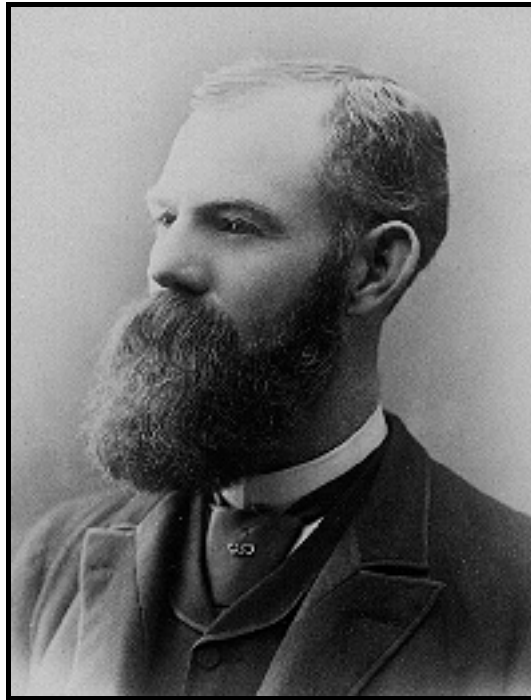


Jethro Mitchell Swain



1843-1917

Personal diary from 1900

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1900, J.M. Swain, Petatlan, Eo Guerrero, West Coast Co., Supt.

Elizabeth Swain, born June 24 1900.

C. T. Carnahan, Box 556, Leadville, Colo.

Lic Daniel del Moral, my Atty. @ Coyuca de Catalan. (has my power of Atty to act)

Lic Alejandro Vallarta, Calle Escallarillas 12, Mexico City.

M.J.B. Attorney, educated in English.

Rec'd on account of Charles Cramer \$187.00.

(old timer) David F. Watkins, Missionary

W.O.B. Green with J.M.N. & Co. Partners in Mines

Monday, Jan 1, 1900 Mapping all day, hired mozo @ .25 cts per day. Rec'd letter from W. W. Norris, dated Dec. 22nd. J. J. Moylans add in Mexico. Apartaado 359. Rec'd letter from S.L. Morris & W. S. Stratton, Cripple Creek & Denver.

Tuesday, Jan 2, 1900 Carlos Davis returned from trip to copper mountain, our maps ready to mail to Mexico City, sent them registered, cost 1.00. Fired the mozo, out .50. Paid pasture bill to date, 1.92.

Wednesday, Jan 3, 1900 Off with Edwardo Taylor to Chihuahutanejo to wire W.W.N. as to Jacob Harotians doings. Overnight @ Cocouel, bill 1.00.

Thursday, Jan 4, 1900 To Chihuahutanejo, early to breakfast, 1.00. Wired W.W. Norris regarding maps forwarded via registered mail to him. Wired Edwardo Bernal, Chicpancingo regarding order to Jesus Gomez for 6.00 Mexican on Moylans account. Waited replies until 4PM, none coming, took a sea bath & rode back to Cocouel for the night, wiring cost me 5.50.

Friday, Jan 5, 1900 Off for home @ 4AM, rode to San Geronimento (San Jeronimo) to breakfast & horse feed, 1.00. On home in 2 hours, all ok.

Saturday, Jan 6, 1900 All family off early to visit the beach and see the schooner, "General Banning", Capt. Thomas of San Francisco, California, now here loading timber. Called on board, stayed 2 hours, came homeward in 2 hours @ Petatlan, trip cost me .65. Paid off another mozo, 1.00.

Sunday, Jan 7, 1900 Resting at home. Wrote W.W.N. for new diary. Rec'd letter from Mr. & Mrs. Cayatano Serrano & answered.

Monday, Jan 8, 1900 Paid pasture bill to date, 1.92. Jesus Gomez returned from Acapulco, rec'd cash from order on Edwardo Bernal on Moylans account, all ok. Also brings up price list of tools from firm in Acapulco. Phununela Hijos (Hardware)

Tuesday, Jan 9, 1900 Off up river early, find work on shack moving slowly. Did some satisfactory panning & came home at 6PM. Rec'd letter from W. W. Norris.

Wednesday, Jan 10, 1900 Preparing to see something wonderful, discovered by the Post Masters Brother. Rode to San Geronimento to interview Ysidro Deloja on business.

Thursday, Jan 11, 1900 Answered Norris's letter of Dec. 30th, wrote P. Uruneula Hijos regarding Giant powder, prices, etc. Hired another mozo @ \$15.00 per month. Advanced him cash, 3.00. Paid pasture bill again, 3 days, 1.08. Changed portraro for nine dollars per month total.

Friday, Jan 12, 1900 Wife & I rode to Laguna Varga to see the Cotton Press & Machinery. Wrote to Governor Antonio Mercenario. Called a meeting of timber cutters & sawyers to see about price. They regular cut @ 50 cts a cut of 4 various length. Falling 50 cts & 25 cts a cross cut, 25 cts per day for hired saws. Stump age to Carrera regular price.

Saturday, Jan 13, 1900 Letter from W.W.N. dated Jan. 3rd, 1900, answered PM.

Sunday, Jan 14, 1900 Rode to Calard (?) and back, have 6 peons there to cut & saw timber for us on contract. Don Ysidro Deloja here on a visit.

Monday, Jan 15, 1900 Wrote again to Pizarro @ Huichitila about the little mine. Rec'd letter from Cyatano S.. Took another ride toward Hoolie Chookie.

Tuesday, Jan 16, 1900 Off up river on business, Alice to write Mary & Lucy & Cyatano S.. Paid for work on trail, 4.50 and for work on shack and clearing surrounding, total 12.00. Stayed overnight with peons on the river, cost me 1.00.

Wednesday, Jan 17, 1900 On up river over 2 leagues and found sawyers had felled five (5) trees, to be sawn into planks for sluice lumber contract. 3 already felled @ 11AM. I arrived home @ 5PM to find Leandro Avila here from Portarillo, Senor Anderson, carpenter here after contract to work.

Thursday, Jan 18, 1900 Paid Ignacia Otaro, mozo shoes 3.00, paid Padre Bravo for Rafael Alberto in advance 8.00, paid house rent one month 4.00, 1/2 a quaro hide, tanned 6.00.

Friday, Jan 19, 1900 Had an understanding with Don Jose Carrera and wrote result to Wilt & J.J. Moylan. Boys have first News from home. Rec'd letter late from W. W. Norris.

Saturday, Jan 20, 1900 Arriving at contract price for building biggest house at Calara. Anderson agreed to do so much for \$75.00 and I said go ahead @ once. Advanced Senor Anderson 6.00. 18 X 48 ft 12 ft walls to be complete in 3 weeks. An allecran (?) hit me hard after supper tonight.

Sunday, Jan 21, 1900 Letter from Max Koble, Guanajuato. Rec'd first Mexican Herald today. Bought 2 Dining cheese (?), 5 gal, 3.00 and 2 arrobas hog fat 6.00. 5 lbs condensed leye 1.50. Taylor has first letter from home. Isadora Deloja here again today.

Monday, Jan 22, 1900 Off for Calara, thence to sawyers camp, find all at work, we had to stop overnight. We have out 70 pieces cedar, 1 x 12 x 12 ft. Gave orders to cut no more trees for us at present. Bill @ camp for horse feed .75.

Tuesday, Jan 23, 1900 Off early for Petatlan, rode to Calara for cup of coffee, home @ 3:30PM. Later, letters from Norris, copy of Agreement, legal for me to sign and rec'd Diary for 1900 as well as pack for wife to develop photos.

Wednesday, Jan 24, 1900 Sent Jack Ortiz up river to carry orders to Sanone, also to go on up among the sawyers to see if they are following directions. Rec'd & answered letter from Max Koble. (rumor) Hear that Harotian & his company have come to grief some where on the road.

Thursday, Jan 25, 1900 Wrote Shell Covert, White Rock and to O.E. Swain, Alameda, and W. W. Norris. Ate some poison nuts & all hands quite unwell all PM & evening. Jack Ortiz back, reports all going ahead up river, cost of trip, 1.50.

Friday, Jan 26, 1900 Wrote O.E. about vines & fruit trees. Finished to Norris PM. Rec'd wire from W.W.N. to go to Coyuca and sign plans etc. for Company. \$200.00 of Jesus Gomez on account, balance due three hundred.

Saturday, Jan 27, 1900 Wife & I rode to Calara & back, to see our new house being built on contract. Later bought a bridle, 3.00, bought 2 bedsteads 2.00. Preparing to start to Coyuca de Catalan.

Sunday, Jan 28, 1900 Paid Anderson 6.00, paid on sawing lumber 47.25, paid corn fodder, 6.00. Rec'd letter from W.W.N. under date of Jan. 18th.

Monday, Jan 29, 1900 C. G. Davis & I and a mozo off for Coyuca de Catalan. Hired 2 mules for the trip @ .37. Rode to Leandro Avila to breakfast, then to Plan de Coochie, camped 1.75, cash for expenses on road \$60.00. Lunch & grub on trip, etc, 1.75.

Tuesday, Jan 30, 1900 Off early rode to the mine La Goomos, spent 3 hours there, ate our lunch & took some samples and rode to Buena Vista, camped. Bought some bread @ Laha, supplies, 1.00.

Wednesday, Jan 31, 1900 Paid bill, overnight total .75. Hired another mule of Nickinor Gonzales @ 38 cts per day for the road. Rode to Via Ceta to dinner, left there @ 2:15, rode to Real de Guadalupe by 5:45PM and stopped with friend McSweeny & Mr. Holt.

Thursday, Feb 1, 1900 Off again @ 9AM, rode to Las Huntos by 2PM, had dinner & camped for today, because there is no place to stop under a 6 hours ride. Found some copper samples with a Mexican there, assay over half copper.

Friday, Feb 2, 1900 From Las Huntas rode 7:15AM to G--- Grande 12:30 to dinner, cost .65. Rode on to Cruz de Atattie ranch and camped @ 4:30, two hours on trail from Zana Grande. Cost 1.00.

Saturday, Feb 3, 1900 Off @ 6:45 rode to top of mountain for breakfast and then on to the placiers to supper. Arriving @ 5:15PM, supper cost 1.00. Room, corral & fodder, corn 1.50.

Sunday, Feb 4, 1900 Rode from Placiers @ 9:30AM, rested on the rode 2 hours & came into Coyuca @ 5PM. Tried to wire Mexico City, office closed Sundays @ 1PM, dam the system. Stopping with Armejo family, horse feed .50.

Monday, Feb 5, 1900 Wired Norris @ 9:10AM, cost .70 cts for 8 words. Later rec'd from Carlos Morea the maps & 3 letters from Norris of Jan. 24, 30, 31st. Consulted Liceniado, Thomas Del Moral regarding Power of Atty especial. Tried to do business with Morea & failed for today.

Tuesday, Feb 6, 1900 Wires down. Trying to do business today, am getting out Power of Atty. and writing up surface description of placiers - mines. Paid for Power of Atty. to Thomas del Moral, Charles G. Davis did the same, cost 25.00. Morca accepted our plans, completed done. Horsefeed, .65.

Wednesday, Feb 7, 1900 Wires down. Paid additional 15.00 services to our Atty., left him 5.00 per expense. Wrote letter to W. W. Norris. Horsefeed, 3 animals, .51. Board, total 6.50. Maps returned to Mexico registered, .36 cts. Off for Placiers @ 12 noon, @ placiers @ 4:30PM. Stopped for tonight, bill 1.50. Sardines & bread for road, sugar, 2.00.

Thursday, Feb 8, 1900 Off @ 5:45, rode past Churichepana (?) & camped for breakfast. Off again & rode to Las Crusals, camped for tonight. All hands very tired. This being the big ride of the trip. Animals in portero, meals & bedstead, shelled corn, 1.18.

Friday, Feb 9, 1900 Off at 7AM, rode to Gana Granda to breakfast @ 9:30, cost us .35. Rode to Los Huntos in 5 hours & quit @ 5PM. Stayed overnight our bill was 1.30. Chuparosa, the Cow came from Portarilla.

Saturday, Feb 10, 1900 Off at 7:30AM, rode across the Corona and into Real de Guadalupe to dinner with Mrs. McSweeny who sent a piece of cheese as a present to my wife in Petatlan. @ 2:30 we rode off to Via Ceta, arriving @ 6:15PM, where we stopped with Cyetano.

Sunday, Feb 11, 1900 Rode to Buena Vista to breakfast @ 8:30, paid bill on hired mule & pasturage. Paid Otaro Ennis on wages, 8.00. Rode to Plan de Coche and stopped early, our mules are about gone, lame, horse feed & our bill total 1.00.

Monday, Feb 12, 1900 Back from Coyuca. Off @ 4:30AM, rode to Portarilla by 8:30 to breakfast and feed for our animals. Rested 1 1/2 and into Petatlan @ 2:30PM. Found all ok. Paid for 2 saddle mules, 15 days 11.25. Notified Wilt of my safe return from Coyuca. Alice rec'd letter and a present from Mary B. Norris. Trip cost 103.06.

