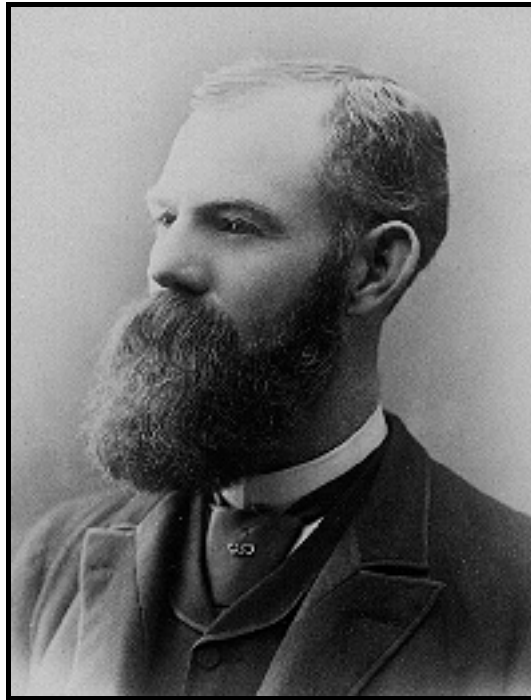


Jethro Mitchell Swain



1843-1917

Personal diary from 1902

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Notes taken from the front of his diary:

J.M.S. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 1st 1902, Elevation 3,720'. To San Francisco 1,224 miles.

Feb 8th 1902, Schenectady N.Y. No. 989, largest locomotive ever built for Santa Fe R.R., tractive power 53,400, weight 260,000 pounds, tender 50 tons. Ten drivers beside pony trucks. Tensil boiler strength 60,000 lbs to sq inch, heating surface 4.682 sq feet = 413 tubes 2 1/4 in x 18 1/2 feet long.

My name is J.M. Swain, my weight is 165 lbs on Jan. 2nd 1902 and my height five feet 11 inches, my size hat is 7 1/8, collar 16 1/2 and shoes size 8 1/2.

Wednesday, Jan 1, 1902 Had close call today, broke axle under tender & tank. Tore up the ground for a kilometer, but never left the rails "great luck". In El Paso at the Hotel Orlendorf, room 27.

Thursday, Jan 2, 1902 Met A. O. Bailey on street. Paid R.R. freight bills on Patzcuaro freight, 8.67. Changed to Hotel Beaumont. Wired S. S. Gillespie, Junulco, will wait for read. Spent evening with Mr. A. O. Bailey and Mr. Frank Brown & wife.

Friday, Jan 3, 1902 Met a J. F. Milner, 19 Coles Block, El Paso. A.C.S. paid weeks rent 5.00 adv. 10:20PM, wire from Jimenez from Edward Reed, detained, coming.

Saturday, Jan 4, 1902 Went to train with J. F. Milner next to Juarez and wired Ben F.B., positively sign no agreement until hearing from me, letter coming. Edward C. Reed came on tonight's train as agreed.

Sunday, Jan 5, 1902 Mr. Reed & Briggs called anxious to do business. Supper @ Buttermilk Cafe. Postage stamps 65 cts.

Monday, Jan 6, 1902 Rec'd papers from Ed C. Reed regarding our propertys. Met Owens on street today, on police force of El Paso. Wrote Ben F.B., Guanajuato, Mexico.

Tuesday, Jan 7, 1902 Went to Juarez and wired Gonzalez. Suc's @ Celaya Eo Guanajuato, \$2.25, expect answer oret. Came home & went to Townsend & Jones Office, talking of Orilla & wrote a man in San Antonio to come here and see us.

Wednesday, Jan 8, 1902 Rec'd wire from Suc's Eusebio Gonzalez saying \$10,000 Mex. to bind option for six months. Owens called this PM, we go to his house to supper tomorrow. First electric car run here this evening.

Thursday, Jan 9, 1902 Met Wm. Barnum and knew him of Bangor, Butte Co. after 40 years separation. Consulting with Briggs & Edward C. Reed, me with money to burn. Wired E. Gonzalez cost 2.75. @ Owens house to supper & spent the evening.

Friday, Jan 10, 1902 Met Theodore Gulen on the street. PM, he rode to Juarez with me. Went to C. Juarez expecting answer from Celaya and got it at 6PM, wired right back cost 4.00. Electric cars running.

Saturday, Jan 11, 1902 Rec'd answer to last night's wire to Suc's Eusebio Gonzalez, (until Feb 15th to examine) & six months to close deal. Wrote B.F. Bradley, Guanajuato, wired B.F.B. Guanajuato deal closed, from Juarez cost 1.35.

Sunday, Jan 12, 1902 Over to Juarez, wired Max Koble, is B. in Guanajuato, cost me 1.12. Went to the Bull Fight with Reed & Briggs @ Juarez, no good.

Monday, Jan 13, 1902 Wired Elton Warner, Guanajuato, is B. in Guanajuato, answer quick. PM, rec'd wire from B.F.B. & rec'd letter from B.F.B. Wired Sucs Eusebio Gonzalez regarding dumps, cost 5.00.

Tuesday, Jan 14, 1902 Visited the Midway & saw the drilling match, Leadville leads with 40 3/8 inches, double hand 7/8 steel in 15 minutes. Rec'd wire from Gonzales saying----- @ the Sheldon Hotel I saw the Gov. of Texas and the Carnival Queen.

Wednesday, Jan 15, 1902 Rec'd letter from B. F. Bradley. Met Edward C. Reed, saw the Tarr Bros. drill double hand, 40 5/16 inches in granite in 15 minutes. Saw the fine cattle. Had agreement type written between E. C. Reed & ourselves. Attended Miners banquet by special invitation.

Thursday, Jan 16, 1902 Taking in the Carnival, everybody out, music every where. Rec'd wire from B. F. Bradley. Grand cattle parade today. Gov. M. Alumada coming from Chihuahua tonight.

Friday, Jan 17, 1902 Grand flower show, parade AM. U.S. troops foot & horse and music everywhere. The 2500 drilling match won today by Tarr Bros. of Globe Arizona, over Cripple Creek champions. PM, a fearful dust storm swept the city. I wrote Bradley. Met Reed on business, wind gone down, carnival continues.

Saturday, Jan 18, 1902 Last carnival day. Rec'd letter from B.F.B. of the 15th. Waiting on Ed C. Reed to sign up agreement on option for 6 months. PM, went to Juarez for a ride on electric road. Ed C. Reed called bringing his proposition for us to examine.

Sunday, Jan 19, 1902 Rec'd letter from B. F. Bradley, lawyer drawing contract. Answered B.F.B. & Reed called.

Monday, Jan 20, 1902 Still arranging our private contract, hope to close it up today. Judge J.E. Townsend tells me our agreement is legal. Had it typewritten Paid express man .50 and left Hotel Beaumont. Expect to change our traps to 16 E. Owens, No. 914 North Stanton St.

Tuesday, Jan 21, 1902 Rented double bed for one month for 2.00 cash. Owens & I down town early. Reed & I having translations of our agreement made. PM, deal closed. Signed, stamped and witnessed in spanish, @ City of Juarez, all ok. Translation made by M. E. Flores of El Paso.

Wednesday, Jan 22, 1902 Down town to see Reed off but he failed to get off. Went to Juarez, found wire there from Bradley. Had hacienda Orilla type written for circulation. Mrs. Helen Gould in El Paso today.

Thursday, Jan 23, 1902 Wrote Bradley this AM. Ed Reed not gone yet, hopes to go tomorrow. Talking to Orilla Hacienda. Wrote Goedro Deloya & Mother Hayner.

Friday, Jan 24, 1902 Wrote 2 letters to Denver & Wm. W. Booth, Lexington Ky. Met parties @ Smiths who want the Orilla.

Saturday, Jan 25, 1902 Submitted our conditions to Mr. Austin & Patterson, will hear from them tomorrow @ 10AM. Down to Sheldon Hotel with H.E.O. until late.

Sunday, Jan 26, 1902 Down town @ 9:30AM, rec'd note from Patterson regarding the Orilla. Talked with Mr. Smith & came home @ noon. PM, Alice & I took a walk out north of town looking over El Paso & home again early.

Monday, Jan 27, 1902 Cold, cold, cold. Wrote Sucs Eusebio G., Ben F. Bradley, S. K. Williams, Bisbee, regarding 8 room house cheap in Bisbee Arizona.

Tuesday, Jan 28, 1902 Answered Ed C. Reed still waiting for something. Met a Mr. F.A. Stewart of Minneapolis. Talking mines again today. Bought mince meat and ginger snaps.

Wednesday, Jan 29, 1902 @ Sheldon AM, wrote 2 sheet letter for F. A. Stewart on Hacienda Orilla. PM, consultation with Smith & Austin. Wait 48 hours for answer. \$400 gold, cut profits square in two.

Thursday, Jan 30, 1902 Did nothing today. Reed says he goes to Guanajuato tomorrow. A little snow in the air AM. Waiting on Smith & Austin to raise that 400.00 cash.

Friday, Jan 31, 1902 Ed. C. Reed still here. Took A.C.'s shoes to repair & bought a ham for 2.40. Lunch cost me 15 cts, @ Sylvia Kings. H.E. Owens hunting placiers investors in Mexico. Mr. Smith & Austin @

6PM again @ 9AM tomorrow.

Saturday, Feb 1, 1902 Met Mr. Tennent today, big cattle man of Chihuahua, owns over 10,000 cattle. Repairing shoes cost 1.50. Rec'd letter from Bisbee and answered it to S.K. Williams, Sec'y of Cochise Copper Mining Co.

Sunday, Feb 2, 1902 Down town AM, had plain talk with Ed C. Reed asking why he don't go to examine the Guanajuato propertys on which we have the option. @ home in PM.

Monday, Feb 3, 1902 Down town met Ed C. Reed, saw letter from J. W. Pender, 184 La Salle St., Chicago, advising Reed to stop. Reed returned option to me, deal is off. Notified B.F. Bradley.

Tuesday, Feb 4, 1902 Paid freight bill at Santa Fe depot, 2.50 & ordered it to S.P. depot to be shipped to Benson, Arizona. H.E. Owens trying to sell their furniture.

