

Jethro Mitchell Swain



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Personal diary from 1905

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Notes taken from front of his diary:

Alamogordo, N. Mex., J.M. Swain's Diary. Arrived Johnnie, Nevada¹ Feb 27, 1905. My name is J.M. Swain, my address is Tehama Co., Cali., in case of accident or serious illness please notify Bro O.E. Swain, Laurel St., Alameda California. Hunting case gold, boss filled. The number on the case of my watch is 6041538, the number of the works is 7959253, 17 jewel. My weight 156 on Jan 1905 and my height five feet 11 1/2 inches, size of hat 7 1/8, collar 16 1/2, shoes 9.

Sunday, Jan 1, 1905 Resting & reading today. PM, mailed Covert's letter to Merced.

Monday, Jan 2, 1905 Working as usual again on eng 22 & 63, fittings. @ Club social tonight. Port Arthur surrendered. Wreck reported at Canadian River, several hurt, our wrecking train sent off on the fly. Golden West limited & a freight.

Tuesday, Jan 3, 1905 Working on eng 21. Wrote Ivanpah & Johannesburg for general information regarding best route into Amargosa, new camp.

Wednesday, Jan 4, 1905 Working as usual. Port Arthur surrendered, 25,000 soldiers and 10,000 citizens, 20,000 convalescents & wounded in hospitals.

Thursday, Jan 5, 1905 Working as usual. The Rollins Bros father & sister arrived from Michigan on a visit. Alice sold her stove & four chairs for 7.00 cash, preparing for S.W. Nevada trip.

Friday, Jan 6, 1905 Working as usual on engine fitting valves & valve stems. We went to see the Goldfields of Nevada this spring, then we shall go back into old Mexico for life.²

Saturday, Jan 7, 1905 Working as usual on valves & brasses. Expect next Saturday to be my last shift in E.P. & N.E. R.R. shops.

Sunday, Jan 8, 1905 Idle about town & at the Club. Wrote Republic Bureau for information, Wyatt Bldg, 14th & F St., Wash D.C. on Panama Canal. Hunting up boxes for freighting our goods out of New Mexico soon.

Monday, Jan 9, 1905 Working as usual & walked home in the rain & mud. Town election for a Justice & Constable. Rained all night.

Tuesday, Jan 10, 1905 Mud & slush, awful traveling. Working as usual and our shop and benches & floor is a sight to see, the rain comes in through the roof, everywhere.

Wednesday, Jan 11, 1905 Mud, mud & mud. Sunshine this AM and tonight cloudy and warm. Working on 52 valves & for 105. Our shop floor all slush water and mud.

Thursday, Jan 12, 1905 Working as usual on valves & brasses. Rec'd receipt for P. O. Box rent 75 cts, pd by friend Rollins. Engine 20 ditched near El Paso.

Friday, Jan 13, 1905 On engine 105 valves & half dozen odd jobs.

Saturday, Jan 14, 1905 On engines, 3 different ones today & last 2 pops for eng 104. No pay until Monday.

Sunday, Jan 15, 1905 Idle about town & at the Club rooms. See in Denver Paper that the W P. for

¹ Johnnie, NV is now a ghost town.

² He never made it back to Mexico, where he had lived during for several years. He died in 1917 in La Jolla, CA.

\$8,000,000. The Denver, Salt Lake & Los Angeles.

Monday, Jan 16, 1905 Worked on engs 105 & 2. Tory & wife off on a 2 months trip. I see in Denver News Dave Moffitt denies any intention of selling his new road to anybody. Grand Show in town tonight.

Tuesday, Jan 17, 1905 Working on 105 engine, also on eng 153 valves. Young Burleigh fired and another machinist Burleigh owes me 5.00 borrowed money which I am destined to lose. J.L. Heald coming to again.

Wednesday, Jan 18, 1905 Working on eng 153 valves & several odd jobs. Young Burl leaves for the east @ 10:45 tonight, he owes every body and is in trouble, sure.

Thursday, Jan 19, 1905 Working as usual. J.L. Heald out, sick. Supt Sullivan out sick with sore eyes.

Friday, Jan 20, 1905 Rec'd pay today, 104.00. Working as usual.

Saturday, Jan 21, 1905 Worked until noon & quit. Paid bills and hunted up Supt Sullivan and he started machinery to get us passes to Nevada and return. Played poker @ Simon Laughlins till midnight

Sunday, Jan 22, 1905 I, went to shops and gave keys etc to Cris P., gave him & H. Alwell each a gold specimen. Later @ Paskerson & D. Sullivans calling.

Monday, Jan 23, 1905 Must wait four days for passes so Mr Sullivan tells us. Went back to work as usual until passes arrive. On eng 105 & 21. Using J.L. Healds drawer today.

Tuesday, Jan 24, 1905 Working on 105 & 21 today. Dr R.C. Coy of ,A. Call, J. MacKenzie & W. Shibliger killed by Gaquis, C.E. Tolerton and H.L. Miller and one other got away. St. Petersburg Russia in revolution riot & blood.

Wednesday, Jan 25, 1905 Worked on 105 & 21. Mr D. Sullivan came in to shop today, says his eye is improved & will soon be OK.

Thursday, Jan 26, 1905 Working as usual on engs 105 and 21 & 153. Saw Sullivan & his eyes are improving. A.C. preparing to move out for new pastures very soon.

Friday, Jan 27, 1905 Working my last shift on engine 105, 153 & 22 & AM out, satisfied, will settle up tomorrow. Rec'd letter from A, Woods PM @ Ivanpah.

Saturday, Jan 28, 1905 Went to office, rec'd my pay, bal due 89.00, 1.00 off for hospital. Went to Bank and drew out \$225.00 and was busy packing & getting ready to travel. Cards tonight @ Laughlins.

Sunday, Jan 29, 1905 Idle at home & waiting for return of Sullivan & Dawson from Delhart Texas. we dined with Mr & Mrs J.S. Irwin. Called on Andy O. Neal.

Monday, Jan 30, 1905 Rec'd transportation rates etc, to Los Angeles, shipped freight in advance to El Paso, rec'd letter from Supts Dawson & shop boss Cris Paskerson, pd all bills & spent evening @ Beebees playing high five. Last spike driven on Salt Lake & Los Angeles R.R.

Tuesday, Jan 31, 1905 Up @ 2:30AM and off for El Paso in El Paso @ 7AM, stopping @ Beaumont Hotel. Changed quarters over with Mrs Byron Basque, pricing furniture today, expect to purchase some tomorrow and ship it to Ivanpah.

Wednesday, Feb 1, 1905 Bought brace & set of bits & a 50 ft tape \$4.25 @ Springers, bought 6 upholstered cots @ 16.50, 6 3/4 springs @ 18.00 & 6 3/4 cotton mattresses 21.60, total \$56.10. Byron Bascue at home.

Thursday, Feb 2, 1905 Pd Calisher \$49.29, pd Springer 59.10, Lawrence 2.25 & gasoline stove 2.75.

Friday, Feb 3, 1905 Excess 1/2d on H.H. G. 65 cts, cartage to S.F. Depot 1.00. Freight to Ivanpah via Santa Fe \$2.05.

Saturday, Feb 4, 1905 Downtown with Byron to price pool tables & cigar show cases. Raining plenty today.

PM, bought 2 planes 300, another bolt of 11 oz duck 50 yds for \$10.00 & box of thread 60 cts beside some tin ware. Byron out again @ noon.

Sunday, Feb 5, 1905 Preparing to travel tonight. Took last bundle to Depot & bought tickets to Ivanpah, cost us \$54.50 cash. Byron Bascue home @ 4PM from Lords burg. We leave for Alburkirke (sic) @ 9:15 tonight via Santa Fe.

Monday, Feb 6, 1905 All night on Santa Fe train, @ Alburkirke @ 7AM, snowing this morning & quite cold. Must wait here until 8:30PM for west bound train. Left Albuquerque @ 11:30 for Ivanpah Cali, ground white with snow.

Tuesday, Feb 7, 1905 Ran all night across N.M. into Arizona @ Navajo @ 6AM, thence across good grass country to Winslow, end of division, thence into Flagstaff @ 2PM. @;30 off again for Ash Fork, dined there & off for the Needles. Snow everywhere in sight. @ Goff Junction @ 4AM.

Wednesday, Feb 8, 1905 Goff Junction train starts for Ivanpah @ 8:30AM. We hope to see Ivanpah today. Shall breakfast here, OK. @ Manuel (?) 29 miles away from Goff we saw a big automobile @ the Searchlight Stage office. @ 11AM off for Ivanpah again. Rented a tent @ 1.00 per day and wait freight from El Paso.

Thursday, Feb 9, 1905 @ Ivanpah, waiting for our freight to arrive. Train arrived very drunk, stage went out very drunk, train went back drunk, china man damned drunk, we are safely domiciled & strictly sober.

Friday, Feb 10, 1905 I lost a day somehow and yesterdays drunken record should have been here. Could I have been drunk also.

Saturday, Feb 11, 1905 Very quite in Ivanpah, no train today. Figured out lumber bills for two tents. Make it 1000 feet. A.C. wrote her mother.

Sunday, Feb 12, 1905 A fearful cold wind blowing today @ Ivanpah. Ice froze on water tubs 1/2 inch thick. Woods team got in tonight from the Tam O'Shanter mine, driver almost frozen.

Monday, Feb 13, 1905 Met a Mr L.A. Burton of Los Angeles from Gold Center who gave me letter of introduction to some of his people there. Sent by stage driver to see if we can get bill of lumber from Mr White @ Good Springs.

Tuesday, Feb 14, 1905 Two big teams came in tonight from Las Vegas, time on road 2 1/2 days, they go to Manvel to load for Bull frog.

Wednesday, Feb 15, 1905 Gave bill for lumber & 40.00 cash to two teamsters who go to Manvil tomorrow to load for Bullfrog district. They will return with our lumber

Thursday, Feb 16, 1905 Raining all night. Wrote Bailey Agt at Manvel for Santa Fe system. Scott Taylor took assayer Morse up to their mine to do some assaying.

Friday, Feb 17, 1905 Wait & Ball, teamsters off for Manvel for our lumber & other freight. Sent our shipping receipts to G.A Baeley, freight agent @ Manvel for R.R. Co, Wrote him to let Wright & Ball have our freight if it had arrived from El Paso, otherwise return bills here.