Tuesday, Feb 13, 1900 Am sending E.C. Taylor to La Union, to wire Chicpancingo & Aca for \$800.00 cash. Cash for road expenses, 10.00. Advanced to packer, lumber, Monasae Gonzales \$6.00 cash. Rec'd \$100.00 of Jesus Gomez on account, balance due \$200.00.

Wednesday, Feb 14, 1900 Taylor & mozo going toward La Union today on business for me. Rec'd receipt due 11th for months pasturage from Fermine Maceil, \$9.00.

Thursday, Feb 15, 1900 Wife & I and Carlos D. off @ 5AM for Calara, reached there by 8:15, found Senor had gone to Chaveta on business, returns by Saturday. Put our animals into the Portraro of Leandro Avila late this PM.

Friday, Feb 16, 1900 Wire rec'd from N., late last night via mail. Norris asks me too much. I cannot go to Coyuca now. I will wire from Cihatanejo. Sending dispatch via mail carrier. Answered wire from W. W. Norris. Enclosed 1.00 cash to telegraph operator @ Cihatanejo office. Rec'd papers from Mexico City tonight.

Saturday, Feb 17, 1900 Under the weather still from the effects of trip to Coyuca. Saw a letter from Gov. to Don Pope C. counseling him to keep civil.

Sunday, Feb 18, 1900 @ Zihuatanejo noon, rec'd wire from Taylor @ La Union concerning money. I started to Zihuatanejo to wire orders from there. @ Zihuatanejo @ midnight. Paid another months rent today, 4.00

Monday, Feb 19, 1900 Early, wired Taylor @ La Union, wait. Wired W.W.N., Mexico, explain. Rec'd answer from W.W.N. Wired Taylor again, wired Edwardo Bernal, wired National Bank Agent. @ Acapulco. Telegraphing, food on trip, horse feed total, 7.50. Home in 5 hours @ 11PM.

Tuesday, Feb 20, 1900 Wrote a letter to Mary B. Norris. Moylan called and presented introduction from J.J.M. and W.W.N. Rec'd 3 Mexican Herald's PM.

Wednesday, Feb 21, 1900 Moylan Brother's & Davis & wife & I took a ride up river & back to dinner @ 2PM. Paid Sanone on contract 2.00. Advanced cash for Sanone help, 1.00. After Jesus Gomez for cash late this PM, we have sent 2 peons to help Sanone complete work on new house, advanced 1.00 for food.

Thursday, Feb 22, 1900 "Washington Birthday" Trying to get up petition for a telegraph office in Petatlan. Find today that Phil Moylan says he is here drawing wages. Rec'd wire from E. Bernal, four days old, did not answer it.

Friday, Feb 23, 1900 Writing my opinions to Mr. W. W. Norris of our business & offering to sell out cheap. Wrote Edwardo Bernal and P. Uriunela Hoyos, Acapulco, an order for some tools and some flour, coffee, mill & padlocks.

Saturday, Feb 24, 1900 Off up river to pay hired help working on new house. Paid Sanone Anderson on account, 12.00. Home @ 5:30PM. 6AM Sunday, paid order to peon for S. Anderson, 3.00.

Sunday, Feb 25, 1900 Ed C. Taylor & mozo home from 12 days trip to La Union. Wiring and expense of trip \$31.75. Rec'd from Chicpancingo Bank \$500.00 less expense, 31.75 used. 16 horseshoes cost us @ 25 cts, 4.00.

Monday, Feb 26, 1900 Wrote Felix H. Leyva, Cayetano Terrano. \$100.00 rec'd. Jesus Gomez trying to hire peons. Everybody off @ San Geronimento to the Fiesta for the week. Impossible to hire anybody until this fiesta is over.

Tuesday, Feb 27, 1900 Took possession of new quarters @ Calara. Boys building tables, fixing up permanent. Had a horse shod PM, 1.00.

Wednesday, Feb 28, 1900 Returned from up river. PM, had shoes set on Allison, 1.00. Packing up ready to move up river very soon. Theodore in the new house. Wrote Lucy Bradbury. Rosario Mines, Eo Sinaloa Mexico.

Thursday, Mar 1, 1900 Loaded four mules early for the new quarters with freight. Preparing to move

tomorrow. Curtain calico bolt, 4.00. Bought house of Pape Carrera, 5 gal. coal oil, 5.50. 10 lbs coffee, 3.75. 1 cargo of salt, 4.50.

Friday, Mar 2, 1900 Loaded train early and later we moved of up river, baggage, cow, chicks all. Met Moylan going out. He is having a shack built. Paid Chano Maciel on sawing lumber, 3.00. PM, unloading, fixing up camp for occupation. Mozo arrived with cow & calf, train unloaded & gone back.

Saturday, Mar 3, 1900 Burning brush, logs, weeds. Paid Anderson on contract work, 1.00 and house not complete yet. Train came loaded. 8 plank rec'd on packers contract. We put buck & mule in Portraro @ 1.00 per head per month.

Sunday, Mar 4, 1900 Put 2 horses in portraro & cow. Paid for 30 bundles feed, 1.25. Paid Anderson on building contract, 5.00. 2 peons 2 days for cutting & burning, 2.00.

Monday, Mar 5, 1900 3 Miniola Bros on corn crib, 3 other peons on pick handles, 2 others put up commode, 1.00. I and Davis off up river to hurry up lumber haulers. Two arrived with 8 planks. We got back @ 3PM. Packer with train & mail here. Rec'd business letter from O.E. Swain.

Tuesday, Mar 6, 1900 Postage stamps, 1.00, saw and axe handle, 8.00. Train in again today. 1/2 barrel empty cost .50, fresh beef, 1.00. Peons working on corn crib. Went in town & back today alone. Rec'd last 100.00 from Jesus Gomez.

Wednesday, Mar 7, 1900 Cash for copper kettle of Jesus Gomez, 4.00. Half venison, cash to Rafael Alberto, mozo, 3.00. 4PM, Carlos G. Davis and E. C. Taylor off for Nicaragua. Cash to lumber packer, 3.00. Cash to Ed C. Taylor, labor trip to La Union ten days, 20.00. Cash to C. G. Davis 15 days to Coyuca, 30.00. 50 sides and 4 bottoms here.

Thursday, Mar 8, 1900 Peons building corrals & crib. Train in with load again from town. Manohos big saw, various etc. Sent extra dollar to Ignacio o. to complete 6.00 purchase of beans. Phil Moylan rec'd bundle of mail. Sanone whitening inside rooms. Lime from Carreras Kiln, 8 quarteos, 2.50.

Friday, Mar 9, 1900 Caught Sanone Anderson stealing lime. Train in again today. Brass kettle arrives ok. Ignacio Oratorio here to dinner. Bought aroba of lard for 12 1/2 cts lb. Tonight corrals completed. Settled in full with Sanone Anderson on house work and corral, 14.00.

Saturday, Mar 10, 1900 Mr. Anderson out. Peons roofing corn crib, grubbing, corral, packing lumber. 2 on contract handles pick. Peons pay for past week, 18.00. 60 pick handles @ 50 cts 12.00. Rec'd 8 1X12X12 sides.

Sunday, Mar 11, 1900 Wife sent Rafael in town after chickens, came home with them all ok. I built a ladder and tried to build a clothes rack. Paid Ignacio Oratorio wages in full 12.00.

Monday, Mar 12, 1900 Building tables, oven & various comforts, (cow out) inferno. Peons deserted us, struck for more wages. Oven cost us complete, 2.00. Train in with horse feed, brought 54 lbs sugar, 10.25. Rec'd letter from W. W. Norris. Answered P. Hijos in Acapulco. Wrote Max Koble for roots etc.

Wednesday, Mar 14, 1900 Rec'd letter from Serrano regarding new Telegraph Office. Package for E.C. Taylor & some papers. Nevins views from Max K. Working on sluice bottoms. Building oven. Ignacio home from Petatlan.

Thursday, Mar 15, 1900 Off with Moylan & Ignacio & 2 choppers to open trail to Ocote, worked all day, came home & found packers in with 7 planks.

Friday, Mar 16, 1900 Wrote R. Fernandez for price list. Peons off cutting trail into Ocote with Phil Moylan. I am making sluices today. Wrote W.W.N. for garden seed. 3PM, freight from Zihuatanejo, paid packer, Padrilla, 8.00. Wired P. Uruneula. Sent Ignacis to town for mail.

Saturday, Mar 17, 1900 Mail in from W.W. Norris. Phil Moylan failed to go on with road work, (quit on me) after agreeing to go last night. Went on the trail myself. Have sluice boxes pretty well ready to nail together. Paid lumber packer in full, 27.50. Paid peons on this weeks work, 15.50 on trail.

Sunday, Mar 18, 1900 Resting. Past one months wages, paid Rafael, Alberto, mozo wages in full, \$10.00.

Wrote Bartolo Peregrino in regard to telegraph office in Petatlan.

Monday, Mar 19, 1900 A Fiesta is on today. Peons all out except two. Sent Ignacio to town for meat & mail. Used Rafael prospecting with Theodore & myself. Rec'd letter from Davis & Taylor @ Acapulco, Mar. 13th, 99.

Tuesday, Mar 20, 1900 Peons here & working. Waiting arrival of balance ordered from Acapulco, saws, hammers, dynamite etc. Dam this uncertain waiting forever. 11 bottoms come at last, cost 2.20. Sent Rafael up river after a cow. Wrote a long letter to Wilt & Mary explaining the situation exactly as it appears to us and its results.

Wednesday, Mar 21, 1900 Sent Ignacio up river to buy corn if possible. Rafael reported with cow & calf. AM, 10 peons sinking holes, prospecting high bars & back channel on river. Fencing garden spot to plant. 6PM, Senor Felipe Sosa, a gentleman & his mozo comes recommended from Felix H. Leyva, Perfecto.

Thursday, Mar 22, 1900 Horse out of portraro, total 74 days, 2.75. Mr. Felipe Sosa off early up river to examine the country & line of division between District of Lagunillas & La Union. Bought on Fanaga of corn, 3.50. Opening tailrace today in the river, sent Ignacio up river again today & he paid for corn, all he could get, 20.00, and back by sundown.

Friday, Mar 23, 1900 AM, sent letter via Officer to Prefecto, Felix H. Leyva, La Union thanking him for kind offers in regard to exchange on Mexico. Have a big crew of peons in tailrace today. Moylan panned his first pan today & took out fully .25 cts gold. Wrote W.W.N. also forwarded Acapulco bills.

Saturday, Mar 24, 1900 AM, Moylan and wife & I off down river on a panning trip, back to dinner. PM, train in with corn, rec'd 5 Fanaga. Advanced on packing corn, 2.50. Big dance on for tonight, all drunk tomorrow. Paid for peon labor this week, \$30.12.

Sunday, Mar 25, 1900 Rec'd business letter from Brother O.E.S., dated 8th March, answered and sent to mail this PM to S.F. California. Peons all drunk today.

Monday, Mar 26, 1900 Peons at work today, opening up 2nd tailrace, Ignacio with 1 gang & Theodore with another & old man & his son gardening. (We must have a carpenter). 2:10PM, off to Petatlan on business, must stay overnight. Sent copper samples to W.W.N.

Tuesday, Mar 27, 1900 Bought 2 arrobas flour & sacks horse feed, grub, candles, postage, 3.50. Brought letter for Phil Moylan. Home @ 2:30PM. (Failed to find a carpenter to work) Tonight train with 4 Fanaga. Balance of corn arrived from up river, 16.00. Engaged more corn @ same price today.

Wednesday, Mar 28, 1900 Measuring corn into bodge (?). Find we are short 3 1/2 quarterones, settled with packer to date, 2.00. Getting on fine with tailraces, at the work this AM and making riffles. PM, Phil M. panned .25 cts gold in 5 pans this AM. He is feeling bad this PM.

Thursday, Mar 29, 1900 Making riffles all day. Settled up with Julian today for use of his portraro, 2 3/4 months. Sent Rafael into town to buy a matahe, it cost us new, 3.75. Phil Moylan panning out the dust, quite elated today. Big gang of peons working this week in the river.

Friday, Mar 30, 1900 The old man, gardener & son are getting the ground in great shape for planting. Making riffles and stayed about home all day. Mrs. Swain & her girls are planting (melons & seed in) our new garden today & making grand preparations.

Saturday, Mar 31, 1900 Building doors to keep the hogs and dogs out at night. Phil Moylan complaining of being quite unwell. I made contract with Julian Geleana to put us up a shack for \$10.00. Paid all hands, peons, other help once per month, \$31.25.

Sunday, Apr 1, 1900 Bought 2 arrobas beef, fresh butchered today, 3.00. Total expense of Company to date as per account bill, \$2,082.37. Rec'd Mexican Herald to 18th Feb. Wrote order for package in P.O. to be given to P. Moylan.