Wednesday, Feb 5, 1902 Rec'd letter from S. K. Williams @ Bisbee Arizona. Arranged to leave our two boxes, freight @ depot. Few days hope to start tomorrow for Bisbee, Arizona.

Thursday, Feb 6, 1902 Off for Bisbee, 32.00. Met a Mr. Gorman on train, has mines near George Swains. Dinner, lunch basket. Supper with Chinaman in Benson 1.00 with Mr. & Mrs. Chism, we found rooms and stop overnight @ Benson. H.E.O. put in 15.00 with us.

Friday, Feb 7, 1902 Fare to Bisbee 6.60. Off up Rio San Pedro Valley @ 11AM. Snow on mountains, past old Contention and Grand Central Mills. Found rooms @ Mrs. Norton's @ 15.00 per month cash in advance, 5.00.

Saturday, Feb 8, 1902 Herbert E. O. and I rustling for a job all over town. S. K. Williams says will find me work directly. Called on Supt. Merrill & he referred me to Mr. Keller, saw him later. A.C. bought stove wood for 75 cts.

Sunday, Feb 9, 1902 Still rustling for work. PM, 3 orphans took a walk around the city, but found nothing yet. @ S. K. Williams office late tonight.

Monday, Feb 10, 1902 Out for business. H. E. Owens working assessments. A.C. & I rustling work. 5PM, met a Mr. Ord & am going to Naco, Arizona with him tomorrow. Called on Mrs. Ord this evening.

Tuesday, Feb 11, 1902 @ 7:15 off with Ord for Naco to see a lodging house belonging to a Mr. Frenchman. Arrived @ Naco @ 8:30AM, found the house and I arranged to take it @ 100.00 mexican per month, water free for as long as I want it. Came back to Bisbee after dark with Ord in buggy.

Wednesday, Feb 12, 1902 Looking up furniture at Newman's Store. Rec'd letter from C W. Geiger, El Paso regarding mines & answered by return mail.

Thursday, Feb 13, 1902 Yellow flag railed on our boarding house, promised one days work next Monday. All hands idle and fat, tried everywhere for a job @ anything.

Friday, Feb 14, 1902 E. G. Ord & I in Bisbee Bank. A.C. and I looking up furnishings for bunk house. Herbert E. Owens is going to Cananea on train tomorrow. Bought comfort & shirt tonight. A.C. & I @ Ord's tonight.

Saturday, Feb 15, 1902 Pawned my Colts for 5.00 & left Bisbee on stage for Cananea, arrived @ 6PM, had supper & went up to look around and came back to new town. Owen and I slept on the floor in the restaurant where we ate, cash to H.E.O. 1.00.

Sunday, Feb 16, 1902 Both hunting work today. Find I can get work in two or three places, in machine shop with Johnson, with Briton at carpenter work if I have some tools or in the mines as a miner.

Monday, Feb 17, 1902 Left Cananea for Bisbee @ 9:30 arrived @ Naco @ 12, in Bisbee on stage @ 2PM. Left comfort & single gray blanket with H.E. Owens. Wrote Mrs. Shafer about paper hats, Galena Kansas.

Tuesday, Feb 18, 1902 Hunting up prices on springs & bedding, second hand furniture, carpenter tools, etc.

E.G. Ord is the busiest man in Bisbee, Arizona.

Wednesday, Feb 19, 1902 Hunting best bargains in household furniture & carpenter tools. A.C. & I to Lowell Mine to see sewing machines @ 10 & 15.00. Called again @ E.G. Ord's for a couple of hours.

Thursday, Feb 20, 1902 Waiting on a friend to put me on a paying basis. Looking up tools, bought a handsaw on credit, \$2.00 of A.O. Reilly, 82 Main St. Bisbee.

Friday, Feb 21, 1902 Mex of E.G.O. 100.00, hunting up second hand furniture with O'Reilly today. Bought stove & 2 springs & fixtures 12.50. Wrote for catalogue for Gordon & Morrison, 199 & 210 East Madison St., Chicago.

Saturday, Feb 22, 1902 Rec'd of E.G. Ord, gold 15.00. Paid gold for Smiths tools, 12.00. Off for Naco @ 10AM, fare 1.00. Paid on freight to Naco 3.50. Duty & Customs mexican 24.50. Fare to La Cananca Mexico 5.00. @ Hotel in C.(Cananea) overnight to room & suppers.

Sunday, Feb 23, 1902 Our breakfast eaten, up town hunting house or tent through a Mrs. Wise, we found and traded our 41 Colts for a tent and a lot of firewood and lumber. Ate supper @ Mrs. Wise, rooming same as last night.

Monday, Feb 24, 1902 Found a Mr. P. R. Ball, a friend in deed, loaned me 40.00 mexican payable on demand. Paid R.R. freight, 1.50. A.C. paid on hens, 30.00. Occupied tent overnight and were collecting wood & our belongings.

Tuesday, Feb 25, 1902 Off and paid balance on hens and wood, 14.00. Building a hen house and I am sore tonight. Wiley Stark rooming in the granary. A.C. took 9 fresh eggs today.

Wednesday, Feb 26, 1902 The wind blew fearful all last night and kept it up all day with prospects for its continuation tonight. Had all we could do today to keep our tent from tumbling. Went to P.O., no mail.

Thursday, Feb 27, 1902 Completed hen coop today, except door, A.C. helping as usual. Went to store, bought broom & tobacco, beef & matches.

Friday, Feb 28, 1902 Finished hen house. Rec'd letter from Woodside regarding El Paso freight. Posted letter to E.G. Ord. A.C. sent for patterns, put chickens in hen house. After dark all ok. Bought panoche 1.00.

Saturday, Mar 1, 1902 Built our bedstead & got out table legs today. Wrote A. O. Reilly, second hand store keeper in Bisbee.

Sunday, Mar 2, 1902 AM, getting out a table. Took 2 saws to be filed by Mr. Wise. PM, visited Indiana & other mines and they certainly are immense.

Monday, Mar 3, 1902 Completed table, had 2 saws filed. A.C. and myself took a walk down to the mess & back and the wind howled and the dust flew. Ball & Wise are to get me to work tomorrow morning. Bought sugar.

Tuesday, Mar 4, 1902 Quite cold. Up early, hoping to get to work, down town after flour & petrol. A.C. at the wash tub. Am in hopes to get into work tomorrow AM.

Wednesday, Mar 5, 1902 Posted letter to Mother, also to S.P. agent, El Paso regarding our freight. Picked up some corrugated iron, cost me 1.00 freight. Friend Ord called on us, expecting to work for R.R. Co. under Mr. McAllister.

Thursday, Mar 6, 1902 Mr. Ord taking in the smelter & surroundings. Working @ carpentering for R. R. McAllister with Sam Wise. Brought Mrs. Wise's singer machine home.

Friday, Mar 7, 1902 A.C. sewing today for Mrs. Wise's daughter. I worked on the Sullivan house and later started to put up a water closet in rear of R.R. office. Rec'd Cartera for March.

Saturday, Mar 8, 1902 Working as usual on R.R. construction. A.C. sewing away for Mrs. Helen Wise and has

plenty in sight. Wiley Stark writing home. Went to company store and paid out 4.40 mex for supplies.

Sunday, Mar 9, 1902 Completed Sullivan's house and put in several hours on the double water closet. Later borrowed a bar from friend Ball to sick post holes for our addition.

Monday, Mar 10, 1902 Worked on closet, short of shingles. Later on sealing in Sullivan's house. W. Stark took a ----- & went over to win a stove. Spitting snow PM.

Tuesday, Mar 11, 1902 Completed sealing on the Sullivan house today. A.C. went in town to buy a pig of Davis, failed to get one. She called on Mrs. Sampson & others.

Wednesday, Mar 12, 1902 Cutting out lumber for another new iron house & putting locks etc on water closet. Mailed letter to Mr. S. M. Sanders, Supt. of C.C.C.C. R.R. Dept. @ Naco.

Thursday, Mar 13, 1902 Packing lumber, building closets etc all day. A.C. down to the Mesa, called on Mrs. McAllister, working on our extra room.

Friday, Mar 14, 1902 Worked around round house putting in tool closet, locks on cabin door etc.

Saturday, Mar 15, 1902 Worked all night on engine No. 2. Working today on sealing of Sullivan's new iron house. John Sullivan rather full.

Sunday, Mar 16, 1902 Schooley fell (just a entry alongside the rest of the entry) Mr. & Mrs. Green arrived. Worked on house @ home today. Big excursion in from Bisbee today. Mrs. Ball arrived. Wrote Sam, 914 N. Stanton St, El Paso, freight.

Monday, Mar 17, 1902 Worked on Sullivan's sealing 2 hours & changed to flooring, Mr. Balls cabin & put in the day there. Wiley Stark out of his job, to bad. Green & company up to the mines today.

Tuesday, Mar 18, 1902 Worked on Ray Balls tent forenoon & alone on Sullivan's the entire PM. Charles Williams - Stark firing @ smelter 8 hours for \$3.50 gold. Recovering our hen house after supper, old iron.

Wednesday, Mar 19, 1902 Sealing Sullivan's house and will soon be done. Charles Williams - Stark still firing 2 boilers.

Thursday, Mar 20, 1902 Done Sullivan's house & noon and later Sam Wise & I went to lumber yard and got lumber for various purposes. After supper we went down to see a Mrs. Mitchell - eggs.

Friday, Mar 21, 1902 Commenced on tent for Hughes today. Had 2 peons on the grading & packing up lumber, also we have material for a new tent house for Sampson, I think. Alice selling eggs @ 1.25 mex per dozen.

Saturday, Mar 22, 1902 Cutting out north end of round house all forenoon & PM bringing load of surfaced lumber from on the hill & working on Hughes additional quarters. Completed my rafters.

Sunday, Mar 23, 1902 Working on Sampson's new quarters and Hughes earlier. Mr. Otto Bernard off for El Paso, says he will send our goods to Walter Ord @ Naco.

Monday, Mar 24, 1902 Working on Sampson's new tent and it has been an awful windy cold day. Wiley Stark went to boarding @ Browns.

Tuesday, Mar 25, 1902 Snow everywhere and cold as ----- . Worked on and done the Sampson's tent.

