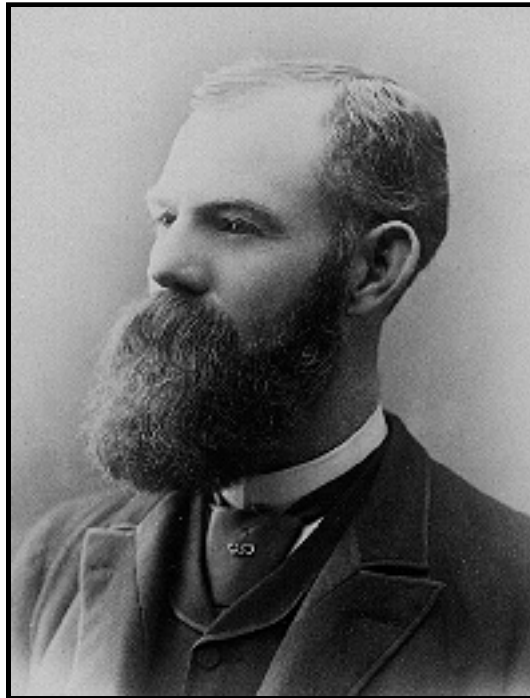


Jethro Mitchell Swain



1843-1917

Personal diary from 1898

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1898

Present from Max Koble

NOTE: Apparently during J.M.Swain's travels at the end of 1897 he didn't have another diary, so he entered a few days in the back of his 1897 diary. He then apparently found another diary and used it to enter information until mid April, when he went to his third diary of 1898.

Saturday, Jan 1, 1898 (traveling) Moved out from camp east of Uruapan 6 leagues and crossed the high range between the (Tierra Caliente) & Lake Patzcuaro in the Tierra Tempratura. Made Patzcuaro late, having ridden 15 leagues today. Stopped in hotel, met B. Tatarian with Prof. Starr of Chicago Univ. & left them there.

Sunday, Jan 2, 1898 B. Tatarian, 63 Washington St, Chicago c/o Goldsmith Bros. (resting here all day). Wrote to Mrs. Koble, E.A. Hayner, M.J. Burgess and Akers & Magner. Here another night.

Monday, Jan 3, 1898 Off for Morelia and rode to Santa Diego Hacienda well up on the Rio de Morelia where we stopped overnight early, made about 9 1/2 leagues.

Tuesday, Jan 4, 1898 Rode into Morelia & put up for the day at a Mason. Stopping @ the Hotel Jardine to dinner. M.J. Burgess's housekeeper met us in the Plaza, inquired for J.M.B. Alice's birthday, 45'. Morelia is the Capitol of the State of Michoacan and is a fine city.

Wednesday, Jan 5, 1898 Rode out a full 12 leagues today, passed over an immense causeway about 2 leagues in length. Rode on homeward and camped about a league from the causeway and camped for the night. Slept very cold.

Thursday, Jan 6, 1898 Off again & rode all day, hard, camped at a Puebla, Mardalana, made today fully, 13 leagues. Mardalana is close up to two extinct volcanoes which contain water of unknown depths and the Pueblo is built on the solid rock & we slept on it.

Friday, Jan 7, 1898 Off early, reached via Santiago 3 leagues. Rode in & passed Salamanca, 8 leagues more & on to a hacienda owned by the Flores Hermanos where we were royally entertained by invitation. We, stopped overnight after a hot ride of 18 leagues.

Saturday, Jan 8, 1898 Rode off early reaching Irapuato today and Halls Circus coming there we concluded to take it in. Our trunk from the Port of Maruata not having arrived as we had hoped. We wrote to R.M. Stadden and Manuel Dies of Colima to forward it or explain where it can be found.

Sunday, Jan 9, 1898 Off from Irapuato and rode home to Guanajuato to supper, making it is 13 leagues. Found friends all well and several letters waiting us to be answered. Found one from my oldest daughter, Frankie.

Monday, Jan 10, 1898 Resting ourselves and our horses today, after our long hard journey from the Pacific Coast, alone on horseback, 227 leagues, making a total ride in the saddle of 436 leagues. We ate supper with Fannie Koble at home.

Tuesday, Jan 11, 1898 Commenced now quarters for ourselves. Rented the place @ \$4.00 per month. Expense of repairing - all to come out of the rent. Met some parties here from the USA who are going to work this river channel. (Sent for bedstead to La Conda.)

Wednesday, Jan 12, 1898 Moving out from Mrs. Koble's house & across the street. Mrs. Swain sold \$9.00 worth of carpeting to Mrs. Ponder, cash. (hired an extra Peon today). See account. Ate supper in new home, owe Koble 3 days board or 21 meals, \$5.04. Charge for our bedding, charge for bedstead.

¹ Wife, Alice Hayner Swain, whom he often calls "Pard".

Thursday, Jan 13, 1898 Having Brasaro, repaired. Bought most .20 arobas of strolio do Treza =2.00. Had a talk with a Mr. Garcia regarding my fined in Michocan. Wrote to La Union, Guerrero, wrote to J.M. Wiley, St. Louis and E.A. Hayner, Michigan.

Friday, Jan 14, 1898 Wife & I went to see the folks at Cardonis, found Cody @ work, left our Mason and 3 helpers at work.

Saturday, Jan 15, 1898 Had first assay of sample taken by Mrs. Swain & I in Guerrero. No. 1 gives \$55 68/100 Gold 3 20/100 Silver. Having house cleaned, paid creado. 25 cts, cleaning one room. Paid off Mason & helpers for 5 days work, \$9.81 cts.

Sunday, Jan 16, 1898 At home reading all day. Creado cleaning room today, cost :25. Wrote to my friend in Guerrero, M.J. Burgess.

Monday, Jan 17, 1898 Mason working on house again today. 4 creada scrubbing, caste .85 cts today. Wrote to Mr. B. Tetarian, Chicago Ill. Am to wait 30 days. Called on surveyor & find I am left.

Tuesday, Jan 18, 1898 Rec'd letter from M.J. Burgess, dated 28 Nov 97 @ Baths near Silao. Rec'd,d letter from Colima, Manuel De Dies in regard to our trunk. Wrote to Mr. Akers, Wichita Falls Texas. Rec'd,d assays No 2 & 3, good enough.

Wednesday, Jan 19, 1898 Wrote to Manuel. D. Diaz regarding our trunk. About to sell Buck. Hired man still working on old house. Sent bedstead for repairs.

Thursday, Jan 20, 1898 Trimming vines for Max Koble. Heard Sam Jones of Irapuato is busted and (bounced out). Wife wrote to Mrs. Woolman. Cox in here PM. Wife wrote to Cogshall. Judd back from Mexico City.

Friday, Jan 21, 1898 Sold 2 plugs for \$22.00. B.F. Bradley - Security, to Mason - San Padre. Judd & his company out redoing this PM @ Serano using my, horses. Loaned Max my saddle & bridle - blankets & rope. Mr. Percy Bivens called.

Saturday, Jan 22, 1898 Bevia here again. Judd & Co. using horses. Wrote to J.M. Wiley, St. Louis, wrote to Morrison in Leadville Colorado. Paid repairs on bedstead, 1.00. Bought carbon, 1.91. account against this house for repairs to tonight, \$17.25. paid Mason on house work, \$3.00.

Sunday, Jan 23, 1898 At home all day, our horses out to Cardonis today. Fixed up dining table & my saddle today.

Monday, Jan 24, 1898 Guanajuato full of Gringos. I rode Stephen down town to see how my saddle fitted him, all okay. Wife rec'd letter. from Mrs. H.A. Woolman. Parties here talking of an interest in my new find of gold in Guerrero. Francisco Rodriguez called. Mason still whitewashing.

Tuesday, Jan 25, 1898 Our horses & my saddle out all day @ San Vicinte I guess. Mason still working. Mrs. & Miss. Cody here on a little call. Mr. & Mrs. Corning called few minutes in PM. Codys here overnight.

Wednesday, Jan 26, 1898 Mr. Percy Bivens called. Mr. Earnest Garcia & myself of to see about a mine we desire to secure or bond. PM, I rec'd 22.00 from the Mason do San Pedro. Took Mr. Codys folks out to the Cardonis & came home late. Wife rec'd \$5.00 from Miss. Cody.

Thursday, Jan 27, 1898 Ernesto Garcia & I off to visit a mine. We were out all day. Mr. & Mrs. Corning, Wilsie, Judd & the consulting engineer, Conner's for Mexico City visited La Condo. Machinery all running splendid.

Friday, Jan 28, 1898 Ernesto. Garcia & I did some writing regarding our business. Percy A. Bivens called. Coxen called for .25 cts. An agent hire to sell La Condo stock @\$75.00. Fannie K sent 1 bedstead home & now we have 3.

Saturday, Jan 29, 1898 At home all day. Made me a small table. Rec'd and answered a letter from Mrs. H.A. Woolman @ Quaretaro. Had a long talk with Ernesto Garcia regarding St. Isabel.

Sunday, Jan 30, 1898 Wife, & I rode over near Cardonis to find a creado to work for us. Left word for her to

come. Coxen here begging. Saw Ernesto to night. Wrote to Francisco. Goff @ Leon.

Monday, Jan 31, 1898 Went in town, bought a broom & wisp broom. Ernest Garcia went to see his compadre AM. PM, we were home. Engaged in figuring & planning for our work in future.

Tuesday, Feb 1, 1898 Wrote R.M. Stadden. Went down in town, met Dr. Westmoreland of San Luis Potosi. Bought 5 gal Petrol \$3.15, comb & brush \$1.00. Came home for lunch, intending to go to Irapuato on train this evening. Rec'd note, to come at once to Cardonis, Cody, is hurt, caved one. Wife, & I off in a big hurry.

Wednesday, Feb 2, 1898 Overnight @ Codys. Fined he is very, lucky, not having any bones broken. Ernesto Garcia called & spent the day. Mrs. Kiley called and in the evening 2 young men from Vial came and returned later.

Thursday, Feb 3, 1898 Chatting with Cody today. Mrs. Kiley want home this AM. Rec'd letters from Mother E.A. Hayner. W.H. Akers, Wichita, George Morris on Leadville, Frank Goff, Leon. Came home late and wrote George Morrison. Saw Ernesto. Garcia tonight. Wrote W.H. Akers. (Aubrey returned today)

Friday, Feb 4, 1898 Aubrey called, Mrs. Perkins called. Off to Irapuato, cost \$1.20, overnight @ Wilcox's.

Saturday, Feb 5, 1898 Called on Simpkins to do business on castings. Talked business with Baird on pump deal. Wired Manuel D. Diaz at Colima. Wrote to Stadden, care of Diaz in Colima. Letter came from Wichita. Came home tonight late.

Sunday, Feb 6, 1898 Letters today, Emigdio Vizcarro, Mr. E. Kunk, America, William Simpkins, Irapuato, Mrs. Altie De Luick, Belmond, Iowa. Wrote to Mrs. Wiley.

Monday, Feb 7, 1898 Rec'd letter from J.M. Wiley, dated Feb. 3rd, St Louis Mo. Sent pulp to George Morrison @ Leadville Colorado. Mr. Cody, & daughter here today. I met Col. Bivens in town today. Ernesto Garcia here late tonight.

Tuesday, Feb 8, 1898 Miss. Cody still here. Rec'd letter from W.H. Akers, answered at once. PM, went and met a mini owner & his lawyer & spent the PM talking business & contracts. Mrs. Cody still here again tonight.

Wednesday, Feb 9, 1898 Heard that friend Scott was here. Wife & I took Miss. Cody home today. Tonight, wrote to Manuel Diaz about trunk, also wrote to Pascual Villalvaso & R.J. Wilcox. Ernesto Garcia came with contract to sign. Rec'd letter from Man. D. Dears, trunk is coming.

Thursday, Feb 10, 1898 Wrote Proposition to George Morrison, Leadville Colorado. Rec'd line from Simpkins. Ernesto. Garcia called in regard to our contract. Papers with his compadre. He is to call. upon his compadre---- tonight - sure. (Our new creado came)

Friday, Feb 11, 1898 Creada washing. Wrote to Witte in Guadalajara to have him try to fined our lost trunk. Max Koble gone crazy over our horsepower pump. Francisco Rodriguez called tonight.

Saturday, Feb 12, 1898 Ernesto says Surveyor Bra wants to see us on business. Bought 18 aroba barley. J.T. Judd home from Mexico City, has stranger with him today. J.T. Judd here for a chat.

Sunday, Feb 13, 1898 Rec'd 2.00 of Max. At home all day, wife has the aches. Ernesto Garcia here chatting about the christening tonight of Carmen. Later we took in the christening & the ice cream & cake & wine, home @ midnight. (promised the mine)

Monday, Feb 14, 1898 Ernesto & we are preparing to mine. Hope to visit Cody tomorrow on business. Hailed hard here in PM.

Tuesday, Feb 15, 1898 Visited Cody & he failed to connect. Raining, found a boiler to suit us, OK. Cruiser Maine blown up laying at Havana, 251 crew killed. Had a talk with Mc, raining.

Wednesday, Feb 16, 1898 Cold, cold, cold. Aubrey & Garcia here. Rec'd 2.00 of Max. Rain, rain, stayed

indoors today. Have our horses @ Ernesto under cover.

Thursday, Feb 17, 1898 Bring horses home this morning. Ernesto called on his compadre for key to mine. Saddled horses to go out there and waited all PM for parties to come. Foiled to get horses to ride. My new shoes arrived this PM from shoemaker shop.

Friday, Feb 18, 1898 Max Koble, PM off for Leon, fare \$1.16. Found Goff & Jimmy Roundtree and Blackwell all alive & kicking, went to hotel for a bed, cost .50 cts. Durst due any time.

Saturday, Feb 19, 1898 Helping Goff today, hauled lost tools early after 14 days fishing. PM, Goff & I visited the first well, it flows 1400 bbls daily. It is a beauty. Roundtree off to Siloa to see a Dr., he has a bad throat. Butchered a sheep for Goff tonight. Slept in Durst's room tonight.

