

Jethro Mitchell Swain



1843-1917

Personal diary from 1897

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1897

BORN 25 April, 1843 Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

DIED: 19 August, 1917, La Jolla, San Diego Co., California

Friday, Jan 1, 1897 Visited the National Museum and the Flower Market and the Bird Market. Came in satisfied for the day. At home in the evening.

Saturday, Jan 2, 1897 Engaged the McLeod Store of the agent at the Hotel Jardine as soon as McLeod and Co. can vacate. Then called on Mr. Senor Baz, Office of Directors contributions - then went and engaged an oven from a Widow Lady, see Wed next.

Sunday Jan 3, 1897 Visited the Thieves Market, then took in the Bull fight. 5 horses killed and 5 Spanish bulls. Wrote to A.C. Swain (brother), Merced City, Calif.

Monday, Jan 4, 1897 Went and left a written proposition for Mr. Mundoz. Alice stayed home all day. Today send letter to A.C. Swain (brother) and Gail Markham (Swain?)

Tuesday, Jan 5, 1897 Wife and I hunting for furniture today. Spent the evening with Dr. Chaffin and his mother.

Wednesday, Jan 6, 1897 Went to the Pallace and learned the true figure which it cost to run an oven 18.00 per sq meter per month. 40 inches--came home disgusted with this --- our room rent due tonight.

Thursday, Jan 7, 1897 All over the city again pricing fixtures. Going out west tomorrow. Paid manager room rent in full & leave a trunk here until we return - left some things with B.D. Harris.

Friday, Jan 8, 1897 Off @ 6:30AM for Acambaro where we arrived @ 4:45PM, our fare 3rd class=8./2.cents. Called on an Engineer a 7 year resident of this place - he thinks it won't pay--- Roomed up stairs in R.R. Depot.

Saturday, Jan 9, 1897 Off to Sefia @ 9:15AM. R.R. fare 2.24, arrived @ 9:40. Went direct to Mrs. Woolman's house, the only American family in a city of 2,000 people. (talking electric lights)

Sunday, Jan 10, 1897 We are stopping with Mrs. Woolman & today we have been out walking & someone picked Mrs. Swain's pocket. She lost her port money & 4 opals & a 3.50 gold specimen & a few dollars in silver and Mr. Coten has failed to show up. ? PM Telegraphed

Monday, Jan 11, 1897 Hunting up electric lighting all AM. Took train north to Irapuato - PM where we stop off to investigate.

Tuesday, Jan 12, 1897 Called on the Hefe (?) Politico & he said enough--So I wire A.C. Swain - PM. cost us 12.77 - quite sick today.

Wednesday, Jan 13, 1897 Irapuato Hotel, received answer from A.C. Swain, had another conference with Hefe (?) Politico; wrote out a mutual agreement for 30 days time, and off for Mexico City 7:15PM, fare 14.40 to Mexico City.

Thursday, Jan 14, 1897 Arrived at Central Hotel, moved our trunk from Buena Vista, and paid one weeks room rent \$4.00 cash. Found letter from Brother William Hayner and found letter from Ed Howard.

Friday, Jan 15, 1897 Wrote to Ed Howard, wrote to William Hayner, wrote to Irvine M. Scott. Sent papers to Howard.

Saturday, Jan 16, 1897 Exchanged a 20.00 for 39.50 Mexican. Wife & I went out and bought some dress goods, lining etc. paid out 20.00 Mexican money. Ben D. Harris - wrote to St. Louis parties - on Electric

investment. Mailed a letter to sister Mertie tonight - Chico, Butte Co., Calif.

Sunday, Jan 17, 1897 At home all day & wife & I both about sick. A Mrs. Thompson came into the Chapin (?) room today - called on us.

Monday, Jan 18, 1897 Wife confined to her room all day - Improving a little tonight is using Calomell 2 oz. pills take 1 every 3 hours. Took pair of his shoes out for repairs & bought some groceries, am waiting upon her.

Tuesday, Jan 19, 1897 Rec'd letter from A.C. Swain. Wife still in her room. I was all over the city in search of some Ca???? to help me out with my electric light enterprise. Rec'd letter from Mother. Bought some C.C. Pills 37 cts. Wrote to Hysler Dynamo Co. N.J.

Wednesday, Jan 20, 1897 Went up town and met some parties and am in hopes to get it to going on time yet. Have one party figures on cost of plant. Wrote to Mother Hayner, wrote to A.C. Swain, Merced, wrote to Hysler Dynamo Co. Mailed them.

Thursday, Jan 21, 1897 Went up town in company with Mr. Thompson and wife. Met a (?) party who wants to put in cash to light up Irapuato. Hope to do something tomorrow or leave the city of Mexico & go into State of Jalisco.

Friday, Jan 22, 1897 Exc @ F.P. Hoeck. Exchanged \$240.00 American for Mexican @ 1.95, 78.00 Mexican on 40.00 200.00 gold - rec'd 390.00 Mexican. Paid room rent and off for Irapuato @ 9PM. Fare 13.50 excess baggage 1.75.

Saturday, Jan 23, 1897 Arrived @ Irapuato @ 7:30AM and moved up to the R.R. Hotel where Mr. Harris & we took rooms. Raining finest kind. Wrote to Mr. A. L. Buddee (?) freight agent Mexican Central R.R. Office.

Sunday, Jan 24, 1897 Taking in the town and later we had a nice heavy shower of rain. Wrote to Hefe (?) our proposition. Wrote to Vandugen (?) W.L. Co. Wrote to R.M. Beebe at Gridley Station, Butte Co., Cal.

Monday, Jan 25, 1897 Met Hefe (?) Politico with our terms. Met Mr. C. Keith Ferber and he does our interpreting - Had trunks moved up from the depot, Cost .75. 4PM, met the Hefe (?) and he could not accept our figures but extended my time indefinitely.

Tuesday, Jan 26, 1897 Engaged the Ferro Carrillo Hotel this morning for Mr. B.D. Harris and ourselves for six months with the option of one year @18.00 per month to commence on the first of Feb. Mr. Harris, Mrs. Swain & myself took a long walk - later had a chat with the landlady, she wants \$50.00 cash.

Wednesday, Jan 27, 1897 Wife and I took a walk around the town and visited the Depot, called on Mr. Grey. Engaged some saddle horses for a ride tomorrow. Wrote to C.P. Loomis (?) tonight-to Ona (?), Shasta Co. Cal.

Thursday, Jan 28, 1897 Hired 3 horses and saddled and rode all around the country. Cost \$3.00. B.D. Harris is writing home for a first class well boring outfit. Met an old Butte county man named Francisco Goff. He is practicing engineering.

Friday, Jan 29, 1897 Had a stove built today, cost me .50 cts.

Saturday, Jan 30, 1897 Rec'd news from our freight and ordered it shipped here to Irapuato - to myself. Rec'd postal from Campbell at Pot?????. Rec'd letter from Jones about a Cinnebar Mine - at San Lino Potose. Answered him - Paid board in full \$5.00. Wrote George Hopkins - London.

Sunday, Jan 31, 1897 Took a walk around this city - rec'd letter from Mrs. Thompson & husband in Mexico City, answered it via letter to D. Chaffin and his mama @ central house. Mexico. Wrote letter to Captain Roberts at Stockton Cali - Junction (?) Engines.

Monday, Feb 1, 1897 We were ordered out of the Hotel Ferro Carrillo - we moved into the Hotel Vargas, we then went and rented the Ferro Carrillo Hotel for six months - and are to take possession in 2 days and all is well with us.

Tuesday, Feb 2, 1897 Did nothing but eat and pay for it. Still at Hotel Vargas.

Wednesday, Feb 3, 1897 Started out and bought 6 single blankets & 3 spreads, \$11.00, soap .18, washing .86 water 20 1.24, 10 yards sheeting, 5.00, carpet 3.00. Rec'd letter from R.R., our goods. Rec'd letter from R.M. Beebe.

Thursday, Feb 4, 1897 Called at Senora Barquim Office & signed Agreement to take Hotel @ 20.00 per month - for 6 months with privilege of one year.

Friday, Feb 5, 1897 Making purchases today for our Hotel. We hope to occupy at once. Cash to B.D. Harris \$55.00. Anniversary of Independence of Mexico. Mailed letter to R.M. Beebe.

Saturday, Feb 6, 1897 Signed contract with Mrs. Barquim & son. Moved in and took the keys of the house. Hired Mozo (helper) and two creadas (maids) @ 2.50 per man, 3.00 each. Rec'd letter from Brother Cass.

Sunday, Feb 7, 1897 Bought more kitchen furniture of several kinds. Getting to going slowly - Wife found \$30.00 overlooked, Mr. Barrde (?) here tonight to bed.

Monday, Feb 8, 1897 Still fitting up slowly. Rec'd letters from the E.W. Vanduzen Co. Cin. Ohio. Paid off one creado, .25¢ and hired another. Answered Vanduzen Co.

Tuesday, Feb 9, 1897 Bought four 3/4 bedsteads for \$36.00 cash - and two arrobas of unwashed wool for 13.00 cash - Wrote to Mexico City for a china cook today.

Wednesday, Feb 10, 1897 Wife bought ticking & we are building our own mattresses. Rec'd letters from Star Well Boring Co. of St. Louis Mo. Also one from Case Co., Racine.

Thursday, Feb 11, 1857 Mr. John Wiley arrived from Mexico City to breakfast. Sr. Miguel Barquim here today to dinner.

Friday, Feb 12, 1897 Hunting up stove pipe & sent for china man. Williamson Bros. to dinner & board. Mrs. L.D. Kingeland & S. Lawrence P.O. Box 333, Guadalajara. Wrote to Co. Madera Bank regarding sawmill on coast.

Saturday, Feb 13, 1897 Set up stove with pipe. Rec'd four arobas of wool from Sr. Barquim PM. Washing cost us .50¢. Rec'd circular from J.L. Case & Co., Racine Wisc.

Sunday, Feb 14, 1897 An uneventful day for us. Still picking wool and preparing to furnish up our house in shape.

Monday, Feb 15, 1897 Still picking wool, our new well caved in and nearly caught a man - fatally. Rec'd letter from R.M.B. and answered at once. Rec'd catalog from Starr drill.

Tuesday, Feb 16, 1897 Mr. Wiley off to Guadalajara. Wrote to A.L. Buddee. Plastering commenced today. Brick arriving mucho, for new improvement. Completed one cochone. Cost of material, \$15.50.

