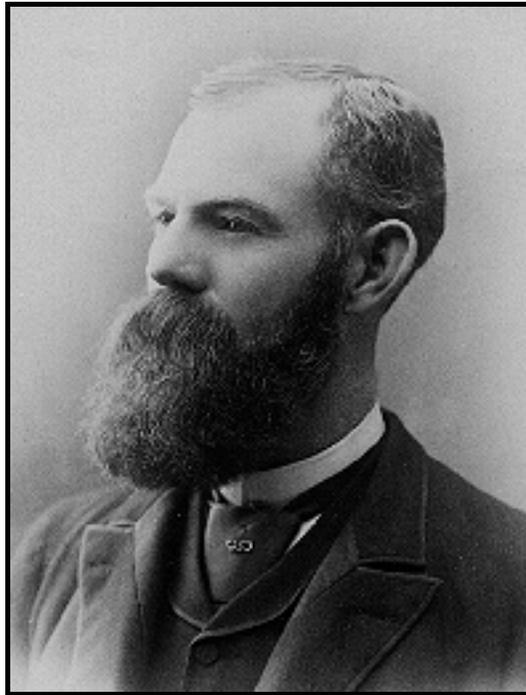


# Jethro Mitchell Swain



1843-1917

Personal diary from 1904

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1904

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1903 diary is missing.

J.M.'s work record 1873 to 1891 in back of book.

Friday, Jan 1, 1904 Fine sleighing today & clear. @ 11AM, Alice & Ed and myself took the gray team & Bobbs & drove to Markhams to New Years dinner. Orvil Hawks had one of my watches, all ok, left the other for a week, home @ dark, all ok.

Saturday, Jan 2, 1904 A fearful cold day, snowing & very cold, N.E. winds. Hauled load of dry wood from woods today-block Mickey. 3rd letter from Higginbottom regarding English Syndicate. Dan found this morning Dora has a daughter calf.

Sunday, Jan 3, 1904 All hands indoors today, nothing but choreing done. Two chickens for dinner, mince pies, etc, etc. Clear & cold again tonight.

Wednesday, Jan 4, 1904 Wrote Supt. Damp Bird Mine, Ouray Colo. Dan walked off some where directly after breakfast & has not shown up today. Ed & I doing chores as usual and as the corn is frozen fast in the field we can't haul it until it thaws.  
Rec'd postal from Max Koble.

Tuesday, Jan 5, 1904 Another awful cold morning, Ed & I choreing and in PM we hauled corn in the Bobbs, but had to cut it out of the frozen earth & found it worse work than the first cutting. A.C. sent letter to Toledo, rec'd note from Le Forge.

Wednesday, Jan 6, 1904 Snow every place and more snow falling. We did chores and husked corn & sawed wood as usual. Hiram Eaton called to see if we had a horse to sell.

Thursday, Jan 7, 1904 Cut & hauled 2 loads of dry wood from the woods. Have our 3 baby calves all in one pen & the 2 yearlings in same stable. The 5 cows in the other. Our pigs all in good shape. Took leasers kettle home. Took Comb's Bobbs home.

Friday, Jan 8, 1904 Snowing as usual, A.C. wrote to Vincents in Detroit today on business. Ed & I choreing as usual. Bought stamps today, 10 cts. Gail M. & Alice Howard called going west to look at a farm for sale. Ed and Mrs. Swain went along, & all came back to supper.

Saturday, Jan 9, 1904 Warmer today, Ed & I put in the day aside from our regular chores. Sawing wood, cross cutting hard dry hickory. Turned Barney horse out to play in the corn field & he was happy. Bought 1 gal vinegar.

Sunday, Jan 10, 1904 Alice off to Markhams alone with buggy & horse. Ed & I staying at home. I wrote Senator George C.P. @ Washington D.C., regard to Counsel @ Acapulco. Alice failed to get home tonight.

Monday, Jan 11, 1904 Ed about sick with pleurisy. Alice came home via Milan. I went to Averys for some turpentine for Ed tonight.

Tuesday, Jan 12, 1904 Ed feeling poorly today. Snowing steadily today so I went to Foleys to get Barney's horse hoofs shod in order to work some tomorrow. Also took back saw to have sett. All done & home @ 4PM, snowed hard & steady all PM.

Wednesday, Jan 13, 1904 Off to town after feed. Sold 22 1/2 lbs butter @ 20 cts= 4.50, feed cost 2.50, groceries,

1.10. Home again @ 3PM, had a letter from Ouray Supt. and James H. Scott, Camp Bird, Wm. J. Cox, General Manager.

Thursday, Jan 14, 1904 Ed still quite poorly. Mr. Len Smith & wife made us a nice visit & spent the day chatting until 4PM. 1/2 hour later Markham & Hattie Herrington & son arrived from Ypsi, he went home, she stopped here.

Friday, Jan 15, 1904 Jerome West called & wanted some hogs @ 5 cts. Ed & I did the chores, sawed wood, etc. PM, hauled in some corn & husked out a few bushels on barn floor. Heard Milt Garrett had a fall & broke two ribs, unfortunate.

Saturday, Jan 16, 1904 Choring as usual & the wind blowed the dry snow everywhere. PM, went to P.O., store for coal oil. I paid cash on store account 32 cts. Rec'd answer from Perkins regarding a Gov't. appointment in old Mexico.

Sunday, Jan 17, 1904 At home all day. Put Rosies pigs in pen to wean today. We hauled & husked corn this PM. Ed Bivens called this evening & chatted until late.

Monday, Jan 18, 1904 Colder than Greenland, done nothing but curse myself for ever stopping in Michigan another winter, where a country is so cold as to freeze the pigs ears off is to cold for me. Rosey cow has a new calf, a bull.

Tuesday, Jan 19, 1904 Cold, cold, colder and still I live to despise the country & people of Michigan generally. Ed & I choring as regular as the day comes. I went to Charles Combs & got his Bobbs to haul in corn. Rec'd letter from O.E.S.

Wednesday, Jan 20, 1904 Answered O.E.S., Alameda. This has been a very peculiar day, it rained, then snowed & rained for a time this PM, but at bedtime it snows again. Ed E. Vincent wrote R. D. Curry, 85.00 per month & expenses. I write R. W. Gane, Grand Rapids for 80.00 per month & expenses one year contract.

Thursday, Jan 21, 1904 Another nasty day with snow & sleet over everything, our barn doors frozen tight and we failed to get them open. We husked corn and took it easy and put a few rivets in our harness, repairs etc.

Friday, Jan 22, 1904 Ice all over everything, fences, houses & trees. All loaded with ice sickles and many breaking down. I took Comb's Bobbs home this PM.

Saturday, Jan 23, 1904 Another fearful day, the ice & snow is busy among the timber, breaking limbs & trees like pipe stems. We hauled a little corn today, but it is covered with ice from top to bottom. Gail Markham & wife here tonight & Ed Howard's oldest.

Sunday, Jan 24, 1904 Last night and today has been the damdest damnable cold 24 hours I ever passed on this earth. It has been too cold to take comfort for anything living in Michigan. Markham and family still here.

Monday, Jan 25, 1904 Mailed letters to Cayetano Serrano & to postmaster @ Los Angeles. Markham & family went home. I went and borrowed Bobbs & hauled in some corn. It is covered with ice & fearful to handle or husk, it being fearful cold work on the hands. Snowing hard @ bedtime.

Tuesday, Jan 26, 1904 Headache & heartache sick. Snowed all night and still at it in drifts about the barns & fences 5 ft deep. Oh how I love Michigan, but I shall never pass another winter in it if I live to get out. No mail came today as the roads are impassable or we think so & still snowing.

Wednesday, Jan 27, 1904 Still bitter cold and I shoveled snow 4 ft deep between barn & well today in order to get stock to water. Tried to borrow wood from 2 of my neighbors today as the snow is so deep we cant get into our woods & I don't owe them one cent, Christian people.

Thursday, Jan 28, 1904 Off to Ypsi @ 10AM, home again @ 4PM. Bought feed & groceries, pills etc. for everybody is coughing or whooping. Wrote to Tombstone Arizona for information generally.

Friday, Jan 29, 1904 The ice is falling off the trees & bushes for the first time in a month. Campbell funeral today. Ed & I cut & hauled wood from the woods pasture & hauled in some corn from the corn field. Commenced milking Rosey tonight.

Saturday, Jan 30, 1904 Still snowing nights & Sundays & week days at intervals, these Michigan liars all say why I never saw the like. But I take little stock in any statements they make since I have got to know them.

Sunday, Jan 31, 1904 Still in the snow as usual, it snowed heavy during the night & occasionally today. We stayed indoors as usual only doing our regular choreing, feeding, etc.

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Monday, Feb 1, 1904 A nice clear & very cold day. We were in the woods again today & brung home a big load of good hickory, dry & hard as iron. I took Comb's Bobbs home & brought my wagon back home. Teddy is quite poorly.

Tuesday, Feb 2, 1904 One more very cold day, we did nothing but chores today. Gail Markham came here about noon & left for home about 5PM taking Hattie & her kid away with him and it is damd awful cold tonight.

Wednesday, Feb 3, 1904 Another very cold day. Ed & I feeding & choreing and shoveling snow, it is as high as one picket fences, 4 ft, every place on this ranch. We see no body passing on the roads, our beards are a mess of ice.

Thursday, Feb 4, 1904 Charles Thompson, post master called to get help to shovel snow, so the R.F.D. could get through with mail. Later the mail got through snow 4 ft deep. I went to store for coal oil & hauled in corn this PM, fearful cold.

Friday, Feb 5, 1904 Cold is moderating today, was the first decent day for the past two months & it is moderating tonight. Will give us particular hell before 48 hours most likely in some form or other, raining @ 9PM.

Saturday, Feb 6, 1904 It showered all night & today has been very foggy and warm all day. The ice is off the trees, first time in a month and the snow is melting fast. We did chores and stayed indoors most of today. Rec'd letter from O.E.S.

Sunday, Feb 7, 1904 Everywhere a glare of ice and it is not safe to walk outside. The house or barns as it is almost an impossibility to keep from falling headlong. \$300,000,000 fire in Baltimore. The wind is raising and tonight it is snowing.