Wednesday, Mar 26, 1902 Put battings on the Hughes tent & made a cot for Mr. Sampson. Noon went to see a dead man with wife & she helped dress him. I worked alone PM, Wise firing engine no. 2.

Thursday, Mar 27, 1902 Built table for Mrs. Sampson & a cupboard, also a front door step, some shelves for Mrs. McAllister and two doors of flooring for another tent house. A.C. wrote to some crank in Michigan for free books.

Friday, Mar 28, 1902 Making door frame casings, stools etc. Another locomotive in camp, to be taken off a flat car tomorrow, 3 more coming. Wiley Stark going on shift @ 11 tonight.

Saturday, Mar 29, 1902 Completed petition in Sullivan's house in AM and PM we were choreing until 5PM, when I went home & commenced putting my iron on our annex, find a part of our iron has been stolen.

Sunday, Mar 30, 1902 Building doors for round house and choreing generally. Sam Wise off up to ore bunkers part of PM.

Monday, Mar 31, 1902 Put in big drain, working PM on round house doors. Sam Wise off sick and I am alone. Rec'd shipping receipt from Otto Bernard @ El Paso saying he forwarded our goods on the 27th to Naco, Arizona.

Tuesday, Apr 1, 1902 Worked on Hughes house AM and part of PM, then on clothes cupboard for night crew and did some work on round house door framing.

Wednesday, Apr 2, 1902 Completed cupboard, put 3 doors locks on Sampson's & Hughes houses and later working on round house door frames and repaired oil cellar on Engine 2. Ray Ball swiped one of my 6-6x2-6 doors.

Thursday, Apr 3, 1902 Completed framing round house doors, have to wait for the hinges & bolts now. Built stove box for Mrs. Grace Ball and some work for Sullivan & repairing wood racks. Mr. & Mrs. Ball called.

Friday, Apr 4, 1902 Worked as usual on various affairs, @ Balls stove on car draw head of thread cutting etc, etc, etc. Sam Wise on again. Mr. Briton the boss carpenter very sick. Wrote Walter Ord regarding our freight.

Saturday, Apr 5, 1902 Framing timbers for R.R. tank today. Cal Cain & Ray Ball fired up and ran the No. 11 locomotive PM. She seems to be ok. Rec'd letter from Brother O.E.S. and one from A. O'Reilly. Mr. & Mrs. Brown and a Mr. Murray called.

Sunday, Apr 6, 1902 Off today all day & we took a trip up among the mines. We called on Supt. of the Indiana Co., Mr. Rhinehart of Butte, Montana. Boss carpenter, Briton's funeral today.

Monday, Apr 7, 1902 Sam Wise & I on Chinaman's water closet all day. After supper I hunted up 5 sheets of old corrugated iron for annex.

Tuesday, Apr 8, 1902 Completed chinaman's 2 closets and put headlight on No. 2 & doing some work on the No. 11 up to quitting time, came home & did work on annex.

Wednesday, Apr 9, 1902 Put new ventilator on cab of No. 11 engine. Took pilot off No. 11, put up 10 ft scaffold of 6x8 in timber for new water tank. 38 deaths here in last 24 hours. Wiley Stark occupied annex bedroom today.

Thursday, Apr 10, 1902 Tore old pilot to pieces, put tank on new scaffold, coupling up to pipe line, complete it tomorrow. Working evenings on annex. Wiley Stark bought tent for himself today, all furnished.

Friday, Apr 11, 1902 Sam Wise & Myself worked all day on the new pilot for No. 11, and it will hurry us to finish it tomorrow. Mr. Ligate, the Naco Stage man here today visiting Mrs. Hughes, Sam Wise & family spending evening with us.

Saturday, Apr 12, 1902 Finished the pilot except ironing. Mrs. Helen Wise sold her singer machine to Mrs. A. C. Swain, 60.00. I made a door for the annex after hours. 2 young men took the annex tonight, Sargent Amos & Wm. Kibler of Penn.

Sunday, Apr 13, 1902 Getting down big timber for tank scaffold. Making preparations to raise round house, put night locks on Sullivan's house. Made a black board for Blacksmiths shop and hung door on our annex.

Monday, Apr 14, 1902 A.C. sick towards midnight & taking fruit salts. I went for Dr. early. Wiley Stark quite sick and in bed all day. On No. 11 and done.

Tuesday, Apr 15, 1902 Scrapers filling round house with gravel, raising grade 2 ft higher. We worked today building new coal bunker 40 ft long to take coal from standard gauge for use of narrow gauge engines.

Wiley Stark very sick.

Wednesday, Apr 16, 1902 Completed coal bunker & 50 ft chute and helped raise roundhouse 2 ft this PM. Sargent Amos W. Kibler is a jolly fellow and not afraid of work. Water closet burned PM. Wrote Mr. & Mrs. Chism, Benson, Ariz on placiers PM.

Thursday, Apr 17, 1902 Frank Bell off to Naco. Working in round house all day. Sawing blocking for under finishing. Put new foot board on No. 11 again this PM. Everything upside down in and about the round house, raised it 2 feet. F. Bell home.

Friday, Apr 18, 1902 Under finishing shop in AM, and altering coal bin and chute PM. Later traded for Sam Wise's tool chest and bring it home to our tent.

Saturday, Apr 19, 1902 Sam off to Naco on business. I worked changing coal bin & chute all day. Wise came back tonight.

Sunday, Apr 20, 1902 Sam Wise has quit work for this company, we are done work in coal bin. I find someone has taken my big square during my absence from the shop. This has been a very bad day, windy & dusty, had a big fire today. Called on Ray Ball & wife tonight.

Monday, Apr 21, 1902 Putting under pinning under sand house end of roundhouse. Arranging tool chest and vise & work bench. Rec'd pay for Mar., 25 days work, 95.50, gold 87.00. McAllister laid me off & I am out a carpenter's square. Paid Ray Ball in full & have my 20.00 gold watch & chain again.

Tuesday, Apr 22, 1902 Went and got my time - 20 days, paid Hosp. & exchange and have 66.00 gold left, making a total of \$133.00 gold on hand today. Boiler makers & helpers all out on strike. F. Bell paid Mrs. Swain 5.00 on room rent.

Wednesday, Apr 23, 1902 Went to Cananca and got a legal Bill of Sale stamped etc, Mexican of the Singer Machine A.C.S. bought of Helen Wise, it cost me 3.00 mex. Boiler makers are to leave this camp tomorrow.

Thursday, Apr 24, 1902 Rec'd blue square from C.C.C.Co. for mine 4.00. Wrote Emmett G. Ord on general business. Hear that Wise family have decamped. Called on Lee family, later on Sampson's. Home @ 10PM.

Friday, Apr 25, 1902 My birthday. Ed Donnelly gave me a hammer, he leaves here tomorrow for California. Met a Mr. M. W. Winchester of 218 E. Second St. South, Salt Lake City. Wrote Don Francisco, Santa Cruz, Colima.

Saturday, Apr 26, 1902 Commenced taking stock in hardwood Dept. of C.C.C.Co. supply store. Anthony W. Ivens, Dublin Co Chia Mexico, head of Mormon Church in Mexico.

Sunday, Apr 27, 1902 Working regular still, taking stock in Co. store hardware Dept.

Monday, Apr 28, 1902 Worked until noon & struck for more pay. Came home to a better position. 2 doz eggs to Mrs. M.. Wrote to mother. Mrs. D. says she can find me a good position directly.

Tuesday, Apr 29, 1902 Went & got my time @ the Company Store house & expect to cash it tomorrow.

Wednesday, Apr 30, 1902 Went to get my money & am put off again until tomorrow. PM, saw the new Mud Mill started up and running. Fell in pit in round house, hurt myself bad.

Thursday, May 1, 1902 Hurt myself internally, hurts me to breath on my left side, very much & am little better at noon. PM, up to Democrat Store on engine 1 with Jess Lee & crew. Bill of groceries 6.40 mex cash.

Friday, May 2, 1902 Rec'd back pay 7.25 gold. W. Stark quit firing, Wiley Stark selling out. F. Bell moved back with Amos W.

Saturday, May 3, 1902 Wiley S. drew his cash 56.50 and left for his home, Roanoke, Denton Co., Texas. Down

town looking for a customer to sell out our camp, tools, poultry etc cheap for cash in gold.

Sunday, May 4, 1902 Alice reading "Uncle Toms Cabin". Still hoping to get in a new concentrator.

Monday, May 5, 1902 Off @ 9AM for Naco, 2.75, in Naco @ 11:30, spent evening with Schooley & wife, Ord & wife & son, home tonight from Fort Wachuca, paid charges on our freight gold 9.65. Put in c/o Ligget expense costing another dollar. 2 pair shoes cost us 8.00. Ate supper with Mrs. & Mr. Schooley.

Tuesday, May 6, 1902 Bed & breakfast cost 1.00. Paid E. G. Ord on account gold 15.00. Called on Mrs. Ord at home & stayed to dinner & off for Naco @ 1PM, fare .50. R.R. fare to Cananea 2.75 mex, home @ 7PM, found A.C. all right and supper waiting.

Wednesday, May 7, 1902 Breaking in new shoes. A.C. and I took a long walk, first to the new pumping plant under Bradford's care, then down the baranca past the brick yards to Diaz's Casa, thence back home past the smelter. Saw 2 mex riveters riveting. Later a big gang of strangers came in on the train.

Thursday, May 8, 1902 Saw Davis - chickens. Mailed letter to Andrew O'Reilly for cash. Saw Jim Kirk & he sent me to Capote No. 2 to see Jones, he said was full. Engine No. 1 off in an open switch. Charles Woods commenced here.

Friday, May 9, 1902 Frank Bell moved out. PM, went to concentrates, am promised work soon as material arrives. Showered this evening, our habitation all ok.

Saturday, May 10, 1902 Wrote M. W. Winchester of Salt Lake on Mormon Colonization in Guerrero. Met a cousin of Cruickshanks of Los Burros Mine of Monterey County. Sampson's & I down town late.

Sunday, May 11, 1902 Down town to P.O. Box 48, rec'd old letter from E. G. Ord. PM, Alice & I visited the Copper Grande mine.

Monday, May 12, 1902 Alice & I washing & I hurt my back throwing rocks at a burro. Rec'd wire from O'Reilly. Rec'd Carters from C. Hood.