Sunday, Feb 20, 1898 Took in the sights of Leon with Goff in AM. After dinner we played bean poker & I won a few cents. Left Leon @ 4:30 for Silao. Street car fare 10 cts. R.R. fare \$1.16.

Monday, Feb 21, 1898 Wired Diaz again, cost .62 cts. Sent punch to Goff. Paid 1.00 on new shoes. Wording contract and preparing to join in company with Ernesto to go mining.

Tuesday, Feb 22, 1898 Max Koble wants me to relocate the claims of J.M. Wiley. Ernesto Garcia is interpreting for Pender. Judd gave me a cold deal & went to Mexico City. PM, Ernesto & I have the blues.

Wednesday, Feb 23, 1898 Went in town and tried to sell gold dust. Rec'd letter from Senor Pascual Villavaso, regarding our trunk. Rec'd letter from our prospect down south, everything OK. Emigdio Vizearra, Huichitila Jalisco, Wrote R.J. Wilcox at once.

Thursday, Feb 24, 1898 Down in town, sold gold dust for \$3.00. Was expecting trunk @ noon, here, tomorrow, sure.

Friday, Feb 25, 1898 Rec'd letter from Leadville, George Morrison - remailed letter to. M.J. Burgess @ Chicpancingo, Guerrero. Still hunting trunk. Ernesto. & I are in lots of trouble - trying to get started.

Saturday, Feb 26, 1898 Met Lorenzo Diaz @ plaza, he is just from M.J. Burgess, he is placering in Guerrero. Met Suce Puza @ plaza. Called on Mr. Furnace on business. Ernesto here, tonight.

Sunday, Feb 27, 1898 Wrote to Villavaso, Zapotlanejo, M.J. Burgess, Petatlan. Mr. Cody & Edna called and we all went down in town. Wrote to Aristes de La Paz on business at once. Visited theater, with a crowd. Saw some fine fixtures there. Wrote to R.R. agent, Guadalajara to hunt that trunk there. General Freight Agent M.C.R.R., Mexico City.

Monday, Feb 28, 1898 A bad start this morning. Hell broke loose, McElhany trying to down me on our mining deal. Bradley trying to do dirt. Ernesto Garcia is in the employ of Judd & Co. Says I must run the mine for him & Trinidad Espanosa.

Tuesday, Mar 1, 1898 Paid creada off and fired her, Paid her 81 cts. 200 tourists here today, Ernesto commenced for Judd. I wrote our proposition on the St. Irabel mine & gave it to Edwards & it is off to Mexico City by tonight train. Gave him 5 days to answer, our lost trunk here.

Wednesday, Mar 2, 1898 Visiting @ Garcia's last evening, idle @ home today. Gave Bradley, his surveyors bill to settle, Sold Stephen (horse) to J.T. Judd, \$35.00. Handed 15.00 to Mrs. E. Garcia.

Thursday, Mar 3, 1898 Rec'd our trunk and found everything OK. Paid express charges from Irapuato to here \$1.00 home freight bill. Wrote Freight Agent, Mexico City, wrote Manuel Diaz, wrote Pascual Villavaso, lost trunk rec'd. Wrote another sermon to J.M. Wiley on honor among men.

Friday, Mar 4, 1898 Rec'd 2500 shares of my non assessable Stock in the G.W. ad E.P.M.R & D Company. Had watch started after its long rest. Gave Max Koble \$10.00 in silver.

Saturday, Mar 5, 1898 Rode my horse down in town, met a lot of tourists from Ohio. Talked with Mr. Hannah about the Santa Irabel Mine. Leons second well flows. Gave Max Koble to understand that I

could manage my own affairs.

Sunday, Mar 6, 1898 Wife & I togged up and went down town to hear the band play in the garden. Rec'd catalog from Montgomery Co, Denver. Ernesto wrote to Emigdio Vizcarra, Jilotlan (?) Jalisco,

Monday, Mar 7, 1898 I rode to Marfiel and saw Mr. Edwards, he cannot hear from his man in Mexico City yet. Hoped to see him here very soon, if we can wait. Wrote to Mexican Herald.

Tuesday, Mar 8, 1898 Off down town after hay, bought four Arobas, \$1.00. Mailed letter to Mexican Herald. Called on Eburbangatio to talk mining. Edwards man absent. Bought hay, 1.00. Met Mr. Wentworth of Irapuato in garden.

Wednesday, Mar 9, 1898 Took some medicine to Ernesto's wife. Cody & daughter here for a few hours. Bought corn, .45. I called on Wilson today, of Bank of Lonaes & we talked of mining. Sr. Rodriguez here for first lesson.

Thursday, Mar 10, 1898 Went in town with Max to call on Governor in regard to concession. Failed to get an audience. Paid Max Koble \$2.00 cash. Later called at the Bank on business, to call again tomorrow @ 11AM. Failed to hear from Edgard, his friend did not arrive.

Friday, Mar 11, 1898 I am feeling awful bad in my lungs today. Met Mr. Wilson of the London Bank @ 11AM. Could not deal for want of absent party today. Paid Max Koble \$2.00 cash. Fran Rodriguez called. Salevetre & McElhany called this evening. Edna Cody here overnight.

Saturday, Mar 12, 1898 Friends arrived here, Mr. E.A. Durst and Mr. Frank Goff of Leon. Came an business with Governor Joaquin Obregon Gonzales. I bought 10 arobas of Iwatha (?) for \$2.50 cash. We went to Merfiel with Durst & Co, thence to the Hacienda & home.

Sunday, Mar 13, 1898 Mr. & Mrs. Cody arrived, we all went into town & took our dinner. They went to the bull fight & we declining, came home to rest. Sr. Rodriguez & family of children visited usai in the PM. Spent evening playing whist with Judd & company. Pd waterbuck in full.

Monday, Mar 14, 1898 Met the Burn's family at the Union Garden. Went to Banco Do Londres @ 11AM. Met Sr. Wilson as Per agreement. Then we called on Mr. Cummings about the mine of St Irael. Came home & found Mrs. Bevins & Percy calling on Mrs. Swain. PM, called on Cummings again & came home on Buck.

Tuesday, Mar 15, 1898 16 1/2 arobas of coal, cost 3.30 @.20. New girl in kitchen today. Rec'd letter from J.M.W. Dined with Bradley & Co. Mr. Reynolds showed up again today in Guanajuato. Garcia opposed to Cummings coming in with us. Mentioned the Mine to Judd, we will consult tomorrow.

Wednesday, Mar 16, 1898 Stopped the deal with Wilson & Cummings by request of Ernesto Garcia. Wrote to. B. Tatarian, 63 Wash St, Chicago. Ill c/o Goldsmith Bros. Called on Ernesto Garcia. Later on Judd & Pender, deal on mine.

Thursday, Mar 17, 1898 Attended first meeting of the Director of the Guanajuato W & E P, M R D Co. @ Juan Parkinan's residence. Everything passed off very pleasantly, with a dash of cake & wine. Ernesto over zealous. 3PM, Directors met & ratified proceedings of the forenoon meeting, all okay.

Friday, Mar 18, 1898 Paid milk account in advance, 1.00. Wrote Enrique Bigers. & Emilio Valasco of La Condo Mine, Mexico.

Saturday, Mar 19, 1898 Wrote introduction to Pender for H. Rodriguez, the mason & stone mason. Wrote something for. F.A. Cody regarding accident insurance. Settled with Max Koble, everything in full to date. Salevetre off for U.S.A.

Sunday, Mar 20, 1898 Home all day. Wife loaned saddle to Max Koble today. He & Boil (?) off somewhere. Wrote to F.E. Sanders. Wrote to. J.M.W, Washington City. Sent quartz samples to. Washington via mail.

Monday, Mar 21, 1898 Wrote to San Felipe and sent a peon to carry a letter to the Stamp Officer for information. Peon to return answer next Thursday, cost 1.00. Called on E. Garcia with proposition to compadre. Called on Pender.

Tuesday, Mar 22, 1898 Called on Trinidad Esponse, had a long talk regarding the St. Isabel Mine, came home being content with everything Ernesto & I had done. Gave me a letter to E. Garcia & I delivered it to him. Writing contracts, etc.

Wednesday, Mar. 23, 1898 Wife rec'd papers from Washington today, dated 17 March, news. Bought 2.00 worth of hay, went down town bought flour & butter, bought corn .45 cts. Later had a talk with Judd & Pender about St. Isabel Mine.

Thursday, Mar 24, 1898 Visited Reese's menagerie today and found all the animals ready to eat each other --- collapse unless some soothing syrup is administered soon. Even the engine objects to water as a beverage. A German no a count for.

Friday, Mar 25, 1898 Company on the road. Gardening today in company with Swain. Rodriguez arrived from La Chico with additional news of mines. Expect to start to examine the mines @ La Chico early tomorrow. Cody & Edna here today. Rec'd letter. from George Ames.

Saturday, Mar 26, 1898 Rec'd letter from parties regarding our fined @ Witchitita (?) & answered come on. Earnest told me of the Taleveter (?) deal & I posted him on Judd. We will trade yet with one of them.

Sunday, Mar 27, 1898 Off early and rode until dark on the road to La Chico mines. Arrived late, had some supper & slept on soft side of a rough rock, on my saddle blanket. Passed St. Rosa, La Conda straight on north over rough country until I got almost there. Saw some cottontail rabbits.

Monday, Mar 28, 1898 Find myself all broken up, with my hard ride & rough bed. Shall investigate mines today. Took samples from 4 different locations with Jesus Rodriguez, Supt. at the headquarters. Stopped overnight.

Tuesday, Mar 29, 1898 Off for Guanajuato @ 6:45AM. Home in Guanajuato @ 4:30PM. Found all OK. Found a letter here from friend M.J. Burgess, he is in Guerrero.

Wednesday, Mar 30, 1898 Answered M.J.B. at Ocote via Petatlan. E. Guerrero wrote J.S. Carnahan @ Sierra Mojada c/a Compania Metalurgica Mexicano. Took samples to be assayed from La Chico properties to Ernesto Garcia.

Thursday, Mar 31, 1898 J.S. Carnahan arrived from Sierra Mojada & we talked business to entire satisfaction. Reynolds & wife here again. A Mr. Murdock at Max Koble's today.

Friday, Apr 1, 1898 Today M. Carnahan & I rode over to see the valcuciana shaft & machinery & the big press. He came to supper with me & I went down town with him and we talked of our future business.

Saturday, Apr 2, 1898 Carnahan off north via early train. Cody here today & I went into Guanajuato & dined with him. Wrote again to M.J.B. Ocote vie Petatlan. E Guerrero, Mexico. Met the Glasscocks of Oakland Cal.

Sunday, Apr 3, 1898 Spent the day visiting at the Cases Blanco Hacienda near Marfiel with Mr. Carlisle. Alice wrote again to her mother.

Monday, Apr 4, 1898 I took some of wives jewelry to be repaired. Hunting up cases to pack our goods in preparing for another long trip. Bought writing material, 1.00. Had long chat with Lorenzo. Diaz.

Tuesday, Apr 5, 1898 Had long talk with McElhany on business. Bought a clawhammer, tried to buy some boxes to pack goods in also. Am trying to sell off extra furniture, horse, etc.

Wednesday, Apr 6, 1898 At home all day trying to sell off our furniture, horse, etc. Rec'd letter from the J.M. Montgomery Machine Co, Denver, Colorado & answered it. F.A. Cody called, rec'd roll of papers from Jessie Wiley in City of Washington.

Thursday, Apr 7, 1898 FIESTA. F.A. Cody called & handed me \$5.00. Edna handed Mrs. Swain 3.50 cash on account. 5:15PM wire from J.S. Carnahan OK. Fannie & Max called PM, handed wife 1.50 cash. Wrote to J.M. Montgomery Co @ Denver.

Friday, Apr 8, 1898 FIESTA. Wife & I went into City, found all shops closed, & we came home mad. Heard from McElhany that somebody had borrowed Salveter's saddle - ohala.

Saturday, Apr 9, 1898 Went down town & bought cases and hinges & padlocks & ducking & nails to prepare for our trip. PM, went to Cardonis to do business with F.A. Cody. Rode home with Espinosa.

Sunday, Apr 10, 1898 Bought stamps @ Po, 1.00. Wilson gone to Leon. Called on Carlisle & dined. Staples from Edwards. Carlisle to call Tuesday. Called an B.F. Bradley and Murdock and Van Horn. Spent 1.25 in market.

Monday, Apr 11, 1898 Rec'd check from J.S. Carnahan on account, answered at once. Sold horse for 23.00. Ponders & Judd returned. Some parties want to rent this house. Making ready to travel, hope to go yet this week.

Tuesday, Apr 12, 1898 Parties here agree to take our house off our hands and to purchase some things we wish to sell. Codys called today and are at Kobles tonight. Still box making.

Wednesday Apr 13, 1898 Paid balance on 5 months rent, account was \$19.54, Paid .50 cts, all paid until June 15th. Rec'd agreement today from J.S. Carnahan & Co. Signed it and kept a duplicate copy of it. Will mail it to him tomorrow by mail.

Thursday, Apr 14, 1898 Packing all day & done @ night. Left 3 cases, one big trunk. Crated sewing machine, marble top, center table & double mattress in a big roll @ Kobles. Settled with E. Garcia, settled with Kobles in full. Stanhope keeping 4 iron bedsteads for us.

Friday, Apr 15, 1898 Rec'd 12.00 on horse, due, \$11.00. Left it with Max Koble to collect on horse. Carlisle called on us. PM, Paid \$16.70 to R.R. Mexico City Consul Furness says War is on. Paid freight on outfit to Patzcuaro, \$14.85. Wife and I off for City in PM. Supper @ Irapuato, \$1.00.