Monday, Feb 8, 1904 Fairly good weather all day for a wonder. I went to Comb's & borrowed his butchering tools & killed a sheep for family use. This PM hauled in load of corn. Clear, cold & still tonight.

Tuesday, Feb 9, 1904 Rec'd Tombstone Epitaph, a Sunday paper. Another bitter cold day. Mr. Avery called when we were at breakfast. He says it is the longest cold spell he has ever experienced in Michigan. Ed & I have all we can do to do our chores, feeding & keeping fires. I cut up pork today.

Wednesday, Feb 10, 1904 War between Japan & Russia, first naval fight won by Japs, so news states. Daisy calved early today. Another awful cold day & no signs of a change. Ed & I choreing as usual & we cut a big dead oak today down in the wood pasture.

Thursday, Feb 11, 1904 Another cold night passed, the roads a perfect glare of ice, everywhere in sight, over the fields it is like a sheet of ice. I took some fresh pork over to Comb's today, beside sledding wood & corn as usual.

Friday, Feb 12, 1904 Still under a glare of ice & no signs of a thaw. I went to store for some groceries and tobacco and A.C. went to Whittaker & will be back tomorrow I expect. I was at Charles Combs this evening after supper.

Saturday, Feb 13, 1904 Another miserable day, passed as usual. A.C. @ Whittaker on a visit to her sisters.

A.C. home @ 3PM and it is snowing as usual tonight.

Sunday, Feb 14, 1904 2 degrees above zero today. I visited at Comb's & Thorns today, home @ 3PM. Everything a glare of ice, potatoes in cellar all froze. At 7 days old we took Daisys calf off tonight to wean.

Monday, Feb 15, 1904 This day seems to be the coldest day we have had this winter. The northwest gale is something frightful, we have hauled wood & corn as usual & feeding the stock to keep it full, so they may stand the cold.

Tuesday, Feb 16, 1904 Another fearful day, our four young calves all had their ears frozen last night & I put turpentine on them to relieve them & save them if possible. PM, went to store & back for a few groceries, too cold for anybody to move outside.

Wednesday, Feb 17, 1904 A little warmer today than for the past week, but still no thawing. Had tree cut on shares, dead oak. A.C. went to Milan and back @ 5PM. She bought some feed, but sold no butter for their prices & hauled it home again.

Thursday, Feb 18, 1904 Same old song, cold as Greenland. Wrote to O.E. Swain explaining how I feel about staying longer in Michigan. Choreing as usual today & awful tired of the job. Will try a change very soon. I am going to start west.

Friday, Feb 19, 1904 Wife & I went to Whittaker & I got my watch, cost 1.00, thence on to Markhams to lunch @ 3PM. Left wife @ Markhams and I drove to Willis to see Charles Thompson, the auctioneer & thence home @ 5PM. Ed did the chores as usual. Funeral of Senator Mark Alonzo Hannah today.

Saturday, Feb 20, 1904 Two young bull calves, Jerseys, \$3.00/ A.C. and Markham goes to Ypsi on business this AM I suppose. After supper I went to store to buy bread, found none & came home. Hope to get some tomorrow, hauled wood & corn today.

Sunday, Feb 21, 1904 At noon everything covered with a glare of slick ice & A.C. came back from Markhams about noon. Lucy brought her in their buggy. It is sleeting & snowing & getting colder every hour. A gilt has pigs under the barn, will freeze tonight.

Monday, Feb 22, 1904 Paid first & last tax in Michigan, 83 cts. Cold winds blew all night & still blowing @ 10AM. Snowing tonight again.

Tuesday, Feb 23, 1904 Still spitting snow, but no wind blows & it is turning warmer as if it might rain. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. Went to Stephen Foleys shop to get some work done. Wrote O.E. an answer.

Wednesday, Feb 24, 1904 Another bitter cold day. A.C. and I went to Milan, had our notice of Auction printed @ Milan Leader office. Sale March 7th next. Ate dinner @ Aunt Hayner, met Markhams @ Hayner, came home via Len Smith's home @ sundown, nearly froze. Jake Deveen died today.

Thursday, Feb 25, 1904 Very cold until 10AM, went to Charles Combs for Bobbs & back into woods for a big load of fodder. Then choreing until 7:30PM & this keeps Ed & me busy most all the time.

Friday, Feb 26, 1904 Alice & I went to Ypsi & it was very cold. We sold butter @ 20 cts=11.50 & bought grub & clothing and feed @ the mill & came home in a snow storm @ 4PM and I took Bobbs home & got my wagon before supper.

Saturday, Feb 27, 1904 Auction bills arrived. A reasonably fair day for a wonder, it is beginning to show signs of a thaw. We hauled & sawed at wood part of today & spent the rest chopping corn out of the ground. Commencing to thaw, circle round the moon tonight.

Sunday, Feb 28, 1904 Off @ 10AM, went to Willis thence to Schuler Mc Falls thence to Markhams to dinner thence homeward. Met Ed Howard & family. Posting Auction bills at the cross roads as we went along. Raining & snow going off fast.

Monday, Feb 29, 1904 Soft weather, rain & sleet flurries during the night, very unsettled this morning.

Tuesday, Mar 1, 1904 More than 100 days good sleighing this year up to date. Said to be the longest sleighing continuous in 30 years. I went out to post bills & it rained & rained and was very cold. I stopped at Stephen Foleys & had my Barney horses reset & sharpened. I paid up balance on last years account, 53 cts.

Wednesday, Mar 2, 1904 Hauling corn until 2PM, then went to Combs and back to supper, thawing today a little, indication of rain again as the day closes. Off down to Hayners after our machinery, roads so bad, gave it up and came home empty Bobbs.

Thursday, Mar 3, 1904 Doctored sick horse all day & he died this evening, cold, cold wind all day.

Friday, Mar 4, 1904 Cut up horse for hog feed. Posting auction bills until 2PM & home to lunch, then hauled wood & corn fodder until dark, then choreing until 7PM.

Saturday, Mar 5, 1904 Rec'd saucy letter from Dan Griffin so Alice & I took buggy and drove to Markhams & thence to Ypsi. Saw Griff & he was all smiles and agreed to my advice. So we came home by 6:15PM, satisfied.

Sunday, Mar 6, 1904 Ed & I worked all day preparing for the sale. Sold chickens for 19.90. George VanBlarkum called tonight, raining steady @ dark.

Monday, Mar 7, 1904 Charles Thompson auctioneer, 10.00 paid. A busy day. Our auction sale amounted to about \$583.70 we think. Can't tell exactly yet. Mr. Palmer was Dan Griffins representative or agent. J.G.W. paid Burt Osborn for me 1.00 to be charged up with my store bill.

Tuesday, Mar 8, 1904 George Palmer, Griff's agent arrived from Ypsi, collected all he could & bought our Rosey cow & took himself homeward, leading his cow behind his buggy. I have quit on chattel mortgages forever. James Bunting came for 2 sows, we went to the store & he phoned to Dan Griffin if he could take them & the hay 5 tons, Griffin answer is yes.

Wednesday, Mar 9, 1904 James Bunting came & loaded 2 loads of hay. Annie Leaser bought the Molly cow & I helped take her home, paid cash 38.50, 20% off. I went to Hi Thompson & home again this PM. Wrote O. E. Swain. Paid Foleys bill in full, 1.90.

Thursday, Mar 10, 1904 Took 30 1/4 lbs of butter and 15 lbs lard to J. G. West. Paid balance on Gail plow, \$19.05. Left check with J.G.W. due me 6.95. Rec'd note of James Bunter for 43.40. Note from C. Head & N. Younglove for 48.84. Letter from O.E. on Mexico business, answered.

Friday, Mar 11, 1904 J. G. West came up to settle & we settled and I rode home with him to dinner & thence to Ypsi by 3PM. PM, Dan Griffin cashed note 43.40 of James Bunter for 40.00. West & I came home late & I came on home on foot. Alice went to Milan with Ed Burns & thence by train to Whittaker.

Saturday, Mar 12, 1904 At home & idle all day. The new tenant McGraw called again this PM & we talked straw & rye & I guess we will trade later. Ed & I went to Leasers for milk & got it. A.C. failed to show up yet.

Sunday, Mar 13, 1904 A.C. and Gail M. got here this PM from his place where she had gone with him from Milan via R.R. A.C. and I went to Leasers & borrowed their churn to do our last churning on this ranch I hope.

Monday, Mar 14, 1904 Snow shoe top deep and still snowing this morning. Rec'd letter from Mertie B. 619 Salem St., Chico, Butte Cal. Howlett boys came and took bundle of fodder, 220 @ 2 cts \$4.40. Snow boot top deep at dark, "beautiful country".

Tuesday, Mar 15, 1904 Idle in deep snow here, deepest of entire winter, am reading one of Fenimore Coopers novels. McGraw called today, says can do nothing until snow goes off.

Wednesday, Mar 16, 1904 Mailed letter to Addie Vincent in Detroit. I went to Hi Thompson auction sale in PM & home with Dell & Cook. Still too much snow to do anything at traveling. Answered sisters letter. Bought flour, matches & box of pills.

Thursday, Mar 17, 1904 Snowing all day and I went visiting over to Charles Combs, he just came home from Ypsi. Mailed letter to McCall & one to my sister in California. McGraw came with 3 teams, hay & tools, George Paine here. Bought milk again tonight & snow is still falling steady.

Friday, Mar 18, 1904 Went to Milan with Alice & Mrs. Combs in cutter & back, dined @ Hayners. Irv Markham & family have moved into Milan. J. G. West called to see about our potatoes.

Saturday, Mar 19, 1904 Thawing & showering. Down to store on milk wagon. Rec'd 1.00 from Shontz & paid it to Kelsey on debt. Came home in rain & failed to hire team to Whittaker.

Sunday, Mar 20, 1904 At home all day and reading Fenimore Cooper. Snow going off fast, if it could only keep on for one more week. Mrs. Leaser called to buy some milk.

Monday, Mar 21, 1904 Went to store with Laughlin early for some groceries & home again. Howlett boys came to settle & went to Wests & gave note for their indebtedness to me. We turned note to West on our store bill. Snow melting. Wrote Michigan Central for fares.