Monday, Apr 2, 1900 (Melon seeds up) Peons, two gangs working dividing river into two streams about equal. Phil M. went into Petatlan on business & home early. PM, brought letters, papers and package of garden seed from Brother O.E. Swain of San Francisco. Letter from Cayetano S., another from my Atty. in

Coyuca.

Tuesday, Apr 3, 1900 Putting sluice boxes together, having house built near the mine, to store tools & to have a watchman there. Mrs. Swain planting seed in garden. Phil helping us today. 4 boxes completed in PM.

Wednesday, Apr 4, 1900 Phil & Theo & myself making sluice boxes, did a big days work today. L. Avilas portrero bill of Feb 28th, settled in full, 4.50.

Thursday, Apr 5, 1900 Still working on sluices, false bottoms & riffles.

Friday, Apr 6, 1900 Set in our first string of sluices, 3 lengths. PM, ground sluicing into 3 boxes, we have 8 others on the ground. Loaned Phil J. Moylan cash, Co's money, 30.00

Saturday, Apr 7, 1900 Sluicing in good shape all day. Peons wages paid today, 37.50. Rafael, Ignacio & Theo work by the month.

Sunday, Apr 8, 1900 Wrote W. W. Norris, Mexico, sent statement up to Apr. 1st, 1900, of cost & expenses, etc. Borrowed 5 tea cups full coffee from Moylan for the road to La Union. Moylan off to town tonight, we stayed in camp planting potatoes & onions until dark.

Monday, Apr 9, 1900 Cash to Ignacio in advance, 5.00. Paid Julian for new house complete today, noon, 10.00. PM, in Petatlan, rec'd letter from Wilt W. Norris in regard to Bernal & Moylan. Camping tonight in our old quarters in Petatlan. Find Phils horse sick in town. Answer Norris at once @ Wells Fargo, also sent statement.

Tuesday, Apr 10, 1900 4AM, off for La Union to Cocouel @ 11:15, stopped to wait for Phil Moylan to come up, his horse sick this morning, and he is to over take us here. 3:15, give up on Moylan, rode on to La Puerta for tonight.

Wednesday, Apr 11, 1900 Up @ 1AM, gnats too thick, so we saddled quick and rode to La Quinilla (?) by 7 this morning, food & feed cost us 1.25. Later @ 12:15PM we rode to Chutla in 3 3/4 hours, rested an hour & rode on to La Union. @ 6PM wired Norris @ once, wire 28 words cost 2.28, Horsefeed overnight, .60.

Thursday, Apr 12, 1900 Waiting reply to my wire to W. W. Norris. Shoeing horses, cost 3.00. To bed @ 10:30 in La Union.

Friday, Apr 13, 1900 Horsefeed cost .90. Wired again to W.W.N., Mexico City, costing me .62. Waiting in La Union, food cost us 1.50.

Saturday, Apr 14, 1900 Horsefeed cost me .50. Waiting, food cost us 1.50. Wired Mary B. Norris @ 4PM. Wrote O.E. Swain for luck.

Sunday, Apr 15, 1900 Rec'd first answer from W.W.N. I wired @ once, place with Robert & Co. Prefecto also wired Robert & Co to receive money for me, wiring cost 2.50. Horse shoeing including nails, 1.25. Off to see something new in PM, to San Diego @ 8PM, camped.

Monday, Apr 16, 1900 Find ourselves in a high section of country, rode off @ 6AM & @ 8 we saw a copper vein & it looks fine, secured some samples, rode on @ 12 noon, we rest and feed at the lower crossing of the G.P.R.R. on the Rio Balsas (so informed) PM, saw another prospect & started to return to La Union, rode all night in a maca.

Tuesday, Apr 17, 1900 Arrived @ San Diego & 7:30 stopped to rest & feed stock, meals & horse feed. 9:30AM rode on toward La Union, stopped @ Buena Vista, ate dinner & fed animals, off @ 2:45, rode into La Union @ 6:15. Wired W.W.N.

Wednesday, Apr 18, 1900 Horsefeed cost total, .90. Rec'd wire from W.W.N., answered. (Consultation with Felix Leyva am) Writing Ebon Smith & Charles Carnahan. Ourselves & mozo, supper, .60. Corn & straw horse feed, .90. Paid Rafael in full today, 10.00.

Thursday, Apr 19, 1900 Rec'd wire from W. W. Norris, cash in two weeks. A.C. sent samples of ore to Ebon

S. of Denver Colorado & registered letter to same. Mr. McSweeny in from Guadalupe, bill total in La Union, 6.00, out to Chutla.

Friday, Apr 20, 1900 Off @ 4AM to Laquencia @ 7 to breakfast. On to Pantla, dinner, on to La Puerta, overnight here with the Galeman Bros. Left copy of bond for Deed for Balconia Mine with them to transcribe to his partners for his confirmation if acceptable.

Saturday, Apr 21, 1900 Off @ 4AM and rode to the Cocouel to breakfast @ 9:30. Thence via La Salinas to Petatlan, arriving 2:10PM, bought dinners for 3, horse feed, corn etc, 1.75. Later coffee & sweet bread, .65. Rec'd 2 letters from Wilt, dated 2 April. Rec'd 1 from J.J.M., Letter from E. A. Hayner, mother.

Sunday, Apr 22, 1900 Bought beans, coffee, 2.25. Settled with Ignacio Ortaro due him, 15.00, less 2 days work overpaid Ignacio 3.12. Charge to credit & loss. Find Phil Moylan has been running our business. Cleaned up our sluices without orders yesterday. Have no correct idea of what he got, am sorry he did this.

Monday, Apr 23, 1900 Work in river progressing. P.S.M. off in town early. I have written letters all day. Moylan, Norris & others. Still unanswered. Ate my first Mango pie tonight, equal to best apple pie. Wrote Max Koble, sent note to E.A.Hayner.

Tuesday, Apr 24, 1900 Rec'd balance of 6 farnagas corn, 24.00, of Jose Maria Romero, Petatlan. Rec'd note from Phil asking loan of ----. Says he drew 500 on J. J. Moylan. I am mining as usual, must change line of boxes tomorrow. Gave orders on Jesus Gomez for 25.00 cash to my mozo. Gave order on Gomez, balance of corn to Jose Marie Romero.

Wednesday, Apr 25, 1900 57th birthday today. Put in fine line of sluices, worked hard all day. Mozo bought flour, 50 lbs cost 4.50. Paid borrowed money, 10.00 to Don Pape. Two extra peons working today here. Phil Moylan home from town, brings more gads. Total 10 for which I am much obliged to him. Rec'd letter from W.W. Norris and one from Wakalee E. H., 1164 Height St, S.F., reference A.C. Swain - Gas Co.

Thursday, Apr 26, 1900 At home with lame foot, sprained. Answered W.W.N. letter of Easter Sunday. Rafael changing house to garden. Two peons helping again today. Phils cow arrived this AM, he says she cost him 12.00 cash. Beef bought of Phil Moylan. PM, in the diggings till 6PM, Phil lounging around, hogs out tonight.

Friday, Apr 27, 1900 Widening tailrace @ dim AM. Find channel deepest on east side. Cutting out false bottoms for sluice boxes extra. Rincon sick & paid off, 2.50. Wife working on expense statement for April.

Saturday, Apr 28, 1900 To town early with mozo. Settled with Jesus Gomez. Work in mine goes on. Posted 2 letters for P.J.M. and to Mrs. L.L. Davis c/o Mrs. P.J.M., 306 E. Commerce St. San Antonio, Texas. Paid peons today for labor 16.75. Phil returned borrowed 30.00 today & I have paid all his laborers, costing 12.00.

Sunday, Apr 29, 1900 Groceries etc in town yesterday, 5.75. Mozo off all day up river on a hunt for chickens & eggs. Bought 15 chickens & 18 eggs, 2.00. Usavia Bro. comes to work for us tomorrow, bought 6 manohos, Theodore Gulens Mo wages due, 75.00.

Monday, Apr 30, 1900 Have very lame arm today, made 2 riffles for sluices and gave up work for today. Bought 4 manchos. Had mozo butcher a pig tonight, 2nd of 3 we bought for 8.00.

Tuesday, May 1, 1900 Off early to put in the new riffles & false bottoms. Home to dinner @ 3PM. Sent mozo with two animals after freight to Zihuatanejo. From our pork I find we have some fresh pork and 7.00 worth of lard rendered.

Wednesday, May 2, 1900 Off down stream early. Wife & I examining the placiers on several bars, find 2 cts per pan in many places, gold. Late tonight rec'd letter from Sam L. Morris, Denver Colo, No. 1738 Logan Ave, answered at once.

Thursday, May 3, 1900 Wrote W. W. Morris on business, bought 16 manohos, .96. Bargained for 1000 @ 2 1/2

cts by paying in advance, having my mozo cut tie & pack them home. Our four animals cost us 1.20 per day. Sick as a dog, taking quinine every two hours all PM and evening.

Friday, May 4, 1900 Quite unwell today. Rafael, our mozo home from Zihuatanejo in AM, he brings two boxes including level, set of cheapest plains & wire nails, files etc. Phil Moylan off to Petatlan.

Saturday, May 5, 1900 Rec'd first letter from the boys, Ed C. Taylor & Charles G. Davis. Phils mozo brought us a letter from C. G. Davis, Mexico & some papers. 6 miners working this week. Valentine & Otelio lost 1/2 day each. Peon labor in mine paid, 17.00.

Sunday, May 6, 1900 Cleaned up our sluices partly last night into pans, finished today & put in false bottoms & riffles for work. Find we have one oz. clean dust. Sent 3 letters to post office by Bensie, one to S. L. Morris, to C. G. Davis and one to W. W. Norris. Sent Rafael up river for eggs & chicken. Paid Julian for milk cow. 5 weeks milking cash, 1.00.

Monday, May 7, 1900 (work must stop) Rafael, Fernime & Rayon off early to cut parrar @ Romero. Rec'd sample quartz. Answered E. H. Wakalee, 1164 Height St., S.F. Repairing corrals, 2 peons 1.50. 3 boys cut. ?

Tuesday, May 8, 1900 Boys off cutting Manohos again. Noon, Theodore home to dinner, packer in with manohos. Failed to make second trip. Settled with Theodore & he has quit work, paid 20.00.

Wednesday, May 9, 1900 Went with my mozo & train down to Rosalie Rijos ranchita where they are cutting Parrar. Packer in with manohos. Went on in to Petatlan, met Phil Moylan on trail in town. Bought coffee, 3.75 & panache. Rec'd letters from Max K. & O.E.S.. Packer in PM manohos. Boys in tonight with -----.

Thursday, May 10, 1900 Boys off early after parrar. Packer back @ noon & off for another load. Phil Moylan (agrees) to go in town settle for parrar with Rosalie Rijos and bring me 75.00 cash as a loan until Company cash arrives. Boys home late. Cut 95.

Friday, May 11, 1900 Theodore & Phil Moylan went in town after money to settle with Rijos for parrar. Phil is loaning this Company money to go on with the work, provided packer in with parrar. Boys home with 8. Wife & I panned 5 pans, weighed up 15 cents gold weight. Cut 97.

Saturday, May 12, 1900 Writing Brother O.E. Swain in California. Boys off after parrar as usual. Theo & Phil still in town yet. Wife & girls setting tomato plants. 8PM, Theo & Phil back from town. Paid peons & packer in full, 11.00. Boys in with manchos. Have cut 445 total. Wrote W. W. Norris at once. Wrote Dan Mc Cloud, grub gulch.

Sunday, May 13, 1900 Paid Rosalie Rijos macho, 11.13. Collected tools into the Bodega, have all except one collins axe with P. Moylan & 1/2 doz. new files with P. S. Moylan. Phil S. Moylan finds he is not the super in fact on these diggings today. So concludes to vacate soon.

Monday, May 14, 1900 P.S.M. attempts to go to work on placiers. I forbid it positively. So the peons he had collected without authority walked off. Phil is certainly all wrong. Sent P. Manuel Hijos bill of 150.00 to Norris & Moylan to pay to Central Bank of Mexico & wrote Urumeelas and them order on Norris & M. & Co. Theodore bought a pack, 12.00.

Tuesday, May 15, 1900 Alehondro packing manohos. Theodore fixing up saddle for his trip, prospecting. Theodore Jack is branded on left side of neck. Cost 12.00 cash. @ noon Alehondro vented the Jack inverted on right thigh. Passed over bill of sale. Cash to Theodore 17.00 private on packing contract.

Wednesday, May 16, 1900 Off to Petatlan early, mailed order to Urmunela Viejo on N.M. & CO. for 150.35/100. Rec'd wire from Cazetano S., answered by mail from P.O. Bought stamps, sheet of paper, envelopes. Alice sent letter to Mary B. Nivens. Bought onions, tomatoes and lamp chimney. Sent entire Acapulco bills to W.W.N.

Thursday, May 17, 1900 Idle today, reading the papers. Wife & girls off somewhere prospecting. Train in with manohos 11AM. Our mozo cutting firewood.