Saturday, Feb 18, 1905 An awful dull day, nobody in sight. I am half sick with a cold in my head. Alice sewing on her tent covering 14x16 ft., has top sewed in two sections another seam & it is completed.

Sunday, Feb 19, 1905 Sick with severe cold all day. Mr Scott Tabor called Grand Rapids Michigan. Mr Wm Stine of Willow Creek, Siskiu (sic) Co., Cali. called and spent this evening.

Monday, Feb 20, 1905 No news from our freight. Mr Woods the proprietor came in from Los Angeles today. J.C. Shields first store keeper in Beatty passed out. Mrs Riggs of Soso or Soda Springs mine here overnight en rout home.

Tuesday, Feb 21, 1905 A lot of teams and travelers here tonight. Teamster Wm Ball is here tonight with our lumber & freight OK. We will pull out for the north tomorrow.

Wednesday, Feb 22, 1905 Loaded & off @ 10:30AM, cabin rent cost 12.00, camped east side Lake Camp Roach 4.5 miles dist. Showered most all PM & quit after 9PM, we slept OK.

Thursday, Feb 23, 1905 @ camp Roach, bought some canned goods & moved on into Clark. S W covered with snow, crossing state line. @ Camp Roach we rec'd first letter from Laughlin @ Alamo Camped very late @ a salty well very deep, 12 miles from Camp Roach.

Friday, Feb 24, 1905 Off from first well @ 8AM, heading nw @ Sandy @ 12:15 noon. Bought some food & had a chat with Mr McClannahan J.C., he advised us to go to Johnny & unload. Drove out 8 miles to a dry camp & well.

Saturday, Feb 25, 1904 Off @ 6:45 from well camp pulling next into Stump Springs. Saw a Mr Cummings with a nice burro train going to Bull Frog Dist to prospect. @ 1PM pulled ahead until sundown & camped on the desert, no wood.

Sunday, Feb 26, 1905 @ Whites @ Manse @ 10, thence on to Pahrum (sic) (Pahrum) @ 12, found here a lovely spot, fruit, vines, palms etc. Went past Indian town & made camp in the desert again about 7 miles before reaching our destination.

Monday, Feb 27, 1905 Off for Johnny, new town, original name Augwa (sic) Dulcy. Met some prospectors from Bull Frog who say it is all taken. Johnny @ noon, went to see Geo Moser who told me where to unload, on one two lots and we unloaded all OK.

Tuesday, Feb 28, 1905 Raining steady all AM. Wm Ball the tramster off for Beatty, pd him 20.00 on acct, bal due 110.00 payable upon his return. Commenced sawing out our house lumber. Died, Calvin E. Reed, 1421 Pearl St., Denver, bro to Howard S. Reed of Honduras, our friend.

Wednesday, May 1, 1905 Worked on new home, but it goes slow as we are foot sore & lame, Rec'd bill store 2.20. Mrs Beaugard & we went up to old Chispa & brought

Thursday, Mar 2, 1905 Went & got a wheelbarrow to use this morning & am cutting out rafters. Showering all along the range east of us and quite threatening, very unsettled weather.

Friday, Mar 3, 1905 Mr. Buzzard & party put up their tent & are going to stay for a rest. Wife & Mrs Beaugard off hunting float. I am cutting rafters. PM, got out our Singer Machine & begun work sewing ducking, rain came on, we quit.

Saturday, Mar 4, 1905 Sent to Johnnie for Bill of grocery, \$10.00 by Mr Clark. Put roof on our first house today & moved in all our goods except one big & heavy box. So again we have a house of our own

Sunday, Mar 5, 1905 Have new table & bench in our new house today. Mr Geo Moser, Mr McClannahan & Smith called on us this PM. They are down from the Johnnie mine N.E. from here. Wrote Brown Gosner & Co @ Manuel for stock of bottle & case goods.

Monday, Mar 6, 1905 Wrote Simon Laughlin @ Alamogordo N. Mex. McClannahan passed towards Sandy. Mrs B. & S. found a mine today. Wm Ball came in from Beatty this forenoon. I went to see Geo Moser @ the mine, bought some stores & home again @ 5PM.

Tuesday, Mar 7, 1905 Gave Wm Ball a letter to McClannahan & a note for 110.00 pay able in 3 months from date. I asked McC to sign with me for that amount. Mrs Beaugard & Mrs Swain out on their Bonanza Queen. Mr Beaugard & teams in.

Wednesday, Mar 8, 1905 Mrs Beaugard & Swain & I & two boys went to sample the Bonanza Queens. We bought many samples & sampled them all and every sample shows up gold. Sent to store for & got them, cost 2.70.

Thursday, Mar 9, 1905 A.C. and I measuring ground & place:in of end & corner monuments on the B. Queens, No 1 correctly. Whites team today in with timber & lumber for the Johnnie Mine. We have a water closet.

Friday, Mar 10, 1905 Beauregards team & Whites off and gone for freight. Mr B. & wife & son John & wife & I off sampling on Bonanza Queen No 1. We are sampling float and dirt with mortar & pan in order to find the best place for sinking a shaft.

Saturday, Mar 11, 1905 More prospectors arrive from Death Valley and more from other points. I commenced big tent today, wind & cold rain stopped me early in PM. Mail came in tonight as usual from Mantsa, no news for us.

Sunday, Mar 12, 1905 The nastiest day we have seen in Johnnie, between heavy rain & hard winds for the past 36 hours it has been a fright The prospects now are for a rainy night.

Monday, Mar 13, 1905 Rained & howled & blowed great guns all night & is still coming down @ noon, our camp is all OK, but others in this burg are wet as drowned rats. Clark went out for feed for his mules & we sent to store for coffee.

Tuesday, Mar 14, 1905 Off to Johnnie Mine to see Mr Edwin Wm and his mines. The Beauregards opening up the new road today and are pleased with some things they learned today. Alice fitting up our house & unpacked our box of our effects.

Wednesday, Mar 15, 1905 Beauregards working on the road and I am on our largest house working on foundation, want to put it up quick & get to prospecting on the Bonanza Queens the women found some grand prospects today.

Thursday, Mar 16, 1905 Stormed all night & today. We saw in Denver Post of 28th Feb, death of friend Calvin E. Reed, bro of Howard S. Reed our Banana King of Honduras, sons of Isaac N and Cynthia J. Reed of 1421 Pearl St., Denver, also notice death of Mrs Senator Stanford, nee Lathrop at Honolulu, by poison.

Friday, Mar 17, 1905 Worked all day alone tearing down shack & getting some wire for a corral and garden spot. The Beauregards on the Bonanza Queens hunting for ore shack. Raining like hell again.

Saturday, Mar 18, 1905 Working on old shack AM, pulling nails. Rec'd a jolt from Manvel R.R. Agt, Mr G.A.- Bailey sho wants \$4.69 bal due, I think nit. Wrote him. my ideas.

Sunday, Mar 19, 1905 Helping mend broken wagon tongue for some Arizona men going to Bullfrog, 5 mules & a saddle horse, 3 men, they pulled out @ 2PM. Rec'd answer from Brown, Gosing Co @ Manvel on business.

Monday, Mar 20, 1905 Stage from Johnnie mine had his horses shod here today. I cut rafters all for our bunk house and PM went to get some stuff at an old shack to fix up a hen coop.

Tuesday, Mar 21, 1905 Dave Clancy milling again all night @ 3:20AM, Charlie started west over the point. Mining Engs Carlson & two others camped here for dinner, Wife gave C sample to assay. Saw Charlies rich ore samples. Johnnie driver brung me fig sprouts Stage driver gave me an as ??

Wednesday, Mar 22, 1905 I went down in the Chispa mine alone and all through it, investigating it has been worked pretty well so far as I could see & there is quite a lot left. Beauregards tram arrived tonight with heavy loads. I was prospecting today.

Thursday, Mar 23, 1905 Sent order to store @ Johnnie mine for a bill of groceries by Mr Beauregard & son. John B. and I watching certain party after a caches of gold ore he got it all. About dark our groceries came via B. & son.

Friday, Mar 24, 1905 John B. & I hauled some fencing wire etc for garden. Will put it up soon & begin gardening. Beauregard & his son off after freight again. PM, went onto B. Queen & later over the hill on a prospecting trip. Saw a big jack rabbit.

Saturday, Mar 25, 1905 I worked all day on the garden spot setting posts for new wire fence. Mr Miller passed with load of lumber for new house at his new station. Rec'd letter from Laughlins, Whites team in with lumber.

Sunday, Mar 26, 1905 In house all day building a door in AM. Wife off locating claims & beat the cinch today. I wrote answer to letter from Simon Laughlin. Friend McAvoy here from Ivanpah.

Monday, Mar 27, 1905 Wrote Carnahan @ Sandy regarding stove & business. Working on our new garden spot digging post holes and planting posts. John Beauregard & Brown off to Sterling to do some assessments work.

Tuesday, Mar 28, 1905 Put up wire fence around our garden spot today and spread manure & spaded all day. Put in 2 beds of lettuce. Joe Lake has struck a big body.

Wednesday, Mar 29, 1905 Hunting garden seeds. A fearful windy cold day, nobody able to move around on account of cold winds. PM, awful windy & cold all day, planted lettuce. Joe Lakes friend arrives from Salt Lake a Mr Elwood.

Thursday, Mar 30, 1905 Buzzards, Fuller & Hollister with all their dry washers, burros etc etc bag and baggage for red rock, Eldorado Canyon & other places too numerous. A.C. located the Wolverine extension south of the Nevada. Planted cucumbers, cantaloupes, onions, and potatoes & turnips. Still blowing great guns.

Friday, Mar 31, 1905 A.C. & I located extension of Nevada mine running south, centering on Nevada S.E. corner, 1500 feet by 600 feet. Wind still howling. Cant light our gasoline stove. North wind blowing great guns.

Saturday, Apr 1, 1905 Hung back door to our house, put up casing etc, etc. Put up roof plate & pipe outside spaded garden ground & prospected four samples of quarter. Mail passed to Johnnie. Wrote Church Kidney Cure Co, 603 fourth Ave N.Y. for a sample bottle as per add in Strand Magazine.

Sunday, Apr 2, 1905 Archie B. & I off to Johnnie after mail & groceries & seed. My bill for past month 30.00. Wrote Simon Laughlin.

Monday, Apr 3, 1905 Working in garden. Wrote Salt Lake Tribune on the dist and prospects. McClannahans mew are here to put up building on his lot. Chas Beauregard & his big freight teams here tonight.