Tuesday, Mar 22, 1904 Paid J. G. West in full. Down to store & settled in full. Too muddy to do anything & went home for today. Snow going off rapidly. Preparing to move our household goods to Milan soon. Rec'd letter from Bro. O.E.S.

Wednesday, Mar 23, 1904 Ben McGraw & I took load of H.H. goods to Milan & stored them at Irv Markhams & came home intending to go again tomorrow with two more loads if possible. Met Irv on road with cow & calf & load of fodder going into Milan.

Thursday, Mar 24, 1904 McGraw & I off to Milan with second load of H.H. goods. Ed dug out spuds early. Concluded to have folks go at once into town so hired horse & buggy in Milan & came back - when Alice & her mother to same and returned to Milan.

Friday, Mar 25, 1904 Ed & I batching tonight. Moved 3rd load into Milan in the rain & stored it in John Hayner's shed, found Alice & her ma at Hayners. Ed & I got our meals there and went to Irv Markhams to sleep & it rains like the d""l at bedtime.

Saturday, Mar 26, 1904 Snowing this AM. Trying to sell some spuds. Chicago train 4 hours late. Ed Vincent off for Detroit. Alice gave him 6.00 cash & I paid his R.R. fare, 75 cts. We gave him new gold filled watch, chain & charm.

Sunday, Mar 27, 1904 Idle today and it snowed of course. Went down to the R.R. pumping station & visited with the pump man who earns 37.50 per month and boards himself, has been at it only 22 years.

Monday, Mar 28, 1904 Bought suit of clothes & a trunk for 13.75. Sold spuds for 50 cts per bushel to Lane.

Tuesday, Mar 29, 1904 I hired horse & buggy and drove to Mooreville & found Davenport & he paid me 1.75 thence to Charles Combs to dinner, thence to McGraws, traded with him for his bull. Sold it to Charles Combs for 10.00 cash, thence home to Milan, paid Cone 1.50 for livery team.

Wednesday, Mar 30, 1904 Wrote Charles Combs on business, to answer to Chicago later. Overhauling baggage today. Moved what we want to ship into R.R. warehouse today, cost 50 cts, expect to repack tomorrow. Raining tonight & warmer.

Thursday, Mar 31, 1904 Packed singer machine in crate and put in the day packing for the road. We have 5 cases or large boxes besides the (singer) & two trunks in Depot. Will complete our arrangements tomorrow. Bbl of dishes, 4 quick meal, gasoline stove, tank, etc. The Howard gang came in tonight.

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Friday, Apr 1, 1904 Idle all this AM, having nothing to do except loaf around. Ed Howard arrived from Lansing last night and is getting into his new residence in Milan Village. Alice sewing for Mame Hayner, making shirt waste.

Saturday, Apr 2, 1904 Mame & Alice off south & I went north to Ann Arbor, thence to Ypsi on business. 15

cts fare on Electric to Ypsi, 15 cts back to A.A. Depot. Met Combs & he paid me 10.00. R.R. fare to A.A. and return 86 cts. Visited the Court House, the colleges & campus.

Sunday, Apr 3, 1904 Idle today reading spanish history. Mrs. Markham went to Whittaker tonight on train.

Monday, Apr 4, 1904 Making final preparations to leave Michigan soon. Shipped & paid freight to Chicago fare 1.30 cts. by C. M. Delanhan, agent.

Tuesday, Apr 5, 1904 Off for the west from Milan @ 8:35AM for Chicago, fares 11.80, via Adrian & Montpelier, Michigan & Chicago 175 miles west of Montpelier. In Chicago @ 4:30PM, found a room @ Hotel Richmond 1.00. Hunting room on Michigan Ave.

Wednesday, Apr 6, 1904 352 Michigan Ave. & 12th Street, north east corner. Rented room for week, paid 2.50. Went out and bought 1.10 cts worth of groceries and light house keeping, paid 50 cts cartage on trunks from depot to our rooms and are all ok tonight. We have been very busy today, but are located for a week anyhow.

Thursday, Apr 7, 1904 Alice & I running all day, paying car fares also & found nothing to suit us, but chances to spend money on every side. A.C. wrote her sister. I wrote S. 45 Daily News & I wrote Brother O.E.S. tonight.

Friday, Apr 8, 1904 Hunting storage warehouses, put 3 adds in Daily News, cost us 2.10 single insertion, nasty sloppy weather. Line from Dr. Felker on heater & our freight is in Chicago. Took in Ringling Bros. Circus from 7:30 to 11PM, then home to bed, cost us 1.00.

Saturday, Apr 9, 1904 To Kankakee, \$3.40 @ 11:30AM, Alice & I go visiting to see Claude & Lizzie Swain, found them all ok and we have concluded to be here until tomorrow PM.

Sunday, Apr 10, 1904 Spent the day with Bro. A. C. Swain, Supt. Citizens Gas Co., 280 Dearborn Ave., Kankakee Ill. and his wife. @ 4PM we started for Chicago, arriving @ 5:30PM.

Monday, Apr 11, 1904 Off to Wabash freight depot, find our freight only costs 5 cts per day storage, so we will leave it there for the present as it is too wet outside. Called on S. S. Felker & Bro., 95 Randolph St. about heater, called @ Stock Exch. Bldg. to see another party.

Tuesday, Apr 12, 1904 9AM, @ Stock Exch. Bldg. 431. C. S. Bartholf or Mr. Sims. 3PM, see Adam Arthurs, 148 State between Madison & Monroe. Paid him 5.00 to find investors & start a rubber company to be organized later.

Wednesday, Apr 13, 1904 Off to 177 Clifford Ave., found no one at home & came home to dinner.

Thursday, Apr 14, 1904 Off to see the Stock Yards & the killing methods now in vogue @ Swift & Armours. Saw sights today worth seeing.

Friday, Apr 15, 1904 Cold enough for snow. Wrote Mame & Johnny Hayner. Fearfully windy PM, almost impossible to walk the streets, clouds of dust & dirt all over,

Saturday, Apr 16, 1904 Another cold cold day. I went to Dental Parlors of Dr. Charles W. James and had impression taken for new set of upper teeth to cost 2.00, to be ready for use @ 10AM next Monday & paid in advance. After supper wife & I put an add in Sundays Tribune for tomorrows issue, cost 75 cts.

Sunday, Apr 17, 1904 Spent the day indoors except in the PM and evening was out talking of our rubber farm.

Monday, Apr 18, 1904 Called on Dr. James, must call @ 4PM tomorrow again. Hunting investors today. I find crude rubber is worth 107 per pound here. Wrote Don Ysidro Deloya @ San Geronomito Eo Guerrero regarding lands etc.

Tuesday, Apr 19, 1904 Another bitter cold day & I was rustling for my rubber plantation project. Bought 100 lbs coal, 40 cts. Spent this evening over at a Hotel across the ave.

Wednesday, Apr 20, 1904 Another very cold day. Wrote Kankakee - sister. Rec'd new set upper teeth today, costing cash \$2.50.

Thursday, Apr 21, 1904 Our jewelers wholesale. Went to the post office, thence to American Express & to Gordon & Morrison, 199 & 201 Madison St. East Chicago, & back home by 1PM. A miserable cold wet stormy day again.

Friday, Apr 22, 1904 Dark stormy cold & showery all this AM. I went to Tribune Office & back in the rain. "Three Car barn" murderers hanged today, good job.

Saturday, Apr 23, 1904 Went to 510 Jackson Ave. to get whiskey receipt. The pleasantest day this season up to 7PM, when a thunderstorm came along and turned loose, at bedtime it is raining like hell turned loose.

Sunday, Apr 24, 1904 Cloudy & threatening. No indications of sunshine this AM. Rained & blowed all night.

Monday, Apr 25, 1904 Sixty years old today. Rained & blowed all day & I was running all over town most of all day. Alice done Mrs. I. N. Carter's dress.

Tuesday, Apr 26, 1904 Went to Gordon & Morrison & bought some jewelry and came home after looking over W. R. Hurst's plant, the Chicago American. Still cold & windy,

Wednesday, Apr 27, 1904 @ L. N. Hallberg, professor of Pharmacy, 465 State St., Chicago with whom I talked of making soap from cocoa nut oil, also citric acid from limes in sheet lead tanks with lime.

Thursday, Apr 28, 1904 Paid storage on H.H. goods & paid for reshipping to St Louis, \$7.00. Paid 1.00 advance on tickets, balance to be paid tomorrow AM. Took trunks to Union Depot. Adams & Canal St. Ready for tomorrows trip to St Louis, cartage cost me 1.00.

Friday, Apr 29, 1904 Rec'd tickets as per agreement, have rebate of 6.00 in St Louis. 9AM off in Chicago & Alton for St. Louis arriving @ 6PM, roomed @ Russell Hotel 1.00, meals cost 25 cts each and are good enough for us. Saw first peaches in bloom. Romes @ Russell House \$1.00.

Saturday, Apr 30, 1904 Room @ 1106 Armstrong Ave. Moved trunks etc to our new quarters & spent the day in trying to get a position & seeing the town generally. Paid landlady 2.00 on rent. St. Louis Worlds Fair opened today @ midday with grand parade and later on it will be a grand affair, but it will take two months yet to get it in shape.

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Sunday, May 1, 1904 Answered Nr82 Globe Dani?? wants to invest money. There were 235,850 people inside the Worlds Fairgrounds as per tickets sold yesterday PM. Our landlords name is Philip Rinker.

Monday, May 2, 1904 Off to hunt up Theo Salveter, phoned him @ St. Charles, sick. Took cars to St. Charles, found him & had long talk with him & wife, he lives @ 620 Jefferson St., got home @ 7PM.

Tuesday, May 3, 1904 Dr. A. J. Sheffield called & talked of business in Mexico. Later we went to try and get concession to run a booth inside Fair Grounds. Next tried to find Mrs. -----, but failed & came home, must try again tomorrow. Wrote Mrs. Carter for our mail, to Chicago.

Wednesday, May 4, 1904 Hunting work @ car shops. Later A.C. & I met a Mr. Charles Crowley @ 1315 Chestnut St., thence to Mexican Consuls office, R. P. Serrano on business, thence to Fair Grounds and @ 5PM we started for home satisfied.