Friday, May 18, 1900 Phil Moylan off to town & for good and all we hope. Sending Leandro Avilas cow

homeward, she has no milk.

Saturday, May 19, 1900 Waiting for money. Paid for packing manohos, 266 @ 2 cts, 5.32. Phil Moylan back from town with two telegrams to push the work, but no money, hence no push. laughable push.

Sunday, May 20, 1900 At last rec'd package of garden seed from Shell Covert in California after they have been all over Mexico. Glad to get them anyhow. Mozo home again, delivered the cow & calf @ Portarillo to Leandro Avila.

Monday, May 21, 1900 Answered Shell Covert, White Rock, P.O. Mariposa Co. Wife packing our clothes for a trip out of here to pass the wet season.

Tuesday, May 22, 1900 Sent Rafael in town with a load of extra clothing. Down river after -----, came home without any.

Wednesday, May 23, 1900 Rafael in town with load of extra clothing. He takes our lock to put on door of store house. Leandro Avila will bring our mail from P.O. Rec'd some Mexican papers PM. Through letter rec'd today we find where our money went to, Phil Moylan spent it. Rec'd letter & Power of Atty from W.W.N., dated May 10th 1900.

Thursday, May 24, 1900 Packing up again today. Moved sluices & sluice, lumber all into our tool house near the diggings and nailed up the house, this cost me 1.00.

Friday, May 25, 1900 Still waiting. P.S.M. rec'd wire dated 22nd May signed by Moylan and W. W. Norris to take charge, absolute and go ahead with the work. I tell P.S.M. pay one back debt on Co., 3.00 and take it, otherwise no, never. He went in town to see what he can do.

Saturday, May 26, 1900 Wife & I in town and found wire from W.W.N. saying everything turned over into J.J. Moylans hands - my interest ok and according to law. Rec'd letter from Cayetano saying samples still there. Sharping crow bar.

Sunday, May 27, 1900 Out of harness, thanks. Squaring up accounts, making out duplicate statements of Co. property which I am to turn over to Phil S. Moylan as soon as we can get to it and (as Co. Supt). Phil agrees to pay me 250.00 tomorrow in Petatlan or leave everything to me.

Monday, May 28, 1900 Let P. S. Moylan have 1/2 dozen Company picks & shovels on conditions stated yesterday. Later we went in town & sent wire to Mexico to M.& N.& Co to pay 241.00 to Robert & Co. by order of Power of Atty from J.J.M. to J. M. Swain, cost me 2.25. PM, came home & later let Phil have sledge & 6 gads.

Tuesday, May 29, 1900 Waiting telegram. Phil mining with 5 boxes & six or 7 peons. Phil had a fight with some of his men, then he went in town, brought out a notice from the Whez (?) about something I don't know about.

Wednesday, May 30, 1900 Phil & I went in town & he rec'd list of Co.s property. I took his receipted list, so he becomes Supt. Pro. Tem. and Jesus Gomez signs both lists as witness. Rec'd letters from E. A. Hayner and Bro. O.E. Swain. I am hunting packers.

Thursday, May 31, 1900 Off into Petatlan with my bag & baggage in @ 11AM. Messenger back from 3, no answer. Preparing to move tomorrow. Rafaels wages for past month 12.00. Expense today total 5.49.

Friday, Jun 1, 1900 Settled with Usaira and preparing to travel. Paid bill of Rafael. @ Ysidro Deloja for dinner. @ Cocuyuel over night, rained very hard here.

Saturday, Jun 2, 1900 Awful wet underfoot traveling. Off toward La Union @ 8AM, to Pantla @ 11AM, rested & fed, off @ 3PM, rode to Laqunea @ 5:45, camped. Caught horse feed for tonight, corn and food, 1.50.

Sunday, Jun 3, 1900 Off @ 7AM, rode to Chutta for rest 10AM, rested @ and had dinner, cost .50. Off @ 11AM, rode to La Union @ 12:30, tired, dirty and hot. Found a place at once and occupied it from Sr. Felix Sosa. Paid Roman Solace freighter, 12.00. 13 manehos, corn, 2.00.

Monday, Jun 4, 1900 Rained most all night. Wired Norris & Moylan, stop money. Wrote Smith, Denver

Colo. Wrote Wrumulla Hijos, be careful. Long letter to Norris & Moylan. Copy of May statement, list of stock left with P.S.M., etc. Spent for Rafaels children & his wife for new calico, 1.76.

Tuesday, Jun 5, 1900 Wired Bushnell for cash on Ebon Smith & Co., Denver. Rec'd answer as we expected. Rec'd 2 Colt 45 cal. pistols of Cayetano Serrano & paid exp 7.50. Repairing pack saddles with butchin.

Wednesday, Jun 6, 1900 Left Rafael's wife & kids in La Union and we rode out to Buena Vista @ 11. Left 1.00 with Rafaels wife for expenses during our absence. Rested until 2, thence on to Florida @ 5PM where we camped on the land of the Prefecto of La Union. Sent horses into Parrar portraro. It rained about all night, very gently.

Thursday, Jun 7, 1900 A beautiful morning, fresh air, fog all around the hill tops, a regular California Coast scene. After breakfast off for the Balconies. Passing through Marble Hills. Bill overnight 1.50. Found the folks all ok. Took in the mine complete and stayed overnight & welcome.

Friday, Jun 8, 1900 Off down the Balsas to see a prospect, put a shot into it and came away hoping to see it later. Later off toward La Union, rode to San Diego, had some coffee & eggs & grass for horses. Rode along until 5:30PM. Found Pantlan, found horses feed everything.

Saturday, Jun 9, 1900 Find I missed last Wednesday complete & I am one day behind as we were all day Wednesday drying our cargo from the wetting it rec'd over night at the Corea thru a damd liar of a arraro.

Sunday, Jun 10, 1900 Up and off for La Union @ 4:30AM. Left mozo to follow with 2 cargoes 16 manehos parrar, @ La Union to breakfast. Found letter from W.W.N. dated May 21st, and found 1/2 doz. Heralds from Norris. See in one a (Notice of Meeting) of Gro. Exp. Mining Co. Pres. J.J.M. Vice W.W.N. & Treas., Jose E. Gomez Sect.

Monday, Jun 11, 1900 A.C. trying to do business with Felix Leyva and some Denver people of means. Rec'd letter from Wilt saying he had rec'd Alices letter. Find the Prefecto, Felix H. Leyva is wanting time as usual. Wired Patzcuaro Ex. Co. Wired lawyer in Chicpancingo. Spent evening talking with Cayatano & family & Prefecto on mines & mining.

Tuesday, Jun 12, 1900 Mailed letters to W. W. Norris, C.G.D. Jr. and McSweeny & Holt. Raul Del Guadalupe. Rec'd wire from Patzcuaro saying box is gone to Denver. Visiting widower Jim Patrick. Making arrangements to visit La Palma mine soon. Bought 3.00 corn in PM.

Wednesday, Jun 13, 1900 Waiting Carnahan & Smith. Waiting wire from Chicpancingo regarding terms on Balconia mine & others. Wrote my aboogatho (?) to look up title to Balconia Mine see about cost of filling.

Thursday, Jun 14, 1900 Having cigars made @ 37 1/2 cts per hundred. Having horses shod.

Friday, Jun 15, 1900 Off @ 8AM for La Palma, stopped for dinner @ Car---, then rode to the Tessate. Juan Torrez ranchita where we tied up for the night. Our bill overnight including horse feed cost us 1.50. Left our mozos wife 1.00 for her expenses during our absence.

Saturday, Jun 16, 1900 Off @ 6:15, rode to La Cuina for dinner @ 11AM, dinner cost .24. PM, 2:10, rode to E.C. Paisano @ 5:20 and tied up for today. The finest route into the Sierras I ever saw in the heart of the Sierra Madre del Sur, bill overnight, .75.

Sunday, Jun 17, 1900 Off @ 7AM @ La Palma @ 8:30, found a nice country & nice place owned by Transito Lopez. Found Prisiliano Antunse gone away & Domingo Gonzalez of Lagunillas can't read, so must wait return of the foreman. PM, wife & I out on foot prospecting, found some dandy silver ore. La Palma main building 75 x 45 feet. Bodega & orno building 20 x 24 feet. Prisiliano home from Real del G. late.

Monday, Jun 18, 1900 Must move for want of food for stock. AM, we went with Prililiano & examined the tunnel & vein in the La Palma, later in PM senior Domingo Gonzalez arrived bringing a load of platinum, some lines & a chicken. We gave Domingo some quinine pills. Can do no good as Domingo is not able to go anywhere. Showering this evening.

Tuesday, Jun 19, 1900 Off from La Palma Cuesta @ 8AM via Jisan, thence on down, & stopped overnight @ a

church. 3 suppers & corn, .93. Between La Cuina Casa, Libarcio Valdovinos and Las Laquel we found some immense copper & iron croppings. A well defined mineral belt, 3000 feet in width, unexplored.

Wednesday, Jun 20, 1900 Left the Church @ 5:40AM, rode to Paso Ancha Casa @ 8, had breakfast & feed costing .75 and @ 9 off again, rode to Colmeneros by 11, rested one hour, thence to Las Juntas in 2 hours, rested until 3PM sharp, thence to La Union by 5PM. Horses used up. Found a letter from A. R. McSweeney.

Thursday, Jun 21, 1900 Senorita Transita Lopez called early and we had a big talk. Our horses fared hard on this trip, six days without hay or grass & traveling hard all day living on corn straight. Rec'd letter from Mother, spent evening with Cyatano & wife.

Friday, Jun 22, 1900 Waiting on Denver assay. Bought candles, .60, cost to shoes for Rafael, .70. Arranged for bond on Balconia mine for 12 months, price 5000 gold. Papers to be signed tomorrow by Prefecto Don Felix Leyva. Big earthquake @ 10 tonight.

Saturday, Jun 23, 1900 Wired Charles Carnahan & Co, cost \$7.64. Wrote Charles T. Carnahan explaining @ 1440 High St, Denver. Cyatano translated our Bond for Deed for the Balconia Mines into Spanish today for Don Felix Leyva.

Sunday, Jun 24, 1900 Rec'd letter from O.E.S. with photograph of himself. He tells us Henry C. Swain's wife has a baby girl. Wrote Max & Fannie Koble and Brother O.E.S. in Alameda.

Monday, Jun 25, 1900 Waiting wire from Denver. Wrote McDowell Graves, Mex.

Tuesday, Jun 26, 1900 Theo out 6 weeks. Rec'd four Mexican Heralds up to June 26th.

Wednesday, Jun 27, 1900 Wife & I off to see another copper vein, same #4. Samples sent to Denver Colo.

Thursday, Jun 28, 1900 Bond for the Balconia Mines being submitted for our examination today, we ask for some alterations. Wrote Dr. Beach, Uruapan & Saul Keyser in Mexico City.

Friday, Jun 29, 1900 Alterations coming to suit us all serene, the Prefecto, Senor Felix H. Leyva is doing the fair thing by waiting his pleasure. Wrote to Mrs. Frank E. Sanders and Mrs. E. A. Hayner.

Saturday, Jun 30, 1900 Still we wait. Our time will come if we can only be patient We have waited here a solid month on expenses and can and must wait until our time comes. All is about complete if we could hear from Denver. Had a big talk with Felix H. Leyva.

Sunday, Jul 1, 1900 River running @ La Union. At home all day reading. Prefecto, wired his partners today again regarding the deal & what we demand. Hope to have answer tomorrow. PM, rec'd 2 papers from Mexico, find there is big trouble in China.

Monday, Jul 2, 1900 Hired a packer to take our traps to Rio Balsas for cash, \$8.00. Arranged to have contract sent to us upon its being signed by Don Felix H. Leyva. All ready to move early, showering.

Tuesday, Jul 3, 1900 Cargo off @ 8AM. We left soon after, paid rent one month, 5.00 to Jalippe Sosa for house. Rode to Buena Vista @ 12, rested & lunched, costing---, off @ 1:45PM for La Florida, rode through, @ 5PM stopped for the night. Heard there is a stranger at the Balconia mine, our freight behind tonight, showers.

Wednesday, Jul 4, 1900 Old trick, camping out. Freight arrived @ journeys end @ 6PM, cost us 8.00. Alice & I left La Florida @ 8AM on the trail. I completely lost my spectacles, came to Balconia & delivered Leyvas letter telling the 2 miners here that the mines are A.C.S. and Cos. Borrowed one fanaga of corn from them for to be replaced.

Thursday, Jul 5, 1900 Rained during last night. Wrote to Sr. Leyva to forward axe. Mail contract signed etc. Shall be building today. Bought 20 pieces for new shack, 4.00. Mozo used on road from La Union, .61. Shack 5x8 varas. PM, rained, digging holes for shack corners posts etc. Boys off cutting cane, another man after hoopas.

Friday, Jul 6, 1900 Showered all night. Camping in the tropics, very wet and warm. Rafael & Franco off after rafters. First bunch of cane flags arrived. PM, all hands putting shack up, have 6 posts up @ 5:30. The owner of this hacienda, Ezekise Gomez & little boy stopped to visit with us and gave us permission to everything to turn our stock loose.