Saturday, Apr 16, 1898 Arrived in Mexico City @ 6:30AM, room @ Central House. Bought account book for account of Company, money expended - 2 suites, under clothes & socks \$6.50, hose 2.00, 2 ponchos No.1, \$30.00, umbrella 2.00, medicines & soap & combos etc for trip \$5.00. Private account.

Sunday, Apr 17, 1898 Patzcuaro @ noon. Concordia to dinner. & room @ \$2.50 Per diem.

NOTE: This is the last entry in this diary, there are a few notes through out it & I will copy them now. I will continue the year in his third 1898 Diary after copying the notes.

Apr 25, My birthday.

Nicolas Perez, Administrada General for The Carrera Family, Coyuca do Catalan, Guerrero.

J.S. Carnahan, Sierra Mojada E. Coahuila

C.T. Carnahan, Leadville, Colo.

7 Apr 1898 - Rec'd cash from J.S. Carnahan & Co, who furnish cash for me to find and locate mimes in E. Guerrero & Michocan for a 1/2 interest. A.C. & J.M. Swain.

Feb 13, 98 \$2.00

Feb 16 2.00

Feb 18 10.00

Feb 18 wife 2.00

Feb 20 wife 2.00

27 \$18.00

2.00

20.00

Board 5.04

Drto K 25.04

Contra Cr 9.55

Drto K. 15.49

4 Mar pd 10.00 cash to. K.

\$5.49
10th pd 2.00 cash to. K.
Due Koble 3.49
11th 2.00 cash to. K.
Due Koble 1.49 balance
19th pd 1.50 in full

S.B. Conner. Cons-q Engineer with, F.G. Corning of New York. President of Guanajuato M&M Co. General Manager J.T. Judd, Guanajuato, Supt. J.W. Ponder, Guanajuato and local Engineer.

22 shares here, 2 owned in St. Rosa, price \$15.000.

15 percent, after all expenses are paid, or 15 percent of net proceeds

Exploration 100 metros on incline on vein, vein 1 meter wide.

3 Pertinencias & more, extras. House 2 story, title clear & clean - San Isabel.

11th, Jan. 98 Occupied new place, hired one mason & 2 helpers, 75 cts per day, cost of mason 37 1/2 cts, two helpers, 75 cts, total help costs for day \$1.50. Paid for Cal tinta etc. 11th \$1.11.

12th One mason and 3 helpers today. Advanced 2 helpers 50 cts each = 1.00. Paid 12 cts more for tinta

Sat. Paid help \$8.81 total.

(Inside the back cover of diary) St. Isabel Sample No 1 3 20/100 Silver, 55 68/100 Gold. Sample No. 2 Indian rock. Emigdio Vizcarra, En Huichitila, Jalisco. Via Zapatlan. (This is the last entry found in the second diary of J.M. Swains 1898 book.)

The following is copied from J.M. Swains 3rd book for 1898.

J.M. & A.C. Swain's account book 1898 in account with J.S. Carnahan and Co. of Colorado U.S.A.

(See Sept 18, letter to Alonzo Swain, Dec 12, Hattie Swain, Dec. 28, Henry Swain.)

10 pertmencias long is one kilometer. 100 meters square is a pertmencias. Use chain of wire 20 meters long. Use tape line 10 meters long. Use 11 pins in measuring. A Kilometer is 5/8 of a mile.

Pet to Cyacal 15
To St Louis 15
To St Geronimo 17
To Owa Blanca 18
To Providencia 15
To Dos Camino 15
To Mazatlan 14
To Chicpancingo 12
122 leagues

600 Sitios = 2,602,800 acres

To La Union: Along up the coast.

Coast rivers south:
from Petatlan river to Coyuquilla river 12 leagues to
San Luis river 10 leagues to
Tecpan river 7 leagues to
San Geronimo river 10 leagues to
Coyuca river 8 leagues to
Acapulco 10 leagues
57 leagues

Going north from Petatlan:

San Geronimo to 3 leagues to
Ystapa river 12 leagues to
Pantla river 2 leagues to
Laquinilla river 7 leagues to
Chutta river 8 leagues to
Calechosa 3 leagues to
La Union 0 leagues to
Las Huntas 4 leagues to
Yscata Corongoro 10 leagues to
Rio do Las Bahia 7 leagues
56 leagues = 339 miles
Indians, Magay Ax of Guerrero. 339 miles

Shape of homemade axe, 12 in long, double bitted by 2 in broad. Made from a bar of 3/4" by 2" steel. 3/4 hole forger handle, usually 4 ft long, round end springy, being same size all through.

Views, Cedaro axe of Indians on west coast and by some called laborers. Steel and weigh about 5 to 7 lbs, straight handle.

Sr. Bartolo Peregrino, Petatlan, Geleana. Jesus Gomez, leading storekeeper, Don Leandro Avila, Portarill. Sr. Don Ysidro Deloyo, Jeffe @ San Geronincta. Con Manual Garcia, Rancho de Cocouel.

Vanilla Pods sells for 10 cts a piece, after extracted it sells for 20 cts a pound. There are from 3 to 5 thousand pods on an acre, they gather it in Oct, Nov & Dec. The pods are dried before extracting the vanilla, after extracting it sells for 20 a pound. Bees wax is 8 dollars an aroba 25 lb. Ginger root wild sells for 80 cts a pound, it is all shipped to China to be canned & then reshipped to the USA.

Donna Juliana Avila, Portarillo and Petatlan.

William Niven, Mineralogist, Box 861, New York.

Don Alejandro. Carrera, Colonios do Santa Maria., 3rd del Chops No. 1, City of Mexico.

Tehantpec Mountain - corner S.E. highest mountain on west coast of Mexico. In central or Corona, main range has thousands of fine pine timber, of great size, white pine very plentiful, great amount of other varieties of hard wood trees. 4 days from our camp on horseback, Rio Murgo is rich in placiers from the Needle mountain N.W. for several miles will pay to work it all. The Murgo has thousands of Spanish cedar, 5 ft across the stump and 60 ft to first limb, also has rich quartz veins on its head waters. The San Nicholas will pay in places \$20.00 per day with a rocker. Shows 40 to 80 colors to the pan. The Venada is good for one adarma per day, with battayas and Peons for acres and acres any place. The Calara ad Caugatha is four times better, has enough gold in it, inside one mile to pay for the Hacienda. Can show 40 colors to the pan, in bars and high banks, back channels and in river bed, best of all. San Geronimo shows gold paying quantities for three miles in one stretch, while copper covers one entire mountain side and is supposed from samples I took to go at least 35/100 pure copper. (In free country & clear of brush) and in in large quantities, vetsa ache, all over the mountains. One Mexican told me ho sold a cargo off the croppings in Ario to an ore buyer for \$2.50 cash and could have taken and sold all he cared to got together, but he had no tools or grub with which to prosecute the work. This is a fact, with all peons, they are slaves and must work for their masters as of old or be transported if they refuse.

Coyacal oil nut, 300 lbs worth @ Coyacal 8.00 a cargo, clean. @ San Geronimo 3.00 a cargo. clean, @ Cokeyo, cheaper. Further south on Gov't land, acres and acres and miles of nothing else.

Thursday, Apr 7, 1898 5PM, wired from J.S. Carnahan, all OK. Five hundred \$500.00 Dollars Rec'd Cash of J.S. Carnahan & C.T. Carnahan & Co. of Colorado to be used in prospecting for mines in the States of Guerrero & Michoacan on the shares.

Friday, Apr 8, 1898 Preparing to travel to Guerrero, just as soon as possible to get ready and travel.

Saturday, Apr 9, 1898 Bought cases & padlocks, hinges, nails etc. Bought paper, envelopes, stamps, account book etc. Sold Buckskin for \$23.00. Making cases today.

Sunday, Apr 10, 1898 Wife at home packing. I called on J. H. Carlisle & dined with him @ the Hacienda. Cases Blanco @ Marfiel.

Monday, Apr 11, 1898 Cashed my check with branch Bank of London for bills of small denominations, handy to exchange any place. Hope to go yet this week.

Tuesday, Apr 12, 1898 Parties here want our house. A Mr. Stanhope & sisters who is to be in the employ, of Judd & Ponder. & Co.

Wednesday, Apr 13, 1898 Rec'd agreement from J.S. Carnahan & Company, signed it, kept a copy will mail it to him very soon. House business settled and Stanhope takes our house off our hands.

Thursday, Apr 14, 1898 Rec'd 12.00 on Buckskin horse, Carlisle called on us to say farewell. PM, shipping, ready. Left 3 cases and one big trunk, crated sewing machine, marble top center table and double mattress in big roll, in care of Max Koble & wife. Stanhope keeping 4 iron bedsteads for us.

Friday, Apr 15, 1898 Off from Guanajuato, Express on goods to Patzcuaro \$15.85, R.R. fare to Mexico City, second class, 16.70, suppers @ Irapuato 1.00. Rode all night in second class car.

Saturday, Apr 16, 1898 Arrived from Guanajuato 6:30AM, early. Bought tools, see bill, bought groceries, see bill, 34.80. This book, pencils, ink etc stamps = 3.00. Shipped all our goods bought today to Patzcuaro by express and are off for Acambaro, again all night @ 9PM. R.R. fare to Acambaro, second class, 11 .63.

Sunday, Apr 17, 1898 @ Acambaro @ 6:30AM. Bought tickets to Patzcuaro, second class, \$6.40, breakfasts 2.00 = 8.40. 7:15 off and gone again, Morelia @ 10:30AM and Patzcuaro @ 1:30PM. To Mercado Hotel to dinner @ 2.50 Per day. Cash in hand here tonight \$322.00.

Monday, Apr 18, 1898 Bartering for horses all day, expenses outfitting, etc, \$8.00. Wrote to Toluco to have mail forwarded to this place. Rec'd letter from J.M.W, Washington City.

Tuesday, Apr 19, 1898 Paid freight bills from Mexico City, \$12.75 from depot to Hotel Patio, 1.00. Bought sugar, coffee etc, 16.00, flour. etc. J.T. Judd arrived from Guanajuato today, after lumber. Bought a horse for \$40.00. Met Dr. A. L. Beach today, he goes our road for a couple days.

Wednesday, Apr 20, 1898 Rec'd letter from Mother Hayner and from Max Koble. Paid 9.00 on account of \$25.00 to Mozo. Paid 10.00 on account of \$50.00 to La Union. Francisco Linear (packers), Hotel Mercado. Respond. Paid Hotel & stable bill, 4 days, 12.50. Wrote J.S. Carnahan tonight & E.A. Hayner, mother.

Thursday, Apr 21, 1898 Off for Guerrero. very early, rode to Santa Clara for breakfast, 75 cts, 4 leagues. Off for Ario de Rosales overnight, 8 leagues. Our hotel bill, manyana. Wrote to T.H. Carlisle, Guanajuato. Bought white horse of A.L. Beach of Uwapia for 40.00 cash.

Friday, Apr 22, 1898 Paid Hotel & stable bill at Hotel Morel, total Ario de Rosales 3.75 and off to La Huacana. Found a Mr. J.D. Lewis & a Dr. Bird, an American. Rec'd bill of sale for horse, bought of A.L. Beech yesterday. Stopped here tonight.

Saturday, Apr 23, 1898 Bade farewell to Dr. Beach & Dr. Bird & Mr. Lewis, who gave Mrs. Swain a pair of spurs. Paid bill at Mason since yesterday PM 3.00. Off for the Balsa, Wife, & myself & mozo. Went to Guadalupe, stopped here overnight. Corn cost us entirely too much but can't be helped, bill 2.00.

Sunday, Apr 24, 1898 Off from Guadalupe before daylight. Rode 4 leagues to La Noria to breakfast, .50 cts, thence to Rea Balsas ferryboat, cost us 75 cents, 16 1/2 leagues. Have to pay for water tonight. No water, compels us to stop at some habitation every night, bill 2.00.

Monday, Apr 25, 1898 My birthday, born in 1843. Off from Las Vacas, rode 2 leagues to our breakfast, 75 cts. Rode on to the puebla, our horses feet are completely knocked out. Stopped, our bill here 2.00.

Tuesday, Apr 26, 1898 Off from Lenione & rode 3 leagues to breakfast, cost .75. Rode on to Naranca and had to stop as our Mozo is quite sick with high fever. Paid mozo 1.00 more on account, total 10.00. Hired a man to do his work, .15, hired a boy to water stock, .5 cts, our bill here is 2.50.

Wednesday, Apr 27, 1898 Our Mozo sent his friend Simon to complete the trip to Ocota and we sailed out for La Union. Breakfast on roadside ,45 cts. Learned @ La Union that Havana & Mantanzas are being bombarded by U.S. Arrived @ La Union, 2PM. Stopped with Mr. & Mrs. Cazetano Serrano. Telegraph operator @ La Union.

Thursday, Apr 28, 1898 Laying over to have horses shod. They cannot travel without shoes. Sr. Robert Faesler called on us this morning. War news later. (US ships bombarding Manila in the Philippines, Islands) Shoeing 2 horses cost us \$3.50 complete. Costing 40.00 with Mr. & Mrs. Serrano to pay balance due on freight bill.

Friday, Apr 29, 1898 The gunboat Foote sunk off Manzanero, Cuba. Paid two nights bills in La Union a total of \$4.25 and off again. Mr. Robot Faesler accompanying us all day, we dined at Laquilla and rode on to Petatlan, 16 leagues today. Saw a panther cross the road in front of us this PM. Had a row about cost of our supper, Robert Faesler was hot.

Saturday, Apr 30, 1898 Paid bills @ Petatlan \$2.00 and rode on to Rancho Cocolul and heard that M.J. Burgess had left the Post within the hour. Sent a mozo. (.50) after him & later went ahead toward Petatlan and over hauled him @ Rancho Cocolul where we stopped overnight. Wrote to Fannie Koble today.

Sunday, May 1, 1898 Paid bills @ Rancho Cocolul, \$1.50 and in company with M.J. Burgess rode on towards Petatlan, first having wired J.S. Carnahan @ Sierra Mojada Coahuila for \$500.00, cost 2.50. Stopped to rest and lunch @ San Jeronimo later, 1.00. 4PM rode on to Petatlan @ 5:30PM. Stopping here overnight. Bought flour & beans & lard & matches & beef & candles, supplies.