Tuesday, Apr 4, 1905 B's teams off to Johnnie mine to unload, David Clancy off for Whites ranch with his 3 burros. 2 men building house for Mr McClannahan across the street from our house. A Mr Thomas of Berkeley came into camp this PM. Geo Moser & Johnson came.

Wednesday, Apr 5, 1905 Mr Thomas off to Johnnie, saloon going up. Beauregards team idle here today. Our garden grooming fine. Johnson & Moser here this PM, looking to building. Mrs Thomas here overnight.

Thursday, Apr 6, 1905 Wife & I off prospecting down among the hills towards Ash Meadows. Edward Doty came to breakfast. Home near dark & tired to death. Found Mr Thomas back for supper & bed.

Friday, Apr 7, 1905 Commenced work for Johnson & Co., repairing old adobe for store. Charlie off with Mr Thomas. Johnson to dinner. Wm Edwin to dinner. The Brown & Beauregard boys back from Sterling. Chas B tearing down old Chispa boarding house.

Saturday, Apr 8, 1905 William Edwin & me at work together on old adobe. Rec'd 3 cans of Salmon from the Saloon stock. Doty, Thomas, Edwine & Smith here to supper.

Sunday, Apr 9, 1905 Wm Erwins & I working on the new store for Johnson. Johnson, Moser, Thomas & others here to dinner. Lee surrendered to Grant 1865.

Monday, Apr 10, 1905 Raining this forenoon. Sent plains bits to Johnnie to grind by Wm Erwine, Ed Doty and we put up a small stove as it was cold & windy until rain came on, rained steady until dark and was very cold. Mr Doty moved in with us today.

Tuesday, Apr 11, 1905 Working on store adobe building today. Commencing to put up our new bunk house. Clark the prospector passed with his burros going over N.W. to

Wednesday, Apr 12, 1905 Worked all day although it sprinkled some. Edwin Doty worked today of casings etc. Miller off for his well with his lumber. Doty pd for having our plains ground @ Johnnie.

Thursday, Apr 13, 1905 Doty, Edwin & myself working as usual on the adobe for Mr Johnson. Moser, Johnson and another gentleman came by en rout to the Johnnie mine.

Friday, Apr 14, 1905 Working for Mr Johnson on the adobe store. Rec'd butter, bacon & ham from Johnnie Mine Store. Mr Wash Lathrop arrived from Los Angeles prospecting.

Saturday, Apr 15, 1905 Still working as usual. Mr Johnson off for Beatty to be gone 5 days. Mr C. ----- & Bell came in again tonight from Searchlight country. Four 2 horse wagons with prospectors here tonight. This wk---\$22.00.

Sunday, Apr 16, 1905 All hands idle today. Mr Moser & Mr were down to dinner & took some snap shots, @ Smith the ramrod of Stump Springs and also a lot owner here. Carlson & Bell off early.

Monday, Apr 17, 1905 Ed Doty on bench wk. William Edwine done on store, commenced on granery this PM, I am laying floor and supervising all round. Wife sent for stove. Working overtime on our new bunk house cutting material.

Tuesday, Apr 18, 1905 Ed Doty & Edwine & I still at the work. Commencing on the store house for hay & grain, will begin on shelving tomorrow.

Wednesday, Apr 19, 1905 On the store as usual, putting in shelving today. Closing up south gable, building adobe on store house, south side. Chas Beauregard in to night with freight for the new store here. To unload in the morning.

Thursday, Apr 20, 1905 Ed Doty on shelving & doors. Edwine & I on everything, including adobe walls. Mr Johnson in from Bullfrog. Stores unloaded today and also a lead from the Johnnie. John Green in with his saloon pictures, ate supper with us & sold us can coal oil. Edw J. Leach in from the hills.

Friday, Apr 21, 1905 Putting tarred roofing on new store today. Also building adobe wall on south side store house. Iwo Johnson bro working today like beavers. Beauregard boys in with load wood. (Doty quit last night) Johnson Bros sleep in the store tonight, first time.

Saturday, Apr 22, 1905 Completed roofing tonight. Moved my tools home intending to put up my bunk house before resuming work for Mr Johnson & Co. Geo Moser & Mr Johnson down to Johnnie town late. This week--\$24.00.

Sunday, Apr 23, 1905 Worked 14 1/2 days last past for Mr Johnson & Co on their adobe store here. 14 1/2 days @ 4.00 = \$58,00, due 58,00, Changed stoves today & Mr Miller of the wells was here to dinner. I put up a screen door at our front.

Monday, Apr 24, 1905 Working at our bunk house today, have it enclosed and two sets of rafters in place. Johnson Bros have new counter made. Mr Moser here to dinner. 8 inches of snow in Denver on the streets today. B. arrived 2 loads of hay.

Tuesday, Apr 25, 1905 61 years old today. Putting rafters on our bunk house. Wm Erwine quit working for Mr Johnson & Co & went back home.

Wednesday, Apr 26, 1905 Working on our bunk house. B went to Johnnie mine with one load of hay. Beauregard preparing to build on their corner.

Thursday, Apr 27, 1905 Completed bunk house except covering and the battings on the cracks. Beauregards building OK. Mr Johnson off for Los Angeles on the stage after dinner to return in 3 weeks.

Friday, Apr 28, 1905 Still working on adobe store for Johnson & Co. Doty working for Green putting shingles on his new adobe saloon. Beauregard off after freight to Ivanpah today. I worked for Mrs Beauregard on new house.

Saturday, Apr 29, 1905 Completed roofing & gable on adobe store and I am done for the present. Put Beauregards tent up & first beer came in. Moser & Johnson & every body painting the town tonight. Loaned set of springs to Johnson.

Sunday, Apr 30, 1905 A dirty windy day. Too bad for any use, the wind howled & dust flew fearfully. A.C. & Mrs B out on the Queens today. Joe Laks says he gave Geo Duncan an option for 30 days on his gold bar claim.

Monday, May 1, 1905 Another hurricane day, wind, sand, dust and indications for an all night blow. Nobody able to do anything but cuss this desert. Today is collect ion & settlement day with us. Mrs Swain rec'd store pass book.

Tuesday, May 2, 1905 Snow very low down on Snow Mountain range this AM & it is raining at breakfast & quite cold. Snowed here since dinner & we had a letter from friends in Vegas, the Laughlins, dated 4-28-05 @ Las Vegas. Cold & nasty here all day.

Wednesday, May 3, 1905 Rain, hail & snow here today, cold raw day. Had first radishes from our garden today. I am more than half sick for several days. Joe Stocken here overnight for Tonopah & Rhyolite.

Thursday, May 4, 1905 It rained all last night. Bought wood of Mrs B \$1.00. Green batting his saloon. PM, wife & I went to Johnnie mine after some fresh beef and got 17 lbs. Think it will freeze tonight.

Friday, May 5, 1905 No frost last night. Today I covered our bunk house completely, will finish extras in a day or two. Moser sends set tomorrow.

Saturday, May 6, 1905 Worked on bunk house. John Green & gang on road. Miller here to dinner. Rec'd seed from -----? Col Brown & outfit in tonight, he occupies first bed in our new bunk house tonight, he is of the Santa Fe R.R.

Sunday, May 7, 1905 Col Brown & his chum went to Johnnie mine to visit Geo Moser. Browns tramster off to Pahrump. Browns 2 wagons & teams & the jap cook are here. Beauregard in tonight with freight as usual for store.

Monday, May 8, 1905 Col Brown & his outfit off towards Bullfrog after dinner. Beauregards moved into new house today. A.C. wrote to County seat for information. She enclosed a 5.00 bill.

Tuesday, May 9, 1905 Working on bedstead today. Beauregard hauling water pipes. Wife rec'd some bill & four joints of cheap stove pipe via stage. A hellish wind is on tonight, regular hell.

Wednesday, May 10, 1905 Johnson & Smith at work laying pipe for City service. Beauregard off Ivanpah for freight as usual. Another rich strike on 500 level @ Johnnie. A.C. wrote B.G. for prices & where is her stove.

Thursday, May 11, 1905 I am quite sick today. Mr Thomas & Co in from Berkeley.

Friday, May 12, 1905 Still drinking cough syrup & quinine & generally used up.

Saturday, May 13, 1905 In bed all day, but am on the improve at last, down again.

Sunday, May 14, 1905 Sicker

Monday, May 15, 1905 Dead

Tuesday, May 16, 1905 Cold

Wednesday, May 17, 1905 Gone

Thursday, May 18, 1905 Useless

Friday, May 19, 1905 Sick as hell today. Struck awful rich ore on No 2 level of No 3 shaft - Johnnie.

Saturday, May 20, 1905 Mr Thomas gone out on stage for Berkeley & San Fran. We rec'd a stove at last from Brown Gosner & Co through Beauregards freight. I am feeling better, J.C. Freede off for San Fran via Millers well & Auto Lime.

Sunday, May 21, 1905 I think I am coming out again for a relapse (?) to cut me out complete. The Ash Meadows Squaros took ---- town tonight & the boys all hid, nobody killed up to midnight.

Monday, May 22, 1905 Our friends Mr & Mrs Laughlin arrived on the stage for dinner in company with Johnson & others of the Johnnie mine Company. I am feeling better this PM. Johnson & his friends went on up to the mine after dinner.

Tuesday, May 23, 1905 Wm Erwine up from the ranch with fresh beef, he brought me a nice bottle of white wine & I felt well enough to walk down to store & back. Johnson down from mine today. To supper & bed tonight. The women & Laughlin off prospecting until noon.

Wednesday, May 24, 1905 A.C. and Simon L. off after group, got home with 5 by noon and expect to round up the whole group tomorrow early joining the Johnnie Co on their south end lines. Johnson & his gang off for L.A. after dinner.

Thursday, May 25, 1905 Simon Laughlin off alone to complete the monuments on the group adjoining the Johnnie & White claims on the south. Simon then worked all PM @ carpentering for the store company.

Friday, May 26, 1905 Simon working in store all day. Col Brown of Santa Fe R.R. & his gang & teams are in town tonight going towards civilization again.

Saturday, May 27, 1905 Col Brown off for R.R., he will try to float Smuggler Group has 100 days to try it. PM, A.C. and Mrs B off prospecting & it rained & hailed here for a 1/2 hour or more & mail came in for everybody almost.

Sunday, May 28, 1905 Pretty cool here last night, tomatoes in blossom in our garden here, Beauregards due tonight with freight as usual. He brought 1/2 doz new chairs for John Green Saloon, first in town.