Saturday, Jul 7, 1900 Have rafters in place & poles, cane flags all here except the hoops. Sent a boy after them this AM. A. C. and myself up to the mine AM, found everything ok. Francisco & Trinidad worked today, big boy gone after hookas to San Diego.

Sunday, Jul 8, 1900 Waiting for hookas. Sent note to Union via Vaquero to Cayetano Serrano, noon, hookas are here ok. Sun shown bright most all day and we are drying our bedding etc, etc.

Monday, Jul 9, 1900 Francisco & Trinidad Garcia & Rafael putting up rafters on house. Via messenger rec'd letters from Don Felix H. Leyva regrading R. Stephenson's 10 claims, answered via messenger & paid him .50 cts for bringing axe. Our shack building progressing.

Tuesday, Jul 10, 1900 Putting roofing cane blades on the new shack in a hurry. Wrote note for Theo Gulen & another recommendation for Rafael Alberto To R. Stephenson. Had a hell of a thunderstorm & down pour for an hour this evening.

Wednesday, Jul 11, 1900 Everything dripping wet. Sent Rafael after cane flags with 2 pack animals as we must get under cover and soon. Hoping to finish roofing by tonight. Side can be closed later, roof on, one gable yet to close.

Thursday, Jul 12, 1900 Sun came out hot, we occupied our new house, dried out our traps, repacked our kit for the road, left balance in care of a mexican miner, Trinidad Garcia who runs the ferry at La Garita, 3 bundles and 3 cases & trunk, all safely stored overhead in his dwelling house, until further orders.

Friday, Jul 13, 1900 We leave Rafael Alberto & family in care of house & mine until we or Theodore returns & soon. Left him plenty corn & beans & 5.00 cash. Paid for house building total, \$14.75 & crossed the river & rode to La Pitirera to dinner. Gave Francisco some flour, present, rode on to Pinsandarona overnight. Horsefeed & supper, .54.

Saturday, Jul 14, 1900 Bill total, 2 quarterones corn .50. Meals & manohos cost .75. Off late in the rain, rode to Los Nopales, Don Theodore @ noon where we stopped for a heavy rain storm & found horse feed, corn & corn fodder. Camped for the day. Paid bill @ bedtime, total 1.00.

Sunday, Jul 15, 1900 Off @ 6AM, rode to El Horganal to breakfast @ 9AM, cost .35. Ferried the Marquette, cost 1.00. Left ferry @ 10AM, rode out via Sinahua onto Camino Real @ 14:45, stopped @ shack, bought a brindle of sacate and made a cup of tea, cost .15.

Monday, Jul 16, 1900 Off @ 7, rode to Coyuca @ 11:30AM. Sent letter to Ricardo, asking him to come at once. Took dinners & a room in mason for tonight. Heard that Cero R. Stephenson, Dave Moffet expert @ Churaningo is coming out to Patzcuaro,

Tuesday, Jul 17, 1900 Left our two pack animals in Coyuca & rode to Inquran in 3 hours, met and dined with the Supt. J. L. Phillips, Supt. Inquran Mine. Came back to Coyuca @ 7PM in company with Mr. Omohumiro and his mozo, the shift boss. Met Mr. Stephenson @ Coyuca going out to Patzcuaro.

Wednesday, Jul 18, 1900 Wrote Felix H. Leyva today. Stephenson & the Inquran man pulled out and left us as we have lost our mules and it is raining pretty hard. Found mules & started @ 12 noon. Paid bill @ Coyuca, total 4.19. Arrived @ Rancho Nueva @ 5:15 and stopped for today. Bill @ Rancho Nueva, 2.80.

Thursday, Jul 19, 1900 Off @ 7AM, rode to Ario @ 12, rested, fed and ate dinner, costing 1.35. Off @ 2:30 rode to San Rafael in PM early, raining. Horsefeed & food costing .75.

Friday, Jul 20, 1900 Off @ 9AM, rode to Santa Clara @ 11:45 and on to Patzcuaro @ 4:15PM, stopped @ Concordia Hotel, room 13 @ .75 per day. Met Stephenson and Mr. Omohundro of the Inqurara mines also a Mr. Mc Henry & Mc.

Saturday, Jul 21, 1900 Resting in Patzcuaro. F. H. Harberd of Mexico Clay Pipe Co. arrived @ our Hotel on train, we spent the evening very pleasantly.

Sunday, Jul 22, 1900 With help of F. H. Harberd as interpreter we arranged to have our stock pastured on the hacienda Chapultepec by the owner Senor Jose M. Arrega @ .75 per month. PM, Omohundro & wife off for Inquran mines. Wrote Cayetano Serrano @ La Union.

Monday, Jul 23, 1900 Bought 2 R.R. tickets to Mexico City, cost us each 8.98. Paid hotel bill, total @ the Concordia Hotel 7.00, excess baggage, .62. Off @ 1:55PM for Mexico City. Walsh came on @ Morelia, lunch @ Acambaro, on towards the City.

Tuesday, Jul 24, 1900 Arrived in City @ 6:40 train from Patzcuaro, went to a room @ once to rest and sleep @ 4.00 per week if we stay. Took my glasses to King to fix. (met J.J. Downing and fined an old Californian) Called on Wilt & Mary & took supper & talked until 11PM, rooming @ Central Hotel.

Wednesday, Jul 25, 1900 Called on Saul Keyser, next @ Kings for glasses, next @ Iturbide Hotel for trunk. J. M. Erazo the General Manager charged nothing for storage of 9 months.

Thursday, Jul 26, 1900 Called on Mrs. M. J. Walsh, No 2. Met Jake Harotian and Capt. Wiley @ the Guardiola Hotel. @ 4:30PM met a Mr. Riordan & Walsh and chatted until supper time.

Friday, Jul 27, 1900 A. C. and I called on W. W. Norris. Rec'd assays from J. L. Phillips, Supt., Inquran Mines. Spent an hour with J. E. Jackson, Kansas Smelting Co. Met Saul Keyser and showed him some samples of copper.

Saturday, Jul 28, 1900 Went up town to see Saul & some Texas people. Rec'd letter from Mac, bought a few berrys & home, sick. Gave it up for today. Spent the PM in our room.

Sunday, Jul 29, 1900 Went up and had a talk with W. W. Norris, thence to the Iturbide Hotel and thence to restaurant where I met Mrs. Swain to dinner, thence to see Mr. Durst & Judge McCall. We talked mining for a time & finally came home. J. J. Downing called.

Monday, Jul 30, 1900 Hidalgo killed. Went to meet Durst & McCall, they are quite careful. Later wife & I called @ Iturbide. PM, called on Saul Keyser & I then called on W. W. Norris. Met young L. C. Belch, Merida the Denver boy. Wife & I spent this evening with Mr. Hughes, the expert miner of Ahuchittan @ his home.

Tuesday, Jul 31, 1900 Off downtown after mail & to look up better quarters. Met friend William Nevins just in from Guerrero. PM, called on W. W. Norris & he is to see what can be done with J.J.M. tomorrow. Wm. Hughes & wife called on us this PM. We spent the evening talking business with W.W.N.

Wednesday, Aug 1, 1900 Called on Mr. Hanley to have a through assay of the Alice ore, put four samples in care of Mr. J. E. Jackson of Kansas City Smelting Co. to be assayed for gold, silver and copper. Called on Judge McCall & Durst, they don't know what they do want. Invited to supper and spent the evening with Mr. Wm. Hughes & family.

Thursday, Aug 2, 1900 Rec'd assay from the Alice, 33 to 35/100 copper. Met Wm. Nevin, also Winfield Scott & Edna. Called on Chas. Hall, talked mining in Guanajuato, he advises me to wait for Anson W. Burchard of Gen'l Electric Co., Schenectady, N.Y. Alice & I ate supper with Mr. & Mrs. Scott & spent the evening in their company.

Friday, Aug 3, 1900 Went up town to Iturbide (no mail) looking for Scott and wife, missed them. Went to see Saul Keyser and he was out, went to see W.W.N., he had me wait balance of day to meet a Mr. J. S. Templin, a miner rooming in room 39, Grand Hotel, we met about 5PM, came home late tired out.

Saturday, Aug 4, 1900 At home until 12:30, then went to W. W. Norris'es office to meet a Mr. Templin, we had lunch and parted @ 3PM. Called @ Iturbide for mail. Coming home a man approaches me very insulting, regarding some papers which he said I had of his.

Sunday, Aug 5, 1900 In our rooms until noon, thence down town to dinner. Called @ Iturbide Hotel, thence to Zocolo, took double decker to San Angel, strolled around there an hour or so & came home same way, contented with our days outing, completely. Wrote Felix H. Leyva, La Union.

Monday, Aug 6, 1900 Down town to Iturbide after mail, from thence to City Hall, from thence in coach with Saul Keyser to Norris'es Office. Related my adventure with a fool. Met J. S. Templin @ Norris'es, later he called at our room and stayed some time talking placiers.

Tuesday, Aug 7, 1900 Wrote E. H. McCullan, 1164 Height St. regarding placiers & copper. Called on Chas. Hall in PM, he sent me to see a man @ Hotel Colosso, Mr. W. B. Gano, we are in hopes to meet again. Wrote long letter to Don Deloya.

Wednesday, Aug 8, 1900 Called on W. W. Norris first, thence to Iturbide Hotel for mail, thence to Kansas Smelter Office to see about my assays. Left with Mr. J.E. Jackson. Rec'd them, went to Saul Keyser's thence to see Chas. Hall the expert. 4PM learned that I am wanted @ Keyser's. Borrowed 25.00 of silver from Saul Keyser.

Thursday, Aug 9, 1900 Spent the night @ Woolmans, went to Sauls @ 11 thence to Belems with my Atty., thence home to dinner & was called again to Belem, costing .74 coach, returned to wait telephone correspondence. Find my transit assays 1008 ozs. troy per ton and plenty of copper.

Friday, Aug 10, 1900 Went after our mail, thence to see Wilt, thence to Saul Keyser's, thence to meet the Ganos @ 3PM. Am to meet them tomorrow @ 3PM. J. J. Downing the mill man spent the evening with us.

Saturday, Aug 11, 1900 In our rooms until noon reading novels. Called on Saul Keyser @ noon, @ 3PM to see Gano Bros, call again next Tuesday, same hour. Met J. S. Templin on the street, he wants to see our placiers. We had ice cream with Saul Keyser tonight.

Sunday, Aug 12, 1900 At home until noon, thence via car to Zocolo thence via car to Ixtapala & back. Came home had our supper and went over & spent the evening with a Mr. William Bone and his family. Bone is one of the men in the American Shoe Store in Calle St. Francisco, No 3.

Monday, Aug 13, 1900 Off to the Iturbide for mail, rec'd 2 old letters from La Union. Max Koble, two old papers and a short letter from C. T. Carnahan. Went to Belem with Chas. Hall and am going again next Saturday. Saw W. W. Norris at his office, he says McCowell Graves was there, spent the evening with Mrs. Hughes & son.

Tuesday, Aug 14, 1900 In doors until after dinner, thence to Saul Keyser's, thence to meet Gano Bros by appointment @ 3PM. Later, met Edna & Winfield Scott on the street going to Guanajuato on tonight's train. They told me Don Philippe Parkman is dead. Rec'd letter from Daniel del Moral my Atty. @ Coyuca de Catalan.

Wednesday, Aug 15, 1900 Colis P. Huntington died yesterday. Down in town to see H. W. Reed of Real del Oro mines. Found him @ Iturbide. Price \$50,000 Mexican, cost him \$52,000 in five annual payments.

Thursday, Aug 16, 1900 A. C. and I called @ Comercio and A. C. is occopatho hoy. H. W. Reed on the street today. To O.E.S. on Mexico. Wrote Henry G. Scott Union Iron Works today on Smelters. Wrote Union Smelter Man. Co. 415 Locust St. St.Louis Mo. I am alone tonight.

Friday, Aug 17, 1900 Wash girl came for 6 pieces. Off down town, dined with friend H. M. Reed and later had crystal put in watch .50. Met Cramer & his partner from Denver Colorado. Called on A. C. @ American Hospital with Miss. Jackson. Stayed an hour & came home, raining.

Saturday, Aug 18, 1900 Between 9 and 12 @ Belem. Have W. W. Norris as witness, have Chas. Hall interpreter. Have Sr. Garrote a friend. 12 noon examination closed, was told to go & went to dinner, thence called on A.C.S. & came home to rest for today. Later J. J. Downing called & A. C. came home for tonight. Leaving her patient with her sister.

Sunday, Aug 19, 1900 Wife & I visited the British and later the American Cemeteries. Later I went down town & had found Woolman to translate my letter from Daniel del Moral, my abrogado residing in Coyuca de Catalan. A. C. and I called on Wilt & Mary.

