boulder.

June 17 - Worked at the ditch in forenoon, went hunting in the afternoon. Killed a yearling deer. Jesse's folks came. (Side margin-1 deer).

June 18 - Worked at the ditch. Mr. Milner helped me. Weather is getting warm.

June 19 - Mr. Milner and I work at the ditch. Very warm.

June 20 - Made ditch in forenoon. Put handle in shovel and went to P.O. J.M. Woolery came to stay all night.

June 21 - Loaf and write letters-Sunday.

June 22 - Work at ditch-made 210 feet.

June 23 - Work at marking and letting (?) water on surface on afternoon. Went hunting in afternoon. Mr. Milner killed a fine deer.

June 24 - Work at ditch in forenoon and went down to Steas's to borrow a spade made 300 ft.

June 25 - Made 219 feet of ditch today.

June 26 - Work at ditch, made 228 ft.

June 27 - Milner and Johnny went up to Emery's ranch. Bruce and I went hunting and killed a deer-Overhauled my hides, wrote, fix up, and c. Bruce and I went to the Springs in the evening.

June 28 Sunday -Move stones, and began to get ready for the outside-Carried my grip sack up to the Springs.

June 29 - Started. Got to Egeria P.O. Mr. Livingston is with us.

June 30 - Stop for the night McDonald's on Rock Creek.

## July 1885

July 1-Reach Mrs. King's on Troublesome.

July 2 - Noon at Hot Sulphur. Stop for night at Ostrander's.

July 3 - Got to Geotown.

July 4 - Went to Denver. Thence to Boulder. Crawford went with me.

July 5 - Sunday-Got the Springs folks together and had a business talk.

July 6 - Visited, went to Denver in the evening. Very hot and dusty.

July 7 - Started for Montrose. Had a hot dusty ride. Got to Montrose O.K. at midnight.

July 8. Read up my accumulated mail and wrote some letters. Business dull-Very hot.

July 9-Wrote letters. Went out to Mc's ranch for tea-

July 10 -Dull, Hot, Muggy. Bought six business lots.

July 11-Made a contract for house.

July 12-Sunday-Awful hot. Laid in the shade-Wrote letters.

July 13-14 & 15 Hot business dull work some on lots.

July 16 - Work a little on lots. Rain in afternoon.

July 17 - Had cholera. Morbus (?).

July 18-Better. Had a big rain.

July 19-Sunday-Wrote letters, not well.

July 20-Pleasant-

July 21 to 26 -Nothing worthy of note, work is progressing on the house.

July 26 - Started for Denver. Passed through a big hail storm going down the Eastern slope. Were detained 20 hours on the road by washouts.

July 27 - got to Denver at 5:30 P.M.

July 28 - Transacted some business with Ry folks-Went to Boulder.

July 29 - Visited and attended to business went back to Denver

July 30 - Started back to Montrose.

July 31 - Got back to Montrose at 2 this A.M. Found things quiet-my house is progressing finally-The weather is awful hot.

## August 1885



August 1 to 4 - Hot and business dull.

August 5 & 6 - Quite lovely (?) -

August 7 - Rain nearly all day.

August 8 to 11 - Not quite so hot.

August 11-14 - Dull and warm.

August 14 - J at E. McClure was here today and we agreed upon a trade for my interest in the bank here.

August 15 - Mac got in at 8:30 P.M.

August 16 - Mac went to Isunnis (?) on to see McClure.

August 19 - Settled up my affairs.

August 20 - Started home got as far as Denver.

August 21 - Went to Georgetown.

August 22 - Hired a rig and started for the Springs - Got to Ostrander's at 8:30 P.M. (Side margin - rain).

August 23 - rain most all day. Stopped for the night at Mrs. King's.

August 24. - Made Rock Creek. Roads horrible.

August 25 - Stayed at Egeria P.O. for the night.

August 26 Got home O.K.

August 27 - Brought Macky's folks up.

August 28 - Macky and I went hunting. Killed and brought in 3 deer. (Side margin - 3 deer).

August 29 - Went to Hot Springs.

August 30 - Started for Hahn's Peak camp at Elk R. killed a deer. (Side margin - 1 deer)

August 31 - Got to Hahn's Peak. Had a good time with the boys.

### September 1885

September 1 - Helped Aunt Mary and Lissie prove up on their claims and came home -

September 2 - Rested and visited caught a mess of fish.

September 3 - Macky and I went hunting. Killed one deer - (Side margin - 1 deer).

September 4 - Was sick.

September 5 - Went to the Springs visiting.

September 6 - Went to see the Springs over the river.

September 7 - Macky's folks started home. Rain-Caught a fine mess of fish.

September 8-Do not feel very well. Hoyle Milner et al were here today.

September 9-Bruce and I went fishing. Caught 16.

September 10-Went fishing caught 31 fish.

September 11-Ollie came to see Bruce-We caught 16 fish, killed one duck and a skunk.

September 12 - Caught 23 fish. Louis G. and Mr. Milner here for dinner-Rain and snow.

September 13-Caught 20 fish.

September 14-Went up to the Springs visiting.

September 15-Mr. Milner hunted hard all day. Killed a very large bull-got in after dark. (Side margin-1 elk).

September 16 - Mr. Milner and I went fishing-got 44 nice fish-Lissie went to the Springs to stay all night.

September 17-Milner and I went after meat today with horses-

September 18-Hunted for bear all day but did not find any.

September 19-Fried out tallow and chored around.

September 20-Sunday-Had lots of company-Lissie went home with Stees's folks.

September 21-Overhauled the hides, packed up a lot of plunder.

September 22-Mr. Adair- Mrs. Walker and little daughter were here visiting today.

September 23, 24, 25, & 26-Choring around home.

September 27 - Mr. Cody came to see us.

September 28-Quite a lot of company. Cody left for home after dinner.

September 29 - Aunt Mary was here to spend the day. Packed up some dunnage wrote letters.

September 30-Crawford's folks were here this afternoon-Also his brother John and wife from Sedalia, Mo.

#### October 1885

October 1 - Worked at packing up.

October 2 - Finished packing and went to the Springs to stay all night.

October 3 - Started on our journey out camp for night on East side of Yellow Jacket.

October 4 - Camp on Toponas-

October 5 - Camp between Ganson's and Muddy.

October 6 - Camp two miles East of Hot Sulphur.

October 7 - Camp at fort of grade West side of the range.

October 8 - Reach Georgetown at 1 P.M.

October 9 - Got in Denver at 6:30 P.M.

October 12 - Went to Boulder in evening.

October 10-Sunday-Rested at Macky's.

October 12 - Called on several friends.

October 13 - Was sick all day-bad cold.

October 27 - Have been visiting-sent today to Mother \$2000.00 in N.Y. Dfts. for her to pay her note at Rich Hill bank.

October 29 - The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our marriage. Macky's folks made a nice dinner and invited some company.

#### November 1885

November 16 - Macky and myself bought each an undivided one-fourth interest in Cody and Hinman's mining interest at Hahn's Peak for which we each paid \$20,000.00.

November 17-Went as far as Denver on our way to Mo.

November 18 - Started for Kansas City at 8 P.M.

November 19 - Got to Holden at 10:30 P.M. found folks all well.

November 20 - Went to Adrian in evening.

December 31 - Have put in the time in visiting in Holden Buth (?) Adrian and Rich Hill-Spent Christmas here in Holden-Goodbye 1885

Diary of P.A. Burgess  
January 1, 1886 – July, 1886 (Volume 4)

Also July 8, 1887 – December 31, 1887

January 1 – We are at Mothers in Holden, Mo. – weather warm. Ground bare of snow – had a roast chicken dinner=

January 2 – rain most all night – last night- very damp, foggy and disagreeable today. Received letters from Dever and Rich Hill Bank – write answers and to Aunt Mary

January 3 – Sunday – All hands went up to Conners to spend the day . Mr and Mrs Cofer were there. Had a fine dinner and a good visit – day is cold and disagreeable – snow tonight

January 4 – cold and windy . Snow a little all day – Mother and Annie done a washing. Had a big oyster supper =

January 5 – cold, clear and fine – went downtown bought some canvas +c (etc?) for Annie - Mother and Annie went to the Catholic Academy to see about painting lessons

January 6 – pleasant. Annie began taking painting lessons today

January 7 – very cold – a regular blizzard – got letters from Macky. O.L. Houghton and Dr Bock – bought some nuts for Bruce- wrote Crawford

January 8 – very cold and windy

January 9 – mercury 20 degrees below 0 at sunrise – made two gallons of brandy – 10 degrees below 0 at sundown

January 10 – Sunday – mercury 10 degrees below 0 is not quite as severe

January 11 – wrote letters in the evening

January 12 – amended stockholders meeting at Bk. of Holden. Emma came from Adrian

January 13 – quite pleasant – write letters

January 14 – rain by spells – warm and muggy-

January 15 – warm most all day went downtown and sat for our pictures

January 16 – clear and cold. Emma went home. Bruce went with her.

January 17 – went to O.R. Rogers (grease spot on page – hard to read) railing (?) today. Weather raw and cloudy.

January 18 – cloudy (grease spot on page – blocks out several words) bought me a cup and saucer Mother hulled some corn

January 19 – clear and cold – rec'd letters from Aunt Mary and J.M. Woolery wrote to R.R. Ag1 – at Kas. City. Mother is not well today

January 20 – rain. snow and sleet. Bought shoes for Johnny – wrote Aunt Mary and J.M. Woolery –

January 21 – cold took tea with Mr and Mrs Higgins rec'd letter from Macky

January 22 – very cold – 6 below 0. Mailed almanacs for 1886 to Aunt Mary

January 23 – cold – Annie got a letter from Bruce – Mouse came back from Kas. Judge Haws came to renew Mother's insurance  
Looks some like storm

January 24 – Sunday – write letters and eat nuts – it's getting warmer –

January 25 – very pleasant – Annie called at Conners this afternoon and wrote to Lissie in the evening – made 2 gallons of brandy today

January 26 – Storm nearly all day. The women folks done a washing – I bought some leather thread wax and needles off Morgan Bros.

January 27 – get letters from Aunt Mary and Dever – write to Dever – hear that O.L. Houghton is in town but did not see him

January 28 – Had a nice visit with O.L. Houghton today Annie and I went downtown and bought some table linens +c (etcetera?)  
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January 29 – clear and cold – Bought an outfit of blankets today

January 30 – Warm and windy. Bought a carpet – Annie stopped painting and paid for lessons +c

January 31 – Sunday – clear and cold but began to snow after dark.

February 1 – went to Adrian. Snow hard at night

February 2 – very cold – Regular blizzard

February 3 – Mercury 14 below 0

February 4 – 13 below 0 – Annie began a pair of pants for Bruce

February 5 – cold and windy –

February 6 – warm and thawing – wrote to U.P. Genl Agl at Omaha –

February 7 – Sunday – wrote some letters very warm –

February 8 – Annie's 38<sup>th</sup> birthday – Annie and Emma went to town – snow is most gone

February 9 – warm, windy and rain some rec'd letters from Macky Crawford and Cody - wrote all of them. Bought a lot of cloth  
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February 10 – Rain and snow – bought a trunk – wrote Agl U.P. Ry (?) Denver –

February 11 – went up town bought some medicine

February 12 – read John Bunyan day warm snow most gone again

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May 2 – Judge Hinman and I started for Routt Co.

May 3 – Reached Rawlins Wyo at sunrise took the stage for Dixon where we arrived at 10 P.M. Stopped at Frank Hinman's –

May 4 – struck out with team stopped for the night at a ranch at the mouth of Battle Creek

May 5 – Nooned at Three Forks stop til 12 P.M. by some rocks. Strike out - lay over in the snow til 4 A.M.

May 6 – got into the mines at 1 P.M. Am terribly sunburned.

May 7 – began invoicing stock in store and boarding house

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Next page – only entry – July 18/86

Got to Steamboat Springs found things O.K.  
Have been in Boulder

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Cody Macky and Co.

A.J. Macky cr. (credit?) Error in bill for assaying last season \$1.00

P.A Burgess cr.

By cash paid for drawing linen	1.05
“ “ “ “ garden seed	.65
“ “ “ “ pens and ink	1.00
“ “ “ “ day book	1.50

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Diary for 1887

Continued

July 8 – Made assays and moved a pile of lumber – wrote letters +c

July 9 – worked at leveling under the house. Got 20# nails of Adair

July 10 – worked at leveling up – got 40# nails of Adair Brightman finished the foundation – 11 ½ (porch?) @\$3.00 = \$34.50  
Paid check 4.00 Buggy @ \$25.00 or \$29.00 in all leaving a balance due him of 5.50 Coulter laid the sills and joists of  
foundation. A very pleasant day. Fixed calf stable.

July 11 – Sunday – worked in the garden at the ranch took dinner with the Helvys folks – had fish. Annie and Emma went with  
a family fishing. Very pleasant day.

July 12 – worked at assaying most of the day Helped work on the house went home am very tired tonight (side margin – 2  
hours)

July 13 – a very hot day. I worked for Coulter all day making 1 ½ days work to date The snow on Storm Peak has dwindled is a  
mere spot. Looks from town like a white hand kerchief.

July 14 – rain in forenoon work at house in the afternoon Annie sent for a skirt for Mrs Edmunson (?) – worked 3 ½ hours at  
home.

July 15 – A hot day worked at the house all day

July 16 - attended to various business in the forenoon work at house in afternoon – work for Coulter = 2 hours

July 17 - worked at assaying rained 3 showers Pd Coulter \$10.00 cash on a/c

July 18 – Sunday – put in the day in the rain attempt to make some assays but the wind was wrong and I could not get up a good head – my work “froze” Annie and Emma went to a fishing picnic up on the Mesa

July 19 – worked at assaying – a cold raw windy day – Storm Peak was clad in new snow this morning

July 20 – worked at assaying and cupel making Couldn't put the foot bridge back across the river today. A big frost this morning Emma and Lulie Prichet visited me at the shop this afternoon

July 21 – Chored around and talked with Messrs. Klechner and Sanders regarding sale of Springs property – prospecting & I paid Coulter \$5.00 that Mr (Sturdivant?) paid me. Wrote D.B. Webber

July 22 – worked today at a description of this place for investors to consider Annie sent \$2.00 to pay for Foot Ease and 35 cents for needles sold – Rain at night

July 23d - Spent the day with a Mr Grein of Laveta at Stees. Trying to work up a trade for Stees ranch Emma rode down with us. Did not succeed in closing a bargain

July 24 – worked at assaying. There was a horserace here today. Ed Burnett brought more samples

July 25th – Sunday – went down to the ranch. Annie Emma and Mr. Munson went with me

July 26<sup>th</sup> – put in the day with Klechner and Saunders looking at the springs

July 27 – worked all day at assaying

July 28 – worked at assaying. Very warm weather these days

July 29 – worked at assaying

July 30 - worked at the shop nearly all day

July 31 – made cupels. wrote letters and chored about. Pd Coulter \$5.00 a/c

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday – A cool cloudy day. Rain some. I went down to the ranch fishing but only got two. Brought home some vegetables. Wm G. (Sandy) Millen(?) called on me tonight. It is 20 years since I last saw him.

Aug 2 – Helped Mr. Coulter today

Aug 3 – Worked 3 hours for Coulter and had a day at underpinning shed room

Aug 4 – Rain by spells all day I finished underpinning shed part of house granulated some lead +c. Bruce and his pard took supper with us tonight

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – worked in forenoon at painting deck on ruff (roof?) – worked in afternoon at assaying

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – put in the day at assaying

Aug 7 – worked at assaying. Mr. C Leighten and Mrs A. Leighten are our guests

Aug 8 – Sunday – stayed at home and wrote Prichet brought a load of lumber

Aug 9 – worked 7 hours for Coulter

Aug 10 – worked at assaying. No good results Annie sent \$1.00 to Persian Perfumery Co Mrs. Parkinson died of heart disas(disease?) this evening

Aug 11 – a hot day. Attended Mrs. Parkinsons funeral. Annie took 87 cents on a/c from Mr Marshall. The goods for the house came this P.M. There are some things missing but did not have time to check over to see what is gone. Done some writing for Mrs Williams. She sent \$128.91 to Van Kluck (?) in Denver – Paid back two rolls of sheathing paper that I borrowed some days ago from him.

Aug 12 – checked off the goods . found two panes of glass broken. Everything else seemed O.K. Worked for Coulter in afternoon

Aug 13 – worked most of the day for Coulter done some writing for Mr. Boylan sent Macky \$250 for Lot 7 in Block 8. Rain hard last night –

Aug 14 – worked for Coulter also paid him \$5.00 cash on a/c

Aug 15 – Sunday – wrote an article for the Pilot. Went to ranch after vegetables +c. Mr. Stevenson and Wm. J. Milner called this P.M.

Aug 16 – Worked at the house and attended to various matters of business Sent 104.20 to Macky and \$1.00 to N.Y. for Annie

Aug 17 – worked at the house. J.P. Maxwell and Col. Steele came in today

Aug 18 – visited with Col. Steele and Mr. Maxwell

Aug 19 – Loafed all day Aunt Mary came

Aug 20 – worked all day at the house paid Coulter \$5.00 Ed Burnett was in this P.M. brought two samples of rock

Aug 21 - worked at the house. Mrs Leighten came for a visit

Aug 22 – Sunday – worked at assaying

Aug 23 – made 14 assays today. Borrowed \$10.00 of Mr. Wilcox and paid it to Mr. Mayberry

Aug 24 - made some bone dust for cupels visited with Col. Steel and wrote Macky. Burnett etals

Aug 25 – worked at back room in the house. Annie is quite sick so I had the doctor for her. I am almost sick tonight

Aug 26 – Annie seems better. I worked some at the coal shed. A lad was found dead in Lon Maxwell's camp yesterday morning. Was buried today by Steamboat Citizens

Aug 27 – visiting with Maxwell and drew up leases for (Family?)

Aug 28 – made some assays in the afternoon. Rain this afternoon and evening

Aug 29 – Sunday - Visited with Maxwells, Prichet – et als

Aug 30 – helped Mr. Coulter work at chimneys Ray Maxwell died at 3-30 this P.M.

Aug 31 – worked for Coulter in forenoon. Made a step for front door in afternoon

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Went to the funeral in forenoon. In the afternoon, settled with Bath house Sent for Leighton's pictures and attended to other matters

Sept 2 – Finished making door steps for the new house in forenoon and done various things including 50 cupels



Sept 3 – worked hard all day fixing the new house for Bruce’s 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday party. The young folks (50 in number) had a splendid time at our party.

Sept 4 – rested. Wrote +c. assumed payment for Coulter to S.H. Brobeck of \$4.50 and paid him \$1.75

Sept 5 – Sunday – Spent the forenoon walking with Emma and Nina Ward. In the afternoon, went to Maxwells Camp and visiting with Mr. Ward from Boston. (a relative of Maxwells)

Sept 6 – Began work on a privy for the new house. And attended to various work. Made (last word in entry)

Sept 7 – Coulter finished the chimneys this afternoon. I worked at the privy. The rain hindered me some Mr. Sturdivant (?) paid me balance due me \$3.50

Sept 8 – worked at the privy building paid Coulter = \$4.50 on a/c

Sept 9 – worked at the privy Annie and Mr. Munson painted This is Bruce’s 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Sept 10 – worked some at the new place. Mr. Brightman plastered the chimneys and Mr. Munson painted the floors in 3 rooms. It has rained some each day for past fourteen days. Write Saunders, Peer & Macky

Sept 11 – worked over at new house. Signed a lot of new batch tickets, assumed debts of O.V. Coulter + viz Norvell \$4.75, Kernaghan & Baer - \$15.10, Draper and Marsh. \$26.50 write some

Sept 12 – Sunday – went down to ranch and get some vegetables

Sept 13 – worked at moving in good earnest – Mary Shaw helped Annie. Clyde Wilcox helped this forenoon with team

Sept 14 – worked all day at moving Clyde helped in forenoon with team and Billy Moon in afternoon

Sept 15 – attend an inquest p of the remains of Elmer C. Dunbar who was killed accidentally last night near top of Park Range worked after – part of the day moving

Sept 16 - finished moving and began to live in the new house ate our first meal in it day before yesterday. Supper. Slept for the first time in it – night before last. It has rained every day for the past week.

Sept 17 – worked at taking Mrs. Sutters deposition in the Kennedy case

Sept 18 – worked at making the privy today Mr Prichet came down from the mill. I gave him the Deed and 1896 tx receipt to Lot 5 in Block 5.

Sept 19 – Sunday – went to the ranch and got some garden truck. Aunt Mary and John was here today John allowed me \$12.50 for the calf of which \$5.00 paid balance for wintering the horses and he paid me \$7.50 cash I paid Adair \$5.00 on a/c and \$1.00 to S.H. Brobeck.

Sept 20 – worked at various things. Put a roof on the new privy +c, +c,

Sept 21 – Made some assays for Wilcox wrote and attended to various chores. Ground my ax ect (etc?)

Sept 22 – Fixed Annie’s upright (show?)case and chored about home.

Sept 23d – was out hunting a place to get wood. Went to the Black Cloud prospect to get my tools. Am almost sick tonight.

Sept 24 – worked at assaying – Bought a new ax and ground it +c. +c.

Sept 25 – Put a gate in Walbridges fence Attended a Pop Convention was nominated for J. P. (Justice of the Peace?) in this Precinct. It was raining at daylight and by spells all day

Sept 26 – Sunday – Devoted the day to writing. Rain a little

Sept 27 – Fixed the hole in back of kitchen and chored about home paid \$1.75 on order of S.H. Brobeck which squares me with him

Sept 28 – Put in the day visiting with Maxwell and Crawford and attending to business for the Springs CO. sold Lot 10 in Block 6 to Jo. Delmi (?) – Rain in afternoon

Sept 29 – Put in the day getting wood cut for winter. Wrote in the evening.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Sebron (?) Brobeck and I went after a load of wood this forenoon. In afternoon I overhanded and racked up my lumber.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Settled with the bathhouse folks and sent proceeds to Macky. Got \$100.00 from Mr. Harding for Mrs. M.A. Williams of which I sent \$66.09 to Co Treas to pay Currys (?) taxes. Got a \$25.00 draft to send to Van Kluck and have the balance in money to pay over to Mrs. W.

Oct 2 – worked in the woods today. Am very tired. Mr. Kleshner and a Mr. Grim from Ohio are here

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday – Annie and Emma went home to stay last night with Aunt May. Got home this P.M. I made 5 assays for Mr. Wilcox today was raining when I awoke this morning and rained by spells during the day

Oct 4 – Done some notary work for Munson Moore Prichet – et al. a fine day

Oct 5 - Worked in the woods today. Very pleasant

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Leased ½ of Coleman house to Mr. Schaller – at \$5.00 per mo. Worked in the woods in afternoon. Am very tired tonight. A warm pleasant day. Schaller rent begins.

Oct 7 – Called at Bathhouse, Elmer Burgess (?) and Mr. Schallers. Put in the day resting and writing.

Oct 8 – Worked in the woods. Rain by spells.

October 9 – Put in the forenoon with Kleckman et al. Ed Brobeck brought a load of lumber. Mr. Maxwell gave me a nice piece of venison. I paid Adair \$5.00 and McCashin \$2.75 paid back house bills +c. Rain and Cold. Think it will snow.

Oct 10 – Assayed two samples for Wilcox. Cut-off the lower joists for Cow stalls chopped a little wood and done other small things. In evening I sent Henry Van Klesch of Denver for Mrs. Mel Williams Redemption Certificate and Tax Receipt amounting to \$66.09 & Draft for \$25.00 to pay commission for renewal of the Curry loan, which Mrs. Williams has assumed. Wrote Coleman et al Rain and hail in the valley Snow on the surrounding summits

Oct 11 – worked at framing timbers for cow barn. Bruce sold out his share of the printing business to Leckenby. Mrs. Chas Helvy and Ethel came visiting. School began today A sharp frosty morning but warm and pleasant day.

Oct 12 – Made the foundation for cow stable and 12 certificates with Notary seal for Board of Registration. done other Notary work +c +c. A cool day. Cloudy most of the day. Showed Draper elk heads and bear skins. Sent \$2.60 to pay Annie's frt.(freight?) at Wolcott.

Oct 13 – Finished foundation of barn and put up most of the frame. Bruce helped me today and helped put up the window shades. A cold raw day.

Oct 14 – Figured up the (framing?) notes for Crawford. Wrote to W.W. Moore and Prof. (Slainsky?). We got the barn boxed except the gables, and the rafters up. Made quite a showing for the day's work. A cloudy cold windy day.

Oct 15 – Worked at cow barn. Done some notary work for Palmer – and for J.M. Trull. Annie rec'd a bill of goods from E.K. + C0. Marked the goods tonight. (Neiscoz?) rent begins

Oct 16 – worked at the cow barn got the gables up and began to put in the doors. Run short of lumber

Oct 17 – Sunday – went to the ranch to gather vegetables, but it snowed and I came home. Wrote to Maggie and finished an article for Pilot snowing at bed time

Oct 18 – am not well, write this forenoon and work some at the barn in the afternoon

Oct 19 – worked in the woods. Brobeck boys hauled 4 loads of wood for me today. A beautiful day. Finished my letter to Ward.

Oct 20 – Took measures of elk hears and bear rugs and sent to Colo Springs. Finished the letter to Ward and sent it to Maxwell and devoted the day to writing Fed and milked the cow in the new barn tonight

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – worked in the woods. Brobecks hauled 4 loads of wood today and completed the contract. A beautiful day.

Oct 22 – cloudy and windy in forenoon but pleasant in the evening. Annie's foot is lame. I put in the principle part of the day in condensing my big wood pile and cutting fence posts. I am piling it over and very snug to keep the snow from the inside

Oct 23d – finished re-piling the wood pile cleaned the privy, made and hung a door in the stable loft, +c. Annie's foot is worse today.

Oct 24 – Sunday – worked at assaying. A very windy forenoon, but warm and mild

Oct 25 – Bruce worked at putting batting in one side of the stable. I worked around the house. Rain and stopped our work afternoon

Oct 26 – The wind began roaring before day and kept up a furious gale nearly all day. It froze all day, was too disagreeable to work out doors. I was up to the bathhouse. Ordered a new stone (set?) for it – attempted to work at banking up around the house but gave it up on account of the fierce wind and cold. Bruce and Mr. Hartwick started for North Park but had to turn about and come back on account of trees blown down across the road which they could not pass nor get around. Gave Delmi Deed to Lot 10 in Block 6

Oct 27 – A cold still day. Sun shone part of the day and took off the snow that fell last night. I done various chores this forenoon and worked at batting the barn. Bruce went down to stay with Woolery's father tonight.

Oct 28 – it froze deep last night. Attended to business in forenoon and in the afternoon Chas Helvy and Bruce scraped dirt to grade around the house and I worked at leveling off, moving things out of the way.

Oct 29 – worked at battening the cow stable in forenoon and at grading in the afternoon. A very pleasant day

Oct 30 – attended to various business matters in forenoon, worked at grading in the afternoon wrote letters in the evening. Wrote to Van Kluck for Mrs Williams. Wrote Mrs Harlaw Sent Webber a statement and \$9.50 which was the due him. Out of his 150.00 Mrs Harlaw got \$50.00 for recording \$3.00 my comm. \$7.50 and for Webber \$89.50. Annie sent \$5.00 and Binfeld and Co \$4.75. I sent 1.00 to Rocky Mntn News to pay for Weekly to Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1898 Paid Mayberry the dollar I owed him.

October 31 – Sunday – Rested and read most of the day very pleasant

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Another fine day. Helped Annie dig a supply of Oregon Grape root – worked some at grading. Settled with Bartholmew folks ect ect.

Nov 2 – Election – voted. Chored about home and made a lot of cupels A pleasant day.

Nov 3 – worked all day assaying. Made 3 control assays for Wilcox and Russell looks like storm

Nov 4 – Two inches of snow on the ground this morning. A cold snowy day I made two control assays for Wilcox today 12 tests to date

Nov 5 – wrote letters this forenoon. Set some fence posts in afternoon. Cold day. Snow does not melt off

Nov 6 – a raw cold day. Snow a little nearly all day. I worked at setting posts.

Nov 7 – Sunday – Gave Mr. Munson his Nov. Salary paid Adair his account against the Co. and \$8.00 on my own account. Pd Tom Baer for fixing chimney at Bathhouse and wrote a piece for the Pilot. A cold day storm all day and part of the time it was a blizzard

Nov 8 – a cold blizzard day. I worked at setting fence posts and choring about home. Took Mr Parkinson down to see my elk heads and bear skins. Clara W. began boarding with us at noon today. Rent of Machy's safe begins today.

Nov 9 – a cold snowy day. Chored about home sent \$29.18 to Henry Van Kluek a/c Mrs. M.A. Williams

Nov 10 – thawed a little but was raw and cold. Cloudy all day. I attended to various chores in the forenoon and made fence in the afternoon. Bruce treated us to (beer? bear?) at supper.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Much warmer. The snow went off a good part of the valley and tonight it is very sloppy in the roads. I worked at the fence in forenoon. Elmer Burgess brought a load of hay. In afternoon I chopped and brought in wiid and attended to sundry chores.

Nov 12 – Worked some at the fence. done some Notary work for Munson and (Bruco?). deposited in bank #126.42 for Munson tax sent 10 cents for sample medicine sent \$10.00 to E.K. & Co for Annie sent \$2.85 to Recorder for Munson and (Bruco?). Raining at dark

Nov 13 – Rain and hail this A.M. but partially cleared off and was quite pleasant in afternoon. I done some writing for Annie sent balance due Brittain and made an order for more goods. Sold some building paper to Mr. Sommers. Worked some at the fence and a little at grading

Nov 14 – Sunday – Done some Notary work for Mr. Murphy wrote to Burnett. Worked at grading in the afternoon. Aunt May was here to spend the day. Day was a pleasant autumn day

Nov 15 – Awoke this morning to find our warm spell frozen up. Six inches of new snow on the ground and snowing and blowing. I leveled off the dirt I piled up yesterday and put in the balance of the day working at the roofing of the stable, cutting wood, writing +c. Sent \$80.00 to Macky for balance due on E. Campbells lot

Nov 16 put boards on North side of stable roof Partly filed the big saw. Visited with Ed Burnett +c Bought a shoulder of fresh pork Read from Co. Clerk Certificate of Election as J.P. for this Precinct. Was very cold this A.M. 6(degrees) below 0 but turned warm and thawed some

Nov 17 – a pleasant day. The snow melted some in south exposures. I got my Justice Bond filled. Worked at the fence some and cut wood.

Nov 18 – worked some at the fence and some at grading around the house. Cut some wood and ground my ax ect. A very pleasant day. Snow going fast.

Nov 19 – Sent Macky \$40.00 a/c W. F. Brightman helped Annie do a washing worked some at the fence and the grading cut some wood. Wrote an article for the Pilot +c.

Nov 20 – rec'd from the Crawfords assignment of ½ int. in 3 mining claims. Ed Burnett John (Gait?) et als were here today. I bought a sack of potatoes and attended to various maters. Louis G spent the evening with us.

Nov 21 – Sunday – put in the day assaying. Made 4 tests for (Bratton,?) 3 for Youngfield, two for Dever and one double test for Wilcox. This has been a very pleasant day, but a storm is brewing

Nov 22 – put in most of the day working at grading around the house. Day warm and pleasant but looks like a storm

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> - wrote in the forenoon. Worked at a ditch along alley in afternoon. A warm and pleasant day. Hope it will stay pleasant another week but it looks like storm.

Nov 24 – a cold windy day. I finished the ditch and put in balance of the day preparing to cowgrass seed Annie washed and mopped.

Nov 25 – Thanksgiving – It was snowing at daylight and snowed all day. The snow is six inches deep. It is colder. I sowed grass seed and wrote today. Aunt Mary and Miss Adams took dinner with us today. Logan came and spent the evening with Clara W.

Nov 26 – a clear cold day. Frost fell until 10 A.M. I cut wood and began to make posts for the front fence. A Firemans' ball is in progress at McWilliams hall. The folks are all gone but me.

Nov 27 – a clear cold day – I worked about home in forenoon and attended a L. E meeting in afternoon. Ed Burnett was here also Mr Youngfield

Nov 28 – Sunday – a cold day. Cloudy in forenoon clear in afternoon. I made some fence posts and cut some wood. Aunt Mary and Mrs. Brightman were here also two of the Harkinson (?) girls came to spend the evening

Nov 29 – same weather as yesterday. Cut wood wrote and began to shelve Annies shop – Sent order for Mrs. Leckenby's jacket. Bought some (tint?) (stone?) and (stand?) that were loaned out

Nov 30 – The sun was hid all day. Weather moderated and is snowing hard tonight. I finished shelving for Annie – Clara goes to a party at Adairs tonight.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 1897 – Snowed all day. I cut wood. Helped churn Settled with the Bath house folks. Sent returns to Macky. Collect in money and on account from G.H. Sutter of \$50.00 done some writing ect Annie put her shop to rights this is Mothers 74<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Another cold stormy day. I went down to the ranch with Charles Hilary and we measured hay. Cut wood and attended to business for the Company

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clear and cold 16 (degrees) below 0 this A.M. I put in the day writing letters and doing chores. Tonight is terrible cold J.M. Woolery brought me 170# Bran

Dec 4 – A clear cold day 25 (degrees) below 0 this A.M. The State investigating Board are in session to ascertain the facts regarding the late action of Game Wardens Mr Crawford say he has compromised with Franz and I today wrote to Boulder to get Deed for Franz

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – A cold raw day, but thawed a little on South side of buildings. I fed the last of the hay to the cow tonight Wrote a letter and sent a bundle of papers to Cousin Maggie

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – a pleasant day thawed some in shade. I worked about home. Went at night to a Fireman's meeting

Dec 7 – A bright warm day Hilary brought a jag of hay and Ed Brobeck a little coal. Annie paid Munson \$2.85 for Emma a watch and sent 1.28 to (Tooth Weakly?) Milling Co. Her goods from Brittain came and were opened tonight

Dec 8 – Snowed steadily all day and is still snowing at bed time. I attended to some Company business. Paid Adair \$8.00 on account and wrote letters

Dec 9 – A cold day. Snow by spells wind in day – I had a dizzy spell this morning. Wrote some today ( \_\_\_\_\_?) the Book Premium from News Sup tonight Also Deed for C.J. Franz in his settlement with Mr. Crawford

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Cold and snowed steadily all day I loafed about the house all day wrote some J.M. Woolery brought 5 sacks of bran making 555# in all

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – Snow steady all day. Not very cold I was on a Board of Certification today between Moore and (Purcey?) The Stockground Assn had a big meeting at Library Hall

Dec 12 – Sunday – Snowed and blowed hard all last night and we are nearly buried in snow this morning. It snowed all day and a cold wind blew from the S.W. all day C.J. Franz came tonight and selected a lot of wallpaper from Annies sample books. Mr. Wilcox got home today.

Dec 13 – A rather pleasant forenoon but clouded up and turned cold in afternoon. Looks tonight as if another big storm was upon us Ed Brobeck brought us a little coal tonight. I attended to business for various parties and chopped some wood today

Dec 14 – A cold cloudy day. I had a confab with Atty Cockman in regard to a big collection Sent order for wallpaper. Wrote Macky +c

Dec 15 – Snowed most all day. Chas Helvy came and took Annie and Emma down to the ranch. They have a new baby at Helvys. Logan came to visit Clara in the evening

Dec 16 – A very cold day but bright Ed Brobeck brought some coal making a ton in all to date. Clara Gibson + Mrs Hartwick + baby spent the evening with us. It is terrible cold tonight

Dec 17 – a clear cold day. Chas Helvy brought a small jag of hay Clara + Bruce go to a party at Leckenby's tonight

Dec 18 – clear + cold, chored about home I put a catch and staple on the outside shed room door so as to fasten it from the inside Logan took Clara down home

Dec 19 – Sunday – Very cold. Chored around home

Dec 20 – Another very cold day. Settled with Bathouse and made a couple of collections and sent Macky.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – 30 (degrees) below 0 this A.M. and has not got above zero all day. Wilcox and I had some talk with Bruce and Hartwick regarding a prospecting deal

Dec 22d – A little more moderate, but very cold yet. Wilcox, Russel, Hartwick, Bruce and I entered into an agreement for a prospecting scheme. Emma got a watch from Mama and a dress, doll and doll shoes from Mo Annie got a pair of kid gloves. Bruce a necktie and I a fine French briar pipe from Sister Emma. Ed Brobeck sent us a ton of coal tonight

Dec 23d – Clear and cold. Emma complains with her heart. Got some medicine for her Woodsons and Aunt Mary were here Annie is sick

Dec 24 – Clear and cold. I carried a lot of coal down to the shop. Moved the kindling out of the coal bin to make more room took a bath and attended to other things Emma did not go to school. They have gone to the Christmas eve festivities to night. Annie is better

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Cloudy but some warmer. Began to snow again in the afternoon. We had roast chicken and roast pork Mr. Hartwick, Clara + Bruce took dinner with us

Dec 26 – Sunday – Snowed nearly all day. Wrote and read

Dec 27 – Snowed nearly all day Chas Helvy brought a small jag of hay. Annie done a washing. Hung the clothes up stairs in the N.W. room

Dec 28 – a very pleasant. Thawed a little Rec'd Macky's annual report as Secy + Treas of Springs Co. found two errors of \$100.00 each. One of them against me wrote to have it corrected. Annie began lining her sitting room. She sent 40 (cents) to Water-ville N.Y. to pay 4 yrs sub to some publication

Dec 29 – Still pleasant Milton Brought 3000 of coal. He took dinner with us. Annie worked at lining her room. I distributed checks for Dec to close up the years accounts for Springs Co. Wrote Macky +c. It is cold tonight Bruce brought Clara up from Miltons to attend a party at the Schaffrits

Dec 30 – Clear and windy. Was warmer but turned cold at night. I wrote to Uncle Wm Burgess. Mary Shaw was her to supper Logan came to spend the evening

Dec 31 – A very cold day. Was 14 below 0 at 8:30 this A.M. I read and wrote and began to fix the milk closet under the stairs. Good bye old 1897

(The diary then skips a page)

Next page reads (undated) – Insurance – W. W. Adair – 3000. Expires next fall

That was the last diary entry.

Turning the book over, the notebook seems to become more of a ledger. There are two pages missing at the beginning of this side of the book. The cover is loose.

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a/c Steamboat Springs

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Int @ 10% on \$237.67 for 13 Mo

20 d/d = \$30.95

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Address.