Monday, May 2, 1898 Paid bills in Petatlan = \$10.65 and off for Ocote (?), arrived @ noon & shall rest for the day at M.J. Burgess temporary camp. I am pleased with outlook here. The country, seeming to be completely mineralized and shows extensive antique workings. \$448.73 to date, statement rendered.

Tuesday, May 3, 1898 Sent Simon back with Pedro's animals & balance of his money being \$15.00 complete. Found later that the mule was sick & later upon returning home to camp that the mule was dead. M.J. Burgess wrote a explanation of the facts to the owner in Narancia. We prospected about all day in the placers, am well pleased.

Wednesday, May 4, 1898 Prospected 4 other gulches all of them carries average prospects and with pipe & water would pay big. @ noon Mr. M.J.B. & I set out to Petatlan & arrived @ 4PM, rested two hours & set out for the Port of Zihuatanejo to wire La Union. Moved on to San Geronomito (?) for the night. Leaving M.J.B. to return to Ocota in the morning alone. Rec'd wire from La Union via late mail @ Petatlan.

Thursday, May 5, 1898 @ San Geronomito @ 9PM, stayed until 5 this morning, struck straight for La Union @ 1PM, @ La Pareto resting. My bills so fare only \$1.00. Paid Andrace for work, 3.00 @ Ocote. On @ 3PM to Pantla, camped for tonight. Paid 12 cts for watering horse, bill 4.50.

Friday, May 6, 1898 Off early, rode to Lagunillas far breakfast, .25 cts, 3 1/2 hours steady riding. Thence to Elyans, one and half hours, thence to Chutla, 1 3/4 hours to La Union, arrived @ 3PM OK. Found stamps on 500.00, cost .52 cts, found our freight all right. Stopping with Serrano.

Saturday, May 7, 1898 Slept until after 7AM, wrote most of the day to J.S. Carnahan & Co, Sierra Mojada & also to Mother E.A. Hayner. Bought more sugar & flour for the camp use during the coming winter. (hunting creado & pack train) Official U.S. Fleet cut cable in Philippine Islands, Official Spanish armada sunk in battle with U.S. fleet. @ Philippine Island.

Sunday, May 8, 1898 Sugar, beans, flour, etc, 35.52. Left cash to advance on freight with Cayatano, Serrano & wife, 5.00. Wrote to T.H. Carlisle. Bill @ La Union, self & horse 3.00, off from La Union @ 5:30PM, supper at Chutla, .15 @ past Elyans @ 9:15, @ Laqueneal (?) @ 10:30, slept here until morning.

Monday, May 9, 1898 Paid bills .50 cts @ Laguna & off @ 7 and rode to Petatlan in 2 1/2 hours. Cup of coffee & cakes, watered and of to La Porte. Lost 3/4 hour @ Petatlan & rode to La Porte in 1 3/4 hours, arrived at 12 sharp and rested until 3PM and off again, reached Correa in 1 1/2 hours, thence to Coacoyul in another hour. Stopped here, overnight.

Tuesday, May 10, 1898 Off from Coacoyul @ 7AM, 3 hours to San Geronimeta (?), hunted creada 1 hour, thence on to Petatlan at 12 noon. Found M.J. Burgess, heard from partner @ camp & stopped overnight. Loaned Don H. Carrerza cash, \$50.00 & M.J.B. 50.00.

Wednesday, May 11, 1898 M.J. Burgess & I off for the camp early, after paying our bills, 2.25. Arrived in camp @ 10AM after a hard ride over a new route to me. Covering an interesting section of placiers to be worked from the river, will pay. I have been in the saddle almost constant since leaving Patzcuaro, preparing to move again.

Thursday, May 12, 1898 Burgess having tried in vain to secure help to build a house during my trip to La Union. We concluded to return to Petatlan and rent a house & Prospect from there, short trips into the mountains, until after corn planting is completed. So we moved to Petatlan this AM. Rec'd first letter. from J.S. Carnahan.

Friday, May 13, 1898 Waiting for M.J. Burgess to arrive from the placiers do Ocote, he is moving down today & arrived @ 11AM all OK. Writing, answering letter from J.S. Carnahan, Sierra Mojada. Also sent April statement. Subject to corrections. Horse feed cost 2.00. Stopping with Jose Carrera.

Saturday, May 14, 1898 J.S. Carnahan's letter goes via Acapulco, wrote to Fannie & Max Koble @ Guanajuato. Trying to get settled in new quarters. Waiting on Don Jose Carrera to get moved into his new house, so we may occupy the old one. Don Jose Carrera moved out tonight, night fall.

Sunday, May 15, 1898 Occupying our new quarters alone today. Purchasing our kitchen outfit of crockery, cheap. 3:30PM, wife and I rode to San Geronimeta (?) and back after horse feed & Ciadas, home @ 7:45PM.

Monday, May 16, 1898 Rustling for table, & bedstead and rustling for a creada or boy. Rented second hand table and bedstead, awful filthy. Bought Rastroho. (?) again, .75 cts.

Tuesday, May 17, 1898 Having Corral repaired today, on contract for cash \$2.50. Hope to make some deal with M.J.B. to prospect in company. My oldest son Alonzo Swain was married sometime this month in California to a lady, a Miss. Stevens. (Stephenson)

Wednesday, May 18, 1898 Corral completed & paid for, bought letter paper & envelopes, .50 cts. Preparing for a weeks trip to see & prospect a new section east. Wrote to Jessie Wiley, Washington City. Rec'd letter from Julia Rodriguez, Guanajuato. Pablo Dato here tonight.

Thursday, May 19, 1898 Bought lard @ 12 1/2 cts, cheapest in Mexico. Burgess & myself & Mozo preparing for a prospecting trip up into the high range early tomorrow.

Friday, May 20, 1898 Burgess & I with a digger off on a prospecting trip up the river to the eastward. Bought sugar, 5 lbs, 1.25, chocolate, 1.00, matches, .20, meat 1.75, hired digger @ 50 cts & board per diem. @ Martinez, found river diggings here prospect well bar & bank. Corn for horses.

Saturday, May 21, 1898 Off prospecting occasionally up river, reached Lime Kiln Gulch, also Canyon Gulch, both No. 1 with water in and during rainy season @ present dry, as a bone. Stopped overnight here, bought corn for stock & meals.

Sunday, May 22, 1898 Off up stream prospecting the gulches & bars, panning. Fired 2 shots at a big alligator, he went down. Commenced raining, reached mouth of Bottle Creek, stopped in dirty, hovel, raining, examining for water supply, here overnight. Bill 1.00.

Monday, May 23, 1898 Burgess & myself & Mozo off up Bottle Creek, panning & noting water supply, etc. At this the driest of the season & plenty of water now. Back to dirty camp to dinner, our Mozo left us @ noon. PM, off prospecting until night, found wild tomato.

Tuesday, May 24, 1898 Paid bill for corn, etc, 1.00. At dirtiest camp in Mexico and turned towards home. Lunched @ Martinez about noon & rode through to Petatlan by 6PM. Found Mrs. A.C. all alone but all OK. Cost of Mozo 3 1/2 days 1.75. Total cost of trip, 3.13.

Wednesday, May 25, 1898 Resting for today, rec'd postal from Cyetano Serrano regarding our freight still in La Union. Also rec'd letter from Pablo Dato on same subject. Bought horse feed, 1.00. Arranging to go to

Coyuca, arranging to get freight from La Union.

Thursday, May 26, 1898 Still trying to get packers. Later the mail brings news, our freight is coming @ last.

Friday, May, 27, 1898 Wrote J.S. Carnahan about my prospecting trip up the river and across the gold belt. Also wrote to Prof. o.E. Swain in Alameda Calif. Our freight should come in tomorrow. Alice wrote a postal to La Union to Mrs. Mary Serrano.

Saturday, May 28, 1898 Freight trunks etc arrived this PM from La Union & I paid balance on packing @ La Union, 16.00 here total \$21.00. Bought horse feed, .15 cts, meat & odd & ends, eggs, .50 cts. Opened box bacon, sugar & coffee. Will soon be traveling again & towards land office. \$22.25

Sunday, May 29, 1898 Preparing for the trip to Coyuca. M.J.B. goes with me & his cook. Bought corn for home use during my absence, 1.00. Take coffee tea, bacon & sugar, take pick, pan & shovel and one horse. Burgess takes 3. Expect to be gone 2 weeks. A troop of Rurales in town tonight.

Monday, May 30, 1898 Cash for trip, \$216.75. Off on the trail, M.J.B., his cook, 4 horses & myself. Left my partner A.C.S. alone in Petatlan. Out to San Felipe, 6 leagues and on to Portrillo's to dinner @ 1PM. Dinners & corn, .55 On to Chaveta, total 11 leagues, overnight, tortillas, beds and fodder, \$1.00.

Tuesday, May 31, 1898 Off early, passed Plan del Coche and on to El Anchor to rest & breakfast. Cost, tortillas, .15 cts. PM, off again & rode to La Laja (?) by 5PM. Through the Cangatha de Montor, crossed a divide and came onto the arroya do Huntos, found horse feed, plenty and hung up for tonight @ La Laja under cover. (May 2nd to June 1st, \$163.90)

Wednesday, Jun 1, 1898 Paid bill @ La Laja in May account, 1.00, and off early, rode to Via Ceto & stopped for dinner & fed horses. Had to have arapajo repaired, costing us a total. of 1.25. PM, @ 1:45 to Real del Guadalupe (?) @ 5:15 and stopped for tonight, found a hard trail today. The country very mountainous & hard on man & beast.

Thursday, Jun 2, 1898 Off early from Real de Guadalupe @ 6:15, rode up, up, up crossing, a very high mineral country, covered with oak & pine. Crossing over we went down and down over a rough trail until 11:15, we stopped to at Cases Viejas to rest & rest our stock, torteros, no feed here. PM, rode on to Las Huntas on the Rio del Oro, still in Carrera's lands, stopped overnight.

Friday, Jun 3, 1898 Off early & rode 5 hours to breakfast, bill \$1 .30 at Llano Grande, @ 11AM. Route is down the Rio del Oro, passed an ancient city with stone, images. 1PM, in a pouring rain storm, stopped @ Cruz de Oatathe, Carrera's east line, no horse feed, but corn & weeds. Forgot my glasses this morning. Bill loft .75.

Saturday, Jun 4, 1898 Off from Cruz de Oatathe over a hell of a road, 3 1/2 hours climbing the Espinosa el Diablo, crossed over & @ 11:30 reached a hovel, stopped for tortillas & to dry our bedding end saddles & blankets. Came very near killing the pack horse. PM, on down to the Tiger hunters, over a very hell of a road. Stopped horses gone in - no feed.

Sunday, Jun 5, 1898 8PM, find wires down. Paid bill @ Tiger hunters, tortillas and 5 eggs & @ very little corn, .75. Off @ daylight into Tierra Caliente, came to Los Placeros one Rio del Oro. Bought some bread & fruit, .25. Rode on to the Marciclego (?) & stopped to rest 4 hours & sleep. PM, rode on into Coyuca @ 7PM for tonight.

Monday, Jun 6, 1898 Wire down to Petatlan this AM. Paid for corn & corn shucks, & overnight, 86 cts. tortillas, .15, Refino, .15, bread .12, beans .06, sugar .73, & can't do nothing today, a Fiesta. Met a Swiss on the street named Mr. Theodul Julen, a prospector. Bought corn & feed for tonight, \$1.25. Mailed a postal to A.C.S. today. Changed clothes took a bath & had my washing done. I rented a corral & house for today, 1.25.

Tuesday, Jun 7, 1898 Can't wire this AM. Met some parties going toward Petatlan (exploring). Horses all used up, sore and foot sores, heat is sweltering. Having wives shoes repaired. Bought horse feed as usual, corn stalks & corn, \$1.25. Met the Frenchman B's friend. Called twice today on Carrera's agent, but failed to meet him.

Wednesday, Jun 8, 1898 Called on Nicholas Perris early, 10AM, wired A.C. Swain, \$1.10. Met Henry Bishop of Coyuca, he has been in Guerrero 25 years, having horses re-shod, 6.00 @ 2.00 each, cheap enough. Horse feed costs Per day, \$1.25. Bought Salsiloto. do Sosa, 1.30 Rheumatism medicine.

Thursday, Jun 9, 1898 Called @ land office on business early, find one party have 7,300 pertinencias, denounced in Ocota. Still waiting for Carrera to wire us, or arrive here. Bought horse feed, writing material, stamps, 2.00.

Friday, Jun 10, 1898 Had M.J.B. write a letter to Alejandro. Carrera @ Mexico City, Colonios de Santa Marie, 3rd del Chops No 1 D.F. Blue horse shod today, 2.00. Had no answer from A.C.S. today. Wrote long letter to J.S. Carnahan. Horse feed, corn & fodder, 1.25.

Saturday, Jun 11, 1898 The Webber gang is off early for Petatlan via the Guadalupe. Repairing aparaho, 2.50. Cost of odd & ends buy B's cook, 5.60 during the past week. Wife rec'd letter from J.S. Carnahan dated May 25. Waited all day for A.C. to answer. Burgess about to go to Mexico City, horse feed as usual.

Sunday, Jun 12, 1898 Mr. H.W. Read & Son of the San Nicholas del Oro arrived in Coyuca this AM. Rec'd wives answer, pipe not started. Answered at once, 1.10. Horse feed as usual, 1.25.

Monday, Jun 13, 1898 M.J.B. writing out denouncement to Andres Vega of Coyuca pareto. PM, filed denoucomanto for 500 to be selected within 21 kilometers or 13 miles in straight line. Horse feed per day, corn etc 1.25. Stamps for land office, .50.