Wednesday, Feb 17, 1897 Fitting up room for Mrs. Wiley, varnishing bed steads & putting down carpet. Paid Miguel Barquim 24.00 wool. Paid 10.00 for two Rockers. Mrs. Wiley settled up in full \$9.25.

Thursday, Feb 18, 1852 I built two wash stands today. Mrs. Wiley moved in PM. Stray china man arrived. Heard tonight that our freight is here from California. Mr. John Wiley returned from Guadalajara & they are rooming here. Paid off old creada \$1 .12 tonight in full.

Friday, Feb 19, 1897 Mrs. Swain fired the Mozo and paid him in full, \$1.10. Freight & duty on household goods and sewing machine, \$1.00. Mrs. Wiley loaned us 50.00. Mr. Wiley off to San Luis Potosi tonight.

Saturday, Feb 20, 1897 Told B.D. Harris - he must put up or put out, as we cannot stand it any longer. Bought four chairs for \$1.75.

Sunday, Feb 21, 1897 Mr. John Wiley back this A.M. Mrs. Jessie was here ok. I went to market & bought our supplies for the day. Mr. & Mrs. Wiley preparing to travel north & east. Mrs. Jessie & Mr. John Wiley

off on the train north tonight. She's to Washington, he to Tampico.

Monday, Feb 22, 1897 Paid \$108.07 freight and duty on household goods and sewing machine from the line down here. We are unpacking & find we are out a lot of stuff.

Tuesday, Feb 23, 1897 Went to train to meet a mining man but he did not come, picking wool and at work unpacking our things. Mrs. Webb sent us a girl.

Wednesday, Feb 24, 1897 Wife & I straightening up our things that we unpacked yesterday. Wrote to Mother and to (?) L. Co. in San Francisco.

Thursday, Feb 25, 1897 Still straightening out our house and putting things to rights. (A Photographer here today. AM) Later, Baird & I called on the old man @ Hotel Vargas. Went to train tonight, saw Francisco Goff at station.

Friday, Feb 26, 1897 Cleaning wool for beds. Rec'd letter from my sister. Answered her at once & wrote Ed Howard on (?).

Saturday, Feb 27, 1897 Wife made 2 canvas. I made a stand table. Wind blew a gale.

Sunday, Feb 28, 1897 Wife & I called on Mrs. Simpkins. Wrote to J.L. Case Co. - regarding Goffs ? machine. Sent contract to Charles Cator (?) regarding sale of mine to Sears. Will write to the Star Well Boring Co. of St. Louis Mo.

Monday, Mar 1, 1897 Put hinges on big box and we filled up two canvas. A Spanish gentleman here tonight from San Antonio Texas. Took a room with us.

Tuesday, Mar 2, 1897 Our Spanish gentleman still here today - he goes on the Guadalajara train tomorrow.

Wednesday, Mar 3, 1897 Senior Hidalgo off to Guadalajara to return in 5 or 6 days. F. Goff off after a contract. Senior Barquim called this PM, answered an add in Mexico. Waterfall c/o Mexican Herald.

Thursday, Mar 4, 1897 Inauguration day for William McKinley of Ohio - President of USA. About sick today and at home laying around and eating strawberries. Wrote to Pacific Milling Co. in Lawrence Mass.

Friday, Mar 5, 1897 Grunting all day today. Mr. Ross came in this morning to breakfast. Ross came back for a bed.

Saturday, Mar 6, 1897 Made a trade with Williamson for 3 small night lamps. Francisco Goff here-idle. Gas light burner. Wrote National Brass Co. Broadway N.Y. and wrote to Burgie Mfg. Co., Chicago.

Sunday, Mar 7, 1897 Mr. Wiley returned to breakfast. Wife & I went to market, am. Mr. Wiley rec'd new saddle here via express from his wife in USA. Ross, the Baird's & Mr. Wiley all here together.

Monday, Mar 8, 1897 Paid months rent, \$17.33 cash. Mr. Wiley & Ross off the Guadalajara @ 8:30AM. PM, wife & I called to see Mr. Williamson in regard to calling on Mrs. J.. Sr. Barquim called. I called on Vargas Bros. Mr. Baird paid his board to date.

Tuesday, Mar 9, 1897 Wife bought a sun shade for \$3.00. We called upon Senora Barquim & family, then upon the Jeffe Politico and home to dinner. Loaned Engineers book to Sr. Vargas. Mailed letter to R M. Beebee.

Wednesday Mar 10, 1897 Baird rec'd wire from R.D. Blair and I answered it. To Queretaro 22c. Captain John Wiley returned from Guadalajara with Sr. Ross. Rec'd wire from R.D. Blair and answered, cost 32c. Wrote John Kemp, Ogden. Wrote R.D. Blair, Queretaro.

Thursday, Mar 11, 1897 Captain John Wiley preparing to go to Mexico City tonight. Rec'd letter from J.L. Case Co regarding thresher. Mr. Wiley off to Mexico on the evening train. Wrote to Benecia Ag. Works for header etc. D.B.H. rec'd \$50.00 from St. Louis.

Friday, Mar 12, 1897 Wyner, the original plow man here today. Rec'd letter from George S. Anderson, agent

Star Drill Co. Also wrote to a Mr. E.A. Durst, Akron Ohio. Wyner off to Mexico City.

Saturday, Mar 13, 1897 Rec'd letter from R.M. Beebee. Rec'd letter from R.D. Blair. Wrote to R.M. Beebee. Wrote to William Johns regarding a Mr. Mann mine. See Ross - Wrote to J.N. Wallace, Ypsilanti.

Sunday, Mar 14, 1897 Wrote to Secretary of IOOF, Lowell Mass, regarding water power & Cotton Manufacturing plant. Wrote to DVEL (?) Wemple for \$350.00 half interest in a cracker concession for Mexico.

Monday, Mar 15, 1897 Wrote to Char D. Lane @ -----Mex. Wrote to R.M.B. on briefs. C. Baird rec'd wire from Ross to come to Queretaro.

Tuesday, Mar 16, 1897 C. Baird off to Queretaro via R.R. Wrote to E.A. Durst & called on Sr. Barquim to learn his ideas. Rec'd \$8.10 of Baird Sr. on Baird account.

Wednesday, Mar 17, 1897 Friend Ross's wife died. Mailed letter to E.A. Durst regarding deep well. Heard Fitzsimmons bested Corbett. (boxing match)

Thursday, Mar 18, 1897 Mailed letter to Superintendent of the Hamilton Cotton Milling Co., Amesbury, Mass & pass to Fall River Cotton Milling Co. Rec'd letter from ----- Mexico, answer to water fall add - to Hapgood Plow Co., Alton Ill. for prices on cylinders pipe - rod etc.

Friday, Mar 19, 1897 Wrote letters to Attorney Babbit, C.W. Williams, Denver, Burgie Manfct. Co, National Brass Co. Rec'd letter from C. Baird, Queretaro.

Saturday, Mar 20, 1897 Wrote to A. Baird, Queretaro. Wrote to George Houghton, Orozaba. Sent paper to E.A. Durst, Ohio. Visited Barquim well & find it 25 feet deep with 3 1/2 feet of water. Rec'd letter from George Hopkins of London.

Sunday, Mar 21, 1897 J.M. Wiley - back from Halapa. Rec'd letter from Baker & H., San Francisco, California, answered at once. J.M. Wiley & wife and I had a Quaker meeting.

Monday, Mar 22, 1897 Showering today. Mr. J.M. Wiley wired her to come. Wired direct @ San Luis Potosi, wired to Texas, wired to Pueblo. Wrote to George H. of London.

Tuesday, Mar 23, 1897 Writing for J.M. Wiley until 11PM. J.M.W. sick, he is quite sick today. Rec'd letter from Durst, rec'd letter from Anderson, Rec'd letter from Sears & Caton.

Wednesday, Mar 24, 1897 Went to station and saw Baird for J.M. Wiley - visited Dr. Vargas mill & water works. Later in PM, Mrs. Swain wired Mrs. W. Asked B.D. Harris to vacate my house today. Sat up with a sick man tonight.

Thursday, Mar 25, 1897 Attending J.M.W. today. Called in Dr. - AM. Sent for lemons to Dr. Vargas. Asked B.D.H. to vacate again today. Baird called tonight.

Friday, Mar 26, 1897 J.M. Wiley better. Wire, then wrote W.H. Akers, Wichita Falls, Texas, Box 492. Waiting for J.M. Wiley today. Rec'd wire tonight from Akers, coming. B.D. Harris slid out.

Saturday, Mar 27, 1897 Mr. W.H Akers arrived from Wichita Falls Texas to see Mr. J.M. Wiley on ????. B.D. Harris off to Queretaro & we wish him well. Wrote to Cater & Sears, PM.

Sunday, Mar 28, 1897 Mr. Akers & I went to see the market & churches. Rec'd shipping record from R.M. Beedee, and answered by return mail. Wrote to J.G. Wiggall, La Grange and wrote to Alberto Baird, Queretaro.

Monday, Mar 29, 1897 Mr. Akers & Wiley doing some business today. Later Mr. Akers & I took a trip around town & visited the schools. Also walked out among the strawberry gardens.

Tuesday, Mar 30, 1897 Mr. Akers and Wiley have fixed up to take the Colina ranch - and the Saint Magdalene will be bought - now or never. Mr. Akers off to Mexico City tonight.

Wednesday, Mar 31, 1897 Went to station to meet Mrs. Wiley - but

she did not arrive.