J.L. Merchant Care  
Jenkins, Son and Nephew  
3 Broad St Buildings  
London England

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J.H.C. 2741

Work for Coulter

July 5 – work 4 hours

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Expense of living

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"	Rice			.25
" 9	Vegetables 1.00	(Prunes?) 50		1.50
" 10	Meat 50	B. powder 40		.90
" 11	Butter			1.00
" 12	meat .95	sugar 1.00	tomatoes .15	2.10
" 14	(prunes?)			.50
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				9.45
" 16	Corn			.25
" 17	Meat .75	vinegar .10		.85
" 18	Meat .70	c. tomatoes .50	butter .50	1.70
" 19	flour 1.40	butter .50	eggs .25	
	D. fruit .50	sugar 1.00	(cerelins?) 50	
	Oysters .50	crackers .25		4.90
" 21	meat .65	coffee .45	butter .50	1.60
" 22	(_____?) 50	d. apples 50	meat .30	1.30
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" 25	tea			.65
" 26	meat .50	CB .25	celery .25	1.00
"	sugar 1.00	eggs .25		1.25
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This is a sample of several more pages of daily expenses listed which stop after July 10. Don't know if these pages are for 1886 or 1887.



**Diary of Perry A. Burgess**  
**February 25, 1895-June 21, 1896 (Volume 5)**

**February 1895**

February 25 - Warm, thawed in the shade. Snow is settling. The first robin has come, a month earlier than common. Someone reports having seen a black bird also. The snow has settled down to about 2 ½ feet deep. I went down to the ranch today to look at Mr. Allen's hay. Mr. "Utah" Jones, W.C. Shaw and Louis Garbarino went also. Bruce has been gone since Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant (?) he went to Hayden to attend a masked ball. It began to snow hard a little before dusk and is snowing at bedtime. (Side margin-Read from C.L. & Co. \$15.00, Notary fees \$1.00, Jany Div. \$100.00)

February 26 - Hot in the sun and cold in the shade today. Went down to the ranch with Garbarino, and cleaned the snow off my hay stacks. Sold "Utah" Jones 4 tons of Allen's hay at \$5.00 per ton. Bruce came home tonight from Hayden clear and will be a sharp night.

February 27 - Weather pleasant, temperature zero at sunrise, froze in the shade all day. I went down to the ranch and got a load of hay this afternoon. Annie read letter and photograph from Mrs. Dam (?) C. Brown of Boulder.

February 28 - Four degrees below 0 this A.M. Clear and bright. Annie and Ada finished a washing they began yesterday. Woodson brought us some milk from the ranch. I worked this forenoon at fixing some sideling (?) places in the road. Hauled a load of hay in from the ranch this afternoon. It snowed about an inch late and has cleared off cold tonight.

March 1 - A beautiful day, clear and bright. The air feels like spring, yet it was 14 below 0 at daylight and zero at 9 P.M. I done some writing today and nursed a sunburn face and eyes that I got yesterday. Tonight there is to be a ball at McWilliam's hall. Bruce is floor manager.

March 2 - Pleasant, saw two black birds wrote some and read some. Had no work to do to speak of today. Looks like snow tonight.

March 3 - Sunday. A cold raw day. Snowed a little by spells all day. I wrote and read. Bruce cleaned his stable. Ada went to stay a month with Mrs. Milner we had roast duck for dinner today that Dr. Kernaghan gave us. I finished my "Anecdotes of the Plains and the Mountains." Snowing very hard at bedtime. Got no mail today. It came in tonight to late to distribute.

March 4 - Snowed hard all day. Mercury from 30 to 40 degrees above 0, colder at night, worked some at cleaning out stable, wrote some and read a good deal-I think that the mails will be delayed for some time.

March 5 - Six below 0 this A.M. My back is quite lame today and I have not worked, put in the day reading and writing clear and pleasant but cold.

March 6 - Cool and pleasant. Hauled hay from the ranch.

March 7 - Clear and cold, beautiful weather for winter. I have a lame back and only attend to the necessary chores, and read. Annie has a lame back and a headache.

March 8 - I am better. Annie is some worse. Read a letter and photo from Cousin Maggie Burgess. Clear and cool.

March 9 - This is our little Emma's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. My back is most well. Annie about the same. Clear and cold is thawing some in the sun.

March 10 - Clear and cold, but very pleasant. Annie is much worse is nearly helpless with lame back weather clear and pleasant, wrote Cousin Maggie. (Side margin-Saw total eclipse of the moon).

March 11 - Annie was nearly paralyzed this morning but is much better tonight. Weather warm and windy I helped do the housework today.

March 12 - Annie is much better today. Mrs. W.H. Burgess came in and done up the kitchen work this forenoon. I wrote C.L. Mo. Mr. Borghi and Mrs. Hoyle-Cold and stormy.

March 13 - Annie is still improving. Weather cold and snow all day. I chopped the ice off the house today and done work in the house wrote Macky-

March 14 - Cold and stormy, Annie is better. I made a makeshift hay rack, wrote Crippen Coleman and W.R. Walker. Read mtgi (?) and note from Walker for C.L. & Co.

March 15 - Cold clear and cloudy by spells, mostly clear. There is a big masked ball in town tonight.

March 16 - Clear and cold. I hauled hay from the ranch.

March 17 - Clear and some warmer. I hauled a load of hay from the ranch. Nellie Polents rode up from the ranch, to her home with me. Emma has a cold and sore throat. The temperature drops to below 0 every night. I saw a number of robins and black birds today.

March 18 - A little warm. Emma is better today. I went down to Mr. Underwood's.

March 19 - Thawed some where the sun had something dark to work on. Read letters from Macky and C.L. & Co.

March 20 - Clear and cold. Wrote Rocky Mountain News, Macky, Crippen, Walker, and O.R. Rogers and made a drain from back door through ice.

March 21 - Cloudy, warm, and windy. Read and wrote.

March 22 - Warm, wind and snow in the afternoon. I wrote, read and assorted and sprouted the potatoes. Cold and high wind at night.

March 23 - Warmer, thawed some, can see that the snow begins to settle. Bruce took some young folks down to Woodson's to a party tonight. Crawford ret'd from Mo.

March 24 - Very springlike. I went to the ranch after hay, snow so soft that the horses broke through, roads are getting bad. Mail came in good time tonight. Wrote Mr. Standart, C.L. & Co and J.M. Trull and dated all letters for tomorrow.

March 25 - Pleasant, thawed fast in places where the sun had a good chance.

March 26 - Very pleasant. I hauled hay read and wrote today.

March 27 - The snow settled some today, roads are getting poorer Eastern mail did not come tonight.

March 28 - Mail did not come last night. Warm and windy. Thawed fast all day. Sent for canvas and paint for Mrs. Hale. Read a whole ld (?) today. Mail came at 3 P.M.

March 29 - Warm and windy. Snow melted fast mail got in at 10 A.M. that was due last night.

March 30 - Snow all day, no mail came today.

March 31 - Was quite cold and snowed by spells all day. Cleared off at night. One mail came today. Saw meadowlark today. (Side margin-meadowlark)

April 1 - Clear most all day, warm and thawed fast. The tra (?) mails that were behind came this afternoon, we have a diluge of papers to read. I sent some main script to the American Field for examination and wrote to Cousin Maggie and Pat Burke and Mr. Standont today.

April 2 - Clear and warm. I hauled hay today and helped Annie wash. Mail is due tonight but at 8 P.M. has not come. Roads are almost impassable. Mary (?) gave me the money to renew her subscriptions to Coming Station and Light of Truth. Mail came after 9 P.M.

April 3 - Clear and warm thawed fast, began moving by carrying the backs up to where our new quarters will soon be. Read letters from A.H. Allen and John O'Connor. Hauled some hay took the carpets to our new quarters and put down one in the kitchen and one in the shop room. Aunt Mary stayed in the shop while Annie was working at carpet. Warm and hazy today until near night, when it clouded up and rained. Bruce says he has felt most sick for two or three days, I am afraid is tired and with a fever. I wrote A.H. all John O'Connor and A.J. Macky.

April 4- Cold and snow most all day. I wrote Macky, Brock, Geo. Turell and Mr. Ceripper (?) took the cornice off Annie's upright showcase. Got the mail this morning, papers and 3 letters.

April 5 - Warm but snowed most all day last night's mail came but we did not get our regular daily paper even.

April 6-Sunday- Annie and I put in the day reading and packing to noon-Mail came in at 7 P.M.-Day bright and warm, snow melted fast where there was any chance for the sun's rays to reflect.

April 7 - Put in the day hard at work moving into rooms our McWilliam's, M & Co. store-Moved up loads of H.H. goods. Took Geo. E. Trulls application for a loan from C.L. & Co.

April 8 - Moving around and getting ready to live (?) again. Weather warm. Thawing fast.

April 9 - I went down and brought up our dish cupboard today. The roads are nearly impassable. Rain tonight. Mail came tonight at 7:30 P.M. Bruce went down to Woodson's to stay tonight.

April 10 - Wrote and read. Done some work about the house.

April 11 - Bruce and I hauled hay from Willard's. Snow is getting soft and roads in town are muddy.

April 12 - Worked some at cleaning stable, warm.

April 13 - Same as yesterday.

April 14 Easter Sunday - Had a dust storm in afternoon and rain in evening.

April 15 - Went down to O'Connor's ranch and found that some parties had broken into his cabin and stolen everything off his bed and part of his keepsakes, dishes +c. I have sold Johnny's improvements to Mr. Parkinson. I found his receiver receipt no. 464 dated October 21, 1890 for the entry (?) of S.E. 4 & N.W.4 and N.E. 4 & S.W. 4 and lots 5 & 6 in section 6 Tp 6 N.R. 84 W. and signed by Clifford C. Parks Receiver. Amt. Pd. \$16.00.

April 16 - Took J.M. Trull's acknowledgement to second mtgs. and into, sent same to C.L. & Co. Emma and I walked up to bridge. Day pleasant, snow going fast, much bare ground in sight, roads horrible. Saw Trull's new water wheel, think it will do good work. Sent papers to John Parker and wife at Hayden to execute. Wrote Messrs. Hampton and Sterts (?).

April 17 - Very warm. I wrote to Hutchinson, Crippen, H. Col. Steele, gone in our Assessment. Talked with Geo. Suttle about his lot for McWilliams M & Co. Mails are one day behind on account of bad roads, much bare ground in the valleys and South hillsides and a few varieties of early wildflowers are in bloom. Bruce's horses did not come home tonight.

April 18 - Hauled a load of hay and helped Annie to put up beds and straighten up. Woodson reports that "Reddy" cow has a calf, born this day at 11 A.M. Write Ernest Swicth (?), Griffin Col. Kerts and Peliana Coreit Co.

April 19 - Went to look for Bruce's horses did not find them visited and put some flowers on our Little Helen's grave. Saw some geese over the river and heard frogs croaking today for the first this year. Rained again this afternoon.

April 20 - Rain this morning and again in the afternoon. Mr. Adair borrowed the wagon. Dr. Kernaghan and Tom Baer got upset in the river while hunting ducks in a boat lost their hats and guns. Mr. Adams et al drove a large bunch of cattle through town today.

April 21 Sunday - Had a big snow storm this forenoon pleasant in the afternoon. (Side margin-\$21.00 rent)

April 22 - Rented the restaurant building to a Mr. C.F. Clark read (need?) 6 mo. in advance deposited Mr. Macky's half in the bank to his cr. Wrote Macky, Mr. Parker from Hayden came and executed some papers and gave us a treat to some good music on the violin. Emma and I went to the ranch this P.M. and got some vegetables.

April 23 - Rented Mrs. Hoyle's house to Mrs. Sutson today for \$4.00 per mo. Mr. Borghi was here. Wrote C.L. & Co., Mrs. Hoyle and Mr. Bruch (?). Bruce went to hunt for his horses today but did not find them.

April 24 - Bruce and Harley Hilvry (Helvy?) went to look for horses today-Annie marked and put away an invoice of laces, crepe and fans. Weather very fine.

April 25 - Looks some like a storm is coming. Emma and I went up on the hill where the grave yard is and put some flowers on Little Helen's grave.

April 26 - Day windy. Did not get much mail last night. Ernest Smith came to see me today about his Svan (?) to C.S.R. Wrote C.L. & Co. and John O'Connor, O.R. Rogers. Rain in evening. (Side margin-\$10.00 for lumber).

April 27 - Cool and pleasant. Annie is not well her head aches and she feels dull and tired. She gave Mrs. Hale her tin(?) of lessons in painting today. Wind blew very hard at dusk, was cloudy but it did not rain or snow. I wrote to O.R. Rogers and Cousin Maggie, recd. Letter from Col. Steele, got no mail tonight except papers.

April 28 Sunday - Cool and pleasant. Annie has been sick all day with a nervous headache much better at night.

April 29 - Wind blew very hard last night and today we had a dust storm, rain and snow at night. There was a calico ball at Milner's hall. Mary Koll was here to play with us tonight.

April 30 - Bruce went as far as Duquette's with Miss Cole. Rain in the afternoon, cold and windy.

May 1 - This is the fourth anniversary of our Little Helen's funeral. I went down to the ranch and hauled a small load of hay home rain hard afternoon and snowed all the forenoon a very disagreeable day.

May 2 - Cold in morning but rain in the afternoon. Louis Garbarino stayed all night with us.

May 3 - Cool, rain part of the day.

May 4 - Emma went with me to the ranch. I brought home a little hay. Fixed up papers for three pensions and extension of loan paper for Ernest Smith today. Rain in afternoon.

May 5 Sunday - Bruce looked all day for his horses but did not find them. Annie, Emma and I walked to the Iron Spring. Got no mail-no letter mail.

May 6 - Figured up the Borghi notes and (?) took a duebill signed Dennis Bros. due October 1, 1895 for \$1100.00 and sent it to C.L. & Co. Day pleasant. Annie sold 4 hats and 2 veils.

May 7 - Very pleasant. I went to the ranch and brought up some hay and horseradish. Got my chest pad (?).

May 8 - Very pleasant. Sent \$2.00 to Electric Pad Mfg. Co. Hauled balance of hay began to spade the garden wrote Crippen and Standart completed the deal on O'Connor's house to Parkinson windy this afternoon.

May 9 - Rented Mrs. Hoyle's ranch to Brobede tried to sell Mrs. Parkinson's place to Mrs. Hale wrote Mrs. Hoyle and c. and c.

May 10 - Worked some on ranch and some on ditch, hauled up the book case and balance of our dishes from ranch.

May 11 - Bruce went to Twenty mile Park for crotch(?) and his horses. I walked down to ranch and shaded some in the garden. (Side margin-\$10.00 balance O'Connor).

May 12 Sunday - Spent the day reading and writing.

May 13 - Spent the day am trying to work up some real estate sales. Failed. - Spent a good part of the day writing.

May 14 - Bruce and Will Thayer went hunting but did not get any game. I chored around home and wrote and read.

May 15 - Ray Lammion worked at fixing the fence on South side and east end of ranch.

May 16 - We finished repairing the fence wrote Macky yesterday afternoon and I wrote C.L. & Co. and C.E. Baker, got letter from Cousin Maggie. I went to the ranch this afternoon and got some hay and milk, milked Milner's cow the last two or three days have been cold and windy, snowed and hailed some today.

May 17 - Emery's cow had a fine calf this forenoon and had a picnic milking tonight.

May 18 - Jeff Clark and I spent nearly the whole forenoon milking. Emery came home and helped milk tonight. I drove down to the ranch today. Brought home Bruce's slicker that he lost last fall.

May 19 Sunday - I went down to the ranch and turned the horses loose in the pasture. Worked some in the garden. Began to rain at 6 p.m.

May 20 - Pat Bruk(?) and "Pappy" Smith were here to get some business done. Annie paid for April rent there was a stock men's making in town to protest against the invasion of sheep onto the cattle ranges. It began to rain at dark and is still raining at 10 P.M. (Side margin-\$1.00 Notary furs).

May 21 & 22 - Rain each afternoon went to Farmer's Alliance and Industrial Union meeting this May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

May 23 - Very pleasant except wind. Completed the sale of Macky and Burgess lots to Kernaghan and Bair and sent deeds +c. for record.

May 24 - Very pleasant. I bought Mr. Parkinson's place for Annie, attended another industrial meeting at night, attended another industrial meeting at night. (Side margin-\$20.00 Borghi Com.)

May 25 - Bruce got home with his horses which he found at Twenty Mile Park. I read and wrote.

May 26 Sunday - Spent the day reading and writing.

May 27 - Very windy. The air was full of dust today. Dave Dicky returned today so I will not have to milk Milner's cows, for a time at least. I put in the day writing. Looks like storm at night.

May 28 - We had a snow storm this morning followed by rain. Then a high wind all the rest of the day-I wrote all day.

May 29 - Cold and windy. Put in the day writing rain in the afternoon. John Thompson stayed with Bruce last night and again tonight.

May 30 - Rain. I wrote most all day. John Thompson stayed with Bruce again tonight.

May 31 - Snow and rain. Close the trade for the C. E. Baker lot tonight, sent Baker a deposit receipt for his money. Bruce and John Thompson went to the Peak today (Side margin-\$20.00 Baker lot).

June 1 - Wrote all day. The boys returned from the Peak today. Rain in evening.

June 2 - Bruce and John Thompson started out with the team to prospect. Rain nearly all day.

June 3 - Wrote nearly all day. Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$4.75 on a/c of rent paid by Brobeck. He paid \$5.00 being ½ of the 1<sup>st</sup> installment. Annie sent Edson Kirth and Co. \$10.00 on a/c.

June 4 - Wrote all day am tired tonight. It seems to have cleared up and is warmer.

June 5 - Clear and pleasant all day most of the young and able bodied men have gone to the sheep war-wrote all day-wrote Cousin Maggie (and began to write and gave it up).

June 6 - Pleasant today. The boys (Bruce and John Thompson) came home sick today.

June 7 - The boys are better-Aunt Mary and John Sampson spent the day with us.

June 8 - Began to rewrite my story wrote 16 pages. Day pleasant.

June 9 Sunday - Went up to the graveyard and put some flowers on the graves of Helen, Hazel, Lissie and Mr. Hoyle. Annie and Emma went to take a walk with Willard's folk after noon. I wrote Cousin Maggie today. Pleasant but rain at night.

June 10 - There was a big rain again last night. I wrote at my story again today. Bruce moved the belongings from Mrs. Hoyle's stables to our own. Very pleasant day. Aunt Mary came to visit.

June 11 - Worked all day at my manuscript. Bruce seems quite sick tonight.

June 12 - Bruce is some better but Emma is not well, wrote all day. John Sampson tracked a team for a town lot.

June 13 - Bruce seems all right. Warm I wrote all day.

June 14 - I am 52 years old today, wrote an order for goods for Annie. Had to help Mrs. Swope milk. Wrote nearly all day.

June 16 - Aunt Mary went home today. McWilliams Milbank and Co. got in with freight. Warm and pleasant. I put in the day working at my story. Wrote Barker, Macky et al.

June 17 - Cold-I wrote. Broghi was here and I made an affidavit for him.

June 18 - Boys came home from this prospecting.

June 19, 20, & 21 - Busy writing at my story. Begin the last half of the story this afternoon June 21<sup>st</sup>.

June 22 - Finished the first installment of the last half of my story today. Bruce went down to the Brook's and got his spring wagon. Day warm. Lilly Stees was here this afternoon. Wrote J.M. Voice and to Mrs. Lirta Milner.

June 23 Sunday - Bruce started to Wolcott after his grandparents. I wrote all day.

June 24 - Wrote at my story. I do not get time to read much or even go fishing.

June 25 - Worked hard all day writing.

June 26 - Same work as yesterday. Rain in evening.

June 27 - Bruce got home from Wolcott with Annie's father and mother. Rained hard in the evening and at night.

June 28 - Done some legal writing today. Rain in afternoon.

June 29 - Borrowed \$105.00 of Jim Stees for one year @ 15% int. wrote.

June 30 Sunday - Helped Mr. Parkinson rig up the new Post Office Building. Bruce went down to stay all night with cousin John.

July 1 & 2 - Wrote all day-Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$10.00 for rent.

July 3 - Took the oath of Assistant P.M. today. Completed the first 2/3 of my story. (Side Margin-\$5.00 E. Smith and B. Brooks C.L. & Co.

July 4 - Wrote all day. Bruce went to the Peak and balance of the folks to a picnic.

July 5 - Wrote what time I could spare. Sent Mr. Hunt 22.30 balance due him from W.B. McClellan. Sent A.H. Allen \$26.35 from Woodson and Walter Coleman \$2.50 for recording Hunt Trust Deed.

July 6 & 7 - Wrote both days. The folks went to the ranch fishing the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

July 8 - Wrote. Bruce and Jimmie Monson went to Pickett and Remi hands mill to begin work. Has been dry and warm the past three days. I have my story  $\frac{3}{4}$  completed.

July 9 - Wrote. Finished its 23<sup>rd</sup> installment of my story today.

July 10 - Rain most all day. Soft by-Wrote as usual.

July 11 & 12 - Rain both days. I am busy writing as usual. Made deed for Sat 9 in Blk 17 leased Mrs. Hoyle's stables for \$2.00 per 3 mo.

July 13 - Rain most all day. I have taken cold in some unaccountable manner. Wrote some.

July 13 & 14 - Wrote both days. Bruce went back to the mill this A.M. (14).

July 15 - Very warm wrote all day again.

July 16 - A repetition of yesterday's work. Very warm.

July 17-18-19 - Wrote all three days and it rained each day.

July 20 - Went out to Mr. Turner's to look at his ranch. Big horse race this afternoon and a dance at night. Bruce got home from the mill.

July 21 - Wrote letters all day. It rained some. Bruce went to Hayden to take his girl home.

July 22 - Read and wrote and sent proposition of Woodson to Datins(?) Sent copy of Hammer.

July 23 - Went to Egeria Park to Herod Fulton took his application for a \$3000.00 loan.

July 24 - Sold a man a/c E.S. McKinlay 11 pcs. 2 + 4 - 14 for long @ 18.00 J.M. and sent Fulton's application for a loan to C.L. & Co. (Side margin-Gave Dave(?) field order for \$1.00 Aug 16/95).

July 25 & 26 - Wrote at my story.

July 26 & 27 - Very warm. Wrote and read. Mr. Parker paid me the commission due from him and I gave him his extension papers. I worked this forenoon at the island to get some water into the ditch. Bruce brought a friend from the mill to stay all night with him. (Side margin-\$24.00 Parker Com.)

July 28-Sunday - Finished my story and wrote some letters. John Sampson called today. Had a rainy afternoon.

July 29 - Worked in the forenoon at head of ditch. The foot bridge was put in across the river today.

July 30 - Loafed about home. Wrote some letters.

July 31 - Helped the Post Master figure up his Money Order Balance sheet. Wrote C.L. & Co. regarding a trade with Albert Laman sent them list of assessment +c. +c. Ed Brobeck moved in to our house today.

August 1 - Annie began taking lessons in pastels work.

August 2 - Went down to the ranch and got some lettuce, onions and co. Tried fishing but caught nothing-Caught some hoppers in the afternoon to fish with tomorrow.

August 3 - Mr. Mapes and I went up Soda Creek fishing. Worked hard and got very tired and only caught 6 little trout. Bruce got home from the mill at night while I was at the Farmer's Alliance.

August 4 Sunday - Rested and read in the forenoon and went down to the ranch in afternoon. Caught some grasshoppers.

August 5 - Went fishing in forenoon. Caught 10 fair sized ones.

August 6 - Made out some papers for Wilcox and Williams and caught some fish bait

August 7 - Went down to the ranch and got 13 fish. (Side margin-\$0.50 Wilcox)

August 8 - Sold Mr. Wilcox 250 ft. lumber worked at the head of the ditch in afternoon. Wrote MR. Turner and Mrs. Milner.

August 9 - Fixed up Pickett's lumber pile and sold 96 ft. Caught some hoppers in the afternoon. Dr. Williams was here to dinner and bade us goodbye. I sent deposit receipt to Co. to T for him.

August 10 - Mapes and I went fishing. Worked hard most of the day and only got 6 small ones. Bruce came from the mill at 8 P.M.

August 11 Sunday - No work of importance done today. Bruce started down to Hayden at noon.

August 12 - Annie washed. I rigged up some fishing tackle for future use. Sent diagram of H.E. Turner's building to Mr. Crippen to write insurance from. Caught some fish bait. Bruce got home in time for supper and after supper, rode up to the mill Charley Cheney called on us.

August 13 - I worked hard and caught 6 fish. Stage was late and mail had to be distributed by lamp light.

August 14 - Worked some at head of ditch, caught some hoppers in afternoon, got a letter from Cousin Maggie. Bruce came home tonight feeling bad.

August 15 - Fished nearly all day and only caught 9. I think Bruce is better. Warm in the sun but pleasant in the shade.

August 16 - Chored around at various things.

August 17 - Went fishing, caught 6 fish.

August 18 - Read, write, and visit Bruce went back to the mill. Aunt Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Mapes went down to the ranch.

August 19 - Worked all day at the ditch and the dam to get the water started.

August 20 - Went fishing, caught a trout 15 inches long and quite a string of smaller ones. Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$7.00 rent money paid by Mrs. Stilson.

August 21 - Rene and note at bank, paid \$80.00 on a/c paid Mr. DeLonge in full. Bought a new home comfort range and gave a note for \$83.00 in payment. Recd letters from Dr. Williams, Macky, D.M. Durke and others. (Side margin-\$100.00 Bt. Div.)



August 22 - Borrowed a horse of Willard Burgess and went down to Aunt Mary's ranch to carry a letter to Mrs. Mapes. It rained hard all the afternoon and turned cold. Saw Col. Steele this morning. (Side margin 6.00 rent of house 1.80 contracts for McWilliams and P.M.)

August 23 - Had a visit with Col. Steele. Sold Wilcox some lumber and read and wrote. The Assay Office took fire but did not much damage.

August 24 - Collected \$20.00 from Mr. Woolery, paid some to Joe Delmi a/c C.J. Franz wrote Mr. Pickett, sending order for 1 feet of lumber for Ernest Smith. Bruce came down from the mill tonight.

August 25 Sunday - Went to the graveyard, put some flowers on Helen's grave, worked some on ditch and dam. Was over to the Cave Springs today. Mail came very late today. Bruce went down to Mr. Woolery's.

August 26 - Bought a new ax got up and cut some wood. Chored around.

August 27 - Rained quite hard this afternoon. Wrote out an order for goods for the P.O. Store paid May Leevy for Exhaust Pipe for the mill.

August 28 - Rain again today. Got up and cut some wood. Bruce came down from the mill at Mr. H. Woolery. Emma is not feeling well this P.M. Loan Ed Brobeck the buggy.

August 29 - Rain about 3 P.M. Johnny Sampson and his mother brought home Mr. and Mrs. Mapes.

August 30 - Did not rain today. Began milking reddy cow today as Mr. Stopes folks are going to move away, got up and cut some wood.

August 31 - Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Mapes, and Emma and I took a long walk, visited the Cave Springs. Bruce came home tonight.

September 1 Sunday - Mr. W. I. Milner and Charley Cheney visited us today.

September 2 - Got up and cut a lot of wood, caught some grasshoppers.

September 3 - Emma and I went with Gay and Edith fishing caught 16 all told. Wind blew too hard and water was not clear enough to be a good day for fishing.

September 4 - Mr. Mapes and I took a long walk. Went to the top of Signal Peak in the Groundhog Range.

September 5 - All hands walked down to the ranch. I went fishing and caught 6 fine trout. Read a nice long letter from Cousin Maggie.

September 6 - Did not do much today except get a little wood.

September 7 - Worked at the ditch in the forenoon and went to the Populist(?) Primary in the afternoon. The weather seems like fall.

September 8 - Bruce came home last night. As tomorrow is his and his Grandma's birthday. We had an extra dinner in honor of the event today.

September 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Mapes started home today we were sorry to have him go. This is Bruce's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. He went back to his work early this A.M. Sold Reddy cow to Mrs. Woodson.

September 10 - I walked down to the ranch and helped "Bob" measure the hay. Broke the shade to thin hanging lamp accidentally. The hay only measures 50 tons a little more than half the usual quantity.

September 11 - Got up and cut some wood.

September 12 - Wrote out an order Edson Keith (?) for Annie went down to the ranch to see where the new road has cut through the S.E. Core. Sold Kirmaghan and Baur's note the Bk. Paid Willard \$25.00 a/c paid Mrs. Bartz a note of Annie's she bought of Stees. Sold the old harness to DeLongi. (Side margin-Sent to Coming Nation for our renewal and books and c.)

September 13 - Bought a new set of harness, sold some lumber to Wilcox and got up some wood-Ground my ax. (Side margin-6.00 rent for Brobeck).

September 14 - Went up the hills to find a place to get winter's wood. Found some nice dry oak but it will be hard to get at. Bruce was home to supper tonight. I saw 2 deer.

September 15 - Emma and I took a long walk, went up to the graveyard and put some flowers on Helen's grave-Saw a sick donkey but could not get him up. Emma picked a bunch of flowers for Aunt Mary and in return received a nice tin (?)-Weather for the last week has been unnaturally warm.

September 16 - Spent the forenoon trying to help a sick donkey, and the afternoon cutting wood up in the hills.

September 17 - Went up in the hills again today and cut wood. Awful hot weather for September.

September 18 - Worked at getting wood again. Some cooler and rained some in afternoon.

September 19 - Rained by spells all day. Did not go to the hills. Had a troth filled. Wrote to a party in Philadelphia regarding my patents.

September 20 - Worked in the woods today and hurt my finger badly (bruised it). Got two boxes peaches tonight and some fly hale.

September 21 - Cold and cloudy-Snowed all the afternoon. My finger is very sore today. Can hardly write. Bruce came down from the mill to get some blacksmithing done and did not get back on account of snow.

September 22 Sunday - Snow a little most all day-Wrote letters.

September 23 - Clear and cold-Muddy. I walked down to the ranch and got some fruit jars. Annie made some peach preserves and I helped her pare the second box for tomorrow's work, got up some wood.

September 24 - Went to the hills and cut wood today. Clear and cold grind my ax in the afternoon.

September 25 - Worked in the hills today. Read a nice long letter from Cousin Maggie. Bob McGready brought us ½ of a nice yearling deer. Day very pleasant.

September 26 - Was too tired to go to the woods today, got up a new supply of willow and chored about home.

September 27 - Hired Archie Witur(?) and team and went up in the hills and snaked out this oak wood I have cut and piled it up where a wagon can be drove to it. We brought home a load, day very pleasant.

September 28 - Helped Mr. Geo. H. Suttle make proff(?) on his ranch. The Democrats held their nominating convention today. Very pleasant. Bruce came home from the mill for Sunday.

September 29 Sunday - Bruce went to Hayden. I loafed about home wrote and read.

September 30 - I am not well today, stayed home got some wood and bring for Annie to wash with tomorrow. Mr. Leahy gave Emma to buy her a nice new doll. Bruce came back from Hayden and went up to the mill again. I wrote Col. Steele.

October 1 - Cut and brought in enough wood to last several days, and wrote some letters. A stranger an old man died at the hotel tonight of Paralysis. Day very pleasant and warm.

October 2 - Wrote Cousin Maggie. Sold some lumber to Mr. Klechner and some to Mr. Stundevant.

October 3 & 4 - Nothing of importance. I cut and brought in and wrote some letters. Attended a common lion(?). Weather is cold and stormy again.

October 5 - Sold some lumber to Mr. Wilcat, wrote Pickett. Annie's goods came tonight and we checked off the bills and marked goods. Bruce came home from the mill later.

October 6 Sunday - Wrote a long letter to Sister Emma also other letters. Had a long visit with Mr. Pickett. Mail came late. I bought a box of grapes of Mr. Parkinson's.

October 7 - Annie was called to see Mrs. Graham who was confined at 7 this A.M. and had to stay most of the day and will go and stay with Mrs. G part of tonight-I picked the grapes off of the stems, and wrote some letters.

October 8 - Annie was up until 2 o'clock this A.M. with Mrs. Graham who is very sick. I went up to the canon to look for wood. The road sidling and I did not cut any wood.

October 9 - Went across and down the river and cut a couple of loads of aspens. Mrs. Graham is reported better. The Locker Bros. are both down with Typhoid fever.

October 10 - Chored about home, sold some lumber. Went in afternoon and cut some more wood. Mrs. "Neva" Lobb is very sick.

October 11 - Was visiting with Pickett and putting down some accounts. There is to be a ball at Milner's ball hall tonight. Lots of folks in town and Annie had a good day's trade.

October 12 - Republican Convention today to nominate candidates for County and Precinct offices. We see much darkness on the streets today and hear some heated language. Johnny Sampson brought Betty and colt up from the ranch. I got the new harness fitted to the horses and went down to the ranch and brought up some trolls(?) and a jag of hay. Bruce went down to Hayden this P.M. to take Mary home.

October 13 Sunday - Wrote and read fixed the halters and put up some pins(?) in the stable to hang the harness on. Quite a number of drunk persons were on the street today.

October 14 - (Side margin-picture of a bird, house, and a foot.) Hauled two loads of wood. I have a bad cough coming on. (Side margin-picture of hoof).

October 15 - (Side margin-picture of wagon). Had Betty's hoofs trimmed and hauled two nice loads of wood. Took an order from Mr. Bashor for some finishing lumber for Mr. Crawford. Mr. Crawford showed me where to pile lumber and start a yard. Mr. Lobb began occupancy of our place by putting a load of coal in the cow's stable and he will move in as soon as Brobecks leave it.

October 16 - Hauled one load of hay and one of wood.

October 17 - Hauled two loads of wood today. A storm is near at hand. I can see by the looks of the sky.

October 18 - Contrary to expectation, it was pleasant today and I hauled wood.

October 19 - Another pleasant day. Hauled two loads of wood today. Bruce came home tonight.

October 20 Sunday 0 Spent the day writing letters. Loaned the wagon to Brobeck. Looks much like storm.

October 21 - Hauled one load of hay and a load of wood, rain in the valley and snow on the mountain. Bruce went back to the mill this forenoon. Is not feeling well. I am afraid he threatened with a fever.

October 22 - Sold Mr. Schaffnit 279 ft. of Mr. Sturdonant's lumber. Got in payment \$185.00 in cash and 500 shingles paid 1.06 to Mayberry for soddering a tin escape pipe. Took orders and sent to the mill for nearly \$75.00 worth of lumber. Haul one load of wood in the afternoon. Day raw and cold. Got a letter from Cousin Maggie tonight.

October 23 - Day very fine. Hauled one load of wood and chored some about home. Saw Henry Etzler today. He used to live in Bates Co. Mo. Read a letter from Mr. Macky. Sent orders to the mill for nearly 100 ft. of lumber today.

October 24 - Spent the day cutting and piling wood to haul. Cold but still and clear.

October 25 - Very pleasant but cold. Hauled two loads of wood today.

October 26 - Hauled two loads of wood. Cold windy and cloudy misted some. Read a letter from Chicago Record saying my manuscript has been rejected and will be returned. Bruce came home late.

October 27 Sunday - Made two trips to the ranch. Brought up a load of hay and our heating stove. Read a letter from Mrs. Milner.

October 28 - Hauled some lumber to Mrs. Bartz and Mr. McClellan.

October 29 - Hauled two loads of wood. The nail on my bruised finger came loose today.

October 30 - Hauled one load of wood in afternoon wrote letter to Populists +c.

October 31 - Hauled one load of wood, made out an order to Edson K. & Co. for goods for Annie. Read medicines from Hudson Medical Institute.

November 1 - Began a pair of mittens in forenoon, hauled hay in afternoon. There was a race up the track today Hornet versus Red Bird. Hornet won. A grand complimentary ball is in progress being the offering of the season in McWilliams, Milbank and Co's. hall. (Side margin-Lobb's rent begins).

November 2 - Chored about home, helped Mr. Pickett some and attended to various things. The mail was small but I received one letter. Neva Lobb is reported to be dying-She has been sick a long time.

November 3 Sunday - I put in part of the day writing letters, burned some letters that were in the way and wrote up the Mill Ledger-Neva Lobb is still living. Began a letter to Cousin Maggie, will finish it tomorrow. Made out a statement of Mr. Wilcox's a/c.

November 4 - Made a peace to saw wood. Finished my letter to Maggie partly cleaned the stable and finished one mitten. It snowed part of the day.

November 5 - Chored about home finished my mittens snowed again.

November 6 - Done chores about home, wrote some. It snowed and was a cold raw day. Miss Lobb died this 5 P.M.

November 7 - A cold dreary day. Miss Lobb's funeral was today at 3 P.M. The mails are very late in getting in. We got only one paper in this mail.

November 8 - Wrote Mr. Macky. It was a cold stormy day. Delmi worked out papering our kitchen today. Only rec'd two letters today neither which amounted to anything.

November 9 - Worked all day at the wood pile and helping move things around to facilitate house papering-A clear pleasant day and tonight is crisp and the coldest of the season.

November 10 - Went to the ranch after hay. Helped Annie move and put things out of Bruce's Bedroom.

November 11 - Went with Elmer Burgess after hay. Sold one coal heater to Mrs. Hale.

November 12 - Went to the ranch with Edmunson after hay and helped Annie.

November 13 - Helped Annie and chored about home.

November 14 - It has snowed for the past four or five days. Alonzo Allen, his brother Chet, and a Mr. Metcalf came in from Longmont yesterday. He brought a barrel of apples as a present to us.

November 15 - Spent the forenoon in writing to a Trust Company in Boston in the (perhaps) vain attempt to get some employment again that will help us to live more comfortably. Went to the ranch P.M. for hay wrote to Provident Trust Co. Boston and Mrs. L. Milner, H.E. Turner et als.

November 16 - Went to the ranch after hay. It snowed nearly all day-

November 17 Sunday - Wrote some letters. The boys went back to the mill. Lobb hauled a load of hay.

November 18 - Began work on a coal bin, wrote the Farm Investment Co. of Greeley and cut wood. It has cleared off again from hard last night.

November 19 - Worked at the coal house or bin. Pleasant.

November 20 - Worked at coal bin and chored about home.

November 21 - Sold some lumber and worked at coal house, has clouded up tonight.

November 22 - Nearly completed coal house. It turned cold and at this 6 P.M. it is snowing and blowing hard. Sent for the "Road" for 6 mos. Broke my handsaw today.

November 23 - Annie read a bill of new goods today. I went to the ranch after hay. Bruce went back to the mill to work, gave Mr. Lobb some medicines he is feeling poorly. Today has been cold and disagreeable with signs of more snow.

November 24 - Cold and snow. I fill up the wood boxes and read and write.

November 25 - Finish the coal house. Cold and snow. Pickett was down from the mill today to get a planer knife fixed.