Tuesday, Jun 14, 1898 Mr. Reed & Son off for home early. 12PM, rec'd filings and paid for same, \$30.00. Must return maps inside of sixty working days. B. offered 40.00 for his horse. Horse feed as usual, 1.25. Loaned Burgess some more money, 18.00. Paid rent for corral & house, 11.25. Wrote again to J.S. Carnahan.

Wednesday, Jun 15, 1898 Raining all night. Off for Petatlan from Coyuca early, alone, have 2 horses. Burgess off toward Mexico City. I reached the placers @ 11:30, met a Mr. Pear there, a Superintendent for Foote & Co. Mines & Mill. Bought grub for trip here, paid out 1.00. Rode into Cegureo & rested & ate. PM, on to Las Parotes, overnight.

Thursday, Jun 16, 1898 Raining, paid bill & started early. Missed my trail & lost full 3 hours, nothing to eat till I reached owa (?) @ 2PM. Dinner & grass for horses. On down over the Devils backbone to Cruise de Otatie. Having a big fandango all night, horse feed and grub cost me .50. Met the Swiss there again.

Friday, Jun 17, 1898 Off early in the rain, rode to Luna for breakfast, hard torteos & beans, rode on westward to Los Huntas @ 1PM. Fed cornstalks & rested 2 hours, cost. .50. Off again & rode to Oho the owe (?) and stopped overnight. Fed corn & dry grass and horses stood in rain all night. Lost sugar and bread.

Saturday, Jun 18, 1898 off again, bill .75. Rode to Real de Guadalupe by 11AM and on to via Ceto & had dinner & fed horses, stocks which cost me---Later sick as death, lost my dinner, headache, traded aparaho for old saddle. Rain, stayed overnight.

Sunday, Jun 19, 1898 off @ 5, rode to La Laha (?) for breakfast, bought bread & sugar, total .65. It has commenced showering and I arrived @ Chaveta @ 3 PM, horses fagged, overnight here, bill .75.

Monday, Jun 20, 1898 Left Chaveta @ 5:AM, rode into Petatlan @ 11AM to find A.C. Swain all OK. She has been 3 weeks alone. Bought corn stalks for .62. Had a conference with Carrera & he will wire his Brother in Mexico City.

Tuesday, Jun 21, 1898 A.C. and I off to Zihuatanejo early to do some wiring. Business with the Carreras. Took a message for Don Jose end got it off late PM, cost 1.80. Stayed with Pablo Dato overnight, raining steady. Paid Dato on wives wire to me, .88.

Wednesday, Jun 22, 1898 PM, raining. Wiring A. Carrera on business early this AM in Mexico City. Wired T.H. Carlisle @ Marfiel, "are you coming to Petatlan, answer". A.C. and I must wait for answer. Sent 3 messages today, failed to get a reply.

Thursday, Jun 23, 1898 8AM trying again to open correspondence with Carrera in Mexico City. 12PM, no reply up to this time, 6PM, no reply, up to this time and raining steady & strong. Thermometer marks 78 degrees. 6:15pm, rec'd wire from A. Carrera, 6:55PM, wired conditions and asked him to answer at once.

Friday, Jun 24, 1898 Zihuatanejo - preparing to return to Petatlan. Cost of wiring, total \$13.87. Incidentals food, horse feed etc, 4.00. Left \$5.00 with Pablo Dato for emergencies. Wired J.S. Carnahan @ Monterey, stating prospects and wants. Ordered 2,000 in ten days and rode back to Petatlan.

Saturday, Jun 25, 1898 Raining all night. Fearfully wet underfoot. Resting at home today and writing to J.S. Carnahan. Mr. Weber & Levis & party returned from Venada & the Ocota. They were ordered out buy police. Davis & Brisbane still in there. Paid mozo on account, 1.25. May statement rendered.

Sunday, Jun 26, 1898 Paid old Mozo off in full. Max is building feed 2k for horses and repairing saddle to use later, new stirrup straps, 1.50 & stirrups, .75. Had him off cutting fire wood this AM and had it packed home on horse. Rec'd wire from Carrera in Mexico City, horse feed corn & fodder, 1.00. Paid Mozo. on account, 1.00, Paid criada off & gone, 5.00.

Monday, Jun 27, 1898 Our landlady moved out to her ranch today, we are alone. Paid her first months rent today, \$4.00. Mailed long letter to J.S. Carnahan, San Felipe Mine, Monterey Mexico and one to G. Uriunela Hijos, Acapulco & one to Pablo Dato, Zihuatanejo. Containing wire to A. Carrera, Max, one to A.E. Beach, Uwapin, Michoacan, Cayetano Serrano, La Union, 19.25.

Tuesday, Jun 28, 1898 New creada this morning. Preparing to begin our surveying tomorrow. Surveyor & helpers all on hand for tomorrow early. Horse feed, .72, Stamps for Mozo, .15. Another call for cash by Mozo, 1.00.

Wednesday, Jun 29, 1898 Commenced surveying our claim. Employed Nicholas Weber, a civil & mining engineer with instruments. Complete, surveyed several lines & pertinencias, made a good start & returned to Petatlan @ 6:30pm. Cost of hired men, 3 = 1.25. Cost of surveyors dinner for all hands, 10.50. Letter from J.S.C. of May 14th in pencil.

Thursday, Jun 30, 1898 Has rained all night. Corn costs 2.00. We paid 1.00 cash & rcv'd 4 almudes (?) on account. Bought the surveyors outfit, theadolite & all complete for \$50.00. Ink, paper, tape, line. Wrote to J.S.C.

Friday, Jul 1, 1898 Raining all day, a river in the street in front of the house. Corn fodder for 3 = .72. Surveyor working on our map. Mr. Davis called on us, he & comrade have lost their animals. Fruit, lard, meat, milk .65. \$228.87 June statement rendered.

Saturday, Jul 2, 1898 Rained all night. Received wire from A. Carrera, asks me to come to Mexico City to negotiate. Davis off south after lost horse & mules. Kitchen Sundays, .50. Had a conference with Jose C. this PM, he agrees to wire Alajandro C. Tomorrow early. Corn stalks, .72.

Sunday, Jul 3, 1898 Don Jose Carrera & wife, & I rode to San Jeronimo to confer with Ysidro Delgado. Sent dispatch to Alejandro Carrera from San Jeronimo, cost via special messenger to Zihuatanejo to wire 1.00. Wrote, Cayetano Serrano @ once .50. Came home at 4PM & sent for Andrase. Am going to Mexico City to close deal with Carrera.

Monday, Jul 4, 1898 Mr. Brisbane and Davis ate supper & spent the evening with us last evening. "Hurrah for the 4th of July" Rec'd package of papers from Max Koble, letter from sister Altar Delaney Luick, rec'd letter from Pablo Dato & Cardona Delaje. Paid Mozo. on account, 1.00.

Tuesday, Jul 5, 1898 Mr. Brisbane & Davis, Levis & Co. are all off for Coyuca. Paid off my mozo in full, 1.00. Noon & ready to start for Potrerillos (?). Wife & I waited until 2:30PM on Andres & rode away for Potrerillos where we over took the gang & stopped, (I take coffee & sugar for the road) 2.00. A.C. Concluded to stop here, until I return from Mexico City.

Wednesday, Jul 6, 1898 All hands off towards Coyuca, hired Jose M. Avila to go to Mexico City with me. To Plan del Cache to dinner, .38. Rode on past to Buena Vista and quit for the day. Had plenty of corn tonight. Horses in a pasture, Stopped with my mozo, sister & family, our bill was easy.

Thursday, Jul 7, 1898 Boat at Zihuatanejo from Acapulco today. Our bill was total .40. 6AM, rode on to Via Ceta to breakfast, arrived there @ 9:15, had dinner costing .36. Rode on to Real del Guadalupe, left via Ceta @ 11AM, reached the mine @ 3PM, raining & we halted for tonight, stopping with Mr. Supt., Mac

Sweeney.

Friday, Jul 8, 1898 Wild grass for horses .50. Gave Jose cash @ Guadalupe, 1.00, corn for horses, .50. (Raining) Off @ 8:30, crossed the range & rode to Cihauaquio and Isadora and I stopped for the night. Raining all PM & all night. Bill total, \$2.00.

Saturday, Jul 9, 1898 off from Cihauaquio @ 6:30, rode to Llano Grande @ 11:30 for dinner & rest. Rode on to Cruz de Atattie (?) @ 3:15 and halted for today. Nothing but grass. Sr. Levis & Joaquin M. Lopez went on farther for the night. Had music & dancing. Lady musicians.

Sunday, Jul 10, 1898 Off and up the Espanosa del Diablo over to Las Mono. @ 11:45 to torteos, straight. (coffee & sugar) cost us .25. Rode off down to La Parrottes, here we bought corn, .50, eggs & torteos & cheese, .50. Hired a bedstead, .25 and fought bed bugs all night.

Monday, Jul 11, 1898 off @ 4:30 by moonlight, had a glass of milk for 2, .06 cts. Rode to Cigareas for breakfast, 3 1/2 hours reaching there @ 8:15AM. Breakfast & corn for our horses, cost .80. Rode on to Placeras, met the Swiss there, our horses have all gone lame within 2 leagues of Coyuca & stopped.

Tuesday, Jul 12, 1898 off @ 4:30, rode into Coyuca de Catalan having horses shod @ 7AM, eating my breakfast with the horseshoers, family. Having 2 horses shod all around, costing \$4.00. Raining as usual, stopping over night. Bought horse feed, 1.50. Lodging and food for two, 3.50.

Wednesday, Jul 13, 1898 Off @ 6:30, threatening rain all day. We rode to Juchitla (?) by 3PM, where the rain caught us in torrents and we had to hunt a place for the night. Bought lunch, torteos & carne @ .37. Bought horse feed as usual. 75 cts.

Thursday, Jul 14, 1898 Paid bill @ Juchitla, 2.75 and struck out through the mud and water once more. Ferried the Rio Las Truchas, .75 cts. Later wrote to J.T. Judd, while it rained. Ferried the Rio Balsas and ferried the Rio Camatlan @ 4PM and rode until 8PM into Arcelia.

Friday, Jul 15, 1898 Bill at Arcelia, 1.25. Lunched on road. (Raining hard) First pears & peaches 25 cts. 2PM, passed Arroya Seco. PM, fine country, stone fences, rich soil all caused by output of extinct volcano. (pouring down rain) Everyone wet, wet, wet. @ Owacate (?) @ 5:15, stopped, rained all night.

Saturday, Jul 16, 1898 Paid bill @ Owacate, 1.25. Rode on towards Iguala until 11:30, stopped to lunch, .35. Off again @ 12:30 and rode into Teloloapan @ 3:30PM where we stopped to rest & have horse shod. Stopping with Merced Bustamante. Cash to Jose M. for grub and horse feed, 1.25.

Sunday, Jul 17, 1898 Storming fearful. We are here, for today with Merced Bustamante. Horse feed very scarce and cost more than I have ever paid before in Mexico, for last night it cost 1.25 for 3 horses for green hay. Corn cost about the same as usual price, .75. Board bill later. Wrote to William C. Swain.

Monday, Jul 18, 1898 Rained hard all night and still raining, bill \$4.00. Off on the road @ 8AM. @ 1:10PM, met Mr. Reed of San Nicholas del Oro, 3 packs & 2 mozos, we rode one until 2PM, lunched & fed grass at Coatapac (old church) off @ 3PM and rode to Iguala @ 9PM. Tired & wet & muddy & hungry, horses exhausted. "Hell of a country"

Tuesday, Jul 19, 1898 Rained all night - as usual. Arranging to go to Mexico City @ 7AM tomorrow morning. Paid for having shoe, reset, .50. Called on Mrs. Lee and Frank. Bought horse feed for .75. Just heard that there is a washout between here and Puente do Gxela (Ixtla).

Wednesday, Jul 20, 1898 R.R. bridge gone. Met J.A. Chisholm, chief Engineer, he says he will try to send us through some time tonight. Later had a chat with Chisholm @ his room in Hotel Ferro Carril. Borrowed papers of Mrs. Lee (war news good). Wired J.S. Carnahan my business, wired Carrera from Iguala in PM. Horses wore out, waiting train. AM, we commenced stabling on contract, 1.00 Per day.

Thursday, Jul 21, 1898 R.R. a failure until later. If no train comes this AM (we will ride on). Paid bill to date horse feed, mozo and myself, 6.00. Left pack horses & outfit @ the mason del Sur and rode to Buena Vista on road to Puente de Ixtla. Horses are all used up - backs sore and they, are leg weary. Corn cost me, .25 and fodder .50. Rain in sight.

Friday, Jul 22, 1898 Raining in PM. Paid bill @ Buena Vista and on across the country as usual. Came to

Palmea on to Rio Amacuzoc ferry, .25, dined in town of same name & rode on to the soil of the State of Morelos. At the town of Puente de Ixtla @ 4PM, wired taio Col. Hampson for stable room, etc. Rec'd answer favorable. Pd for suppers, .75 for beds, .50 and horse feed 1.00.

Saturday, Jul 23, 1898 Left 2 horses & saddles in care of Pillsbury R.R. Hefe @ Ixtla to be fed. Off to City on Inter Oceanic Fares, one first class, one second, \$6.82, up through Morelos Valley via Tauteppec (?). @ Cuatla dinner station @ 11AM .50. In city @ 4:45, wire 1.32. Wired J.S.C. & wrote him.

Sunday, Jul 24, 1898 Raining. Took room @ Hotel Guadiola. Rec'd wire from J.S.C. Bought pair shoes for mozo, 5.00. Rec'd of M.J.B., 98.00 cash. Visited the Peseo & Alameda to show Hosa the city, and everything of interest, also the Electric Plant Power Station.

Monday, Jul 25, 1898 Called on Alejandro Carrera in company with M.J. Burgess. Asked to see Wheelis contract, saw and copied it. Filed Pablo Datos order. Boarding with china man. Wired A. C. Swain, AM. Have an appointment with Carrera early tomorrow.