Thursday, May 5, 1904 Alice & I spent today in the Worlds Fair Grounds, we saw many people from various parts of the earth & we met a young man from Santa Barbara, Honduras, C.A. named Ernesto Pletes, dealer in pure Panama hats.

Friday, May 6, 1904 Showering and sunshine. Alice stayed indoors today while I was on the tramp to find something to do to earn our expenses. Son Alonzo's wife died leaving 4 children.

Saturday, May 7, 1904 Hunted up our H.H. goods @ St Louis Transfer Co., 400 S. Broadway & Spruce street. Called on W. D. Hoeffken @ their laboratory 412 & 414 S. Suchs St. to learn the method of making citric acid from the mexican lime. Alice has two ads in papers, later we went for a car ride.

Sunday, May 8, 1904 Rained all day & we stayed home. Wrote note to O.E.S., answered 3 ads. Dr Sheffield called.

Monday, May 9, 1904 Hunting work, met E. C. Bennett and interested him in Mexican tobacco. A.C. is hustling for work as well as I, but found nothing to suit us today.

Tuesday, May 10, 1904 Off to put ads in Post Dispatch. Spent 55 cts this way today. Had shoes repaired cost 50 cts, car fare 10 cts. PM, try again. Wrote Mrs. C. Ney 270 Mich. Ave., Chicago for information.

Wednesday, May 11, 1904 Tried to find something today, failed to secure what I went after and came in tired & feeling as though I have little chance to get any thing to pay in this city. This summer Alice can find work anywhere.

Thursday, May 12, 1904 Called on Fred Swaine & wife & talked Mexico & then we called on a lady away out in the suburbs. PM, at the Fair 3PM, found Howard S. Reed, our Denver friend in charge of Honduras Exhibit and this was an agreeable surprise, we saw the illumination.

Friday, May 13, 1904 Called on Mr. J. T. Waniger, 418 Bozzone Bldg, 9th & Chestnut, he has a silent clerk.

Saturday, May 14, 1904 Had postal from E. C. Bennett. Wholesale dealer in leaf tobacco. Spent forenoon with him.

Sunday, May 15, 1904 Wrote J.M.W., Phila., 705 Penn Bldg. Stayed indoors today. Reading Sundays Post Dispatch all day, & works on the Phillipines, Cuba & our new possessions. Dr. A. J. Sheffield called, he is working for us.

Monday, May 16, 1904 Showering all day, went to see the Mexican Consul, thence to see the famous Eads Bridge, thence to see the wharfs & river, steamboats & home PM. Wrote Mrs. I. M. Carter, wrote Aduana, Acapulco Mexico, wrote American Consul, Acapulco. Still raining at bedtime.

Tuesday, May 17, 1904 Stormy nasty cloudy & dark cheerless day. Alice out again today, but I am staying indoors. Helped Phil hang a screen door in front hall today. Wrote to F. E. Saunders, Red Bluff.

Wednesday, May 18, 1904 Went to Beers Hotel & missed my man, ate dinner @ restaurant & came home @ 2PM. Found Bro. O. E. Swain had been here & left his card. Went to see E. C. Bennett & he wants me to help him next week.

Thursday, May 19, 1904 O. E. Swain came & spent the day, went to his Hotel about 9 last night. We had dinner and supper together & all had a nice reunion. He wrote 4 letters from here on business and is having a grand time.

Friday, May 20, 1904 Called on William C. Shields (broker), 1101 Century Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Bro. O.E. called today PM & we visited until 9PM.

Saturday, May 21, 1904 Rec'd answer from J. M. Wiley Co., Phila. Called on Mrs. Rodgers for Mrs. Swain. Rec'd letter from Isbell Co., Bankers & Brokers, room 53, No. 4 Sherman St., Chicago. O.E. came spent evening to 9:30, goes east tomorrow @ 8:30AM.

Sunday, May 22, 1904 O.E. off I suppose for Indiana. We met John Heald & wife, he rooms at 2839 Olive St. & we must call on him, an old Californian, he is here to float an invention. Heard of death of Irvin M. Scott of W.I. Works, San Fran., last fall.

Monday, May 23, 1904 Called & left note for Bennett & off down to Post Dispatch Office, mailed letters to Wiley & J.G. west - Stoney Creek & A.C. wrote Ed Vincent and Mrs. Ida Carter, Chicago. A.C. broke my glasses. Bought ice & lemons first time.

Tuesday, May 24, 1904 Wrote G. Deloya @ once after receiving a letter from him on the land proposition. Trying to get in on Dona ----- Wrote Isbell & Co., Brokers, Room 53, No. 4 Sherman St., Chicago. A.C. and I out for a stroll, called on J. H. Heald & wife. Pckg arrived from Isbell & Co.

Wednesday, May 25, 1904 Rec'd letters etc from Fleishman & Co., 1204 Broadway, New York. Also same

from Storey Cotton Co. of Phila. After supper time J. H. Heald & wife called.

Thursday, May 26, 1904 Wrote Storey Cotton Co., Fleishman & Co., Mack Commission Co., Milwaukee Wis. Returned letter to O.E.S. to Phila. c/o Storey Cotton Co. Wife wrote to Mrs. Combs, Ypsi.

Friday, May 27, 1904 Rustling for subscribers to some of my companies. Worlds largest Ferris Wheel is 300 ft high now in operation on Fair Grounds. A.C. & I called on Rodgers, the engineer & family - out. Wrote Fleishman & Co. for a supply of literature.

Saturday, May 28, 1904 Rec'd letter from Storey Cotton Co., very unsatisfactory to me. Went over into Illinois today to East St. Louis on business @ 605 Mo. Ave, no results. Took ad to Post Dispatch for Alice, cost 60 cts.

Sunday, May 29, 1904 A rainy disagreeable day and cloudy muddy streets everywhere. Indoors about all day.

Monday, May 30, 1904 Met Harris on Street Car. We went to see Pope & wife, East St. Louis. Rec'd letters from Storey Cotton Co., Mack Co., Milwaukee & Fleishman & Co. I wrote to National Adv. Bureau, Chicago & to Kuhlman Co., Dept. S, 10 Atlas Blk., Chicago for situation & terms. Later went to Pestalozzi Street to see (2 rooms), thence to Pine St. to see restaurant proposition, nix.

Tuesday, May 31, 1904 Wrote Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport New York for information. Wrote Mexican Magazine Co. @ Box 1012, Los Angeles for Agency enclosing 10 cts. Rec'd letter from J. G. Davies, Juneau, Alaska. Called on E. C. Bennett today, he says come again tomorrow.

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Wednesday, Jun 1, 1904 Rec'd 2 or 3 letters, no good, went to see E. C. Bennett, he failed to make arrangements last night. I went to hunt up transportation to Acapulco on two routes for 2. Also went to hunt up guns etc. Davies of Alaska called, starts for Mexico via Denver to investigate.

Thursday, Jun 2, 1904 I went to see prices on guns & pistols @ Simmons Hardware Co., Broadway & St. Charles St. A.C. & I called on Mrs. Clara Bachelder, 932 La Salle St., out. Rec'd more literature from Fleishman & Co.

Friday, Jun 3, 1904 Called on E. C. Bennett on several occasions, he was out, & it rained & rained off & on most all day and cleared off in the evening. This was Missouri Day & everybody is coming into St. Louis on a one cent fare for ten days.

Saturday, Jun 4, 1904 Rec'd letter from Acapulco, had it translated @ Consuls. Looking up rates to Mexico via New Orleans to Coataqualso & Acapulco via boat.

Sunday, Jun 5, 1904 Called on J. M. Cowan on business. Later took walk through the Lafayette Park and it was full of people.

Monday, Jun 6, 1904 Off down town to put ad in Post Dispatch. Home again in time for dinner. Hunted up two ads for Agents, one is for new style of gas burner & mantel, other was nix. After supper went to call on friends John L. Heald & wife, found them sick with dysentery.

Tuesday, Jun 7, 1904 Called on Ed. C. Bennett and & closed our agreement. They to furnish all the money required to buy products on West Coast and ship same here to Bennett & Co. for disposal, I to have 1/3 (one third) interest in all profits made.

Wednesday, Jun 8, 1904 Liberty Bell here. Called @ J. S. Merrill & Co. Drugs Co. for prices on vanilla camphor, wax and other things. Called on Goodyear R. Co.

Thursday, Jun 9, 1904 Wrote J. M. Cowan, 3017 Eads to invest in Mexico. Took my Guerre Magazine Company ad & letter to Post Office and entered complaint. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. at Washington, answered from the Planters Hotel at once.

Friday, Jun 10, 1904 Alice rec'd letter from J. G. West and forwarded to him her note against Head & Younglove for 48.84, he to send her 35.00 cash for same. I went to Hotel Beers with a letter for the engineer.

Saturday, Jun 11, 1904 Went to Fair & stayed until near midnight in company with a Mr. J. M. Cowan, 3017 Eads Ave., St. Louis. Met Mr. S. F. Richardson, Pres. Tyler Telephone Co. of Tyler Texas.

Sunday, Jun 12, 1904 @ home all day. S. F. Richardson called & spent the day on the subject of rubber culture in Mexico, he is quite ready to know more, says he can see good money in it he thinks.

Monday, Jun 13, 1904 Called on Charles Wagner, he says he can handle the Hoolichooke @ 17,000, sure. Saw John Kirwan of Hotel Beers, he goes to Mazatlan, Mexico with engine. Met Mr. Wyman, Post Master of St. Louis, will see him again.

Tuesday, Jun 14, 1904 Called on Post Master, Wyman, thence to see a friend of his interested in plantation in Oxaca, coffee etc. Had a present from him of a Mexican Herald & Modern Mexico, a magazine.

Wednesday, Jun 15, 1904 Rec'd check from J. G. West, \$35.00, check No. 11, Ypsilanti First National. Called on Mr. Charles Wagner of the Banner Rubber Co., he says go right ahead, he will do as agreed.

Thursday, Jun 16, 1904 Post Master Wyman of St. Louis cashed the J.G.W. check for me today, many thanks. After supper wife & I called on the Cowan folks @ 3017 Eads Ave.

Friday, Jun 17, 1904 Hunting transportation rates to Colorado Springs this AM, wife bought new shoes today, cheap. Wrote O.E.S. in New York. Jolen L. Heald called & spent the evening with us, he is here for business from California.