Tuesday, May 13, 1902 Off for Bisbee via R.R., fare 2.75 mex, from Naco on stage to Bisbee, dinner in Bisbee, 1.00 mex. Supper, bed & breakfast 1.50 gold. Learned from E. G. Ord that Halter had skipped 1000 short. Met Andrew O'Reilly and talked future prospects.

Wednesday, May 14, 1902 He is doing fairly well here, advises me to go to Salt Lake. Offers to advance the expenses if I wish to try the trip. Called on Mrs. & Mr. Ord. Came to Naco & on to train @ 2PM, home @ 6PM, fare 2.75.

Thursday, May 15, 1902 Did nothing except little screen door work for the chinaman of the boarding house. AM, Mrs. Grace Ball here making a shirt for Ray. Offered 25.00 gold for our chickens, refused to sell.

Friday, May 16, 1902 Trying to sell out our camp, complete. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. telling of Murial's wedding soon to one of the Dickey's of Union Iron Works.

Saturday, May 17, 1902 Went up to the Indiana & Capotes thence to Veta Granda & home trying to sell out. Sold 20 hens, 3 roosters & 15 chicks just weaned for 30.00 gold to Mr. Mitchell, Supt. for W. E. Greene of C.C.C.Co.

Sunday, May 18, 1902 Dustiest & windiest day we ever saw in Mexico. Stayed indoors & cursed the weather all day. Sold new tent for 10.00 gold to Amos W. Kibler. Trying to sell chest of tools & 2 sets wire springs & house & stove etc etc.

Monday, May 19, 1902 Another fearful day, wind howling dust, flying tents and roofs of houses in the air in all directions. Rec'd letter from friend Wiley Stark at home in Roanoke, Texas.

Tuesday, May 20, 1902 Sold my tools to Mr. Clinton Keller 20.00, took check on Bisbee Bank. Delivered chickens today.

Wednesday, May 21, 1902 Sick in bed today & sick all night, flu. PM, Alice went for medicine for me. Kibler crippled on No. 1. Engine off duty. Sold cot to Kibler.

Thursday, May 22, 1902 In bed all day today. Frank Bell paid room rent 2.50 mex. Kebler paid his room rent in full 5.00 gold. Alice sold shack for 25.00 gold. I am feeling better.

Friday, May 23, 1902 Delivered Mr. Proctors new dress, rec'd 3.00 gold. Learned that McFaddens living @ the Democrata Mine. I am feeling too bad to go there today.

Saturday, May 24, 1902 Tried to locate the McFaddens @ noon have them almost found. PM, sold grain box & coop for 7.00 mex, rode to Sapote, found the McF, no money & came home pouting.

Sunday, May 25, 1902 Home & sick with flu. Feel as though we have stayed too long in one place and we must be moving on again. A tramp is a tramp.

Monday, May 26, 1902 Rustling to sell stove and fixtures. PM, sold stove 20.00 gold, sold mattress, 10.00 mex, sold cot, coffee mill & small stove 4.00 mex. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ball came & spent the evening with us.

Tuesday, May 27, 1902 Off for Arizona. Freight to depot 5.00, 2 fares to Naco, 5.50. Across the line @ 12 into Naco, Arizona, 2 dinners cost 1.75. Room @ Naco Hotel cost 1.50 gold. Suppers & breakfast 2.00. Paid Emmett Ord 1.00.

Wednesday, May 28, 1902 Paid Ligget & Son trans. for 1.00. A.C. shipped 4 cases & sewing machine crated to Whittaker Station, paid 20.00. Our R.R. fares to Benson 5.10, off @ 8AM.

Thursday, May 29, 1902 Run all night. Albuquerque (Albuquerque) to breakfast @ 7:15, must wait until 12:30 to resume our journey to La Hunta, had supper at Las Vegas, found Charles Woods here broke. Passed Ratoon (Raton) @ 3:15AM. @ La Hunta until a train be gotten through.

Friday, May 30, 1902 Off again @ 7:30 for Pueblo. A.C. goes direct to Kansas City, Chicago & on home. Off from Pueblo @ 12:30 for Salt Lake City. Dinner & supper cost 2.00. Met a good samariatian. Pullman berth cost 1.00.

Saturday, May 31, 1902 In Salt Lake City @ 9:30. Winchester not arrived. Found-----Kempf Jr. Wrote A.C. as agreed. Room, No. 7 @ 2.00 per week, barber shop .15. Bill of clothing 16.25.

Sunday, Jun 1, 1902 Hunted up John K. Jr. & met his wife & Kenneth, also met Mr. & Mrs. King, her parents. Later went out to their 100 acre farm, in Centreville & stayed overnight. Brigham Young's 101st birthday, anniversary celebration tomorrow.

Monday, Jun 2, 1902 8AM, came into town with John Kempf, met his two brothers, Cal & George at the gas works & later went to the celebration at Salt Air Pavilion. Met several of the leading members of the Church and was entertained. Paid 2.00 room rent to Mrs. Anderson, 36 SW Temple.

Tuesday, Jun 3, 1902 Off early to visit Ft. Douglas overlooking S.L. City. Dined there & back in city @ 3PM. Had 100 cards struck cost 1.00. Wrote O.E.S. Went to Salt Palace, bicycle races and vaudeville, 60 cts.

Wednesday, Jun 4, 1902 Had glasses fixed. Spent PM with the Kempf boys @ gas works. Hat renovated cost 1.00. Waiting for J. Kempf to get me in touch with the Church Bishops.

Thursday, Jun 5, 1902 Rec'd letter from Mother via Bisbee & La Caranca. Mailed letter to A.C.S. Spent day around town, saw Brigham Young's Bee Hive & Zion house, his favorite wives mansion opposite his grave up on the hill above the city.

Friday, Jun 6, 1902 Wrote Andy O'Reilly. Found George A. McIntosh old Whitlock friend, today married & settled for life, has nice wife. Met ex Senator E. H. Roberts today in his office in the History Bldg, he is a fine gentleman, sure.

Saturday, Jun 7, 1902 Spent most of today with McIntosh in his office talking & reading the papers, taking medicine regular, am still in trouble, effects of La Cananea water. Hope to get work soon. I shall go broke.

Sunday, Jun 8, 1902 In my room all AM. PM, went to Lagoon to see the baseball game & back again by 6:30PM. Had a nice time among strangers, but see nothing in baseball. Cost me about 60 cts.

Monday, Jun 9, 1902 Rec'd letter from O.E.S. via La Cananea containing Muriel's Wedding cards etc, also read letter from Ben Reed of Rock Ford, Colorado, mining man. All day trying to interest parties in land in Mexico.

Tuesday, Jun 10, 1902 Paid room rent in advance 2.00. Rec'd letter from A.C. from someone east on hypnotism. Passed part of today with Mr. Folger in the office of a Mr. Clausen & later home to lunch with friend McIntosh.

Wednesday, Jun 11, 1902 Looting for a letter very anxiously from Alice any hour now. I am feeling better & shall and am looking for a job of work soon.

Thursday, Jun 12, 1902 Wire Colima 10 words, cost 1.75. Went to Gas Works and found J. Kempf Jr. and rec'd letter from wife. Met a Mr. ----- of Selma, Fresno Co. California. We spent the evening together.

Friday, Jun 13, 1902 Rec'd letter from Brother O.E.S. asking points on land in Mexico, wrote him at once. Sent regards to Mr. David Dickey & wife. Bro George B. Otis spent evening with me talking west coast.

Saturday, Jun 14, 1902 Negotiating with George B Otis on a business venture. Spent the day with Mr. G. B. Otis. Mortenson guilty murder in first degree.

Sunday, Jun 15, 1902 Feeling poorly, in room most all day.

Monday, Jun 16, 1902 Same old headache in back of my head, fearful. Called on several Bishops today, nothing positive yet. Changed underwear today. Spent evening with Otis, chatting old times in California.

Tuesday, Jun 17, 1902 Changed to No. 7 Phipps Terrace to room with Otis, nicer quarters. Had grand dinner of strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, Jun 18, 1902 Still among these Church of Latter Day Saints. Another strawberry feast today @ noon with Mrs. Smith & Mr. Otis. Expecting letter soon from Alice C. Swain from Michigan.

Thursday, Jun 19, 1902 No letter yet from A.C.S., time it was here now. Otis George B. goes for San Francisco tomorrow.

Friday, Jun 20, 1902 Otis off @ 7AM, I am alone again. Letter from Kempf & one from P.O. Rec'd 2 letters from A.C.S. answered. Wrote sister Mertie for luck once more.

Saturday, Jun 21, 1902 Wrote Don F. Santa Cruz, Governor of Colima regarding option on Hacienda. Can't seem to see any use of staying here much longer and shall skip out soon.

Sunday, Jun 22, 1902 Around town all day trying to induce someone to join me in lands in Mexico. Find church people can't do anything until after Oct 6th conference. Had postal from G. B. Otis and wire from Prof. C. A. Wood, must have cash tomorrow.

Monday, Jun 23, 1902 Bought chain for Alice, J. H. Leyson Jewelers, 154 Main 5.00. Guaranteed 20 years. PM, called on Mrs. McIntosh & said goodbye @ 3PM. @ Ogden @ 6:15 & took supper & off @ 7:50 for Omaha. Accident insurance cost me 1.00.

Tuesday, Jun 24, 1902 East from Ogden all night. Passed up Weber Canyon & river, over on Bear & Green River Station Wyo., breakfast. Passed con. divide and in Cheyenne @ 1:30PM. Left chair car @ North Platte @ 9PM. Had supper & new chair car. Set up my time one hour, left North Platte @ 10:10 for Omaha.

Wednesday, Jun 25, 1902 Omaha @ 7:15AM, @ Boone crossed the largest double track bridge in the world today, steel. Crossed Mississippi @ 6:00, into Chicago 10:30, supper and out @ 12 for Detroit, run all night and into---

Thursday, Jun 26, 1902 Detroit @ 9:30AM, wired A.C. coming @ 4:40PM. Got shave & haircut for 45 cts, tobacco & dinner 45 cts. Off for Whittaker @ 3:45 PM, arrived @ 5PM, found Alice & folks all ok.