Tuesday, Jul 26, 1898 Went to see Carrera in AM in company with M.J.B. and heard Carrera's proposition, it is a corker, find M.J.B. is in my way, so I will have to drop him. Mr. J.D. Lewis & Charles Wiley, & Lee Russell - interpreting. Sent word to Carrera to come to my room early tomorrow.

Wednesday, Jul 27, 1898 Carrera came & we talked, argued & talked more. He wants it all, as I wrote Mrs. A.C. today. Rec'd wire from J.S.C. this PM. Had to have 3 teeth pulled this evening. Arranged to have Carrera wait until I can hear from Denver. Don Gsedro starts home tomorrow.

Thursday, Jul 28, 1898 Sent Jose off to Iguala via 8AM R.R., bought him a ticket to Puente Ixtla and gave him cash for expenses, \$5.00. Wired J.S.C. before breakfast, 2.08. Rained & hailed here, the worst I have ever saw in Mexico this day. 10:10, rec'd answer from J.S.C. to come to Monterrey.

Friday, Jul 29, 1898 Bought some periodicals & sent them to A.C.S. by mail. Wired her I go to Monterrey tonight. Wired J.S.C. coming on train tonight. Paid hotel bill, room 5.00, bought ticket, return 45.00, restaurant bill 5.00. Left pckg & hat in Hotel, off at 9PM sharp.

Saturday, Jul 30, 1898 Acambaro to breakfast, 1.00, dinner on fruit, .15. On all night and reached Monterrey @ supper 1.00. Mrs. A.C.S. expense 15.00. July statement \$160.55.

Sunday, Jul 31, 1898 4AM, to Hotel Monterrey to bed & breakfast, rec'd letter from J.S.C. @ Flynn office. 5PM he arrived from San Felipe mine, we took supper together and talked matters over.

Monday, Aug 1, 1898 J.S.C. and I took samples to have them assayed. Expect to get returns tonight. Still hoping to get money soon. Rec'd 2,500 of J.S.C. Paid hotel bill and off @ 10PM for Mexico City. Carnahan Bros closed business with us.

Tuesday, Aug 2, 1898 Rolling along all night, breakfast cost .50. Dinner @ San Luis Potosi, .50. Heard from a Mr. Bracken that William Brakie is working for Supt. Allen for Cap Lane @ Minos Del Oro.

Wednesday, Aug 3, 1898 In Mexico City @ 7:30AM. Room 7 @ Hotel Guardiola, sent message to A. Carrera, .25. Bought medicine etc for home. Bought wives order camp wicks cost .50. two meals cost 1.00, room cost 1.00.

Thursday, Aug 4, 1898 off for home via Iguala & Coyuca at 8:15AM. 3rd class ticket to Iguala, \$4.00 over the Mexican Central & Pacific & Grande R.R. for scenery @ Cuernavaca for dinner. @ Pt. de Ixtla @ 4PM, find a slide on the track below here and we must wait until the line is opened. @ 12 midnight line open and we rolled out. @ 3AM Iguala, stayed in car till morning.

Friday, Aug 5, 1898 Up to Mason de Sur early, found all in bed, found horses starving, preparing to get right out. Bought 2 hair ropes & 2 small ropes. Bought some pan dulcys (?) and a package of cigars, paid my bill at Mason of \$10.00 and @ 9AM we started and made Cuataptec & quit.

Saturday, Aug 6, 1898 Bill @ Cuataptec, 1.75. Rode to Teloloapan @ 1:10pm, dinner .62. Off again @ 2PM and rode to Socatlanteno (?) where the rain caught us good. Stopped & let our horses have a good feed of grass. Here we stopped, our bill 1.00.

Sunday, Aug 7, 1898 Raining PM. Rode from here past Augua Saco, Jose is sick, gave him two doses of pills & stopped @ 3PM, he said he was too sick to travel. (Wish he was dead) Met Davis & on the road today, we exchanged gossip. Rained all night.

Monday, Aug 8, 1898 Paid bill & rode, bill 1.00. Next point is Arcelia @ noon, rested until 1:30PM. Had chicken soup & dinner, .50. Jose bought some durasho (?) .13. I bought some puros for .25. We rode on & crossed Rio Polekla in a barge costing us .31, and on to San Gregoria tonight, raining.

Tuesday, Aug 9, 1898 Paid bill corn, 8 quarteos .75, breakfast for two .20. On again, gnats in swarm. Am loaded down with sick boy & two lame horses. Rode to Tanguanguato (?) and stopped for the night.

Wednesday, Aug 10, 1898 Horse feed Sacate .18, supper & beds .38. Pd .65 cts new hat for Jose, wrote to Judd & Carnahan, mailed letters @ Coyuca. Ferry @ Balsas .75, breakfast .15, ferry @ Cuerio .38, shoeing 1.00, corn .50.

Thursday, Aug 11, 1898 Ferry across Balsas, breakfast and on to Coyuca. Forded Rio San Miguel, almost swimming. Ferry @ Rio Cuerio, dinner in Coyuca. Had roan horse shod and one shoe refit. @ Harepo. overnight.

Friday, Aug 12, 1898 Paid out @ Placiers total \$4.54. To. Los Parrotees, camped paid bill & rode out in a big rainstorm. Stopped @ a distillery, rested ate some fruit and rode on in the rain without horse feed. Rode to Llana Grande, 6PM. Camped for tonight. Jose, wet, wet to the hide all day.

Saturday, Aug 13, 1898 Paid bill & off again, .50. Bought corn .40. Raining, but we started out and rode in rain all forenoon until about 3PM it quit. Stopped @ Casses Vieho.

Sunday, Aug 14, 1898 Passed the high range @ 9AM, passed the Real del Guadalupe @ 12 noon and rode to Via Ceto & done for this day. @ Cyetano Espanosa, dropped watch & stopped it.

Monday, Aug 15, 1898 Rent paid to this date, 12.00. Paid bill @ Via Ceto, total 1.00, including mule to La Laha (?). Found Teo back so swollen that I had to hire a mule to carry me to Joses sisters @ La Laha. Paid her boy, to return mule to Via Ceto, .50. Raining like hell, stopped for today with Joses people, no choice.

Tuesday, Aug 16, 1898 Paid boy to return mule to Via Ceto to Mrs. Cyatano Espanoza, borrowed 2 mules to take me & my pack through to Porta Rio. Left my pack horses behind all used up @ La Laha. Arrived @ Porta Rio 4PM, found Mrs. A.C. Swain all ok and in good health, my journey to, Petatlan later.

Wednesday, Aug 17, 1898 Resting @ Portarea all day today. Counting up Joses time, 42 days = \$21.00, have paid him cash 12.00.

Thursday, Aug 18, 1898 off for Petatlan, had Celsor come down with us to take the mules home tomorrow. Rec'd letters from everybody. E.A. Hayner, O.E. Swain, A.L. Beach, J.S. Carnahan, Max Koble, Ralston & Grayson, R.M. Beebee & Purnnella Higos of Acapulco, I found all ok in Petatlan. Cedro Deloyo here this PM.

Friday, Aug 19, 1898 Rained all night. Rained all day, stayed in doors, too wet for any use. Presented a Aroba of sugar to the Avilas family, & 1/2 another to their son in law @ Buena Vista through Celsor who goes back to Portarea with the mules tomorrow if possible, Hunting up bills, cost of goods, etc.

Saturday, Aug 20, 1898 Settled up with Celsor Avila for rent and balance due his brother Jose as my mozo, 9.00. Paid him in brace & bits at cost \$5.25, two planes \$5.55 and balance 2.20 cash settling satisfactory. Rustling Don Jose Carrera for the \$50.00 we loaned him last May loth & we want it.

Sunday, Aug 21, 1898 Don Jose C. paid us \$25.00 on account, balance promised in a few days. Wife presented me with a complete new vest, linen. I pulled a bad tooth today. Celsor went home this PM. Loaned him my Mackintosh. Andrace brought sample rock, bought 1.25 dust for 1.50 silver.

Monday, Aug 22, 1898 Wrote to Max Koble, Guanajuato. Doctoring our horses & reading the papers. Found pasture for our horses @ 25 cts per week per head.

Tuesday, Aug 23, 1898 Mailed letter to Max Koble, wrote to J.S. Carnahan and to George Hopkins, Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, Cardiff, London. Pulled off Teos shoes. Wrote to O.E. Swain, San Francisco, California.

Wednesday, Aug 24, 1898 Writing most of day. Bought corn @ 2.25 fanafa (?), sugar in exchange @ 22 cts. a pound or 5.50 an oroba.

Thursday, Aug 25, 1898 Wrote Ysidro Deloyo, Pablo Dato, E.A. Hayner, Michigan. Hired an old California placiers miner & two Indians to explore in certain locality (and pan for gold) and be very cautious about it and report to me here.

Friday, Aug 26, 1898 Reading most all day. Sold one of my big sawa(?), \$7.50, also 14 lbs of nails 3.75. Prospector and two Indians off early, on wages & grub, miner, American costs 3.00 Per diem & grub, two Indians each .75 per diem and grub.

Saturday, Aug 27, 1898 Rec'd answer from A.S. Aubury, Guanajuato. Writing Aubury today. My placiers miner sent for some sugar and sent word that he has found \$10.00 per day dirt in the first place I sent them to. I knew I was very close to the figures myself.

Sunday, Aug 28, 1898 Sent the Indian back with sugar and matches and a note instructing him to keep an eye open as to the number of thickets of young rubber trees he saw and make a note of their whereabouts for future reference. Rec'd papers from A.S. Aubury.

Monday, Aug 29, 1898 Paid pasture today, .50. Sold pit saw & axe to Don Ysidro Deloyo, 10.00

Tuesday, Aug 30, 1898 Pablo Dato called on his return from down the coast. Changed pasture today on account of too many gnats in our pasture for our horses.

Wednesday, Aug 31, 1898 Wrote a long letter to Abe Waller of Whiterock, P.O. Mariposa Co. Finished letter to A.S. Aubury, Guanajuato. Rec'd word today from my prospector that he can show me 100,000 young rubber trees, fit for transplanting next year or this.

Thursday, Sep 1, 1898 Wrote to Mr. Cyatano Serrano & wife Mrs. Mary Harris Serrano @ La Union, Mexico. Mr. Wilson, Supt., General Manager, Banco de Londres, Guanajuato.

Friday, Sep 2, 1898 Idle, idle, idle all day. Had Andrase Sosa of Ocote here, he brought us a fine hind quarter of Venison for .12 cts.

Saturday, Sep 3, 1898 Overhauled my watch and put it to running, as usual again. Has been dead since I dropped it on the high Corona - Sierras east of Real del Guadalupe, on a rock of course. Today we are drying out our saddles, preparing to oiling them.

Sunday, Sep 4, 1898 Cleaning & oiling weapons again tonight. Bought chicken for dinner. Theodore, the Swiss called & had dinner with us & put in the day talking of mining and farming, and the cultivation of Vanilla. It pays from 300 to 500 per acre and often much more.

Monday, Sep 5, 1898 Wife working one my leggings. Bill @ last portraro 6 days .36 cts. Changed to new portraro.

Tuesday, Sep 6, 1898 Horses came in full this AM. Sold 1/2 in chisel for .75 cts. Had a burrachio (?) here today. Contributed .25 to Celebration fund for National Holiday next 16th. Wife making toilet soap out of cocoa nut oil. Raining steady and strong.

Wednesday, Sep 7, 1898 Prospecting for a cheap mule. Wife completed my leggings & I wore them to the portraro in PM.

Thursday, Sep 8, 1898 Very idle these days. Oiling saddle for A.C.S. Wrote a letter to Roberto Boker & Co., Calle del Angel No. 6, Mexico City, P.O. Box 148. (for Jesus Gomez cream separator)

Friday, Sep 9, 1898 Opened last box of bacon to find it all spoiled, 24 pieces, cost 35 cts per lb in Mexico City last April 16th. Wife & I took corn to horses in AM. They are fattening, splendid.

Saturday, Sep 10, 1898 Sold 4 arobas of sugar for \$14.00 to Jesus Gomez, Petatlan. "Almost down sick" Feeling awful poorly, did not see our horses today, felt too weak to go out to the portrero today & they missed their corn. Worked a little trying to repair our old trunk for the coming trip out to the civilized parts of Mexico soon.

Sunday, Sep 11, 1898 Sold pick to Theodore Gulen, \$2.50. Tried to buy 5.00 gold dust, tried to trade shot gun for horse, saddle and gold dust, will make it yet, I think.

Monday, Sep 12, 1898 Completed trunk repairs & commenced packing our things for the trip again. Rec'd Postal from Cyatano Serrano. Gave Jose Carrera garden seed. Burning up all old bills, telegrams etc, as useless trash.

Tuesday, Sep 13, 1898 Fattening our horses for the trail, when passable. Writing to W.H. Akers and Charles Magner, Wichita Falls, Texas this PM. Raining every day.

Wednesday, Sep 14, 1898 Wrote S.B. Conner Co-Engineer with F.G. Corning of New York City on placiers etc. Wrote C.W. Hagemann, Supt. Sierra Mojada E Coahuila.

Thursday, Sep 15, 1898 The hottentots preparing to celebrate their great National Holiday tomorrow. Commenced burning powder at the break of day this morning. Tomorrow they will raise the roof I suppose. Another months rent due tonight one this house, \$4.00 paid.

Friday, Sep 16, 1898 Independence Day in Mexico. Bought dust of Theo Gulen, \$5.31. Bathed our horses, nice & clean. Changed them into another portrero. Writing to Melissa Morez @ Whitlocks c/o A.W. Burgess. Later we witnessed the Grand Parade in the Plaza, Mexican, Indian & Spanish. Theodore stayed with us tonight.

Saturday, Sep 17, 1898 Witnessed some cat races & the first cock fight with gaffs, it proved a very short affair for one of the game cock. Moved our horses into another portrero to please the owner, 3 cts, raining.