Saturday, Jun 18, 1904 Thunder showers today & evening. Visited J .L. Heald & wife & he told us his mission to St. Louis, he has a dredger patent.

Sunday, Jun 19, 1904 At home all day. PM, young Cowan came in & talked Mexico & business chances there for a couple of hours.

Monday, Jun 20, 1904 Answer from Howard S. Reed. Off down town & @ noon, rain came on nasty, nasty. Answered four ads in Post Dispatch. Hunting transportation to Colorado, offered 2 tickets @ 12.50 each. Letter from Sister Lizzie Swain, they are @ Hammond, near Chicago.

Tuesday, Jun 21, 1904 Off to see J. L. Heald & wife & called on Frank Swaine & fam, grocery man on Olive St. Off to buy tickets to Colorado, 35.00 cash first class to Colorado Springs. Alice sent papers to Mother. Spent evening @ Healds.

Wednesday, Jun 22, 1904 Off down town to storage house, bought tickets to Kansas City, 11.00, go tonight @ 7:30PM. Mr. Heald & wife parted with us @ depot gate No.6. Passed out via Worlds Fair and run all night to Kansas City @ 8:30AM next morning.

Thursday, Jun 23, 1904 908 Grand Ave., found a front room near post office for tonight & took quite a run hunting for something to do at work, anything I can do. Will try again tomorrow. Found today our trunks did not arrive on our train from St. Louis as we had expected.

Friday, Jun 24, 1904 Hunted up George W. Washington @ Star Paper Mills, he sent me to see H. H. Rodgers, Labor Hdqs., 9th & Central Streets, out. Today our trunks arrived AM. Took look over the flooded district about the Kaw river & stockyards. Tonight we paid rent for one week 2.50.

Saturday, Jun 25, 1904 Found work with a R.R. man, a Mr. Shepherd of Alamogordo, New Mexico, he has wired for transportation to that point - also for J.L.H. to whom I wrote at once. Rooms @ Merchants Hotel 9th & Broadway.

Sunday, Jun 26, 1904 Met Grey of Irapuato today, ha is @ Caretaro now and dealing in fine cattle & horses, buying here and shipping there to his place, so he tells me. Walked up to Merchants H to see shepherd, if orders had come in. Rec'd wire from J.L.H., wrote him to pack up etc. Showed Heald wire to Sheaphers.

Monday, Jun 27, 1904 Wrote J. L. Heald again last night. Letters today, from Vice Consul Dickenson of Acapulco, from G. Deloya @ San Geromimeto, Eo Guerrero, also one from daughter Frankie & one from J. L. Heald, St. Louis. I wrote Postal to Heald in reply. Called on Mexican Consul here.

Tuesday, Jun 28, 1904 O. H. Stevens, broker, 924 Main St. has my gold watch in for 5.00 & interest for 30 days. Sent letter to Adams thanking him for favors rendered, etc. Sent his report to E. C. Bennett in St. Louis, returnable in four or five days. Rec'd wire from J. L. Heald, coming tomorrow early.

Wednesday, Jun 29, 1904 Went to depot, found Heald & we all had breakfast together. Later we called on Mr. Shepherd & he & Heald & I had a talk on future business and transportation, cash, wages & future work. Spent today PM walking & talking with Heald.

Thursday, Jun 30, 1904 Still waiting on transportation & it should be here tonight. Mrs. Shepherd says Mr. S will return tonight to the city & our time to move out is growing short.

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Friday, Jul 1, 1904 Expected transportation today, but it failed to materialize some how.

Saturday, Jul 2, 1904 Still waiting passes. Mr. Shepherd says he don't know why we are being delayed so long. So he wired again today, he gave me 5.00 for Mr. J. L. Heald for expenses and so we can wait a little longer.

Sunday, Jul 3, 1904 Sunday all day and we stayed in doors reading or playing cribbage. PM, rained very hard & during the night. Bought first peaches this evening, small basket 35 cts.

Monday, Jul 4, 1904 Transportation here. Will start tomorrow @ 10AM. So Mr. G. W. Shepherd says, and I am to meet him at his Hotel @ 7AM to make our final arrangements.

Tuesday, Jul 5, 1904 Breakfast @ Merchants Hotel. Up @ 6 and out in the rain to Merchants to meet C. W. Shepherd, the R.R. Co. Agent. Washout ahead, left main line Herrington & struck for Witchetaw (Whicita). Back on main line at Hutchison @ 10PM, have gotten around the washout raining like hell.

Wednesday, Jul 6, 1904 Four hours behind time, passing through that great pan handle of Oklahoma. The country is so bare it makes me ashamed. Dead cattle every where. @ Alamogordo @ 7PM, found Mr. Sullivan & gave him my letter.

Thursday, Jul 7, 1904 Find nice lot of gentleman, they found us quarters for the night @ Company expense, had 3 meals & room & bed. Found rooms, Mrs. Hartley & PM had trunks moved in from depot, cost 1.00. Bought groceries etc. Saw Mr. Dawson & are to commence work tomorrow @ 7AM.

Friday, Jul 8, 1904 Working again. Mr. Heald & I began working for the R.R. Co. @ Alamogordo E.P. & N.E. a part of the R.I. system @ 40 cts per hour as machinists.

Saturday, Jul 9, 1904 Working right along. Met with an accident to my toe. I opened an account with Pierce & Company until next payday on a 20.00 coupon book, payable next payday.

Sunday, Jul 10, 1904 Doctoring my sore foot. Wrote Charles Wagner of 1009 Wash Ave., St. Louis Mo.

Monday, Jul 11, 1904 Working on a locomotive & someone stole my hammer. I have very sore foot. John Heald still on the brass lathe. A.C. bought load of wood. Changed shop boss @ noon, former boss off to work for the Santa Fe R.R. in California. A.C. bought a grocery supply.

Tuesday, Jul 12, 1904 Working on same big 10 wheeler #163. Boiler makers done their repairs today & she would soon go into commission if we could get the work out of the blacksmiths shop.

Wednesday, Jul 13, 1904 At same engine today. Mr. Shepherd & wife are home from Kansas City, they failed to go to St. Louis.

Thursday, Jul 14, 1904 Still on engine work. Rec'd letter from Ed. C. Bennett & one from O.E.S.

Friday, Jul 15, 1904 On crosshead & shoes, a big job of reaming, fitting etc. Answered E. C. Bennett @ St. Louis. Found a Mormon from Cananea, Sonora tonight @ the shop.

Saturday, Jul 16, 1904 On crossheads and brasses & keys.

Sunday, Jul 17, 1904 Resting. At home most of all day. PM, called on friend Shepherd & wife, they were out so we walked over in the park and around up 10th St. & home.

Monday, Jul 18, 1904 Working on brasses & other things today. Rec'd letter from G. Deloya dated June 28th, everything going ok, he is off to Teloloapan. On keys principally today. Two new engines arrived today & I am told 8 more are to be here soon.

Wednesday, Jul 20, 1904 Working on rod keys all day, filing very trying on the arms.

Thursday, Jul 21, 1904 Still on keys today, but am about out of this lot and may have a turn at some thing else tomorrow.

Friday, Jul 22, 1904 Still working along. Today laid out my first keyway piston to crosshead. Wrote O. H. Stevens, Kansas City regarding my watch.

Saturday, Jul 23, 1904 Working on rod connections & had plenty to do.

Sunday, Jul 24, 1904 Wrote Prof. O.E.S. Alameda or Alamogordo, New Mexico. Resting & reading the El Paso papers all day in the house. Mailed O.E.S. letter this evening.

Monday, Jul 25, 1904 Working as usual and on 3 different engines in one day.

Tuesday, Jul 26, 1904 Send to Kansas City for Watch. Working today again on several different jobs, oh such a mix up of work I never saw its equal except in a Cal. regular repair shop. Rec'd letter from Charles Wagner, Rubber Co.

Wednesday, Jul 27, 1904 Same old story, I am still working on odds & ends & putting in full time. Mr. Heald is off the brass lathe and onto cab fitting work, has a bench near mine & is better satisfied.

Thursday, Jul 28, 1904 30 days up on watch. Working on engines No.8 and on No.5 rods. J.L. working on brass & rivets, he let one of his bosses out.

Friday, Jul 29, 1904 On rods of engine 73 & No. 5. Alice was busy all day home hunting.

Saturday, Jul 30, 1904 Working same lines. PM, a Mr. Harris of Tehama Co. called on me & we talked of olden times, he is an engineer.

Sunday, Jul 31, 1904 We took a ride out towards large Presa to see a farm for sale, with a well of water only 120 feet deep, a good place for any good strong woman to earn a living raising water for garden & chickens.

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Monday, Aug 1, 1904 At work on stock keys & brasses. A new round house boss in today & from St. Louis Mo.

Tuesday, Aug 2, 1904 As usual on No. 5 engine, it rained during the night. A.C. drew 26.00 and has gone into furniture business. Sold my trunk for 5.00 to somebody today.

Wednesday, Aug 3, 1904 As usual on No. 5, had a heavy rainstorm this PM and we found the streets flooded as we went home after 6PM. Alice paid for a lot of furniture today & will be house keeping soon I expect.

Thursday, Aug 4, 1904 Working on No. 5 rods. A.C. cleaning her house on 10th St. today. Mr. & Mrs. Heald moved off tonight, over onto 11th Street.

Friday, Aug 5, 1904 Working as usual on engine work generally, raining. Alice moved from the Hartley house into the house where we had bought the furniture on tenth street. Rec'd letter from John A. Cass regarding Poe.

Saturday, Aug 6, 1904 Working on 73 & No. 5 straps, keys set, screws & pins & dowels. Wife has our new

house shining tonight & clean, 26 shifts = \$104.00.

Sunday, Aug 7, 1904 I took some physic last night and today went to the P.O., but found no mail. Bought two papers & came home, laid around there all day feeling quite glum from effects of physic??

Monday, Aug 8, 1904 Worked on No. 5 and PM on 156. Wrote Bro. O.E. tonight.

Tuesday, Aug 9, 1904 As usual on No. 73. After supper called on Frank Mechanic, sick in hospital, ruptured, will be out in a few days.