Friday, Jun 27, 1902 Visiting Gail & folks & relatives generally. Erwin has a nice wife, was married June 7th this month. I built a hen coop as a beginning for today.

Saturday, Jun 28, 1902 Gail & I off hunting a cow. Went down to Maybee's & found some hogs & cows & may go back on Monday, showers all day. Set out cabbage plants until quite dark. Rained all night tonight.

Sunday, Jun 29, 1902 Very wet under foot and still threatening rain. Cabbage plants ok. Erwin & wife called this afternoon. Mailed letter to post master @ Detroit asking him to forward mail here. Mailed postal to George McIntosh, S.L.C.

Monday, Jun 30, 1902 Drizzling all day, stayed indoors & Alice made waist----- Alice Howard - I subscribed for Journal for 8 days, paid 8 cts.

Tuesday, Jul 1, 1902 Off to Jos. Liedel and bought 10 shoats and two Holstein heifers for 104 dollars. Gail bought one cow for himself costing 28.00, the rest are ours. Home @ 7:30PM, ok.

Wednesday, Jul 2, 1902 Showering AM. Went to station & bought sack millings, 1.40 & sack flour & lard. Rec'd letter from Chico telling me of my Hattie's condition, poor girl. A.C. gone to call on a Mrs. Tuttle someplace.

Thursday, Jul 3 1902 The worst storm of electricity & rain I ever saw here last night. Water everywhere. Today cooking pigs feet. Ed Howards folks off for home on the PM train.

Friday, Jul 4, 1902 Hurrah for the 4th with turkey dinner, strawberry shortcake, ice cream & dinner under the maple trees shade at the Howard place.

Saturday, Jul 5, 1902 Off @ 7 for Milan & spent the day talking about the lunch counter and 600 cash. Came home @ 7PM, hot as hades all day and all night.

Sunday, Jul 6, 1902 Feeding pigs regular. Wrote Andy O'Reilly, Bisbee, Wiley Stark Roanoke, Texas. Mosquitoes simply in clouds every place in Michigan.

Monday, Jul 7, 1902 Mailed my letters written yesterday and PM. Rec'd one from Salt Lake from Ben Reed. Alice making raspberry jam.

Tuesday, Jul 8, 1902 I built new corral for our ten porkers. PM, A.C. and myself called on Mrs. Tuttle about 5 miles from here. She don't know if she wants to sell or not. Mosquitoes by thousands.

Wednesday, Jul 9, 1902 Gail & I went to Ypsilanti, bought necessaries, 7.68. It poured down rain as we neared the Huron River which is very high & muddy. Paid news boy 25 cts more in advance for Detroit Journal.

Thursday, Jul 10, 1902 Hauling hay today. Wrote sister Myrte Behm, wrote Ben Reed of Rocky Ford Colo., wrote H. C. Swain on private business. Wrote Wells Fargo, Det.

Friday, Jul 11, 1902 Gasoline 5 gal 70 cts. Cocking hay this PM. Mosquitoes so thick it is almost impossible to milk the cows. Hog feed 75 cts. Buying hen & 14 chicks. Home from Emma's after dark, put them in coop.

Saturday, Jul 12, 1902 Went to creamery for Gail, hauling hay in PM and went to Doctor, sick mare and later took cow to pasture across the street. Irvin & wife off visiting tonight, big sow went off today.

Sunday, Jul 13, 1902 Irvin & wife home from visiting. Alice & Emma off buggy riding somewhere. I stayed home & slept & fed our pigs grass. Mr. Elmer Russ called to see Markham & I on business. Young and smart, came to buy Alice's Eastman Kodak.

Monday, Jul 14, 1902 This certainly is the damdest country on earth. Went to creamery for Markham, mowed weeds in orchard among raspberries. A heavy thunderstorm this PM. Hoeing cabbage & corn. Cutting feed for 10 shoats and fighting mosquitoes all the time, from morning till night.

Tuesday, Jul 15, 1902 To wet for any work AM, so Gail & I went to Ypsilanti to see Griffin on-----?

Wednesday, Jul 16, 1902 Hoeing in garden. PM, hauling hay & feeding my hogs & hoeing corn & milking. Alice rec'd fashion books from Ed Howard @ Lansing. Rec'd letter from friend George A. McIntosh, Salt Lake.

Thursday, Jul 17, 1902 Bought flour & feed for pigs today. Working in garden. PM, helped Markham finish his hay hauling, has about 10 tons. Lightening flashing all around the horizon tonight.

Friday, Jul 18, 1902 It rained last night & about all day today. Dark & very cloudy & still unsettled tonight.

Saturday, Jul 19, 1902 Rec'd letter from Frankie E. Saunders, Red Bluff, California. via Salt Lake. Wrote George A. McIntosh, Salt Lake City.

Sunday, Jul 20, 1902 Raining at intervals all day. We made a floor in a small shed for our pigs to sleep on, up out of the mud.

Monday, Jul 21, 1902 Alice & I planting spuds today & building small table. Gail putting up wire fence, forming a calf pasture. Very slight shower today. John W. MacKay one of the Bonanza Kings of the Comstock is dead in London yesterday, 68 yrs.

Tuesday, Jul 22, 1902 Planted spuds from one end of the lane to the other along Ed's west line. Alice set out more tomatoes and planted cucumbers. I hoed sweet corn until it begun to rain, got wet while milking.

Wednesday, Jul 23, 1902 Feeding pigs AM, and stayed indoors all day almost. PM, went to Mrs. Klines for cabbage plants. Answered F. K. Saunders letter to Rosewood, Tehama Co., Cali. Wrote postal to P.O. & Wells Fargo, Detroit.

Thursday, Jul 24, 1902 Setting cabbage plants and hoeing garden. About noon we had a fearful downpour of rain, high winds & finally it hailed for a few minutes like hell, This is certainly the Boss country for summer rain.

Friday, Jul 25, 1902 Built a table today and feeding hogs as usual. Had the damdest rain today about noon that I ever saw in the U.S., have seen its equal in Mexico. Rec'd letter & photo from Sister Mertie S. Behm.

Saturday, Jul 26, 1902 Markham and A.C. off to Ypsilanti for grub. A.C. bought 7 hens from Gail tonight. Bought 2 sacks hog feed in Ypsilanti 2.20. Jim Jeffreys & Fitzsimmons fought, Jeffreys won on 8th round. Mrs. Kline called PM to see A.C.

Sunday, Jul 27, 1902 I wrote Sec Card in Chicago, 365 Dearborn St. about machinery agency. Alice off black berrying, showered hard this PM. Regular Mexican weather.

Monday, Jul 28, 1902 Emma & Alice off to Milan to visit Mr. & Mrs. Hayner. Pouring rain here @ noon. Gail buys a harvester today for 100.00 payable one year from this coming fall. Emma & A.C. home to supper. Mr Kline visited here today, we had a nice chat.

Tuesday, Jul 29, 1902 Grand Picnic today in the grove across the road. It rained this morning & after 9AM it cleared up very nice & Gail Markham went to Ypsilanti & got his harvester, a new style Osborn Reaper. Mrs. Lowe visiting here.

Wednesday, Jul 30, 1902 Worked all day with Markham setting up his new reaper & binder. I killed a mouse. Alice off berry picking most all day with Emma. Nice day.

Thursday, Jul 31, 1902 Finished the reaper today, being first of the kind I ever saw, it gave me some trouble, but it all ok tonight. 35-2 35-4 35-6 Dearborn St., Chicago. Rec'd letter from H. A. Smith, American Publishing House & rec'd letter from Ben Reed, Rocky Ford Colo.

Friday, Aug 1, 1902 Choreing as usual. A.C. and I took a ride hunting roosters to purchase, also hog feed. Bought flour & gasoline. I wrote to F. H. Moore, Monarch Co., Detroit.

Saturday, Aug 2, 1902 Cut first oats AM. Machines all ok, oats not ripe yet. Gail & son cultivating in beans this PM. I sowed a pound of turnip seed PM. Subscription for the Detroit Journal expires tonight.

Sunday, Aug 3, 1902 Chickens of Reynolds. Wrote to Ed Howard @ Lansing. Gail cultivating beans. I am choreing & fitting up hen roosts & nests.

Monday, Aug 4, 1902 Hoeing potatoes, cutting oats on Ed's place this PM & new reaper all ok. The crop is splendid.

Tuesday, Aug 5, 1902 Gail home from Howards, finished Ed's oats & moved to old Dutchmans. Gail went to Ypsilanti and buying us 2 sacks hog feed costing 2.45. Hoeing cabbage & corn today. Showered in PM. Alice on Emma's new dress. Paid paper carrier in advance 30 cts.

Wednesday, Aug 6, 1902 A.C. washing today. I am choreing, cooking hog feed. Irwin done dutchmans crop & moved onto Carl Lows and cutting his oats. It rains this PM, heavy. Rec'd letter from Ed Howard & one from F. H. Moore, Monarch Book Co., Detroit.

Thursday, Aug 7, 1902 Everybody trying to save their crops of oats and other grain. Ground too soft for harvesters. Showering @ noon. I set out 55 cabbages, hoeing between showers. Fearful weather for August, rained hard at 3PM. Had fire in sitting room all day.

Friday, Aug 8, 1902 Hoeing corn all day. Alice dress making for Emma Markham & also for Mrs. Kline. Alice bought a jersey cow of George, a colored man for 35.00.

Saturday, Aug 9, 1902 Helping Markhams, mowing & reaping, miring & swamping, finally got in & swamped my scythe after Gail had swamped the mower & Irvin had swamped reaping machine several times. One great swamp in Michigan. Went after our new cow. She went home today.

Sunday, Aug 10, 1902 Rained all last night, cloudy & sultry all AM. Sent to creamer for new milk can, to come tomorrow.

Monday, Aug 11, 1902 Irving finished oat crop & mowed low places and I and Gail built gate to connect corral & clover pasture, (cows night pasture). PM, working in oats, setting up the sheaves, hauling into the barn, 3 big loads, later put our first milk in new milk can.

Tuesday, Aug 12, 1902 @ 6AM went with Gail to creamery with our first milk, 23 lbs in at 2.10 can, but Alice C. is heading this enterprise (for luck). Michigan's grandest Senator McMillan died yesterday morning, was a grand old man. I bought more turnip seed.