Monday, Aug 20, 1900 Called on Wm. R. Bushnell. Rec'd letter from Mrs. Shelley Covert. Wife & I dined down town. Wrote to Mrs. Rosie Covert & family, wrote to Cayetano Serrano & wife. Enclosed letter for Trinidad Garcia & Rafael. Wrote to Max Koble & Fannie. Wrote to Mother E.A. Hayner & sent a

paper.

Tuesday, Aug 21, 1900 Went up town to see Keyser and Bushnell. Came home early, felt bad & quit. Sent off 4 papers to U.S. to O.E. & Covert, Mother & Will Haynes. Rec'd letter from San Francisco, E.H. Wakeman.

Wednesday, Aug 22, 1900 Called on V. M. Braschi & Bro., Agent of Cal. Powder Co. Price of Hercules 50/100 glycerine delivered @ Patzcuaro to Barbollas @ 16.95 per cut, caps 9.50 per M. Fuse double tape @ 9.25 per M ft. 500 lbs powder 1000, 2000 feet fuse 122.75. Wife & I went to supper, took Mrs. Hindman home & walked over to W. W. Norris'es called in & later called twice to see Mr. Gano, thence to see Saul K. and came home.

Thursday, Aug 23, 1900 Up town to Iturbide, found 2 letters, O.E. Swain with pictures and one from Mother Hayner. Had long chat with Robert Bushnell. After supper Alice & I went to the Pallace. Back to Iturbide & Prof. Wm. Anderson gave me a pointer.

Friday, Aug 24, 1900 Called on W.R. Bushnell & he says he sided with me. Saw Cramer for a talk and later called for Alice @ Norris'es & we walked home @ 4PM. Hall goes out tonight on a 500.00 trip to report on a mine west of Toluca. Wrote to O.E. to find Dickman & Co. @ Mrs. Hughes tonight with her friends.

Saturday, Aug 25, 1900 Rained all night. Mrs. Bone called on us. In the Iturbide parlor I met a young English assayer just up from South America. @ 11 see William Anderson & went to his room & stayed until 5:45PM and came home tired & hungry.

Sunday, Aug 26, 1900 Spent today with Capt. Wm. Anderson, he wrote a long letter to New York and says he will have a wire from them by next Saturday sure, I give up 2/3 of my bonded propertys & the Alice for 10,000 cash to be used solely for development & prospecting the district at the same time I draw half wages & expenses during the 12 months, @ the end of which time the Mine must be paid for 11,000 cash when a new arrangement will be called for.

Monday, Aug 27, 1900 Down town to see W. R. Bushnell. Tried to get some cash @ once, rec'd 25.00. Wife & I @ dinner @ Jim ----- PM, called @ Bank of business, later had long talk with Anderson, find everything going ok. John J. Downing leaves tomorrow. I paid room rent four weeks, 20.00, another week 5.00.

Tuesday, Aug 28, 1900 Moved to Mrs. Wm. Bones @ 1 A Mina No. 2 to rooms @ 25.00 per month. PM, found letter from Koble @ Iturbide Hotel. Met Atty. Norris, full as a pigskin, met Capt. Anderson, then saw Saul Keyser & came home. Wrote Max regarding iron and coal.

Wednesday, Aug 29, 1900 Went to Iturbide as usual for mail, saw Capt. Wm. Anderson, met Robert Bushnell & Wilt Norris & Saul Keyser and came home contented to read the rest of the day. We are living quite retired & taking our meals at home.

Thursday, Aug 30, 1900 Up to Sauls & to Iturbide for mail, thence to Gun Store, find S.& W., costs 65.00 or straight savage costs same with 50 cartiges thrown in with either gun.

Friday, Aug 31, 1900 Wife & Mrs. Bone & myself down town early, called on Saul as usual. Had a visit at the Hole in the Wall, talking of Eo Guerrero and my views of its future greatness. Saul is disappointing me.

Saturday, Sep 1, 1900 Rustling for Bushnell today. Saul is having a time raising a little cash for me if he makes it all right. Met Charles Hall and am to go to his office tomorrow @ 10AM on business. Rec'd letter from Ysidro Deloya and answered it at once. To be with Capt. Wm. Anderson tomorrow PM in his room.

Sunday, Sep 2, 1900 Off to meet Charles Hall @ his office, arranging placiers options, thence to meet Capt. Wm. A. to arrange copper property. After supper wife & I called on Capt. Wm. @ the Iturbide, No 11. Also on Norris later on Saul Keyser.

Monday, Sep 3, 1900 Called on G. C. Palmer, rec'd prices on giant powder caps & fuses in Patzcuaro. Mr. Foster off tonight to El Paso Texas. 3PM, call on Charles Hall. Completed papers on placiers & sent

copy to Tasco and to T.H. Arthur, expect answer in the present week. Wrote to Don F.H.L.

Tuesday, Sep 4, 1900 Up town to Iturbide for mail, met Mr. Lyle on street. Called on Saul Keyser & came home in PM. Rec'd letters & map from Max K. Answered Max tonight.

Wednesday, Sep 5, 1900 Off up town as usual, had a talk with friend Roberts & he goes east again soon to float a great big property. Look for letter today from New York City (it came). Copied original contract with Capt. Anderson, returned it to him @ Iturbide @ 11PM. Wife and I called on Cramer & family @ hotel Trenton.

Thursday, Sep 6, 1900 Off with Alice to see about rooms for Cramer, later down to see Cramer & I went to dinner with him & family @ Hotel Trenton. I came home and stayed until late in PM. Alice off PM hunting rooms for Mrs. Cramer, later went down town met Wm. Anderson, we signed up our papers at once, our witnesses, the two Bones and his Anderson witness.

Friday, Sep 7, 1900 Off to Post office found four letters from F.H. Leyva, Cayetano S. & Mother & Theodore Gulen my prospector. Finished up with Capt. Wm. A. @ 11:30AM. @ 12:15 rec'd of Mr. Cramer on acct 60.00. Later had F. Leyva letter translated into English by Charles Cooper & Hughes. Spent the evening @ Hughes. Saul has good news from Mc. D. Graves, answered Cayetano Serrano this PM.

Saturday, Sep 8, 1900 The Day Chapultepec fell in 1847. Soldiers did honor today @ Chapultepec, Music, Orations, parades and salute with 21 guns. Alice & I took it all in and came home tired enough. Paid Charles Cooper, Hughes translating, 50 cts. Later answered Theodore Gulens letter to Manzanillo Eo Colima. Later preparing another to Lic. Luis Hernandez, Chicancingo.

Sunday, Sep 9, 1900 Mailed letter to Mother E.A. H. and to Theodore Gulen, Manzanillo. PM, Charles Cramer & wife called, we went home with them and spent the evening until 9PM.

Monday, Sep 10, 1900 For change of Mining Office to Union. Starting today, Legally for La Union. Capt. Anderson Atty. to help us tomorrow, handed 25.00 to Robert Bushnell today in their store. Judge McCall and Durst back from Oaxaca last night. Rec'd letter from Brother O.E.S. & answered, rec'd letter from Max Koble. Had talk with Lyle about rubber and gold mines in Columbia & Venezuela, richest placiers on earth are there.

Tuesday, Sep 11, 1900 Called on Anderson regarding mineral office. Met Charles Hall & Mr. Van who wants a lead mine. Went to Wilt who is to furnish me with a report on one near Acapulco in 48 hours. Charles Cramers wife quite sick.

Wednesday, Sep 12, 1900 Rec'd another letter from Max Koble, he is rattled on a sluice box. Wrote Jose M. Arrega of the Hacienda Chapultepec regarding of our outfit etc. 6PM, called on Sect. Tomonto, Señor M. Fernando Leal and he tells me he will see what can be done. Cash from Saul Keyser. Friend Durst offers us his window for the celebration.

Thursday, Sep 13, 1900 Our contract reached New York City. Off down town as usual, met Capt. Anderson who tells me he has a letter from New York saying tell the Swains we shall agree to go in with them sure. Wrote outline letter to Minister de Fomento. At noon went with Charles Cramer to see the new house, he took it. Later had my letter to Minister de Fomento. M. Fernandez Leal translated by Charles Cooper.

Friday, Sep 14, 1900 Carried my letter to Secretaries Office for his perusal (sic), later on rec'd letters from Frankie Sanders, from Dodd of W.I. Works and Max K. on sluice box. Wrote Max on sluice box and to F. Leyva on business. Mrs. Hughes called today. Rec'd of Saul Keyser, cash 2.00.

Saturday, Sep 15, 1900 Off down town to see the sights. Met Capt. Wm. Anderson @ Iturbide. Met Mr. W. Posey Lyle and he gave me some papers to show the Secty Fomento. Mrs. Swain & I took in the preparations at the Zocolo & then went home to dinner. Closed letter to Frankie Sanders. Evening went to see Mrs. Cramer @ Hotel, from there in coach to Zocolo to see the ringing of Liberty Bell by Porferio Diaz.

Sunday, Sep 16, 1900 Out early took Hack to Chapultepec, saw the Grand Review of troops in company with Charles Cramer and family. 1PM, took carriage back to Hotel Trenton. Rec'd of Charles Cramer on account @ Hotel Trenton cash 50.00. PM, called @ Iturbide, bought stamps and posted letter to Frankie S. PM, had a big hail storm and I stayed home. Saw Mrs. Swain ride home on a cargadores, fare .10.

Monday, Sep 17, 1900 Off down to Iturbide Hotel as usual, met Anderson, no wire yet from New York. Met Hall, later met Perry & Arthur who want our placiers in Guanajuato. 6PM, met Perry & Arthur and stayed until 10PM and came home, am not done with them. Must try to see Fomento tomorrow.

Tuesday, Sep 18, 1900 Off up town to see the sights today and want to see Norris, Capt. & others too. W. W. Norris promised to see J.J.M. and prevail on him to agree that they both allow me to handle the business alone & as best I can to get their money out of it. Spent this evening with Capt. Wm. A.

Wednesday, Sep 19, 1900 Off down town to Somers the jewelers, thence to Iturbide to Capt. Wm. A., thence to see W. W. Norris & home to dinner. PM, again to see the Minister Fomento Leal, he says we shall have our desires. Left Manuel Fernando Leal @ 7:15, later came home with Mr. Wm. Bone.

Thursday, Sep 20, 1900 Met Capt. Wm. Anderson, states that we may rest easy until we hear more from Motley soon. Mrs. Swain bought pair shoes 10.00. We visited Judge McCall & Mr. Durst. Rec'd letter from Max Koble.

Friday, Sep 21, 1900 Up to Somers regulating my watch. Called on W.W.N., no good. Charles Hall off until next Wednesday to Iguala. Wrote again to Leyva on options on Hacienda. See recorder Carlos Fernandez. Wife & I went via Mary Norris'es to spend the evening with Mrs. and Mr. Charles Cramer & family. Mentioned Jalisco mine to Cramers tonight.

Saturday, Sep 22, 1900 To P.O. thence to Somers & Iturbide & thence with Cramer to see Nixon & wife thence home, writing all PM. Mrs. Hindman here to supper. Wrote Willis G. Dodd, Union Iron Works, S.F., wrote to Mother, E.A. Hayner.

Sunday, Sep 23, 1900 @ home until after dinner, when we all start to go to Tacuba, the Monte Carlo of this Republic. Mr. & Mrs. Bone, Swains, Cramers and Mrs. Hindman we saw it all & came home satisfied.

Monday, Sep 24, 1900 Off down to Somers, jeweler. Bought bar for watch chain. Met Capt. A., says expert coming, everything all ok. Met M. J. Burgess, he is well. Talked Balsas river navigation with Hampsons clerk. @ 7:30PM I went to see if Cramer had gotten the house, 4 rooms. Took him a box of mosquito torment.

Tuesday, Sep 25, 1900 About noon went down town, saw M.J.B. in room 15, first floor, thence to room 5, Hotel Colosco & had long talk about Nome & the Klondyke generally. Went to see Norris and stayed with him until dark. He says he can arrange everything complete when Moylan returns next week from Oaxaca.

Wednesday, Sep 26, 1900 Off down to Hotel Iturbide to see Capt. Anderson. M. J. Burgess & mining men generally. T. H. Arthur due tonight from Tasco. Wife & I spent evening with Mrs. Hughes & Charles Cooper.

Thursday, Sep 27, 1900 Off down town to Iturbide Hotel, met M.J.B. & Mr. Roberts and others. Met J. L. Phillips just in from El Paso, Supt. of Ingram Mines. Wife called on Mrs. Woolman. I went to hunt up Mr. Nickson & found her at home, he will be home tomorrow. Went home found Mrs. Cramer there visiting Mrs. Bone & Swain. Big poker game tonight.

Friday, Sep 28, 1900 \$25.00 rent due today & paid. Capt's exp leaves Indianapolis tonight. Went to see the scene of the big fire last night @ the Zocolo. Later met old friend E.A. Durst, the artesian well man of Leon, had a long talk with friend on boats on the Balsas. Then spent the evening with Mr. Durst & family.