Monday, May 29, 1905 Wm Erwine down from mine, wants garden seeds for Geo Moser. Beauregard boys found 8 miles S.W. from here a grand mine of shipping ore on top of the ground all wild over it. A.C. & I are in on ground floor.

Tuesday, May 30, 1905 A.C. sent cash to Belmont Recorders Office for information \$5.00. Sent to Whites for vinegar. Sent to B.G. & Co Manvel for bill of new stove & then went prospecting. Sent long correspondence to J.C. Freed, Pine St., S.F.

Wednesday, May 31, 1905 Wrote White & Clark regarding lumber & hay yard. Johnson expecting to go to Whites for his health tomorrow if possible.

Thursday, Jun 1, 1905 Johnson off for Whites. Beauregards teams off to Ivanpah for freight. I sent to Sandy for a cheese & price list on groceries @ Sandy. Laughlin store keeper in full command.

Friday, Jun 2, 1905 A very windy day here, women folks washing about all day. Toga cleans up Rojestvinsky and takes and destroys 22 of Russia's best war vessels up to this date.

Saturday, Jun 3, 1905 Another windy day. We expected a mail in today but @ 6PM, no mail. Millers team here going south for hay as usual.

Sunday, Jun 4, 1905 No mail, some burro prospectors arrive today from various points. Mr Bartlett & another man, 2 mules & wagon arrived. Coming to do some thing on the Chispa group we suppose. A.C. heard from O.E. Swain.

Monday, Jun 5, 1905 A.C. rec'd 2 pair shoes via mail last night from Bro O.E. Swain in Alameda Cal & some medicine for me. Johnson back last night from Los Angeles. Mrs Laughlin sick today. Johnson has real estate agent in camp now.

Tuesday, Jun 6, 1905 Mail went out today noon. Johnson & his agent here today, very busy. Mr Kendrick & Bartlett gone to Ash Meadows this PM. Simon L located the American eagles today, it joins the golden

eagle of the White Group. I am trying to roof the kitchen.

Wednesday, Jun 7, 1905 Laying pipe lines, city service in Johnnie today & yesterday. Mail in & had letter from Bro O.E. Swain.

Thursday, Jun 8, 1905 Writing Bro O.E.S. on outlook possibilities in this locality, will forward later. Co trying to fill city's new supply tank with water.

Friday, Jun 9, 1905 Water in city pipes. Mr Wood of Inanpah was here to dinner. going north. Mrs Laughlin still bed fast. Load of hay in town from Pahrump ranch & sold. Teams passing north all bound for Bullfrog or bust. Friend Ed Doty in camp.

Saturday, Jun 10, 1905 Mrs Laughlin still confined to her bed. PM, Johnson went up to the mine to return tomorrow morning. A Mr Black & partner off for Tonopah today.

Sunday, Jun 11, 1905 A.C. wrote Mary J. Newton at Pasadena. I wrote Bro O.E.S. Johnson Moser, Green & Lake off for Manse this PM.

Monday, Jun 12, 1905 Chas off with 2 Los Angeles speculators who say they want to buy mines. I am making a chine shipping case for A.C. to pack her china ware in for transportation. Beauregards teams in tonight. Stage Cos teams here distributing hay & grain for new stage line from Good Spr sidling to Bullfrog & back.

Tuesday, Jun 13, 1905 Mr Johnson returned today & brought a new man for his store keeper. I and wife were doing some renovating in the Hotel, leveling floors etc. My new shoes came in Laughlins trunk at last. He pd 5.50 for them in El Paso.

Wednesday, Jun 14, 1905 Simon L. off on foot to see about locating some springs. Beauregards team idle today. B. boys have found grand prospects. Simon L. & we have the springs. Bought 1/2 cord wood of John Greens man 4.00.

Thursday, Jun 15, 1905 Laughlins, Mike H. & I off to begin assessment work on the "Cinche". Left them at work and I rode home to dinner. Mrs Beauregard off for Salt Lake City on a visit among friends.

Friday, Jun 16, 1905 Simon L. off early with Beauregard Bros to see their richest find. Mike H. working alone on the Cinche today. Stage Cos corral going up. Bought 3 drill hammers & shovel. As I see it I have wrote a few lines on Johnnie its outlook.

Saturday, Jun 17, 1905 Simon L. away overnight. A.C. bought another corner lot yesterday, I hope. Mike working on Cinch. Simon sharpened our pick. Settled with Johnnie Co. Paid on store acct, 34.00, pd cash 25.00. More on our 2 town lots, still owe \$100.00 the total.

Sunday, Jun 18, 1905 Wrote Salt Lake Tribune on prospects here in camp. Rec'd con tract from townsite co for our two lots. Mail in, rec'd pckg from Sears Roebuck & Co, Chicago. Rec'd first peaches from Whites. PM, Tilsley off to Pahrump, wrote McNeal @ Sandy.

Monday, Jun 19, 1905 Completed work on Cinche location last evening & S. Laughlin pd help off 8.00. Simon working at store, I half soled pair shoes. A.C. made a canvas cover.

Tuesday, Jun 20, 1905 Simon L. still working at store. Co's team out today to Mause P.O. Mr Haley returns to Los Angeles. Mike Hoolichan out on stage. A Mr Van Kirk of Riverside here to dinner, he is prospecting. John Green & Lake & West came in from the south & brought first green onions.

Wednesday, Jun 21, 1905 Rec'd letter from S.F., Julius Freed. Tilsley back to dinner. Mr O of Pahrump ranch here overnight, guest of Mr Johnson. Some Drymmer here from G.S. sidling and his driver & wagon.

Thursday, Jun 22, 1905 Orr off for Pahrump & John Green went also. The drummer stayed until after dinner. I poled beans AM. Tilsley is not well today. PM, went to the Cinche claim, copied notice for recording. Geo Duncan in from Vegas.

Friday, Jun 23, 1905 Jan Jansen off for the Pannamint range on a prospecting trip. John Green home again, brought some mail & some fresh peaches. John Green starts for Bullfrog tomorrow.

Saturday, Jun 24, 1905 Geo Duncan still in town. Johnson's first wood came in from Ash Meadows today. Tilsley failed to go with Green. Broke my ax handle. Whites team in town first load of lumber from the mill this year. Took B's ax handle today. Beauregard Bros here to supper.

Sunday, Jun 25, 1905 I went to Johnnie mine to have work recorded on Cinche, cost cash 2.00. Fixed up wagon tire best we could & I came home @ 5PM, tired & disgusted. A family in Ash Meadows held up for \$900.00 cash by a lone horseman.

Monday, Jun 26, 1905 I worked for Johnson today putting up tent house for real estate office. Laughlin's thinking of going to San Diego.

Tuesday, Jun 27, 1905 Working today for Johnson on --- house, door etc. Mr Laughlin took his wife down to Whites today to recuperate. A.C. bought a new rocker chair for 3.50.

Wednesday, Jun 28, 1905 Commenced on the Ramsey house today, had a helper & mason. Mason will finish tomorrow. Rec'd letter from O.E.S., another from Salt Lake Tribune and from Carson City. Bought 1 doz oranges, 60 cts. Beauregard's teams in tonight. Moved our wood home tonight.

Thursday, Jun 29, 1905 Automobiles in town today, 2 went up to Johnnie mine & back. Mr Schrader and some Santa Fe R.R. officials made up the party. PM, they left for Beatty. I worked on adobe.

Friday, Jun 30, 1905 Mr Laughlin, Beauregard & myself off to work on our water rights claim, found all OK and came home again all ready to eat, sleep & rest. Tilsley back from Beatty with the Auto & four. Another auto & 6 due in OK @ 10PM, all right.

Saturday, Jul 1, 1905 The autos went south @ 7AM. Tilsley went along home. I bought a tent and fly of Simon L. for 25.00 pd 5.00 & he started to Pahrump PM. I was working on door for Tilsley's Real Estate Office Miller of the well is here tonight going for hay.

Sunday, Jul 2, 1905 Hung door for Tilsley's office this morning. Commenced letter to O.E. The stage stock arrived, left a change, 4 horses here took dinner and went on north with 8 more horses & a stage full of harness etc. A.C. bought 3 chickens. Great flood in Gto Mex.

Monday, Jul 3, 1905 110 degrees. Fixing up a chicken coop all this forenoon. A. C. gave 1.00 for celebration. To Frank Herrington \$137.50 the Solicitor cash. Bunting going up in Johnnie tonight with fire works to correspond. Closed letter to O.E.S.

Tuesday, Jul 4, 1905 All hands celebrating today, horse racing, foot racing, bag racing, potato racing, target shooting, high & long jumping, fire works at night. Everybody happy, no rows or trouble.

Wednesday, Jul 5, 1905 112 degrees. Johnson run a nail into his foot yesterday by accident & is lame. They commenced an addition to the store in the rear an adobe. Joe Lake covered the City's water tank with a canvas, also built a new watering trough, a very warm day today.

Thursday, Jul 6, 1905 Hot. Sent Brown Gosney & Co \$18.75. Wrote Recorder Puddy Grimes Belmont Nye Co. Nevada.

Friday, Jul 7, 1905 Hot By return stage rec'd receipt for B & G letter, registered 18.75. We bought a mare mule for cash 25.00. Geo Moser and McClannahan of Sandy & two other gents passing after dinner stage went on north.

Saturday, Jul 8, 1905 Built some wire fence @ garden. Wrote Max Koelble for news regarding washout @ Gto on 2nd. Wrote Shell Covert & wife @ Merced City Cali.

Sunday, Jul 9, 1905 A.C. wrote Julius Tread, 103 Cal St, S.F. Stage due @ noon. Frank Herrington off for Montana, no stage tonight.

Monday, Jul 10, 1905 Stage came down @ 10AM, loaded all here for dinner. Wrote Saul Keyser, Los Angeles Mr White here from the ranch to dinner & staying overnight. Beauregard's team in again from R.R.

with big load for store. Mrs B & her son in law in tonight from Salt Lake City.

Tuesday, Jul 11, 1905 White & McClannahan off for home @ 4 this morning. B's son in law brings his complete assaying outfit & has put up his tent. First green corn & cucumbers. Harry Simmons used up with lame ankles. Geo Moser came up from Mause about midnight here to bed.

Wednesday, Jul 12, 1905 Beaugards team goes after wood. Moser off early to the mine. Stage in on time to dinner, 3 passengers. PM, A.C. & Emily & Charles gone to Smuggler Group to explore. Vinegar came on stage. Whites big team in with more lumber.