November 26 - Cut wood, went to the ranch after hay, and wrote some letters. Cold but pleasant.

November 27 - Very pleasant day. I cut some wood and wrote some. Mail was late getting in tonight.

November 28 Thanksgiving - Cold and snow all forenoon we stay at home and eat our own dinner. Read a letter from and wrote to C.E. Baker. Annie and Emma went to Rev. Brylaus to a donation party tonight-I began putting wood in the coal bin today.

November 29 - Went over to Aunt Mary's and made her a coal box and a reading stand. Filled up the wood boxes snowed today.

November 30 - Filled up the wood boxes again and cleaned the stable. Bruce came home to spend Sunday.

December 1 Sunday - Cold and snowy. Stayed indoors and read nearly all day. Read a letter from Cousin Maggie tonight.

December 2 - Cold and stormy. I filled up the wood boxes again today. We cleaned the snow off the shed and carried lumber to fix it up so it will be warmer and safer. It has grown very cold at bedtime tonight.

December 3 - Was 27 below 0 this A.M. Annie washed. Got no paper tonight.

December 4 - Mail came early tonight. I cut wood in forenoon and went to ranch and got a load of hay in the afternoon. I have lost a day somewhere this week and find that this is the 5<sup>th</sup>. Ernest Campbell has got this far on his way back to the mill.

December 6 - Worked at the stable today. Has been milder, and is snowing hard again tonight. Mail came early we got a small lot.

December 7 - Work at the stable this forenoon and at the woodpile this afternoon. Bruce came home again tonight.

December 8 Sunday - Read and wrote cleaned out the stable. It snowed 8 inches last night.

December 9 - Very cold-Did not work except to fill up the wood boxes.

December 10 - Worked at the stable this afternoon it was cold but turned warm at night and will snow again. Bruce traded for a banjo.

December 11 - Very pleasant and warm. Mr. Lobb and I went down to the ranch and got a load of hay. Elmer Burgess hauled us a load of coal. Aunt Mary and Clara spent the evening with us. Mail came early and brought a letter from Mr. H. H. Suttle, one from Mrs. Milner and one from a firm in Denver. The boys went back to the mill today.

December 12 - Chored about all day-Very pleasant.

December 13 - Pleasant day. Worked some at the stable, cut some wood. Bruce came home from the mill sick tonight, will rest awhile, no mail came for any of us tonight. Write to Macky and O'Connor, Annie is feeling bad tonight.

December 14 - Very pleasant again today. Took a lot of acknowledgements for Whipple and Milner this afternoon. Bruce is about the same as is Annie. Emma is complaining tonight.

December 15 Sunday - Wrote letters and done the chores. Emma has what seems to be the chicken pox. Bruce and Annie are some better.

December 16 - A cold stormy day. The sick folks are better. I have a lameness that feels like aging(?).\

December 17 - 2.M. Wrote one letter, began two others. Got a load of hay. Day very cold-wrote Baker and Crippen.

December 18 - Very cold, below 0 all day notwithstanding. The sky was clear and the sun was bright. Wrote a letter to Boston am sick was home about got well.

December 19 - Worked at the wood pits and at the stable. Some warmer.

December 20 - Pleasant day. Woodson brought Lilly cow up from the ranch, began milking this evening.

December 21 - Worked at the stable and the wood pile, snowed last night and today.

December 22 Sunday - Very cold tonight. Mr. Lobb began milking the cow today. I cut wood and filled both boxes.

December 23 - I intended to go after hay today but it was so cold I gave it up wrote and cut wood. Bruce and Mr. Leahy started for Hayden. Bruce went to bring Mary up to spend Christmas. I wrote to Boston again today. Read from C.E. Baker the money he owes to C.L. & Co. and sent C.L. & Co. Woodson's folks ate supper with us tonight and go to the Christmas tree on the hill at the Congregational Church. Mr. Parkinson gave Emma some wax toys. It has turned warmer and is snowing hard at bad time.

December 24 - Cold and disagreeable. Mr. Lobb and I went to the ranch after a load of hay. Bruce and Mary got home about 4 P.M.

December 25 - Cold and snow all day. I walked down to the ranch this forenoon. A big masquerade ball is in progress in the hall tonight.

December 26 - Cold and windy, snow all the forenoon. Bruce started to take Mary back to Hayden but they came back nearly froze.

December 27 - More pleasant. Mr. Lobb and I hauled a load of hay from the ranch today.

December 28 - We got up another load of hay. It was a very cold disagreeable day. Bruce ret'd from Hayden. Roads drifted full and mail did not get in until nearly 9 P.M.

December 29 Sunday - Cold and stormy. Filled up the wood boxes again and wrote some letters.

December 30 - Snowed all the forenoon. I went down to the ranch to leave the sled. Brought this harness upstairs for safe keeping. A disagreeable day. Annie churned for the first tonight since we got Lilly cow up town.

December 31 - A stormy day, did not work out of doors. This is the last day of 1895.

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January 1 - A very windy and disagreeable day. I cut and filled both wood boxes. Mail came late tonight on account of snow drifts.

January 2 - Cold. Blowed hard all last night and most all day. The roads are badly drifted over with snow which makes travel bad.

January 3 - Got a small mail this morning, was around today with a petition against saloons, day cold and roads blockaded with snow, no mail at bedtime.

January 4 - Cold and disagreeable did not work.

January 5 Sunday - Clear and cold mail came earlier.

January 6 - Clear and cold, sold some lumber for snow shoes, sent \$70.00 to Greeley to affirm an interest, cut some wood. (Side margin-Sent \$70.00 Greeley).

January 7 - Clear and cold. I have the grip. Aunt Mary is sick also. Sent papers to C.L. & Co. and C.E. Baker wrote a long letter to Col. Steele.

January 8 & 9 - Cut wood and wrote letters, weather pleasant. Read a letter from Mr. Macky regarding the management of the Springs Co's. business.

January 10 - Cold in forenoon but pleasant in afternoon. Wrote Mr. Macky and a friend. Bruce and others go down to the ranch to a dance tonight. I began a new Manuscript tonight.

January 11 - Pleasant, read, wrote and cut wood.

January 12 Sunday - Spent the biggest part of the day in taking stock of goods to return to McW.M. and Co. Wrote some letters, and more manuscript.

January 13 - Filled up the wood boxes, read and wrote letters, cold but pleasant-Wrote another sketch.

January 14 - Read letters from Boston and N.Y. I will now have to reread and prepare my manuscript and get it ready to send away.

January 15 - Began rewriting my manuscript today to send to the Ledger. Bruce went to Mr. Turner's to a party last night and slept all day today. My right eye is so I can hardly see out of it today.

January 16 - Spent the day reading manuscript. Mail came early.

January 17 - Snowed most all day. I put in the day reviewing my manuscript.

January 18 - Worked all day at my manuscript, subscribed for Bruce for the Gonters(?) Companion.

January 19-Sunday - It was a very pleasant day. Thawed some. I was busy today and completed reviewing my story and sent the manuscript to N.Y. read letters from Cousin Maggie and John O.C wrote Maggie.

January 20 - As a big storm is so near when us I filled both wood boxes with dry oak wood. Brought in coal, etc. I am afraid I am going to lose my right eye. I fear that a cataract has formed.

January 21 - Snow and sunshine by twins today. Mr. Parkinson's children are sick. I made up some accounts today for Pickett write Col. Steele and Mrs. Hoyle.

January 22 - Snow most all day. Bruce and John went to Hayden. I read Authority to act as Superintendent of the Springs Company's Business here and letter from C.L. and Co. with okay to pay my commission in C.E. Baker case.

January 23 - Bright and cold, a fine writing day. I put in the day writing letters.

January 24 - Clear and cold. Cut some wood again today and wrote and read a good deal.

January 25 - Chored around home. Clear and cold.

January 26 Sunday - Clear and warm today.

January 27 - Cold but pleasant, cut some wood today read and wrote.

January 28 - Had a conference with Mr. Crawford in forenoon and took a walk up to call on the Bath House Keepers in the afternoon. Read letters from Macky Secy(?) and others wrote Hudson Medical Institute.

January 29 - Went down to the ranch this afternoon. Wrote letters to Macky, Crippen et als. Looks like a storm was near at hand.

January 30 - Warm and snowed all day. I made two trips to the bath house today.

January 31 - Cold but clear and pleasant, is very cold at this 9 P.M.

February 1 - Made settlement with the Bath House and made my first monthly report to the Secy of the Springs Company as its Superintendent. The expenses of the company for farming were \$25.00 for salary of Keeper of the Bath House. The receipts were proceeds of 77 bathers=\$19.25 12 tickets \$2.50 Tdat \$21.75 leaving a deficit of \$3.25 of expenses over earning. Clear and very cold today-20 degrees below 0 this A.M. (Side margin-Beth house settlement for January).

February 2 - Clear still and cold. I put in the day reading over some manuscript I wrote last winter.

February 3 - Frost filled nearly all day yet it was pleasant. Filled up the wood boxes, wrote to Mrs. Hoyle and read a good deal. Jerry McWilliams and Miss Casley was married this evening and he gives the young people a big ball in the honor of the event.

February 4 - Cold but pleasant. I am not well today. Emma is complaining tonight also. 48.00 for Spgs Co.

February 5 - Snowed all day. Annie and I both sick with the Grippe. Had the doctor call on Annie. Aunt Mary stayed with us today. Mr. Cody stopped to see us on his way to Denver, wrote to N.Y. Ledger, Farm I. Co. et al.

February 6 - We are both better. Annie was up nearly all day. Aunt Mary done our house work. Day cold but clear.

February 7 - Annie is still improving I am about the same, cleared away the snow and chopped some wood today. Wrote Macky. Snowing tonight. Has been a cold day was 33 degrees below 0 this A.M.

February 8 - This is Annie's 48<sup>th</sup> birthday, was pleasant most all day. We are some better today. John Sampson came up and took his mother down home for a few days. Read a letter from Maggie.



February 9 Sunday - Was pleasant today, wrote some letters. Kansas Parkinson came home from Montana last night. Emma is quite sick tonight. Annie was not so well today.

February 10 - Pleasant today. Emma had a violent attack of croup this afternoon but seems easier at this 7 P.M. Annie and I are both some better-Sent \$10.00 to E.K. & Co. and a Duplicate draft to Hudson Medical Institute. (Side margin-Hudson M.I.)

February 11 - A cloudy stormy day. Bruce went with some friends on a hunting contest. Think both sides came out even on no. of points. Annie and I are about today but do not feel brisk. Emma rested well last night and has gained strength all day. It seemed as if she was most well tonight.

February 12 - Pleasant most of the day. Annie is not so well. Emma is better. I sent Msste(?) Youths Companion and 5.00 to A.H. Allen that Maryetta gave me. Aunt Mary got back from her ranch today.

February 13 - Very pleasant. The sick are better and I hope they will get along all right. Wrote Judy Rucker, Crippen and Macky.

February 14 - Cool but very pleasant. I read loafed and wrote. Read letters from Mr. Macky and Mrs. Hoyle. Subscribed for Omaha Bu and other papers. Returned Deeds to Macky.

February 15 - Clear and pleasant. Read and wrote.

February 16 Sunday - A pleasant day. Put in the day writing. Wrote Johnny O'Connor today (night).

February 17 - Very pleasant, almost thawed in the shade. Took a bath, cut some wood and wrote to cousin Maggie.

February 18 - Another pleasant but crisp cold day fixed Mr. G.H. Suttle's papers. Sent his Receiver's Receipt and Trust Deed for record and his Bond to the Farm Investment Co. Wrote Mrs. Hoyle-Read my Mss. back from N.Y. Ledger.

February 19 - Cold and clear. Annie done a washing. I cut some wood and helped about the house. Wrote Col. Steele, Provident Trust Co. et als. Lucy Campbell came to bid us goodbye tonight. She is going to Denver to live. Wrote an order to M.W. and Co. for Aunt Mary (\$1.08).

February 20 - Another clear cold day. I read and wrote as usual. Wrote Col. Steele.

February 21 - Warmer today. Thawed some on South sides of buildings. I cut oak and filled up the wood boxes today. Wrote Senator Teller and sent \$15.00 to E.K. & Co. for Annie. Bruce goes to a party at Mr. Monson's tonight. Emma has quite a cough. (Side margin-Borrowed \$10.00 from Mr. Parkinson).

February 22 - Clear and cold but very pleasant. This is Washington's birthday. It is reliably reported that Blackbirds have come.

February 23 Sunday - A very pleasant day spent the day reading. Read Medicine from California.

February 24 - Clear and cold. Stayed about the house chored, read and wrote.

February 25 - Another clear day, cold in the forenoon but warm in the afternoon, thawed some in the roads and dooryards with a South exposure. Mail came on time. I read and wrote. Annie is taken cold again and is feeling poorly tonight. Quite a number of the neighbors are sick. There is and has been an epidemic of Ear ache, in many cases a gathering which breaks before release hard.

February 26 - A repetition of yesterday as far as weather is concerned. Messrs Sierns and Milner had some trouble today over a stock of goods and although they came to blows no damage resulted, except ruffled feelings. It looks as if the courts will have the matter to settle. At bedtime it began to blow and snow but it was nearly clear at 10 P.M.

February 27 - Another pleasant day. Wrote Macky in regard in fancied claim jumping. Annie sent \$2.50 to Tyrone Pa. for Artist material. Emma came home with wet feet tonight from school. Read letter from A.H. Allen et als.

February 28 - The first real windy day of the winter. Blowed furiously most of the day and snowed some. Mail got in at 8 P.M. but the P.M. declined to open and distribute it.

February 29 and last - A warm nice day. Thawed considerable on south sides of buildings and in the road where the snow is dirty-Wrote another camp sketch and send the five sketches I have ready to Harper Bros. N.Y.

March 1 Sunday- Snowed all the forenoon but was warm and thawed some in the shade-Wrote A.H. Allen. It began snowing again at 2 P.M. and is snowing yet at bedtime.

March 2 - Snow most of the day. Settled with Mrs. McKean. She returned over the Receipts. Tickets \$3.75 = baths \$20.00 total. \$23.75 for which I deposited for er(?) Macky treas and sent him duplicate ticket also bill of W.H. Burgess of \$5.00 for supplies furnished Bath house in February. Also a duplicate of the receipt I gave Mrs. McKain. Annie has been quite sick today I had the doctor come to see her. (Side margin-Bath house settlemt for February).

March 3 - Very cold, was 23 degrees below 0 this A.M. Annie was very sick all day. Mrs. W.H. Burgess came and done the morning's work. Aunt Mary is sick as well as many others in town. I put in the day calculating interest and notifying delinquent note makers.

March 4 - A cold blustery day. Annie is so sick that I only leave the house to bring coal and water and go to see the doctor. Aunt Mary is not able to come up today. Grover has only one more year in which to misrepresent and rob this great nation.

March 5 - A cold blustering day again. I think Annie is a little better. She sat up half an hour today but it made her very tired. I wrote to N.Y. Life Ins. Co. Aunt Mary is not able to get out to come up here. I hardly get away from the house.

March 6 - Sunshine and clouds by turn, snow some. Hazy at dark and warmer. Has froze in the shade all day. I think Annie is better tonight. The dancing club are giving a ball tonight. Several neighbors have called today and Mrs. Campbell brought a nice pie. Got last night's mail this morning.

March 7 - A pleasant day. Think Annie is some better but had a bad spell at 9 P.M.

March 8 - Cold and mostly clear. Annie is about the same.

March 9 - Warmer. Snow and sunshine by turns. Thawed in the shade. Annie seems better sat at the table for the first time in 8 days and ate a little supper. This is Emma's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday-Paid Dr. Kernaghan \$5.00 on a/c and sent \$5.00 to California and \$5.00 to Edson Keith and Co. on a/c. Aunt Mary came and got supper for us on the two last nights.

March 10 - A pleasant day. Quite warm in afternoon. Annie is improving slowly. Aunt Mary helped us again today. Read letters from Macky.

March 11 - A thawing day. Annie seems much better. I have hopes that she will soon be well.

March 12 - Warm. The snow got quite soft on the surface. Annie is still improving. She sat up the biggest part of the day. Mrs. W.H. Burgess is quite sick. Snowed last night.

March 13 - Another thawing day. Annie is beginning to have an appetite and relishes food.

March 14 - Annie is better, she begins to do some house work. The day has been raw and cold.

March 15 Sunday - A bleak cold day. Annie is still improving. I wrote a long letter to Col. Steele and read most all day.

March 16 - Annie and Aunt Mary went to the Bath house. Lilly Stees was here today. Do K. has gone to Hahn's Peak. Aunt Mary went home with Stees. Snowing at bedtime and blowing. Annie keeps getting better.

March 17 - About 6 inches of new snow on the ground this A.M. but thawed a good deal in the roads in afternoon. The young folks celebrate St. Patrick by a ball today. Clear and cold at bedtime. Mail came late.

March 18 - Clear and cold-a pleasant winter day. I put in some time making a towel box for the Bath house. Got a very small mail tonight.

March 19 - Very cold this morning but warmer afternoon. I wrote N.Y. to Harper Bros. to Col. Steele and Mr. Macky small mail again tonight. Borrowed a washing machine and brought water to wash tomorrow.

March 20 - A warm cloudy day. Thawed fast in the roads and where the snow is dirty. Annie done quite a washing. Aunt Mary came home.

March 21 - Last night was warm and windy with some rain and snow. Thawed more today than any day yet. I began work this afternoon on the books of the Co-operative store, went to Lodge for the first time in some months.

March 22 - Worked on the books the biggest part of the day. Annie completed her portrait of Emma and sent for approval to Arts school. Thawed fast all day.

March 23 - Thawed all day, wrote some letters.

March 24 - A warm wind today cut the snow fast and tonight the tops of the sage brush are showing in places. Made a bargain with Mr. Dever to prospect Ground Brg. Ridge as partners. Heard a robin again this evening.

March 25 - Showery, the snow settled fast and there is considerable bare ground showing on South slopes. Logan and Agnes spent the evening with us and we had some music.

March 26 - Warm thawed fast all day rain in the evening and turns colder. I wrote up the Co-op store books this P.M.

March 27 - A windy day. Thawed fast in the afternoon but began to freeze at dark.

March 28 - Snowed most all day yet it thawed considerably. Sent order to Edson K & Co. for goods. I wrote a couple of Leases for Mr. Parkinson.

March 29 Sunday - Raw and cloudy. Bruce began service as a clerk at Co-operative store. We are glad to have him get the place-I put in the day reading and writing. Emma is quite sick.

March 30 - Snowed and blowed all day, very disagreeable. I worked some today and in the evening at the store books, made some bills, and c. and wrote Col. Steele and the Youths Companion. Emma is better and Bruce is complaining.

March 31 - Snow and cold all day. I worked some on the books and accounts of the Co-op. Bruce is still complaining. Emma is well again but did not go to school on account of the bad weather. Bruce is still feeling bad.

April 1 - Very cold last night and nearly all day but the sun shone bright. Annie began trimming shiny hats today. I done more work on the (Co-op) books. Bruce worked in the store but is almost sick tonight. (Side margin-Lockers rent to Mrs. Hoyle begins today.)

April 2 - 13 degrees below 0 last night. Is clear and cold today. Made settlement with Bath house. The receipts were for March \$19.45 which I deposited in bank. The expenses are Mrs. McKean's salary \$25.00 Supplies for Bath house 3.13 Total 28.13 leaving a deficit of \$8.58 for March 1896.

April 3 - Cold in forenoon but thawed considerable in the afternoon. I went down to look at the ditch and was up to visit Little Helen's grave, found 3 feet of snow in the little enclosure, but no flowers on the hills. Saw a chipmunk, the first of the season. Was cold (down to 0 this A.M.) but warmer tonight. Bruce is not quite so well today. (Side margin-saw chipmunk).

April 4 - Very sloppy in the afternoon but did not thaw through the shell made by last night's freeze. Held Alliance meeting in Company's office. Had a shim(?) attendance. Bruce is no better.

April 5 - Cold but bright. Thawed fast in afternoon. Bruce not quite so well today. Emma is "grunting". Think she is not well.

April 6 - Worked helping the Alliance proper. Cold day but thawed fast.

April 7 - Worked for the Alliance today also. Thawed fast-Wrote Macky regarding Bath house improvements.

April 8 - Another's day work for the Alliance. Much ground is bare the roads are so bad that no mail came last night.

April 9 - Finished adding up the invoice this P.M. and posted up the books. The snow is going fast.

April 10 - Mr. Dever and I began complicated prospecting today, found a contact and began to sink a shaft. Both of us are very tired tonight.

April 11 - Put in the day working for the Alliance. It snowed steady all day.

April 12 - The snow went off leaving much mud. I rested, went up to examine the Bath house and have made and bargained with Mr. Bashor to make a new pool and other improvements for \$160.00. Rain and snow again at night.

April 13 - Snowing again today. Mr. Dever and I was to go up to work at our prospect but had to give it up today. In afternoon I put a plank floor in the East end of the stable.

April 14 - Snow and rain in forenoon, high wind in afternoon. Dever and I put in the afternoon prospecting. Bruce resumed work in the store. Thawed rapidly all day and the small creeks are all flushed.

April 16 - A hard wind all day it has a drying effect on the mud. I went to ranch for hay today. Maryette, Eddy and Rodney took dinner today with us and rode down home with me. Johnny brought the horses home today and moved his mother down to her ranch worked at store books.

April 15 - Mr. Dever and I worked at our prospecting. Cold and windy worked at store books.

April 17 - Snowed all day. Gave in the Company's Assessment today, wrote Macky, Col. Steele, and Cousin Maggie.

April 18 - A cold windy day, froze nearly all day in shade.

April 19 Sunday - A very sloppy disagreeable day I worked some on the Co-op Books and wrote letters.

April 20 - Very muddy but drying rapidly. I went to the ranch after hay.

April 21 - Went prospecting. Am very tired tonight. Messrs. W. H. Burgess and Brightman came up to see us work.

April 22 - Put in the day about town. It was a very windy and disagreeable day with a dense dust storm in the air.

April 23 - Worked up in the hills and am tired tonight.

April 24 - Hauled hay. The weather is very dry and pleasant.

April 25 - Work in the hills again today.

April 26 Sunday - Went down to the ranch. Mrs. Lirghton rode down with us.

April 27 - A windy day but warm turned colder and clouded up wind increased, looks like snow. I got the antlers together to make a chain for Col. Steele. There are two more cases of scarlet fever in town. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Little Helen's death.

April 28 - Cold and windy, snow in forenoon. I helped about the house and cleaned the stable, cut wood and worked at books rec'd \$300.00 from Col. Steele to buy Assay and Blacksmith outfit.

April 29 - Sent to N.Y. & Denver & Chicago for Assay and Blacksmith tools, sent \$25.00 to Edson Keith and Co. 5.00 to Secy of State. Deposited \$11.25 paid by C.E. Baker to Macky's cr. and sent Macky a Duplicate ticket, windy but pleasant.

April 30 - Cold and windy all day, with frequent showers of snow, very unpleasant. I went after a jag of hay to the ranch.

May 1 - Very pleasant today. Put in the day prospecting Warm Spring Creek.

May 2 - Very windy. Settled with Mrs. McCain for April-She turned over \$24.25 receipts of the Bath house for April while I deposited for Treas. And sent receipt. The expenses for the Bath house for April our Keeper's salary \$25.00 Kindling wood 1.25 and supplies furnished by W.H. Burgess \$7.35 Total \$33.60 receipts \$24.25 leaving a deficit for April of \$9.35. I went down to the ranch after dinner and began spading for a garden. It is clouding up again.

May 3 Sunday - Went down to the ranch in the afternoon and worked at the garden. Planted eight rows of onion seed and spaded and prepared the ground for 10 rows more.

May 4 - Hauled some lumber down to begin Assay Office with in forenoon and in afternoon Emma and I went to ranch. I made some garden and hauled a jag of hay.

May 5 - Mr. Dever and I went over on Mad Creek, staked one claim. Then prospected and staked two on the high ridge this side. Very windy today.

May 6 - A very windy day. I went to the ranch worked at the garden, brought home a load of hay and my rotary Com. ends today.

May 7 - Another windy day. I arranged with Morgensen to make a new box for the wagon and went up the hills to prospect without finding anything new or startling.

May 9 - A very windy day. I put in the day writing and work at book keeping. Presided at the Alliance Lodge tonight. We initiated Mr. Brightman.

May 8 - This was a very windy day. Dever and I went up to the "top side" and made some locations.

May 10 Sunday - Emma is sick today. Do not know what is the matter with her. Cloudy at night. Am afraid she is coming down with Typhoid fever.

May 11 - Snowed last night. We think that Emma is some better today. I wrote to Col. Steele and Cousin Maggie. I hope it will snow and rain more before it stops.

May 12 - We think Emma is getting better. I went down after hay today. It has been a very cold disagreeable day. Mr. Dever began work at the frame for our workshop for the Assaying business-Snowed last night.

May 13 - A cold raw day, snowed again last night and today. Mrs. McKean died this A.M. I received the balances and weights from N.Y. this P.M. Emma seems much better.

May 14 - Snowed again last night. I have done a little of all kinds of work today and I am very tired. Emma is still improving, was a cold day and froze in the shade until noon.

May 15 - Snowed part of the day a cold windy day. Mrs. McKean's funeral was today at 10 A.M.

May 16 - The ground was white with snow again this A.M. A cold windy day. Emma is little better we think.

May 17 Sunday - Warmer but windy. Emma seems much better. I leased the ranches to Jaf Adair wrote letters and worked some at Co-op books.

May 18 - Very windy but warmer. The Assay supplies from Denver came today also lumber to build a shop. Maryette handed me \$10.00 to pay Allen which I sent him.

May 19 - Windy again worked at shop building this forenoon and went down to the ranch after doors and windows in the afternoon. Rosa Borghi came down to see me.

May 20 - Warm and windy. I worked all day at building the shop. Am very tired.

May 21 - Worked at building shop until 3 P.M. then went to ranch after hay, warm and cloudy today. Mr. Dever tried the furnace today found it works all right.

May 22 - Dever and I put in the day assaying some of our samplers but found no gold or silver. (Side margin-Began milking.)

May 23 - A repetition of yesterday.

May 23 Sunday - Very windy. Took a bath and went after hay.

May 24, 25 - Very windy. Put in the days assaying.

May 26 - Worked in the shop hauled a load of coal and finished posting Books. Pleasant.

May 27 - Warm and windy, worked at assaying. My new Commission as Notary came tonight. A traveling photographer has located on adjoining lot.

May 28 - I helped Mr. Dever some, went down to the ranch, made garden and got some hay, worked at the store books in evening.

May 29 - I went prospecting. Put up two claims and Brought back a sack of "rocks". Rain (smudge) P.M. which makes nature fresh and sweet.

May 30 - Rain and hail by spells today. I wrote a long letter to each of my St. George (Utah) girl cousins. Borghi and wife were here today on business.

May 31 Sunday - Rain all day, a beautiful shower, I turned the horses in the pasture, wrote letters etc. +c.

June 1 - Very pleasant. I worked at books all the forenoon, was doing various things in afternoon. Bought camp outfit. Settled with Bath house Keeper and deposited \$42.25 in Bank to Macky's cr.

June 2 - Sent settlement to Macky secy also bill for changes to Bath house, cut a supply of wood for Annie to use while I am prospecting. The new pool at Bath house is ready to use.

June 3 - Went down to ranch made a new gate to pasture fence and brought the horses and wagon home. Leased the show ranch to a Mr. Combs and sent copy of lease to Lester, Udill and Co. Denver(?) Emma is quite sick again we do not know what ails her.

June 4 - Dever and I got a late start for Twenty Mile Park Camp for night. Between Trout and Middle Creeks. Forgot to take any flour and supplies of bacon and coffee.

June 5 - Moved camp over a few miles over up Middle Creek. I was fortunate in getting a sage hen. Prospected but found no gold. Put up our tent as it looks like rain.

June 6 - Had quite a big rain last night. Cold and windy today. We started home, changed our minds, went farther up the country. I left Mr. D to dig and prospect a "contact" and started home alone, camped for night at foot of grade on West slope of Divide (Emerald).

June 7 Sunday - I reached home at 10 this A.M. Found the folks reasonably well and that Emma had been sick all this time I have been gone. I set up the Bostancis, (assay) and made 50 cupels this afternoon.

June 8 - Worked hard at assaying today but only got encouragement from one list which was a black lime sample from Camp Dever. Very warm today. Posted the Co-op books at night.

June 9 - Very hot. Worked at assaying but had the bad luck to have the furnace cool off and could not finish the work.

June 10 - Cooler, spent the day Assaying with very small results.

June 11 - Chored about home, cut a supply of wood and c. Bruce killed a deer tonight.

June 12 - Made seven assays in forenoon and went to ranch in afternoon, planted peas and hoed at the onions, took the dog down to Adairs.

June 13 - Worked at the Co-op books all this forenoon and last night until near midnight. Lent some papers to the sheriff to be served on Norvel and McCaslin.

June 14 - My 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Drove to Twenty Mile Park found Dever okay but he had found nothing.

June 15 - Started home, we caught 18 fish and had a treat. Prospected and brought some rock samples.

June 16 - Came home. Prospected along the road. D. shot two sage chickens. Betty got home, took the horses down to pasture.

June 17 - I put in the day writing. Dever worked at assaying.

June 18 - Dever worked at assaying. I went down to ranch. Betty's lame leg is better.

June 19 - P of Convention today. Dever worked in shop.

June 20 - Went after horses and wagon.

June 21 - Moved Mr. D. up into the hills and left him in camp

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June 22 - Worked some on ditch this forenoon, put a load of coal in shed at the assay shop. After a late dinner I hitched up and drove up to where Mr. Dever is camped and took him some articles he needs, came back by the ranch put the horses in the pasture visited while I rested, then walked home. Sent papers to Mr. Downer in the case of the Springs Co. vs. Norvell and McCaslin.

June 23 - Worked at Assaying and the "Co-op" books, got a nice letter from Cousin Maggie. Rain a little this P.M.

June 24 - Put in the forenoon assaying for Mr. John Draper. Went up to the Senator Tillman Group of Claims made two locations and brought home some samplers of rock for test. Had quite a thunder shower a little after noon.

June 25 - Went down to the ranch to irrigate the garden. Took the fish poles. Mrs. Adair and her father went fishing with Mr. Wi caught ten nice ones. Day very pleasant. We need rain badly.

June 26 - Put in the day assaying. Dever was driven from camp by an army of caterpillars which would persist in getting into his dishes and crawling over his food(?) nights. He came down from camp.

June 27 - Dever worked at Assaying. I worked on the ditch. Read from Judge Rucker Jun S.L. Downer in order for a court injunction against Norvell and McCaslin overturned the same for correction.

June 28 Sunday - Worked all day at the Co-op books.

June 29 - Worked at Assaying. Had Mr. Brightman put in the foot bridge. Took one 2x6-16 and two 2x6-12 = 40 ft. of Mr. Brightman borrowed 59 feet Boxing and 28 ft. of sheathing to be returned.

June 30 - Mr. Dever made some assays I worked at the C.op. books.

July 1 - Worked at the books and made my monthly report to the Springs Company.

July 2 - Went up in the hills. Day hot.

July 3 - Worked at the ditch in forenoon and went down to the ranch and hoed the garden, weather hot and dry. Dust is everywhere.

July 4 - A hot dusty day. The people are celebrating on a big scale. I do not take any part, but work at the Co-op books in forenoon and lie about in the shade and read in the afternoon. Went this afternoon for a short walk with little Emma who is now and has for 2 or 3 weeks afflicted with a nervous trouble like St. Vites's Dance, but she is weak and soon worried. At this 10 P.M. a big ball is in progress in the hall next to our rooms.

July 5 Sunday - Was sick today did not work any.

July 6 - Had Messrs. Crawford and Bonnier work all the forenoon on papers in case Springs Co. vs. Norvell and McCaslin-Sent Clerk Dist. Court Copy of Complaint and Notice Judge Rucker in Order for an injunction, and Bound for \$500.00 also copy of injunction to file, wrote A.J. Macky Secy. and told him what I have done and sent Bonnier's Receipt to Mr. Crawford for \$10.00 paid by Mr. Crawford as his (Bonnier's) charges in full against Co. to date, worked until midnight on Co-op Invoice books.

July 7 - Worked until 3 P.M. on Co-op books then wrote letters. Sold the hay on Amerigo Borghi place to Perry De Cora for \$15.00 and sent C.L. & Co. a money order for 14.90 the proceeds, sent Mrs. Hoyle \$5.00 collected from Tom Morgan a/c and Locker's check for \$4.00 rent of her house for June. Wrote Macky sent him bills of Brightman of \$8.00 for work on foot bridge and \$4.50 of Ed Brobeck for outing floor in office of Lady's part of Bath house. Sent Edson Keith & Co. for Annie.

July 8 - Put in the day moving our camp back from the hills, worked some in forenoon and evening at Co-op books. Paid Adair and Co. Lester & Udill's a/c and W.H. Burgess \$3.11 for a/c Bath house for June.



July 9 - Worked at Co-op Invoice Books. Sent \$10.00 to Clerk Dist. Comp. a/c fees Springs Co. vs. Norvell and McCaslin Pd. W.H. Burgess on a/c. Sent \$5.00 balance due Hudson M. Co. San Francisco. Sent \$6.20 to Co. Treas. To pay balances Burgess and Macky's taxes. Dever worked at assaying Pd. Mrs. Bartz \$35.00 a/c Stees note.

July 10 - Finished work on invoice book today and prepaid a Statement for the Directors of the "Co-op" Association.

July 11 - Went fishing and brought up some stuff from the garden. Mrs. Adair went with me. She caught five and I two fish. Sent Lickenby Leas to C.L. & Co.

July 12 Sunday - Very hot. Emma seems some better today. A Mr. McFarland some assays in our shop today. He seems a very pleasant gentleman and a skilled metallurgist, wrote letters to Cousin Charly Cheney and Macky Burgess. I had Jimmie Brobeck take charge of the cow at \$1.00 per month.

July 13 - Made several trips to Bath house, walked over the country with W.C. Baker, was down to the ranch and c.-In evening I wrote two letters to Macky, one to Downer and some others. Emma is apparently better today.

July 14 - Emma is still better, was down to the ranch. Dever done some assaying. Wrote to Macky and others. Worked at the Co-op books 'till midnight.

July 15 - Emma seems to improve. A very warm day-I chored about home in forenoon, in the afternoon, gathered and burned some bones for assaying uses. Worked at Co-op books in evening. Rain a little at midnight.

July 16 - Went down to ranch and got some vegetables, worked at books and read some. Emma is not so well today. Had quite a thunderstorm after dinner. Sent Macky \$50.00 in cash and a receipt for \$10.00 on account of Bath house receipts for July, also sent Deby. sheriffs bill for \$7.50 for serving injunction on McCaslin. Also sent Ed Brobeck's receipt for \$4.50 for floor in Bath house.

July 17 - Emma is worse today, weather close and dull. I sent Mrs. Hoyle \$3.00 being balance due from Ed Brobeck for rent of pasture last year. Read letters from Cousin Charley Cheney with check for \$250.00 being part payment for our share in the Bank.

July 18 - Worked at the Co-op books some and wrote some-Wrote S.S. Downer. The weather continues very hot and dry. Emma seems worse.

July 19 - Went down to the ranch fishing only caught three but they were nice ones. Sister Emma came tonight for a visit. Little Emma seems some better today.

July 20 - Sent Macky \$50.00 more money from Bath house receipts making \$110.00 so for this month. I also sent Depy. sheriffs receipt for \$6.25 and receipt of W.H. Brightman for \$8.00.

July 21 - Worked all day at writing, moved the elk heads down to the company's office. Weather still hot and dry. Little Emma seems to be gradually growing weaker and thinner, we feel discouraged.

July 22 - I was sick all day. Emma seems better. Rain tonight.

July 23 - I am much better. Little Emma is much worse. Had the doctor for her this afternoon. W.F. Brightman paid me \$25.00 on his lot and I send the same to Mr. Macky by postal order.

July 24 - Read last night a statement from Denver Fire Clay Co. showing a balance due them of \$6.65 which I remit by Postal Money Order. Little Emma is seemingly much worse yesterday and today. Had the doctor to see her last night.

July 25 - We think Emma is a little better today. Rain by spells all day and night. I gathered some scum and slimes from various Springs and Summer School of Mirr(?) at Colo. Spgs. Found that some smart alec had broken down one span of the foot bridge in trying to lead a horse across it. Mail came very late tonight.

July 26 - Rain most all day. Emma seems better. No mail yet this 8 P.M.

July 27 - Rain, a disagreeable day, Emma seems much better. Borghi's were here to get some writing done. Mail did not come until quite late.

July 28 - Rain considerable during the day work part of the day at the Co-op books. Emma Page and I went to Cave Springs. She found an Arrow point.

July 29 - Went down to the ranch and got some vegetables. Rain a little in evening. Little Emma is still acting better.

July 30 - Mr. Coulter starts to replace the footbridge-I got 87 ft. of lumber from Picket's yard to use on the bridge. Sent W.H. Bashor's order on to Co. Macky for \$30.00 for credit on C.E. Baker's note.

July 31 - Worked at the Co-op books all day. Annie and the two Emmas spent the afternoon at Mr. Crawford's.

August 1 - Settled with Bath house and sent P.O. Money Order to Macky also bills from various items against the Co.-The receipts for July were 178.75, the largest on record.

Sunday, August 2 - I was fishing nearly all day but only caught four. Little Emma seems much better and we hope that she will soon be well. Annie is direct ill with a sick headache tonight. This makes 3 days fair weather solid.

August 3 - Annie was very sick all day with headache. Rain all the afternoon. Little Emma is getting better fast.

August 4 - Annie is better today nearly as well as common tonight. Avery pleasant day. I began the construction An Antler Chair today-

August 5 - Worked all day at the chairs for Col. Steele and Co-op books at night.

August 6 - Worked at the chairs today-

August 7 0 Worked at various small chores.

August 8 - Was busy at various chores and did not work much at the chairs.

August 9 Sunday - Spent the day fishing caught 6 nice ones. Brought home some vegetables.

August 10 - Worked some at the chair today. Wrote Macky sent him receipts of McKean \$24.00 Coulter \$7.00 Burgess 6.98 and Adair \$1.75. Also wrote Mrs. Hoyle. Sent her a Money Order 8.15 Wuskopp's chk. for \$6.00 and Locker's ck. for \$4.00.

August 11 - Worked at the horn chairs all day. Made slow progress. Had to tear one to pieces and make it all over new. Broke a drill twice.