Wednesday, Aug 13, 1902 Gail sowed our turnip seed today. We hauled oats today from across the road. Alice and Emma dress making for Emma, fixing for trip to Lansing soon. Sending milk to creamer regular. Showering this evening.

Thursday, Aug 14, 1902 Erwin says our milk tested 4-8. Oats all in tonight & in good condition. Gail Markham had a new pump put into his well across the road from his home place today, costing him 7.00. Had Sunday School Picnic across the road today, Colored folks.

Friday, Aug 15, 1902 I have been miserable all day, pain, pain and more pain today. State Senator McMillan's funeral in Detroit @ 2:30PM, all business houses closed. Wrote to Sister Mertie Behm.

Saturday, Aug 16, 1902 Bought 100 lbs flour and pair engineers overalls, 5 gal gasoline, 70 cts. Erwin & I took a pig up the road. PM, bought rooster. Rec'd business letter from son H. C. Swain.

Sunday, Aug 17, 1902 Choreing & feeding hogs as usual and for a wonder it has quit raining. Alice & Emma are to start to Lansing tomorrow on a visit to Ed Howards, to be gone a week.

Monday, Aug 18, 1902 Folks off @ 7:30AM for Lansing via R.R. I bought 1/2 ground rye oats & corn for 50 cts as I returned from R.R. Station. Keeping BATCH this week. Wrote Bro. O.E.S. tonight.

Tuesday, Aug 19, 1902 Off with Gail Markham to Ypsilanti after supplies. Bought sugar 50 lbs 2.50, 3 sacks ground rye 3.75, corn, matches & medicine. Home all ok on time.

Wednesday, Aug 20, 1902 Showerey & raining today. Stayed indoors and only did regular feeding & milking. Heard by postal from wife in Lansing, all ok. Wrote H. C. Swain a plain letter to reflect on.

Thursday, Aug 21, 1902 Went with Erwin up to Freeman's place to see a fresh young jersey cow & calf, offering to trade our Holstein if satisfactory. Came home choreing & hoeing, cooking etc.

Friday, Aug 22, 1902 Choreing regular job. Markham's cultivating. I was kept busy in savoring our spuds planted among the corn. Gave Lucy 1/2 doz. cucumbers for which she came and made me some syrup & swept the house.

Saturday, Aug 23, 1902 Awful lonesome. Been batching for most of a week, Polly & I and if A. C. Swain don't come home soon we have agreed to strike out for pastures new, away south of the U.S. and into Mexico, am getting very uneasy.

Sunday, Aug 24, 1902 Choreing, cooking, feed etc. Was invited to dinner with Markhams family. Cow in my garden today & ate up some corn.

Monday, Aug 25, 1902 Our cream got out of our can this AM. A.C. came home from Lansing late.

Tuesday, Aug 26, 1902 Choreing as usual. Alice preparing to put up some pears for winter. Gramma is back with us from her stay @ Markham's during A.C. visit to Lansing.

Wednesday, Aug 27, 1902 Alice went to creamery today & to see Freeman's jersey cow (don't want her) I went to see Childs about hay & other things, drink new cider there. Had my rifle out today and oiled it all through.

Thursday, Aug 28, 1902 Alice preserving bartletts. Gail & I off to Ypsilanti after barbed wire and feed etc. Rec'd butter 4 3/4 lbs on account Creamery Co. I bought 2 doz 1/2 gal mason jars 1.10.

Friday, Aug 29, 1902 Choreing as usual, Alice canning fruit. Helping put up wire fence back of the church.

Saturday, Aug 30, 1902 Great surprise, all our cows in the garden & still we saved the land. Helping Markham's putting up division fence on north line today. Ready to turn stock inside. Alice putting up fruit. My paper late tonight. Threating rain tonight.

Sunday, Aug 31, 1902 Gail pumped out his cellar, first time this season, it has been dry. Alice canning pears all day - Sunday cuts - no ice in Michigan. Wrote to Emanuel & Co., Station J. New York City.

Monday, Sep 1, 1902 Labor Day, helping Markham on fence and hunting for water for cows, found plenty.

Tuesday, Sep 2, 1902 Worked for Markham again today, building corral and gates & rail fence & watering place for stock. PM, sold 7 shoats for 48.00 cash. Changed milk yard.

Wednesday, Sep 3, 1902 Went to creamery AM, bought some groceries 4.45. PM, helping to increase water supply for stock. Mr. Kline & Fleming called, selling fertilizer @ 20.00 per ton. Our 3 pigs cost us 2.90 cts each after selling.

Thursday, Sep 4, 1902 Delivered pigs to buyers teamster early. Prepared to go to Delray, missed train and will go tomorrow to see about business there.

Friday, Sep 5, 1902 Off @ 6:30 for Delray & Detroit. Found Delray, hunting for information J. L. Riopetele found house owner, can buy for 400, corner lot 33x100 ft, 125 cash, balance easy. Roomed @ Grand Central Union Hotel.

Saturday, Sep 6, 1902 After breakfast went out to see the city. Sent last milk to creamery. Started home @ 3:55PM, found all well @ home. Rec'd letter from O.E.S.

Sunday, Sep 7, 1902 Rained last night. Wrote Brother C. B. Swain, Chico.

Monday, Sep 8, 1902 Went to P.O. and ground an ax at Perry Lampkin's mill. Aunt Susan & 2 daughters called on Alice this PM. Paid Detroit Journal boy 25 cts.

Tuesday, Sep 9, 1902 Rained hard during night and still spitting AM. Reading a novel. It hailed covering the

ground south of here 2 miles. Went across track to store, spent 55 cts. Met Mr. Nivens and another miner at Klines. Rec'd letter from sister Mertie Behm.

Wednesday, Sep 10, 1902 Sister Emma Markham came home from Lansing on last night's late train. Peeling apples to dry for winter use. I paid 1 1/4 cts per bu for wheat. Osborn's baby died this PM near here.

Thursday, Sep 11, 1902 Threatening rain. Gail M. and I off to Ypsilanti about 10AM. Took in the town for a few hours and came home, everybody gone to Ann Arbor Fair, town dead. Cost us 20 cts beer. Commencing to rain.

Friday, Sep 12, 1902 Rained all night. Did milking as usual and stayed in doors all day, reading a novel (Cast Up by the Seai/Baker). A funeral procession passed by this PM, rained all day steady.

Saturday, Sep 13, 1902 Off early with Gail to doctor, a sick cow died. Wait to buy fodder of----& saw thresher at work. Bought 1 doz 1/2 gal jars 75 cts. A cousin of Alice's here, Jerome Lawrence.

Sunday, Sep 14, 1902 First white frost here, cut our garden some. A bro. I.O.O.F., Jerome Lawrence here to dinner & went home late PM. Alex R. (boss) Shepherd is dead @ Batontlas Mexico, he made Washington City.

Monday, Sep 15, 1902 Another light frost. Gail Markham begins to cut up his corn crop today. Cucumbers, tomatoes & beans injured by frost, cooked. PM, Irving & I went after our sow and got her & bought 2 bu wheat for 1.20. Tried to cut corn with reaper & failed, it is no good.

Tuesday, Sep 16, 1902 Emma & Alice off in the top buggy on business to Ypsilanti. Gail cutting corn on the Ed Howard place for fodder. Alice bought the Davy place in her mind for \$800. I want to move & soon, I can see nothing here but starvation & death. Alice & Emma off visiting in the PM.

Wednesday, Sep 17, 1902 Studying the situation & no work in sight for me. Barely a scant living and work necessary to live & it don't suit me. Wrote for Gov't position, Washington D.C. Catalogue. Rec'd & answered letter from Charles Geiger, El Paso, Tex. Wrote S.F. Custom house.

Thursday, Sep 18, 1902 Alice home again from F. Jerome Lawrence's, there she bought another Jersey cow & 2 tons of wild hay. She paid 30.00 on account and came home. Before noon raining. Emma & Lucy off to Yps to see some great quack.

Friday, Sep 19, 1902 Bought sack of rye for pigs, 1.25. Letter for Ma from Delray. Cloudy & showery PM. Drying apples for winter for pass time.

Saturday, Sep 20, 1902 Still cloudy and warm, great weather for cabbage. I called at Jakes and saw another sample of a Michigan threshing outfit. (30 years behind California)

Sunday, Sep 21, 1902 At home all day. Want Alice to go to Detroit tomorrow to see Teddy R., but she says no go. President Roosevelt in Detroit tonight, big parade there tomorrow.

Monday, Sep 22, 1902 Expected to thresh today, but thresher failed to show up. The Thresher of Wanty & Co arrived @ Markham's after dark.

Tuesday, Sep 23, 1902 Helped Markham thresh oats 1/2 day, had 271 bu. done and out @ noon. Gramma gone home with Mrs. Lowe in her carriage & it rains, so she will stay overnight. Raining all PM, and still is at 9PM.

Wednesday, Sep 24, 1902 Raining all day. Finished reading, still it rains at 9PM.

Thursday, Sep 25, 1902 Another nasty day, rain drizzles & fog. Rec'd Alameda paper from Bro. O.E.S. today. Sent him in return a Detroit Journal of Roosevelt day in Detroit (last Monday) & bought gasoline today, 70 cts.

Friday, Sep 26, 1902 Wrote F. P. Hoeck, Mexico to send me 2 maps of Mexico & Eo Michoacan. A.C. writing Mrs. Mary Newton, South Pasadena.

Saturday, Sep 27, 1902 Alice & I went to see a Mrs. Darling on business, thence to see a Mrs. Rose & Chet

her husband, dined there and came home in showers. Gail cutting corn for fodder on Ed Howard's place.

Sunday, Sep 28, 1902 At home as usual about all day.

Monday, Sep 29, 1902 I went over to Lowe's & home again. F. Jerome Lawrence brung the cow home today. She has earmarks, 3 splits in left and 1 in right ear, 3 year old jersey. Rec'd answer from the S.F. custom collector, F. S. Statton.

Tuesday, Sep 30, 1902 Raining and warm. Jerome stayed overnight. I put cow with Bodley's for the present, across the road.

Wednesday, Oct 1, 1902 Cutting corn fodder for amusement. Miss. Lowe brought a dress pattern to have made up by Alice.