Thursday, Jul 13, 1905 Whites team off early for home. Fairchilds moving into town from the mine to run the Co's store. Johnson off for Los Angeles, goes out south with John Green. Wrote Laughlin for Power of Atty.

Friday, Jul 14, 1905 Made a pair of stirrups for our saddle & put them in place. PM, AC & Emily & Archie gone again onto the Smuggler Group. Wrote Laughlin we have hired Smith to work on the Group @ 20.00 pair claim, raining.

Saturday, Jul 15, 1905 Rained heavy last night. Stage from Beatty to breakfast. Horses taken to Pahump from --- (short of feed here) I went to Johnnie mine to see Wm Irwine. Johnnie Green home from below, brought some fruit & one doz chickens.

Sunday, Jul 16, 1905 Stage arrived, 4 passengers to dinner. Beaugard teams off after freight again. A carpenter & tools came in on stage to work for Johnson. A. C. rec'd pack hose from Sandy. First ripe tomato in our garden on the desert.

Monday, Jul 17, 1905 Paid balance 125.00 on our lots today & rec'd claim deed for 2 lots total 275.00. Adobe black smith shops almost completed. I begun wheeling rock for foundation under the adobe wall, Joe Lake building adobe for John Green.

Tuesday, Jul 18, 1905 Working on stone foundation putting up rock bottom, 25 ft front by 20 in wide. John Green & McDonald off with mail to Manse. Two big teams in town tonight hunting freight to haul. Millers teamster Larson here 2 meals 1.00.

Wednesday, Jul 19, 1905 2 or 3 teams laid here all day resting their stock. 4:30 PM Green, Smith & McDonald came in from Manse with mail. Married in Seattle my daughter May on 17th ----- to H. Wiggett, Letter from O.E. of 10th.

Thursday, Jul 20, 1905 Dick I. Shipe and I off to see his springs & garden. Two claims, one placer the other mining claim. Good luck and Bonanza. The upper claim on same gulch. Concluded to buy his two claims if we can for 50.00 cash.

Friday, Jul 21, 1905 R.L. Shipe & I off up to his claims near Horse Shooter Springs, we bought them, pd cash, witness John Green, Put my name on the two notices of location Bonanza located May 8th. Placed Bonanza location with the Recorder this PM.

Saturday, Jul 22, 1905 R.L. Shipe off on stage for Salt Lake add Idaho. A.C. wrote Thomas S.F. and PM Colorado Springs. I wrote Land office Carson City & O.E.S.

Sunday, Jul 23, 1905 Rec'd news from Tonopah, Gto, O.E. Swain, Simon Laughlin, T.A. Johnson of Johnson Co. Spencer in on stage today.

Monday, Jul 24, 1905 Beaugard boys are preparing to begin work on the Del Oro mine tomorrow. Pd for Recording \$2.00 cash on Bonanza placer claim. Wrote Henry Albers, Los Angeles for price list on wire fencing, 2 in mesh x 3 ft wide.

Tuesday, Jul 25, 1905 Showed the coal miners Mrs. Whitehead & Spencer our Bonanza Group of mines, and they took some samples. They ate dinner with Brownie & with Johnson are off for Los Angeles @ 1PM. B. boys working Del Oro.

Wednesday, Jul 26, 1905 Fairchilds & Harry & Brownie off to horse Shooten Springs to see about water supply. Mail arrived, no letters. B. boys complete work on Del Oro claim. Chas Bryd in again with load for

store. Wrote Carlson, Bullfrog PO, B. boys still on Del Oro work.

Thursday, Jul 27, 1905 B off to the Johnnie with full gasoline. John B & I monumented the Del Oro - No one & we jumped the Wolverine calling it Del Oro extension No 2, ready to record Del Oro at once.

Friday, Jul 28, 1905 B's team off again for Ivanpah. A.C. bought 1 doz chickens for \$9.00. McDonald & his two burros hiked out. Preparing to go to Good Luck claim to work. Whites team in with lumber. Wrote Julius Freed, S.F.

Saturday, Jul 29, 1905 Smith and I moved up to horse Shooten Springs and camped today. He took tools over to the Good Luck while I went back after our mule & pack saddle.

Sunday, Jul 30, 1905 From Horse Shooten Springs packed lumber over to Dove Springs for water trough, worked all day cleaning our grapevines & willows, have a cut opened & some water developed & this evening we went to the Bonanza claim for radishes & also set out some onions.

Monday, Jul 31, 1905 We put in a full day on grade & development of water, will have good showing by tomorrow night. Sent mule home.

Tuesday, Aug 1, 1905 Smith was opening the cut for water again today, while I was measuring and building monuments almost the entire day and Smith got sick and went to camp early.

Wednesday, Aug 2, 1905 Smith made a location on the side of the Johnnie Company water right. He will develop water there & may cut off their supply. We are developing water OK on the Good Luck mine & have a 24 ft cut & 7 1/2 ft face by 5 ft average width.

Thursday, Aug 3, 1905 Finished our cut as described above at noon & put in 64 ft of 2 1/2 in pipe carrying the water over near our camp & into a new trough of 2 in plank & done work tonight in 6 days.

Friday, Aug 4, 1905 Off for Johnnie early, left W.S. Smith in bed and asleep. Home @ 6:30 to breakfast. W S Smith came down on foot to dinner. PM, took animals & packed everything home from our Good Luck mine to sent Good Luck papers to County Records.

Saturday, Aug 5, 1905 Wheeling bottles today for A.C. Wrote Henry Rodgers, Walnut Creek Po Arizona & Wm Frost, Kingman Arizona on Angora Goat business. Bills today to date \$8.00. Wm Miller & his teamster & team here tonight. Pd W.S. Smith on work 10.00 cash.

Sunday Aug 6, 1905 118 degrees. Drew upon agreement between Wm E. and A.C.S. regarding mining claims & water. Rec'd letter from Colorado Springs. McClannahan came on stage with Green today from Manse. Wrote Julius Freid @ S.F. Ans'd E.D. Kelley, Carson City, State Land Register.

Monday, Aug 7, 1905 John Green quits saloon. McClannahan pay up Greens bills 8.60 Wrote Adams Bros 42 Broadway N.Y. C.C. Beauregard home tonight with his team. Brought our stove etc from Ivanpah.

Tuesday, Aug 8, 1905 Wm S. Smith off to develop another water supply east of mine. Wm Edwine came down & I went with him to see Geo Moser on business. Bought fly of store today, copied Johnny Gordo Notice.

Wednesday, Aug 9, 1905 Joe Lakes house took a tumble last night during the high winds & tore all to pieces, he rebuilt it today. Mail came in on time. Beauregards mare cut in fence. Indications of big rain tonight.

Thursday, Aug 10, 1905 Stood up in bed in 1 inch of water and tried to keep dry. It rained in torrents, tent houses no good. Another Co tent house blown all to pieces. I am preparing to put a fly over our living house today.

Friday, Aug 11, 1905 Have new fly in position OK. Two strangers putting up a tent house for barber shop. Our town very quiet. Bob Lee (half breed) came in from Funeral Range last night with Price Bros & Nieman, 2 horses & wagon. C.C.B. off again for freight.

Saturday, Aug 12, 1905 Bonanza Placer claim came back from Puddy Grimes. Cinches recorded, both notices

returned together.

Sunday, Aug 13, 1905 Putting bottles around our maderia vines, beds ornamental, standing on their heads. PM, rec'd rebate chk for 5.00 from E.P. & N.E.R.R. through letter from friend Byron Bascue, El Paso.

Monday, Aug 14, 1905 Wrote H. Rippe Bros, Salt Lake, tent makers. Mr White in town tonight, we saw partial eclipse on the moon. TA Johnson made a fool of himself. Rec'd answer from Shell Covert.

Tuesday, Aug 15, 1905 Compelled to collect, rec'd \$40.00 from Hodges for his & Joe Lakes board. Mr White & J. H. West off down the road early. Resting. I drew a map of our claims. John B. located 2 of the Fried claims today.

Wednesday, Aug 16, 1905 (Frieds locations expire) Very quiet here today. Nothing doing, no travel throngs here. Beauregards off west to do 4 more location assessments.

Thursday, Aug 17, 1905 T.A. Johnson & the barber off to Manse Po with the mail. Two strangers in camp from Bullfrog, from Millers well today.

Friday, Aug 18, 1905 I went with Archie B. over to our south claim 6 miles distant found the bogs OK as well as Neiman & Smith, unloaded cargo of water, ate dinner & of Nevada. A.C. rec'd letters from her sister N-----?

Saturday, Aug 19, 1905 A.C. preparing to go to San Francisco soon on business. Wrote Shell Covert a long letter on goat ranges etc. wrote E.D. Kelley, Carson on Bonanza title.

Sunday, Aug 20, 1905 Old man Lee here in his cart. David Morrison of China Ranch here today, came to buy some burros & stayed here overnight. Old man Winger up from Pahrump after his wagon.

Monday, Aug 21, 1905 Johnson putting addition on Tilsleys shack for restaurant. West came in from Pahrump with load of grapes. C.C. Beauregards freighter in tonight.

Tuesday, Aug 22, 1905 Mail out today for Carson City. First hen hatching, made coop. Bill Smith in to supper & bed from his water claim. Miller & his teamster here to supper tonight.

Wednesday, Aug 23, 1905 Located the Surety and the National Quartz claims today. They join the Lacelle and Golden Eagles south & east lines disposing of Wingles -----? which expired yesterday.

Thursday, Aug 24, 1905 A.C. off for San Francisco today @ noon. She goes to Ivanpah with C.C.B. & wife to take Santa Fe train. I am left alone. Hired 3/4 springs to Johnson. Wrote Bro O.E.S. to meet her upon her arrival on 30th.

Friday, Aug 25, 1905 Bought sack barley 3.75, stamps 25 cts. Schrader & others in @ 2PM. No mail for us, they all went up to mine PM. Smith back from his claim early.

Saturday, Aug 26, 1905 Two burro prospectors in from Vegas. Pierce & Lee back from below today about noon. I am batching & feeding pup & chicks and mule. C.C.B. & the Queens at Sandy tonight.

Sunday, Aug 27, 1905 The idlest of all idle day. The town is dead & I am lonesome & the pup is sick. Monday, Aug 28, 1905 Idle, idle, idle. A.C. Swain off from Ivanpah PM, fare 20.70 to San Fran. Wrote O.E.S. Alameda again in place of letter of 24th which failed to go out.