Wednesday, Aug 10, 1904 Another day on No. 5, reversing lever and reducers (brass) on the pin journals. PM, Charles Shepherd's engine comes round for work on his drivers, as no two of them are of the same size (he says) in spite work of the union.

Thursday, Aug 11, 1904 At work as usual, hunted reach rod for engine 73 until I was tired and gave it up, went back to work at the bench on dowels and other fittings all day.

Friday, Aug 12, 1904 As usual on No. 73. Rec'd first letter from Bro. O. E. Swain.

Saturday, Aug 13, 1904 Still on fittings for eng 73. Mr. Sullivan told me on the street to have Heald write for Jack and family to come at once if he wants steady work.

Sunday, Aug 14, 1904 At home as usual, went down town for papers and letter papers. Mrs. Hartley & Stewart (her son) here to dinner with us. Later wrote O.E.S.

Monday, Aug 15, 1904 Pay day, rec'd 80.00 cash on July work, 20 days.----- house & hospital paid 2.50, furniture bill paid 26.00, store bill paid 20.00, took 31.50 home to wife.

Tuesday, Aug 16, 1904 Our H.H. goods are here. Working on another set of rods for engine 73 and 72, rods are coming in for an overhauling also. Alice is after another house to keep roomers. (will decide tomorrow)

Wednesday, Aug 17, 1904 Went to work sick & put in a miserable day on 73 engine. Wife rented a rooming house near the works with the advice of Supt. Mr. Sullivan from a Mrs. Reynolds to take it Friday next.

Thursday, Aug 18, 1904 On engine 7 & 73. Had a big rain this PM. J.L.H. had his garden plowed & Mrs. Swain will take possession of her rooming house tomorrow.

Friday, Aug 19, 1904 Called on Mrs. Reynolds & we failed to agree on rent of big house. I worked on No. 20 today & had nice chat with Mr. Dawson. The house business is at a stand still. \$30.00 per month is our offer.

Saturday, Aug 20, 1904 Working today on 20. Borrowed 10.00 of Mr. Dawson to send to Kansas City for my watch by express, \$24.00 past weeks wages.

Sunday, Aug 21, 1904 Sent for my watch to Kansas City, bought 3 papers & came home. Later answered G. Deloya at Teloloapan Eo Guerrero. Later took a tramp up into north end of this city & home in time for supper.

Monday, Aug 22, 1904 Working on engine 20, brasses and connections. Mailed letters to Iowa, to Detroit & to G. Deloya in Mexico regarding mules of which we want 300 head.

Tuesday, Aug 23, 1904 Still on engine 20, rods and brasses. Rec'd milk from Majors. Alice forwarded my delayed letter to Bro. O.E.S.

Wednesday, Aug 24, 1904 Same old story on eng 20. Frank Mechanic has fitted brasses on main rod, one side & I expect to fit the other side tomorrow if I get the time. A.C. called on Mrs. Criss B. and also got some medicine at the hospital for me.

Thursday, Aug 25, 1904 Fitted main rod & brasses on No. 20 and am about done on her side rods. Should complete them in the forenoon tomorrow. No. 5 is out & her rods are all ready. A.C. wrote Lupton for books, catalogue etc, etc.

Friday, Aug 26, 1904 Still on No. 20 engine & doing odd jobs of various kinds as they come in. Mr. J. L. Heald on pistons. Great R.R. strike is reported in Mexico Central shops.

Saturday, Aug 27, 1904 On 72 about 3 hours & rest of time on eng 20. Alice went buggy riding out four miles from town. She wants to buy a ranch before she has any money. I tell her to get some money first. \$24.00 due this weeks wages.

Sunday, Aug 28, 1904 Two months on watch. Resting as usual today, bought two news papers, one at each drug store. Met R.R. Supt. Sullivan & the Shops Super and Roundhouse Super, boiler shops Super, and another Super, all of them engaged a residence & lot to be built at once for each.

Monday, Aug 29, 1904 Working on eng 20 & several other jobs. After supper wife & I called upon the Jeffes of the round house. Mr. & Mrs. Cole of San Antonio.

Tuesday, Aug 30, 1904 Still on 20 and the 97, Shepherds engine was completed today and steamed up this PM. Alice engaged another 3 room house today @ 14.00 per month of standard down nearer in town.

Wednesday, Aug 31, 1904 Still on No. 20 brasses. Photographer wants to sell his gallery for \$350.00 and I don't want it @ over \$100.00. There are several cases of small pox in town.

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Thursday, Sep 1, 1904 Still on 20 & 73 keys. Alice is crazy now for a new house to cost about 1,500 and all on credit. She will change her mind about the time she has to sign an agreement etc, etc.

Friday, Sep 2, 1904 On 20 and 73 brasses, dowels, pins etc, etc. this evening got a set of new brass, one side for engine 22, took them to planer for a hurry up job in the morning.

Saturday, Sep 3, 1904 Worked on 3 engines today, besides several cases of dowel pins. Sears slept in the court house jail last night, so I was told.

Sunday, Sep 4, 1904 Bought 2 papers @ corner Drug Store, owe 15 cts. Bought one paper @ other drug store owe 10 cts. PM, wife & I called on Mrs. Cole, thence to the Park, thence to Depot, thence to see Mrs. Pasqus, thence to see the Hart's melons & home.

Monday, Sep 5, 1904 Labor Day. Worked until 3PM and was allowed a full day. I am working now with John L. H. on cab fittings valves, whistles, checks, etc. Frank M. is on the rods today.

Tuesday, Sep 6, 1904 Worked on stock today all day, brasses. Saw today two cylinders on No. 73 fitted with new cast iron linings, 28 inches by 36 inches long. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. regarding business in Mexico, we owe for 15 pints of milk.

Wednesday, Sep 7, 1904 On stock today again & had a mixed lot. Wife moved today into Mrs. Lanflins house @ 12.50 per month, 3 rooms. Express charges for moving our H.H. goods, 1.50 & wood.

Thursday, Sep 8, 1904 Working on brass valves all day today. Alice has our new house all straight tonight. Bought tobacco tonight 5 cts.

Friday, Sep 9, 1904 Working on 104 today. Drew on my work account & paid freight bill @ noon today, on our goods in the depot, \$26.40.

Saturday, Sep 10, 1904 Put in today on 104 & on stock work valves etc. Alice got her freight home from the depot today & unpacked the singer machine, clock, crockery & various other things too numerous to mention. We have pillows tonight, first time in two months.

Sunday, Sep 11, 1904 At home reading the papers from Denver, St. Louis and 2 from El Paso. Alice unpacking her goods & cleaning them up again after their railroading from Milan Michigan. Evening went to depot, met some mining man from above here & had a long talk.

Monday, Sep 12, 1904 Working on valves all day, excepting 2 hours on helping tap cylinder heads on eng 73 for relief valve. Wrote note to Supt. D. Sullivan regarding rebate on H.H goods.

Tuesday, Sep 13, 1904 On brasses again all day. Engine 5 finished and hauled out today. One of our colored men lost some fingers today by accident at the Big Wheel lathe.

Wednesday, Sep 14, 1904 On brass stock. Visited our ramrod today. Rec'd our first paper from St. Louis Mo.

Thursday, Sep 15, 1904 Pay day - 270 hours @ 40cts. On brass stock today, the carpenter putting in new bench drawers for me. Rec'd pay for last month \$108.00 & paid Co. Store 15.00, hospital dues 1.00, borrowed money of Dawson 10.00, 26.00.  
1.00 Ball ticket, 50 cts Mexican celebration.

Friday, Sep 16, 1904 Yesterday Mexico's Independence Day & today President Porferio Diaz birthday. Working today on 22, valves etc. Called on master mechanic Dawson & family tonight, he is recovering.

Saturday, Sep 17, 1904 On engine 22 valves etc. Voted @ primary elections this AM, Democratic all for effect. Supt. Sullivan has an excursion free to Cloud croft.(?)

Sunday, Sep 18, 1904 Two engines with 2 heavily loaded trains of happy scab employees of the El Paso & N.E. Rail Road Co. accept the invitation of an outing @ Cloud croft today, given by Supt. Dan Sullivan, all were happy & sober, no accidents, ok.

Monday, Sep 19, 1904 Worked on engine 22 brasses all day. Our Machines to ball tonight. I wrote a letter for the Times tonight thanking Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan for our trip to Cloud croft & return yesterday.

Tuesday, Sep 20, 1904 The boys had a grand ball last evening & all went merry as a Marriage Ball. I worked on engine 22 again all day.

Wednesday, Sep 21, 1904 Circus arrived @ 7AM. Worked on 22 throttle valve all day and not ground in yet. Went to circus tonight, a good show, cost us 1.50.

Thursday, Sep 22, 1904 At work as usual on 235 and 22 throttle valves. J. Heald on brass lathe. Put a box of H.H. goods & a gasoline stove into Mr. Laughlas store room tonight by moonlight.

Friday, Sep 23, 1904 As usual on 22 & 235. The union strikers here, called on Mr. Eddy & told him their strike was off, he made them no reply. Rec'd 3 papers today from St. Louis Mo.

Saturday, Sep 24, 1904 Worked on 22 today. Mr. Heald on brass lathe & will work tomorrow to please Criss Packison, our shop boss. Rec'd bill for printing from El Paso Times 10.00. 100 lines @ 10 cts per line.

Sunday, Sep 25, 1904 Bought El Paso Sunday Times only to be disappointed as my letter of thanks to Supt. D. Sullivan was not in it, containing an account of our trip to Cloud croft. Wrote El Paso Times to return my manuscript.

Monday, Sep 26, 1904 Working on No. 63 brasses, 2 more new Baldwin Engines came in today for this company. Supt. Master Machinery Dawson was in the shops today. Painters family arrived.

Tuesday, Sep 27, 1904 Working on engine 63 today. Mrs. Tory is quite lonely as he is still away. PM, raining grand. Tonight heard from El Paso Times Co. am -- \$10.00 to it. Raining hard tonight @ 8PM.

Wednesday, Sep 28, 1904 Working on engine 63 today. Raining hard this PM and evening. Wrote A. R. Blankenship for Guinea grass seed.

Thursday, Sep 29, 1904 Still on engine 63 today, it rained all night, everything afloat today. PM, commenced raining again & the streets are running rivers @ 6PM.