Saturday, Sep 29, 1900 Met Perry & Arthur first, thence to see W.W.N. who goes to see J.J.M. and arrange to let me arrange to handle placiers. Met E. A. Durst & family and we dined @ Porters Restaurant, thence on business to Mexican Pipe Co.

plant on wells contract & home, thence after supper to see Durst & later Capt. Wm. A.

Sunday, Sep 30, 1900 Rec'd letter from W. P. Lyle. Call @ W.W.N.'s @ 12 noon, found nothing done. Charles Cramer & family came to dinner with us, spent PM. Wrote Lyle c/o Geo. D. Barron.

Monday, Oct 1, 1900 Witnessed Grand Parade, military proclaiming Porferio Diaz reelection. Met Cramer & Anderson & M. J. Burgess and W.W.N. on business & came home. After dinner went up town to see Cramer, he has gone home sick. Later Mr. Cramer & Nickson called to talk mining.

Tuesday, Oct 2, 1900 Called on W.W.N. - poco tiempo. Rec'd of Charles Cramer on account, 25.00. Rec'd letter from Ysidro Deloya, answered at once. Fred Bone won a bike. W. W. N. failed to produce as usual. Rec'd letter from Max Koble.

Wednesday, Oct 3, 1900 Spent today with Norris who wants to find J.J.M.

Thursday, Oct 4, 1900 Up to Iturbide to see Capt. A., failed to meet him. Norris & Moylan promise my papers tomorrow.

Friday, Oct 5, 1900 Rec'd letter from Cayetano, Rafael & Trinidad Garcia @ La Union. Chased Norris until finally got their two signatures to a proposition. Submitted it to buyers and later wrote M. and Norris that I wanted an accounting & a different proposition.

Saturday, Oct 6, 1900 I imagine something wrong that M. and N. are doing me, find in Palace of Justice that I am not mentioned in the Placiers Co. at all. Another man and myself hunting records of my interests in Petatlan placiers all day today. Rec'd letter from O. E. Swain & answered.

Sunday, Oct 7, 1900 Wife & I dined with Charles Cramer and family, later he wrote a 4 page letter to Adjutant Gen. J. C. Overmyer, Denver Colo.

Monday, Oct 8, 1900 Called on W. W. Norris who sent me to the Notary Public with a note. I took Charles Hall and went and saw the Nunuto, thence to the house of Antonio Mercenario where we explained matters to Carlos Mercenario the Govs. son. PM, called on Minister Fomento and chatted business for 1/2 hour. Wrote Felix H. Leyva @ La Union.

Tuesday, Oct 9, 1900 Wrote Antonio Mercenario and Mattie H. Swain, Antioch. Sent drawn work to matter, also a two Republic of today. Mr. Arthur off today to Tasco, hoping to meet the Gov. of Guerrero at that place and explain the situation as he sees it.

Wednesday, Oct 10, 1900 Down town to have my shoes repaired @ Fosters store. Saw Ciro R. Stephenson on the street today. Capt. Anderson has wired this AM saying all ok, everything fixed, expert coming now.

Thursday, Oct 11, 1900 Mailed Letter to Lic. Velez Hernandez. Rec'd from Saul Keyser cash 1.50. Rec'd letter from W. P. Lyle of 9th Oct. Eng. Tezintlan Copper Co. Eo Pueblo. Trying to hunt Coyuca filings. PM, met a Mr. Lindsey, prospector.

Friday, Oct 12, 1900 10AM, Minister Fomento saw J. R. Wilcox of Irapuato and Capt. Anderson, all ok. Home to dinner, first warm day. Wrote to Hattie Campbell of Dunsmuir, Trinity Co.

Saturday, Oct 13, 1900 Stayed home until PM, then went up town and went home with Charles Cramer & stayed until 10PM. Rec'd letter from Brother O.E.S.

Sunday, Oct 14, 1900 Stayed at home all day, played cards all day. Mr. & Mrs. Cramer came over and we came home with them. Arthur comes tonight on R.R.

Monday, Oct 15, 1900 Met Mr. & Mrs. Arthur @ Coliseo, room 6, he failed to see the Governor this time. Seen Capt. Anderson @ 4PM, room 88. Examining blue prints of boats for shallow river navigation. Jake Harotian in town. Spent evening with C's.

Tuesday, Oct 16, 1900 Muriel Swain is 20 years old today. See cost of flat car to river. 11AM @ Hotel Iturbide, 5.00 per ton to Balsas. Rec'd of C. W. Cramer on account 40.00. Met H.J. McKenzie & wife

just from New York via steamer to Vera Cruz.
Spent PM & evening with the Hindman family.

Wednesday, Oct 17, 1900 Off down town to see Henry J. McKenzie, ordered gasoline for Mrs. Cramer, saw Capt. Anderson. Saw J. Harotian, he is to see J.J.M., saw Arthur @ Iturbide Hotel. 4PM, rec'd letter from F. H. Leyva, regarding our business in Guerrero, also rock to assay. Spent PM with McKenzies, later McKenzies & Hindmans went to our rooms & stayed until 10:30PM.

Thursday, Oct 18, 1900 Went down town saw Capt. Anderson, met Henry J. McKenzie & wife & she came home with me. Rec'd letter from C. G. Davis, Ed Taylor.

Friday, Oct 19, 1900 Went down town to have assay made of ore sent by Felix from La Union, cost 5.00 @ Heckelman G. McCann. Had business with Capt. A., he wired V. H. Woolman, Cedar Rapids. Henry J. McKenzie & I found a suit of rooms to rent @ 40.00. Later called on Mrs. Hindman, wrote C. G. Davis & Ed Taylor.

Saturday, Oct 20, 1900 Down town to see Chism. Mailed letter to Carlos G. Davis, talked business with Capt. Wm. Anderson. T. H. Arthur made us a proposition. Called on Mrs. McKenzie PM. Wrote Cayetano Serrano, La Union, we took supper @ the room.

Sunday, Oct 21, 1900 Rec'd letter from O. E. Swain, dated S. F. Oct. 14th regarding freights via water to Guerrero. Mailed letter to O.E.S.

Monday, Oct 22, 1900 Down town to see Capt. A. McKenzie going to housekeeping, getting through custom house, busy all day. Met Arthur & wife late, they go to Tasco tomorrow.

Tuesday, Oct 23, 1900 One year ago went into Company with J.J.M. and W. W. Norris. Went down town & with M. J. Burgess composed a letter to Minister Fomento regarding Agencia de Minafea @ La Union, also enclosed Felix Leyvas letter requesting that it be kept for me.

Wednesday, Oct 24, 1900 Called at H. J. McKenzies on my way home, found them all in a mix up, setting up furniture.

Thursday, Oct 25, 1900 Off down town, met Capt. Anderson, his mail is behind & he is hot. 4PM, with A. writing Woolman @ Cedar Rapids Iowa. Rec'd business letter from Dodd via La Union dated Oct 3rd, S.F.

Friday, Oct 26, 1900 H. W. Reed died in Guerrero. Rec'd letter from Daniel Del Moral, our aboogatho @ Coyuca. Had a talk with Govs. son, says will hear from Gov. soon. Saw Harotian, goes home tomorrow. Wrote Arthur @ Tasco, business. Wife & I @ Cramers tonight.

Saturday, Oct 27, 1900 Wrote Daniel del Moral, wrote Felix H. Leyva enclosing Morals letter of yesterday. Wife wrote Wm. D. Mc Murray, Waco. Went down town to explore. Anderson is hot today. Foster rec'd some sample ore, I came home sick.

Sunday, Oct 28, 1900 Rent due. Off down town, Harotian is going to drop M.J.B. Met friend Goff and we had some fresh oysters & wine. Came home content.

Monday, Oct 29, 1900 Off down town to hear the news. Met Anderson & Burgess & also called on Perry @ Coliseo. Met Harotian, he is hot.

Tuesday, Oct 30, 1900 Wife & I down town to see house for Cramer. Expect wire from Waco today. W.W.N. ready to do anything. Spent 3 hours with Anderson talking probability etc. Rec'd photos of Judge Ed Sanders & wife & my grandson of Red Bluff California.

Wednesday, Oct 31, 1900 Official census report for 1900, 76,295,220 inhabitants in the United States of America. H. J. McKenzie off last night. Jake Harotian off home by tomorrow train.

Thursday, Nov 1, 1900 Fiesta today. Off down town to see the display, no telegrams today from Waco, The

religious cranks parading in flocks today.

Friday, Nov 2, 1900 Off down to see Capt. Wm. Anderson, everything at a stand still on account of this Fiesta, Bought bacon, 1.25 & butter 1.40, and came home @ 2PM. Closed up letter to daughter, Mrs. Frankie Sanders & family.

Saturday, Nov 3, 1900 Showering, wife & I off down town. Anderson is hot, no letters, no telegrams. Alice went to see cost of fare to Belmond Iowa, \$118.00, Mexico via Laredo.

Sunday, Nov 4, 1900 Ate dinner with Mrs. Cramer, saw Mrs. Hughs @ her mamas & she told us Mr. Reed of Miner San Nicholas del Oro is dead. Played cards with the Fosters & Bones, 6 handed until 11PM.

Monday, Nov 5, 1900 Went to see Anderson as usual. Ate dinner @ McKenzies. Took assays & samples to show to Mr. J. M. Neal in from Los Angeles. He is pleased with our proposition. H. W. Reed's son from Chicago here @ Mrs. Hughs today. Found Mr. Swain @ McKenzies late this evening & we came home late. Presidential elections in U.S. tomorrow.

Tuesday, Nov 6, 1900 Called to see Mrs. Reed @ Mrs. Hughs, failed to get in, no response. Rec'd last from O. E. dated Nov 1st. Went to Fosters, spent evening. McKinley elected, sure.

Wednesday, Nov 7, 1900 McKinley Elected. Off down town to learn of election. PM, Mr. J. M. Neeland here of 149 West 22nd St., Los Angeles. Spent the evening with J. M. Neeland, cash on account 30.00, Mex.

Thursday, Nov 8, 1900 Off early to wire Felix H. L., cost me .62. Chatted with Anderson & Burgess & came home, Wife writing Mrs. Mary H. Newton, south Pasadena, regarding mining in company with J. M. Neeland who spent part of the PM with us. Rec'd letter from Arthur and Mattie Swain. Put Mrs. Newtons letter on train.

Friday, Nov 9, 1900 Rec'd advance letters from U. S., rec'd one from Don del Moral saying Stephenson maps gone to Fomento for approval. Rec'd wire from F. Leyva regarding letter coming. 7PM, called on Fomento to find we have the Office at La Union at last.

Saturday, Nov 10, 1900 Wired Felix Leyva saying Mining Office secured etc, etc. Spent several hours with Mr. J. M. Neeland of Los Angeles, Cali. Went to see Minister de Fomento, too late missed him.

Sunday, Nov 11, 1900 Down to Iturbide Hotel, had M.J.B. translate letter into spanish to Senor Roche c/o Emijdio Tizarra, Huichiquila @ Eo Jalisco, Jilotlan, enclosed money for answer via wire. 4PM, Charles Cramer & family & I went to Guadalupe for a trip & to see the Pilgrims.

Monday, Nov 12, 1900 Off down town to see Anderson, he is too busy for anything today. Marcus Daly, the Copper King is dead, leaves wife, 3 daughters and one son. Called twice to see Leal. Fomento is out today.

Tuesday, Nov 13, 1900 Met Martin Poe the miner from Autlan Eo Jalisco & George West. Met Anderson & Woolman. Spent the evening with Martin Poe, George West, Neeland & 2 gentleman miners from St. Louis Mo.

Wednesday, Nov 14, 1900 Down town as usual, met Anderson & Woolman, Evans & Keller, of Qualcoman Eo Michocan. Met Poe & George West, miners of Autlan, tried to see M. J. Boss. Neeland & I waiting a telegram from Mrs. Newton. 2.00 change from Saul.

Thursday, Nov 15, 1900 Postage stamps .25. Down to Iturbide Hotel with Neeland, waiting wire from Pasadena or Los Angeles. Dined with Evans & Keller. Wife @ Hotel today noon. Am to confer with Anderson and Woolman tomorrow. Capt. Wiley died today @ American Hospital.

Friday, Nov 16, 1900 Capt Wiley's funeral @ 9AM. Met Anderson & Woolman, met Keller & Neeland. Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie spent the evening at our rooms. Rec'd 10.00 cash on account of Charles Cramer.

Saturday, Nov 17, 1900 Down to Iturbide waiting for a wire from Los Angeles. Chatting with Martin Poe &

Geo. West. Also with Anderson & Woolman & Evans & Keller. Met Mr. & Mrs. Hughes of Fresno City, Cali.

Sunday, Nov 18, 1900 Rec'd business letter from F.H.L., also express receipt from Barbolla regarding samples sent to Denver, also telegram from Hernandez to Leyva for which we have waited here all coming out ok. 2PM, Hotel Iturbide we called on Mr. & Mrs. Hughes of Fresno who are just back from their mines in Oxaca.