Tuesday Aug 29, 1905 Have a sick pup to practice on. Mail out today. Schrader & Mrs Fairchilds & son on stage. Mailed letters to O.E.S. & White @ Manse. Schrader & the citizen celebrated last night & until midnight. A.C. Swain @ O.E.S. @ 7PM.

Wednesday, Aug 30, 1905 West up from Pahrump. mail in late, letters from Salt Lake City, Carson City & New York.

Thursday, Aug 31, 1905 Wrote J.L. Adams Jr., 42 Broadway N.Y., wrote Julius Fried, 105 Cali St San Fran. West & Johnson out in a buggy, mail goes tomorrow. Wrote Alice C. Swain c/o O.E.S. 876 Laurel St., Alameda.

Friday, Sep 1, 1905 Moxie off with mail, wrote A.C. & Fried. Invited out to supper @ Rush house.

Saturday, Sep 2, 1905 Stranger in from east, tonight to bed here, 50 cts. Sim came in last night, left John at mine, prospects are grand. Our mule gone to Pahrump in pasture C.C.B. says. C.C.B. & wife in camp from Ivanpah.

Sunday, Sep 3, 1905 Ate dinner with Emily B. Mail in 2PM, rec'd letter from O.E.S., mailed Aug 28th. No news yet from A.C.S.

Monday, Sep 4, 1905 Wm W, Smith relocated the springs of Bartlett on Saturday, 3rd of Sept 05, told me so last night. Beauregards off to move camp at Porphery claims today. Emily gave me loaf of bread. Wrote A.C.S.

Tuesday, Sep 5, 1905 3 miserable burros gone after destroying maderia vines, our hens furnishing the chapter, dam them. C.C.B. shoeing horses today, & I ate dinner there.

Wednesday, Sep 6, 1905 Mail today, early, Mrs F. came home with him & son. No mail for me. B off with freight team as usual. Sim & John gone with Joe Lakes into Funeral Range.

Thursday, Sep 7, 1905 Everybody got the blues. Al Bogue in today with his team for grub & gone again for the Funeral Range. Nieman & Brum bought 3 burros at Ash Meadows for 55.00 & have them here.

Friday, Sep 8, 1905 White up here assessing today. Put in our entire property at \$250.00 @ 4 cts = \$10.00 to be paid this fall. Wrote note to A.C.S.

Saturday, Sep 9, 1905 Mail out early today. Rec'd first letter from wife today, OK. The 2 hens in coop have 2 chickens, hatched out at last.

Sunday, Sep 10, 1905 Salt & grapes .25c, spuds 50c, cow milk 35c, tobacco 25c. Mrs B rec'd 1/2 doz photos from the Laughlins.

Monday, Sep 11, 1905 Fairchilds & Archie B. off duck hunting to the Ash Meadows. Mrs B visits with Mrs F tonight.

Tuesday, Sep 12, 1905 I am reading History, not a soul on the road, nothing.

Wednesday, Sep 13, 1905 Fairchild & Archie home from duck hinting about Ash Meadows. Wrote A.C. Swain & F.C. Saunders.

Thursday, Sep 14, 1905 Mail out early. Saloon closed. Ambrose Hedges has been sick 10 days, bacon cost 1.60.

Friday, Sep 15, 1905 Mail in today, 2 letters from Alice C.S. and one from Adams Bros. Hear C.C.B. has lost 2 fingers cut off. McClannahan & Orr, Harry Skaler & the Mysterious Scotty of Death Valley here.

Saturday, Sep 16, 1905 Scott, Orr, Skaler & Clannahan run & Frank, sung & yelled all night and left here for Pahrump this morning. B failed to get here, mailed letter to A.C.S.

Sunday, Sep 17, 1905 Mail out today. N. Wester blowing great guns today all day. B. came in tonight. This fingers 3 are in shape & will recover OK, brought another burro & colt.

Monday, Sep 18, 1905 B off to mine with freight & back. Mail arrived & I got big roll of papers from O.E., no letter.

Tuesday, Sep 19, 1905 Mr Nieman & Schmitt with six burros off to Funeral Range. B. & family preparing to go tomorrow to Ash Meadows. Wrote long letter to A.C.S. again tonight to Alameda.

Wednesday, Sep 20, 1905 B & wife & Archie off to Pahrump. Al Boque & team in from prospecting again. Hurry Simons spent evening here. Rec'd letter from my wife & another from O.E. Swain.

Thursday, Sep 21, 1905 Wrote answer to wifes letter, also one to C.B.S. Chico. Mail out PM, driver G.F.

Moser & expert from Australia. Al Brogue off north prospecting for bora, Wm Brum out for the Funeral range with his damd burros & packs.

Friday, Sep 22, 1905 Hot again all day, hot. PM, Mr Arnutage & a Mr Tennis of Daggett came in from Manse with Whites pr horses & light wagon, in town overnight. Intend to inspect the Johnnie tomorrow & back to Whites PM.

Saturday, Sep 23, 1905 Off at daylight & on foot to visit the Bonanza & Good Luck. It sprinkled some on the trail but I kept on. Located a Quartz claim across upper end of Bonanza for fear some one else might. Covering the Santa Monicas old ground completely. Home @ 3:30, raining again.

Sunday, Sep 24, 1905 Johnson & 2 others in an auto passed here @ 6PM last night for Bullfrog at 10 o'clock or earlier they said. Well it rained awfully most of the night here. B & wife & Archie arrived tonight & West came later. Report roads awful from Pahrump

Monday, Sep 25, 1905 Bill Smith returned last night from working for Erwin & Moser. Mother Hayner died. B is resting today. At noon Ramsey & Co arrived with Whites spare wagon to commence on Chispa Ignous. They went to look over the claim PM & here in town overnight.

Tuesday, Sep 26, 1905 Ramsey & gang out to Chispa this morning & PM, he went up to look for some water. I haven't went near him & he will come to me I think. I wrote Carl Rush @ Wagoner PO Arizona, goats.

Wednesday, Sep 27, 1905 Mail in, rec'd 3 letters, ans'd one to Julius Fried and one to my Pard before bed time. Later agreement for Co to be formal.

Thursday, Sep 28, 1905 No chance to send out letters today. Cold & wind today & had rainbow in east, after 5PM cold & quite cold all PM. Smith & Speeles on a grand drunk. Smith wasting his cash

Friday, Sep 29, 1905 Awful cold, rain fell last night & this morning there is snow all over the range east, low down & plenty. Another short ps to my Pard.

Saturday, Sep 30, 1905 Mail out early. Snow almost gone today. Smith & Harry Speeler and the new cook for Fairchilds are full of bug juice. Tom Osborn arrived with his burros from Pahrump. He is working for Ramsey & Co. Says there will be lots of work here when Ramsey & Co get at it.

Sunday, Oct 1, 1905 Smith, Speeler and the restaurant cook are still hilarious & no signs of sobering up so long as F. sells them whiskey by the bottle. Rec'd letter from A.C.S. and one from Bro Cass.

Monday, Oct 2, 1905 Commenced answer to A.C.S. last evening. Johnson came in early from Millers Wells just returning he says from Bullfrog. Fairchilds cook scooted tonight at dark after supper. Closed letter to A.C. Swain.

Tuesday, Oct 3, 1905 Mail out this morning & Johnson went also & is back again to night. Bill Smith back from the hills. Tom Osborn to come in Sunday. F. cook returned @ 11 last night. No B's in sight yet.

Wednesday, Oct 4, 1905 Mail in @ 2PM, rec'd 3rd bundle of newspapers for which I am thankful. Extra mail out tomorrow. Wrote Bro O.E.S. regarding finance.

Thursday, Oct 5, 1905 Nothing of importance occurred today in this town. Johnson is waiting the arrival of someone from Los Angeles. They have much rich ore he says in the Johnnie mine, almost under old Bily's cabin, a different ore from any found be fore, it has a copper stain.

Friday, Oct 6, 1905 No news of importance today. All hands on a booze. Fairchilds & Chas up @ horse shooting springs today I believe. Bill Smith has painter at work on saloon. PM, telegram came to Geo F. Moser, he came to town & left for Manse @ 9PM.

Saturday, Oct 7, 1905 The cook Jenkins left for good. The painter left after dinner & Smith pays for his lodging 50 cts. B & wife & son here tonight with freight. They had letter from John, from Kane Springs dated Sept 28 had found nothing.

Sunday, Oct 8, 1905 White teams arrive @ the Chism with supplies. Rec'd letter from Pard & one from Richard Shipe, Soda Springs Idaho. A frightful day this wind, wind wind. Spent today with B's examining papers. Wrote Pard tonight.

Monday, Oct 9, 1905 B's off after freight again. Smith went along as far as Stump Springs. I packing china today. Sent a letter to wife to be mailed by Mrs B.

Tuesday, Oct 10, 1905 John & Sim B arrived during the night, all worn out and look sore & found nothing. Mail out early today. West in today from Pahrump. West tells me Ramsey said he would speed 20,000 before he gave up claim on Nevada Mine.

Wednesday, Oct 11, 1905 Off early to Del Oro mine, found tools there ready to be gin work. Met Ross & Speeler who took tools there, advised. Mail in early. Ross to wait Ramseys return. B boys refused to go with me. John B had letter from Laughlin inclosing order to pay John \$20.00 for tent. Sent two letters out to goat men.

Thursday, Oct 12, 1905 West off to Pahrump last night. 1/2 doz men here to work for Ramsey & Co. Whites team due with more supplies for Ramsey & Co. Commenced writing long letter to my wife.

Friday, Oct 13, 1905 Nothing but north wind today & tonight. I am trapping rats & packing up to fly. West in again from Pahrump. Mailed long letter to A.C.S.

Saturday, Oct 14, 1905 Ramsey carpenter came today. 14 animal team 3 wagons here tonight going south Whites team with lumber in again for the Chism Co. Wm Edwin called. I wrote A.C.S. on business.

Sunday, Oct 15, 1905 Ramseys men building bunk house today & West helping with team. Wm Edwin called. PM, rec'd letter from Pard in Alameda, Oct 7th. Also rec'd news from home. Ans'd both letters tonight.

Monday, Oct 16, 1905 Letter by special delivery goes a Alice C tomorrow. Also one to Frankie E.S. regarding her sister May. A C. will find she has entire control of

Tuesday, Oct 17, 1905 Billy Brim came with Pierce yesterday. Mail out early to day. I put all our blankets in clothes box and shall use the quilts. A prospector named Boller & Johnson here from Rhyolite with mules & spring wagon. No Ramsey here yet. Very cool here tonight.