- Thursday, Apr 1, 1897 J.M. Wiley rec'd letter from Mrs. Wiley in USA. Rec'd letter from Mr. Forest the Padre. Wired him to come from Guadalajara & he came on train this PM. Wiley sent package to W.H. Akers. Rec'd letter from Qubria Cotton Mill man.
- Friday, Apr 2, 1897 Rec'd letter from Emmett Wemple regarding Cracker concession in Mexico. Goff & I made some measurements to see about locating pump to exhibit. Padre Forest is translating the contract on the -----
- Saturday, Apr 3, 1897 Wrote to D.E. Wemple, rec'd letter from J. Kempf at Salt Lake City.
- Sunday, Apr 4, 1897 J.M. Wiley & I went to market and bought it all. Rec'd letter from A.E. Baird, answered it and wrote to Mr. Hager in Mexico City, wrote to John W. Burgiss.
- Monday, Apr 5, 1897 Mrs. Jessie Wiley arrived from the Estados Unidos, AM. Wrote to agent M.W. Quinn, Hamilton Woolen Company. A man here to see Wiley, Arlington W. Betts, Toledo Ohio.
- Tuesday, Apr 6, 1897 Mr. Wiley had his saddle on a horse today. Mr. Forest bitten by a dog. Goff in after supplies. Called on the Cincinnati carriage men.
- Wednesday, Apr 7, 1897 Mr. Forest quite lame, he had the dog shot. Mr. Wiley got a gun case made and is preparing to go to the Pacific Coast. I wrote a long letter to Barquim on business (?).
- Thursday, Apr 8, 1897 Rec'd letter from E.A. Durst. Called on the Hefe Politico, found he had let the job on city well. Wrote to R.M. Beebee. Wrote to Mobile Alabama. Talked pump and well to Vargas tonight.
- Friday, Apr 9, 1897 Rec'd invitations from the Barquine Family - to witness the Religious Ceremonies of young Wesley joining the Church of (?). Answered E.A. Durst.
- Saturday, Apr 10, 1897 Mr. Forest off to Guadalajara. I wrote to Aug Sahlberg, Mexico City - Superintendent. Compania Minera El Oro. Paid off thieving creado.
- Sunday Apr 11, 1897 Mr. J.M. Wiley & I went to depot & returned - will go to (blank blank blank), (can't make it out). Sr. Miguel Barquim called today and we talked mill.
- Monday, Apr 12, 1897 Wiley & I went to depot & returned - as usual. At the Foundry tested new crusher.
- Tuesday, Apr 13, 1897 Captain J.M. Wiley off to Colune (Colima?) via Guadalajara. Stage & saddle. Tried to sell Mrs. Wiley a new typewriter 36.00 - no go. Rec'd letter from A.E. Baird in ?????
- Wednesday, Apr 14, 1897 Wind blowing a tornado. Went to Exchange Office after money for Mrs. J.M. Wiley. Webb told me she could not have it until tomorrow.
- Thursday, Apr 15, 1897 Went to Exchange Office signed for Mrs. J.M. Wiley for \$155.00. Mrs. Webb's second son came into camp @ 3AM. Rec'd of Mrs. Wiley, \$33.00. Rec'd letter from A.E. Brooke Ridley.
- Friday, Apr 16, 1897 Rec'd letter from John A. Burgess and answered it by return mail. Sent messages to J.M. Wiley am, to Zapotlanejo, State of Jalisco.
- Saturday, Apr 17, 1897 Today JUDAS was done up in true Mexican style. Mrs. Wiley had letter from A.E. Baird @ Queretaro. Beautiful shower in PM.
- Sunday, Apr 18, 1897 A show in town tonight.
- Monday, Apr 19, 1897 Mr. Wiley has the Hacienda. Rec'd letter from R.M. Beebee and answered it. Talked pumps with Simpkins. Barquine called tonight.
- Tuesday, Apr 20, 1897 China man here to start a R.R. Eating house. Wrote to W. H. Akers, Wichita Falls, Texas, wrote to Mother E.A. Hayner. Dismay struck Webb & Grey and the Torrez family.

Wednesday, Apr 21, 1897 Rec'd letter from E.A. Durst, rec'd letter from George Hopkins, rec'd letter from Quinn. Spent PM visiting Sr. Miguel Barquines Haciendas.

Thursday, Apr 22, 1897 Wrote George Hopkins Esq., London a long interesting letter. Mrs. Swain & Mrs. Wiley off straw berrying PM.

Friday, Apr 23, 1897 Rec'd letter from the Padre, Mr. E. Forest, and met him at the train with his trunk. Wrote to El Paso, Texas, about my freight.

Saturday, Apr 24, 1897 Francisco Goff here am. Mrs. Swain made a new dress for Mrs. Wiley, Saw Barquine & sister on horse back this PM.

Sunday, Apr 25, 1897 54 years old today. I was born in Cincinnati. Ohio 54 years ago today in 1843. Father and Mother both born and raised in Ohio. Jones'es clerk died "sunstroke". Rec'd 2nd letter from E.A.W. will know more in 10 days. Went to strawberry ranch in PM.

Monday, Apr 26, 1897 Jones'es Clerk Edwardo Sanchez, he was buried @ 5 o'clock. Was told positive that Mrs. Simpkins and family are in the United States.

Tuesday, Apr 27, 1897 Mrs. Swain making a new wrapper for Mrs. Wiley.

Wednesday, Apr 28, 1897 Called on Mrs. Barquine, found out they have sent our papers to their attorney in Mexico City. Talked artesian well to her & Sr. Moreal.

Thursday, Apr 29, 1897 Rec'd letter from E.A. Durst. Wrote again to Mobile, Alabama. Baird here playing cards.

Friday, Apr 30, 1897 Repaired our rockers - Letter off to Mobile.

Saturday, May 1, 1897 Wife & I took a long walk, visited the Peacock Garden, met G.J. Builba and his brother-in-law & wife at the Garden. Wiley returning from the coast at Zapotlanejo, PM. Wired here to his wife.

Sunday, May 2, 1897 Mrs. Wiley - Swain & myself walked out to the Vargas place early this morning & returned. Wrote A.L. Budder, Mexico City in regard to lost freight on R.R.

Monday, May 3, 1897 Rec'd letter from Dr. E.L. Wemple and answered by return mail, PM. Also one from E. Howard. Mrs. W. rec'd wire from Mr. Wiley he is coming. Saw Dorsey Harris on train going to U.S.

Tuesday, May 4, 1897 Sent to Mexico City for 2 dozen bottles of face wash. Labels printed, 2 doz = \$2.00. wrote to Mrs. Woolman.

Wednesday, May 5, 1897 Mexico Celebration Day. Juarez defeated the French under Maximilian. J.M. Wiley came in on the Guadalupe train, found his wife here with us.

Thursday, May 6, 1897 Wiley's packing up to start north tomorrow.

Friday, May 7, 1897 Mr. & Mrs. Wiley off the north on 7:40 train. They are to see about some lithographing for us in the east. We to have our Label Company righted here.

Saturday, May 8, 1897 Rec'd letter from Auditor Frost regarding freight in care of Mexico Central - in transit. Rec'd letter from El Paso in regard to freight - in transit, from T.J. Woodside, agent. Wrote to Dan Best, San Leandro in regard to gasoline engine.

Sunday, May 9, 1897 At home all day, wife sick with lame shoulder - rheumatism. Francisco Goff here all the evening.

Monday, May 10, 1897 Rec'd, answered from A. Kling, Prop. Home Industry, Mobile Ala. Castings rough F.O.B. @ 1/2 cts per lb. Wrote to R.M. Beebe for corn seed via mail. Rec'd letter for E.A. Durst.

Tuesday, May 11, 1897 Rec'd telegram for E.A. Durst. Rec'd letter & package for Mrs. J.M. Wiley, cost .45c.

Wrote to Juan Jaacks, Guadalajara.

Wednesday, May 12, 1897 A Mr. Carson from Stockton, California came here last night to supper & bed.

Thursday, May 13, 1897 Rec'd letter from Et (?) DC, Chihuahua. Mr. Carson of Stockton still here. Sent Mrs. Wiley's dresses to San Luis Potosi - by express.

Friday, May 14, 1897 Mr. Carson off to Guadalajara sight seeing.
Visit Webbs, Cassa, visited the criminals pumps - & found 10 men pumping ok.

Saturday, May 15, 1897 Wife & I looking for another house. Went to station to Mrs. Webbs return home to find a Mr. Durst at our house waiting for us. Mr. Carson returned from Guadalajara tonight with lots of curios (sic) Showering at supper time.

Sunday, May 16, 1897 Mr. Durst and Mr. Carson here all day - we took in the market and baths. Mr. Goff here part of the PM.

Monday, May 17, 1897 E.A Durst, Ed Carson & I called on Sr. Moreal & are to visit his Hacienda tomorrow. Our pump has arrived at last. Freight on it is only \$57.75.

Tuesday, May 18, 1897 Sr. Moreal failed to take us out to his place today as per agreement. So Mr. Carson took PM train for California tonight. Mr. Durst still here.

Wednesday, May 19, 1897 Mr. Durst, Goff & myself visited Luis Varques place to look up his will. Then saw some fun @ the cattle corral - with wild cattle.

Thursday, May 20, 1897 Mr. Durst & Goff & myself called on Mrs. Barquine to talk artesian well. Later went to see Wilcox. Wrote to Potosi for bottles. Wrote to St. Louis Glass Works.

Friday, May 21, 1897 Goff, Durst & myself went out to see a big well below town. Goff on a job for Sam Jones tonight. Durst still here.

Saturday, May 22, 1897 Paid all bills on pump and have it at last on the premises. Set it up for inspection in our patio. Visited baths with Mr. Durst, PM. Rec'd letter from R.M. Beebee in regard to foundry & engine.

Sunday, May 23 1897 E.A. Durst off to Guadalajara. I wrote to R.M. Beebee, and Myers Drug Co., and to A.E. Baird. Heard that A.E. Baird's wife came to him.

Monday May 24, 1897 House hunting. Wrote to Mexico City about bottles. Simpkins & Co., made a 4200 casting.

Tuesday, May 25, 1897 Goff got back today from his trip. Rec'd letter from Wemple and answered at once, also letter from A.E. Baird @ Queretaro.

Wednesday, May 26, 1897 Rec'd letter from Beebee regarding the Foundry for sale @ Gridley. Rec'd letter from Celia Garrett @ Detroit, Michigan. Rec'd wire from E.A Durst, answer by mail tomorrow.

Thursday, May 27, 1897 Filled E.A, Durst order. Tried to do business with Wilcox, Rec'd letter from Mexico in regard to bottles (no good). Goff off on another job.

Friday, May 28, 1897 Last night raining. Trying to sell 1/2 of my pump to somebody today. Baird had a letter from J.M. Wiley today. Talked with a Mexican about the mine around Chevarva (Chavarria) and Corralitos.

Saturday, May 29, 1897 Rec'd answer from Obers Nester Glass Co., St Louis Mo. Called on Sr. Furber, he is overhauling pump for the city.

Sunday, May 30, 1897 Wrote to Ed Howard, Mr. Durst back from Guadalajara, he brought us some 4 oz bottles.

Monday, May 31, 1897 After breakfast E.A. Durst & Frank Goff off to Leon & Guanajuato for a few days. I

sent for Miguel Barquine. Mrs. Swain canvassing the town with her Flor de Lirio. I wrote out a proposition to Sr Louis Vargas on pump.