Monday, Nov 19, 1900 Down town to see Anderson & W., later met Neeland, he had a letter from Mrs. Newton, very satisfactory, also expect one to Mrs. Swain on business soon. Met Cogshell of N.Y. J.M.N. makes us proposals for interests in Jitotlan gold mine to which we reply by letter this PM.

Tuesday, Nov 20, 1900 J. M. Neeland called early, we are to prospect together in Jalisco where he goes to see our property, \$270.00 cash. Talking steamer line with Capt. Wm. A. and Mr. Woolman. Neeland off via R.R. to Oxaca. Played high five @ Fosters, six of us, great fun.

Wednesday, Nov 21, 1900 Down to Mint to buy small silver change for the road, \$50.00. Bought stationary, 1.50. Alice buying necessaries for the coming trip west. Shall wire for Rafael tomorrow.

Thursday, Nov 22, 1900 Called @ S. Robert & Co, La Valenciana, put 25.00 there for F. Leyva where I bought spectacles for 4.00. Rec'd another wire from Leyva. Called on Minister M.F. Leal. Called on Saul Keyser late. Called on Cramer family.

Friday, Nov 23, 1900 @ 7:40AM left for Patzcuaro. Paid second class fare, 17.90 coach & cargadores cost 2.00. @ Acambaro @ 5PM.

Saturday, Nov 24, 1900 Off for Patzcuaro @ 6:40AM, Morelia @ 10:30, Patzcuaro @ 12:40. @ Concordia to dinner, arranged room & board for two @ 2.00 per day. Mailed letter to Capt. Anderson and to W. Lyle.

Sunday, Nov 25, 1900 Resting @ Patzcuaro. Wrote Col. Joe Hampson, Felix H. Leyva, O. E. Swain, Mrs. & Mr. Wm. Bone, Charles Cramer. Curd the Photographer and wife called this evening.

Monday, Nov 26, 1900 Bought 2 quarterones miece(?), bought corn fodder. Rec'd our animals from the Hacienda of Chapel Tepec.

Tuesday, Nov 27, 1900 Met Jesus Gomez in Patzcuaro, let him have cash 20.00 later. Paid through Cayetano Serrano. Wrote to Wilt & Mary Norris a farewell and to Felix Leyva c/o Jesus Gomez.

Wednesday, Nov 28, 1900 Feeding up our animals, paid pasture bill, 13.00 and shoeing bill, 7.50. Rec'd wire from Mrs. Newton in letter from Mrs. Bone. Rec'd letter from Capt. Anderson.

Thursday, Nov 29, 1900 Jesus Gomez and friends off for Petatlan today. Mailed letter to Capt. Anderson.

Friday, Nov 30, 1900 Rafael here early, ok. Cost on road out 2.56. Bought new saddle tree & other necessaries for road. Rec'd wire from Lyle - wait. Wired Cramer, send bacon care of Lyle. Rec'd pans from Cramer via express. Wrote Charles W. Cramer tonight and to Mrs. Mary Newton of South Pasadena.

Saturday, Dec 1, 1900 Raining in PM. Making new cinches, preparing to travel. 11AM, Rafael & I went to R. R. Depot to see the arrivals. Alice made 2 new shirts & a pair of pants for Rafael. Rec'd letter from Capt. Wm. A., also copies of bonds for coal lands. Overhauling saddles.

Sunday, Dec 2, 1900 Had our bust pictures taken by John C. Curd by his request. PM, saddled up and tried our horses, all gentle. Rec'd wire from Felix Leyva. Rafael went to the Bull fight. Harriman tells me Stephenson tells him that the Balconias was never surveyed correctly by anybody according to compass or maps & plans in Coyuca. Harriman says Stephenson will not lie about Balconias, but will give them up without contest he knows. Met Geo. G. Harriman of Morelia who tells me Bray has quit pumping out the old Copper Mine.

Monday, Dec 3, 1900 Rained all night. All ready to go, waiting on Lyle. Wrote Charles W. Cramer, Max & Fannie Koble, W. Posey Lyle. Left our big trunk in Hotel office containing clothes, 2 watches &

valuables. Has rained steady all day here.

Tuesday, Dec 4, 1900 Paid our bills @ Hotel Concordia \$45.00. Had our photos taken by Curd after we were mounted, ready to start. Left Patzcuaro @ 9:30AM, crossed the range to Villa Esclante @ 3:30PM, showering and cold & we stopped for tonight here. Our bill overnight total, 2.50.

Wednesday, Dec 5, 1900 9:30 off in the rain from Esclante & traveled through a light rain all AM. Later it cleared a little, roads very muddy. PM, and after supper raining. Stopped @ Mason de Saucedo for tonight. Suppers up town. Horses fed at high cost.

Thursday, Dec 6, 1900 In Uruapan @ 4:30, raining steady. Tried to wire Cramer, hunting Lyle. It cost me 94 cts. 7PM, find neither letter or telegram from anyone. Still raining steady.

Friday, Dec 7, 1900 Storm bound. Still raining this forenoon. Expecting answer from Cramer. Wrote Cramer today and Mary J. Newton. 4:30PM, raining beautifully, still raining @ 8PM. Had 2 new shoes on pack horse. Uruapan E.L. a failure tonight. Rec'd wire from C. regarding L. He is not coming. Rec'd letter from Anderson.

Saturday, Dec 8, 1900 Paid bills in Uruapan and sailed out in the rain & rode 3 hours in it and as there was no signs of its quitting we pulled up for today. 5PM, raining like hades, steady. Our horses roughing it tonight, fighting, biting, bucking & it rained steady.

Sunday, Dec 9, 1900 Saw sun first time for 14 days. Very dark and cloudy early. Early this AM we rode out in a moderate rain, crossed the range and near the old volcano @ 12:30. We passed into sunshine and stopped & lunched & fed our stock. 5PM, stopped for the night @ Los Bancos, large sugar plantation where they manufacture tons. Bills @ Los Bancos, .54.

Monday, Dec 10, 1900 Santa Cusi, Proprietor largest Modern Rice Mill in Mexico. 300 Cargas per day near Paracuaro. Stopped fed & lunched @ La Werta. Moved on into Apatzingan for today @ Mason Zaragosa, bill overnight 1.98.

Tuesday, Dec 11, 1900 Left Apatzingan @ 9:30AM, tramped all day to tomata, our old camp ground near Buena Vista, camped out, our bill was .85. Bought 25 cts bread in Buena Vista, 25 cts, oranges .12.

Wednesday, Dec 12, 1900 Came on past Buena Vista 3 hours ride to cattle ranch, had a drink of cold water & rode on to Rio Bravo, crossed & camped for lunch, 2 hours, then rode on into Tepalcatepec @ 5PM. Put up a mason. Met friend Pizzaro looking first rate, says the mine is ok. Bought bread tonight .25.

Thursday, Dec 13, 1900 Overnight in Tepalcatepec, left there @ 10:30 in company with Pizzaro, rode to Rocha Mine in 4 hours, found Rocha there - arastra (?) going right along. We found quarters near by, engaging them for the present. 5PM, packed up went to Wichetetla arriving after dark, here we found horse feed etc, etc. Slept on face of the earth.

Friday, Dec 14, 1900 Trying to find a house to rent and cooking out in an open corral, hot as hades, no shade & hot. Sent a mozo to see if we can rent the Vizzaro house for a couple of weeks. Bought a chicken & corn & corn for stock.

Saturday, Dec 15, 1900 Sent our mozo to Jilotlan with letter to J. M. Neeland @ Guadalajara. Rec'd in return letter from Mrs. J. C. (or Mary H. Newton of South Pasadena), dated Dec. 8th. Wife & I examining the Rocha mine, back to camp @ 7:30.

Sunday, Dec 16, 1900 Emilio Vizcarro came to us & advised us for comforts sake, to move to San Francisco on the river, so we left Huichitila @ 11AM, arriving in San Fran. @ 12:45. Mailed letter No. 2 to J. M. Neeland, sent note to P. M. to forward our mail. Camped @ San Francisco pueblo.

Monday, Dec 17, 1900 Still hunting suitable camp to use during our stay in this District, panned 4 pans in river AM @ San Francisco & found 2 colors of gold. PM, failing to secure quarters here we moved up to Otatis to the house of Emedio Vizzaro where we slept in a bed in a shack, among friends, contented.

Tuesday, Dec 18, 1900 Resting for today, cool, cloudy & raining. Wrote to Cayetano Serrano, La Union. Sent Rafael for tobacco and cigars. Raining all day @ Otatis, in camp with Emedio Vizzaro & family. Wrote to Mother Hayner. Bought 100 oranges for 35 cts. Found a good sample of copper ore.

Wednesday, Dec 19, 1900 Still with Vizzaro today. Prospected river at Otatis well with pans for placiers, find gold, but not enough to pay. We have tried to learn the location of a copper vein in here someplace from which we have seen sample, but the people having it are too suspicious to show us or tell us. So we shall travel again tomorrow.

Thursday, Dec 20, 1900 Changed our mind about going for another day, as we are greatly interested with sample. J. W. Neeland due @ Guadalajara today. Consequently sent two men under pay to try once more. Men returned @ dark saying the miners will come with samples tomorrow or next day. Wrote Mrs. Rose Covert.

Friday, Dec 21, 1900 Cloudy and cool. Emidio Vizcarra went fishing with a ----caught several truchas and one fine baggre (cat fish), had a great time fishing. Waiting return of miners with samples, they did not come today.

Saturday, Dec 22, 1900 Concluded to move out of mountains to meet our mail @ San Francisco. Moved to San Fran., rec'd letter from J. M. Neeland, Hotel Iturbide Dec. 12th. He wants various samples forwarded to Los Angeles California, 149 W. 22nd St. Moved on down to Rocha Mine & camped, secured some samples of ore from both sides of the river and prepared to travel out to communicate at once with Neeland.

Sunday, Dec 23, 1900 Off for Jilotlan (Juchitlan) @ 9:30AM at Jilotlan @ 1:30PM, 4 hours. Rec'd letter from Mrs. Mary Newton, Dated Dec. 14th @ S. Pasadena Cal. Off @ 3:10 and rode to Lo Souses for tonight. Proprietor Rafael Romero turned in to portraro tonight. This man Romero was all over California in 1851, so he tells us, age 69 yrs, has his third wife, 2 sons.

Monday, Dec 24, 1900 Off @ 8AM, crossing high ranges in a mineral country, rich in veins of quartz in a granite district with occasional dike & some slate. Water abundant, pine & oak, timber. Moved on until 3PM, camped at Augwacatito. Corn, pasture, beans, tortillas. Slept on a pile of corn on the cobb.

Tuesday, Dec 25, 1900 @ Tecalitlan Xmas 1:30PM. Off for Tecalitlan @ 8AM, crossed some very high ranges, reached here to find telephone out of order today. Found a place and tied up for tonight. Called on Pathre Jesus Defelbo who has 3 claims with a 30 ft. shaft out of which he took 30 cargas of 80/100 lead, but has no vein, price 2,000 cash. Good thing to let him keep, has several other veins, no titles.

Wednesday Dec 26, 1900 Off from Tecalitlan @ 10AM, passed Tuxpan @ 12 noon on to Zapotilte @ 2:30. Stopped to lunch, 3:30 off again into Zapotlan @ 5:30, stopping tonight in Hotel Morelos, found 4 Americans stopping here.

Thursday, Dec 27, 1900 Changed to Hotel Central to better quarters, cheaper. Wired J.M.N. @ Los Angeles Cal., wife wrote Mrs. Newton tonight. Sent samples to J. M. Neeland, 1 box dust from placiers Petatlan, package samples from Balconia, copper. Assay value of Chalcopyita. (?) Wrote Cramer tonight

Friday, Dec 28, 1900 Met Gov. Fran. St. Cruz, Gov. of Colima and his daughter last night @ Hotel Morales. Met Mr. W.O.B. Green of the R.R. construction party just in from his construction camp. Later he invited us out to camp until we hear from J.M.N., Alice wrote mother.

Saturday, Dec 29, 1900 Up early and going to R.R. camp, Invited by Mr. W.O.B. Green the Supt., arrived @ 9AM had cup of coffee & rode out to look over his work. Found a 3% grade & some very heavy cuts and fills, back to dinner. The black mare foaled today @ camp. Wrote Mrs. Mary H. Newton, Pasadena, California on our prospects. Dry washers, dredges. Witnessed W.O.B. Greens pay off.

Sunday, Dec 30, 1900 Still waiting wire from Los Angeles. W.O.B. Green sent another wire to J. M. Neeland notifying him of our arrival here.

Monday, Dec 31, 1900 @ Mr. Greens camp. Helping overhaul the payroll. Hunting for forged bollettas (?), found everything all ok. PM, wife & I visited Mrs. and Mr. Frank Blankenship.

End of entries of 1900 diary: rest are notes from back of diary.

Saul Keyser Dr - Bottle Gold Dust \$25.00.

My nickel movement has No. 7,959,258 on movement, 17 jewels adjusted. American Waltham Watch Co.
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