Wednesday, Oct 18, 1905 Mail arrived & Bill Smith also. My special D @ train to night @ G.S. siding. Rec'd 2 letters & roll of papers, O.E. & wife off up coast north.

Thursday, Oct 19, 1905 Ramseys 4 boarding with the restaurant. Tom Osbourne took the wheel barrow away. B. boys idle, idle, idle. They don't exactly suit me for partners. Sold stove to F. cash 25.00. My special finds Pard tonight.

Friday, Oct 20, 1905 Delivered stove today. Wrote Wm Edwin to come here & give Mrs A.C. Swain special power of Atty. Pd J.J.F. Notary's Fees 1.00 cash.

Saturday, Oct 21, 1905 Whites team in early today from Chispa Co. B's arrive to night & Joe Lake. Mail out early. Wm Edwin signed Power Of Atty to A.C.S. to sell his mines, send papers tomorrow, also a 20.00 cash.

Sunday, Oct 22, 1905 2PM, mail in. Archie almost lost mule. Rec'd letter from Pard, dated Oct 17th, 5 days en rout.

Monday, Oct 23 1905 Thomas, Johnson, Smith Wagoner & Lamprey off to see the mines, I helping B on hen house. 3 to beds tonight. Bacon of Harry Simmons 1.00. Wrote of Alameda to return letters to A.C.S.

Tuesday, Oct 24, 1905 Mail out early. Mr Wagoner left. I helping on hen house. Thomas Johnson & Smith off to Johnny Mines early all day. 3 beds tonight.

Wednesday, Oct 25, 1905 Johnson off with F & 3 strangers after a miner. Chas Lam prey flying around with Thomas & Smith. Mail in @ 1:40PM. Roll of papers from A.C. S. and a letter dated Oct 20th.

Thursday, Oct 26, 1905 Thomas & Smith out for San Francisco. Pd for beds 4.00. Bill Smith down from the mine tonight to record a claim of his & Mosers. Johnson has two beds tonight 3.00.

Friday, Oct 27, 1905 PM, T.A. Johnson off to Manse with Tom Osborn. Wm Edwin came down & stayed overnight.

Saturday, Oct 28, 1905 Wm Edwin slept here last night - up home in Cos wagon. I was putting pipe under ground again today in front of our lots, finish job tomorrow. Wm Edwin says Johnnie mine is sold, \$300,000.

Sunday, Oct 29, 1905 Finished covering pipe across our lots. Mail in 2PM. Mr Myers arrived & slept here tonight. Johnson & Charlie are pumping him. We spent 2 hours with B boys.

Monday, Oct 30, 1905 Myers goes to see Johnnie mine in Co with Johnson AM. McClannahan & Yount arrive to open saloon & have a blow out here until midnight, John son & Myers still sleeping here. Pierce in from Funeral Range.

Tuesday, Oct 31, 1905 Mail out early for Manse. John B and Mr Myers off to new gold fields claims with Wests team out all day. Pierce Bros team in from the Funeral range yesterday & out again early, gone back.

Wednesday, Nov 1, 1905 T.H.J. moved his lodging to tent in rear of store. Myers & John B off to examine Grey Rooster Group of mines. Mail in early. Pard is with Mrs Banning, 118 N. Hill St. Los Angeles. Myers & I spent evening with B boys on organizing Co.

Thursday, Nov 2, 1905 10AM, went to Del Oro mine found notice gone from our monument & a wincass stuck up on our claim. Found Mr Myers & John B thereat Ross came & ordered me off the claim. John B says Notice is gone on Bonanza Queen. I had visit with the Bartlett's @ their camp.

Friday, Nov 3, 1905 after 9 o'clock Myers went to Manse tonight. J.J.F. and Chink swapping. B's all resting today. Horses turned loose. Chinks first supper. W.W. Smith boozing. Two prospectors to beds tonight. Wrote 118 N Hill St., Los Angeles business & confidential to A.C.S.

Saturday, Nov 4, 1905 Mr & Mrs Bowles in today, came in last night with team & two prospectors & driver from Beatty, I think. I carpentered for Chink today for cash 2.00. Wm Edwin to bed. Two prospectors to beds tonight. Some thief stole quilt.

Sunday, Nov 5, 1905 Mail out. Wm Edwin off on stage & Mr----also. Loaned saddle to John B & his dad today. T.H. Johnson out for home. Joe Edwards still lodging.

Monday, Nov 6, 1905 Mail in, brought a Schrader who is to run the store here. Joe E. & Tom Osborn off to the timber mountains mine along with Bowler & wife. Mrs Beauregard had letter from Pard. Rec'd letter from my Pard @ Long Beach and ans'd.

Tuesday, Nov 7, 1905 Mail out early for Manse. B's off after wood & got home with big load. John & Aretice B on the Fried Claims today. Schrader & Simmones resurveying the town today.

Wednesday, Nov 8, 1905 Mail in @ 3PM, no mail for me. B off for another load of wood. I bought first sk of flour \$3.00 since my Pard left the camp. Shrader still surveying town site. Wm Edwin came up on stage today from Manse. B's team in with another load of wood tonight.

Thursday, Nov 9, 1905 B's off after more wood. Surveyors still surveying. West in cabin sick & I am cooking beans. John B & Archer working of Fried & Myers 2 claims, completing location work. B in with another load of wood.

Friday, Nov 10, 1905 B's over hauling wagons and setting horse shoes today. Cold north winds howling, looks like storm. Writing advice to Pard today, to mail to night with special delivery, 10 cts. Schrader drove mail this time.

Saturday, Nov 11, 1905 Mail out early, Schrader driving. Emily & C.C.B. off to Ivanpah after freight, 3 boys

here.

Sunday, Nov 12, 1905 Joe Edwards waiting for mail from San Fran. I bought a cheese 80 cts. Mail in @ 2PM, nothing for me & no news in camp. Wrote Wm H. Hoagie, Los Angeles for price of fly pr yard.

Monday, Nov 13, 1905 An idle day this- Edwards engaged a burro to go to Ash Meadows & then changed his mind & went back to mines. Co team took load of long steel up to Johnnie mine after supper. Mailed letter to Hoagie.

Tuesday, Nov 14, 1905 Another idle day. I put roosts in the coop for young chicks as they want to roost in there. Mail out late today. Ate supper at B's & we play ed cards for fun of course.

Wednesday, Nov 15, 1905 B' boys have letters from Myers (dropping Swains) Fried. Mail due today again. R.F. Gilbert - Tonopah. Notice from Co Treasure to pay \$8.80 taxes for this year by Dec 4th. Postal from PM of Los Angeles.

Thursday, Nov 16, 1905 Dark cloudy day & a few drops of rain fell. Bill Smith out again to work @ mineral flats. Edwards & Tom Osborn down from their mines early. Bedlam reigns tonight @ the Saloon & it rains.

Friday, Nov 17, 1905 An idle day again. The town is dead after the -----? last night. Pahrump team in tonight with hay for Co Store. Wm Miller's team passing to Pahrump for hay. Wrote letter to Mrs A.C.S. c/o Mrs B @ Los Angeles.

Saturday. Nov 18, 1905 Very cold this morning. Gould & Miller teams and mail all off early today. Chink wants meat house built today. I started to build it for him. Ate dinner supper at restaurant.

Sunday, Nov 19, 1905 working for Chink on meat house. Mail in regular. Bought stamps & tablet 45 cts, suit of under clothes 2.00, tobacco 25 cts. Smith's business Pard in. Rec'd letter from wife at Long Beach.

Monday, Nov 20, 1905 Mailed letter to H. Ramsey. Chink pd me 3.00 for work and old man Finley buried at Manse. Wrote A.C.S. tonight and sent her 10.00 cash to Long Beach c/o Mrs John Bixby. Snowing.

Tuesday, Nov 21, 1905 Snow 2 inches deep on top of house. Mail out today. Bowler & Tom Osborn & Joe Lake down from new mines. B's in with freight again tonight, OK.

Wednesday, Nov 22, 1905 First frost, thick as window glass on basin this morning. Killed tomato vines. Mail in @ noon and a letter from A.C.S., mailed the 19th, Long Beach. Everybody wild about the great find east of here in the Snow Mt. range.

Thursday, Nov 23, 1905 Ice on water like heavy glass. B's off on horses, borrowed our saddle & out all day, located 5 claims on the dikes east of Johnnie & Grapevine Springs. West & Edwards out with team for R.R. & Los Angeles to spread the news.

Friday. Nov 24, 1905 B's off after freight early. Archie & Sim went to Pahrump after 2 more burros, cost 10.00. They will return tomorrow. Joe Lake & John B off south to find more claims on the Dyke, further south than anybody else. Al Bogue in camp Closed letter to A.C.S.

Saturday, Nov 25, 1905 Mail out today. Located Banner No 1 mine. Rode Moze home again @ 4PM. J.C. McClannahan in with stock for saloon. Sim & Archie in with 2 new burros & 2 of Joe's. Al Bogue still here. Wrote R.F. Gilbert. Tax \$8.80.

Sunday. Nov 26, 1905 Mail failed to arrive today, why. I am fixing to put stove in the house tomorrow. A preacher here, had a sermon in town tonight @ store.

Monday.v, Nov 27, 1905 Snow everywhere. Blowing great guns & cold as Greenland. Mail in @ 4PM. Letter from A.C.S. on 24th, letter from O.E.S. Alameda.

Tuesday, Nov 28, 1905 Ans'd A.C.S. & O.E.S. Wrote County Tax Collector, don't want to pay taxes. Mail out 9AM. McClannahan gone home. Moved stove inside & have-it all OK tonight. John Yount altered B,s big jack this PM.

Wednesday, Nov 29, 1905 Very cold with ice. Mail in 2PM, rec'd 2 letters from A.C. S., Long Beach, Nov 25th & 27th, saying write no more. Wrote Dave Allen, Chico, Geo W, Lewis, Riverside & E.N. Ball, Grand Forks N.D.

Thursday, Nov 30, 1905 Thanksgiving day. Wm Edwin here early, says option is off. Wrote A.C.S. @ once & inclosing a bill \$5.00. Mail out this PM. 4 beds occupied.