August 12 - Worked at the chairs in forenoon. Wrote and attended to business for the Springs Co. in afternoon. Sent \$50.00 from Bath house proceeds for Aug. Sent propositions to Co. regarding a lot on L. Ave for Mr. Schaffrit and regarding the lots that Bruce had selected. I also paid McWilliams M & Co \$50.00 on Annie's a/c and \$18.02 on my own a/c. I also sent \$5.00 to Hudson Medical Inst. of Cala. payment in full to date for medicines. Sent Note for \$81.00 Favor Felix Borghi signed by Matt Elmer and Mari Elmer to C.L. & Co. Also sent my ok for \$10.00 J.C. Waldron to pay 1/10 Assessment on Woman's Claim.

August 13 - Work at chairs. Broke two drills read a letter from Cousin Mag.

August 14 - Completed the horn work on chairs. Sent \$25.00 more Bath house money to Macky.

July 15 (August 15?) - Worked at the chairs again.

July 16 (August 16?) Sunday - Went down to the ranch fishing. Had a hard days work and only brought home one trout.

July 17 (August 17?) - Put wire bottoms in two of the chairs. Aunt Mary and John were here to dinner today. Sister Emma went home with them. I worked at Co-op books until near midnight.

August 18 - Finished bottoming the chairs and worked at the books.

August 19 - Posted the ledger, filled the bolt holes in the chair with putty, walked down to the ranch in the evening after beets and onions.

August 20 - Rain nearly all day. I worked some in the stable today. Did not get any mail tonight on account of a wash out.

August 21 - Rain most all day. I opened the head of the ditch by throwing out Boulders. The river is raising so there will be no more fishing until the water gets clearer. A double mail came tonight.

August 22 - Rain hard again this A.M. I put in the forenoon piling rock on foot bridge as the river is coming up-Went up into the hills and picked half a bucket full of cherries. There was to have been a meeting of Labor Exchange this afternoon at 2 P.M. but was adjourned to Monday Sept. 30 at 2 P.M.-There was not enough members to hold Lodge tonight.

August 23 Sunday - A beautiful day-Went down to the ranch-Mrs. Adair and I went fishing but the water was too high and roily so we caught no fish-Saw a young otter in the river. Brought home some new peas and a lot of onions.

August 24 - Went prospecting. Killed a grouse. It rained in the afternoon. Put a new handle in the pick. Mr. Marshall gave me \$10.00 which I sent to C.L. & Co. to apply on his (A.J. Marshall's) interest.

August 25 - Worked up in the hills, brought down some rock for Assay-The girls went calling this evening. Work at the Co-op books in the evening.

August 26 - Work at the Co-op books this forenoon went down to the ranch in afternoon.

August 27 - Worked at assaying today did not get a trace of silver or gold.

August 28 - Rain again today. I worked some at grinding and sifting bones to cupel materials, wrote a lot of letters, sent to M.W. and Co. for a syringe and \$15.00 to Corset Co. for Annie. A dance is in progress in the hall tonight. Aunt Mary and John are here.

August 29 - Chored about home in forenoon made some bone ash. Went to the ranch fishing in the afternoon brought home a fine mess.

August 30 Sunday - Annie, the two Emmas and I took a long walk over the river. Thundered rain but finally cleared off warm.

August 31 - Worked at assaying in forenoon and at Co-op books in afternoon.

September 1 - Chored at various things made monthly settlements finished work on Co-op books.

September 2 - Went to Pop. Caucus and worked at various chores.

September 3 - Worked at home in the forenoon and went down to the ranch in the afternoon. Mrs. Adair and I went fishing, caught 8 all told. I found a nice pipe. Brought home the team and wagon and some hay and vegetables.

September 4 Went up to Picket's saw mill. Prospected in the afternoon.

September 5 - Prospected until 3 P.M. Ate dinner, hitched up and got home at 6:30 P.M. Very tired.

September 6 Sunday - Read, stayed about the house. Wrote a long letter to Mary Bradford.

September 7 - Worked at the Co-op books. Col. Steele and a couple of friends called to see me. Rain. rain.

September 8 - Worked all day at painting the horn chairs-Rain again today.

September 9 - Took the horses down to pasture. Rain nearly all day.

September 10 - Worked in the shop, preparing rock for assaying cleared off after noon. The high places are white with snow.

September 11 - Worked at assaying nearly all day got no good results.

September 12 - Worked at assaying and wrote some letters. Two last days have been very pleasant, frosty nights.

September 13 Sunday - Worked at various things about home. Do not feel well this P.M.

September 14 - Messrs. Chas. C. Graham, T.J. Hindman and myself met in convention and nominated Thad. J. Hindman of Craig of the candidate of the People's Party for Representative of Routt and Rio Blanco Counties for the ensuing two years. Sent Certificate of his nomination to Secy. of State by Reg. Mail.

September 15 - Worked about home in forenoon and went down to the ranch in afternoon. Annie read a statement from Edson Keith & Co. showing bal. due them of 24.22.

September 16 - Worked this P.M. at Co-op books. Annie worked all day at scrubbing at Reinhard's house that we intend to occupy.

September 17 - Annie worked at the same today. Began to move by taking two jags of things down to put in the house.

September 18 & 19 - Worked hard at moving. Annie had Mollie Suttle to help.

September 20 Sunday - Took the Range apart preparatory to moving it. Went to the ranch after hay +c. +c. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> night for me to sleep in this house.

September 21 - Worked all day at moving. Lucy Campbell ret'd from Denver and called on us this evening. We are all tired again tonight. Miss Elfa La Munyan passed into spirit life today. Typhoid fever the cause.

September 22 - Got all the goods and effects moved today except the coal. Rain this afternoon and at night.

September 23 - Rain nearly all day and is chilly. Annie and Mollie worked at scrubbing and putting the kitchen in shape to live in. I done various chores, such as grinding the ax, mending the floor, marking the chairs for shipment, +c. +c.

September 24 - Rain most all day-Annie and I were busy all day getting the things in shape in the house. Examined Webber lot, and wrote Webber and Walbridge.

September 25 - Sent off the horn chairs by Chas. Helvy for shipment. Put up Annie's sign. In the afternoon I went down to Aunt Mary's and brought Sister Emma home. It rained a good share of the afternoon. Got home at dusk-Sent Edson Keith & Co. balance due turn today \$24.22.

September 26 - Worked about home and hauled some hay.

September 27 Sunday - Went down to the ranch and helped measure the hay.

September 28 - Hauled some coal, loaned to Jim Adair. Attended a labor exchg. meeting was elected Accountant, work at the Co-op books at night and wrote to A.H. Allen-

September 29 - Put in the day working at the Co-op books. It looks tonight as if a snow storm is near at hand.

September 30 - Worked at C-op books worked about home wrote +c.

October 1 - Put in the day at finishing the month's work on books. Settled with the Bath house and sent Macky the proceeds. The cow got out of the yard and went away before I milked I could not find her. Some vandal mutilated one of my new harness last

night or this morning. "Jep" Eddy and I went to the ranch and got a jag of hay this afternoon. I worked until near midnight Co-op invoice books. Annie bought out Wilt, Burgess stock of ribbons, notions etc.

October 3 - Worked all the time I could spare at the invoice books. Eddy borrowed the wagon for a hunt. Rain at daylight this A.M. but the day was pleasant. Worked at invoice book until bedtime.

October 4 Sunday - Worked at invoice book. Cooler today than common. Mrs. Kennedy passed into spirit life today leaving a husband and two small children.

October 5, 6, 7 & 8 - Work at invoice books during which time we have had a storm.

October 9 - A cold raw day. I went fishing and caught 47.

October 10 - Worked in forenoon trying to find some funds for Labor Exchange but only secured \$12.00. A beautiful day. J. Eddy brought the wagon home and gave us a deer- I attended a meeting of the stock-holders of the Co-op Assn. this afternoon. Die brought home the wagon and gave us a deer.

October 11 - Sister Emma put in the day packing her trunk to go home. Mr. & Mrs. Crawford et al called today.

October 12 - Sister Emma started home this A.M. I put in the day working at the Co-op books. Loaned the wagon Mr. Die. Emma's pet kitten is missing tonight-We have had a very windy afternoon.

October 13 - Sent ck. ob Bk. of Craig to C.L. & Co. a/c Borghi. I put in the day at cleaning stable, filling the wood boxes and did not get the cow until 9 P.M.

October 14 - Put in the day looking up a place to get winter's wood and cut a load Mogeson's took possession of our house today and a Mr. Watson moved into Mrs. Hoyle's house. Finley the taxidermist took possession of L.E. Bldg. today.

October 15 - Worked today at cutting wood. Found the cow near Game lick. Am very tired tonight.

October 16 - Went down to the ranch this forenoon brought up our small heating stove, chored about home, +c. + c. (Side margin-Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$6.50).

October 17 - I worked at the Co-op books all day weather very pleasant-

October 18 Sunday - Worked at getting winters wood cut ready to haul today.

October 19 - Worked at Picket's Mill book with Louis McFadden.

October 20 - Ground the axes and chored about home. We got a deed for the Deer property and paid for same in Cash and L.E. checks, we have had very pleasant weather for over 2 weeks, cold nights but clear warm days.

October 21 - Put in the day cutting wood on the south side of the river. Jim Adair came in from Denver tonight with his loads of freight.

October 22 - Wrote letters in the forenoon and in the afternoon I rigged up to begin hauling winter's wood. It looks very much like a storm is gathering.

October 23 - Began hauling wood today. Ollie Cheney and wife took tea with us tonight.

October 24 - Hauled another load of wood. Jim Adair hauled a big load for me.

October 25 Sunday - Went to the ranch with the team and brought home a load of stuff. Begins to look hazy again.

October 26 - Hauled a load of hay. Jim Adair brought another load of wood. Sent statement from Walbridge to D.B. Wibler has been rather cloudy today. Work at the Co-op books in evening, worked at Picket's books this morning.

October 27 - Hauled a big load of wood in the forenoon, when it began to rain. Put in the afternoon choring about home, getting a few days supply of wood cut. At night wrote the Hudson Medical Inst. and Col. Steele. Candidate Hindman was in town today sent Henry Giamboni's bill for work at Bath house (\$6.50) to Macky for payment.

October 28 - A gloomy day. I worked about the barn this forenoon and the Co-op books in afternoon. Snowing at dark.

October 29 - A cold raw day, snowed again this forenoon. I put in a hard days work at Co-op books.

October 30 - Elmer Burgess and I went down to the ranch after hay today-It was a cold windy day but looks like snow at bedtime.

October 31 - Hauled two loads of wood from across the river. The day was cold and raw with signs of snow at dark.

November 1 Sunday - A cold stormy day and is snowing at bedtime. Annie papered the kitchen. I worked at the Co-op books.

November 2 - A cold day. I went the ranch after hay this afternoon. It began snowing as I left the ranch and snowed hard until bedtime.

November 3 - A cold raw day, went to the election and voted the straight people's party ticket. We made a lot of sausage this afternoon and evening. Could not find the cow tonight.

November 4 - A little warmer. Found the cow below the ranch, milked at noon. Put in the day (afternoons) in fixing up papers for various pensions and filling the wood boxes for the storm that is soon to arrive. Sent Macky proceeds of Bath house for Oct. Sent C.L. & Co. \$10.00 a/c A.J. Marshall.

November 5 - A blizzard prevailed all day. I went down to Dunfield's old saloon building and brought up a heating stove that Annie had bought of Mr. Boylan. We set it up in her shop.

November 6 - A very cold day was 2 degrees below 0 this A.M. Has been clear most of the day. Andy Mogeson put a load of hay in the loft today. I worked some at the Co-op books and chored about home.

November 7 - A clear cold day. I hauled a jag of lumber down to the shop to build a kitchen for Mr. Dever. Paid Mr. Picket \$6.50 for it and \$0.25 2x6 to fix L.E. Store house. Collected \$5.00 from Locker and the other boys who renting Webber's house. Rent paid to Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1896. Put in the evening making sausage. Annie had a good trade today. I read a letter from Cousin Maggie.

November 8 Sunday - Snowed hard all day, winter has surely come to stay. I put in the day choring about home and working at the Co-op books.

November 9 - Cleaned the stable and attended to various chores. Sent 4.50 to Webber \$10.00 to Brittain Dry Goods Co. \$4.10 to Equitable Mfg. Co. and \$2.00 to Mrs. Hoyle. Dunfield bought out W.H. Burgess. I paid W.H. Balance due. It has stormed all day with slight intermission and snowing and blowing hard at bedtime.

November 10 - Snowed nearly all day. Filled the woodboxes in forenoon, went after hay with Ed Brobeck in afternoon, work at books at night. Turns colder at night.

November 11 - Snowed nearly all day. Part of the day a regular blizzard "Ed" and I put in 2 loads of hay in the barn and upset once, worked at books tonight.

November 12 - A partially clear and very cold day. I worked at books this forenoon and attended to various things in afternoon.

November 13 - A clear cold day, made sausage and wrote Cousin Maggie. Aunt Mary went home today.

November 14 - Helped Mr. Picket w/ his books and worked at Co-op Books in the evening. Johnny took our horses home to winter. A clear cold day-

November 15 Sunday- Read and wrote. W.H. Burgess and wife took dinner with us and Louis Garb. ate supper with us.

November 16 -Done various chores. Changed the cow into the stable where we live, brought home the harness, filled the wood boxes and wrote. Willard and Emma Burgess bid us goodbye this afternoon.

November 17 - Worked at Co-op books, wrote Ruskin Co-op Assn. Elmer brought part of a load of coal this P.M. Work at books until 10 P.M.

November 18 - I spent the day in filling the wood boxes and working at the books. Today has been like spring, warm and bright overhead and sloppy underfoot.

November 19 - I was not very well today. Lillie Stees took dinner and visited part of the afternoon. Day warm and bright. I wrote to Mer. Agency for Annie.

November 20 - A gloomy day. Began snowing at 4 P.M. I filled the wood boxes made sausage went the Bath house etc.

November 21 - A very pleasant day. I helped Mr. Picket with his books today. Mollie Suttle went with me to Lodge tonight.

November 22 Sunday - Wrote letters today. Jasper Eddy took dinner with us. A warm thawing day. Looks like snow.

November 23 - Wrote letters, cut wood and helped Mr. Picket a little. Eddy began boarding.

November 24 - Filled up the wood boxes, helped Mr. Picket some and worked some at the Co-op books.

November 25 - Worked some at the Co-op books, wrote some and chored around some. Read a nice letter from May Bradford tonight. It is getting very sloppy yet the ground does not get bare nor the snow much less.

November 26 Thanksgiving - A cold stormy day, we had chicken for dinner. Geo. Locker spent the afternoon and evening with us. Annie and Emma went to the Thanksgiving ball with Dr. Campbell and Lucy.

November 27 - Very cold. Annie's goods came today. Jim Adair left his wife and started down to the country today- He deserted his folks.

November 28- Members of the Co-op Ass'n. meet this afternoon to confer. I went down to the ranch with Fred Metcalf to look at the hay.

November 29 Sunday - I went down to the ranch today.

November 30-1 The past three nights have been intensely cold 25 to 35 below 0. I went down to the ranch again today and rode home with Helvy's folks we took dinner with us. It has clouded up and it has warmed tonight.

December 1 - Snowed most all day. I paid Shaw \$2.50 H.S. Crosby to pay for storage of his goods. Fixed some paper up for Mr. Turner. Wrote Brittain Dry Goods Co. Mr. Crosby and May Bradford. It is snowing at bedtime. This is my mother's 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

December 2 - Snowed all day. I worked at the books this afternoon. "Jep" and I played some music together this evening.

December 3 - A very warm pleasant day, went down with Fred Metcalf this P.M. to look at the oat stack. Elmer brought a big load of coal to me today.

December 4 - Another very fine day. W.W. Adair's folks gave a party tonight. It was a very enjoyable affair. Aunt Mary and John was here to dinner today.

December 5 - We are rather sleepy today. Do not do much but regular chores.

December 6-Sunday - Read and rest. Bought 59 ½ # venison from G.W. McKean.

December 7 - A cold raw day, chored about home and worked at the Co-op books.

December 8 - Another cold cloudy day-Worked at the books all day-Took bran of W.C. Shaller for rent of Mrs. Hoyle's barn to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

December 9 - Put in the day making out statement for the Co-op. Done some writing at night for Louis Garbarino. Clear and cold but pleasant.

December 10 - Worked at the statements another clear day. Eddy paid 5.00 on account of board and I deposited it at the Co-op store. Gave Mrs. Suttle an order for 30 Bath tickets.

December 11 - Made sausage, a clear day.

December 12 - Worked at Co-op books. This is lodge night but no one came but me-A clear day and quite cold.

December 13 Sunday - Snowed nearly all day. Wrote Col. Steele and worked at the Co-op books.

December 14 - A very cold day, am not well and only read and do a little writing. Help Mr. Leighton with his Treas. a/c. A cold raw day. Send \$0.50 to Coming Nation and gave Mr. Parkinson \$1.00 to send for the Light of Truth. Read a letter from Mr. Crosby.

December 16 - Helped Mr. Leighton again today. It has been a cold gloomy day-wrote a letter to the Board of Commissioners today.

December 17 - Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$7.30 and Edson Keith and Co. \$5.00 today.

December 18 - Worked at Mr. Leighton's accounts to day. Attended a meeting of Division of the County tonight.

December 19 - Finished statements for Gull Oppen Hirmer and Reinhardt. Annie sent \$5.00 to Brighton D.G. Co. at night. We attended a small surprise birthday party at W.W. Adair's. Had a pleasant time. Played cards until midnight. Partook of a lunch and got home at 1 am this Sunday morning Dec. 20. Mr. Watkins and Bruce gave me a beautiful cane for a Christmas present last night. Today Dec. 20 I went down to the ranch to see how things are. Mrs. Jim Adair was there alone- It has been warm and cloudy the past three or four days.

December 21 - Worked at books. Clear and cold.

December 22 - Worked at books until 10 P.M.

December 23 - Helped Annie with the work and wrote and read. Sent \$4.88 to Edson Keith & Co. which overpays them \$5.04(?) A clear cold day. Had a County Division meeting at the office tonight.

December 24 - Worked with McCaslin at Leighton's Treasury and cash a/c.

December 25 - Had a Turkey dinner at home today. Aunt Mary and "Jep" ate with us. We went to a dancing party at the hall and looked on until midnight.

December 26 - We done some moving today. Put up a stove and

December 27 Sunday - Clear and cold, worked at the books and wrote Mrs. Hoyle. Bruce is most sick with a cold. Received a nice letter from Cousin Maggie. Aunt Mary made us a suet pudding for supper.

December 28 - Pleasant. I chored about home put up some stove pipe. Annie moved some, bureau +c.



December 29 - Another fine day. I wrote a long letter to Johnny O'Connor and one to Cousin Maggie sent \$0.10 to Augusta Me to Morse and Co.

December 30 - Worked at the books and done some figuring and John and Milton. Aunt Mary went home today.

December 31 - Worked all day at statements for the Co-op. Snowed nearly all day. Annie washed some clothes.

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January 1 - Snow a little most all day. I worked at the books and statements some and wrote Charly Cheny.

January 2 - A very cold day. 17 below 0 this A.M. I worked all day as auditor at the Co-op books. Mr. & Mrs. Hilvy and John Sampson were here today- I let the Co-op Directors have the use of the Company's office today.

January 3 Sunday - Worked at my auditor's until bedtime tonight. This makes two days work at the auditor business. It has been very cold gloomy day with 25 degrees below 0 last night. Aunt Mary and John was here today.

January 4 - Another day's work as Auditor. A very cold day. Bruce went with Kinsey's folks to Peak.

January 5 - Put in the day at the Invoice book. Is warmer today. Rec'd a letter from Johnny O.C. worked until 10 P.M.

January 6 - A very mild day. I worked at the invoice. Aunt Mary and John took dinner with us today.

January 7 - Worked only a part of the day at invoice books. A beautiful day. Bruce got home from Columbine at 2 P.M.

January 8 - Another pleasant day and another day at the invoice. Louis "Garb." took supper with us tonight.

January 9 - Completed footing the Invoice Book. A clear cold day.

January 10 Sunday - A raw cold day-I done a little work writing for Garbarino and read the balance of the day.

January 11 - Worked at auditor work again today-Is warmer and looks like snow. Sent \$1.50 for Chicago Record. Elmer Burgess brought us a load of coal tonight.

January 12 - Worked some at Invoice books. Snowed 5 inches last night-

January 13 - Did not do much today. Annie sent balance due to Brittain Dry Goods Co. Ada and Mr. Jones and baby took supper with us tonight. A very pleasant day but cold tonight. Mogesen paid rent to January 15<sup>th</sup> today.

January 14 - Worked some in the Assay shop, grinding and sifting bones and making cupels, at night attended a stock holder's meeting and did not adjourn until 2 A.M.

January 15 - It was a bitter cold night. I settled up and drew balance due me from the Co-op store in Mdse. Paid John Sampson another \$5.00 making \$10.00 paid so far on account of wintering the horses. It has turned warmer and is snowing thick and fast. Today winds up the Routt Co. Operation Store as they have made an assignment of all merchandise notes and accounts to W.W. Moore for the benefit of all auditors. Aunt Mary has moved uptown and has a room over W.H. Burgess old store-

February 16 (January 16?) - Put in the day and evening in helping a new Invoice at the Co-op store. It snowed and blowed all day.

February 17 (January 17?) Sunday - Work all day at the invoice. Day quite pleasant but turn cold at night.

January 18 - A clear, still, cold day. I chored about home and read the papers. I note the production of Colo. in 1896 was:

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January 19 - Worked at Assaying for Jos. Draper with encouraging results. Wrote Macky and sent him notice of Taxes due equals 433.15. Sent for sampler of tobacco habit cure, read a letter from my friend F.M. Bown (Brown?). A clear cold day.

January 20 - Warmer. I chored about home and read. Chas. Hilvy and wife took lunch with us today. L. Garbarino took supper with us tonight.

January 21 - Cloudy. I wrote letters and took a bath. Annie wrote to Emma. Our Emma struck in the face with a snowball which hurt her eye and she came home from school at recess. Mrs. Leighton took supper with us tonight. Wrote J. O'Connor tonight.

January 22 - An exceeding pleasant day. Mr. Sturdevant's baby died today of Dyphtheria, died this morning and was buried this afternoon. Aunt Mary done her washing here today. Mrs. Leighton took supper again with us. I picked out the best coal from the bin and carried it to the Assay shop today. The Chicago Record began coming tonight. It is sharp and cold out tonight. Annie paid Mrs. Reinhardt Rent to January 16 today.

January 23 - Colder and more cloudy. I read and write. Mrs. Leighton was here to supper tonight. Emma and Aunt Mary both have colds.

Sunday January 24 - Colder today began to snow at night we hear that cudiors(?) have attacked Wolcott Mail Line. Emma is most sick with a croupy cold as are many others in town.

January 25 - A cold blizzardy day, snow and blow all day. Madison's baby died this A.M. with the prevailing cold. Bruce and Mr. Leighton went up to Sidney today.

January 26 - A cloudy, cold, blustery day. I today send C.L. & Co. Postal Order that I read last night from A.J. Marshall and my ck. for \$2.25 in all \$12.25 to apply on Marshall's interest. Turned very cold at night, was 30 degrees below 0 at bedtime.

January 27 - An exceeding cold day. Bruce went with Leighton to Egeria Park. I cut out and Annie made me a pair of buck skin mittens today. Annie done a small washing this forenoon. Jimmie Monson was here this afternoon to make affidavit to service of papers Gertie Woolery came this afternoon and paid her bill due Annie. Frost has fallen part of the day.

January 28 - A clear very cold day. 20 degrees below this A.M. I went up to Bath house this A.M. Read two samplers for assay from Mr. Mayberry that came from Arizona. Will try and do the work tomorrow. Wrote an article for the News. Aunt Mary and Ms. Shaw were in this afternoon.

January 29 - A cold day, snowing at bedtime. Bruce got home from the Park tonight. I write to Delancey et al. The rest of the folks are at a Masquerade Ball tonight. I made two assays for Mayberry today.

January 30 - Warmer and snowing. Did not do much today but read and write. Geo. Locker called this morning and Aunt Mary was here today. (Side margin-Read a letter from Willard).

January 31 Sunday - Emma's kitten was missing but Bruce found it this morning near the house where it had died in the path where it had died trying to get home. It had evidently got hurt and died before it could get home. Gracie Hale called today to see Emma. I sent a communication Rocky Mountain News. Aunt Mary was here this afternoon. I write Willard B.

February 1 - A beautiful day. I wrote letters cut wood and Annie and I went to the \* Bath house. Sent \$12.75 proceeds of Bath house to Macky. Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$2.25. Wrote Macky, Mrs. Hoyle, Col. Steele, Maggie and a clinical(?) firm in Detroit Mich. Bruce and Leighton went to Hayden today.

February 2 (Candlemas) - Cloudy all day. Snow part of the time. I began writing manuscript for the Chicago Record. Mary Koll and Lucy Sayer called today. Bruce and Leighton returned.

February 3 - The cow (Lilly bell) is sick today. Annie done a washing. A warm cloudy snowy day. I put in the day reading and writing.

February 4 - This Pension's day for having papers fixed up. Maryette and Rodney was here. I worked at manuscript. Bruce went to Egeria with Leighton.

February 5 - Snowed all day. I worked at assaying. Bruce came back from the Park.

February 6 - Snowed 8 inches last night and a little most all day. I cleared the snow off the cow shed and worked at my manuscript. Took Shaw's acknowledgement to deed +c. +c.-Draper (Jrs.?) is here.

February 7 Sunday - I made six assays for Mr. Draper today. Bruce went to Hayden. Louis Garbarino was here this morning. Mail came very late tonight. A warm day.

February 8 - I shoveled snow from wood pile, cut some wood. Elmer Burgess hauled my two jags of hay from the ranch. Bruce and a Young Mr. Walker came up from Hayden. This is Annie's 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. J.C. Draper was in this evening. A bright beautiful day. I wrote some of my M.S.S (manuscript?)

February 9 - My eyes are sore today-I write, read and chore about home. A clear pleasant day. In evening, Bruce, "Jep" and I had some music. Billy Moore and S.H. Brobeck were in this evening. Aunt Mary and Mrs. Wilcox were here this afternoon. Bruce and his room mate moved their effects down to the Springs office today.

February 10 - Another cold day, snows a good part of the day. I put in the forenoon grinding bones and making cupels. "Jep" started down to the lower country on a hunt today-I wrote and read in the afternoon.

February 11 - A warm snowy day. I put in the forenoon clearing snow off the house. Put in the afternoon writing.

February 12 - A regular blizzard all day. Collect rent from Locker and send to Mrs. Webber. Wrote at my M.S.S. Bruce goes to a party at Hull's tonight.

February 13 - A clear cold still day. The Parkinson girls were here to play with Emma today. Aunt Mary, Mrs. Dunfield and Mary Shaw were here this afternoon. We got the mail that should have come last night today.

February 14 Sunday - A terrible cold morning 32 degrees below 0 - Frost began falling early in the forenoon and soon turned into a fierce snow and wind storm. I wrote at my M.S.S.

February 15 - Snowed nearly all day. I read and write.

February 16 - Warmer, snow a little most all day. I sent the first ten chapters of M.S.S. to Chicago Record today with stamps \$0.24 for return postage. It is snowing and blowing at bedtime.

February 17 - Snow fell nearly a foot deep last night and it has snowed nearly all day and is hard at it at bedtime. Emma has the prevailing cough epidemic and did not go to school today. I put in the day writing and choring about home. Bought \$1.00 sugar today.

February 18 - Snowed all day. I worked some at my M.S.S. We had several callers today.

February 19 - Pleasant part of the afternoon but snow all the afternoon. A regular blizzard raging part of the time. I took two acknowledgements today, and worked at M.S.S.

February 20 - Sunshine and blizzard by turns all day, two spurts of storm were terrific. Mail that was due last night came this afternoon. I dressed the deer that we have kept so long and wrote. Billy Flannagan took dinner with us today-I read and wrote.

February 21 Sunday - A cold but bright day. I wrote most all day. The mail was due last night finally got through the drifts and got in a little after noon. Empty as a snow slide at Red Cliff has cut off R.R. traffic from the East, Bruce is complaining tonight.

February 22 - A cold day mostly clear and still no mail. Bruce went to Sidney to a dance tonight. I worked at my M.S.S. today.

February 23 - A cold but pleasant day. I made three assays for Draper, one for Crawford and one for Wilcox. Wrote a little. The mail that has been so long detained by snow slides came tonight, we got a long paper mail-I got a letter from Maggie. Emma went to school today.

February 24 - A cold raw day. I took some coal to the shop and prepared some rocks to assay tomorrow. Finished writing a chapter that I began yesterday. (Side margin-Jasper Eddy returned from his hunt tonight.)

February 25 - Snow all day. I made two assays for Shaw, one for Coulter and one McKivily(?).

February 26 - A clear cold day. I wrote-Bruce sold his house to E. Campbell taking as part payment a note for \$300.00 which he assigned to me as part payment for money I advanced him last summer. Mr. Leighton is down from the Park and called on us this evening. (Side margin-Bruce read Campbell's note for \$300.00 is to be paid cash \$75.00 Campbell is to pay Picket a/c Bruce \$100.00 and settle Bruce's debt to J.Q. Gravesbeck for improvements on lot.)

February 27A very cold morning (16 degrees below 0). Day clear and cold. Mr. Leighton took supper with us tonight. I put in my spare time today working on M.S.S.

February 28 Sunday - It was a clear cold day. Bruce went with Leighton to the Park. I wrote some and visited some with callers-In the evening Bennett's and Picket's folks in to visit.

March 1 - Storm by spells all day. I wrote some at my M.S.S. Read a letter tonight from another brother's of my father viz. Uncle William Burgess of Huntington Mat.(?)

March 2 - Snowed steady all day and is quite warm. I hauled some coal down to the shop and made ready to do some assaying tomorrow, wrote at my M.S.S. and a letter to Uncle William Burgess.

March 3 - Made two assays for Wilcox and two for Franz today. Emma was sick, wrote Macky, the Youth Companion and Leahy. Read Deed E. Campbell. It was a clear cold day. I earned and collected \$2.00 today.

March 4 - A regular blizzard prevailed this afternoon. Emma was better and went to school today. I wrote Webber and Co. Treas. Collected rent from Geo. Locker. Wrote and chopped wood.

March 5 - A pleasant day, thawed some. I cleared the snow off the stable and cow shed today.

March 6 - A raw cloudy day looks like snow this evening. I had the company's office cleared of snow today- Mr. Sampson and I brought up the twigs. Bruce had (heads?) down to the office today.

March 7 Sunday - Warm, bright and windy. Snow began settling a little, clouded up and stormy again at bedtime.

March 8 - Snowed three inches last night and kept coming all night all day. Annie rec'd a letter from Bruce-He is well-Aunt Mary stays all night tonight with us.

March 9 - A clear cold day was 10 degrees below 0 this A.M. and froze all day. This is Emma's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Annie put in today in making house plans, she exchanged paintings with Mrs. Dunfield. I write Mr. Macky and send him Leahy's letter. Annie writes Bruce.

March 10 - Very cold day-10 degrees below 0 turned warmer after noon and a blizzard prevailed. Rec'd back my M.S.S. from Chicago, wrote letters.

March 11 - A cold day, thawed a little on south side of buildings. Emma is quite sick.

March 12 - A cold snowy day. Emma seems to have the grippe. I am not well, have a bad cold.

March 13 - 18 degrees below 0 this A.M. Emma seems some better. I sold a lot to Mr. Wilcox. The sun came out again today.

March 14 Sunday - Another cold day, began to cloud up and get warmer toward night. Emma is much better today-I am feeling poorly.

March 15 - A cloudy day, cold and raw. I wrote some letters. Mr. Parkinson's folks have a calf Elk which Geo. captured. Emma is still improving.

March 16 - Pleasant but turned snow at night. Snowing at bedtime. Bruce came home from the Park tonight.

March 17 - St. Patrick's day-The first real Spring day of the season. I collected \$20.00 from E. Campbell on account of the lot he has bought and sent some to Mr. Macky. Shovelled snow and drained water from kitchen door and coal house.

March 18 - Another Springlike day, chored about home, did not work at anything in particular.

March 19 - A snowy blizzard day. Annie has been abed with the grip but it is better tonight. Bruce went to Sidney to a dance tonight.

March 20 - A cold raw cloudy day, snow by spells. Annie and Emma are better and I am nearly sick today but write some letters.

March 21 - A cold cloudy day, snowed 6 inches last night and a little all day-Wrote Dr. Campbell a statement of his dues to the Company today, and an article for the Democrat.

March 22 - A very cold day. Sun shone most all day. I done some writing for Brooks and Stees, Draper brought a small dressed hog weight-73#. Aunt Mary is sick today, has the grippe.

March 23 - A cold stormy day.

March 24 - A cold snowy day-I wrote to Webber et al-cut some wood and chored about. I am not well yet.

March 25 - A real Springlike day. Sent to Marks Co. for pants for Eddy.

March 26 - Another pleasant day. A great deal of old snow slid of the roof in town today. Annie sent order for goods to Edson Keith & Co. I chopped a little wood and Annie, Emma and Aunt Mary went to the Bath house. Mrs. Williams from Elk R. came to get some writing done. Maryette was here a little while. I read a long letter from Macky.

March 27 - Very pleasant, sold the lot to Mr. Wilcox. The foot bridge was taken out this P.M. Read and letter from and wrote A.H. Allen.

March 28 Sunday - Pleasant again-We moved stoves and had a sort of house cleaning today. I wrote and read. Wrote Co. Treas. for Mr. Lea.

March 29 - Snowed by spells all day. Annie done a washing. Andy Mogesen paid balance of rent to March 14.

March 30 - The blizzard prevailed all last night and today, no mail at bedtime from the East. Wrote A.E. Lea and sent him statement Co. Tr. regarding his taxes. Wilcox and I had a talk regarding prospecting the coming summer. It froze in the house last night. It looks now as if Winter is going to last all summer.

March 31 - A bleak cold day snow part of the time. Filled the woodbox and cleaned the stable.

April 1 - Was clear and cold but clouded up at sundown. I assayed for Chas. Franz this afternoon. Got a letter from Bruce today. Lilly cow had a calf at dark. We are still at one mail behind.

April 2 - A cold bad day the mail has caught up again. Mr. E. Campbell paid me \$10.00 for Bruce tonight.

April 3 - Pleasant. Annie and Emma went calling this afternoon. I collected \$10.25 from the Bath house, receipts for March and \$25.00 from Campbell a/c lot 7 in Blk. 4. Sent \$5.00 to Bruce.

April 4 Sunday - Cut some wood, read and wrote. Began snowing again at dark. We had another warm day.

April 5 - It snowed again. Annie done a washing. I recd. letters from Bruce and May B.

April 6 - Wrote to Bruce, cleaned the stable and filled wood boxes. A warm day.

April 7 - Snowed all last night and today. A perfect blizzard. I wrote to Barker and began a letter May Bradford.

April 8 - Worked at assaying all day was quite pleasant but snow by spells. Read a complimentary box of "sure quit" tonight. (Side margin-Annie churned the first of the season today.)

April 9 - Finished a letter to May B. Filled the wood boxes and began an article Democrat-Snowed a little by spells all day. Annie's goods came from E. K& Co. this P.M. I read letter from John O.C.

April 10 - One more pleasant day thawed so as to make the roads sloppy in places. I saw two robins and four bluebirds today, wrote nearly all day-read letters from Bruce, Macky and Col. Steele.

April 11 Sunday - A blizzard with snow prevailed all last night and today. Mr. Dever has come down from Columbine and called to see today.

April 12 - A warm pleasant day. I found the first buttercup of the season down by the Iron Spring. Read letters from Mrs. Webber and Maggie and Jenni Burgess-Wrote Mrs. Webber and County Treas.

April 13 - A Springlike day. I filled the wood boxes, read and wrote. Emma went with me to the Iron Spring. The snow settles slowly.

April 14 - A clear day but froze in the shade. I wrote letters to Cousins Maggie and Jenni. Done some notary work for Chas. D. Cross and his mother. The owls are hooting and it looks like another storm is gathering tonight.

April 15 - A bright Springlike day. Emma is sick again today. I began to cut and wrote some for the Democrat.

April 16 - Very pleasant. Snow went fast today. I put in the day chopping and writing. There are many bare spots in various door yards about town and small rills of water running down the road in the sled tracks.

April 17 - Snow melted fast today. We can now go from the house to the stable without wading snow-The tops of a few brush can be seen peeping above the snow. I made a calf pen, cut wood and worked with the assessor. Emma is better and pleasant in the sunlight a good deal. Roads are bad again. No mail tonight.

April 18-Sunday - Warm and bright, the snow settled fast-I'm having a sort of a grippe-Neuralgia, my head feels very bad.

April 19 - Snow settled very fast today although it was cloudy-Got \$1.95 worth of Bran a/c Schaller's rent of Mrs. Hoyle's barn. Chas. Hilvy hauled a small jag of hay. Bought a pair of rubber boots of Dunfield, cut wood. Wrote a letter to Game Warden a/c Wilcox. The river is raising.

April 20 - Warm and windy. The snow settled very fast. I put in my spare time at the wood pile. It clouded up and is blowing and raining at bedtime. Mail did not come tonight. The river is rising fast.

April 21 - Snowed all day. I cut some wood and fixed up the gates. No mail tonight. Wrote Barker.

April 22 - Snowed all last night and all day-The mail which was due last night came tonight. We only need one Postal Card. I put in the afternoon writing.

April 23 - Warm and cloudy. Snow some but the old snow is going fast. I wrote letter, chopped wood and chored about. The mail that was due last night did not come until tonight.

April 24 - The mail came in again this morning. Bare spots in the roads are very muddy and most of the small runs are belly deep to a horse with snow and slush. A horse was drowned in one of these places, on the Walcott Mail line, day before yesterday. I finished cutting the Aspen Wood and putting it in the wood shed and began cutting the Oak. The cow is not well today.

April 25 Sunday - Wrote and read-A pleasant day. Bruce and Leighton came down from the Park.

April 26 - Read a letter from Col. Steele and wrote him a long one in reply, snow went fast. I chopped wood.

April 27 - It rained nearly all day which prevented Mr. Leighton from returning to the Park-I read, cover and chopped wood. Snow is going fast and bare ground is showing in many places. Major Graham's baby died this morning.

April 28 - Warm and pleasant much bare ground showing in town. Water high. Graham's baby was buried today. I wrote a Chatted Mtgs. for Elmer Brooks, chopped wood and walked down to the river. Bare gave me a ck. for \$9.75 a/c Int. due Springs Co. which I sent to Macky. Mr. Leighton went home today.