Thursday, Oct 2, 1902 Alice off to creamery. I cutting corn fodder, later helping Gail & Irwin pulling old cellar to pieces to use lumber for another purpose.

Friday, Oct 3, 1902 Gail off with cider apples to Willis. Alice off again hunting a farm to rent. I cutting corn fodder for Markham. PM, dug some spuds & later cutting corn. Boys off to Willis after new cider.

Saturday, Oct 4, 1902 Digging spuds AM and helping Gail and others move a roof onto his cow barn this PM. Columbia, Cauca Valley Mines, F. L. Lord, Agent 25 Whitney Opera Block, Detroit.

Sunday, Oct 5, 1902 Gathered potatoes in rain. Wrote W. Loatza S.F. & I Gutte & Co. S.F. on Mexico tobacco business. Raining hard PM, returned Clines books we had been reading.

Monday, Oct 6, 1902 Fish peddler, cash 25 cts. Pig feed, 55 lbs. Later helping to put roof on cow barn, lots of cider and fun.

Tuesday, Oct 7, 1902 Wife off with Gail to see a party who wished to sell a 100 acre farm. I am cutting corn. A.C. & I about to buy a farm for \$3,200 of a Mrs. Ives. PM, helping Markham on new cow barn.

Wednesday, Oct 8, 1902 Helping Markham all day on cow barn. Am feeling fearful bad with bad cold.

Thursday, Oct 9, 1902 Erwin & Luck to Ypisyante to the carnival. Gail & I roofing on new cow barn. Rec'd letter from M. H. Newton, Pasadena.

Friday, Oct 10, 1902 Alice, Gail & myself off early to examine the A. C. Ives 100 acre farm, back home @ noon. Called @ creamery on account. Erwin cutting beans. I shingled on roof & run out of shingles.

Saturday, Oct 11, 1902 Signed up contract with Mrs. Sarah Ives to buy her 100 acre farm for 3,100.00, possession to be given April 1st 03, witnessed Gail Markham.

Sunday, Oct 12, 1902 At home all day. Alice visiting at Mc Falls. Wrote to J. H. Behm on business, Chico California.

Monday, Oct 13, 1902 A.C. and I with Mc Falls, team went to F. Jerome Lawrence place & back after a load of vegetables. Answered ad of J. S. Baker, Waukesha Wis.

Tuesday, Oct 14, 1902 Putting vegetables away, bought sack of ground wheat of Perry Lumpkins, 80 lbs 1.00. Bought gasoline 70 cts. Fearful cold, north wind this evening. Our Rosy cow won't stay in with Budley's cow.

Wednesday, Oct 15, 1902 Put our cows all into Gail's north pasture. PM, cutting fodder @ Aunt Susans & later @ Mrs. Herrington. Markham sick today, came for medicine tonight.

Thursday, Oct 16, 1902 Wrote Greening Bros. @ Monroe. Done cutting corn @ Mrs. Herrington and helped Markhams on Howard place. PM, peace reigns in Penn., great coal strike is settled by Teddy Roosevelt.

Friday, Oct 17, 1902 Brung fodder home from Aunt Susan's on wheelbarrow, four bundles. Buried 6 bushels of spuds in the ground. Helped Markham cutting corn on Howard farm. Milking our cows out in the

pasture, no use to corral them, gentle.

Saturday, Oct 18, 1902 Went to P.O. and found a line from O. E. Swain, also line from Greening Bros. regarding fruit trees. Helping cut fodder today. Markham stabled cows tonight, first time this fall.

Sunday, Oct 19, 1902 Stayed home today, reading my papers and wrote Greening Bros. regarding fruit trees. F. Jerome Lawrence came in tonight.

Monday, Oct 20, 1902 Took Gail's old team & took Jerome down home & brought back load of nice dry stove wood and have several more to haul from his farm. 2 hours going & 2 1/2 back. Red Jacket Copper mine shaft over one mile deep.

Tuesday, Oct 21, 1902 Mailed postal to Mr. Hope Nursery, Rochester N.Y., bought 2 gal. jug 50 cts, filled it with grape juice. Cut fodder this PM for Markham. He & his son harvesting beans. Mrs. Low here for her dress.

Wednesday, Oct 22, 1902 Called on Mr. Garrett this morning @ the old Childs farm. Cutting corn today & dug some spuds. Alice finishing Low's dress.

Thursday, Oct 23, 1902 Finished cutting corn today for Gail at noon. PM, helping him gather beans all PM. Ate supper @ Markhams. Alice went to creamery today. Wrote to Ed C. Howard, to see Addison Childs regarding some hay.

Friday, Oct 24, 1902 Mailed letter to Ed Howard early, helped Gail all day forking beans.

Saturday, Oct 25, 1902 Showered AM and we trimmed Gail's porkers. Rec'd balance from creamery in full. Rec'd answer from the Mount Hope Nursery @ Rochester, also answer from Greening Bros. Monroe, Mich. Showering tonight. Dug some of our spuds.

Sunday, Oct 26, 1902 At home until 11AM. Expected to go to our farm with Gail, he failed to go, so hope to go tomorrow. PM, had a fearful storm of wind & rain of short duration from the N.W. A.C. going to Ypsi tomorrow.

Monday, Oct 27, 1902 A.C. and Gail off to Ypsi for groceries. She took 35 lbs of butter & some eggs. Rec'd letter from Mertie. Rec'd fruit catalogue from Mr. Hope Nursery.

Tuesday, Oct 28, 1902 Went to our ranch in company with Erwin Markham & met the present tenant, Tom Cooper, had nice visit and came home to dinner. PM, Alice off to Childs. I went out to see about buying corn fodder feed. Rec'd line from F. P. Hoeck.

Wednesday, Oct 29, 1902 Mailed letter to Ad Childs regarding care of old place until next Apr 1st. Rec'd postal from Ed, All ok. He is due here tomorrow night. Bought Millers corn & fodder, corn @ 20 cts bu, stocks @ 2 1/2 cts bundle, regular size. Paid 1.00 cash on contract, have right to cut hay on the Childs place today.

Thursday, Oct 30, 1902 Hauled 27 bu corn from Miller today & paid another 5.00 cash to him on the crop. Gail & I closed Ed's barn preparing for the winter. Erwin gone to meet Ed H. & family @ the depot @ Ypsi. Our Rosy cow has today a fine heifer calf, all ok.

Friday, Oct 31, 1902 Started to mow hay on the Childs place & Selwin came and objected, we cut until noon & quit under protest. Tried to phone Griffin & failed to get reply, he being out of town. Wrote Mc and Addison Child explaining situation.

Saturday, Nov 1, 1902 Gathering apples and storing them up for winter use. Alice finished a jacket for a girl, price for work 1.50 cash. Ed Howard & wife spent the evening with us.

Sunday, Nov 2, 1902 Stayed home where I belonged - afternoon brought Rosey's calf in from its mother to be raised by hand. Wrote long letter to O.E.S., also to sister Mertie Behm. Gail's big sow had 7 pigs tonight late.

Monday, Nov 3, 1902 Helping Howard tack. Bought sack of flour 65 cts. Took my rifle to Lampkin to have

him see a rifle. Rec'd letter from Addison C. and from Mrs. Mary Newton. We have a new bedstead tonight.

Tuesday, Nov 4, 1902 Election day in Michigan, but I did not vote, not having gained a residence here by 30 days, six months is required. Ate chicken dinner @ Markhams today.

Wednesday, Nov 5, 1902 Ed Howard off to Ypsi with Gail in buggy, he goes home tonight. Seen George Richardson's pigs. PM, raining, I got Mc Falls team & hauled 13 bushels of corn into corn crib making 40 bu rec'd from Mr. Miller.

Thursday, Nov 6, 1902 Alice answers Mrs. Newton. I am putting up winter apples, my first experience. PM, @ P. Gables sale in buggy with Mr. McCall. Mc bought single buggy harness, good as new for 8.00. Mailed letter to Mrs. Newton.

Friday, Nov 7, 1902 Building pig pen AM, & helped haul Howard's load of furniture to R.R. depot. I traded cow for sow & brought the George Richardson sow and 8 pigs home in PM and delivered my Holstein cow to Richardson even.

Saturday, Nov 8, 1902 Measured balance of Miller's corn, 12 bushels total balance 10.40. Bought an axe 1.00. Ed Howard folks went home via Ypsi this PM. Late PM, wife & I hauled last corn & 30 bundles of corn fodder.

Sunday, Nov 9, 1902 Alice & Emma went to Sunday School & this brought me a nice chicken dinner. Later we went over to Gails & spent evening drinking cider and Jake called & we talked farming until 8:30 and all went homeward.

Monday, Nov 10, 1902 Gail & I hauled balance of my corn fodder bundles & forty hauled previously. Helped haul 50 shocks in for Gail in PM.

Tuesday, Nov 11, 1902 Fixed up stable for cows today. Paid Mr. Miller in PM for corn & fodder 13.20. Put our cows in barn first night this fall.

Wednesday, Nov 12, 1902 Helping Markham to gather corn today. Noticed in tonight's paper that Don Porferio Diaz, President of Mexico since 1877 is to be relieved by-----consent and Le-----takes his place next Jan.

Thursday, Nov 13, 1902 Helping Markham with corn all day today. Took the buggy and went to----grab & back before dinner time.

Friday, Nov 14, 1902 Bought 105 lbs gr wheat. Acknowledged to F. P. Hoick & Co. rest of money ok. Helping haul fodder.

Saturday, Nov 15, 1902 Alice rented box today, P.O. Box 164. Gail & I went for a load of our wood & back in 4 1/2 hours. We both ate dinner here and were awful hungry.

Sunday, Nov 16, 1902 At home all day, had to put floor in Daisy's stall today. Chicken dinner, Gail & wife here, raining tonight.

Monday, Nov 17, 1902 Cloudy and showery today. Fixing apple cellar for winter, very soon. Hauled down all the stove pipes on these two ranches (a dam'd nice job) A.C. gone daft again, this time on rag carpets.

Tuesday, Nov 18, 1902 Took Rosey's cow to Ducham? Gail & I hauling wood again today, have 3 to 4 more loads yet to haul from the F. J. Lawrence place.