Friday, Dec 1, 1905 Spent 1.00 treating saloon for luck, perhaps wrong. Very icy this morning. Eddards & West & Goldworthy in from Los Angeles, they say times here will boom this winter. 3 beds tonight.

Saturday, Dec 2, 1905 Goldworthy assayed for us @ Inguaran with J. D. Phillips, all off to the new excitement. Goldworthy with West, Eddards etc, etc, off to survey plot & map, Late PM, West back & Johnson & Co drove West's team to Manse.

Sunday, Dec 3, 1905 J.J. Fairchilds & family passed out early. Al Bogue off for the Pahrump with hay team. Mail & 3 passengers in @ 3PM & on to mine after feeding.

Monday, Dec 4, 1905 Chas L. moved 3 miners out onto Mineral Flat to camp & work assessment, Priest, Lynch & Jimmy, West & Jolly off prospecting, all crazy. B's in tonight with freight & 2 miners & outfit. Chas L. boozing tonight.

Tuesday, Dec 5, 1905 Sent letter and \$5.00 c/o Mrs White for A.C.S. when she arrives from Los Angeles to buy corn & apples, Shrader & Harry Simmons, Chas Lampfrey & Chink gambled all night. Chink won 65.00.

Wednesday, Dec 6, 1905 Mail failed to go out. B's all off locating on new discovery. Eddards in today. Took man out to work, Archie & 3 burros out loaded for Eddards. Shrader & Harry & Joe Lake gambled all night.

Thursday, Dec 7, 1905 At last mail out & off for answer. Harry S, Shrader boozing & Losers @ gambling. Archie back with burros. B's fixing up to start for freight tomorrow. Wrote H.G. Rippe.

Friday, Dec 8, 1905 PM, mail in and rec'd one from Pard. Wrote Fried & Myers to return her papers all by return mail.

Saturday, Dec 9, 1905 B off alone for freight. West & Jolly in from the hills, awful windy. Mail out. Sent another 5.00 to Pard. Off @ 3PM for Manse, met my Pard there & pd stage fare, 6.50.

Sunday, Dec 10, 1905 @ Manse fixing up for return trip to Johnnie. Johnson, Thomas & A.C.S. were return passengers. Home @ 3PM, dined @ Emilys, good dinner. Pd on store acct \$2.50.

Monday, Dec 11, 1905 Wife & I cleaning house. Wrote Wm McCann, Long Beach c/o Mrs John Bixby. Wrote W.A. Woodworth, Los A. c/o Salt Lake Reg Office. Rec'd of Joe Eddards 5.00 on his acct. Later acct settled.

Tuesday, Dec 12, 1905 Mail out PM. Wind howling today. Eddards off for Los Angs. Wrote Lewis @ Riverside. Wrote for women's magazine - St. Louis Mo for one year, 10 cts. John Gonnet bought a team.

Wednesday, Dec 13, 1905 Gave Laughlin tent to J.B., preparing to work on Teddy R original -Shipe Bonanza. 2PM, off for Horse shooting where we camped tonight & put up our tent. Had supper and slept in the tent all OK. Worked on Teddy R quartz claim. m

Thursday, Dec 14, 1905 Up early cooked breakfast, took tools & lunch & commenced location work on the Teddy R claim. (2 hired men). Found my location, notice torn in two & half gone, witness J, Beauregard. Posted new notice in my monument @ once & saved the fragment of original.

Friday, Dec 15, 1905 Completed location work on the Teddy R Quartz claim. Located the Barranca Mine connecting up the Good Luck & Teddy R mines monuments. Teddy completed & back to camp & supper @ 4PM. Rebuilt S.E. corner monument of the Good Luck, 6 days work.

Saturday, Dec 16, 1905 Back to P.O. @ 11:17AM, paid Herbert Schrader 2.00 as Deputy Recorder. Pd freight on wifes trunk & box 2.50. Trunk & box from Los Angeles arrived via stage from Manse. Wrote Wm H. McCann. Wrote O.E. Swain for Diary.

Sunday, Dec 17, 1905 The town was drunk last night, whiskey fighting. Mail out early, Jolly in command. Wm W Smith on a booze.

Monday, Dec 18, 1905 Wrote Simon L. @ El Paso & sent him deed to sigh & return for \$20.00. A.C. sewing for Mrs Jene Fa??? of G.S. Siding. Note to White @ Manse fox my wife. Wrote John Kemp @ S.L. to send me alfalfa seed. Bought sugar & spuds.

Tuesday, Dec 19, 1905 Pd B's bal on Teddy R location work, 10.00. Pd Mrs Emily B 5.00. Mail out early. Gambling at saloon again all night.

Wednesday, Dec 20, 1905 Building bed steads. Rec'd answer from Rippe regarding tent & fly. Mail in @ noon. Mr T.D. Thorkelden came in on stage. B in with freight & Co's new stage. A.C. making some aprons for Mrs Faile of G.S. Siding.

Thursday, Dec 21, 1905 Snow on the hills. B has new horse blankets. Too cold for comfort. I did very little today, but fixed the stove & cut fire wood. Jim Brian in town, the stage man. Goldsworthy & Co off to their mines PM.

Friday, Dec 22, 1905 Fearfully cold, water service all froze up all day today. Stage out again tomorrow for Manse. Wife sends pckg to Mrs Jean Fayle @ R.R., also to Mother Hayner @ Milan Michigan. Wrote for alfalfa seeds.

Saturday, Dec 23, 1905 Mrs B sick a bed. Mr Thomas off for home on new stage, first trip out & Jolly driving it. Ice every place. Archie B skating on ice in street.

Sunday, Dec 24, 1905 Our notice not returned. A.C. and I went to the Del Oro to see if it was all right, found a winlass rope & tub on the shaft & dump. A gang going to Pahrum to speed Christmas. Wife rec'd letter from Nancy Mack, letter from Anne L. Kirkwood as well as some other papers.

Monday, Dec 25, 1905 Xmas Day. Spent in eating a grand dinner given by Mrs B & we. Chicken pie & good things for all of us and supper as well. I did some work on bed steads in our bunk house.

Tuesday, Dec 26, 1905 A.C. wrote Mrs Kirkwood last night, also to Nancy Mack. Mrs B & A.C. moved Bill Smiths camp to Grapevine Springs. Archie & I went after my bed up on the trail.

Wednesday, Dec 27, 1905 Water pipes all closed. ^ B off for Ivanpah, freight. A.C. and I commenced location work today on Banner No 1 quartz claim. Srader & Johnson in on stage today, on up to mine. Rec'd letter & 5.00 from Mrs Faley.

Thursday, Dec 28, 1905 Have a very lame ankle today, off work. Everybody working on the White claims today. Srader & Johnson off for Los Angeles again. Report says Thomas has failed to do the annual work on the White claims.

Friday, Dec 29, 1905 Old Mary Scitt, the Shoshone & her boy had dinner with us. Chas Todd in bed today. West has my watch for 20.00. A Mr Jamison of Chispa & out fit arrived . Sandy McDonald to bed.

Saturday. Dec 30, 1905 Tom Osborn & Jamison and McDonald out to look over the Osbourne, Eddards & Boller finds. S.E. from here 7 to 8 miles. We were busy washing & over hauling our bunk house, beds, etc. Wife cleaning & pressing Jamisons new suit & hat, he is out. McDonald back to bed tonight alone.

Sunday, Dec 31, 1905 A fearful cold windy day & worse as night came. Wrote to C. Ohio for machine. Wrote for Salt Lake Tribune. Todd & Speeler had chicken dinner here today. Bill Smith here to supper. Pd us 5.00 on acct & so the old year closes.

END OF ENTRIES FOR 1905

The following are notes taken from the back of the 1905 diary.
Six months in Alamogordo shops; Dennis Sullivan, Supt., E.P. and N.E. R.R. Co., Alamogordo, New Mexico.
Chris Paskerson, foreman of shop, machine @ Alamogordo, E.P. & N.E.
Dawson, master mechanic. Joe Elson of Durndie, Mich.
Carl Rush - Esq Wagoner P.O. Arizona has fine Angoras.
Oct 30th, midnight 1905, Czar Nicholas - 2nd, abdicates his throne & crown and Russia is free.
July 12th, cash on hand \$120.00.
Mother Hayner died in Michigan on Sept 25th @ 6:30PM and we learned it on Jan 14th 1906 @ Johnnie Nye Co., Nevada.
Under Bills Payable: Oct 19th \$25.00. No 8, 17A, wood burner by Bridge & Beach, 503 South First St, St. Louis Mo.
Oct 20th, Rec'd Power of Atty from Wm Edwin & pd Notary J.J. Flor acknowledged.
2nd, J.D. Rockefeller gave \$10,000,000.00 in checks, Ten million dollars to the Gen Education Board of New York City. Geo Foster Peabody, Treasure of General Education Board, N.Y.
Dec 25th, cash on hand, \$100.00. Mt Hood, Oregon 11,225 ft high.
A.R. Blankenship, 1st San Francisco, Mexico, Hotel Guardio.
Prof O.E. Swain, 876 Laurel St., Alameda Co., Cali.
W T Hayden, Agent E.P. & E.R.R., Alamogordo N.M.
Jas S. Irwin, Alamogordo, N.M.
Mrs Mary Banning, 578 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cali.
Mrs John Bixby, Long Beach, Cali.
Mrs Jean Fayle, Jean P.O. Nevada.
Annie L. Kirkwood, 412 Clayton, San Francisco, Cali.
Miss Nancy Mack, c/o Mrs John Bixby, Long Beach, Cali.
A.M. Thomson, Oasis, Millard Co., Utah State, Alfalfa
Mr H. Ramsey, 2412 Piedmont Ave, Berkeley, Cali.
R.F. Gilbert, County Treasure & Tax Collector, Tonopah, Nye Co., Nevada.
Mr J.W. Stine, Ivanpah, San Bernardino Co.
Carrol Rush, Wagner Arizona.
C.C. Miller, goat owner, Prescott, Arizona.
R.B. Cannon, goat owner Prescott, Arizona.
(Cement wall) 9 sk feet of sand to 1 BBL of lime, makes a good & lasting building, a Texas formula. Elevation above sea level of Johnnie townsite, 3370.
From July 9th, 04 earned during stay in Alamogordo until Jan 28th 05, \$556.00 saved \$400.00 clear.
Railway Club of Alamogordo, Beasley, President, Chas Fingers Sec, D. Sullivan, whole push, has few equals (anywhere). Christian Paskerson, shop boss & a Bro IOOF, no better man in New Mexico.

END