Tuesday, Jun 1, 1897 Visited Fogarty & Dickersons office today and talked pump. Farber wrote to San Luis Potosi about it. Talked prices with Simpkins, cost of patterns 75.00, cost of pumps complete \$100.00

Wednesday, Jun 2, 1897 Called to see Mrs. Barquine, called to see Mrs. Sam Jones, called to see Mr. Glass, called to see Mrs. Akins. The Wesley family all here. Mr. E.A. Durst back from Leon & Guanajuato, Rec'd letter from Beebee, rec'd letter from Myer Drug Co., S.L.

Thursday, Jun 3, 1897 Mr. E.A. Durst here waiting for his mail, also for some word from W.B. Carroll of Guadalajara. Had chairs repaired, 1.00.

Friday, Jun 4, 1897 E.A. Durst wired Mr. W.B. Carroll on business.

Saturday, Jun 5, 1897 E.A. Durst rec'd recd answer from Carrole. Major Thomas off for Cincine. Ross & Baird want interest in our pump.

Sunday, Jun 6, 1897 Four months up?? Wrote to R.M. Beebee - sent him freight bills complete on his machine - as I rec'd it \$60.11. Sent statement complete. Saw Carlos Baird passing. Met Luis Vargas as per agreement - poco tiempo.

Monday, Jun 7, 1897 Luis Vargas about to go into pump business with me, I believe. Mr. Durst rec'd letter from Mr. Carroll - Mr. Bell & Kinney & friend here until late.

Tuesday, Jun 8, 1897 Mr. Durst & I went to see the curio shops & later we went to the train & bought a paper. Called on Vargas Bros.

Wednesday, Jun 9, 1897 Called on Sr. Glass, agent for Fogarty & Dickenson. Wrote a note to M. Barquine, PM called on Mr. S. and he wrote to Guanajuato to Sr. Don Ignacis Harqueig Ortiz.

Thursday, Jun 10, 1897 E.A. Durst & Goff off to visit a crater west of Salamanca. Barquine here (& Grey) to see our pump with view to purchasing. Rec'd letter from E.C. Carson, Stockton.

Friday, Jun 11, 1897 Off to Guanajuato - \$2.00 expense fare. Mr. Simpkins & Mrs. Simpkins and I went & came together. Engaged to go into the Dons employment. He furnishes me a house gratis.

Saturday, Jun 12, 1897 Commenced packing up hoping to get moved early next week.

Sunday, Jun 13, 1897 Packing up - put sewing machine in crate. Mrs. Simpkins fell from her house this PM. Rec'd business proposal from Luis S. Vargas tonight & answered at once.

Monday, Jun 14, 1897 Monkeying with pump all day to show it to Luis Vargas & others. Settled up with E.A. Durst.

Tuesday, Jun 15, 1897 "Don Ignacio Ebarquenguitia" off to Guanajuato as per agreement. Met Don Ignacio Ebarquenguitia Hacienda de Benefecio. Bought a novel for use. Sold N.G. draft for 50.00 Mexican. Left 45.00 at Don's office - safety. Looking over the situation today since my arrival.

Wednesday, Jun 16, 1897 Could not find -----. Stopped with Mr. J.P. Judd @ Hotel Union. Went to market & met my folks & back to hacienda. Received \$25.00 balance on deposit. Wife & I overnight @ Hotel Concorda.

Thursday, Jun 17, 1897 Commenced work this AM, 3 men tearing out. Put in a good days work. Furniture @ Marbel, must go to Guanajuato tonight. Supper & room cost 2.00. Met Dr. Roby & family.

Friday, Jun 18, 1897 Judd, agent for L.P. Drexler, S.F. California. Still pulling out old woodwork and trash. A mason overhauling -----?. H.H. goods came in PM, cost us \$3.75 @ the house. Rec'd 5 balls of line for use in engine room & mill. Expected to see Simpkins today.

Saturday, Jun 19, 1897 Still at it. Mr. Simpkins & wife & Don Ignacio Ebarquenguitia visited us in our new

quarters today. Took my men to the Office and paid them off tonight. \$5.25 total.

Sunday, Jun 20, 1897 Wife & I & Maria & kid went to store for groceries, Maria came back & we went to the ---? of the ---?. To the Presa, came back into Guanajuato, done more shopping & came home. Wrote to A.E. Baird on pump. Wrote to J.M. Wiley, New York City.

Monday, Jun 21, 1897 Doubled my crew today. Am doing very well considering. Mrs. Swain ordered her new shoes today. I rode up to ----? tonight. Wrote to Buckeye E. Co., Salem Ohio.

Tuesday, Jun 22, 1897 Went to Guanajuato @ 8AM. Bought for hacienda, 2 hoes, wrenches, 25 lbs cotton waste, sheet of drawing paper. Took my men to office & paid them up to date, \$6.50. Rec'd balance of my deposit today, \$25.00.

Wednesday, Jun 23, 1897 Still pulling out old machinery with 6 people. Don Ignacio here today. Rec'd 5 gallons coal oil today. Rec'd another from J.M. Wiley.

Thursday, Jun 24, 1897 Grand Fiesta. Still wrestling with machinery, moved last of the gearing of the Chile Mill out & am now moving one of the Rolls. Let the peons go out at 4PM to the fiesta. Visited the next hacienda.

Friday, Jun 25, 1897 Worked all day moving ----? & worked hard. Coopers @ work on big ----?overhauling it. Mrs. Wiley letter arrived, also one from William Simpkins, also one from Luis Vargas.

Saturday, Jun 26, 1897 Commenced on engine cleaning up. Don here today-pm. Wife & I went up to town & did some trading. She left her watch for repairs.

Sunday, Jun 27, 1897 Wife & I walked over the hills east of town almost to the Pressa, then came into town, got my boots @ the shoe shop. Bought a few things & home. Later wrote to Buckeye E.C., Salem, Ohio.

Monday, Jun 28, 1897 Went to Guanajuato after bill of goods for the engine room. Don Ignacia here @ noon. Turned out four peons & paid them off @ noon. Rec'd letter from E.A. Durst & answered by return mail.

Tuesday, Jun 29, 1897 Filled up the boiler & over hauled the main valve. Find its threads are stripped, must have a new stem. Put on belt from England to counter shaft. Cleaned up rock breaker. Called on Louis Carlos late.

Wednesday, Jun 30, 1897 Steamed up and got the engine to moving this AM. PM, tried the rock breaker, but it does not satisfy us. Must use heavier belting. Wrote to William Simpkins for a spring to oblige the Don @ noon today.

Thursday, Jul 1, 1897 Changed belts and have tried to make the crusher a success, but have not made any very great improvement on it. It must do better or go. Another pump came tonight.

Friday, Jul 2, 1897 Overhauling rock breaker, the Don here today. Tearing out line shaft, intending to raise it. Answered J.M. Wiley. Went to town tonight for tobacco.

Saturday, Jul 3, 1897 Moved counter shaft out. Mr. Simpkins called for a short time. I put the breaker together and went to town for box of pills. Overhauled little pump. Drew 25.00 on wages.

Sunday, Jul 4, 1897 Wife & I off to visit the F.A. Cody family at the Cardones Mine & Mill. Had a fine visit, found Mr. Judd there & we were sorry the day passed so rapid. Came home in the evening.

Monday, Jul 5, 1897 At work as usual. I went to town to get pipe & fittings, etc - found the people going to the Plaza, was a fiesta. Moved out of our quarters into others, in same house. Received & answered letter from J.M. Wiley.

Tuesday, Jul 6, 1897 Went to Guanajuato early and bought some pipe & fittings & tools to do pipe fitting with & home by 11AM. Set up second pump & will connect it up soon. Received roll of papers from J.M. Wiley.

Wednesday, Jul 7, 1897 Commenced on engine today, pulling it down. The Don called on us again today, out

on business with Carlos. Rec'd letter from Simpkins & some rubber springs. Rec'd letter from B.E. Co.

Thursday, Jul 8, 1897 Off to Guanajuato hunting socket wrench. Rec'd letter & catalogue from Buckeye Eng. Co., Salem, Ohio. Tebaccio & Son here today. We pulled rock breaker down, am having work bench built. Stack painted - all going well.

Friday, Jul 9, 1897 Don here with Mason today. We pulled the breaker all to pieces. Must be repaired @ Foundry. Have 24 ft, 1 inch of shafting.

Saturday, Jul 10, 1897 Simpkins & lady up from Irapuato & here on business all day. Done some pipe fitting on pump No. 2. Morter being prepared for new line shaft. Millars putting breaker up again.

Sunday, Jul 11, 1897 Off to Irapuato with \$5.00 to see about pump. Met Wilcox, dined with him. Found E.A. Durst & Goff. Saw A.E. Baird & family. Came home with some strawberries.

Monday, Jul 12, 1897 Very busy today, the mason commenced excavating for line shaft pillows. I've started to junk the big barrel on the Banco & have it well under way. Rec'd socket wrench today and did a good days work.

Tuesday, Jul 12, 1897 Completed putting the tank up in place. The Don called this AM and I told him of losing my plumbing by having it stolen. Don requested me to write William S. which I did @ noon time. Paid my crew off, 5.00.

Wednesday, Jul 14, 1897 Putting in water pipe to supply boilers. The machinery arriving from Irapuato. Took out my line shaft today to send to Irapuato. Went to Guanajuato after key (?) drift & home with out it.

Thursday, Jul 15, 1897 Putting in pipe, helped reload the capsized base of the Mill. Don Ignacio here and he returned my lost plumb bob. Moving in the rest of the new mill, PM. Lined up for main shaft.

Friday, Jul 16, 1897 Opening up back entrance and wrestling with heavy castings. I rode to Guanajuato, mailed letter to Simpkins, bought stamps, 1.00 and some beef & a new head stall for our bridle. Will soon have back stairs.

Saturday, Jul 17, 1897 Moving Chile Mill. I discovered the masons were off their base. Don Ignacio arrived and laid it all on me. I offered to pay for their mistake and showed my lines to be correct, but it was no go, I am out.

Sunday, Jul 18, 1897 Wife & I called on Don Luis's mother & sisters, later we rode up in town. Met Mr. Cody & Bradley & his son in law, Aubery. Mrs. Swain got her watch repaired, .50c. Heard that Judd's in Mexico City. Saw Miguel Barquine on the ----?

Monday, Jul 19, 1897 Went up town. Received pay for work from Don Ignacio. I met E.A. Durst & F. Goff, just from Leon on business. Went to cook at some rooms @ Pasteta. D.& G. off again tonight for Leon & Irapuato.