Friday, Sep 30, 1904 On engine 63 valves. In the shop they were welding engine frames today, heavy foraging. Hunter lost part of a thumb this PM, washouts on all sides & no mail today, mud & water every place.

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Saturday, Oct 1, 1904 Engine 63 valves done @ noon, on stocks PM. New Baldwin engine No. 266 turned bottom up on Dawson branch. No mail from anywhere.

Sunday, Oct 2, 1904 Went to depot to see Supt. Sullivan about new building, failed to get an audience. Ate

dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Laughlin @ Chinamans. Called @ Coles & we went for a walk.

Monday, Oct 3, 1904 Grand lay off. I worked until noon & was laid out with 159 others for two weeks. PM, called on Supt. Sullivan and asked to know why. Later I was notified to resume my work tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, Oct 4, 1904 Working on stock AM, 104 valve gear PM. John L. Heald on wheel lathe today. PM, wife & the family off to El Paso for a trip. I eat at cafe.

Wednesday, Oct 5, 1904 Working on 104 brasses. Mr. Heald on wheels on 8 hour shifts. Alice still in El Paso, home tomorrow AM. Eat at restaurant for meals.

Thursday, Oct 6, 1904 A.C. home from El Paso. Working on engine 104 valves. Heald on lathe today. Rec'd first mail from east for past week, via El Paso & Texas Pacific, only road open from east.

Friday, Oct 7, 1904 Still on engine 104 valves. A train load of men went north to repair some track & failed to return tonight & it is pouring rain @ 9PM. Streets running full of water.

Saturday, Oct 8, 1904 Raining yet this AM. Went to work, but the shops were full of water & we were ordered home. A train load of men & material were sent up the road to repair. There are two washouts this side of El Paso and @ noon it is still raining and no mail from anywhere. Today wrote Bro. O.E.S.

Sunday, Oct 9, 1904 A train from El Paso today, passengers bound north. Some passengers went to Cloudcroft & back to El Paso tonight. Road north impassable. Mrs. Basque off to El Paso, her son Lee Douglas came home from up the road tonight, has been out 3 days.

Monday, Oct 10, 1904 Working on 104 & PM on engine 4. Lee is boarding with us & we came home to our dinners tonight. No trains from any where today and no mail.

Tuesday, Oct 11, 1904 Worked on engine 4 today, wrote El Paso Times. Rec'd letter from O. E. Swain. Rec'd business offer from A. B. Kuhlman & Co., Dept 8.

Wednesday, Oct 12, 1904 On 104 throttle AM and on 73 valves PM. A.C. rec'd letter from Mrs. Kate Basque & freight bill. Several more helpers laid off tonight. Grand Club meeting tonight, machinist & engineers.

Thursday, Oct 13, 1904 Today on No. 4 safety valves. Rec'd two rocker chairs, bamboo.

Friday, Oct 14, 1904 Worked on stock today. Mrs. Kate Basque home from El Paso. Byron on S.P. running to Lordsburg.

Saturday, Oct 15, 1904 (payday) Rained all night. Worked on brass stock all day today. Gov. Otaro of New Mexico @ Alamogordo for breakfast. Senator Andrews of the Govs. party presented the Club with his check for 1,000 c.o.d.

Sunday, Oct 16, 1904 Went to depot to see Gov. Otaro and saw the gentleman, he is a bright smart nice man. Senator Andrews was with him today.

Monday, Oct 17, 1904 On stock all day & plenty of work in sight.

Tuesday, Oct 18, 1904 Expected pay today, failed. On engine 73, big valves. Rec'd & answered Deloyas letter of Oct. 13th. Expect pay very soon.

Wednesday, Oct 19, 1904 On engine 73 valves. Pay came today @ 4PM & I did not call for mine. Lee & I joined the club tonight. Mrs. Basque off to El Paso @ midnight.

Thursday, Oct 20, 1904 On engine 73, brasses. Rec'd 80.60, 26.40 H.H. goods freight, 1.00 hospital, \$108.00 in full last month. Gave \$1.00 to colored church to furnish seats for congregation. Rock Island bridge passable @ Canadian River tonight.

Friday, Oct 21, 1904 On engine 62 brasses. Rec'd letter from Bro. O. E. Swain, sister Lib is in Chico.

Saturday, Oct 22, 1904 On No. 6 brasses today. No. 73 turned out today, had been in the shop since before the last strike & strikes are a thing of the past at Alamogordo shops. Played cards with Mr. & Mrs. Laughlin tonight until 11PM.

Sunday, Oct 23, 1904 Played cribbage with the champion of the club & beat him 2 straight times.

Monday, Oct 24, 1904 Working on engine No. 6.

Tuesday, Oct 25, 1904 Working on engine No. 6. Burley put Heald off his lathe, back to bench work & J. L. Heald is very angry. All hands back in shops at work today.

Wednesday, Oct 26, 1904 Working on No. 6. J. L. Heald struck & left the shop AM. Gov. Otaró & Sen. Andrews spoke @ Court House.

Thursday, Oct 27, 1904 On engine 63, big valves. J. L. Heald still off work, will be back soon I expect. Some man died @ Gillites this morning with asthma.

Friday, Oct 28, 1904 On engine 63 valves today & Heald is back in the shop to work & Burley is out general again, guess he will soon see himself as others see him. (time will tell)

Saturday, Oct 29, 1904 Worked on 22 brasses & was only in half shift. All hands out until next Tuesday as new lines of shafting must be put in and a larger engine is coming.

Sunday, Oct 30, 1904 Writing Bro. O.E.S. Called on freight agent Hayden and he came over to see the furniture we wish to sell. Snowing today in sight on the Sarmiento range S.E.

Monday, Oct 31, 1904 Wrote to O.E. requesting him to wait until he hears from us again, as we are preparing to travel. Loaned Will Green 5.00 until pay day next.

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Tuesday, Nov 1, 1904 Working again. Everybody working 8 hours. Heald has his lathe again and all are happy. Sold furniture for 55.00, cash on payday to Marshall.

Wednesday, Nov 2, 1904 Working on engine 4 today. Rec'd answer from Hale Bros, Sacramento, California. Rec'd answer from Weinstock & Lubin & Co., Sac City, Cali. Alice sent for patterns to El Paso tonight. Wrote El Paso Times on business.

Thursday, Nov 3, 1904 On engine 4 and engine 166 today. J. L. Heald grinding throttles for engine 4 and 133, also on whistle for 166. The new engine which turned over on the Dawson division, first rip up during the big washouts, she will soon be all ok. Wrote W.F. Agent @ Johannesburg.

Friday, Nov 4, 1904 On brasses of engine 166 today. Hartman has a fire today in the Smithy Dept. Charlie the tool sharpener back from Ill today.

Saturday, Nov 5, 1904 Working on water system big service valves. Jimmy Green & oiler, Spanish Joe fired today. Fire last night @11:40, burned grocery store south of our house.

Sunday, Nov 6, 1904 Fire @ midnight, store completely gutted.

Monday, Nov 7, 1904 Working on water system, valves, gates & checks.

Tuesday, Nov 8, 1904 Election Day. Working changing our benches vises etc., in to more comfortable quarters for the winter. All hands eligible to vote, voted in PM. Democrats thick, Teddy elected.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 1904 Working on water service valves all day. No Democrat on earth, only found one boy & hunted faithfully. A. C. Swain sold out H.H. goods for \$55.00, due next pay day.

Thursday, Nov 10, 1904 On engine 22 today. Grand Dance - Club in K.P. Hall and all the Club & their wives and the citizen all enjoying the Clubs dance.

Friday, Nov 11, 1904 12 inches snow @ Cloudcroft. On engine 7 & 22, brasses. Went to Auditors Office after our rebate, find it about four dollars, will get it directly. Water in our hydrant frozen solid last night.

Saturday, Nov 12, 1904 On engine 22, brasses, all hands kicking about only working 8 hrs.

Sunday, Nov 13, 1904 No entry

Monday, Nov 14, 1904 On engine 22 today. Frank Mechanic is off for Chicago in the morning, after a 6 months work here.

Tuesday, Nov 15, 1904 Pay day, minus pay. On engine 22 today. Jack Sears back and on a lathe. Bert Williams (bitchdog) off for California (bored) via express to his mistress in Beaumont.

Wednesday, Nov 16, 1904 On engine 153 today, putting up stove in our air room today to keep out the cold. This weather is ok, only a faint sign of snow on the Sacto. range east of town tonight.

Thursday, Nov 17, 1904 17th into \$18.00 house. On engine 173, valves. Rec'd pay for last month, \$74.20, dues hospital 1.00, Oct wages \$75.20, paid club dues 4.00, sold H.H. goods 55.00 to Marshall, rec'd today \$130.20 minus 4.00 cash balance 126.20.

Friday, Nov 18, 1904 Owe 4.03 1/2 rent, 1.25 cash paid, owe 2.78 rent. Working on engine 173 & worked 1 hour overtime.

Saturday, Nov 19, 1904 On engine 173 AM. Works closed PM on account of death of Chief Clerks wife, Mrs. Beasley, funeral this PM. Deposited in bank \$175.00 for safety, until later.

Sunday, Nov 20, 1904 Resting today. Reading the newspapers @ Alamogordo Club. @ Supt Sullivans, request engineers call meeting @ 2PM, lasting until 7PM. From El Paso to Chicago in 104 hours with California orange trains is the question, can it be done, some say yes, some say no.

Monday, Nov 21, 1904 On engines 22 & 137. PM, some of the Rock Island R.R. folks are here looking over shops. Wrote Mrs. Stevens, Beaumont Hotel El Paso for information.

Tuesday, Nov 22, 1904 As usual on valves. Had new shelving put up over our bench.

Wednesday, Nov 23, 1904 On valves as usual. Had another shelf put over our bench today, a good job. Took a 4 in gate valve into store room PM.

Thursday, Nov 24, 1904 Thanksgiving Day. Worked all day & made money while others made turkey dinners suffer.

Friday, Nov 25, 1904 On engines 15 & 22. Rec'd a lot of valves from store room to fix. Byron Basone here from El Paso to supper. Rec'd letter from J.M. Stephens regarding Gold Fields in Nevada.