Sunday, Sep 18, 1898 Theodore Golen still here. Letter to Alonzo Swain. No mail today. Raining fearfully all day and the streets are running full from side to side. This has been the heaviest rain we have seen since we came onto the west coast. Commenced letter to Alonzo Swain. Paid Usavia for months work, \$2.50 in full tonight.

Monday, Sep 19, 1898 River came into town and caused a hustling among some of the hottentots who had shacks near the banks. It has fallen again this AM. Completed letter to my son Alonzo Swain, Red Bluff, Tehama Co. California. c/o his Brother H.C. Swain, County Treasure.

Tuesday, Sep 20, 1898 Sold lock butts knob etc \$2.00. Idle all day, very idle. American exploring and sent 2 good prospectors out for a 3 or 4 day trip to pan for gold. Placiers also to mark their finds and note the timber. Encountered our horses tormented very much by vampires again. Paid pasture.

Wednesday, Sep 21, 1898 Paid pasture bill to date in full, 17 days, \$1.36. Two Arabs here peddling as in California. Theodore off to Venade to his placier mines to work again. Wife, & I out walking among the tamarinda trees.

Thursday, Sep 22, 1898 Prospectors returned for more grub late last night. So we stocked them up at once and they sailed out again this morning early, locating rubber trees. PM, wife & myself put our horses back into 8 cent pasture. We have over paid 10 cts on pasture bill. Raining fearfully.

Friday, Sep 23, 1898 Bought 80 sticks of wood, .34, mahogany, fire place wood. I got our horses up and gave them a bath and fed them their regular corn. Pouring rain - PM. Again dining a millionaire for \$25.00. Settled up in full with my 3 natives, 3 rubber tree hunters -\$26.00.

Saturday, Sep 24, 1898 Commenced writing up my first trip to the west coast last year & find I have a big task on my hands. Late this PM my prospectors returned from down the range several miles and bring in some fine reports on timber, as well as fine, prospects in gold and report fine placiers there.

Sunday, Sep 25, 1898 Still writing my first trip up, had our horses up to corn again today, they are doing fine & fattening fast. Theodore here this PM, dined a millionaire again today for 25.00.

Monday, Sep 26, 1898 Rec'd a letter today mailed at Zihuatanejo April 15th 98. This place is less than one days ride from Petatlan one the regular mail route to La Union going north. A specimen of speed.

Tuesday, Sep 27, 1898 Found our horses had been changed into another field last evening, spanish trick. Raining fearfully this PM.

Wednesday, Sep 28, 1898 Prospectors off again for another cruise back among the big copper croppings, expect to be out for a week this trip. Paid my men on account, \$80.00. My prospectors making big pulls on my coffee - flour & sugar, but it must be done as I am anxious to post myself. Raining good tonight.

Thursday, Sep 29, 1898 Visited our horses in portraro and fed them corn & salt.

Friday, Sep 30, 1898 Crocodiles buy the million @ \$1.00. A messenger arrived from friend Pablo Dato saying the arroyas are impassable and the roads to. He is completely hemmed in at Zihuatanejo, he sent for miners, hammer, etc, \$6.00. Wrote to store, @ Coyuca. Wife made little poncho, a present of a medallion.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 1898 Rec'd letters from Max Koble under date of 9th Sept. 1898, 21 days from Guanajuato. Expect my California miner here tomorrow. Heard he is coming with good reports from this trip. Paid pasture bill up to this date .80cts, must pay 5 cts per head hence forth.

Sunday, Oct 2, 1898 The carpenter (Anderson) here from Portarilla. Is San Francisco hunt up Stephen Williams with a photographing outfit who was on the coast and left Acapulco 25 years ago for San Francisco for Narcisco Olivar. Our miners returned tonight and report finding among other things a mountain of copper ore.

Monday, Oct 3, 1898 Settled up with the prospectors in full to last Saturday night. They agreeing to show us the copper mountain when we are ready to go. Wrote to Ysidro Delajo for \$10.00 due us on saw & axe.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1898 Completely out of flour and none to be had. Wrote to Max Koble to stop at once. Prop \$250 for 5000 shares — ore twice this amount for double (strictly private). Anderson arrived with fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Oct 5, 1898 Anderson spent today with us. We made him a present of a pair of hair bridle reins. Writing up my Colima trip of last fall of over 3 months. Wrote Max again today to stop offering our find to eastern parties.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 1898 Wife & I visited our horses and fed them corn as usual. Rec'd last corn from our Post Master, 52 quarterones of corn for 22 lbs sugar @ 22 cts lb.

Friday, Oct 7, 1898 Trying to sell off some tools, asaro, steel punches & chisels. Visited Don Jose Carrera, he promised it tomorrow, sure. Wrote Lewis H. Parry, American Surety Co. of New York.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 1898 Two old ladies here today with white hair & blue eyes, we imagine they are albinos. The worst of the rains are over we think for this season. Jose Carrera here late and promised pay in full today.

Sunday, Oct 9, 1898 Punching Carrera for our money. Writing on my Colima trip. Theodore here to weigh gold dust. Jose Carrera here again the dirty liar - asking more time in which to pay us \$25.00 now overdue.

Monday, Oct. 10, 1898 Rec'd answer from Hacienda Coyuca Sebao Mosqueda. Rec'd letters from Koble & Aubrey, 22nd Sept mailed @ Guanajuato.

Tuesday, Oct 11, 1898 Rec'd cash on account from Jose Carrera today, \$18.00, balance due 7.00. Pasture paid up to, today, \$1.00. Usavia our indian girl completed a fashionable indian chemise, night shirt or something very pretty.

Wednesday, Oct 12, 1898 Alice made Usavia a present of a pair of nice scissors, this is the greatest present

that a native girl can receive, particularly a servant girl. We rec'd a nice package of butter, a nice cheese from the Avilas.

Thursday, Oct 13, 1898 Jose C. paid balance on old cash account 7.00. Jose Carrera traded us a tordeo mule, for \$31.15 in nails, 100 pounds, 3 shovel, a bundle of files & some steel.

Friday, Oct 14, 1898 Rec'd mule & bill of sale \$30.00 of Jose Carrera today, AM. Carrera off for Acapulco today with his lady and a Mozo. We are preparing to go out to civilization once more.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 1898 2 months rent paid today. Visited Don Giness this AM. Yesterday week ago, wrote Koble from camp near Acapulco.

Sunday, Oct 16, 1898 A.C. and I corralled our horses, fed corn and bathed them in river. We are overhauling pack saddles and expecting to travel soon.

Monday, Oct 17, 1898 Rec'd package of horse nails from Cyatano.

Tuesday, Oct 18, 1898 Preparing to emigrate once more toward civilization from which we have been cut off since April 15th 98. The war with Spain has been fought out to my great satisfaction. Busy today trying to collect money due.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1898 Our prospectors returned from their last scout, brought us a nice sample of placiers, gold from river Coyuca near the forks, four days travel from Petatlan.

Thursday, Oct 20, 1898 Bought an old saddle to pack on for a song. Theodore and myself looking for another animal. Don Huliane and her sons came this evening to gather their crop of corn.

Friday, Oct 21, 1898 Leandro's boys finished their corn and left for the Portarilla ranch @ noon. We let Huliane have another lock to go on pasture bill @\$1.25. Rec'd Postal from. C. Serrano asking for a Maca (?).

Saturday, Oct 22, 1898 Trying to trade tools for a pack animal today. Wrote second letter to C.W. Hagemann, Supt. Sierra Mojada, Eo Coahuile, Mexico.

Sunday, Oct 23, 1898 Bought another fine bird, \$3.00. Made a cage for the road for the two parrots today.

Monday, Oct 24, 1898 Still trying to get out of this Pueblo, but want another mule. Put our birds in the new cage for the first time tonight to sleep. Don Leandro Avila arrived from Portarilla this PM. Wrote to Mother E.A. Hayner.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1898 Waiting for a trade, trying to trade some tools for a mule.

Wednesday, Oct 26, 1898 Hunting to buy pack animals. We put shoes on Bonito late this evening. Wife bought a maca for Cyatano S.

Thursday, Oct 27, 1898 Rec'd letter from George Hopkins in London under date Sept. 26, 1898. One month coming, 296 Camberwell Road, London. Having two croopers (?) made. Shod Teosam this evening. Presented Rafael Avila pair of carpet slippers.

Friday, Oct 28, 1898 Leandro Avila off to Portarillo. Fitting up pack saddles, put new croopers on saddles. Ordered Huliano Solece to come get his Portraro. bill at once.

Saturday, Oct 29, 1898 Up very early to try and get a move on some of these damd lazy peons who want to sell us a couple of pack mules, but are too lazy to bring them up. Paid up all rent, 8.00 tonight.

Sunday, Oct 30, 1898 2 1/2 months rent paid. Hired a mule & aparaha to pack to Coyuca, 50 cts per day. Traded for another gray mule with Juliano Solis, \$40.00. Shotgun and ten dollars =40.00. Paid ranch bill \$2.78 in full.

Monday, Oct 31, 1898 Good bye to Petatlan for a short time. Off for the interior of Mexico with 2 good saddle horses & 2 pack mules. @ San Geronimeta to dinner, @ Ysidro Deloyo's. Called on Senora F. de Marturet. Off to Coyuca, reached there very late. Mrs. Amelia Garcia, Mosqueda Rancho Coyuca.

Tuesday, Nov 1, 1898 Rested all day, traded Teo to Manual Garcia for one Mule & one marcha and 10.00 cash & free corn. Rec'd sample from coppers mountain, said to go, 33/100. No left side of neck.

Wednesday, Nov 2, 1898 Preparing for the trail, traded our horse, Bonito to Manual Garcia for another horse and saddle & 25.00 cash and off again. Went to La Pureta. Stopped with a friend Francisco Galeano. Horse branded one left thigh, white strip in face.

Thursday, Nov 3, 1898 Sold 2.00 saw, our bill 1.04 cts. Off from La Pureta @ 8:45AM, and made Pantla @ 11 and rested and had dinner. Cost .12cts. Repacked and made Lagunillas @ 5:30 and done for today. Put animals in Portraro @ 3cts, our bill was .75.

Friday, Nov 4, 1898 My saddle mule died (lost 30.00) this morning in Portraro, colic. Paid our bill, tried to hire on animal to La Union, failed. Struck out on foot and made Chutla in four hours and called a halt for tonight. Have lost 2 mules & one horse on this trip.

Saturday, Nov 5, 1898 Hired a horse to ride to La Union, arrived @ 10:30AM, found Cyatano Serrano & family ok, halted for today. A new girl baby @ Serranos, born 31st Oct. Rec'd 3 pieces for sampling copper. Our Papy mule nearly left us last night.

Sunday, Nov 6, 1898 Robert Faessler in La Union getting horse shod, \$2.00 today. Sold tools to unit of \$19.25. Divided contents of trunk into two packages for better or for worse.

Monday, Nov 7, 1898 Still @ Serranos in La Union, buying odds and ends for the trail. Bought a saddle horse of friend Robert Faessler for 40.00, brand on left hip, low, six years.

Tuesday, Nov 8, 1898 Off from La Union @ 9AM and rode to Maroma @ 4:30pm, near Naranto. Faessler came a ways with us and gave me 100 cigars for a 1.00. Had a trembler @ 3:15AM. Going an entire new route in order to see the country and look for mines. Corn 10 to 12 ft tall.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 1898 Maroma to Naranto to Tepegnajo @ noon and on nearly to Los Animas and camped. Picketed on short feed. We aim to purchase feed and torteos & blankeyos (?) & freaholes (?) bill .75 cts.

Thursday, Nov 10, 1898 Off @ 9:30 passing a lovely open rolling country, via Los Animas, finest sheep range yet seen. Camped about noon today in order to feed up our stock for the hot work ahead. Showering PM. Bill .95.

Friday, Nov 11, 1898 Cloudy. Off again @ 8AM, passing over finest pastures we have seen on this trip. Passed St. Arita. PM, bought eggs .10. Passed La Magaya and camped on top of ridge in a corral. Staked out, no corn, sprinkling.

Saturday, Nov 12, 1898 Off @ 8 and Don Pape fell into a hole & we dug her out. Passed La Porte and come down hill all day. Very rocky, water plenty and grass. Camped @ Quepepasi @ 2PM. Bought torteos @ 11AM for 4cts. "Here we are on the Rio Balsas".

Sunday, Nov 13, 1898 Paid bills @ Quepepasi, 1.12. Sold our axes for 6.00 and rode off up through the canyon of the river Balsas. Reached Huntos de Inrujan @ 2PM & camped for today. A mineral country, very rough, great stock range. Noted two rapids in river. Had my first swim tonight. Paid out .38.

Monday, Nov 14, 1898 Up and off @ 6:50 and rode to Arituchagira, passed the pueblo and camped by 10:30AM for today. Passed through fine rolling stock range & fat stock. Had a big thunder storm in PM. Fortunate in being in camp. We are still following up west bank of Balsas. Found a new cactus fruit, big as oranges. Paid out .87.

Tuesday, Nov 15, 1898 Had a good wetting, to the hide this morning very early, but we packed up and moved out @ 7 sharp and traveled on up the Balsas until 12 noon when we camped to rest and dry our clothing etc. Finest day I ever saw in Michoacan nearing Zirandaro to cross the river soon. The hot lands.

Wednesday, Nov 16, 1898 Still traveling up river in a stock country. Granite formations. Bought a cheese and torteos @ noon. 3 PM moved on again and passed San Diego ferry and late in PM made a dry camp. Killed an Iguana and had fresh meat in camp.

Thursday, Nov 17, 1898 Crossed Rio del Oro @ Zirandaro. Off @ 7:15 and reached Zirandaro @ 10AM, bought groceries and crossed the river and rode out 2 leagues and camped for today. Put our stock in portraro, bought wine and had a small picnic. Paid out 2.81.

Friday, Nov 18, 1898 Moved out @ 8 and nearing Huetamo which we reached about noon. I fell by the wayside from sun heat and wife came back after me and dragged me into camp. Mineral section here, grand. Met a Charles Colyer of New York City in Huetamo.