Tuesday, Jul 20, 1897 Mailed letter to George Hopkins regarding his mill in Colorado. Wife & I visited Mrs. Cabla and rented rooms from her @ \$12.00. Engaged car @ 2.00 for tomorrow fore noon. Met Maj. Weed & William Simpkins @--?

Wednesday, Jul 21, 1897 Out of Noria Alto @ 10AM. Moved to Pasteto, cost \$5 30. Paid months rent, 12.00. Very busy straightening up in our new quarters. Francisco Rodriguez found us all right, this evening.

Thursday, Jul 22, 1897 About the house all day helping to get straightened out. Had a fearful rain storm this pm.

Friday, Jul 23, 1897 Sr. Don Max Cable came home from El Oro. Rained awfully.

Saturday, Jul 24, 1897 Wife & I walked upon the mountain east of the house where I fired off my pistol in order to clean & reload it, when a Genderarma(?) took it away from me.

Sunday, Jul 25, 1897 Sr. Max Koble off to meet some lady friends coming from the Mexico City. Wrote to J.M. Wiley regarding river mining, also hinted mine and mill. Wrote to Gail Markham.

Monday, Jul 26, 1897 A lovely day. Mr Koble & I took a look @ the old hacienda. Went to Post Office. Called to see Commandant & came home to dinner. Mr. K. came & visited us in our rooms later.

Tuesday, Jul 27, 1897 Taking a General Survey of elevations & possibility at Hacienda St Francisco in company with Max Koble & Mrs. Swain, Mr. Judd returned from Mexico City in PM. Mr. Koble, Mrs. Swain & Mrs. Barkland & Rea Aubry & I visited the depths of the Sarina mine.

Wednesday Jul 28, 1897 Don Max Koble, Mrs. Swain & I started early on horse back and visited an old mine. (noted the machinery). Went on to the Cardona to lunch. Then on to the Vial, called on a Mr. Kiler & wife. Looked over the plant and home to supper.

Thursday, Jul 29, 1897 Eclipse on the sun @ Guanajuato early in the morning. Visited Governor today. Wrote to George Hopkins; London. Wrote to Irving M. Scott, wrote to J.M. Wiley, New York City.

Friday, Jul 30, 1897 Off to meet Mr. Judd at the Pira Greena, met all ok. Then went to Santa Rosa & to the La Conda mine, thence to Kobles mine, thence to E.O. Monte mine & home @ 7PM, to find J.M. Wiley just in from New York City, in good health.

Saturday, Jul 31, 1897 Mr. Judd here also last night. He went to Marfel to see that machinery. (Went and got my pistol). PM, Judd & his friend & I rode out this PM to see the great Valenciana Mine. Wiley wrote to Adam Nymer.

Sunday, Aug 1, 1897 Went for Wiley's trunk, 50 cts. Roll of butter cost .80. Mailed letters for J.M. Wiley. Played cards late, Aubrey, Pender, Judd, Mrs Swain and I out .93 cts.

Monday, Aug 2, 1897 Went to get license for pistol, had my photo taken, will be complete tomorrow @ 4PM. Judd wants me to see a certain property @ once and report on it. Failed to get conveyances. F.Rodriguez, returned assarg (?).

Tuesday, Aug 3, 1897 Wife & I off to visit the mines, Valenciana & others. We put in a full day and came home with a lame horse. Major Pender & Judd came in from Cardones tonight. J.M. Wiley very busy corresponding.

Wednesday, Aug 4, 1897 Went and paid for my photo, 2 for 1.00. Went with Mr. Bradley to get my pistol, then the officers want \$5.00 more. So Bradley & I came home disgusted. J.J. Judd quite unwell.

Thursday, Aug 5, 1897 At home all day. Major Pender out to see the Los Loens Mines. Mr. Judd honing razors at home & taking his medicine. Mr. J.M. Wiley writing prospectus. We had letter from San Luis Potosi.

Friday, Aug 6, 1897 Called on the Hefe in company with Max Koble and got my pistol out of hock. Major sampling samples. Judd returned from Silao. Wrote to Simpkins yesterday, wrote to Durst today.

Saturday, Aug 7, 1897 Wrote to A.E. Baird today. At home all day. J.M. Wiley writing up something. Judd about to get the Loca mine, has wired for the money to California.

Sunday, Aug 8, 1897 Max, Major and Aubrey off to see the San Vincente mine. J.M.W. and I went to market. Later all hands reading J.J. Judd on a novel on history of Mexico. PM, a heavy thunderstorm, Max & Co came in, wet, wet.

Monday, Aug 9, 1897 Went to Office with J.M. Wiley, he read Stock and papers from Akers & Co. We saw Mr. Burgiss on the street. Bought cargo of charcoal. Played cards tonight.

Tuesday, Aug 10, 1897 At home all day. Preparing to go to the La Conda, tomorrow with Aubrey, early.

Wednesday, Aug 11, 1897 Aubrey & I off to visit the La Conda mine, got there and met Mr. M. T. Burgess, he wants Aubrey & myself to come over & help him. Back to Pastito to supper. Rec'd letter from Mr. William Simpkins of Irapuato.

Thursday, Aug 12, 1897 Wife & I visited the Cardonas Mine, then to the ?yal & home at supper time. Mr.

J.M. Wiley stayed @ home & kept house. Some rascal stole our walking last night.

Friday, Aug 13, 1897 At home all day. Received letter from Irving M. Scott. Played cards PM.

Saturday, Aug 14, 1897 At home all day. Wiley and I called on Fillipi & John P. in the evening. Preparing to go to the Cubo river tomorrow.

Sunday, Aug 15, 1897 J.M. Wiley, Max Koble, wife & I off early to look over the pipe, river and aqueduct . It commenced raining, so we returned to the house in a hurry. J.M.W. rec'd a letter from Nymer in Mexico City & answered it. I am preparing to go to La Conda.

Monday, Aug 16, 1897 Aubrey & I off to La Conda and commenced work. I on construction, Aubrey on night guard. Paid half weeks board in advance, 2.00.

Tuesday, Aug 17, 1897 Stone masons on boiler. Sent Wilson after steam dome and boiler fittings. Overhauling crusher. Rained part of today. Aubrey sleeping.

Wednesday, Aug 18, 1897 Have boiler nearly in position. Stone work all done & brick work to begin tomorrow morning early. Lost my 2 foot rule today - some how. Took center line of shaft today to work from later.

Thursday, Aug 19, 1897 Getting along all right. Heard from house via Mr. Bradley today - sent a reply to my darling via Mr B. Worked until after midnight repairing boiler

Friday, Aug 20, 1897 Steam dome arrived, ready to set template for hoist tomorrow, early. Boiler works ok. Mrs. Swain & Mrs. Cody & J.M. Wiley visited us today. Mr. Charles E. Allen quit.

Saturday, Aug 21, 1897 Getting along splendid. Put template in place. Most of the anchors in their places. Ready for the masons who are clobbering in the boiler in good shape. Went home tonight.

Sunday, Aug 22, 1897 Called on Mr. Sharp regarding -----? J.J. Judd & Pender off to Mexico City. Arrived @ La Conda @ 7:30 all ok.

Monday, Aug 23, 1897 Mr. Burgess went into Guanajuato this morning, gone all day. My work is moving all ok. Paid Burgess 3.00 on box of cigars. Having trouble to make steam, paid balance of Board, 2.00.

Tuesday, Aug 24, 1897 Lengthened smoke stack on hoisting engine today in order to burn green wood. Work is going along. Burgess discharged 148 men yesterday and I am ready to fly.

Wednesday, Aug 25, 1897 Very busy as usual. Sinking a water tank, closing in the boiler & putting in the foundation for the hoisting engine. The Jeffe Politico here & made a speech.

Thursday, Aug 26, 1897 Everything going as usual. Brick work on boiler done except rear end. Fitting up water gauges and overhauling Cameron boiler feed pump. Building a cement cistern.

Friday, Aug 27, 1897 Everything moving. 2 inch pipe arrived. Caught two thieves today & fired an accomplice. The 2 thieves off to Guanajuato to jail.

Saturday, Aug 28, 1897 Everything moving. Aubrey off to Guanajuato, he returned late & went on watch as usual. Tonight received letter from my old Pard via Aubrey.

Sunday, Aug 29, 1897 Off to Guanajuato to see my wife, stayed until 3pm. Bought cigars for .75¢. Came back to La Conda @ 6PM, found Mr. Bradley @ the mine visiting.

Monday, Aug 30, 1897 Mr Burgess went to Guanajuato. Raining off & on most all day. Mr. Bradley & Rea stayed until PM, then started out for Guanajuato. Lorenzo, a mason had a tumble & went home at noon. Mr Burgess returned.

Tuesday, Aug 31, 1897 Still going ahead as well as could be expected with rain falling every day. Connected pipe line with Paso today and put muddrum (?) in place.

Wednesday, Sep 1, 1897 Mason is about done on engine bed and boiler today. Put up gin pole this PM. Am hoping to raise chimney tomorrow morning. Rec'd note from F.A. Cody.

Thursday, Sep 2, 1897 Made a full day at odds and ends today. Waiting on masonry to dry out, if it will only stop raining. Rec'd Postal from Charles E. Allen, Mexico City. Wilson, the colored boy gone to town.

Friday, Sep 3, 1897 Cementing & leveling engine foundation. Made joints on dome, also on safety valve. Am getting on as well as could be expected, considering this weather. Wilson still in town.

Saturday, Sep 4, 1897 Aubrey off to Guanajuato after money. Raining as usual. I have the boiler all closed up, so we can fill up with water to the first gauge, more brick came tonight. A new night watch on.

Sunday, Sep 5, 1897 Off to visit my family via Pastito. Found wife well as usual, except a very bad cold. Met Mr. Bradley there, tried to find an engineer for Mr. Burgess in Guanajuato, returned to La Conda @ 6pm.

Monday, Sep 6, 1897 Paid board bill in full to date. Worked all day on gin pole and it is in at last. I must do better tomorrow. Mason's closing in the wall at boilers rear.

Tuesday, Sep 7, 1897 At work as usual, put up a new gin pole & have my chimney up on a 45 degree angle for the night & it is raining like "hades". Lorenzo came in late. Aubrey is missing.

Wednesday, Sep 8, 1897 Worked all day getting our smoke stack on end, ready to hoist tomorrow. Up @ 3AM to see what was wrong with the hoist engine. Aubrey came in ok today. Another piece of the hoist came also.