April 29 - Rain in forenoon, pleasant in afternoon. Snow going very fast. I finished cutting, ready to split and pile, the oak wood. Mr. Borghi and Rosa and Mr. Brown were here today. I am very tired tonight sent Macky the ck. I failed to enclose in my letter last night. (Side margin-\$1.00 sugar).

April 30 - A beautiful day-I went upon the mountain restaked two claims, split and piled balance of wood. This is the last day of this term of school. The folks are at school entertainment tonight.

May 1, 1897 - Another fine day, the biggest part of snow in town is gone, and the hills are showing bare spots. Dever and I made some assays of samples I brought home yesterday with very encouraging results. (Side margin-\$0.25 Tov.)

May 2 Sunday - A warm pleasant day. Dever and I went up on the Monument Peak and brought a lot of samples of cupels. Bruce gave back his wheel(?) to G.W. McKean for \$45.00 to apply on his note. It is very windy and means storm tonight.

May 3 - Dever and I put in the day assaying not very encouraging results. Read Deed Town Co. for lots 9 & 10 in Blk. 8.

May 4 - Dever and I prospected. Brought a lot of samples for assay.

May 5 - Worked on assaying with no encouraging results. Had a talk with Mrs. Olds regarding purchase of a lot. Read letters from D.B. Webber and Macky.

May 6 - Put in the day prospecting and found some good looking rock was amused to watch some grouse go through evolutions.

May 7 - Put in the day assaying with no good results.

May 8 - Made a new lot of cupels, put the furnace on a stone foundation and fixed it up in a good shape.

May 9 Sunday - Prospected on Emerald Divide got very tired.

May 10 - Put in the day Assaying.

May 11 - Put in the day writing letters.

May 12 - Worked all day at prospecting am very tired tonight.

May 13 - Wrote an article for the Democrat and chored about home. Am tired today. Bruce came down from the Park tonight.

May 14 - Lilly Stees came this morning, will visit a day or two. I put in the afternoon getting the garden in shape to plant. Rain this afternoon. Tonight the folks go to a library entertainment at Library Hall.

May 15 - Went down and worked at the garden all day. Little Ethel Hale was with me nearly all day. John brought the horses home. Aunt Mary is here on a visit.

May 16 Sunday - Went down and worked in the gardens part of the forenoon it began to rain and I came home, went back after dinner and finished planting what I want in the ground now. Picket helped me finish. Aunt Mary and Lilly went home today. It only sprinkled a little. Not enough to lay the dust.

May 17 - Worked at assaying without encouraging results. Threatens rain but does not come.

May 18 - Wrote an article for Pilot. Went prospecting in afternoon.

May 19 - Worked at assaying in forenoon and helped Mr. Picket in afternoon with his books.

May 20 - Made some assays, leased Coleman's house to Mogesen Bros. and wrote some letters. Sent \$5.00 E. K. & Co. and \$2.00 to Oyon Bros. of Chicago. (Side margin-Lease Coleman's house).

May 21 - Prospected in the rain this forenoon and worked at assaying this afternoon. Rain nearly all day-

May 22 - Pleasant. I worked about home in forenoon. In afternoon I went up into the hills and prospected.

May 23 Sunday- I went prospecting in the afternoon and left my tools in Mr. Wilcox's prospect hole.

May 24 - Chored about home all day. Rain in afternoon. Sent \$10.00 E.K. & Co.

May 25 - Assayed 4 samples for "Dad" Munson and three for myself-It did not rain. Annie sent order E.K. & Co.

May 26 - Prospected on Mr. Wilcox claim.

May 27 - Assayed and wrote. Rain last night cold and windy tonight-

May 28 - Chored about home in forenoon and worked on Senator Tillman Claim in the afternoon.

May 29 - My heart bothered me so I could not sleep last night and I was not well enough to work today. Read \$100.00 from Col. Steele tonight.

May 30 Sunday - Coulter, wife and I spent all day in the hills prospecting and brought home many pieces of rock, came home in a rain storm very tired.

May 31 - Put in the entire day assaying did not find any values.

June 1 - Rain most all day. I sit by the fire wrote, settled with Bath house sent 23.73 to Macky +c. + c. + c.

June 2 - Rain again, turns cold and snow at night. Made bone ash in afternoon and molded some cupels-



June 3 - The ground was white with the snow this morning. I attended to some chores in forenoon, got bran for cow, wrote and worked on lots in afternoon. Snow bricts(?) were thick this forenoon. Began to cut and clear the sage brush from our new lots this afternoon. It is raining again at bedtime. Sent \$100.00 to 1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Bk. Boulder today. It was mailed last night and went out this morning.

June 4 - Put in the forenoon at Bath house and in writing. Worked at Assaying in afternoon. Rain at dark. Chat. Leighton stays with us tonight.

June 5. Rain nearly all day too cold for frogs to sing. Mr. Leighton went away today after dinner. Jasper Eddy came at night.

June 6. Sunday. Cold but pleasant, wrote Webber, Mrs. Hoyle and Delancey. Rec'd from Macky.

June 7-Put in a busy day between the Bath house and cleaning the lots. Finished and Hilvey plowed the ground. Bruce left for the Park this A.M. Eddy also. Coulter finished repairing supply tank.

June 8 - Put in the day at the Wilcox prospect. Rain in the evening.

June 9 - Worked at assaying. Got no results.

June 10 - Went down and cultivated the garden in forenoon. Munson had a children's party at our home. It was a great success. Rec'd a letter from Mrs. Hoyle, favorable to the boy's scheme, wrote her and Bruce.

June 11-Worked up in the hills today.

June 12 - Same as yesterday. Bruce came home to stay from the Park-Day very pleasant with rain threatened. I am very tired tonight.

June 13 - Wrote letters and rested-Sunday. Mrs. Bird came down from Egeria tonight.

June 14 - My 54<sup>th</sup> birthday-Worked at Assaying.

June 15 - Worked up in the hills today am tired again tonight.

June 16. - A cold windy day. Annie done a washing. I sent \$100.00 to Macky from De Longe-Sent \$1.00 to Tooth W.M. Co. for Annie and \$1.00 to Garfield Gun Co.-Took a bath, paid Mr. Coulter for repairs on tank-wrote Sunday letters.

June 17 - Worked up in the hills today. A cool windy day-A big frost this morning.

June 18 - A big frost again this morning. I worked up in the hills today.

June 19 - Stayed at home, fixed some papers for Boylan. Sold the hay on Amerigo Borghi for \$10.00 of which \$4.00 was paid down and \$6.00 is to be paid within a work period. Sold to the De Cora Bros. also sold them my portable forge for \$12.00 to be paid within a month. Annie sent \$10.00 to Edson K. & Co. and paid Mrs. Reinhardt in full for rent and a little over.

June 20 Sunday-Wrote and rested.

June 21 - Made a lot of assays, closed trade for Mrs. Hoyle. Sent her \$100.00. Sent deeds for record with fur and wrote some letters.

June 23 - Put in a hard days work assaying.

June 24 - Wrote and attended to business in forenoon. Went with Wilcox and prospected in afternoon.

June 25 - Assayed, made bone ash and closed the lot deal with De Longe.

June 26 - Worked at forenoon making cupels. Attended a L.E. meeting in afternoon and wrote.

June 27 Sunday. - Wrote and rested.

June 28 - Helped Annie in forenoon and prospected in afternoon. Wrote Crippen.

June 29 - Worked at assaying and an order to M. W. & Co. for Mdse.-Sent \$11.01 to E.K. & Co. Chicago.

June 30 - I am not very well today and do some writing. Write Cousin Jenny B.

July 1 - Put in the day writing cool and cloudy in the morning but turns warm.

July 2 - Sent D.B. Webber P.O. Money for \$22.50 some being amounts collected less \$2.50 my fee. Collected \$12.60 bal due from Walbridge. Kept out \$1.25. Sent Webber an order for \$11.35. It began raining this afternoon and is raining at bedtime.

July 3 - The summits were covered with new snow this A.M. It was cold and rainy. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was celebrated. The day was cold but pleasant after the rain.

July 4 - Sunday. A cool but pleasant day. I sent order for building material to M.W. & Co. = (67.58).

July 5 - . Began work on the new house today. I worked four hours in forenoon for Coulter. In afternoon I arranged with Mr. Brightman to make foundation and gave him the old buggy toward payment of \$25.00. Aunt Mary went home. Annie had a fair trade and made some collections. (Side margin-4 hours on house for Coulter.)

July 6 - Quarried stone and prospected. Annie sent \$11.05 to E. K. & Co. and \$8 to Willard B.

July 7-Quarried stone, worked at leveling off site for new house pounding rock and c. and c. Gave Parkinson \$2.00 to renew for Chicago Record.

**Diary of Perry A. Burgess**  
**January 1, 1898-August 22, 1898 (Volume 7)**

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January 1-A very cold day but clear and still. The snow is 24 inches in the valley and packed quite firm for this time of the year. I finished ceiling(?) the pantry and Annie done some papering. (Tacking own cracks) and lining with cloth. Collected \$1.45 on Thity(?) Henning Bill for Mogesen Bros. Wrote Macky and Saunders regarding sale of property. (Side margin-Will quit milking after tonight in another calf cows).

January 2-Sunday-Read and wrote. Annie worked some at the closet. A clear, still, cold day.

January 3-Clear and cold. I was busy most of the day attending to various errands about town. Chat. Hilvy brought me some hay. Annie sewed cloth to line the kitchen and sitting room overhead. Emma did not go to school this afternoon. I wrote Macky in evening. Sent him notice of Springs taxes for 1897 dem(?). (Springs tax 1897 is 441.77).

January 4-Cold, but looks like a storm is pending. It will have to turn warmer before it can snow. Annie worked at lining. I helped her a little and kept fires.

January 5-A crisp clear day. Annie finished lining the sitting room, put down a carpet, and we put up a stove and moved in the lounge and some chairs. It makes a very pleasant room and a fire cheerful. Bruce took some curios from home down to the place where he is working.

January 6-A pleasant day. Put in the day at various chores, helped Annie some. She put in the day moving and varnishing furniture. She and Emma will sleep on a bedstead tonight for the first time since we moved into our new house.

January 7-Joe Dever put up the lining overhead in the kitchen today. Aunt Mary spent the day with us and her and Ora Adams took supper with us. It snowed a little most all day and is warmer.

January 8- A pleasant winter day. Elmer Burgess brought some Justice books and blanks.

January 9 Sunday -Colder but mostly clear. McClelland paid me \$2.50 for hay tonight. Mr. Wilcox returned from the Peak. Emma went with Clara to church today. I wrote some letters.

January 10-Worked all day at assaying with excellent results. Had a violent snow and wind storm in the afternoon. Milton Woolery brought me 1 ½ tons of coal today. I collected \$1.50 rent of safe to January 8 and \$2.50 which McClelland owed me for hay. Chas. Hilvy brought me a jag of hay. (\$2.50 for hay).

January 11-A clear cold day, was 18 below 0 this A.M. Annie sent \$5.00 to Brittain D.G. Co and \$1.50 to Foot Ease Man. I gave Parkinson \$2.00 to renew for Chicago Record and \$1.00 to renew for Light of Truth and \$1.50 to Macky for rent of safe 8<sup>th</sup> mist(?). (Side margin-\$1.00 + \$0.25 = \$1.25 Notary work, 2.00 Board from Bruce).

January 12-A very cold day. 37 degrees below 0. I chored about home. Mr. Love came to see me about Assaying. Logan came to spend the evening. The Hale children did not come to school today.

January 13-Clear and very cold. Made some Assays for Mr. Love, with fair results. Turned warmer and clouded up at night.

January 14-Clear and warmer. I wrote today. Milton Woolery brought a 200 lb. dressed hog, the value of which is \$15.00 and tonight Mr. Wagner brought a ton of coal on Ed Brobeck's account, making two tons for him to date. Mrs. Walker she that was Mary Koll took dinner with us today.

January 15-Very cold 22 below 0. I put in the forenoon cutting up the hog that Milton brought yesterday. Loaned Ed Brobeck a \$5.00 Labor Exchange check, wrote in afternoon. Read a long letter from May tonight. The Lady Aid met here this afternoon.

January 16 Sunday-Some warmer and snowed all day steady. I stayed indoors and read and wrote.

January 17 - Quite cold again. Hilvy brought a little hay. Emma went to school again today for the first time in a week.

January 18 - Clear and cold. I wrote to Macky, Saunders, May et al. Mr. Jno. Draper came with samples for assay.

January 19-Put in the entire day reading and writing. A very cold day.

January 20 - Very cold. We attended a surprise party at Mr. Brightman's last night had a good visit with nearly all the folks in town. Made an assay for Mr. Perkins today, did not find any values. Mr. Crawford sent down a fine specimen of copper ore tonight.

January 21 -10 degrees below 0 this A.M. I loafed and chored about home. Read sample of magnetic iron from State School of Mines.

January 22-Worked all day making a division rod to send to Mr. Cusull(?)-A cloudy raw day.

January 23 Sunday-Hilvy's folks came up from the ranch and spent the day with us. Clara did not go to church and helped Annie with the house work. Was warm and snowed some in the afternoon but turned colder and the sky is clear at bedtime.

January 24-A very cold day. I helped Annie do a washing in the forenoon and made a lot of cupels in afternoon. Chas. Hilvy brought a little hay today.

January 25-Assayed for Crawford, Wilcox and Hartwick. A very cold day and tonight is terrible cold. Clara and Mrs. Hartwick and baby send the evening with us. (\$2.00 Bruce 2.50 Juror fees).

January 26 - 40 degrees below 0 this A.M. and intensely cold all day. I wrote some letters. Read a lot of rock samples from Mr. Wilcox. Prepared shop and furnace for work tomorrow.

January 28 (27?)-Worked at assaying all day. Made 11 tests, no good results. Most of the rock was from Batton, Whiskey Park. Very cold weather.

January 28 - Made four assays from rock and from Wilcox's result 1 ½ oz. silver and ¾ oz. gold. Warmer today. Clara went home with her folks this afternoon. Ed Burnett spent the evening with us. The folks have gone to a reception at the hall tonight. (Side margin-Jno. J. Hang's(?) funeral today. He committed Suicide this A.M.).

January 29 - Warmer. Snow all day. Clara came back this afternoon. Logan was here this evening and gave us a treat of nuts and oranges.

January 30 - Sunday-A very pleasant day but turned cold again at sundown. Below 0 at bedtime. The wallpaper came tonight.

January 31- A clear cold pleasant day. I worked in the shop- Made two assays for Wilcox without encouraging results. Assayed five samples for Crawford with good results. Very cold again tonight. Hilvy brought more hay. (Side margin-\$2.00 from Bruce).

February 1 - Fair part of the day and snow in the afternoon. Clear at dusk and snow at bedtime. Collected and disbursed receipts for Bath house for Jan, collected rent of Office for Jan. Earned 1.25 at Notary work. Read four rock samples from Jno. Draper for assay. Wilcox came home tonight with a lot of rock samples from the Peak for assay. (Side margin-\$1.00 Notary work).

February 2 - Worked hard at assaying for Wilcox and company. Made 12 assays with fairly good results. This makes 20 tests for the new Co. to date, a warm sunny day. Ground Hog day.

February 3 - Worked down at the shop carrying coal and assaying. Made one test each for Drown and Crawford and four tests for Jno. Draper. This makes 6 for Draper recently. The rocks did not contain any values except Mr. C's which ran a large percent in copper 64 ozs. silver and a trace of gold. I wrote some letters after I got through at the shop. It was a very pleasant day.

February 4 - Another bright pleasant day. Finished putting the coal in the shop. Ground bones and made a new batch of cupels. It turned cold again at sundown.

February 5 - Clear and pleasant. Annie and Emma went down to Stees on a visit. Mrs. Gibson stayed as Company for Clara. Read some samples of rock from the Peak for assay.

February 6 - A fine sunny day. I worked at the shop. The results were not satisfactory will have to do work over tomorrow. Wilcox and Hartwick went to the Peak today to work at prospecting. The weather we have had for the past week resembles ordinary March weather. (Side margin-Gave Draper our note for \$26.45 due in 60 a/c.)

February 7-A beautiful springlike day. I re-assayed the rock I tested yesterday. Annie and Emma got back at noon. Emma went to the children's party at Mrs. Adams. Annie, Clara and I spent the evening at Aunt Mary's. (Side margin-\$12.50 a/c salary, \$0.25 Notary fee).

February 8 - Spent the day in writing letters. We went to a card party at Picket's at night. It has been a warm thawing day, snow a little at dark.

February 9 - Put in the whole day assaying. Tested twelve samples for Wilcox and Co. Thawed again today. To date I have made 39 assays a/c Peak tunnel scheme.

February 10-Chored about home. A pretty day clear and cold. Wrote some.

February 11-A beautiful day. I worked in the shop assaying for Mr. Crawford with good results. Spent the evening at Mr. Bonnier's-Cards and taffy.

February 12-A raw cloudy day, snow some. Did not do any regular work.

February 13 Sunday-A very springlike day. The snow got soft on the surface and the rocks on steep south slopes began to stick out in sight. Bruce brought my fiddle home today. I put in the day reading and writing.

February 14-A warm cloudy day. The snow is soft and settling. We put in the day moving things and getting ready for tomorrow night.

February 15-Almost like spring. Thawed so as to make the snow soft. Russel came home from the Peak with Mr. Wilcox today. The "High Five Club" met here tonight, dancing and cards were indulged in until midnight and after lunch all went home saying they had a good time. (Side margin-\$0.25 Notary work).

February 16-Another fine day. Was quite cold this morning but turned warm and is thawing at bedtime. I worked at the shop some this afternoon getting ready to assay tomorrow.

February 17-Annie and Emma were both sick so I had to stay at home in forenoon, worked at shop in afternoon. Clara and Bruce went in evening to a surprise party at Judge Dunfield's.

February 18-Completed work began yesterday ring two assays for Buchel, six for Crawford and Co., and six for Wilcox and Co. Sent balance (\$8.45) due Brittain Dry Goods Co. and settled up with C.F. De Longe for Co. Collecting a balance of \$250.23 and sent to Macky Treas. A clear cold day. Bought a sack of potatoes today. Annie as well as common and Emma some better.

February 19-Snowed last night and this forenoon about 6 inches. Emma seems worse today. I worked part of the day grinding and sifting bones.

February 20-A cold but pleasant day. Mattie Gibson came to help Annie a while. Emma seems better today. I wrote some Mss.

February 21-Emma still improving. A beautiful day. I worked in the shop some today. The Steamboat Gun Club are having a big dance tonight.

February 22-Snow about six inches. Afternoon pleasant. I made a Deed to Willard Burgess for my ½ Hammer Patent in payment for what Annie owes him, took down and cut off my furnace pipe and rigged it up again, wrote some Mss. and c. and c. Emma is still improving. Logan came to spend the evening brought some nuts and bananas.

February 23-A pleasant day. Emma is still improving. I chored about home. Aunt Mary was here today. Annie sent \$8.75 for cape(cake?) for Aunt Mary.

February 24-Clear and pleasant. I made two assays today, sent Mrs. Hoyle a month's rent of her house. Emma is still improving.

February 25-Another Springlike day. I put my shop in order. Annie sent \$6.45 to Edson K. & Co. and I paid Adair \$2.00 on a/c. Emma is still better. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce).

February 26-Springlike. I began digging out the wood piles to get ready to cut the summer supply of wood. (Side margin-\$0.25 Notary fee).

February 27 Sunday-Very pleasant, rested and read.

February 28-Began on the wood pile this A.M. but spent most of the day assaying, made 4 for Crawford, 2 for Draper and 1 for Wilcox and R. Also one for Ungles snow a little. It is getting sloppy in places-8 tests for Draper today.

March 1-Began chopping wood for summer and ground up my ax and pocket knife. The High Five Club meets tonight at Dunfield's. Had a fine time. Mrs. Leighton came to visit us. Ed Burnett came with samples. I also need a sample from D.C. Crowill for assay.

March 2-Assayed six samples for Burnett got no good results and Six for Wilcox and Co. 1 ¼ oz. silver and strong traces gold. Made a check assay for Crowill result 1 oz silver. The weather continues fine. Looks some like spring was near. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce Board).

March 3-Cooler but thawed some. I put in the day at making a wheelbarrow. Got the wheel made. Ada Jones called this afternoon.

March 4-Warm and cloudy. I finished the wheelbarrow that I began yesterday. Ada Jones, baby and Mr. Jones were our guests. Among the callers today were Aunt Mary, Bob Woodson, Rosa Milner and Mr. Wilcox. The Craig dramatic club are holding fourth in town tonight.

March 5-Made four assays for Crawford and reach for Buchel and Unglrs. Was a windy day with snow in forenoon. (Side margin-\$0.25 Notary, \$0.25 Assay).

March 6 Sunday-Cool and bright. I read and wrote.

March 7-Annie done a washing-I cut wood, settled monthly business of Bath house, collected and settled with Coleman, Schaller rent to Mar. 8. Sent \$3.00 to Macinlay for Aunt Mary and \$3.00 to Birfield and Co. balance on Aunt Mary's cape. David W.W. Adair \$10.00 on a/c a cool but very bright day. (Side margin-2.00 Com., 12.50 Salary).

November 8 (March 8?)-Chored about in forenoon and helped Annie invoice in afternoon. Emma, Mrs. Leighton and I went to the High Five party at Wilcox's tonight.

November 9 (March 9?)-Worked at Assaying until 2 P.M. Then helped complete invoice which footed up \$194.42. Emma has a bad cough today. Pleasant in forenoon, but is snowing hard at bedtime. I sent Macky \$3.00 rent for his safe to March 8. (Side margin-2.50 on Assaying, 2.00 Bruce Board). Emma is 9 years old today. Assays to date on Fish Creek scheme.

March 10-I sent Walter Coleman a money order for three mos. settlement for rent collected Prof. Misz. Paid H. Schaffine \$2.15 balance due on express, and \$3.10 to Mr. Cochran, leaving a balance due to expires of \$1.00. It snowed four inches yesterday and last night. The snow slid off the shed roof this afternoon. (Side margin-\$1.50 Com. on Collection).

March 11-Pleasant again overhead but the new snow makes it bad underfoot. I chored about home. Hilvy brought a jag of hay and Korf brought samples for assay. I put in most of the afternoon in assorting and bringing papers and clearing out my Secretary. (Side margin-\$0.50 assay).

March 12-A pleasant day overhead but new snow which fell last night made it hard underfoot. I worked at the shop made two assays for Korf and two double tests for Wilcox Fish Creek scheme. Making eight tests to date. Clara and Emma went down to the shop with me. It is clear and cold tonight. (Side margin-1.00 Assaying, 1.00 Bruce Board, to date (?) Fish Creek)

March 13 Sunday-Snow again last night and some this forenoon. A very pleasant blustering day. I put in the day writing letters.

March 14-An exceeding blustering and disagreeable day. I chored about home. Began a high stool for Annie.

March 15-Cold and windy with a driving snow storm at night. I finished a high stool for Annie, and made some nesting places for the wrens to use when they come. The High Five Club met at Adair's tonight. We had a pleasant time.

March 16-Snow again last night but a pleasant day. Annie has a touch of the grippe. Ed Burnett left some rock for assay.

March 17-Put in the day assaying for Draper. Made seven tests, with excellent results. Ed Burnett spent the evening with us. Did not get any M tonight.

March 18-Put in the day assaying. Too windy to work well. Made three assays for Buchel, two for Wilcox and three for Burnett. Got the Deed for Wilcox. Read 25.00 cash and paid the balance of the \$100.00 for Bruce and Hartwick ten assays to date on Fish Creek and fifteen Assays to date for Draper. Milton Woolery sent me 89# beef. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce Board, 1.50 Assaying, 25.00 from Wilcox).

March 19-Another windy day but pleasant. I put in the day writing, helped Ora Adams with some writing for the Literary and wrote letters.

March 20 Sunday-Worked again in the shop. Made two assays on Hahn's Peak scheme and one on Fish Creek layout all were encouraging. Day cold but bright and very pleasant.

March 21-A raw cloudy day. Annie began a washing but Maryette came and it was put away to be finished another day. I chored about home, wrote and chopped wood. Hilvy brought some hay. Worked again today on the new supply tank at Bath house.

March 22-A very cold day. Annie went to Adair's to help the girls make out bill for new Spring goods. I wrote letters.

March 23-26 degrees below zero this A.M. I worked in the shop. Made 5 assays on the Hahn's Peak scheme. Worked turned down into one but did not get good results. Annie finished a washing began Monday.

March 24-Quite pleasant. I put in the day at various chores. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce Board).

March 25-A very warm, thawy afternoon looks like storm tonight. I worked in the shop today five Hahn's Peak four Fish Creek and one for Rowley. Bought a sack of potatoes this A.M. and brought it across on the crust on Emma's sled.

March 26-Cloudy, but thawed considerable. Turned colder at night blow and snow. I worked at the wood pile and attended to some writing. We went to the literary at the church tonight. Read in the mail a paper from Hammond La. with notice of the death of my boyhood friend Delancey Drucker.

March 27 Sunday-Put in the day reading and writing, wrote a letter of condolence to the sister of my friend, D.M. Drucker. Mail came very late. A clear but rather cold day.

March 28-Put in most of the day in grinding bones and making cupels. Snowed a little again last night but the day has been clear and quite cold. (Side margin-\$0.50 assaying).

March 29-Clear and cold. Annie finished a washing. I chored some about home and worked some at the shop.

March 30-Clear and some warmer but everything went wrong and I did not get the work completed.

March 31-Spent part of the day at the Bath house and part fixing the stable. Stormy part of the day but thawed considerable on South exposure. (Side margin-25.00 Bruce and Hartwick on a/c).

April 1-Put in the day Assaying. Made 7 tests for Wilcox and Co. 2 for Hull et al. 1 for Wm. Bird and 1 for self. The day was lonely and springlike.

April 2-Cloudy. Worked in the shop some. Re-hung one of the stable doors. Made four assays for Jas. Edmunson. Made a bargain with Chas. Baer for rent for P.O. Box 52 and pay in Notary work. Sent order for assaying supplies. (\$0.25 Notary work).

April 3 Sunday-A cold snowy day. I made a house for Bluebirds and wrote M.S.S.

April 4 -Cold but pleasant. Thawed in the sunshine and froze in the shade. I am not well, have a cold. Grind my ax put up some bird houses and did other small chores.

April 5-Clear and cold but thawed on South exposures. I am nearly sick but chore around some, get ready to work at the shop tomorrow if I am well enough. Wilcox got home tonight. Annie and Emma attend a High Five party at Brightman's tonight.

April 6-Very much like yesterday, but the South slopes saw more bare ground. I worked in the shop today. Made 3 Assays for Buchel and 4 for Draper.

April 7-Warm. Snow all forenoon. I put in the afternoon preparing to assay tomorrow.

April 8-Warm and windy. A lot of snow melted today-I put in the entire day at the shop. Made 6 tests for account the Hahn's Peak skiing, 5 a/c Burnett 2 double tests for Buchel and 1 for Draper. Pd. Dunfield \$10.00 on a/c. Clara came to stay tonight with us. (Side margin-\$12.00 a/c Salary).

April 9-The snow settled fast and bare spots increased in size today. I put in the day assaying. Made 6 assays for Geo. Bratton. Ground and sifted bones part of the time. Bruce got home from the Peak tonight. (Side margin-2.50 Assaying).

April 10 Sunday-Very springlike. Snow melted fast. Read and wrote.

April 11-Cloudy and colder but thawed considerable. Rain a little. Picket Bros. took out the foot bridge today. I made 3 assays a/c Hahn's Peak scheme and 1 a/c Piercy and Edmunson. (Side margin-The cow had a calf this morning and \$0.25 Notary).

April 12-Very pleasant. I worked at the wood pile and attended to various chores at home.

April 13-Warm and pleasant. Snow is going fast. I worked at unpacking Assay supplies, putting the furnace in order and making cupels.

April 14-Almost like summer. I worked at assaying made 1 test a/c Rowley, 2 for Piercy and Edmunson and 4 for Crawford. Pd. Bal. due E. Co. (Side margin-3.00 Bruce, 0.25 Notary work).

April 15-Visited Mr. Bennett who is sick. Gave Picket Deed to Lot 6 in Blk. 5 and spent most of the day loafing about home. Very pleasant. I can now walk on bare ground across the square. Clara sent 4.12 to M.W. and Co. I sent 3.50 to Crippen a/c Leckenby and Annie sent \$1.00 to Eaton Colo. and 29.09 to Carpet House.

April 16-A very warm day but turns colder at night and is very windy. I worked at the wood pile today. Clara and Mattie went for a walk up on wood chuck mountain.

April 17 Sunday-A typical April day, rain and sunshine. Mr. Bennett died last night. The masons here had a meeting to arrange for his burial.

April 18-Cool and windy, but very springlike. Emma and I went to the creek and got some evergreens. I studied the Masonic Funeral Service and cut wood. Masons had another meeting tonight. The wind today must have cut the snow fast in the hills.

April 19-A beautiful day, we buried the remains of Bro. Bennett with Masonic honors. Mr. Dever has a very sore eye. (Side margin-0.50 for Assay).



April 20-Showery part of the day. I worked at the shop preparing for Assaying tomorrow. Cut some wood and chored about home. Planted some horseradish. Rain and sunshine.

April 21-Another showery day. I put in the entire day assaying among which was 1 for P.C. Crowill, 1 for Korf, one for Wilcox and Russell 3 for Draper, 1 for Zimfield, 1 Buchel. In all I made 19 assays and one chemical test for copper. Miss Carlton of Snake R. took supper with us tonight. (Side margin-0.50 for assaying.)

April 22-A raw, windy, misty day. I set some fence posts began work on the front fence. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

April 23-Put in the day at setting post. On account of boulders it is very hard work.

April 24 Sunday-Mattie, Clara and I went up to the graveyard. I put the first flowers of the year on Helen's grave. A beautiful day. Annie received news of her father's death tonight.

April 25-Finished setting posts, began to spade the garden, bought a new hoe and some garden seeds. Took down Annie's shop (?). Helped Woodson stake out a lot and c. Put up the East door screen. Annie done a washing.

April 26-Tacked boards on to hotels(?) front fence posts, done some spading and worked some in the shop. Annie sent for cape and skirt. Stees folks called this P.M.

April 27-I put in the forenoon writing letters and putting the rifle in order and the afternoon assaying. A very windy day.

April 28-Put in the forenoon putting shelves in Annie's milk closet, a warm still day. I worked some at spading this afternoon and got a sack of bran for the cow. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce, 0.50 Notary).

April 29-A raw damp day. Rain and hail some. Mattie's father took dinner with us today. I planted some lettuce and some peas and spaded more ground in the garden.

April 30-Rain and hail. I settled with the Bath house, worked some in the garden.

May 1-Sunday-Rain and wind in forenoon, rain and sun in afternoon, I made a divining rod to loan Mr. Gibson. The cow ran off this morning and I did not milk until noon. Turns colder and snow at night.

May 2-Rain, shine, hail and snow. I put in the day cutting wood and building place for Emma's hen and chickens which Mrs. Stees brought to her.

May 3-Snow very hard this morning but cleared off windy and turned cold. I made 12 assays account Crawford, done a little spading in the garden +c.

May 4-A cold blustering day. I sent Walter Coleman, Schaller's rent to May 8. Worked some in the garden in afternoon. Attended to various chores during the day. (Side margin-1.00 Com. on Coleman).

May 5-A cold disagreeable day. Snowed a little. I worked some in the shop preparing samples for Assay and spaded some in the garden and attended to various small chores. (Side margin-\$12.50 acct. of Salary).

May 6-A beautiful day. I worked some in the garden, went to the Bath house, paid Munson \$12.50 account of Apl. Salary paid Dunfield \$10.00 on a/c and arranged to go prospecting tomorrow. Drew up a contract between Korf and Picket. Had a conference with Crawford, Milner and Hartwick. Wrote Macky. (Side margin-0.50 assaying).

May 7-Pleasant and stormy by turns. I started to go prospecting but came back and worked in the garden.

May 8-Sunday-Went up Fish Creek prospecting but no results.

May 9-Worked at the garden. Annie washed, a bright but windy day.

May 10-Worked all day at assaying 3 for Korf, 1 Byson Shelton, 1 Edmundson, 5 Shaw and Duner, 1 for Gibson, 1 self. Read \$3.00 from Chat. Hilvy a/c calf \$7.00 yet to be paid. The first suit was started before me by J.R. Honding atty. vs. Geo. E. Locker. Sent Macky 2.95 proceeds of rent to safe to May 8. (Side margin-\$3.50 Hilvy a/c calf).

May 11-Put in the whole day in the shop. Made 15 tests a/c Bratton and 3 a/c Leckenby, small results Aim. Sent \$22.21 to Peats for Wall paper. A pleasant day but rain and hail some in afternoon.

May 12-A pleasant but windy day. I put in the day at the shop fixing the furnace, which I gave a grate, smoke stack and door. Wrote Macky and Col. Steele.

May 13-A warm windy day. I worked at making garden in forenoon and in my office in afternoon preparing to try a lawsuit. It thundered and sprinkled a little about noon. Bruce came home from Hayden. (Side margin-0.50 Assay).

May 14-A fine day. I finished planting garden and done various small chores. Collected from Prof. Mersz, 2 months rent (I think) March 26/98. (Side margin-\$3.00 a/c Calf, 1.00 Com on rent.)

May 15 Sunday-Put in a very busy day writing for Picket, Hermage et al. Mattie is sick. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce Board).

May 16-Worked at moving wood pile, spading fixing fence and c. Mattie is better tonight. We had a glorious rain this evening.

May 17-Rain, snow or hail all day. I worked some at the shop preparing to assay tomorrow.

May 18-Worked most of the day at assaying but failed to complete the work on account of "freezing." Spaded some in the garden in evening. A very fine day. (Side margin-0.25 Notary work).

May 19-Rain nearly all day. I did not do any work to speak of, wrote some.

May 20-Worked at assaying, a clear cold, windy day. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce Board).

May 21-A big frost last night, clear and quite cold all day. I put in most of the day digging in the garden, wrote Cousin Jenny.

May 22 Sunday-Annie, Emma and Mattie went to the ranch to spend the day. Clara and I went most there with them and came back via the Cemetery. A beautiful day, Lucy Campbell was hired tonight.

Mar 23 (May 23?)-I put in the day digging in the garden and writing. Rain at night. (Side margin-0.50 Assay).

Mar 24 (May 24?)-A cool but pleasant day I worked at spading. Annie has a sick headache tonight.

May 25-The day was spent at a public meeting to investigate rumors of Indian signals and stuffing(?). Had a big rain last night. At night we had a County Seat meeting at Mr. Harding's Office.

May 26-Spaded and gardened. Emma is quite sick. Rosa Milner was here today also several callers.

May 27-Made two assays for Bourquin and one for Chas. Hilvy today. Worked some in the garden and began a divining rod for use of Rowley. Wrote some. Emma seems nearly as well as common.

May 28-Rain this morning but a cool and pleasant day. I finished the rod I began yesterday. Set out strawberry plants in afternoon. Divided plants with Wilcox. The girls are invited to Picket's tonight to eat ice cream. (Side margin-\$2.00 Bruce Board, 0.25 Notary fee).

May 29-Sunday-Pleasant. I wrote and rested wrote 8 page letter to Col. Steele.

May 30-Quite windy clouded up and rain a little at sundown. I sold Dobbin and Betty to Chat. Hilvy, to be paid in work as I need it, price \$50.00 and I threw in halters and nose bags. I worked all my spare time today in digging and leveling the garden. (Side margin-Expires \$4.25 to Lyon Bros. for goods).

May 31-A windy day. I worked some at spading and attended to various chores. I worked some at spading and attended to various chores. Settled with Bath house and proceeds to Boulder.

June 1-A big frost last night but it was a warm day. I graded some and set out some pic plant roots, wrote some letters. Emma is quite sick again tonight. Do not know if it is fever or grippe. She is feverish and flighty.

June 2-A pleasant day. Emma is better. I put in the day choring and writing. Annie sent \$4.88 to Brifed for the Adair sisters. Emma is better.

June 3-Spent the day writing. It turned cold and windy and is sprinkling at dark.

June 4-Was misty this afternoon and cold. A pleasant day. I wrote some. Planted potatoes in afternoon. (Side margin-1.50 for Assay, 1.00 Bruce a/c, 0.25 Notary).

June 5-Froze hard last night but a pleasant day. I spent the day reading and writing.

June 6-Worked at the shop today. Made 1 assay for Buchel, 1 for Korf, 2 for McKinnis and 5 for Borgiers. Pd. \$7.20 Bal. due Dunfield. (Side margin-\$12.50 a/c Salary, 1.00 Bruce Board).

June 7-Spent the day at various work. Entered into a partnership with Mr. Sturdevant to conduct a Real estate business. Set out parsley. Hoar(?) hound sage and strawberries. Aunt Mary was taken sick tonight. A big frost last night but pleasant today.

June 8-Aunt Mary is better today. Annie was up turn(?) until 2 P.M. I finished setting out plants and watered them all.

June 9-Had a case in my court today. Emma and I went up to see Aunt Mary who we found improving. Put in the balance of the time watering the garden. Jimmy Brobeck got throwed from a horse and badly hurt tonight. Bratton is in from Whiskey Creek Park.

June 10-Worked most of the day in the shop preparing samples for assay. Collected \$2.00 from Mrs. Webb for rent of Mrs. Hoyle's house to May 20.

June 11-Put in the day assaying with very fair results. 1 a/c Wilcox and Co., 2 a/c Gibson and 12 a/c Bratton. Promised him my wheelbarrow and a \$10.00 grub stake on his representation that he had the claim out of which the best rock tested came from was second for him and me. (Side margin-0.50 Assay and picked up).

June 12 Sunday-Spent the day in writing. Helped Picket some with his accounts, gave Bratton the wheelbarrow wheel and a grub stake of \$10.00. Raised \$15.00 to send to the Peak for grub stake for Peavy et al, rain some tonight. (Side margin-\$5.00 Hartwick and Bruer on what I advanced for them.)

June 13-Spaded in garden in forenoon picked out 407 ft. fencing at pickets in afternoon. Annie sent \$6.42 to Lyon Bros. for goods.

June 14-My 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. I put in part of the day watering the garden and wrote part of the day. We had a fine shower in afternoon and a strawberry shortcake for dinner.

June 15-A hot dry day. I tended to various chores. Began work of cutting pickets from(for?) front fence. Sent \$5.23 to International Pub Co. Aunt Mary took dinner with us today and we had strawberry shortcake.