Saturday, Nov 26, 1904 On water valves today, all day. Helping set up new stove & connecting stove pipe all complete late this PM in our shop, our room.

Sunday, Nov 27, 1904 Wm. R. Caldwell visiting today, also Eli Jow.

Monday, Nov 28, 1904 Working on valves as usual, will have a system of electric lights in our quarters, tomorrow ok. Laughlin rec'd paper from the Gold fields today.

Tuesday, Nov 29, 1904 On engine 173 AM, and on stock all PM. Rec'd letter from Don Ysefro Deloya, Acapulco Mexico, answered.

Wednesday, Nov 30, 1904 On valves etc, etc, etc. Fitting out engine 104. J. L. Heald is sinking a well on his homestead 3 1/2 miles north of town, expects to sink 100 feet, cost 1.00 per ft.

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Thursday, Dec 1, 1904 Still on valves etc. Our club has moved into the New Bank Bldg., corner N.W. Ave. & 10th St. Don Porferio Diaz inaugurated 7th term, President of Republic of Mexico.

Friday, Dec 2, 1904 On engine 27 & stock. News: A 3060 pound steer on exhibition in Chicago at the stock yards, 5 yrs old.

Saturday, Dec 3, 1904 Working on engine 21 valves. Shops closed completely all day tomorrow.

Sunday, Dec 4, 1904 Snowed all night & still snowing at noon. 3PM, still snowing. 5:30PM, still snowing with indications of an all night snow.

Monday, Dec 5, 1904 Snow everywhere. Dark & threatening all day, but sun shine after 4PM. Working on engine valves, 153 stripping her cab today. Only one boiler in service, using a loco 130 to help supply steam for shop.

Tuesday, Dec 6, 1904 Working as usual on brasses.

Wednesday, Dec 7, 1904 Working on brasses as usual. Wrote Post Master, Ivanpah, Nevada. Alice wrote Shell Cover & to Ceil Garrett, to Irene Young, Milan.

Thursday, Dec 8, 1904 Snow disappearing. Still at it as usual. @ club meeting last evening, it was voted to have a Grand Concert & Dance on 31st Dec. to see the old year out, tickets 1.00 per couple.

Friday, Dec 9, 1904 Working as usual on engine fittings. Wrote to Post Master @ Amargosa, Esmerilda Co. Nevada for information. 18 on the 20 new engines out at work today.

Saturday, Dec 10, 1904 As usual on valves. Subscribed for E.P. news, delivered 65 cents one month. Played high 5 @ lanes until 9PM.

Sunday, Dec 11, 1904 Worked 2 hours and turned in my check under orders of Criss. Went to visit D. Sullivan in his office & home to change clothes & shave. Rec'd rebate voucher 4.93, owe Laughlin 2.00 cash.

Monday, Dec 12, 1904 10 hours today, \$4.00 on throttle & valves. Original Georgia Minister in town, cost me 2.00. Rec'd my rebate voucher for 4.93, from El Paso News.

Wednesday, Dec 14, 1904 Letter from Don Y. Deloya. At work as usual & all is lovely, 10 hours equals 4.00.

Thursday, Dec 15, 1904 Working as usual & getting along ok. Mr. Frank Rollins the Druggist of Alamogordo gave us a nice puppy.

Friday, Dec 16, 1904 Working as usual, Burley & son gone to El Paso, I hear & hope they stay gone.

Saturday, Dec 17, 1904 Rec'd \$85.00 pay. Paid for last months & won one dollar on a bet from John L. H. on our wages. \$225.00 in bank. Peace reigns during the absence of Burley, hope he stays away. Paid bills to date.

Sunday, Dec 18, 1904 Idle all day, we were strolling after cheaper quarters. Visited the ice man & family this evening. Rec'd letter from the Coverts in Merced.

Monday, Dec 19, 1904 Working on stock today. Turned out some work for engine 15. A.C. changed quarters. J. L. Heald had some fits over a key and I gave it back to him, poor old simpleton.

Tuesday, Dec 20, 1904 A.C. bought a stove & 4 chairs for cash 5.00.

Wednesday, Dec 21, 1904 On throttles valves of 105, the old Shay engine. Burley's name is mud. J. L. Heald is dumb, still sinking money in a dry hole, 110 feet deep & still going down @ 1.00 per foot, good investment.

Thursday, Dec 22, 1904 On engine 59 & 21 today. J. L. Heald ordered into Round House by Dawson to take charge of the fitting up of engine 105, the Shag a 3 cylinder spur geared logging affair.

Friday, Dec 23, 1904 Working on 104 today, on new valves etc. A.C. and Mrs. Laughlin buying hens today for holiday dinners, @ 50 cts a piece.

Saturday, Dec 24, 1904 Worked as usual. Had a Christmas tree at the Club and a grand time generally. Alice had letter from Naine.(?)

Sunday, Dec 25, 1904 Worked 3 hours on 22, changed injector etc. PM, went to Hospital for medicine for torpid liver.

Monday, Dec 26, 1904 Snow covers the earth. Worked 1/2 day, went home about sick. Laid in bed PM.

Tuesday, Dec 27, 1904 Working as usual. Rec'd letters & papers from Goldfield, Nevada. Rec'd letter from Ysidro Deloya from La Union.

Wednesday, Dec 28, 1904 Worked on engine throttle 21 and 3, pop valves for engine 151. Went to Club meeting & gave Supt. Sullivan some samples & papers for inspection from Nevada.

Thursday, Dec 29, 1904 On engine 21, valves today. J. L. Heald is recovering speech today, first word since I won his dollar last pay day, simple old man.

Friday, Dec 30, 1904 Engine 21 today, beside several odd jobs. Big blowout at Club tomorrow night. 250 El Paso answer coming on special tomorrow, free. K.P. hall as well as Club hall to be used for dancing.

Saturday, Dec 31, 1904 Still working as usual until 4PM, went out as one member of special committee to receive El Paso delegation. Attended all the festivity and had a grand time.

End of entries for 1904, the following are notes taken from the back of his diary.

Sunday, Jan 1st. Resting today indoors, most all day, reading. PM, mailed Coverts letter tonight.

2nd Monday - Working as usual on engine 22 & 63. A Club social tonight. A wreck reported @ Canadian River last night, Golden West Limited engineer and others killed.

3rd, Tuesday, 1905 Worked on 21.

Wrote Ivanpah and Johannesburg for information.

Frank Mechanic, 644 W. North Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Engineering from 1873 to 1885: John H. Halenback 1873, Gen. John Bidwell 1874, Gen. John Bidwell 1875, Ben Blevin & D. Revis 1876, Jas. Moorehead 1876, Thos. Bailey 1877, Thos. Bailey 1878, Isaas Bayles 1879, Eppinger & Co 1080, Eppinger & Co 1881, J. L. Heald 1882, Dr. Hugh Glenn 1882, Chas. Harvey fall 1883, R. S. Deering 1884, Joe Cone, fall 1884, J. L. St. John 1885.

I worked for Rusby & Merry in Chico Iron Works 1873,74,75 before and after harvest. For A. C. Swain on engine & boiler work in 81 & 82, in Willows Foundry, spring of 84, & 1885.

One Year - 1886: Chief Engineer, Mineral Slide Mine, a Boston Co., Chief Engineer for Haywood & Hobart @ Josephine & Surprize Mine, Fresno Co., California. Two years 1887 and 1888, thence to Union Iron Works on construction & erection. 1889 until I asked for my discharge and Letter of Recommendation, which I rec'd from the Union Iron Works, President I. M. Scott in July 1891 when I & wife started for Mexico via Salt Lake City.

(The Gulf Stream) known to be 4212 miles long, Tindhholm the place where it spreads out into the North Sea and loses its self & its warm temperature by which it has been traced from the Florida Keys, N.E. across the Atlantic.

Ferris Wheel, 265 feet high

axle weighs 72 tons, 36 cars for 60 passengers each.

Dr. A. J. Sheffield, 1038 N. Leffingwell Ave., St. Louis Mo.

W. S. Felker has grand boiler 10 inch tubes, tubular for warming hotels or big buildings. Cheap as to fuel consumption, claims 1/2 quantity of anything heated.

Anthony Smith, 2700 State St. c/o Bob Mott.

Whiskey Receipt, 510 Jackson Ave., Chicago, cost 25.00 cash.

American Consul; George W. Dickenson vice George H. Maxwell, Acapulco.

Biggest Ranch: N.W. Texas, 200 miles long by 25 miles wide, 5000 sq miles. Covers 9 counties has 1500 miles of wire fence hog tight.

J. G. Davies of Juneau, Alaska called this PM, he is off for Denver & Hermosilla tomorrow to look for mines & a place to settle his family for their health. He took a black sample to assay when he reaches Denver & will write on the results later.

John L. Heald & family, 2839 Olice St., St. Louis Mo.

A. R. Blankenship, Hotel Gwardiola, Mexico.

Notes taken from "cash account - August": El Paso & N.E. R.R. Alamogordo, 15th payday, rec'd 80.00 on July work in R.R. shops. Alamogordo, New Mexico @ .40 cents per hour, machinist. 20th, borrowed 10.00 of Mr. Dawson and sent by Wells Fargo Express agent to Kansas City for my gold Watch.

We have a freight bill to pay here of 26.00 on our H.H. goods, now in the depot.

Should have 58.00 due for labor on the last day of Aug.

Red Barn paid, 1.50, Hospital tax 1.00, furniture bill 26.00, Co. Store bill 20.00, rent to Mrs. Hartley 12.50, rent to Mrs. Reynolds 12.00, Water Co. Bill 1.25, butcher bill 5.00.

J.S. Merrill Drug Co., 4th & Market St. Louis, quotes Camphor @ 60 cents, bees wax @ 40 cents, vanilla beans 15.00 per lb, crude rubber @ 65 cents.

Called @ Goodyear Rubber Co. office 4th Street. Met a Mr. Charles Wagner, 1009 Washington Ave. in office for Rubber Co, of St Louis for salary, who faithfully agrees to sell the Hoolie Chookie Hacienda for \$17,000 Gold inside of six months after he knows I have the option.

Carbon by sulfide, write Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, Howard S. Reed.

2 greatest cash order houses in America, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago. Carrying stocks of everything mentionable. Cash with order and change returned to the last cent by postal or express money order.

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