Thursday, Sep 9, 1897 Have the smoke stack erect and ready to set on the britchers in the morning if all goes well with me. Wrote to Dow last night on business.

Friday, Sep 10, 1897 Still wrestling with the chimney, between the rain & the damned slow peons. I fear it will get away from me yet. Hope to get it in place tomorrow. Wrote to Braniff & Co. Bought cigars for 2.50 a box.

Saturday, Sep 11, 1897 The stack is in place & Burgess & myself are pleased that it is so. Aubrey went to Guanajuato and returned with \$2,500 again today. I bounced a peon today for talking too much. Paid weeks board tonight. Rec'd pair of trams from Guanajuato.

Sunday, Sep 12, 1897 Stayed @ La Conda, roads too bad to go out to Pastito today. Changed my bed clothes for clean ones & wrote a letter to my wife, to go to her early tomorrow.

Monday, Sep 12, 1897 Sold boots to Mr. Coxan for 4.00. At it as usual and Mrs. Swain came to see me. She stopped with me overnight. Letters from E.A. Durst, R.J. Wilcox and J.M. Wiley.

Tuesday, Sep 14, 1897 Mrs. Swain off for Pastito alone this morning. I have taken the gin pole down and have everything ready to fill up.

Wednesday, Sep 15, 1897 Fired up under new boiler for the first time today. Major Pender and Mr. Bradley called today, received letter from wife.

Thursday, Sep 16, 1897 Fitting up steam pipe to connect with old hoist. Sent to town for flange & 2 3 inch nipples by Lorenzo. Loaned 1.00 to Boss Mason, am awful tired of my help, doing most of the work myself, all the time.

Friday, Sep 17, 1897 Commenced putting down flagstone for our engines to rest on. Have most of them down tonight. Connected up water gauge on new boiler, complete. Wrote a note to my wife.

Saturday, Sep 18, 1897 Putting down flagstone and have most of them in place. Raised the chimney on rock breaker engine, 8 feet higher. Received letter from wife & one from Wiley and came home @ 10PM.

Sunday, Sep 19, 1897 @ Pastito with my wife. She begins boarding with Fannie Koble @ \$4.00 per week & room. Wrote J.M. Wiley in New York, met Bradley & Major Pendar @ Postito. Came back to La Conda

@ 6pm.

Monday, Sep 20, 1897 Commenced foundation for new boiler house. New clock & a new Pemberthy (?) arrived from Mexico City. Max Koble here to visit us. Box of cigars for me, \$2.25.

Tuesday, Sep 21, 1897 Recutting anchor bolts on their points 4 inches. Commenced cleaning up engine beds and shaping things for assembling soon. Sent for Pemberthy (?) bulbs.

Wednesday, Sep 22, 1897 Engines moved onto their foundations - not in line or leveled up yet, but am getting there. Received letter from my wife and one from Wiley. Completed blow off pipe line. Also one from George E. Dow in San Francisco.

Thursday, Sep 23, 1897 Getting engines in line, grouting anchor bolts. Cleaning up cylinders & rods, links, everything. Hope to get sulfuring done tomorrow and I want to get out of this.

Friday, Sep 24, 1897 Moved main shaft into its bearings & am slowly assembling the engines. Having the masons and carpenters also under my charge as M.T. Burgess is sick.

Saturday, Sep 25, 1897 Found another fault in Sharp's drawings. Have my engine beds down and one cylinder hanging. Rec'd letter from wife & answered R.J. Wilcox at once. Locked the 3 doors of the ----- mine.

Sunday, Sep 26, 1897 At La Conda idle all day. Wife and Rea & Mr. Bradley came in the morning and they stayed here overnight.

Monday, Sep 27, 1897 Wife & Rea & Mr. Bradley off for the Pastito early. I am working as usual, putting in machinery. Burgess assaying. Paid my board in full, \$4.00.

Tuesday, Sep 28, 1897 Have cylinders in and am doing as well as I can and hope to get through. Had a job on reel tonight for luck.

Wednesday, Sep 29, 1897 Coupling up eccentrics, getting on good. Received letter from Ed Howard and one from Mrs. Swain & answered it. Received 25 cents stamps.

Thursday, Sep 30, 1897 Setting guides in line & putting reels & gear wheel in pit. Waiting for keys & other things on the Pastito foundry. J.P. Judd & Cartwright called this evening.

Friday, Oct 1, 1897 Working as usual & getting almost through. Colen went to town & returned well filled. Sent for cigars. Sent boots to repair. Loaned .25 cts to mason, loaned 1.00 to Martin.

Saturday, Oct 2, 1897 Putting injector in place, cutting pipe and fittings all day. Heard from her and Aubrey gave me \$2.00 of her money upon his return from Guanajuato. A.S. Aubrey off for Midland Michigan this evening.

Sunday, Oct 3, 1897 @ La Conda. Studying dictionary. Cloudy and cold all day. A.S. Aubrey off tonight.

Monday, Oct 4, 1897 Working on pipe fittings, using odds & ends. Mrs. Swain arrived to dinner, accompanied by Max Koble & J.P. Judd. Rec'd letter from J.M.W. Mrs. Swain stopping here.

Tuesday, Oct 5, 1897 Completed injector connections. Got up steam for the first time this PM. Putting in short back straps. Set up lubricator & made some fittings for it. Find I am short of oil cups.

Wednesday, Oct 6, 1897 Fitting main steam on to engines. Received keys & other extras from Foundry. Received samples of oil cups. Must recut one pipe. Mrs Swain rec'd New York World & 2 letters from Mrs. Wiley.

Thursday, Oct 7, 1897 Connected up to engine, steam connections, completed. Steam gauge stuck up. Working on cylinder drips. Hope to turn engine by steam by Saturday PM. Rec'd letter from Dow.

Friday, Oct 8, 1897 Steamed up and moved engines today. Putting reels in place, almost through here. Rec'd papers & letters from Wiley and Bradley, answered both.

Saturday, Oct 9, 1897 Put the reels in place, moved the engines. Find everything ok. Mr. Burgess says he is pleased with my work, and I am content.

Sunday, Oct 10, 1897 Worked all day on engine & boiler and injector. Check valve no good. Stop cock worse and injector don't start. Rec'd more -----from Mrs. Wiley. Rec'd letter from Charles P. Lowery, dated Grub Gulch, Sept 25th.

Monday, Oct 11, 1897 I find some thief has stolen the jet valve from our new injector. It puts me out some, but I will get there. Hope to get through here very soon. Paid board tonight, \$8.00.

Tuesday, Oct 12, 1897 Put steam pump in place, coupled it up and find it all ok. Rec'd note from Cody & answered at once. Rec'd letter from Bradley. Burgess off to Marfiel with Ore train.

Wednesday, Oct 13, 1897 In 52 days have completed my job for the present at La Conda to the satisfaction of Mr. Burgess. The Superintendent, I believe expects to go to Pastita tomorrow morning. Rec'd letter from Max K.

Thursday, Oct 14, 1897 Settled up to date with Mr. M.J. Burgess for work done, as Erecting Engineer on the La Conda Machinery. Arrived @ Pasitia to dinner, found friend Judd and Pender & wife there.

Friday, Oct 15, 1897 Bought \$10.00 hat and ordered a suit of clothes & pair of shoes to cost \$36.00. Wrote sister Mert. Sent money to R.J. Wilcox, \$60.00.

Saturday, Oct 16, 1897 Went down town, on returning met 2 young Americans hunting for Judd, They came from Omaha & Ft. Worth Texas. M. rec'd letter from J.M. Wiley, (answered) Mrs. Swain & I quit boarding tonight. Judd preparing to go to San Francisco.

Sunday, Oct 17, 1897 Mr. Magner Cogshall and Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds along with Judd and Mr. Cody & daughter all attended the Bull fight along with Wife & myself.

Monday, Oct 18, 1897 Burgess sent for me to come post haste & I went over to the foundry, thence to the La Conda. Took Mr. Magner with me. Took measurements & started to Irapuato, direct. Arrived @ Union Hotel to bed.

Tuesday, Oct 19, 1897 Getting Pattern started, am in hopes to get away soon. Paid Hotel Bill @ Hotel Union tonight, \$1.25. Wrote to M.J. Burgess and to Mrs. A.C. Swain. Changed hotels to Central Hotel.

Wednesday, Oct 20, 1897 Rooming with Wilcox. At foundry all day. Rec'd wire from M.J. Burgess, had steam jet made PM. Talked pump with Ross. Wrote M.J. Burgess and my wife. @ Central with Wilcox.

Thursday Oct 21, 1897 Rec'd letter from my wife. The pattern work moving along very well. Answered wife tonight.

Friday, Oct 22, 1897 Rec'd first letter from M.J. Burgess requesting length of time it will require to replace new Master Gear in place, etc. Ate supper in Irapuato & took the train for Guanajuato @ home @ 8:30, found all ok.

Saturday, Oct 23, 1897 Talking business with parties from New York City and Texas. Had tailor fit my new suits and off for Irapuato again. Sent steam jet to La Conda. Back to Irapuato to bed.

Sunday, Oct 24, 1897 Irapuato all day. The pattern maker at work today. Jeff Roundtree and Arnold off for Texas on a visit. Still @ Central Hotel.

Monday, Oct 25, 1897 Rec'd letter from M.J.B. @ La Conda - also wire gauge - hub bore. Ans'd M.J. Burgess and wrote to Mrs. Swain, bought postage stamps.

Tuesday, Oct 26, 1897 Rec'd letter from Mrs. Swain and answered. Wrote to C.P.Lo. --- Shasta Co., California. Pattern in Lathe this morning.

Wednesday, Oct 27, 1897 Helping all day to get the Gear Wheel pattern in shape. Hope to get it into the sand tomorrow.

Thursday, Oct 28, 1897 Rec'd letter from M.J.B., dated 27th. Worked on pattern faithfully today. Hoping to put it into the sand this PM. Answered M.J.B. this PM.

Friday, Oct 29, 1897 Cogshall passed going to Guadalajara, reports all well @ my home in Guanajuato. Our Master Gear was poured at 5:30 pm and is in the sand tonight.

Saturday, Oct 30, 1897 Have a good Gear and have it in the Boring Mill early. Wired M.J.B., will ship tonight. Spent all day on wheel, made all arrangements to ship at once. Gear in Depot. Paid \$40.00 to Foundry on Bill.