June 16-The hottest day yet this year. I put in the day writing and cutting fence pickets.

June 17-Another very hot day. I put in today watering the plants dressing pickets, attending Primary and writing.

June 18-Very hot, worked at dressing pickets watering plants and c, wrote Aunt Mary's will, collected \$3.90 from Mr. Schaller and paid some to Tom Baer a/c of work done on Coleman's house. Collected and sent A.H. Allen \$7.00 balance due from Jas. Hangs on hay.

June 19 Sunday-Watered the plants overhauled to coal room, worked some in shop a hot dry windy day. Aunt Mary visited us today.

June 20-Another hot dry day. Made 7 assays in forenoon, work at fence in afternoon. Made 5 tests a/c Bratton and 2 a/c McKinnis et als. Pd. K. Ban 5.00 on a/c. (Side margin-\$5.50 J. P. Fees.)

June 21-Another dry hot windy day. I watered the plants and worked at the fence. (Side margin-\$2.00 Assaying).

June 22-Worked at the fence and made one assay for Grouse Creek Jones and one for McKinnis Bros. Weather still hot and dry. Aunt Mary came on a visit. (Side margin-0.50 Assaying).

June 23-Worked at the fence. A dry (word smudged?) day.

June 24-Rain a little in the night last night. Cool and cloudy in the forenoon. Warm and windy in the afternoon. I worked at the fence and ground my ax in the forenoon. Willard, Emma and Gay Burgess and Elmer Burgess family came to visit and spend the afternoon. I paid Delmi 5.00 for work living last fall and winter. Gave a guarantee to the Co. Seat Committee in case the County Seat is moved to Steamboat.

June 25-Worked in the shop assaying made 14 tests for McKinnis Bros. and 1 a/c. Dever with fair results all around. Word came late tonight that we had won the nomination at Hayden Convention County Seat Convention. (Side margin-0.20 Notary work).

June 26 Sunday-Worked at making bone ash in the forenoon, wrote Edith and worked in garden in afternoon. A hot dry day. Annie, Emma and I picked a few strawberries.

June 27-Spent the entire day working to promote Steamboat's interest for County Seat. An exceeding dry hot day. Bruce is not well. Is threatened with the grippe. (Side margin-0.25 Notary work).

June 28-Worked at hoeing and watering the garden part of the day and made some fence. Weather exceeding hot and dry. (Side margin-0.25 Notary fee).

June 29-Chored around at various things. A terrible hot day.

June 30-Hot and dry. I made 2 assays a/c McKinnis Bros et al. Settled with Bath house and all the Co.'s bills about town, wrote long letters to Macky. Bruce is better. The cow does not come home tonight. (Side margin-\$2.50 Notary work).

July 1-Hot and dry-Worked at making a front gate and c. and c. and c. Mail did not come tonight-change of time.

July 2-Cooler but dry, worked at watering garden and at the fence.

July 3 Sunday-Made cupels in forenoon read and wrote in afternoon. Another dry hot day.

July 4-We attended Celebration in the forenoon. I stayed home and read in afternoon. Another dry hot day. Mrs. Bird and daughters are here with us.

July 5-The celebration still continues. I put in the day assaying and lost the results near the finish so will have it to do over again. I sent 57.00 of the 60.00 read yesterday from sale of Korf's improvements on ranch claim and \$10.00 to Macky that Voice paid me yesterday. Docket fees advanced two years ago in case against Norvell and McCaslin. Mr. Marshall dined with us today- (Side margin-3.00 Commission Korf, 0.50 for Assaying, 0.25 Notary fees).

July 6-Worked at Assaying with fair results 7 tests a/c Bratton.

July 7-Hot and dry. I worked some at the fence. Good news came of the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Cuba. (Side margin-Took from Picket 2 pcs. 2x4-16-s.s.).

July 8-Made some Assays. 4 for the McKinnis boys and 1 for Wiskopp. We had a little shower at 6 P.M. Paid Bills for Company, K. & Baer \$5.00 and Jos. Delmi \$3.50 on acc't. (Side margin-\$12.00 a/c Salary).

July 9-Dry and hot, worked at the fence in garden. It is awful dry. Sent \$5.00 to Detroit Mich.

July 10 Sunday-Dry and hot with small shower in evening. Had a nursing(?) conference between Mrs. Hilmle and Bratton.

July 11-A hot dry forenoon but we had a glorious rain in the afternoon and evening. I worked at the fence and done a lot of running in the afternoon which will make the garden grow.

July 12-Warm, with a nice shower a little after noon. I made 1 assay for Buchel and 1 a/c Bandhoffer with fair results. Made one gate for middle fence.

July 13-A hot sill dry day. I worked some at the gate and had a nice visit with Mr. Bruner and Col. Steele. Chas. Hilvy took the calf away today, and paid \$1.50 more leaving a balance of \$2.50 yet due. (Side margin-\$1.50 a/c calf).

July 14-Very hot and dry. I put in the day in the shop made 3 assays for Jno. Draper, 3 for Shaw, 1 for Buchel, 2 for W.H. Jones and 2 for Crawford.

July 15-A very hot dry day. We took Mrs. Hilmle for a walk in the forenoon. I chored about home in the afternoon.

July 16-Hot in forenoon a little rain and cooler in the afternoon. I took Bessie Bartz to look at some lots and made back gates. Willie Stees was here to dinner today.

July 17-Sunday-A warm, dry, windy day. I read and wrote. Mrs. Hilmle, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Bonnier were callers today. Dever started for an outing with Picket.

July 18-Dry, hot and windy. I worked at putting a stove in shed room, preparing to assay tomorrow etc. Rec'd medicine.

July 19-Worked all day at assaying made 8 a/c McKinnis Bros. for a/c Crawford & Co. and 2 a/c Murphy. Annie bought five gallons of strawberry of Milton Woolery.

July 20-A pleasant day-some cooler. Had a shower this afternoon. John Picket finished fixing the office. I made a larger cupel mould and fixed some samples for assay.

July 21-A very pleasant day, I helped Judge Walbridge take up and repair his pump and worked at a new wheelbarrow wheel. Bratton brought some rock for assay.

July 22-A hot dry day-I worked all day assaying. Made one five charge test for Grouse Creek Jones. 2 ten charge tests a/c McKinnis Bros. and 6 double tests for Bratton.

July 23-Another dry day. Sent \$8.38 to International Pub Co. for Annie. Put \$40.00 Company's funds into a Money Order finished the wheelbarrow and attended to various things. (Side margin-0.50 Notary fee).

July 24 Sunday-Very hot and dry. Milton Woolery and family including Miss Lizzie Niles of Boulder, dined with us today. Logan was here also. I fixed the furnace.

July 25-Sultry and dry. I put in the day visiting with Col. Steele, Dever et al and reading, writing etc. (Side margin-\$1.00 Woodson Notary fee).

July 26-Dry, hot and windy. Dever made some assays with good results. I worked at various things at home.

July 27-Very hot, dry and windy. I ground and sifted bones for cupels. Dever granulated 20# lead. I gave Mr. Munson a fresh supply of Bath tickets and put \$30.00 more Bath house funds into a Money Order. Finished window screens.

July 28-Another counter-part of previous days. I made peoples cupels and prepared a lot of rock for assay. Mr. Dever started on a prospecting trip, Big Creek.

July 29-Hot, dry and windy. I put in the day assaying. Made 4 ½ ton assays for McKinnis Bros. and 1/10 ton assay, and 1 ½ ton test for Mr. Gibson. (Side margin-0.45 Notary work).

July 30-A cold morning but a hot dry day. I wrote up our real estate book and a long letter to Macky. Subscribed for Denver Post for one month.

July 31 Sunday-A dry pleasant day. I wrote and attended to settlement of Bath house etc. Picket went to Dever's camp.

August 1-Worked at assaying all day but the wind was wrong and I could not keep up a heat so I did not complete my work. Arranged with Col. Steele to give him all my mining and interest at the Crawford Camp for what I owe him. Col. Steele left for his home in Arkansas today. (Side margin-0.40 Notary).

August 2-A hot, dry windy day. I finished the assays that I began yesterday. Made a verbal agreement with Jack Murphy, whereby he is to prospect and do the necessary field labor to find and hold mining claims, and I am to do the necessary assaying. He to have 7/8 of what we may make and I 1/8 and he to have control of the selling of all or any claims that we may thus secure and divide the proceeds on the foregoing basis.

August 3-Hot, windy and dusty. I did not attempt any new work today. Wrote, read and loafed. (Side margin-\$2.50 bal. for calf, 0.50 Assaying, 1.45 Com. for Col., 0.25 Notary).

August 4-Made 3 assays a/c Dever and 2 a/c Jack Murphy. Looked like rain this afternoon but failed.

August 5-Delivered to R.S. Woodson an envelope containing a Lease and Agreement to sell to J.F. McKinnis and a note from McKinnis for \$500 and Chattel Mortgage securing the same. Woodson promising to return McKinnis papers to him and Mrs. Woodson's to her. We had a nice shower this afternoon. Mr. Dever came down and we done some work in the shop preparing for Assaying tomorrow. Subscribed for the Denver Republican today.

August 6-I was sick last night and today. Dever made a lot of assays. Figured up with Mr. Schaller and find that he has paid his rent to July 8 and 0.54 over. I paid Tom Baer Neisz part for fixing windows of Coleman's house = \$3.85 Pd. K and Baer \$5.00 on a/c. We had a rain in the night last night. A very pleasant day.

August 7-Sunday-Hot and dry. I done a little work in the shop paid Mr. Munson his July Salary and Jos. Delmi the balance due him (\$3.50) read, wrote and rested. (Side margin-\$12.50 Salary).

August 8-Hauled manure for the straw beans(?) and I read some. Had a little shower in afternoon.

August 9-Worked in the shop, made 3 assays for W.W. Adair and 2 for self. Met a new Burgess today, sister of Willard and Elmer. She was here with Gay and Willard. I had a nice visit with Gay. Schaller paid \$5.00 rent Aug. 8. Sent a statement to Coleman showing Mrsz. Rent paid March 26/1898 and Schaller paid to August 8/98 and I paid for my trouble to this date. (Side margin-\$1.15 Com. Coleman).

August 10-Finished manuring the strawberries and canned water to irrigate then took a bath etc.

August 11-Rather pleasant, were still in need of storm. I put in the day loafing and reading. Aunt Mary had another bad spell today and is quite sick tonight.

August 12-A hot windy dry day, it seems as if it would never rain again. We had pleasant company all day. Willard's folks and Cousin John took dinner with us. Aunt Mary seems better as the day advances.

August 13 -Put in the day writing. Sent in my resignation as Supt. today.

August 14 Sunday-Rested, wrote and read.

August 15-Worked in the shop made three double assays for Mr. Winterstern.

August 16-Put in the day at various chores. Aunt Mary is worse.

August 17-Attended to several things. Mrs. Hilmle left for home. Bratton came down. Aunt Mary is better. We have a good many callers.

August 18-A counter-part of several previous days. Busy all the time but nothing really accomplished.

August 19-Made preparations to Assay tomorrow. Weather keeps dry and hot.

August 20-Worked in the shop all day. Made two double tests a/c Bratton. 1 a/c McKinnis 1 for Draper and 1 for Draper. Small results in all cases.

August 21 Sunday-Rested and chored about home.

August 22-Attended to various small things at bath house and at home, gathered hops, ground my ax and c. Dever made a Platinum assay.

## Diary of Perry A. Burgess

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August 24 Wednesday-Sent for wallpaper for Schaller, Niesz and Flamily. Made up order to M.W. & Co. for goods. The Etzlar Bros. from Breckenridge Colo. (old time Bates County boys) called this afternoon.

August 25-Went with Leckenby, Writers team and Dever prospecting. A very pleasant day.

August 26-A very pleasant day. I worked in the shop, made 2 assays a/c Bratton, 3 a/c Bennett and 6 a/c Winterstern. Sent order for goods to M.W. & Co. \$26.03. Mr. Cochran began boarding today with us. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

August 27-Made 2 assays acc't. Winterstern. Cleaned the privy, wrote some letters and attended to various small chores. (Side margin-0.50 Assay).

August 28 Sunday-I put in the day hunting cherries, brought home a big pail full and was very tired.

August 29-Helped Annie and fix the front gate this forenoon and wrote in afternoon. Read from Mr. Crosby, \$2.50 which I paid to Mr. W.C. Shaw in settlement for storage charges on Crosby's H.H. Goods stored in the Late Whipple and Shaw Livery Barn. Also read with Crosby's letter, samples of silk and cocoons from his daughter's Jesse's silk worm farm.

August 30-Was busy all day writing, putting up the tent for the children to play in and doing various chores.

August 31-We had a fine rain this afternoon. I worked in the shop, made a lot of cupels, went to the Bath house in the afternoon to help Mr. Munson out with his monthly accounts.

September 1-Worked in the shop made 5 assays for Draper and 3 for Wilcox. Fixed up Munson's monthly report for the Bath house. Cloudy and rain a little most all day.

September 2-Wrote, read, and attended to various small matters. Aunt Mary went home with Mrs. La. Munion to stay for a few days. Today was very windy with a sprinkle of rain towards night. The heated term is evidently over for this year.

September 3-The ground was white with frost this morning. Today the three political parties hold conventions at 10 A.M. The town is full of delegates who came yesterday to attend. I put in the day at the Populist Convention and visiting with Delegates to the other conventions. The day has been clear and beautiful.

September 4 Sunday-Put in the day reading and writing-very pleasant.

September 5-Another lovely day. I started in to cut the writer's wood but broke my ax handle and had to come home. Met Mr. Logan of Buena Vista today Loan Agent, also Mr. W.R. Hurick of C.L. & Co. I sent Macky \$175.00 for Lot sold to Mr. Seymour. A very busy day but not much accomplished. Sent \$0.56 to Peats & Co. Bal. due on wallpaper.

September 6-Cut wood part of the day-picked a pail of cherries. A beautiful day.

September 7-Went berry picking in the forenoon got a 10# full. Spent the afternoon in writing. Thurlow, Hutton and Williams and A.J. Macky. A cool and wonderfully pleasant day.

September 8-Worked at cutting wood-Very pleasant.

September 9-Put in the day writing and attending to various chores. Annie sent \$1.50 to Brifeld & Co.

September 10-Very windy and cold. The Populist Nominating Committee met here and adjourned until next Saturday. Did not do any business. Mr. Dever brought in some rock he found last night while hunting. Mr. Wilcox gave me a piece of peculiar looking sand rock for assay. Had the first snow of the season today. Mr. Schaller paid his rent to Sept. 8. (Side margin-\$1.00 Notary fees).

September 11 Sunday-Chas. Hilvy brought a load of hay. I went with Mr. Dever to look at his new Copper find. Annie is sick.

September 12-Worked at assaying today with poor results. Annie is better and it is not so cold today, although it froze hard last night.



September 13-Worked in the hills getting wood cut for winter. Cold this morning but pleasant day. Annie is apparently better. I cut and piled a lot of fine wood today.

September 14-Annie is worse today. I had the Dr. for her. I witnessed an agreement between Arthur Suttle and Dr. Newman, whereby the Dr. is to lease the Suttle house for one year from Sept. 1, 1898 at a result of \$10.00 per month. Out of the first two months rent, he is to pay Delmi \$16.00. He pays me \$4.00 Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and \$10.00 on the first of each month thereafter during the term of the Lease. I am to apply all the money I receive from the Dr. on the notes held by Steamboat Springs Co. to apply as part payment on the same I sent Walter Coleman \$4.50 a/c Schaller's rent and retained \$0.50 as my commission. Miss Nellie Kirkbride came tonight to help a while with the house work. (Side margin-0.40 Com. Coleman rent, 1.00 Notary fees).

September 15-I worked in the woods today and finished cutting and piling our winter supply ready to be hauled home. Annie is better tonight. It looks as if a storm is gathering.

September 16-Mr. Cochran and I went fishing today and caught 20. It was a pleasant day. I think Annie is a little better. Nellie and Bruce done a washing today. (Side margin-0.50 Notary fee).

September 17-Annie is still improving. I stayed about home all day.

September 18 Sunday-Nearly all the loose men in town went to the Peak today to attend Court. Bruce and Cochran went also. I went fishing caught 21 nice ones that I brought home. The atmosphere is very smoky today.

September 19-Annie is still better. Nellie is complaining. I had a little legal business to attend to and wrote some letters, Hilvy brought a load of hay. I fixed the railing around the Iron Spring today.

September 20-Annie is still better. I paid Adair \$10.15 for R.R. Freight, bought a bolt of cloth to line a upstairs bedroom, a sack of bran, some tobacco, matches, Stamped envelopes and Postal cards. Winterstern came in with some rock samples for assay. Elmer Burgess came and got Williard's papers. Bruce and Cochran came home from the Peak tonight.

September 21-I worked at assaying some rock for Mr. Winterstern, and hunted grasshoppers for tomorrow's use. Bruce went back to the Peak.

September 22-A pleasant day. Mr. Cochran and I went fishing. Brought home 26 fine ones. Mr. C. caught an exceptionally large grayling? I chopped wood in the afternoon and I filled the wood box.

September 23-Harvested the garden truck caught a supply of grasshoppers. "Bob" Williams of Hayden had to have his leg amputated as a result of an injury a few days ago. The cow came home tonight with a badly lacerated bag-I did not milk tonight.

September 24-A pleasant day. Mr. Williams passed out of this life, at 9 last night only surviving the amputation 2 hours. Mr. Cochran and I went fishing today. Brought home 35. Milton Woolery's folks were here this afternoon and arranged for Clara to board here again this winter. I got a fish bone lodged in my throat at breakfast. It is sore tonight. Bruce came home from the Peak this evening. Elmer Burgess left his Justice books here tonight.

September 25-Very pleasant. The cow is badly used up with her injuries and does not come home at this 8 P.M. Mr. Cochran and I went fishing again today and brought home 23 fish. Annie and Emma went to the Bath this afternoon. Emily Bonnier was in this afternoon and I sent a mess of fish home with her, also gave Walbridge's folks another mess.

September 26-Chored about home. Put in a new muffle in my furnace. Finished gathering onions and c. Annie and Bruce began lining a bedroom upstairs-I wrote a long letter to Macky and sent him \$125.00 from Mr. Seymour for Lot 10 in Block 4. Mr. Cochran got his wheel ready to start away tomorrow.

September 27-Mr. Cochran left us this morning. We miss him. We're sorry to see him leave. I have an uneasy pain my stomach and bowels, but put in the day, filling up the wood box and changing the door in shed room to open inside. I am very tired and most sick tonight.

September 28-I am too sick to work today. Went to the Dr. I had very hard work to attend to the cow. Dr. came to see me.

September 29-Very sick. Kept my room and bed today. Dr. came twice to see me.

September 30-I am not much improved. Bruce has to do the chores. Miss. Neiman who is to board here during school came today.

October 1-I can not see much change in my condition today. Turns cold and a storm of rain and snow sets in at dusk.

October 2 Sunday-A bright cool day. The storm seems to have put out the numerous forest fires. I think I am gaining slowly. Clara Woolery came to board for the winter and go to school. Out goods from Chicago came today, all satisfactory.

October 3-School began today. I do not note any improvement in my condition.

October 4-Cloudy, cold and windy, snow some. I am not so well today.

October 5-I am feeling a little better. Write some letters very bright and pleasant.

October 6-Put in most of the day trying to rest. I think I'm still better. Done some writing.

October 7-I wrote and attended to a little business. Weather is very pleasant. Am improving slowly.

October 8-Leased Mrs. Hoyle's house to Mr. Dogden for two months at \$3.00 per mo. He paid mo. in advance which I sent to Mrs. Hoyle. I am feeling some better. John Sampson brought us a mess of fish. I wrote some letters. Miss Neiman paid Annie \$14.00 for one mos. board. It is warm and cloudy.

October 9-Sunday-Had a big thunderstorm last night and the summits are white with snow this morning. Rain, hail and snow some in afternoon.

October 10-Had a big rain in the night. Quite cold today. I ground my ax and worked at hanging gates, cutting wood and c.

October 11-I helped Annie do a big washing, cut wood, ground the plane, and put a curtive(?) rest for the front gate in the ground.

October 12-A cool, cloudy day. I hung the big front gates, put a foot scraper on front doorstep, cut wood, picked up and piled some boards, got a new can of coal oil and c. and c.

October 13-A very fine day. I attended to various things wrote Macky and sent contract and receipts of Brightman's. Mrs. Hartwick was here to dinner.

October 14-Filled my tick with new hay began work of preparing my shop, cut a little wood +c. Another very pleasant day. Clara went home tonight. Bruce did not come to dinner nor supper.

October 15-It began to rain at daylight but soon changed to snow and snowed steady all day at this 9 P.M. is still at it. Has turned colder.

October 16 Sunday-Cold. The newly fallen snow marks or makes it seem as if winter was here. There is some bare ground tonight. I put in the day reading and writing.

October 17-Cold but pleasant, I helped Annie wash, sent Macky \$157.50 for Boocs(?) and Harris. Mrs. Schaller paid \$2.00 as freight and ex. chgs. on wallpaper. Mr. Dever applies for a pension.

October 18-A cold cloudy day, stormed in afternoon. I administered oaths to Registrars of Gen'l and Special elections, 24 certificates and seals-Had a conference with Mr. Sturdevant.

October 19-Cold and cloudy. The ground in the valley which was nearly bare of snow last night was white again this morning. About six inches has fallen in the valley so far this Fall but a good deal of it melted as it fell, the ground being wet. It has every appearance of being an early and a severe winter.

October 20-Cold but thawed some. I need bal. of \$9.50 due on Sept. Salary, paid Norvell 3.30 and K. & B. \$3.00 on a/c. Showed Mayberry and Tom Baer around and priced some lots to them. The wallpaper came today, paid \$3.30 transportation chgs.

October 21-A clear, beautiful day. I wrote a good part of the day. Annie sent for more wallpaper to make good a mistake made in ordering Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

October 22-Another fine day but is hazing up as if another storm is becoming(?). I have only wrote letters and attended to small chores about home today. Sent Macky balance due the Co. from Brightman. Had a talk with Mr. Harding and c. Bought flour, sugar and Ceuline.

October 23 Sunday-Cloudy and windy, I read and write.

October 24-½ inch of snow fell last night making 6 ½ inches to date. A cold windy day. I wrote and chored about. Annie re-potted her plants. I milked Mrs. Woodson's cow today-as Bob has skipped out and left her and the children. (Side margin-\$0.75 Notary fees).

October 25-A cloudless day, very beautiful to look at the great banks of white mountains against the blue sky, with not a cloud in sight. I helped Annie do a washing, and began work on repairing my shop. Have had a bellyache all day.

October 26- Snow 93 in. Annie has a bad toothache. I done some work on the shop. Margingained Allen's hay to Jim Hangs, at \$3.00 per ton. He paid me \$10.00 on account. A pleasant day. I wrote to Dominion Co. Chicago today.

October 28-Worked at the shop and went down to the ranch to measure hay a bright day but very windy. The ranch hay across the river was of as follows. Big rick 100 ft. long-16 ft. wide and 33 ft. overstack, contains 15,000(?) cubic ft. or 35 ¾ tons @ 420 cubic feet per ton. Small rick 49 ft. long, 15 ft. wide and 23 ½ ft. over the stack, contains 4655 cubic feet or 11 35/420 tons, Stack at house 45 ft. long 13 ½ ft. wide and 30 ft. over, contains 5445 cubic feet or nearly 13 tons.

Large rick across river =	35 ¾ tons
Small “ “ “	11 “
Stack at house	13 “
Used by Hilvy	<u>4 ¼ “</u>
Total ranch hay =	64

Allen's hay, stack measures 46 ft. long, 13 ½ ft. wide & 27 ½ ft. over stack. Contains 4830 cubic feet or 11 ½ tons.

October 29-A very beautiful day. I made a corner seat or divan for front room in forenoon and worked some at shop in afternoon. J.M. Woolery send 2500# coal today. (Side margin-\$1.00 from Concord to report on land).

October 30 Sunday-A pleasant day spent the time reading and writing.

October 31<sup>st</sup>-A busy day. I helped Annie wash, settled with Bath house for Oct. went done to the ranch with Mr. Hangs and measured some hay for him, On remaining Allen hay I find it is only 9 ½ tons, which are \$3.00 per ton amounts to \$28.50 Hangs had already paid \$10.00 and he paid balance of \$18.50 which I will send to Allen tomorrow. He bought 21 tons of the ranch hay at \$3.00 per ton and paid \$20.00 on account which I will also remit tomorrow. It has been a cloudy windy day and a big storm is becoming. I figure Allen hay as follows. Hilvy owed him 14 tons borrowed hay ½ this years crop of 10 tons = 5 tons. In all 19 tons This crop sold for Allen = 9 ½ tons yet due from Hilvy 9 ½ @ \$3.00 per ton = \$28 ½ (dollars).Mr. Goddard began boarding this morning with us. Tonight is Halloween and the boys are making things lively about town at bedtime tonight. It is snowing a little at this 9 P.M.

November 1-About 3 inches of snow fell in the valley last night and this morning, making 9 ½ inches in the valley so far this fall, I sent Farm Investment Co. Money Order Value \$18.00 retained \$2.00 as Com. & P.O. fee for the \$20.00 paid yesterday by Mr. Hangs a/c of hay. I also sent A.H. Allen order \$18.38 pd. fee = %=\$18.50 being balance due him from Mr. Hangs which was paid yesterday. Worked at repairing the shop part of the day. The storm cleared off and the afternoon was pleasant.

November 2-A beautiful day. Louis McFadden began boarding with us today. I worked at the shop. Have the front, west end once part of the back done.

November 3-I made a bin in my shop and filled it with coal. Was busy at home in afternoon. A pleasant day but looks like storm tonight. Collected C.E. Baer's note \$204.45 and sent Macky proceeds.

November 4-A raw, cloudy and very windy day. Collected \$35.00 from Prof. Niesz and sent same to Walter Coleman less my Com. Worked at fixing the shop what time I had to spare. Have the front, back and west end nearly complete. (Side margin-\$3.50 Com. on Coleman/rent Niesz).

November 5-A most beautiful day. I finished covering the outside of my shop, and attended to some notary work for Aunt Mary and Mr. Wilcox. Annie sent to Brifeld for a jacket for Clara. (Side margin-12.00 Salary, 3.00 Goddard Board).

November 6 Sunday-Another beautiful day. I read, wrote, clean the privy vault and helped Annie some.

November 7-Annie and Bruce done a washing. I put in the day working at my shop am getting it nearly done. A pleasant day but will storm before tomorrow. Wrote the Dominion Co. (Side margin-0.20 Notary fee).

November 8-Snowed 5 inches last night making 15 ½ in. to date. A cold day, but clear in the afternoon. Today is election day and the town is full of people. Annie sent for a Mackintosh sent for Mrs. Bamard and one for herself. (Side margin-\$3.00 L.M. Fadden Board).

November 9-A clear cold day. Thawed a little on the roads. I finished the shop except fixing around the door, cut some wood and helped Annie some.

November 10-A cold raw day. I finished fixing my shop and attended to various chores, borrowed \$5.00 of Chas. Baer and loaned it to Bro. Picket.

November 11-Another raw day but thawed some in the bare spots in road. I wrote to Dominion Co. and dated it for yesterday and other letters packed up the ladder trestlrs and lumber scraps from the shop. (Side margin-3.00 Goddard Board)

November 12-Pleasant but cold. I made a lot of bone ash for cupels and attended to various small matters. Paid Adair \$5.00 on account. (Side margin-\$14.00 Board Miss Neiman.)

November 13 Sunday-Read and rested. A very pretty day but cold at night.

November 14-A beautiful day. Annie and Bruce done a washing. I made some assays biz.-2 for Bennett 1 each a/c Picket and Bratton. Traded for a secretary for Annie and Emma. Got of Dr. Campbell, who is getting ready to move to California.

November 15-Pleasant, warm in afternoon. We brought home a lot more things from Dr. Campbell's. I spent a lot of time in trying to trim down a small kitchen grindstone. Annie sent for a jacket for Miss. La Munyan. (Side margin-\$3.00 Mc Fadden Board)

November 16-Spent the day in a case of Game law violation. Snowed one inch last night, marking total to date 16 ½ in. and is storming at dark. (Side margin-S. 16 ½).

November 17-Was snowing this morning and kept up nearly all day. 3 inches added to the depths. I made some assays a/c. Dick McKinnis and Winne results nothing. (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard Board, s. 19 ½).

November 18-Snow in forenoon but cleared up in the afternoon. I cut wood and wrote some letters. Read a letter from Mrs. Godsmark.

November 19-Very pleasant but clouds up at sundown. Bought muslin live a room upstairs and done a lot of marketing. Read a letter from Miss A.E. Durkee.

November 20-A high wind prevailed nearly all last night, a warm wind. It thawed all night and shortly after daylight it began to snow and a regular blizzard has prevailed all day adding 15 inches to the record. (Side margin-24 ½)

November 21-Clear and very cold today. Tonight the temperature is at zero at dusk and will be the coldest ever known for this time of the year. I am far from well the past two days.

November 22-Very cold, snow some. I only attend to a few chores and put a stove in Miss Neiman's room. (Side margin-3.00 Goddard, 3.00 McFadden, 0.30 Notary).

November 23-Cold and cloudy-snow an inch last night and today. We cleaned out a room upstairs to fix up for Mr. Goddard. Clara went home tonight. I began taking pains's Celery Compound. (Side margin-S. 25 ½)

November 24 Thanksgiving-Bruce went up went to Craig the rest of our boarders were invited out, and Annie, Emma and I had a very quiet Thanksgiving at home. Annie tacked one bed comfort and began another. Sent for a cape for Aunt Mary today. A very beautiful day. I wrote Macky +c. Milton brought 3000# coal, making 2 ¾ tons. (Side margin-S. 25 ½).

November 25-Clear and cold. I attended to various small matters, sold Lot 4 in Block 3 for cash. Annie made another comforter and sent for a Cape to Beifeld and Co. (Side margin-\$14.00 Miss Neiman Board for Dir.)

November 26-A wonderful fair day, sky cloudless and very little wind. I send Elmer Burgess \$150.00 received for his improvements on Lot 3 Block 3 and sent back \$125.00 for Lot 4 in Block 3. Attended to various small matters. Annie sends Mrs. Marginnard \$1.00 bal. due her from purchase of a Mackintosh.

November 27 Sunday-We celebrated Thanksgiving with oysters, turkey +c. Milton and wife dined with us. A very pleasant day but looks like another storm is brewing.

November 28-Snowed 6 inches during last night. Cleared up in the afternoon was pleasant, snow again at bedtime. Annie finished Mr. Goddard's room and took possession. Wrote Mrs. Godsmark. (Side margin-31 ½ in.)

November 29-Snowed all day, I worked at various small chores. It is snowing and blowing at bedtime. (Side margin-\$3.00 McF. Board, S. 36).

November 30-Snow most all day, wrote and helped Annie. (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard).

December 1-Annie done a small washing today. I made the customary report and remittance to Macky today. Snowed a little during the day by spells.

December 2-Snowed 2 inches last night, and blew very hard most all day. I wrote some letters and done the marketing. (Side margin-S. 38 in.)

December 3-A very cold clear day, made a short ladder for upstairs, wrote letters and done the marketing. Finished a letter to May and wrote a long one to Macky.

December 4 Sunday-Clear and cold. I wrote to Miss Durkee. Mr. Killion began boarding by taking dinner with us today. 32 degrees below 0 last night.

December 5-Very cold. I wrote A.E. Lea et al, chopped a little wood +c.

December 6-Another cold, clear still day. Mattie Gibson began to work for Annie today. I think tonight is the coldest yet this winter.

December 7-More moderate but very cold yet. I am not well as common today, but done the days marketing and other errands. Snow a little nearly all day. Too cold to snow much. Paid K. and Baer \$5.00 on a/c. Paid Norvell 3.05 for ticket in drawer. (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard, 12.50 as Sup't, 1.00 Wilcox).

December 8-Clear and very cold. I wrote Macky et al. Sent Light of Truth 2.00 for renewal of Mrs. Woodson's and my own Sub. A very cold wind prevailed most all day which made the snow drift.

December 9-Extremely cold. Below 0 all day. Mrs. Scott died this morning at 6-o'clock. I was kept busy choring around home and keeping fires.

December 10-Very cold. 34 degrees below 0. I made out a Deed for Dad Munson, done marketing, paid Maryette 1.00 on account of milk. The remains of Mrs. Scott were buried today. Milton brought 380# of coal today. (Side margin-\$5.00 for Munson.)

December 11 Sunday-Clear, but not quite so cold. Begins to get hazy, preparatory to another snowstorm wrote Macky.

December 12-It cleared off and was very cold last night and all day today. Annie & Mattie done a big washing and I put in the day writing. (Side margin-\$3.00 Killian Board).

December 13-Clear and cold but the sun begins to soften the atmosphere toward night. I put in my spare time choring about home. (Side margin-\$3.00 McFadden Board).

December 14-Clear and cold. I made out and sent in Picket's a/c against the Springs Co. and some secret reporting.

December 15-A pretty day for a cold one. I did not do much today, chored about the house sent \$1.30 to Rocky Mountain News and paid Maryette 1.00 a/c milk.

December 16-Another beautiful day. Helped Annie and chored about home. Done marketing and c. Annie sent to Woodson Spice CO. 58 Lion heads and postage for prizes. Mattie attended Teacher's examination today.

December 17-A clear cold day clouded up in afternoon. Had a settlement with Mr. Schaller and find he had paid rent to Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1898 and has since

paid for wallpaper	\$2.60
Paid for hanging same	4.50
Paid today in cash	<u>12.90</u>

Total to date---since Sept. 8 20.00

This pays rent in full to January 8, 1899. Annie and Emma went to the Bath house this afternoon. (Side margin-\$1.85 Com. Coleman on rent Schaller).

December 18-A beautiful day I read, wrote, rested and attended to various chores.

December 19-Warmer. A beautiful forenoon but clouds up toward night. The women folks done a big washing today. I read check from Macky to pay Picket and myself. Paid balance due Kernaghan and Baer an(d?) have \$33.32 to pay Picket when he comes. My right side is very lame and sore today. Began to snow at dusk. . (Side margin-\$5.00 was due from Picket, 3.00 Board Killian).

December 20-Snowed softly all day, adding about 4 inches to the depth. Annie made me a new lampshade today. Bought a toy bureau for Emma today-wrote Macky sending him \$13.00 as proceeds of bath house this far this month. . (Side margin-S. 42 in., 3.00 McFadden board).

December 21-Snowed 7 inches last night and very windy today rent bal due on hay bought by Hangs to Farm Inv. Co. Mail came late on account of snow drifts. Winters Solstice 2-10 P.M. . (Side margin-S. 49 in., 4.10 Com. on Hay and to Hangs).

December 22-A raw cloudy day, looks like more storm is to come. . (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard board).

December 23-Mostly clear and very cold.

December 24-Cold but bright and pleasant. Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$3.00 rent paid by Mrs. Jones to January 15 (I think). Sent Macky notes, ck and order amounting to \$202.00 for Lot 1 in Block 17 including escrow fee for 1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Bk. All but me go to the Christmas tree.

December 25 Sunday and Christmas-Clear and cold, we had a quiet dinner at home with Judge Walbridge and Milton's folks as guests. I wrote several letters today. One long one to Col. Steele.

December 26-A cloudy, chilly day. Is going to snow tonight and tomorrow. Chat. Hilvy and family spent the afternoon visiting us. . (Side margin-\$3.00 Killian board, 12.50 salary for Dec.)

December 27-A cloudy, soft day. Snow got quite soft on the surface. It looks like a big snow storm is near at hand. I wrote Macky. . (Side margin-3.00 Mct. Board).

December 28-A beautiful day. I went to the bath house in forenoon. Attended to the days marketing and c. Annie and Miss. Neiman made calls in afternoon. Hilvy's folks made us a present of a chicken today-I fear such a beautiful day will bring a spell of bad weather.

December 29-Snowing this morning and snow and blow nearly all day, turns colder toward night. A very bleak, disagreeable day. I stayed near the fire as much as possible. Helped Annie some. Miss Neiman is making a pastel picture. . (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard, S. 48 in.)

December 30-A cold day, mostly clear. Chored around home, helped Annie some and wrote some. Gave Judge Walbridge a transcript from my J.P. Docket and Bill of Jus to collect.

December 31-Cold and frost falling. It cleared off before noon.

Prof. Niesz came in and settled his rent to January 20/1899 by bringing receipted bills and receipts showing payments as follows Viz.

March 8, 1898 paid in receipts and cash	\$15.00
May 14 " " " " cash	10.00
Nov. 4 " " " " "	<u>35.00</u>
A total of	60.00
Which paid his rent to Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1898. He now turns in receipted bills as follows.	
Paid Mrs. P.C. Burgess for wallpaper	\$2.82
" J.W. Hugrist & Co.	1.44
" J.A. Whitaker for hanging paper	4.50
" W.W. Adair for glass, cloth and tacks	2.57
" Joe Delmi for putting in glass	.75
" Burgess agent cash	<u>2.62</u>
Total	\$15.00

Which pays his rent to January 20<sup>th</sup> 1899-I retain \$1.50 as commission and send Coleman a Postal Order for \$1.12 net. (I paying fee for Money Order.)

Sent copies of Leases. Chat. Hilvy and Ed Plummum(?) to Farm Investment Co. Greeley Colo. Clear and zero at sundown. Good bye old 1898.

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January 1-A partially clear day. Turned warmer and looks like snow. I sent a letter from Mrs. Borghi to C.L. & Co. and wrote Farm Inv. Co. We had roast turkey for dinner today.

January 2-A warm, cloudy day. I rehung front gate, cleaned away the snow, done the marketing helped Annie and attended to various chores finished a long letter to Lon Allen, wrote Woodson Spice Co. and c. F.A. Metcalf Finney began this morning will begin boarding tomorrow. (Side margin-3.00 Killian Board, 14.00 Miss Neiman).

January 3-Clouds, sunshine, wind, calm and snow. I wrote and c. Read from Equitable 3.00. Paid Mrs. Bennett 2.25, Maryette 1.00, Munson for hat 1.00, pd. Baer \$2.00 for renewal of Sub to Chicago Record to July 15<sup>th</sup> next. Snowing hard at 8 P.M. (Side margin-\$3.00 Secret Service fee, 3.00 McFadden Board).

January 4-Forenoon clear and cold. Afternoon cloudy with snow toward night. I shoveled snow away from the large gates and done various chores. (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard).

January 5-A cold day mostly cloudy. I began work on a couple of divining rods and wrote some letters. (Side margin-S. 51).