Wednesday, Nov 19, 1902 New clock 5.00. Hauling corn fodder and done on this farm this season. Hauled Herrington fodder. Wrote Gordon & Morrison 199 & 201 E. Madison St., Chicago for catalogue. Rec'd papers from Bro. O.E.S. today.

Thursday, Nov 20, 1902 Recovering cellar with dirt to protect apples from frost. Put more dirt on spuds and banking around the house, preparing to kill hogs tomorrow. Wrote H. L. Bush @ Copenhagen Denmark.

Friday, Nov 21, 1902 Butchered hogs for our own use, gross weight over 300 lbs. Shut up big sow to wean

her 8 pigs. Erwin sold our jersey cow & calf tonight for--

Saturday, Nov 22, 1902 Went to Stoney Creek Store with Erwin after a pork barrel, salt, sugar & salt peter and got them. Wrote postal to Sarah Ives @ Milton Oakland Co., Michigan regarding her corn & fodder. Cut up our fat hogs this PM for salting down.

Sunday, Nov 23, 1902 At home all day & did a lot of work. Overhauled fodder, cleaned pigs heads & feet, packed pork in barrel, salted down complete. Gathered last apples had spare rib dinner, wound new clock tonight.

Monday, Nov 24, 1902 Took big sow to Stouters, left her until tomorrow. Pigs head in brine. W. Bodley butchered today all his pork hogs.

Tuesday, Nov 25, 1902 Went to Peter Stouters & bring sow home, pigs is due 17 March. Rec'd catalogue from Gordon & Morrison. Rec'd letter from Sarah Ives. Wrote for Montgomery Ward catalogue.

Wednesday, Nov 26, 1902 First snow. Sent 1.00 cash to Chicago to have watches etc. sent to me here via express on speculation. Bought ivory & tar soap. Paid (mex dollar) on account to Orville the Jeweler in full. Rec'd letter from Mertie Behm, Chico.

Thursday, Nov 27, 1902 Thanksgiving Day. Snowed all last night and until noon today. We all went to Gails to dinner. PM, snow everywhere, 2 inches on the level, has cleared up, cold.

Friday, Nov 28, 1902 Everything froze but me this morning, clear & cold as damnation. Cutting stove wood & feeding cows & hogs all day today. Went to see Smith Micks late this PM, he was away from home.

Saturday, Nov 29, 1902 Snow still on ground. I am choreing around. Smith Micks called to see one of our cows. Made head cheese today. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. & from Montgomery Ward. Clear, cold and windy tonight.

Sunday, Nov 30, 1902 Lucy's grandpa Cox died yesterday of dropsey, interment tomorrow. Wrote O.E.S. and W. E. Hayner. I was home all day, am writing Bro. O.E.S. all about Michigan. We hope to visit Mrs. Ives tomorrow on business.

Monday, Dec 1, 1902 Alice off in buggy to meet Mrs. Sarah Ives up at our new farm. I helped Gail kill 7 hogs all day.

Tuesday, Dec 2, 1902 A.C. & Gail went to Ypsi with load fat hogs & for groceries. Fat hogs sold @ 7 cts, butter @ 24 cts.

Wednesday, Dec 3, 1902 \$1.45 change of Gail, bought feed for pigs and flour. Business proposal from the Licking Valley Co. Distillers answered by return mail.

Thursday, Dec 4, 1902 Borrowed 1,000 dollars of F. Solos for ten days. Paid for package from Chicago, entire cost 10.20. Sent cash via express.

Friday, Dec 5, 1902 Cold, cold, cold day. Cutting wood and doing my chores. Milking 2 cows & feeding 10 head hogs. Made a snug bed for our 8 little pigs today.

Saturday, Dec 6, 1902 Preparing place to put my hay for winter, to keep it off the ground. @ 12 Alice & I with Gail's big team went for a load of rutabagas & got them & home @ 6PM, just ahead of a snow storm, but failed to unload tonight.

Sunday, Dec 7, 1902 Snow everywhere, very cold last night. Home all day. A.C. made a stylish bonnet for Mrs. M., 1.50. Cows in barn all day. Fed them tootabagos. I wrote Gordon & Morrison, Chicago tonight.

Monday, Dec 8, 1902 Bitter cold & snow all over this locality. I called @ Chris Henning to see his fine hogs and came home soon as it is too cold to be out doors.

Tuesday, Dec 9, 1902 Same bitter cold. Did little today. Business letter from Licking Valley Distilling Co., not answered, their terms one sided. Let Dan Herrington in to sell or trade one of my watches on

shares. I to have 5.75 cash & half over. Moderating tonight, warmer.

Wednesday, Dec 10, 1902 11AM, took Gail's mares & wagon and went after load of wood, home @ 4PM. Irwin & wife back from a visit overnight @ O. H. Hayner.

Thursday, Dec 11, 1902 Cold as Greenland. We sent the big city Detroit Journal to O.E.S. Rec'd two swivels via mail from Gordon & Morrison, Chicago. Spent evening at Dan H's, met Jerry O'Brien there.

Friday, Dec 12, 1902 Too slippery to haul hay & so must wait until it moderates. Rode over to George Richardson with his son to see George on business & came home on foot.

Saturday, Dec 13, 1902 Bought pig feed today, gasoline 70 cts. Snow everywhere. Rec'd letter from the Greenings Pros. Co. and answered at once. Snow everywhere and is clear as a bell tonight.

Sunday, Dec 14, 1902 At home all day, shoring as usual. Dan Herrington called this evening on business.

Monday, Dec 15, 1902 Nasty morning and cold. Fred J. Lawrence fell in here about noon and we kept him by hard coaxing. PM, warmer and sprinkling rain this evening.

Tuesday, Dec 16, 1902 Bought sack of pigs feed cost 1.40. Gail & wife off to Ypsi.

Wednesday, Dec 17, 1902 I went up to Pete Stouders & tried to get some corn. Visited Bairds and saw 60 bushels of turnips. Tried to trade watch for corn, but failed.

Thursday, Dec 18, 1902 Thawing and warmer, Got my watch @ Dans & went & seen Mr. Thompson. Tried to trade him for corn & straw, see later. Thence to another party, Sheers may trade there so his boy said. Rec'd answer from Greening Bros. regarding trees and prices.

Friday, Dec 19, 1902 Doing the chores as usual and want to haul hay if the ice thaws in the roads so horses can walk with safety. PM, Markham & I went and hauled a stack of loose hay from the Lawrence place here made the trip between 1 & 6.

Saturday, Dec 20, 1902 Warmer & thawing. Unloaded our hay into barn & later opened our cache of spuds, found them ok, took out 1/2 bushel & hauled them in again. Think we got a bargain in this lot of hay @ 10.00

Sunday, Dec 21, 1902 Soft & slushy and trying to rain all day & quite warm. Clyde Rose called to see my gun & saddle. Gail & Emma here to dinner. Overhauled our pork & brine boiled.

Monday, Dec 22, 1902 Ditching and choreing as usual. Alice & myself took a spin hunting for corn to buy, but found nothing. Teddy Roosevelt agrees to arbitrate for Venezuela & England & G. Freezing again tonight.

Tuesday, Dec 23, 1902 Took Snowball to Stouders, later went to see a Mr. Snowball. Alice sewing for Lucy on Bodleys failure or Erwins folly. Alice making shirt waist for Lucy & grab bag for Emma. Mailed letter to W. E. Swain, Red Bluff. (son)

Wednesday, Dec 24, 1902 Snowing to beat hell and blowing great gusts. Another sack mill feed 1.35. After dark carried 3 parcels to church to be placed on Xmas tree. Our corn is gone tomorrow morning. We stayed @ home, proper place for us two.

Thursday, Dec 25, 1902 Snow everywhere, the toughest Xmas I ever experienced in my life. Gramma had a letter from her rich daughter in Iowa.

Friday, Dec 26, 1902 Borrowed 3 bushels of corn from Mr. Mc Fall, feeding mill feed to cows first time in Michigan. Lucy here to supper for first time.

Saturday, Dec 27, 1902 Too cold this AM for any use, PM not much warmer. We have mince pies & plenty of good food and might be worse situated.

Sunday, Dec 28, 1902 Alice & Emma went to funeral of a neighbors, Phoebe Weicher. Snow everywhere, but it is not very cold AM. A.C. and Gail talk of going to Ypsi after grub & to market, butter & eggs &

chickens tomorrow if weather permits.

Monday, Dec 29, 1902 Snow & still snowing, found xmas gifts from Delaney Luick. Bought gasoline & can oil. Wrote Montgomery Ward for catalogue, sent 15 cts. Wrote 10 ct store Washington for general information.

Tuesday, Dec 30, 1902 A.C. and Gail M. went to Ypsi to sell chickens and butter. Too cold for me and I stayed near home. Bought grain feed 2.80, am going after my horses tomorrow. A.C. and Emma going to Ypsi tomorrow.

Wednesday, Dec 31, 1902 A.C. off to Ypsi again & back early. She got us each some overshoes and some cash for Mr. Fred Solos, 10.00. Had barn insured for \$300.00 & took up \$75.00 mortgage insurance, cost 1.30 cts. Atty. Griffs bill 15.00 cash. PM, I bought 7 bushels of corn 2.10. Trying Jim Crow Salve & sending for Witch Hazel to J. J. Fleck, Tiffin Ohio. Good bye old year 1902.

Notes found in back of diary:

Aug 12th, the North German Lloyd Steamer Kaiser William II launched. Largest & fastest in the world today. Length 707 ft, beam 714 ft, depth 39 ft, draught 29 ft. Displacement 19,500 tons, engines 39,000 hp. With accommodations for 1000 cabin passengers. Largest steamer afloat.

May 20th, 1902 Muriel E.S. married to David A. Dickie, S.F. a son of Jim W.D shipbuilder @ W.I. Works, residence 870 Laurel St., Alameda.

George A. McIntosh, 34 South West Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah

Wiley Stark, Roanoke, Denton Co., Texas

C.O. Whitmore, U.S. Atty, McCormick Bldg, Salt Lake City, Utah

Arthur E. Clark, Secty, Knutsford Hotel, Salt Lake

May 27th, A.C. has \$180.00 in gold & I have in cash 145.00, a total of 325.00 @ Naco.

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