Sunday, Oct 31, 1897 Off from Irapuato for Salon and homeward. Wilcox went to Salon with me, then I went on to Guanajuato & home, found wife ok. PM. Tried on my new suits, went down town & bought box cigars.

Monday, Nov 1, 1897 Off to Marfiel early. Found Grannia had not arrived. Met Lorenzo on the road. Told Lorenzo to stop in Guanajuato overnight to help me. Called on Miss. Harris in PM for Letter of Introduction.

Tuesday, Nov 2, 1897 Up and off to Marfiel @ 4:15, walked to mason on cinco de mio. Took horse & rode to Marfiel, paid freight on Gear. Failed to find cart, hired cargadores for 10.00, advanced them 3.00 & they done nothing.

Wednesday, Nov 3, 1897 Loaded the gear on a cart and went on to La Conda on horseback. Wired Wilcox to save a room and bed for Mrs. Swain when she gets there tonight. Found Burgess all ok. Our gear failed to get here.

Thursday, Nov 4, 1897 The Gear came @ noon & we worked until 12 midnight & went to bed. Wife is in Guadalajara tonight. Burgess has resigned.

Friday, Nov 5, 1897 I worked all day and until midnight & don't know yet if I can get away tomorrow.

Saturday, Nov 6, 1897 Readjusted everything, am sick enough to be in bed. Hope to pull my freight tonight, am too tired and sick to move tonight & yet am working until after 12 midnight.

Sunday, Nov 7, 1897 Sent for doctor early, must get out of here at once. Settled up AM. Worked 20 days. Rec'd pay in full - all ok. Reached Guanajuato 4:40PM, Marfiel 5:20, off for Irapuato.

Monday, Nov 8, 1897 Irapuato overnight with Wilcox, left my tools & am off for Guadalajara to ---- take my partner. Found all ok @ Guadalajara waiting for me.

Tuesday, Nov 9, 1897 At Guadalajara all day trying to buy a horse for wife to ride west. Settled up all square with Mr. Magner tonight. Bought a roan horse this PM at Culvertsons mason for 30.00 cash, branded J L left thigh.

Wednesday, Nov 10, 1897 Off from Guadalajara @ 6AM. Reached Santa Ana @ 4:45PM and all being well. We put up for the night. We rested & fed two hours on the road several miles back today. (looks like he either went 12 miles or leagues according to a 12 on this entry date). NOTE: League about 3 miles.

Thursday, Nov 11, 1897 Off from Santa Ana early, rode to dinner, 2PM. Off to Jachaluta and made it by 7PM. We are now half way from Santa Ana to Zapotlan (Zapotlanejo). (20 leagues or miles according to a 20 entered on this day)

Friday, Nov 12, 1897 Off from Jachaluta and on the road all day. We reached Zapatlan (Zapotlanejo) after a ride of 14 leagues, all in good shape. Stopped @ Stage Station Hotel.

Saturday, Nov 13, 1897 Zapatlan (Zapotlanejo): Wrote to M. Koble, Guanajuato and M.J. Burgess - La Conda. Bought a buckskin horse from a Mexican for 28.50. A Mr. Grant made the deal for us, 9 yrs old, branded as per bill of sale.

Sunday, Nov 14, 1897 Had the buckskin shod today & we are still waiting the arrival of our baggage from

Guadalajara. Listening to the band in the Piazza.

Monday, Nov 15, 1897 Our freight arrived this PM from Guadalajara and we have arranged to move out early. I bought a saddle & bridle \$7.50. Hotel bill total \$5.50. 4 nights room rent 3.00. \$20.00 cash to Magners.

Tuesday, Nov 16, 1897 Off from Zapitlan (Zapotlanejo) for Colima. Rode 11 leagues to dinner station by 11AM. Rested 2 hours and rode away to our night station 8 leagues more. Have passed about three volcanoes all day.

Wednesday, Nov 17, 1897 Off from Tonaya and rode into Colima to dinner, & stayed overnight @ the Jardine Hotel. Find that Cogshall has gone on down to the timber tract. Our baggage came in tonight, ok.

Thursday, Nov 18, 1897 Still @ Jardine Hotel resting from our ride. Waiting Cogshall return, also waiting for B. F. Bradley, Guanajuato. Wrote to Mother E.A. Hayner, wrote to Fannie Koble, Guanajuato and wrote to M.J. Burgess.

Friday, Nov 19, 1897 Called upon the Governor, Don Francisco Santa Cruz, still waiting on Cogshall to return. Wrote to Brother O.E. Swain, Alameda, California.

Saturday, Nov 20, 1897 Still waiting @ Colima for Cogshall's return.

Sunday, Nov 21, 1897 Still waiting for Cogshall to show up. All hands mad as hell at Cogshall's conduct toward us, he is off with Stadden.

Monday, Nov 22, 1897 Am still here on expense, eating ourselves sick. Magner wired to Manzanillo. Visited Sr. Diaz and PM spent an hour visiting in the Girls High School, taught by a Mr. Huston, a Scott.

Tuesday, Nov 23, 1897 Still waiting & Cogshall & Stadden arrived this evening, direct from Coera.

Wednesday, Nov 24, 1897 Cogshall & Magner preparing to to Mexico City, thence east. We shall be off this PM. Cogshall & Magner off, we stay here a couple of days yet. Paid up all bills to this PM. Commence again to supper.

Thursday, Nov 25, 1897 Preparing to go south. Bought bill of grub & shipped it via Manzanillo & boat to the timber camp. Expect to start early.

Friday, Nov 26, 1897 Off for Pomaro early, traveled very well with 3 pack animals. Dropped my watch and it is dead as hell. Slept out tonight.

Saturday, Nov 27, 1897 Stopped at Guaviana of private hacienda.

Sunday, Nov 28, 1897 Crossed the highest point over a hell of a trail. Old soldier drunk all day & almost gone. Rec'd letter from Percy A Bivens. Traded pack horses, camped on trail. Stopped west of Makel.

Monday, Nov 29, 1897 Up and off to Makel. Camped with the butcher, ate dinner, traded horses, Paid 2.00 to boot and moved out on trail and camped overnight.

Tuesday, Nov 30, 1897 Reached Percy A. Bivens mine @ 2PM and took temporary possession as requested. All hands in good shape.

Wednesday, Dec 1, 1897 Still at Charcoda Los Puercos Providencia. Resting up our selves and stock. By invitation of Percy A. Bivens Superintendent. Mr. L.R. Routh and Mr. Alfred B. Maine returned from prospecting today.

Thursday, Dec 2, 1897 Visited the mine of Biven's Co. this AM. While Graves & Routh went off on a deer hunt. Mr. Hinds preparing to start to the States early tomorrow morning.

Friday, Dec 3, 1897 Hinds out and gone. Moved out from Providencia mine to inspect a prospect belonging to a Sr. Gregorio Lund. Camped first night at ---

Saturday, Dec 4, 1897 Moved on across a wild rough mountain trail, found some very interesting old walls and

workings, very extensive. Crossed a very high divide & a bad trail to Joche.

Sunday, Dec 5, 1897 Lost our Mozo, mule & left his outfit in a tree at ----- (?), moved on to Saletre, bought some meat etc, and moved on to Los Moho & camped. We are now on the line of telegraph from Morelia to Zoxano (?).

Monday, Dec 6, 1897 Camped one night here. We examined the old mines & panned some at a spring in Charco de Los Puercos, and were satisfied & moved back to our former camp at Jocote (Jocotepec) via Saletre and Chiliquina on telegraph road & line, very late.

Tuesday, Dec 7, 1897 Off from Jocote (Jocotepec), returning towards the Providencia Mine, once more heading toward the Pacific Coast. Lunched and prospected some at a very extensive ruins, panning & prospecting. Camped at our previous camp above the Big Falls on Ostula (?) head waters.

Wednesday, Dec 8, 1897 Off for the Providencia Mine & reached there @ 3PM. All well, but a bit fatigued. The climate & weather fine. We saw many grand water falls. Overnight @ Providencia Mine.

Thursday, Dec 9, 1897 From Providencia to the Coast. Moved out and was lost all day after passing Ostula (?) - having followed the river nearly to the ocean, crossed it many times. Camped overnight.

Friday, Dec 10, 1897 Turned backward this morning, retracing our steps for two of more leagues, to near Ostula where we forded the river for the 6th time this morning and headed away for Pomoro. We traveled until 3PM and camped for today.

Saturday, Dec 11, 1897 @ an Indian ranch area where we bought corn & 2 eggs and a fine chicken for 50 cents. Off toward the coast early. Met the Padre & family on the trail. Lunched on limes. Reached Coyre and camped in the city hall.

Sunday, Dec 12, 1897 Bought eggs, chickens, corn, tortillas - platnos gordas - fared sumptuous and moved on via Pomoro and onward toward Magalle (?) on the coast. Found Marjuata full of people. Sr. R.M. Stadden at the head. Camped at once for tonight.

Monday, Dec 13, 1897 Spent the night with Mr. R.M. Stadden, found all our freight there and the boat arrived from Manzanillo early - AM. Two letters from Max Koble, 1 from Mother and one from J.M.W. Mr. A. Howard arrived with the mail.

Tuesday, Dec 14, 1897 Figured up our expenses on the road & find it cost us \$16.25. Preparing to skip out PM. R.M. Stadden was visited by the Chiefs of Indians and a big talk was had. Then Mr. Roscoe Howard photographed the group.

Wednesday, Dec 15, 1897 Sold our Grub Bill to Stadden, preparing to go back to Guanajuato. Made arrangements to take the pack animals back, Stadden don't want them & I am content. Shipped our trunk out to Wilcox via Colima Via Stadden, he to ship it through for me.

Thursday, Dec 16, 1897 Off from the Port of Marijuato (Maruata), wife & I traveling alone. Moved inland to Pomerio & camped in the Municipal building. 5 leagues.

Friday, Dec 17, 1897 Off from Pomerio to Couera & secured a Letter of Introduction from the Whiz (?) to the head man in Senegal & also a guide & pushed on to Senegal, where we fared splendid. 8 leagues.

Saturday, Dec 18, 1897 No water all day, 10 leagues. Traveled over the very high coast range all day - PM - with a guide to Salter - a high mountain cow ranch, sent guide back and camped early in a beautiful mountainous country. Perfecto Sanchez rancho.

Sunday, Dec 19, 1897 Off from Perfecto Sanchez @ Salter for Qualtepec (?) - over a fine country - heavy oak timber and very tall & straight, finest grass & corn fields we have seen. Best prospect for mines we have seen, a beautiful view on all sides. Very rough and very hard and reached Qualtepec - passed it and camped late, very foggy. 8 leagues.