January 6-Cloudy and warm. I worked at the divining rods and the chores, snow a little/ Mr. Goddard left today for Craig.

January 7-Cloudy but not cold snow most all day a little, since yesterday 4 inches of new snow. We sent M.W. & Co. \$8.88. The grip is getting in its work here and many little folks are ailing as well as some grown people. Miss Neiman and Mr. Finney are complaining. Mr. Goddard left yesterday morning to spend a week at Craig. I attended to some Notary work today. Mrs. Hooper took dinner with us today. She was a former resident of Egeria Park. (Side margin-S. 55 in., 0.25 Notary fees).

Paid at Bank 6.35 acct. taxes Estate of H. Mapes, whole amount due is \$12.65

January 8 Sunday-Cloudy most of the day. Chas Hilvy brought a jag of coase(?) cats for the cow today.

January 9-20 degrees below zero. A clear still cold day. I could not sleep last night and do not feel well today, many are sick with grip. We heard today of Jennie Suttle's death. Annie done a washing today. (Side margin-\$3.00 Killian, 3 Finney board).

January 10-30 degrees below zero. A very cold day but clouded up and turned warmer at night. Done some writing today. Made an order for wall paper for Brightman today. A good many cases of grip in town. Milton Woolery sent me 4500# of coal today which I was very glad to get. (Side margin-0.25 Notary)

January 11-Moderate and cloudy snow a little. Attended to the usual daily chores. The La grippe epidemic is increasing, but so for we seem to escape. Metcalf left for N.Y. (Side margin-\$3.60 Metcalf).

January 12-Cloudy and warmer. Sun came out in afternoon. I helped Annie and attended to the chores snow 1 ½ inches last night. (Side margin-S. 57 in.)

January 13-Colder and rather pleasant. I wrote Macky and answered several advertisements.

January 14-30 degrees below zero, but clear and pleasant. I wrote letters and helped Annie.

January 15 Sunday-Snow since last night 2 inches. I wrote, read and helped Annie. (Side margin-S. 59)

January 16-Snow all day, snowfall 7 inches since last night. I wrote letters. Mattie came again. Her filler is spending the evening here. (Side margin-S. 66, \$3.00 Finney, 3.00 Killian).

January 17-Warm and cloudy, snow a little. I put in my spare time making cupels and breaking a trail to shop, making kindling wood ect. (Side margin-0.20 Notary).

January 18-A remarkably pretty day, warm and mostly clear. I read, wrote and done a little preliminary at the shop. Mr. Goddard came back from Craig late last night and had his regular meals with us again.

January 19-A cloudy but pleasant day. I had a bad night last night, a paroxysm of Asthma. Bruce went after the doctor at midnight and when he came I had begun to get eusion(?). I worked some at the shop today, getting ready for assaying.

January 20-A counter part of yesterday. I worked at assaying 7 a/c Bratton, 1 Wilcox and 1 I.G. Voice et al. Sent today for a Truss and an electric lung appliance. The Truss is to come from the Surehold Co. Box C. Westbrook Mi. Mr. Jno Draper brought me 2500# coal today.

January 21-A cloudy misty day snow settled some. I finished some work at the shop and attended to various small matters. Billy Munson and I counted the beans in the guessing contest. Annie wins the prize. (Side margin-\$2.25 Goddard).

January 22 Sunday-Snowing and blowing at day light, was blustering all day. (Side margin-S. 68)

January 23-18 degrees below zero. I worked at various things. Draper brought 1 ½ tons coal today making 2 ¾ tons to date credit his a/c \$13.75. (Side margin-\$3.00 Killian, \$3.00 Finney).

January 24-Cold and mostly clear. I worked in the shop and reassayed Friday's work.

January 25-Continuous snow for the past 24 hours. I worked at a mining agreement today and attended to various chores. (Side margin-S. 43 in., \$3.00 Goddard).

January 26-Snow nearly all day. I done the marketing the chores and some lodging. Milton Woolery brought a 130# dressed pig on a/c. (Side margin-S. 78).

January 27-Warm, but stormy. Annie done a big washing and had to hang it out in a big snow storm.

January 28-Cloudy snow and blow some. Bruce and I cut up the hay, Annie and the girls moved the bookcase into the front room and straightened around. I went up to Aunt Mary's after some milk. (Side margin-S. 82).

January 29-Warm and cloudy. Snow a very little. I went to the Bath house to pay Munson his January wages and visit, lost my gloves somewhere.

January 30-A snowy blustering hay. Bruce cleared the snow off the shed roof. Paid express due, and Parkinson \$1.95 balance, paid Maryette \$1.00 on a/c. Annie sent \$1.00 to Embroidery works(?) +c. Paid Mattie balance due her. (Side margin-S. 88, \$1.00 Miss Neiman, 3.00 Killian).

January 31-Cloudy but warm and pleasant, we sent for brouying(?) outfit. I read my electric dust protector. Bruce helped Judge Walbridge clean the snow off his house. Pd draft \$11.70 for wall paper at Bank. (Side margin-3.00 Finney, 12.50 Salary).

February 1-Rather pleasant forenoon but snow a little all day and turned to a blizzard at night. I sent \$0.65 to lurehold Co. and \$1.50 to Electric Co. Gave Adair \$2.75 and order for wall paper at Wolcott. Settled with Bath house and sent proceeds to Macky. (Side margin-\$10.00 McFadden board to date).

February 2-Cleared off. The afternoon was bright and warm. We made up a lot of sausage today and attended to other small chores.

February 3-Snow and blow nearly all day, is turning colder. I collected from Prof. Niesz \$15.00 rent to March 20 and sent Walter Coleman a Money Order for \$13.50 which is his part of the same. Geo. Wither is down from the Peak. The cow got stalled tonight, in trying to get to the stable. I dug a pit in the snow and carried her feed and bedding and made her comfortable for the night. (Side margin-S. 94, \$1.35 Com. Coleman).

February 4-Very cold but not very cloudy. I shoveled snow, done the marketing and c. Rodney brought the milk today. We sent \$5.00 to Nevada Mo. for magnetic treatment for Emma. We have had no mail since Monday. The snow has blockaded the roads.

February 5 Sunday-Very cold 16 below zero. I let the cow stay in the lot today and carried water to her. A mail got in today bringing papers from Chicago of Jany 31<sup>st</sup>.

February 6-Intensely cold all day, was 49 below 0 this A.M. and did not get above during the day. No mail today. I dug out some wood for kindling today. (Side margin-4.00 Killian, 16 Finney for month of Fb.)



February 7-Still very cold, but moderated after noon and another snow storm is setting in. Laura Monson came to stay tonight.

February 8-Warmer and snow steadily all day adding at least 6 inches to the depth. Annie and Bruce spent a good share of their time making photos(?). I broke a trail from road to shop. Voice brought some samples of rock today from Columbine. This is Annie's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday. It began to blow at 10 P.M. (Side margin-S. 100, \$3.00 McFadden).

February 9-The wind howled all night and this morning the roads and trails are all full. After one unsuccessful attempt, I reached the shop and re-broke the trail, took a lot of snow off the roof and made some preparations to work in the future. Laura came again tonight.

February 10-Another very stormy day. I worked in the shop with poor success as far as good results are concerned. Laura came again tonight, as it was too stormy to go home. (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard).

February 11-Windy but got calm and cleared off and is very cold tonight. I put in the day in the shop assaying. Has snowed 6 inches since last report\_24 degrees below zero at bed time. (Side margin-A. 106 in.)

February 12 Sunday-50 degrees below, this morning early and very cold all day looks like snow again tonight. Bruce took a shot at the boarders with a Kodak, and also took the rest of us. Emma is complaining today.

February 13 -Another snow storm is setting in, which makes it very gloomy. No mail and we hear that the rail roads are hopelessly blockaded and we may have no mail until spring comes. The girls done a small washing today. Annie and Emma called on Rosa M. this P.M. Emma seemed brighter this forenoon but is complaining again this evening. We sent for the doctor who left some medicines. (Side margin-\$4.00 Killian)

February 14-Snowed last night and a little nearly all day. Annie and Bruce put in last night until nearly midnight working at photos and all the spare time today at the same kind of work. They succeeded in getting some very good work. It is getting tedious being without mail. Emma seems much better tonight. (Side margin-S. 108, 3.00 McF).

February 15-Warm, but snowed by spells all day. Emma has seemed as well as ever all day. Mr. Killian and Miss Debbie Harris are to be married tonight at Adairs. Annie and Emma and Miss Neiman have gone to the wedding. A big mail came in tonight. Read a letter from May and one from Macky. Got 2500# coal a/c Milton Woolery. (Side margin-S. 110).

February 16-A cloudy snowy day. I wrote Mr. Macky Mrs. Rooney et al. (Side margin-S. 112.)

February 17-Warm and snow nearly all day. I read and write some. Gertie Woolery and Miss Niles(?) called this afternoon. Mrs. S.G. Adams brought me a note from her husband. (Side margin-S. 116).

February 18-Snow last night but warm and pleasant today. I put in the day writing. Read a little from Prof. Weltner. Sent \$0.44 for needles. (Side margin-S. 119).

February 19-Warm and cloudy. Put in the day shoveling snow, no snow for the past 24 hours but looks like a big storm is upon us.

February 20-A pleasant forenoon but windy in the afternoon. Charles Hilvy brought us a load of straw this afternoon and the wind blew so hard that we had to put it in Walbridge's lot. I wrote an agreement for Wilcox et al. J.N. McWilliams brought me 170# bran.

February 21-Began snowing at 7 A.M. and was a perfect blizzard all day. I got my Truss and insoles today wrote Prof. Wiltmer. (Side margin-\$3.00 McF.)

February 22-The blizzard which has rages since night before last began to subside by middle of the afternoon. The mail sleigh got in tonight without any mail and report another blockade on the railroad. It turns colder tonight.

February 23-Cold but pleasant. I pitched over the straw wore my new Truss nearly all day. Mail still blockaded and tonight it looks like another storm was near at hand.

February 24-Snowed steady all day, and began to blow at 4 P.M. Annie and Emma spent the afternoon at Wilcox's. Annie is looking at a camera and fixtures. I ordered Bourquine to make a pair of snow shoes for Emma and I am to put on leathers, rubbers etc. (Side margin-S. 120).

February 25-Cold but pleasant. Mail got in early today. Mr. Bonnier shoveled snow off his buildings. (Side margin-\$3.00 W.B.G.)

February 26-A very pleasant day margining a little snow and wind. I wrote some letters.

February 27-Cloudy but warm, snow drifted some a furious wind and snow storm set in at dark and is howling at bed time.

February 28-Warm, snow and blow some.

March 1-A furious wind storm set in at midnight last night and snow and blow most all day. Bruce worked at cleaning the roof of snow and ice. March certainly comes in like a lion.

March 2-Warm and pleasant in morning but snow and wind in afternoon. I broke a trail to my shop and done various small chores. Finished a pair of new snowshoes for Emma. Jas. Killiam paid 8.85 being rent of ½ Coleman house to April 1<sup>st</sup>. I send \$6.00 to Coleman. Keep \$0.85 for myself and \$2.00 to pay Mr. Brightman for cleaning snow off Coleman's house. Annie paid Mattie in full. (Side margin-S. 124, 3.00 McFadden, 4.00 Finney to Mar. 6, 0.85 Com. Coleman).

March 3-Colder snow and blow part of the day. I put in the day writing. Mr. Grussnion of Elk R. spent the evening with us and entertained us with his grasshoppers. Emma is quite sick tonight. (Side margin-\$3.00 Goddard).

March 4-A perfect blizzard prevailed all day. The rail road is snow bound again and we have no mail from the East, Emma is some better tonight. She slept nearly all day.

March 5-Cold but pleasant. Thawed on south slopes. Miss Lizzie Niles is here for a visit. Emma is about the same. The young people snowshoed some. We got another mail today.

March 6-A beautiful still, snowy day. Snow did not melt much it was cool. Emma was quite sick but some better tonight. A Mr. Burkett began boarding with us to night. I paid Parkinson \$1.30 due him. Mr. Goddard left us this morning and Mr. Burkett has his room. (Side margin-\$14.00 Miss Neiman, 5.00 Burkett).

March 7-A beautiful day. Emma is not so well today we had the Doctor for her. Dora Jones began work this afternoon. Milton Woolery sent a load of 2000# of coal to me today. Pd. Hugus & Co. \$1.00 a/c furniture. (Side margin-\$6.00 Laura Munson).

March 8-Another lovely day but looks tonight as if a storm was becoming. Emma seems better was up nearly all day. I worked in the shop but did not complete the assays.

March 9-This is Emma's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Hannah Brotherton spent the afternoon with her. The day was warm and it thawed fast. Dora Jones left tonight. Read a mail and glad to get it.

March 10-A cold raw day, Emma and Annie both sick. I went to the Bath house and settled with Keeper snow nearly all day. (Side margin-S. 132).

March 11-Emma is much better all day, weather (?) and cold. I put in the day writing.

March 12 Sunday-Cold but clear and pleasant. Emma is better, plays out doors some today.

March 13-Clear cold and pleasant. Emma is worse again today. Had the doctor again. I worked at digging out the wood piles in marginn yard. I paid J.N. McWilliams \$1.70, Parkinson 1.00. Annie paid Hugus & Co. \$1.00 on a/c. (2.00 to date). (Side margin-S. 135).

March 14-We think Emma is better tonight. Last night was very stormy, today cold and partly clear. I got Tom Baer to help me with Mr. Crosby's goods and paid Shaw \$1.50 balance of storage charges tireon(?) Vada Adair helped Annie today.

March 15-Cold last night and this morning but turns warmer and snows all the afternoon. Emma has improved since yesterday and is dressed this evening. (Side margin-S. 137)

March 16-A wonderfully pleasant day. Emma is still better. Was up again all day and ate well. I attended to various small chores.

March 17-Snow last night and this morning, was pleasant this afternoon. Emma is still better. (Side margin-S. 139).

March 18-Snow again last night. A cold raw day I put in the spare time writing. (Side margin-S. 140).

March 19 Sunday-Cold but pleasant.

March 20-Cloudy but thawing. Grant Jones started for the R.R. with Mr. Crosby's H.H. Goods. I paid \$7.50 advance freight Annie done a big washing today.

March 21-A blizzardy day. Snow all day. I worked in the shop and made 4 assays for Mr. Schaller. (Side margin-S. 144).

March 22-Snow again today but is warmer. I chore about home and write some. (Side margin-S. 147).

March 23-Snow 5 inches last night. A chilly day but thawed in afternoon. Raining at bed time. (Side margin-S. 152.)

March 24-Rain all last night but does not seem to affect the snow any. It will take sun and a warm wind to make any impression on it and then, it will be slow, owing to the vast vetrune(?) now on the ground. Afternoon warm and cloudy with some showers. This is last day of this school term. (Side margin-S. 160).

March 25-Rain all forenoon and snow in afternoon. Part of the snow and ice slid off the shed roof this afternoon. Snow is getting soft and settling quite fast. The school gives a big exhibition tonight. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

March 26 Sunday-Snow, blow and froze all day. This has been the largest equinoxial storm I ever saw.

March 27-Clear and cold. I paid Hugus & Co. \$1.00 on a/c of room furniture, making \$3.00 pd to date and having \$8.00 yet to pay. It was 4 degrees below 0 this A.M. Dr. Kernaghan called on me today and person bed.

March 28-Woke this morning in a blinding snow storm. Although it has been a cold day, it has snowed all the time. Miss Mirnan worked at her painting all the past two days. It promises to make a fine picture. (Side margin-S. 166).

March 29-Was still snowing, this morning but quit about noon and was pleasant. Thawed enough to make the snow pack. I wrote to H.S. Crosby and sent him a/c also Mrs. Arma Bird.

March 30-Cold and windy snow part of the day and part of last night. Prof. Niesz paid \$15.00 for two months rent to May 20<sup>th</sup> 1899. Old puss died today. I began taking Mrs. Vonica today. (Side margin-S. 170).

March 31-Cloudy but thawed some, snowing a little at bed time. Got a mail today, first in 6 days.

April 1-Cloudy and thaw some. Mail came again today. I settled the company's business and sent Macky amt due. Also attended to various small matters. (Side margin-\$7.50 Laura, 5.00 Burkett).

April 2 Easter Sunday-Cloudy, but thaws a little all day, snow all the afternoon with a blizzard at night. We had eggs in various forms for dinner and supper.

Laura visited here last night and today. I wrote Mr. Schaller. Mrs. Wilcox called to tell us that the Eldora Mining Co. is to be a fact. (Side margin-S. 172).

April 3-Warm and pleasant, but snowed 3 in last night. I settled with Parkinson, pd Hugus & Co. another dollar on a/c room furniture.

Sent Walter Coleman ck = \$20.25 retained

My com. (.10%) \$ 2.25	<u>2.25</u>	\$22.50	Read from P.F. Niesz 2 mo. rent to May 20 = 15.00	and of Jack Killian 1 mo. rent to May 20
		<u>7.50</u>		

Total 22.50

(Side margin-\$12.00 McFadden to Mar. 29, 0.50 assay, 1.50 Com. Coleman, S. 145).

April 4-A beautiful day. Hazy in morning but snowing in the afternoon. I took my shoes down to the lower cobbler for repairs. Read a letter from Mr. Schaller. Wrote some letters and c. (Side margin-\$1.00 Secret Service).

April 5-Snow last night and today. Did not thaw much. I wrote. Sent \$5.00 to Weltner for treatment for myself. Clear and cold tonight. (Side margin-S. 177).

April 6-Clear and cold. I got my prospecting shoes repaired, cut some kindling wood at the shop and chored about home. H. Fulton and wife and Geo. Bratton called this evening. (Side margin-0.25 Notary, 0.50 Notary, 12.50 Salary).

April 7-A clear, beautiful day but did not thaw much. Attended to matters at Bath house and other chores.

April 8-Clear and cold. Like yesterday it would be a typical January day. The air seems full of coming(?) dust. Gave Bruce \$1.00 to pay Hugus & Co. on acct. Put in part of the day at the shop drying out the furnace. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

April 9 Sunday-A counter part of the two past days. Put in the day reading, writing and c.

April 10-A little warmer! The snow settled quite fast about the buildings. Dever and I made 8 assays a/c Bratton.

April 11-Another day like preceding ones. Made 6 assays 4 a/c Burkett, 1 a/c Hahn's Peak and 1 a/c Dever. Paid Hugus also another \$1.00 on a/c. Making six out of eleven due when Goddard left and leaving \$5.00 yet to be paid. The foot bridge was taken out today.

April 12-Thawed considerable. I went down to look at foot bridge, scattered ashes, chopped and cleaned ice and snow from Judge Walbridge's well.

April 13-Began to rain at midnight last night and rain and snow until noon. Snow melted so fast that it did not accumulate. There is less snow on the ground tonight than last night. I wrote and loafed about home. Sent C.L. Inv. Co. \$3.53 proceeds Leckenby's 1<sup>st</sup> note.

April 14-Clear and cooler the snow did not settle so fast today. I wrote a long letter to Macky.

April 15-A little cooler, froze in the shade all day thawed in the sun but so fast as we would like. I brought some coal from the shop. Bruce began to paint the house. (Side margin-5.00 Burkett).

April 16-Warmer. Thawed quite fast today. Laura Monson took dinner with us. Gertie (?) and Lizzie Niles are here tonight. Read letter and rock samples from Schaller(?) and Wiltmer tonight.

April 17-Was clear and very cold this A.M. Got warmer as the day advanced and thawed considerable. In addition to regular chores, I prepared Schallers sample for assay. They are a poor, hungry looking lot.

April 18-Cold but thawed considerable in afternoon. I worked in shop. Made 3 double assays for W.C. Schaller – with very poor results. Bruce finished painting East side of the house

April 19-Snow and blow last night. A cloud, cold, windy day, yet the snow went some. I need another rock sample from Westcliffe tonight. (Side margin – S [underscore] 178)

April 20-A cold snowy forenoon. Afternoon pleasant I made 1 assay a/c Schaller – and one a/c Hahn's P. The cow went out of its yard today. (Side margin – S[underscore]179)

April 21-Clear and cold last night and pleasant in afternoon Thawed in afternoon. Bruce made a walk to front gate, raked and sowed grass seed. I wrote Schaller and McClure and loafed about the house.

April 22-Warmer than for the past few days. Snow goes fast a few sage brush begin to show (Side margin – \$5.00 Burkett)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday-A warm thawing day. Creeks + river rising fast. I went to examine Bath house to see what repairs are needed. Wrote, read +c.

April 24-Warm. Thaws fast. Bruce painted. I shoveled the back gates open. Done some ditching in garden. Annie done a washing. We sold Maryette the cow for \$45 and delivered her in the corral. I paid Hugus + Co .75 cents for a paint brush and \$1 a/c furniture

April 25 + 26-Nothing out of the common happened worked some at draining both days. The waters are getting way up.

April 27-Cold + cloudy Helvys folks visited with us today. I wrote. Made out a big bill for Annie to send to Edson(?) Kister(?) + Co and attended to various matters. Snowing at bed time

April 28-Snow about 2 inches lat night. Annie sent her order to E/K + Co. Sent \$10.00 on a/c It is snowing again at bed time (Side margin – S[underscore] 181

April 29-A cold raw day yet the now went some. There is considerable patches of bare ground in valley and on low south of us. Dever + I put in the day assaying with poor results. Louis Garmarginino is visiting us (Side margin - \$5.00 Burkett)

April 30 – Sunday-Snow an inch last night. A cold raw day, snow goes slow. Louis G went home today.

May 1<sup>st</sup>-Collected and sent Coleman April rent. A cold raw day. We had school election collected receipts from Bath house +c. (Side margin – 75 (comes?) Coleman, 75 window glass price for Coleman, 13.00 McHadden(?) to date)

May 2<sup>nd</sup>-Snow all forenoon and part of last night

May 3<sup>rd</sup>-Very cold. Snow all day. Bruce and Seder(?) began work on Bath house. I sent monthly report to Macky. Paid Parkinson

May 4-Pleasant. Sunshine in forenoon. Day cool but fine Bruce + Seder(?) worked at the Bath house again today. Dever went to the hills and staked some new claims. Annie + Bruce are developing photos tonight. Begins to look like another storm brewing.

May 5<sup>th</sup>-A very pleasant day. Heard frogs around. Can now walk across the grass and not wade snow. Made two trips to the Bath house today. Had my pick sharpened. (Side margin - .25 Notary fee)

May 6-A hard frost 1st night makes the ground muddy and slippery today. Dever and I put in the day prospecting. It was hard walking and we got home very tired tonight. Not very encouraging results.

May 7 Sunday-Very pleasant. I put in the day writing Am still tired from yesterdays tramp

May 8 -Pleasant but rain a little toward night. I chored around. Went to the Bath house to see how the boys are getting on with my work. They have the new pool nearly done

May 9-I sent \$4.00 to Lyon Bros a/c Annie and \$5.00 to Prof. Waltman. Went up to Bath house. Gave Mr. Munson ck for his April salary. Saw Mr. Mayberry about work to be done on Bath house, in his line of work. Saw Slater in regard to Shingles. Cut wood +c. Dever moved up to make camp near where he is prospecting in the hills. I made two trips to Bath house. Mrs. Helvy helped Annie today

May 10-Bright but very cool. Spring comes slow. Was up to the Bath house this A.M. Aunt Mary is with us today. Mrs Helvy is helping Annie again today. I began spading in the garden Made a counter for Annie. Mrs. Wilcox gave us some gooseberry bushes to set out today

May 11-Warm + windy. Snow melts fast. I went to the Bath house, wrote letters, cut wood and spaded in the garden. Very tired tonight. Annie moved her bed upstairs.

May 12-Much like yesterday. Planted and mulched gooseberry bushes, bought garden seed +c, +c Bought garden seeds and wheeled some manure.

May 13<sup>th</sup>-Warm and windy. I was up to Bath house worked in garden +c+c. Wrote macky Snow going very fast and water rising.

May 14 Sunday-Warm, windy + cloudy. I worked in the shop. Made 8 assays without good results 7 a/c Dever + I and 1 a/c Draper + I. Snow is going fast from foot hills. It is getting ready for a big storm. Mrs. Bennett called and found Annie

May 15-Cooler but very windy. Paid Shaw \$5.00 a/c Freight, borrowed some of Parkinson. Paid Hugus + Co \$1.00 a/c furniture bill. Worked some in garden. Planted peas and lettuce. (Side margin - \$5.00 Burkett)

May 16-A cold windy day, rain and snow a little in afternoon. I went out to Devers camp and back. Cut wood and spaded in garden. Am very tired. Clear and cold tonight. Had to sit by the fire this evening Gertie and Clara called this P.M.

May 17-A sharp, cold morning but a pleasant day. Bruce painted some this forenoon. I spaded a little in garden. My powers of endurance is vary small this spring. Gertie Woolery took dinner with us today. The P.O. is moving today. Bruce helped in afternoon, shingling Metcalf's house. Part of Annie's goods came today. (Side margin - \$1.40 in potatoes – McFadden, \$1.00 eggs J.M. Woolery)

May 18-Very pleasant. Annie's goods came and she had made several sales. I worked some in the garden. Rec'd letter from Schaller in regard to share in mining claims at Querida (?), Colo. Wrote an acceptance of his offer

May 19-Colder, blow and rain some. I worked some at spading, wrote some letters +c. Rec'd a letter from Geo. E. Lichen(?). Annie trimmed one hat and entertained a host of people who came to see her stock of new goods. Bruce and Schon(?) worked again today at Metcalf's house

May 20-Very cold and windy snow by spells all day. Too cold to work much out of doors. I did cut a little wood and spaded some (Side margin - \$5.00 Burkett)

May 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 1899-A very cold windy disagreeable day snow a very little. I attended to various matters, wrote, visited the Bath house, chopped some wood. Ground and sifted some bones + c. + c. Judge and Mrs. Walbridge got home and took supper with us. Annie made some ice cream. I bought some grist (?) for Mr. Dever to take to the hills

May 22<sup>nd</sup>-Warmer and much more pleasant. I done the days marketing. Attended to fixing up the price with Mayberry for plumbing for Bath house. Sold Lot 8 in Block 4 to Ernest Campbell, spaded some in garden. Dever went back to the hills again this morning.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>-A very pleasant day. I put in the forenoon at the Bathhouse, and in gathering up bills Done some spading in garden. Sent some bills to Macky and attended to various chores.

May 24-Cool but pleasant Annie done a washing Sent \$5.00 to E.B. Baker & Sons Denver for flowers. I finished spading the potato ground, cut some wood. Got Cochran's law books ready to send him. Sent two Bills to Macky.

May 25-High winds alternate with calm and sunshine. Annie sent \$10.00 to Edson K. & Co. I planted 186 hills of potatoes today and put well rotted manure in each hill Sprinkled a very little in afternoon and looks some like rain tonight.

May 26-Rain a little last night, but very pleasant today. I feel uncommonly lazy today but I finished planting potatoes began on the onim(?) retts(?), and cut some wood, went to the bathhouse this forenoon. Got \$1.00 worth of eggs at Hugus & Co.'s a/c Louis McFadden. (Side margin-1.00 McFadden 0.25 Notary).

May 27-Cool but pleasant. Dever prepared some rock for assay and made some cupels. I put in the day with the Assessor, writing to Macky and doing Notary work also settled with Sehe(?) and Bruce for work on Bathhouse. Lizzie Niles was up from Hayden and took supper with us. I did not get to work in garden any today. (Side margin-5.00 Burkett, 0.50 Notary).

May 28 Sunday-We made 8 assays (7 a/c Dever) with one fair result. Dever goes back into the hill today.

May 29-Cold and windy. I put in the forenoon attending to chores about town, was up to the bathhouse in afternoon, finished planting onion silts(?), and sugar beets, cut wood and c and c. and c.

May 30-We had a nice little shower this A.M. before daylight. The day has been so cold that I worked with a coat on. Planted radishes, parsnips and carrots. Paid \$1.00 for cr Elmer Brooks to Hugus & Co. Annie sent \$10.00 to Edson Keith & Co. on a/c.

May 31-Cold this morning but turned warmer. I done some Notary work and worked in garden, planted the beet and part of the onion seed. Paid at Norvells, \$175 a/c ticket in drawer. (Side margin-\$3.50 Notary).

June 1<sup>st</sup>-Cold and cloudy but pleasant. I attended to the Co.'s monthly affairs, planted onions and made a bargain with Ernest Campbell whereby I have cr. For 1 ft. of common lumber at his Mill I have not slept for 60 hours and am tired and sleepy tonight.

June 2-Warm and cloudy. I finished planting my garden. Mr. Dever came down tonight, looks like rain.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>-Rain gently all last night and all day Dever made some assays. I got off a wall paper order for Metcalf et al, rested and wrote. Annie sent \$10.00 to E.K. & Co. on a/c. (Side margin-1.00 Bruce 5.00 Burkett)

June 4 Sunday-Two days and nights steady rain and still raining a trick snow storm set in and soon made the ground white. Is cold and clears off toward night. Burkett brought a friend, a Mr. Graft, to dinner. The long rain we have had was much needed.

June 5-It has cleared off. I feel too lazy to work Dever started up to the hills after dinner.

June 6-Cold but rather pleasant. Lilly Stees came to help Annie today. Gary Lamb fell from a house and got badly hurt. I did not do much today-only chopped a little wood. Franz Smith came to supper with Bruce. I sent Mrs. Hoyle \$4.00, being rent of her house for May and June. (Side margin-1.00 Bruce 0.25 Notary).

June 7-Cool, rain some in afternoon. Rec'd cks from Macky. Settled with Munson, pd Novell balance of \$2.25 Pd Parkinson 2.50 on a/c and settled with Drug store. Spaded some in garden, done a little work at shop.

June 8-A very pleasant day. I made two assays for John Draper.

June 9-Much like yesterday. I wrote, cut wood and worked at spading. Dever came down from the hills tonight.

June 10-A beautiful spring-like day. Dever and I worked in the shop assaying. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

June 11 Sunday-Warm and windy, water is getting up Dever moved his camp home from the hills.

June 12-Cool in morning, but warm and Hazy in the afternoon. I wrote and done various chores Paid Shaw \$2.50 due on expenses.

June 13-Cooler, windy and dry. I worked at he shop made 3 assays for Jus Draper and 2 for Dever with fair results. Bruce worked this forenoon painting West side house. Chas Leighton and John Lancaster were here to supper Turns cold at night.

June 14-A big frost last night. Cold enough to enjoy a fire today Leighton and Lancaster left for home today Bruce went to the Park this A.M. This is my 56<sup>th</sup> birthday. I work at various things about home.

June 15-Cold last night, but warmer tonight I did not accomplish anything today except sprinklings ashes on radish plants. Lizzie Niles, Mattie and Mrs, Gibson are staying with us tonight.

June 17-Turned very warm. I feel so tired that I put in the day resting and reading, hoe a little in the garden Sent another \$10.00to E.K. & Co. Pd McCaslin bal (\$1.55) due him gave Parkinson order and 7.00 to get wall paper at Walcott. Emma and Lilly went home with Lilly's parents. (Side margin-McFadden Flour 1.50 Burkett 5.00).

June 18 Sunday-Very warm Emma and Lilly came back. I am tired all day as usual but manage to cut some night wood, and attend to small chores, was at the bathhouse a long time this forenoon.

June 19-Another very warm day. I made two assays a/c Burkett, 1 a/c Dever and 3 a/c Bratton. Results not good. It rained a very little this afternoon.

June 20-Very warm, sprinkled a little about noon. I am very tired and do not work much except to hoe the strawberries and cut wood.

June 21-Not quite so warm, I went to Bath house wrote Macky, Made bone ash cut wood and began overhauling my shop and furnace Dever dined with us today. (Side margin-0.25 Notary fee).

June 22-It has frozen each night for several nights Keeps so cold that vegetation except weeds and grass grow very slow. I put in the day repairing my assaying apparatus Had Mayberry help me \$3.90 worth, sent for two new muffles. Ben Hartwick paid me \$5.00 on a/c.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-Very pleasant. We need rain again badly. I put in the day repairing furnace and shop. Emma fell off a wheel and broke her left wrist. She bears up very brave and had presence of mind to want a doctor at once. She seems more solicitous(?) for us than for herself.

June 24-A pleasant day owing to a glorious little rain about noon. I completed work on the shop cut wood and done various chores. Emma seems to be getting along with her broken arm and very well Bruce worked part of the day painting on top of the house. Metcalf's wall paper came today. (Side margin-\$1.00 Notary fee 5.00 Burkett)

June 25 Sunday-A very close sultry day. Back in America(?) we would be certain of rain-I wrote, read and loafed around.

June 26-Cool: Clear and pleasant. I did not do much work today. Cut wood and spaded some in the garden.

June 27<sup>th</sup>-Clear and quite cool in forenoon. I did not work any until afternoon, Then I cut wood, put a new muffle in my furnace prepared some rock samples for Assay and c. and c.

June 28-A beautiful day. Needs rain. I was busy at various kinds of work. Lilly went home today Bruce put up the screen doors today.

June 29-Clear and very warm during the day but cold night and morning. I worked at the shop in forenoon, made 2 assay for Burkett, 2 for Draper 1 for Dumfield and 1 for Dodgeon wrote out some contracts in the afternoon, hoed the radishes and done other chores. (Side margin-\$1.50 McFadden).

June 30-Very warm during the day but cold in the morning I worked at slauring(?) the back yard and hoeing in the garden in forenoon and at resting in afternoon. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

July 1<sup>st</sup>-Very sultry in forenoon, but we had a small thunder shower in the afternoon that laid the dust and cooled the air. I worked a little in the garden sent the company's monthly statement and done other small chores. Dever came down today. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

July 2 Sunday-Cool and pleasant in forenoon, In afternoon we had another glorious rain. Dever made some assays for himself and granulated some lead. I made some cupels, cut some wood and wrote some. Ruby and Mertilla Adams spent the afternoon here. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

July 3<sup>rd</sup>-Frost last night, A partly(?) day. Rain a little in afternoon. Bruce went with other to Yampa for the 4<sup>th</sup> A Mr. Law commenced to board with us today (this evening) I paid Adair \$3.50 on account. (Side margin-\$6.00 McFadden).

July 4<sup>th</sup>-A big frost last night, cool and very pleasant today Owing to the small pox scare in Hayden, we have no 4<sup>th</sup> celebration here and nearly all our people have gone picnicking other places. I paid Mr. Parkinson \$2.00 on account. I am afflicted badly with the piles(?). (Side margin-\$5.00 Law. Board).

July 5-Very pleasant. I cleaned the privy, sowed the turnips, spaded, cut wood and c. and c. Sent Mrs. Hoyle \$2.00 amt pd for July rent. Bruce got back from the 4<sup>th</sup>.

July 6<sup>th</sup>-A variable day. My wind is too short to work much Ada and her baby are her tonight. (Side margin-\$1.00 Bruce).

July 7-Clear and warm. I paid Baer \$2.00 for 20<sup>th</sup> lead. Sent \$2.50 to Empire Pharmacist Co. Chicago for medicine and paid balance \$6.30 of 1898 Taxes and c. and c. Sent \$10.00 to Edson K. & Co. (Side margin-\$7.54 Peats & Co. 12.00 my Sedary(?))

July 8-Medium for temperature. I have not slept for two nights and am nearly worn out. Mrs. Hilvy has helped Annie yesterday and today. Bruce began working on the Dunfield building today Lizzie Niles was a caller also Aunt Mary and Lilly Stees. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

July 9 Sunday-Warm, I rest and read. Threatens rain but does not materialize. The Doctor took the bandage and splints off Emma's arm today.

July 10-Very much like yesterday, clouds up but does not rain. I sent Macky \$125.00 for Lot 4 Blk 18 sold to Mr. Harding Annie read a long letter from her sister Emma. Annie sent \$10.00 to Edson Keith & Co. and \$1.00 to Lyon Bros. (Side margin-\$5.00 Law Board).

July 11-Cloudy and threatening but still no rain. I chore about home. Annie and Emma went to the bath.

July 12-Had two small showers today. I hoed the potatoes, cut some wood and put in the afternoon taking depositions and c.

July 13-Threatened rain but passed odd without I completed taking depositions.

July 14-Put \$2.50 in Annie's cash drawer bought an inn pot for small storm. Renewed for Chicago Record, paid Parkinson \$1.00 on a/c. Brought the elk heads up to the barn +c. +c. clear and warm. (Side margin-9.10 Notary work).



July 15-A very pleasant day, did not rain nor threaten rain. I chored about home in forenoon, prepared some samples for assay in afternoon (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

July 16 Sunday-A clear pleasant day. I made 7 assays 3 a/c Shaw et al, 2 a/c self, 1 a/c Burkett and 1 a/c Winterstern. We had strawberry shortcake today. I also cut some wood.

July 17-Hot, we want rain. I chored about all day. Fixed my smoke stack. (Side margin-\$5.00 Law)

July 18-Warm and cloudy. I made 7 assays poor results.

July 19-Put my furnace in order again by getting a new smoke stack built. Hot and dry.

July 20-Hot and dry. May(?) 7 assays a/c McKinnis one a/c Dever and 1 a/c Tirney.

July 21-Dry and hot. We can see it raining each day in North Park. Had new peas for dinner today I attended a meeting of committee on reception.

July 22-A dry, hot day but we had a nice refreshing shower at dark. I was up to the bath house and attended various matters. Wrote Macky. Sent for renewal of The Delinator +c. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

July 23 Sunday-Hot and dry. I worked at various chores was up to bath house, wrote Iners and Pond Piano Co. and Col. Steele. Bruce got home from North Park.

July 24-Worked at the shop, made 3 assays a/c Burkett and two a/c Munson results very poor and I am much disappointed.

July 25-Very hot and very dry. We need rain badly. I cut wood, picked peas and sage and chored about home.

July 26-Very much like yesterday as regards my work but we had a nice little rain at night could see much rain North and West of us that we would have been glad to get. I wrote Willard Burgess. (Side margin-\$5.00 Law Board, 0.25 Notary fee).

July 27-Warm and dry. I cut wood, chored about home, wrote letters, and prepared 5 samples for assay. (Side margin-0.25 Notary fee).

July 28<sup>th</sup>-Cooler and partially cloudy, we had a slight rain in forenoon, I made 5 assays a/c McKinnis J.N. McWilliams paid \$10.50 being rent to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> due Coleman (1  $\frac{3}{4}$  months). (Side margin-1.85 Com Coleman rent).

July 29-Chored about home and rigged up my fish pole weather dry and hot. A very little shower at 5 P.M. cools off the air but does not wet the dust to speak of. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

July 30 Sunday-Went fishing, got no fish but the flies nearly ate me up and I got very tired. We had strawberry shortcake for dinner again. The blackbirds have begun to eat our peas. The weather is terrible dry.