Saturday, Nov 19, 1898 Shall lay in shade today. Had a nice rain during the night and it is cooler this morning, I am feeling well. Wired Max Koble to please forward all mail to Toluca. Met Paul H.D. Eguna, owner San Ignacio and Montezuma Mines.

Sunday, Nov 20, 1898 off @ 7 and traveled 3 hours when I had to stop as the fever was on me and I was too sick to talk about. So we camped @ a pala, where I passed another night wrestling with Quinine & fever.

Monday, Nov 21, 1898 Feeling better this AM. Moved out from the pala camp @ 9:15 and traveled until 3PM, made a good day over a country of immense hedges & also a great grass country. Passed San Lucas about 1PM.

Tuesday, Nov 22, 1898 Passed a hell of a night in a hot country, hot with fever and the bed infested with a million black ants. All hot, pulled out @ 9AM and made Sacapuato (?) @ 1PM and camped for today. Passed Manuel Romero's ranch. Ferried the Passo Real, .30cts. Forged Tacaquato, a big stream.

Wednesday, Nov 23, 1898 A picturesque country, high plateaus, sharp peaks, fine country. Paid bills @ Sacapuato, 2.41 and moved @ 9AM and traveled until 1PM, and camped. I am feeling some better today and hope to be easy stages. To be all ok in a few days. No corn today. Sapote, a natural jam as fine and healthy a fruit as ever grew.

Thursday, Nov 24, 1898 off from camp @ 8:45 passed @ splendid falls to the north of us a few miles, looks like the Bridal Veil of the Yosemite. Passed the valincas (?), forded the river @ 11AM and reached Annonis @ 2PM and camped. Bought corn, Sapote, dark green on the outside, dark brown on inside, grow on large trees.

Friday, Nov 25, 1898 Moved out @ 8:55 and rode to El Puerto Saletra @ 4PM. We passed through a fine stock country, miles of feed and fat stock of all kinds. Found miles of wild corn, called mice de Cristatute, the original wild corn, a tall fine stock and beautiful feed, when green for stock.

Saturday, Nov 26, 1898 off from Saletra @ 5AM and rode until 9 & halted for breakfast near Tejupilco de Hidalgo. Bill @ noon .38. 1:30 rode on through Tejupilco and on to Angwa Vendita (?) by 4PM and quit for today. This is a beautiful country, very, picturesque, a veritable Switzerland of Mexico. Showing every indication of a gold bearing country.

Sunday, Nov 27, 1898 off @ 9:15 and rode over a very hilly country and @ 4PM reached Temascaltepec where we stopped @ a mason. Entering a place after a long decent over a paved road, our animals feet are gone in & must be shod at once.

Monday, Nov 28, 1898 Laying over to have mules shod, hope to move on this PM. Bill paid up to noon today, \$3.12. 4 mules front feet, shoeing 8 shoes, 2.50. 4:30PM, struck out and rode to Cieneguillas, arrived @ 8:30PM, stopped had supper, feed, etc.

Tuesday, Nov 29, 1898 Paid bill and off @ 8AM, rode through to San Juan de La Huertas @ 4PM, crossing the summit @ 1:30, had a grand view from 3 sides of the Volcano de Toluca. Stopping in Mason Ferro Carrillo tonight.

Wednesday, Nov 30, 1898 Bill complete overnight, \$1.91. Moved on to Toluca @ noon, found a mason and stopped for today in order to hunt up our mail, etc. Rec'd postal from Max Koble. Bought everything we wanted, bills \$3.67.

Thursday, Dec 1, 1898 Shipped 4 packages via express to Tultenango (?), cost 1.35. Moved out @ 1:30 for the City of Ixtahuaca and made Punta del Rio @ 4PM & quit for today. Cold, cold, cold. Cooking with buffalo chips.

Friday, Dec 2, 1898 Off again after 8AM and rode to San Jose passing Ixtahuaca about noon, made 9 leagues and quit @ 4PM for today.

Saturday, Dec 3, 1898 Off again & rode to Vente Loire and came to a halt for today. Ate dinner @ a Hacienda on the road @ midday, it cost 1.80 cents. Tonight bought corn & paha, .61, bought torteos & eggs .22, fire wood 3 cts.

Sunday, Dec 4, 1898 off from Vente Loire and rode to the Mines of Del Oro and the Esperanza, the Carman & others. We stopped @ a new Hotel kept by a lady, a Mrs. Cole, put our animals on Mr. Allens ground, gratis, bought corn .38.

Monday, Dec 5, 1898 Taking in the sights today, visited the Frisbee & Hagin New Mill today 100 stamps. Visited the Lane & Co. Works, hope to sell our animals in a day or two to someone. Bought corn as usual.

Tuesday, Dec 6, 1898 About half sick and wife in equally bad health. Must take some medicine or we shall both be down.

Wednesday, Dec 7, 1898 My Hattie married Clay Campbell in Red Bluff California. Sick as a dog all day. Called on Mr. Snodgrass & find him vary agreeable, also met Mr. Haynes, the General Supt. for Hagin, Daly & Frisbee. Gave Mr. Owens sample of copper to have assayed. Later it assays 19 5/10 copper, 8.78 gold, 5.60 silver, 138.50 per ton.

Thursday, Dec 8, 1898 Sold the Manual Garcia Marcho and the Faesler Marcho to the A.M. & L. Co. for \$80.00, dealt with Mr. Peas & Mr. McKenzie. Theodore Gulens went to work today @ the Esperanza Mine. Mr. H.E. Owens off to Waco, Texas by midnight train tonight from Tultenango.

Friday, Dec 9, 1898 Had a regular chill this morning, stayed in bed all day. Ate one meal, supper today. Tonight it is raining.

Saturday, Dec 10, 1898 Feeling a little better today. Visited the Esperanza today and left a sample for an assay with Mr. Remington. This is the Hefe samples. Wrote to E.A. Hayner, to Cayetano Serrano, La Union, to Manuel Garcia, Coyuca and to Max Koble, Guanajuato.

Sunday, Dec 11, 1898 Sick as a dog all day. Sold our last 3 animals for a song, \$50.00 cash and threw in 2 saddle trees & a lot of old ropes and sacking and saddle pads. Wonderful horse story, for 8 months bought 2, lost 3 (died), sold 5 for cash and am still ahead \$30.00 cash.

Monday, Dec 12, 1898 Feeling some better this morning. Paid on our board this AM, 16.00. My daughter Hattie May S. married a Clay Campbell, a R.R. conductor on C. & Oregon, residence Dunsuir California.

Tuesday, Dec 13, 1898 Sick as death in bed all day, wife made a box to take our affects to Mexico City for want of a trunk. Sent out for powder. Mr. Knapp called on us.

Wednesday, Dec 14, 1898 Feeling much better today, but am awful weak. PM, called on Mr. Remington & was weighed, I weighed 147 and is less than the 167 I had weighed for years.

Thursday, Dec 15, 1898 Feeling much better and hope to go to Mexico City tomorrow PM. Sold saw, square & edge for \$5.00 cash. PM, put 2 saddles & theadolite in care of some young Americans to sell for us during our absence, also a new collins pick & handle and a 45 cali. Merwin & Hulbert Patent double action pistol & scabbard & belt.

Friday, Dec 16, 1898 Out early preparing to go Mexico City. Sold wives old saddle & bridle for 20.00. Paid Hotel bill, 12.50, room rent 4.75, paid for saddle horses to Tultenango Station 2.00 and .50 to buy for carrying birds, also 1.31 to 2 cargadores on our baggage, express on package to Guanajuato \$1.50. Also \$ fare to Mexico City, 6.70. Arrived @ 8:10, took rooms @ Guaronole & bought meals with China Charlie.

Saturday, Dec 17, 1898 Went out with A.C. and she bought hat & trimmings 4.05. Came back to Hotel & met Capt. Wiley, had a nice chat while A.C. was trimming new hat. PM, struck out again for some woolen goods for a traveling suit. Also hunting new shoes, our box arrived via express from depot, cost. .50 cts.

Sunday, Dec 18, 1898 Wrote postal to Graves. Out early to breakfast, 1.10 & shopping, suit of goods, 21.00, shoes, 8.00, underwear 6.50, gloves 2.50, cigars .25, collar .25, hose 1.50. Home @ 1PM. to rest.

Monday, Dec 19, 1898 Tailor came, took my measure & goods and is off, later we bought trunk for 6.00 cash. Met Dr. Roby on the street, am going to call on his folks this evening. Wrote to sister Mertie, Behm @ Chico California.

Tuesday, Dec 20, 1898 Friend Owen and 3 comrades arrive from Texas and called on us at our room. They are with us, "Quite satisfied". Tailor arrived with my now suit to try on. Wrote to Edna Cody tonight.

Wednesday, Dec 21, 1898 Had dinner with our friend, talked business for a time and agreed to meet this evening. PM, called on Mr. J.A.Lowe to William M. Dawson, Supt. of State of West Virginia - Charleston Co formed. Rec'd cash on account of W.D. McMurry, 250.00, J.A. McMurry, 300.00 final, H.L. Quinins, 250.00 on account.

Thursday, Dec 22, 1898 Paid my tailor \$15.00 cash, work done. 3PM, called on Don Alejandro, spent one hour at his house looking over map of Hacienda Antiquo Anahuac, 700 sq. leagues. Paid weeks board.

Friday, Dec 23, 1898 Hunted up Judge Supulvedo, made appointment for 9AM tomorrow, Hunting up a Lithographer. Called in PM on Supulvedo in regard to his fee for tomorrow & he said we should arrange that easy.

Saturday, Dec 24, 1898 @ 9AM in company with Mrs. A.C. and Judge Supulvedo, we called upon Don Alehondro Carrera & talked business for 2 hours and came away. Carriage hire, 2.00. Bought @ 16.00 grip & plaque jewelry, had a tooth pulled, 2.00, Paid Supulvedo 10.00, cleaning suit, 2.00, map & journal 3.00. Went to church to see Christmas tree. Postal to Owen out.

Sunday, Dec 25, 1898 Merry Xmas to all. Met Blackwell on the street, he is looking fine. Bought first class tickets to Detroit via National R.R., via Chicago = 21 days stop off . Cost me 120.00 gold. Wired H.E. Owen, coming tomorrow. Ask Homer Davenport about his Mother Keenan of Portland. Wife packing for the road, 10 days room rent.

Monday, Dec 26, 1898 Paid room rent @ Guardiola (?) \$10.00. Carriage to R.R. Station & off for Tultenango @ 7:10AM, Paid .50 on Lorries cage in express car. Dinners @ Tultenango 1.00, met H.E. Owen & our other partners. Owen had my 55.00 fur coat and 8.00 Gauntlet gloves. Rec'd 20.00 gold on H.E. Owens account & 250.00 gold on John H. McMurry account. W.D.McM. goes with us to Guanajuato tonight.

Tuesday, Dec 27, 1898 @ Hotel Universal to bed until noon, waiting for the Central train to Silao this PM @ 4. Room .75, meals 1.50, tickets to Guanajuato 14.75, arrived @ Max Kobles to supper and later to bed. Met Mr. H.W. Benton & wife @ Celaya going to El Oro to work as boss timberman.

Wednesday, Dec 28, 1898 Henry's Birthday. Wired Cayetano Serrano, La Union, visited Correa, wrote E.A. Durst, rec'd answer from Cayetano Serrano. Hunted up Mr. Scott the artist. Visited the Hacienda de San Francisco. Son, Henry C. Swain married to Lettie DeHavan of Denver Colorado. Francisco Rodriguez called to see me with an invitation to call on a Mr. Jason @ the Concordia tomorrow.

Thursday, Dec 29, 1898 Called on Mr. Jansen & wife. Called on Mr. Scott & Edna. Visited the theater with McMurry & he went to the Pantheon. Met old Bivans, the fraud. Trying to sell off our stuff here.

Friday, Dec 30, 1898 Visited the mint - AM - and left with Max Koble & wife & our sewing machine, 3 cases of good, a new hair mattress & a bundle or bale of bedding etc, as well as some cash. Off for Celaya 4PM. All ok tonight @ Celaya, rooms cost \$2.25.

Saturday, Dec 31, 1898 All day on the road toward the Rio Grande. Expect to reach Laredo @ 6AM. Alkali dust today in clouds. Good bye old year.

END OF 1898: Rest are notes found in the back of his 1898 diary.

Cash rec'd account rendered = April to May 2nd 448.73, to Jun 1st 163.90, to July 1st 228.87, to August 1st 160.55, total \$1002.05. \$51.27 cost of return trip from Monterrey to Petatlan. Besides lost our pack horse, died @ La Laha.

P Wrunnela Hijos, Acapulco, Merchandise Gen. Store.

Andre, Vige, the Frenchmen. Theodore, Gulen, the Swiss.

T.L. Christie, No. 50, Broadway New York, refer to J.M.W.

Mrs. H.H. Brown, Phoenix, Arizona

J.M. Yapple & wife, Sue B. Yapple, Phoenix, Arizona.

We let M.J. Burgess have \$30.00 on May 1st @ Petatlan. 10th May let M.J. Burgess have \$50.00 more, paid.

Let Jose Carrera have \$50.00, 13 Oct. - paid. 15 June let M.J. Burgess have 18.00 more, paid in Coyuca. 24th July rec'd of M.J. Burgess \$98.00 in Mexico City.

George E. Dow, Beale St, S.F. Dow Steam Pump Works.

J.B. Wood, Mexico City, Mexico. 1st Cuico de Mayo #4 at present with Roberto Baker, Via Mexico City.

Salicylato de Sosa for rheumatism inflammatory. (dose) 5 gr. capsules 1 every 2 hours.

LAW: All taxes on claims must pay their taxes at the rate of \$3.35 $\frac{1}{3}$ pertinencia before the 31st July, before the 30 Nov., before the 31 March of each year. (remember this) Amounting to \$18.00 per year on each pertinencia.

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