Monday, Dec 20, 1897 Off for Qualcoman, over a very high rocky range with mineral indications. Reached within 2 leagues of Qualcoman where we camped. 8 leagues.

Tuesday, Dec 21, 1897 Moved on into Qualcoman & called upon the Hefe Politico, Sr. T. Merced Garcia. Had a pair of shoes set on one of our saddle horses. Bought a few articles and moved out 4 leagues and camped. 6 leagues.

Wednesday, Dec 22, 1897 Traveled all day and made 10 leagues and camped after dark in a baranca and laid on the ground, hard lines for tonight. A Mr. Robert Faessler & mozo passed us. 10 leagues.

Thursday, Dec 23, 1897 Put in a fair days work and camped within 5 leagues of Tepalcatepec. Secured some ore today from a native. Water a luxury tonight. 8 leagues.

Friday, Dec 24, 1897 @ Tepalcatepec concluded to rest today. Expect to visit a mine 6 leagues north tomorrow. Stopped at a mason for the first time in a month. Overhauling this PM. Wrote to B.F. Bradley, Guanajuato. Christmas Mass eve. 5 leagues.

Saturday, Dec 25, 1897 A Merry X Mass for us and we are off for a ride, after a mine. Wrote to Mother very early. Rode 11 leagues today instead of 6 as we expected. Stopped here tonight @ Wichitella (?). 11 leagues.

Sunday, Dec 26, 1897 Nearly froze last night. Off to visit the mine and then returned to Tepalcatepec for tonight. Found some good looking ore and an old pueblo antique, also a very old mine antique, the sombrero. 11 leagues.

Monday, Dec 27, 1897 Off early from Tepalcatepec and rode out past the Rio Grande and on to and past Buena Vista, a pueblo & camped half way to Santa Ana. Passed over a nearly level country all day. Made 10 leagues.

Tuesday, Dec 28, 1897 Off again from near Santa Ana and rode across a lava field most of all day. We passed 2 or 3 pueblos & reached Apatzingan @ 4 PM & put up at the Mason Colima for tonight. 12 leagues.

Wednesday, Dec 29, 1897 Off from Apatzingan, traveled over a well watered country covered with rice & sugar. Passed Paracuaro & later the Casa Los Bankos and camped for the night beside a fine stream. 12 leagues.

Thursday, Dec 30, 1897 Traveled all day up grade passing out of the teirra - hot, crossed the range over a fair road amid tall pine & oak timber & down into the valley of urwapa, fine timber and fine fields, camped. 12 leagues.

Friday, Dec 31, 1897 Moved out and across the high range between Urwapa valley & the Lake of Chapala. Started early and passed Uruapan at noon. Camped 6 leagues east, made 12 leagues.

End of 1897

NOTES FOUND IN 1897 DIARIES OF JETHRO M. SWAIN.
J.M. Swain P.E. and Machines/ Mexico City, Jan. 1/97

Reduce Kilo to lbs - American, multiply kilo by 22.

Rec'd \$100.00 Oct. 18/97

To Marfel, .30 To Irapuato & return 2.70 R.R. Supper @ .50 below
St. Car .06 Irapuato Hotel Union Bed & board.

B. Tatarian 63 Washington St., Chicago Ill. c/o Goldsmith Bros.

Ammonia for lice to wash the hair.

La Conda - Supt. Settled Oct 14th 97. \$416.00, 38.93 off, \$377.07
Balance to date.

M.J. Burgess Superintendent.
Cash rec'd of the La Conda
" 2.00

" 2.00
" 1.00 Sept 3rd 97
5th 5.00 Tuesday
10th 2.50 Box cigars
11th 4.00 Board Bills
18th 3.00 Trammel points
20th 4.00 Board bill
20th 2.25 Box cigars
27th I paid board bill
1st October
2.25 Box cigars
1.00 cash loaned & pd
4th cash 4.00 Board Bill
29.00 cash to date
11th 8.00 Board Bill
Oct 14th settled==52 days week @ 8.00=\$416.00

My tools @ La Conda Machinists hammer, 2-12 inch pocket rules spirit, level & plumb for snips, center punch, dividers, calipers & various small tools, scales, square, taps etc.

Paid freight Bills etc. on Horsepower & pump. Complete \$59.50, 22nd of May/97

True Copy Of Assignment:
Gridley, Butte County, California, Jan 1st 1897.

I hereby assign to J.M. Swain of Mexico a certain right title and interest in Patent (223,875) (Granted in the U.S. of America). Horsepower, combined with Pump. The consideration to be that he J.M. Swain apply and receive a patent for said Power & Pump in the Republic of Mexico, free of cost to me. Also for my interest and name. R.M. Beebee, Patentee. Witness, Charles A. Schorr.

The Pittsburgh Michocaw Minting & Milling Co.
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Offices;
Pittsburgh, Penn., 402 Duquene Way. Mexico City, S. Calle de Gante.
170,000 acres, 20 by 14 miles in area.

Sure cure for Rheumatic (sic) pains: Spanish; Salicylato de sosa, American Salicylate of Soda. Doses, 5 grain capsules, 1 every two hours.

We found 9 leagues N.W. of Tepalcatepec in the State of Jalisco - an old Pueblo - antique. We found west of this, 2 leagues an old Mexican named Rocha running an arastra working ore that pays \$2.00 & 4.00 a cargo. Gold he offers to take \$2,000 for his claims, arastra, water right complete. Near by an old mine called El Sombrero.

Feodora Orosco, Loreto St. No 13, Guadalajara.

Dec 15th, R.M. Stadden \$19.54, groceries, etc.

Nov 9th, bought strawberry roan horse in Guadalajara for cash \$30.00.
Nov 13th, bought a buckskin horse in Zapotlanejo for cash \$28.50.

Feb 19th, rec'd of Mrs. John Wiley, cash \$50.00.

Feb 22, Paid R.R. bill \$107.07.

April 20th, Mrs. Wiley loaned \$25.00.

May 20th, borrowed \$60.00 of Mr. R.J. Wilcox, paid in full, Oct. 15th 97.

June 14th, borrowed of Mr. E.A. Durst \$25.00, in U.S. coin.

July 3rd, Rec'd on wages, \$25.00 cash

Aug 2nd, Loaned \$10.00 cash to J.M. Wiley.

Oct 15th, Sent \$62.00 via Express to R.J. Wilcox @ Irapuato.

Oct 30th, paid \$40.00 on account to Irapuato Foundry on gear for La Conda.

Oct, Rec'd of La Conda Mine settlement in full on work contract \$129.50 from M.T. Burgess.

\$20.00 Mexican money 2-17-97. Today B.D. Harris paid in his first money towards his half interest in this business with us. Mr Max Rink will start north Wednesday morning @ 9AM.

Marks inside my watch cases:

Silver Hunting case, key winder, plain on one outside & marked thus on other.

Waltham Watch Co., Movement No. 1,001,587, Waltham Mass --- brass, Inscription of my Silver Watch,
J.M. Swain

ADDRESSES:::: Hefe Political Nicolas del Moral Irapuato, Mexico

Capt. J.H. Roberts Sac Transportation Co. Box 256, Sac City, Cali.

W.H. Akers Wichita Falls, Texas

Hosa Mendosa (Indian) Point Tequeluca Dec 97

Sr. Roberto Faessler La Union, Guanajuato

(for piles, ointment) Dr. Mabie Brazilien (?) Brazilien Run (?) Co. Erie, Penn.

Prospector & miner R.D. Blair wired - answer Queritaro, Marzo 10 Dec. 97

George S. Anderson, Western Agent 1107 Clark Ave. Star Drilling M. Co. St. Louis, Mo.

E.A. Durst (mentioned by Anderson) 120 Brown St. Akron, Ohio

J.N. Wallace & W.J. Clark 208 Congress Ypsilanti, Michigan

A. Kling, Nome Industry Iron Works, Mobile, Alabama

Obear-Nester Glass Co. 422 North Main St. St. Louis Mo.

W.B. Carroll - foundry man, At Colon 16, Guadalajara, Jalisco

H. Lawton - see about permit to get kilometer tickets in Mexico City. Gen Freight Office, Commercial

Arthur F. Stillwill Chickly Gum New York City

Hapgood Plow Co. Alton Ill. (cylinder - prices for)

E.L. Wemple M.D. 406 Sutter - Res 720 Sterner St. San Fran Cali.

A.C. Swain (brother) 710 Douglas San Francisco, Cali

John Kempf Jr. E. Lo. & Gas Company Salt Lake Utah

Arlington W. Betts, Red Cross Rubber Co. Toledo, Ohio

George Ames Jr. W.R. Works agent of Mexico

Miss Hilda Iverson Montevideo, Minn.

Albert L. Buddee in Mexican Central Office Mexico City

W.B. Pennock Gen Agt W.I. Works Mexico No 1 San Juan de ----

Mann. old Spanish Mine on San Diego river, 35 miles from San Blass

D.S. Sears Mt Bullion P.O. Mariposa Co., Cali

Charles Cater Mt. Bullion P.O. Mariposa Co., Cali

M.W. Quinn, agent for Hamilton Woolen Co. Amesbury, Mass. USA

F.J. Woodside Freight Agent El Paso Texas

Jan 8/97 Cost of trip to Irapuato & back;

To Acambro R.R. \$8.72

@ Acambro 2.50

To Celaga R.R. 2.24

@ Celaga 4.50

To Irapuato R.R. 2.25

@ Irapuato 5.00

wire to Claude 12.77

Fare to Mexico 14.40

cost 52.48

robbed 10.00

62.48

Ask light rent in Mexico City, 2,000 candle power \$15.00 for 1/2 night, same all night 20.00

16 candle in con (?) 2.50 all night

2 or more all night, 2.00 per month.

E.A. Durst says a carload of freight on flat car costs \$161.00, American.

Entry on last page of diary, Jethro M. Swain, Practical Machines Supt. Of Minting Mexico City, Jan 1st 97

Look out for stamps

(found a death notice from a newspaper clipping) SWAIN in Berkeley, May 17, Appiau Claudius Swain, dearly beloved husband of Sarah E. Swain, loving brother of O.E. Swain of Alameda, Orlando Swain of Los Angeles, C.B. Swain and Mertie Behm of Chico, a native of California. (A prominent gas and electric engineer.) Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services Friday, May 21 at Chico. Interment, Chico.

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