July 31-Dry, hot and windy. Mr. Dodgeon and I cleaned out the iron spring. Mrs. Lou(?) Settle visited us today (Side margin-5.00 Law).

August 1-Made the usual monthly settlements. Annie sent bal due Edson Keith & Co. and sent for a bolt of ribbon Murial Haskinson began work for Annie rain a little in afternoon.

August 2-Called on Frank Price, done the marketing, wrote Macky, paid Dr. Jefferson \$5.00 on a/c sent 70 cents to Geo withern(?), picked the last mess of peas for the season. Ground and softened some bones +c. +c. +c. (Side margin-\$7.80 McFadden).

August 3<sup>rd</sup>-We had a glorious little rain today and hope it will rain enough to wet the ground and then hold off until after haying.

August 4-It sprinkled some during the night and we had some fine showers today. The ground is now moistened down about 3 inches. (Side margin-3.50 Notary, 5.00 Burkett).

August 5-A cool nice day rain a small shower. My breath is very short.

August 6 Sunday-A big frost last night. Rain a little late in afternoon. Mr. Dever helped us eat strawberry shortcake at dinner. Rain quite hard at dusk. (Side margin-\$12.50 Salary).

August 7-Had a big shower this forenoon. I paid \$5.00 on a/c at Adair's and \$1.00 on a/c of expenses. The afternoon was very pleasant. I dug some new potatoes, this evening we have had three messes of new onions, to date. Mrs. Brotherton got her arm broke last night. Bruce went home with W.H. Bashor tonight.

August 8-A delightful day clear and cool. I read a letter from Cousin Maggie, am not so well as common today. (Side margin-\$5.00 Law).

August 9-Clear cool and beautiful. I wrote cousin Maggie and to Gent Land Office. Sent for more border (wall paper for Metcalf).

August 10-Another fine Hay-day. Had quite a frost last night but it did not seem to damage anything We finished gathering the sage, cut wood, wrote and c.

August 11<sup>th</sup>-Another frost last night. A warm clear day Dever and I made some assays but got no good results.

August 12-We had some very hard rains today and one hail storm. I wrote letters cut wood cleaned the vines off the pea ground. (Side margin-\$5.00 Burkett).

August 13 Sunday-Cool and pleasant. Had quite a frost last night but it done no damage. Mr. Goddard was here today. Aunt Mary is also here. We had new beets for dinner today.

August 14-Cool and pleasant. Threatened rain but did not come. I buried myself in various ways. (Side margin-\$5.00 Law)

August 15-I made 4 assays a/c Dodgeon. Was pleasant in forenoon but rain hard most of afternoon. Mr. Shelton was here. Mr. Goddard and Miss Neiman are here tonight. Bruce is at Bashor's.

August 16-Put in the forenoon assaying and the afternoon cutting wood. Rain again several showers today. (Side margin-0.50 Assay, 2.50 Goddard).

August 17-Did not rain. I chored about home Albert Bourquine suicided today.

August 18-A glorious day. I cut wood. Messrs Breckel and Co. gave me a new pair of spectacles.

August 19-Very much like yesterday I cut wood all I felt able.

August 20 Sunday-We had a big frost last night which nipped the potatoes and other plants. The day has been warm and bright. Aunt Mary went down home. Burkett & Law quit boarding here and moved to Mrs. Margintz place. J.M. Tucker dined with us today. Mr. Goddard and Miss Neiman are here tonight.

August 21, 22-Frost both nights. Days spent in cutting wood and visiting with Mr. Tucker.

August 23-I went to show Mr. Tucker and his man some mining prospects. The day was cool but pleasant, unpleasantly cold at night.

August 24-Tucker's man put in the day assaying. We had a hard freeze last night. Tucker and Bruce spent the day looking for horses and c.

August 25-Another big frost last night. Bruce found the missing horses this A.M. and started out with the Tucker outfit a little afternoon to seek his fortune. We were very sorry to see him go but hope it will be for his good. (Side margin-\$4.40 McFadden)

August 26-Mr. Kleckner spent last evening with us. He started for Boulder today with letters from me to Macky and Maxwell. Last night we has another freeze, today was very pleasant. (Side margin-0.50 Assay).

August 27 Sunday-Kleckner started to Boulder today. The foot bridge is cut(?) across the river some men and teams work at cleaning and grading cross St. rain a small shower last night. Sultry-

August 28-Sultry. I find that I have put down a part of today's proceedings as yesterday's work. Annie done a big washing.

August 29-Very much like yesterday. Had a shower at noon. I worked some at the wood pile and prepared some samples for assay. Got a letter from Maggie.

August 30-A pleasant day. I worked at the shop and the wood pile. Made 3 assays a/c Dodgeon one for Zumfield and one for Sturdevant. Frank Price visited us today. (Side margin-0.75 Notary).

August 31-Very pleasant I chored about. Annie's goods same and we marked them. Mr. Wilcox got in from Eldora last this afternoon. He looks natural.

September 1-A very pleasant day. I visited with Mr. Wilcox made up the Company's monthly accounts and attended to various chores.

September 2-Clear and warm. I made some assays a/c Wilcox. Fair results, caught some grasshoppers, cut wood and c. Miss Neiman has come to board a while.

September 3 Sunday-Went fishing but found the river too high and muddy. Put in the afternoon at various chores. Weather sultry.

September 4-Very pleasant Fall weather. I put in the day assaying a/c Wilcox & Co. with excellent results. Willard's wife and a cousin come in tonight and are staying with us. Paid Shaw balance of \$3.35 on Annie's expenses. (Side margin-0.75 Notary).

September 5-Dry and hot after 9 A.M. Mr. Wilcox gave us a fore quarter of a deer and Mrs. Woodson gave us a ham and a shoulder of venison. I finished taking depositions of Mr. Slates and sent some ligatres(?) with bills to Milton R. Wilch at Delta Colo. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

September 6-Very pleasant day but cold in morning. A young man died here today from kick of a horse on knee cap. I saw the post Marten made. Many people are coming in to the festival.

September 7-Cold as winter this A.M. but turned into a hot day. Crowds and crowds of people are pouring into town from all directions. I had a big visit with my friend Schaller today. Willard and his man Joe went fishing today.

September 8-Cold last night, hot today. The place and the woods are full of celebrations of Game and Fish day. Annie had a big trade. I shored about home. Had an understanding with Wilcox regarding Eldora mines, very satisfactory.

September 9-The crowd surged back and forth all day in the dust. I did not go to see any of the doings. Think I was the only one that did not take in the barbeque, the speeches, races, prize fight and c. and c. (Side margin-1.25 Notary).

September 10 Sunday-Willard, Joe and I went fishing. Caught 12 nice ones. Lizzie Niles began boarding with us.

September 11-Hot and dry, received a short letter from Bruce. Joe fished all day and only brought home two small ones. Mrs. Brotherton's(?) restaurant caught fire and came near burning. Heroic efforts saved the building. Mrs. Brotherton got badly scorched.

September 12 & 13-I went fishing, caught only 3. Have a bad cold and do not feel well, made a lot of cupels. Sold Mrs. Hoyle's place to Woodson. Sent \$125.00 to the Co. and \$50.00 to Mrs. Hoyle. Sent Edson K and Co. 40.00 on act Sent 1 mo. rent to Coleman for J.N. McWilliams. It looks like a big storm is brewing. (Side margin-0.25 Notary, 0.50 Com Coleman rent McWilliams Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>).

September 14-Cool, cloudy and windy, we had a hail and rain storm during the night. I put in the day at sawing wood and choring about home, very cold and windy tonight.

September 15-Made some assays with poor results. Willard's folks came back. It is cold and cloudy.

September 16-Repaired the railing around iron spring. Col. Steele started for home today and left some rock from Mr. Nebor Ark. to be tested. It is cold and rained some tonight.

September 17 Sunday-Put in the day assaying with poor results.

September 18-Assayed. Meager results. Bruce came home. He is on his way to the Flat Tops to hunt. Saw Phil McKinnis this evening. "Dad" Munson brought home samples for assay.

September 19-Dever done some assaying. I went fishing poor results all around. Bruce and S.H. Brobeck went out on a hunt. Willard's folks are prepared to leave for home.

September 20-Sold the Hoyle ranch to J.N. McWilliams Sturdevant and we made 1274 com on 2000-Politirs to Dunfield. Emma and I are feeling poorly tonight. Willard's folks started home this morning.

September 21-Very cold last night. I wrote and chored about home. The day was warm and hazy. Think another storm is gathering.

September 22-Very much like yesterday.

September 23-This is like Indian Summer. I finished digging potatoes, visited with Wilcox and Phil McKinnis.

September 24 Sunday-Gathered the carrots, rested and done various chores. Visited with Wm. J. Milner. We found the old hen sitting under the stable.

September 25-I spent most of the day fishing, only caught 2. Bruce returned from his hunt tonight. I bargained Lot 18 in Block 12 to Bob Woodson.

September 26-Worked some at assaying, wrote Macky et als. Bruce went hunting but got only a grouse.

September 27-Put in nearly all day at the wood pile, Bruce started back to the Piney after dinner.

September 28-Made a box and sent some good back to E.K. & Co. Also sent cash remittance gathered the Beets and caught some hoppers.

September 29-I had a hard time getting breath last night, could not sleep, went fishing today and caught 9 very nice ones.

September 30-Colder than common but pleasant. I put in the day making up the monthly statement for the Co. and writing Macky, gathered the turnips caught hoppers and c.

October 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-Put in most of the day fishing, caught 15 But the wind blew dead leaves into the river and made the fishing very poor. (Side margin-14.00 Miss Neiman Board).

October 2<sup>nd</sup>-Caught 7 fish, wrote Crippen done a little Notary work +c. +c. a cold day.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>-Very cold last night, cooked the onion and turnip tops. I put in the day at various small chores. Wilcox folks are ready to pull out for Boulder in the morning. "Bob" Woodson is sick, they think he has Typhoid fever. (Side margin-Notary fees to date 3.80, 1.00, 1.00).

October 4<sup>th</sup>-Froze quite hard in shed room last night Wilcox folks started for Boulder today. Read a Postal card from Bruce. Woodson bought Eades shop and tests today. The day was very pleasant. (Side margin-1.00 Notary).

October 5-Very like the two or three preceding days. I chored about, bought a sack of sugar done a little writing. (Side margin-0.50 fee).

October 6-Collected rent from McWilliams to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Sent proceeds (\$5.40 to Coleman. Annie sent for 12 pro Stocking feet to Racine, Wis. I wrote Col. Steele. (Side margin-0.50 fee).

October 7-A cold black day-got coal from the shop. Rec'd returns from Boulder, paid the Drug store \$3.00 Pd. Adair \$2.00 balance in full to both and Tarkinson \$4.00 on a/c. Got bal of salary to date in shape of a Deed to Lot 1 in Block 8 Annie sent for M.W. Catalogue. (Side margin-1.00 fee 12.50 a/c salary 150.00 in real estate bal salary to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>).

October 8 Sunday-Weather very much like yesterday.

October 9<sup>th</sup>-It began raining in the night, has stormed all say, snowing at this 3 P.M. This is our Autumnal equinox. I sent \$100.00 to Macky a/c Woodson, purchase of lot 18 in Blk 12 and \$200.00 to C.L. & co. a/c McWilliams and Schaller on Lewina(?) or McAdow ranches. Annie sent \$3.00 to Peats & Co. for Wall Paper. I visited with Sturdevant. At 8 P.M. snow is 6 inches deep and coming thick and fast. (Side margin-0.25 Coal sold 0.25 fee).

October 10-There was a foot of new snow on the ground this morning. 3 inches must have melted as it fell on the warm wet ground. It snowed steadily all day, turned to rain at dark. Alma Woolery began boarding here at noon. (Side margin-snow 11 in.)

October 11<sup>th</sup>-It rained steadily nearly all night and today. The snow of yesterday and the day before is nearly gone tonight and it looks like it would storm all tonight. I collected \$12.00 on account of Prof. Niesz and sent Coleman \$10.80 being his part of it. (Side margin-\$1.00 Com Coleman rent).

October 12 Snow to date 24 in-It snowed 4 inches last night, and snow and rain nearly all day. I cleaned the privy today, done some writing and c. Stees was here and arranged for his two oldest children to board here and go to school. (Side margin-\$14.00 Lizzie board).

October 13-Storm all day and last night.

October 14-Weather same as for past week. Nothing can be done but sit near the fire.

October 15 Sunday-Snow 40 inches-Snowed continuously all last night and today. New snow is reported at 5 ft on the park range between here and North Park so it is conservative to estimate 40 inches here beside lots of rain. I wrote a lot today. Mr. Sturdevant started for North Park today.

October 16-Snow a couple of inches last night and today. I bought 700# of plow and meal(?), 50# Lard and 20 margins of soap. Annie took out her comuter(?) to make more sitting room. It practically cleared up this afternoon but looks like storm again at bedtime. The stage came at 4:30 P.M. with no mail, word came that a washout is the cause. I brought up coal from the shop in a gunny sack twice today. (Side margin-\$58.00 Com on Hoyle farm).

October 17 Snow 44 in-Snow 2 inches last night, snow a little most all day. I worked about home in the forenoon and on the Registratore books afternoon John Sampson was here to dinner and arranged for his mother to move here for the winter. Cloudy and looks like storm at bed time Mail came at 5:30 P.M.

October 18<sup>th</sup>-Warm and cloudy turn colder in afternoon and warmer and rain at night. It will snow before morning. I worked all day at the registration of voters.

October 19-A very pleasant day, snow melted fast I done some writing and some work at the shop Harley Hilvy and L. McFadden spent the evening with us. (Side margin-\$1.00 fee).

October 20-Dever and I put in the day assaying a/c Buchel, Munson et al. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

October 21-Looks like another storm is gathering I helped Emery in the bank today. (Side margin-0.50 Notary fees 2).

October 22 Sunday-I helped Emery part of the day. Lillie Stees began boarding tonight.

October 23-I helped Emery again today. Annie done a washing. The day was pleasant I sent Crippen 3.55 Jno Leckenby note.

October 24-Snow a little all day, but melted as it fell-I worked at the bank but the way they keep books is so villainously bad that I could not accomplish anything. Annie sent \$2.60 to Brifield for a jacket for Grace(?) Hale also 1.45 to Denver for 2.4 ds velvet for herself. Snow 47

October 25-Worked all day at the Bank, trying to complete the balance. This morning was very cold with a heavy white frost. It turned warmer and snowed all the afternoon adding 4 inches to the snow fall. Miss Neiman went to Board at Will Franz's.

October 26-It cleared off today. I helped at the bank today. Borrowed some coal of Milner.

October 27 and 28-Two rather pleasant days. I helped Emery. Fred came home last night and is busy campaigning. (Side margin-0.25 fee, 0.25 "").

October 29 Sunday-Put in most of the day at the ranch measuring hay, worked a little in afternoon in bank a very pleasant day.

October 30-Pleasant but looks like a storm is brewing. I worked at the bank today again. (Side margin-0.25 Notary work).

October 31-Cloudy, cold and very windy. I worked on Board of Registration.

November 1 and 2-Beautiful days. The roads have dried fast. I have helped both days in the Bank and wrote letters evenings settled with Munson. (Side margin-0.25 fee).

November 3<sup>rd</sup>-A pleasant but cold day I worked at the Bank Received Contracts from Crippen for sale the Jas. Pd. Lewis ranches. Got letters from Sturdevant and Col. Steele. (Side margin-10.00 wages).

November 4-Finished work for Emery today.

November 5 Sunday-Cold and cloudy. I wrote, brought some coal from the shop, brought some sage brush to the farm for kindling and c.

November 6 Monday-Spent all day at the registration place a beautiful day.

November 7-Another beautiful day worked as Election Judge.

November 8-Pleasant began trying to catch up with work I have allowed to get behind.

November 9-Pleasant but cloudy. I collected rent of J.N. McWilliams to Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1900-Sent proceeds \$10.80 to Walter Coleman. Box 651 Cripple Creek. Sent the Niagara and Providence Ins. Companies, each \$40.06 as their Prem on Policies issued to W.H. Dunfield and Son delivered W.H. Dunfield and Son, a \$1500.00 Policy in each of the above companies on the stock of mdse in their store. Paid into Milner & Co.'s Bank \$337.50 for Co. Treas. Same being taxes, Interest, cost and c on A.H. Allen's land to and including 1898. Annie sent \$8.50 (Jacket ret. 2.00 Money doll(?) 6.00) to Brifeld & Co. for two Plush Capes. (Side margin-1.15 Com Coleman 1.50 Com C.L. & Co. on Hay sold Brooks 12.50 salary 0.25 Notary 0.25).

November 10-It rained last night and was a cool, cloudy day. I attended to various chores. Collected and sent C.L. & Co. \$15.00 (less Com) read Oct. pay from the Spgs Co. I am getting a bad cold. I paid bal. due the drug store, also to Mr. Parkinson.

November 11-done some writing I have a hard(?) cold am not well.

November 12 Sunday-Annie cleaned up my room and secretary I wrote some.

November 13-I tinker around at various things. Do not feel well enough to do any regular work. We are having very pleasant weather of late. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

November 14 -Sent 150.00 to Macky 10.80 to Coleman some being 2 mos. Niesz rent.

November 15-A cold cloudy day, began raining at dusk Winterstern, McKinnis and Baxter started on a prospecting trip to the lower country.

November 16-By looks of the ground and roads this morning. It must have rained a whole lot last night. Dever made some assays, at the house we rustled putting up stoves today. It has been a cold, cloudy day.

November 17- Snow 50 inches-Went down to the ranch, divided the hay. I sold the Allen hay 9 ½ tons to Jno. L. Adleson(?), and 10 ½ tons to Llewellyn McFadden for which they are to pay \$3.50 per ton. I sold the Farm Inv. Co's share of 55 tons on my old ranch to McFadden at \$3.50 per ton making 65 tons in all sold to McFadden, value of which is \$227.50. There was 3 inches of new snow on the ground this morning.

November 18-The sun shone most all day, is quite muddy again. Bruce came home from the Piney tonight.

November 19 Sunday-It froze hard last night which made it muddy all day. Yet it was a most beautiful day.

November 20-Another bright, cold day. I have not been able to sleep the past six nights and can hardly work at anything today. (Side margin-0.50 fee).

November 21-Felt badly again today, but employed my time in writing. After deducting my commission. I sent drafts to Farm Inv. Co. and to Allen, for what was done each of them out of my collection. (Side margin-\$14.52 Com).

November 22-Cool and cloudy but did not snow or rain I put in the day writing letters.

November 23<sup>rd</sup>-Cool, but sunny and bright.

November 24-A counter part of yesterday.

November 25-Another beautiful day. Bruce is complaining. I began to clean sage brush Dever done some assaying poor results we do not hear from our Nitrate expedition and fear they found the ground located or did not find it at all.

November 25 continued. A beautiful day Bruce feels a little worse tonight I am not quite so well. Cut a few sage and loafed about.

November 26 Sunday-A beautiful day

November 27-Cold cloudy and threatens storm. Our nitre(?) men rel'd but the stuff they wasn't after proved to be lime crystal.

November 28-Settled with Oakeson and send Allen her dress.

November 29-Cold and very windy. I rec'd from C.L. & Co. contracts in the J.H. Lewis ranch matter with Schaller and McWilliams and a \$65.00 ck as my Com. I also rec'd and answered other in portions. (Side margin-\$65.00 Com.)

November 30-Thanksgiving W.H. Dever, Aunt Mary and John were guests.

December 1 and 2-Snow 3 inches was very cold. Bruce and I are both better.

December 3-The same as the past two days. Bruce is nearly well and gets ready to go back.

December 4-A little warmer. Bruce got off at 10-50 I was all the forenoon in the Dentist's chair.

December 5 Snow 52 in.-Weather about as common. It looks like storm two inches fell last night. Began to make out an order to M.W. & Co. (Side margin-5.50 Com Allen 0.50 Notary).

December 6-Is snowing this A.M. I completed and sent off the order to M.W. & Co. Our share was \$32.79 Aunt Mary's 21.55 Sent \$1.55 to Dever for Annie. A cold snowy day. John brought a load of coal.

December 7-Cold and mostly clear. Ada Jones and family took supper with us tonight.

December 8-Was mostly clear and much warmer I bought more medicine today. Sent \$1.00 to the Home Magazine Chicago and paid from some provisions. (Side margin-12.50 Salary 0.50 Notary).

December 9 Snow 62 in-Collected \$12.00 rent from Prof. Niesz Sent Coleman \$10.80 and kept balance as Commission. It snowed 8 inches during last night and 2 inches during the day. I chored about home and done various chores. Bought #100 of sugar.

December 10 Sunday Snow 67 in-Snowed part of the day clear and cold part of the day was snowing and blowing at bed time.

December 11<sup>th</sup>-Cold and disagreeable snow hard all day

December 12 Snow 72 in-Cold and clear I paid Dunfield for #100 sugar wrote letters.

December 13-Put in the day working on some Insurance matters for Adair. A cold but fair day.

December 14 Worked same as yesterday. Sent to Greeley Colo for a Deed to the Bourquine ranch for Elmer Brooks. (Side margin-\$25.00 Com Brooks).

December 15 & 16-Snowed a little nearly all both days. I wrote some, nothing new.

December 17-read and rested snow nearly all day but does not gain depth very fast.

December 18-Was mostly fair and cold today. Emma is quite sick, with what seems to be the grippe. I got the Doctor for Aunt Mary today. I sent off the Premiums on Adair's two Policies of \$750 each which, after deducting the stamps commissions and c. left \$2.97 each. The commissions which amounted to 7.86 I deposited with Adair for Sturdevant credit. I finished paying Dr. Jefferson.

December 19-Settled with Bath house and done other small business Turns cold at night.

December 20-Sent settlement for Fiscal year to Macky very cold-

December 21<sup>st</sup> Intensely cold I got a \$25.00 Commission from Greeley (Side margin-\$25.00 Com Bal.)

December 22, 23-I am not well and do not work. The weather has moderated a trifle.

December 24 Sunday-Very pleasant but colder

December 25 Christmas, an exceeding pleasant day, we had turkey, with Aunt Mary and Dever as guests. (Side margin-12.50 Dec. Salary).

December 26-Getting cloudy and some warm

December 27-Rather pleasant

December 28-Cold and pleasant. Hilvy brought a 2 ton load of coal. L. McFadden paid me the balance of \$77.50 on hay sold him. (Side margin-7.75 Com on hay 0.25 Notary).

December 29-Milder, I did not have any work in particular to do.

December 30-Cold this A.M. but turned warmer Snowing at sundown.

December 31<sup>st</sup> Snow 95 in.-Rather a pleasant day. We have had about 85 inches of snow in the valley up to date.

#### A.D. 1900

January 1<sup>st</sup>-Another fine winter's day. I collected the Premiums on \$3000.00 Insurance of Dunfield & Son. Sent Premiums of \$63.75, less the Commissions and expenses, each, to the Niagara and Providence Washington Ins. Companies and placed our Commissions of \$19.12 all to Mr. Sturdevants cr on Mdse a/c at Dunfields. Collected \$50.00 from McWilliams and sent some to the C.L. Inv. Co. to apply as a part payment on the Wm. E. Knight tract. Done some Notary work. Got my new suit from Bredel and Atwill, and attended to some(?) small matters. It is very cold again tonight.

January 2-Snow another inch last night.-Snow 87 in

January 3<sup>rd</sup>-Snow an inch last night and today. Mr. Whittaker and partner nearly papered the kitchen today. I attend to various chores. (Side margin-1.00 Notary fees).

January 4 Snow 88 in.-Snowed another inch, is damp and warm. The men finished papering and work on kitchen, my office and Aunt Mary's room. Emma is complaining tonight. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

January 5-A very pleasant day. I had my hair cut, and put on my new clothes Lilly and Willie Stees came and took away their effects today.

January 6-Cloudy but warm, a featherless(?) day. Work began on putting up the frame of Dr. Kernaghan's residence yesterday and continued today.

January 7 Sunday-Cold but pleasant. The girls returned to begin boarding again, after holiday vacation.

January 8 & 9-Cold and mostly cloudy. I attend as a little writing. Read a ck for my work as Registrar and Judge of election and \$5.40 overplus on the Nitre prospecting scheme. I had paid \$5.40 more than my share of the expense. (Side margin-\$16.50 Election).

January 10-Cold and cloudy. Write some business letters cleaned off at 4 P.M. very cold at dark.

January 11-clear and cold. Collected \$15.00 from Finly, Bowig(?) rent of Lot to March 1<sup>st</sup> 1900. Snowing at dark.

January 12 Snow 93 in.-Six inches of snow fell last night and today is cloudy and gloomy, but not cold. (Side margin-0.75 Notary fee).

January 13-Cloudy but warmer. Thawed some. I done some Notary work, finished up a lease for John Sampson. Collected from Leckenby and sent to C.L. & Co. \$3.50 Sent Macky \$30.00 funds I had collected. Margingained for sale of the Elmer Burgess



place to A.J. Leckenby for \$1000.00 and attended to various small chores. We looked for a bill of goods from Chicago did not come. I sent \$2.00 to Chicago Record for 6 mo. sink(?) to July 15<sup>th</sup> 1900-

January 14 Sunday-Pleasant day but began snowing at bed time. I read and write.

January 15-Gloomy, storm a little.

January 16-Much like yesterday. I fixed up lease of Borghi place with Richard Jackson. My Com is 7.50 I deposited \$5.00 Got Money Order for Crippen for \$67.50. (Side margin-\$7.23 Com on Lease on Borghi place).

January 17-Colder. Sun came out again. We got our goods from Chicago-most of the articles are O.K.

January 18-A cold morning. Day very pleasant I got our meat cutter in shape and we used it. Had Hamburg steak for dinner and supper. Sent copy of lease of Borghi ranch to Mr. Crippen. Made arrangements with Chat. Leckenby to insure one house we got another goof letter from Bruce today.

January 19-Clear, cold and beautiful. I order from M.W. & Co. 1/3 doz. S. 7894., 1 pr. U. 724, 1 pr. W. 1575 and 1 only K. 326. Sent Treas. Draft No. K 879 31 value \$2.62 to pay a Bill including post. And Ins. of \$2.45

January 20-Sharp cold morning Afternoon warm, a very clear, pleasant day. I margingained Lots 5 & 6 in Block 20. to Joe La Munyan and Mr. Mitchell Draw up contracts in evening. (Side margin-0.25 Notary).

January 21 Sunday-Very cold morning but a very pleasant day I put in my spare time in writing. Aunt Mary, who has been afflicted with the grip seems some better. I loaned Mr. Dever \$2.00. We had a fine roast turkey today for dinner. (Side margin-0.50 Notary).

January 22-Cold, clear and pleasant. Aunt Mary is a little worse I done some writing.

January 23-The same as yesterday. Nothing doing. Aunt Mary is no better. Elsie Adams begins to board with us. I send Macky \$116.65 a/c Lots sold to a Munyan and Mitchell.

January 24 and 25-Splendid weather but cold. On 25<sup>th</sup> read \$2.00 due me from the Farm Inv. Co. Aunt Mary is worse. Emma has a cold. (Side margin-0.50 Notary).

January 26 & 27-Clear, cold and beautiful. I attended to some correspondence, in addition to regular chores.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday-Another beautiful but cold day. Aunt Mary is seeming better the two past days.

January 29-Cloudy and cold, the air no full of fine misty snow and a few big flakes fall at dusk.

January 30-Clear and warm. I sent \$200.00 to C.L. Inv. Co. paid by C.H. Leckenby a/c H.E. Burgess place. Jno. Sampson brought 120 ft. of lumber from Adair's.

January 31 and February 1<sup>st</sup>-Another very beautiful day. I settled with the Keeper of the Bath house and sent Macky the proceeds. Paid W.W. Adair \$2.05 for 120 ft. of lumber and .50 cents balance due on freight.

February 2 Candleanas-Clear in forenoon but cloudy in afternoon Aunt Mary is not better, she suffers much with her head. Emma went with Hannah to the Brotherton ranch to stay until Sunday. I paid J.M. Trull \$3.00 a/c and got by Chas. Hilvy.-Snow 91 inches

S 91 2/3 Snow 3 inches the past two days. Warmer and cloudy.

February 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Cloudy and snow lightly part of the day. Emma came home afternoon.

February 5-A most beautiful day. Aunt Mary is some better. Chas. Hilvy bought me a big load of coal and says this evens us up.

February 6-Rather pleasant. Warm Aunt Mary about the same.

February 7-Snow and blow all last night and today Is nearly cleared off at bed time.

February 8-I had a bad night could not sleep. It has cleared up. I collected and sent Macky \$15.00 from Elmer Suttle to apply on his mother's notes and \$12.00 rent from McWilliams to March 1<sup>st</sup> 1900 and sent same to Walter Coleman has my Com. This is Annie's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Aunt Mary made her a present of a new silk dress. (Side margin-\$1.00 Com Coleman).

February 9-Cold, but clear and bright Aunt Mary is better I read a letter from a friend in Hammond La. Emma went with Jessie Brotherton, down to the ranch to visit until Sunday. I deposited \$9.00 to credit of J.M. Trull with Milner & Co. Being balance due for coal to date.

February 10-A very pleasant day. I wrote and read.

February 11-A mixture of sunshine and storm. Warm, very much like April weather.

February 12-Cold and clear. I attended to various items of business collected and sent Walter Coleman, 2 mos. rent from Prof. Niesz. (Side margin-1.08 Com Coleman Niesz rent.)

February 13-Snow nearly all day and snowing hard at dark and bed time. McWilliams and I talked over our co-partnership business and engaged the front room over Milner & Co.'s bank for 16 mo. from March 1<sup>st</sup> for an office.

February 14-Snowed hard the past 24 hours, over 24 inches has fallen. Could do nothing but attend to chores.

February 15-Snowed hard all day. The fences are covered almost. At this 9 P.M. a few stars are shining and the wind is blowing quite a gale.

February 16-Clear and cold. No mail up to bed time. Aunt Mary seems much better very cold at bed time.

February 17-Intensely cold-42 degrees below 0. Emma is afflicted with toothache. Aunt Mary still better. I rec'd letters from May Roary(?), Mr. Macky and Col. Steele. The Odd Fellows are organizing a square(?) at this place tonight, very cold tonight.

February 18 Sunday-Very cold, but moderate a very little at night. The Leighton Bros. are our guests.

February 19-Much warmer, thawed some. I wrote Miss Durkee(?), occupied our office today. (Side margin-0.50 Notary).

February 20-Very pleasant. Thawed some.

February 21-Snow last night 3 inches. I wrote and kept office today. Sent \$15.00 to Macky.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>-Snow and blow all day. I stayed in the office, wrote some letters.

February 23-Cloudy and storm a little. I wrote did not sleep last night. Aunt Mary is much improved, was up all day and ate with the family at the table. Our new sign was put up today.

February 24-A repetition of yesterday's weather, which is much like April. Mr. Atwell put my watch in running order.

February 25 Sunday-Snow, sunshine and clouds. McFadden began to board at noon.

February 26 & 27-Very much the same.

February 28-Cleared off and turned cold last night very cold today.

March 1, 2, 3 & 4-The weather has been pleasant cool nights and thawing days. Nothing important has happened.

March 5-A very stormy day but not very cold.

March 6-A very pleasant day. Prof. Niesz paid \$12.00 rent to March 20/1900

(Side margin-1.00)

March 7-Very pleasant Read \$12.50 from Springs Co. for Feb. Salary Mr. Atwell was up to examine Aunt Mary's eyes. I finished my story and got my manuscript off.

March 8-Clear but still pleasant. I paid \$6.25 taxes (1/2) paid Drug store and sent for new Truss (4.35).

March 9-This is Emma's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. A beautiful day I sent \$4.25 to Sunhold(?) Co. at Westhook Me and \$4.15 to Out West Ptg Co. at Colo. Spgs.

March 10-A beautiful day not a cloud in the sky at 10 A.M. Sent application blank to Mr. Roberts at Burns P.O.

March 11 Sunday-Beautiful but cooler. I made out order for seeds and wrote Ben Hartwick et al. Annie took some pictures Do not feel quite as common.

March 12-No change in the beautiful weather John Brought another load of coal. I wrote some letters and attended to the office. I began another manuscript today.

March 13 & 14-Pleasant. Thaws in the Sun and freezes in the shade. I write some and tend office.

March 15-Very much like other days, a little more cloudy. Thaws fast Sent papers to C.L. & Co. and to the Recorder in case of sale of H.E. Burgess place to H.P. & to C.L. & Co.

March 16-Looks like a big storm was brewing sent papers in sale of Wm. E., Knight place away for record and to close sale.

March 17-Cooler and clear. The snow is going fast in places tipped(?) up to the sun.

March 18 Sunday-A beautiful day I rested as much as I could and slept in afternoon, wrote 3 letters.

March 19-Very fine. I wrote to Cousin Maggie Burgess.

March 20, 21 & 22-Some colder, but clear and beautiful. The bare spots increase in size slower than one would think.

March 23-24-Still pleasant and thawing

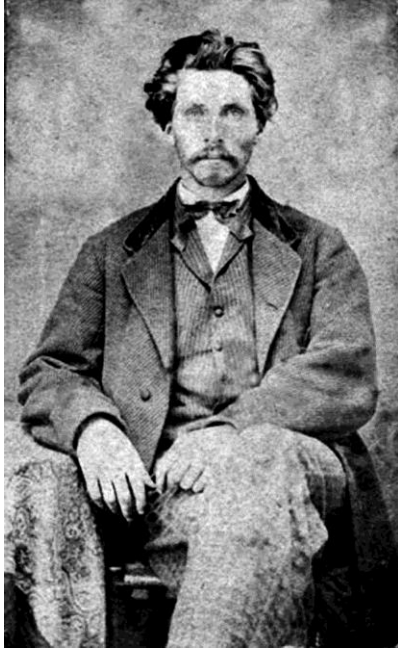
March 28-Since the 24<sup>th</sup> we have had all kinds of weather except pleasant. Have had some hail and rain, damp and foggy, but very little snow. Annie and Emma both have rheumatism.

March 29, 30 & 31-Very beautiful. Snow keeps nothing and bare patches of ground coming in sight all over the low lands

Monday May 7-Since Mar 31<sup>st</sup> I have been sick, could not work. I today pay Killian & J. \$10.00 a/c store bill McWilliams paid his rent to Coleman to 1<sup>st</sup> \$12.00 less his Com. or his part of it.

Thursday May 10-Sent Walter Coleman \$10.10 being McWilliams rent to May 1<sup>st</sup> 1900.

Monday May 13-Sent Coleman \$10.30 for rent to May 20 due from Prof. Niesz.



Courtesy photo

Perry Burgess, the namesake of Burgess Creek in Steamboat Springs, and Burgess Creek Chairlift at Steamboat Ski Area, kept richly detailed diaries of the Mormon Exodus, his Indian skirmishes on the Bozeman Trail, gold mining around Hahn's Peak and his civic efforts in Steamboat Springs and Boulder.

**Tom Ross: Riding a chairlift back in time**

**Burgess book details life of pioneer**

By [Tom Ross](#) Saturday, October 9, 2010

**If you go**

**What:** Presentation and book signings for "Beyond the Land of Gold, the Life and Times of Perry A. Burgess" by Rebecca Valentine

**When:** Noon Oct. 23

**Where:** Tread of Pioneers Museum at Eighth and Oak streets in Steamboat Springs

**Call:** 970-879-2214

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**What:** Presentation and book signings for "Beyond the Land of Gold, the Life and Times of Perry A. Burgess" by Rebecca Valentine

**When:** 5 p.m. Oct. 23

**Where:** The Mugshot, 116 Main St., Oak Creek

**Call:** 970-736-8491

Steamboat Springs — I have an old blue steel chair from the original Burgess Creek double chairlift hidden in the willows in my backyard. It's waiting for me to convert it into a lawn swing, and already it has been a long wait. It has been six years since Steamboat Ski Area replaced the Burgess Creek lift with a triple chair in December 2004.

I always knew that Burgess Creek was named after a pioneer family. But I never appreciated the historical symbolism of my odd piece of chairlift history until a fat new soft-cover book, "Beyond the Land of Gold, the Life and Times of Perry A. Burgess" landed with a thump on my desk this week. It was written by Rebecca Valentine and edited by Travis Thompson, a descendent of Burgess'.

Burgess had a ranch on the bench overlooking the Yampa River adjacent to the site of Steamboat Springs Cemetery. He built a little cabin for his family there in 1881. But even in the days when traveling to and from Steamboat Springs was slow and arduous, Perry Burgess traveled all across the West.

His extended family was part of the Mormon Exodus. Perry traveled with the great trapper Jim Bridger and was part of a family expedition by wagon train that engaged in deadly skirmishes with the Cheyenne and Sioux on the Bozeman Trail. He also was a devoted diarist and wrote about those violent encounters in detail.

Burgess was a prospector during the Colorado Gold Rush. Together with family members, he owned numerous banks in Missouri and Boulder.

Perry's son Bruce became a co-editor and partner in The Steamboat Pilot from 1896 to 1900, and during that time a series of pioneer recollections was published in the newspaper. Thompson, intent on learning more about his ancestors, researched the essays and realized they were based on the 1866 to 1868 Montana Bozeman Trail diaries of Perry Burgess.

Copies of the pioneer recollections were destroyed in a 1906 fire at the newspaper offices, but an extensive collection of the writings of Perry Burgess has been preserved. It includes transcripts of the Bozeman Trail diaries and eight more diaries Burgess kept detailing pioneer life in Steamboat from 1880 to 1900. The original Steamboat diaries were transcribed with the help of a grant from the Tread of Pioneers Museum, and they are excerpted in the book.

I've certainly never encountered anything like this new book that connects a well-established figure in the founding of Steamboat Springs with so many elements of the movement westward. It contains 120 images and more than 200 pages of Perry's own writing.

Think about this remarkable pioneer for a moment. Perry was born into a deeply religious Mormon family, and his father died during the exodus to Utah. As a young man, he prospected for gold. With an uncle and a third man, he helped to develop Boulder, establishing the city's banking system. And along with William E. Walton, the great-uncle of retail giant Sam Walton, Perry was closely involved in the founding of Steamboat Springs. And Steamboat is where he preferred to live out his days.

He died in June 1900, eight days short of his 57th birthday.

I can't do this book justice at one sitting, but fortunately for all of us, there will be presentations and book signings in Steamboat and Oak Creek on Oct. 23.

I think it's finally time for me to start on the construction drawings for that Burgess Creek chairlift lawn swing.