

Daily Journal

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Stevenson Ala Jany 1 60

Stevenson Ala Sunday Jany 1st 1860

Fine Day. Pleasant & cool Nothing News. No Letters from home

Monday Jan'y 2nd 1860

Nice Weather. Letter from Chester Pond Opr Geneva O. says very cold there nothing especial Ladd in Memphis trying get Situ on M & C or N & C Road

Tuesday Jany 3rd 1860

Letters from Home Money recd ok say considerable news there cold Weather Fine Weather cool

Stevenson Ala Jany 4th 1860

No Letter from Warren Wrote home to have coat sent by Express Rain & cloudy

Thursday Jany 5th 80

Clear and Warm again Nothing News

Friday Jany 6th 1860

Fine Weather today Ladd coming Cubb Conde on M & C Passr Train

Saturday Jany 7th

Plenty Personnel change in Schedule coming soon Nothing by Mail

Sunday Jany 8th 1860

Clearest and finest Weather ever seen today took Walk today – No News –

Monday Jany 9th

Beautiful Weather today Jo Hill talking of selling out Schedule to change 13th

Tuesday Jany 10th

Loaned old Man Dunlap \$3 Nothing

Wednesday Jany 11th

Hill talking seriously of selling out to Hockensmith & Howard Warm & fine

Stevenson Ala Jany 12th 1860

Hill sold out today Rain hard No Letter

Friday Jany 13th 60

Boarding on same Terms With Hockensmith and Howard Nothing new Rain today

Saturday Jany 14th 1860

Schedule not to be changed till 29th I hear – Nothing

Sunday Jany 15th

Warm Write home today Nothing especial

Monday Jany 16th

Pay Day to day Babb did not come though Cold Rain Nothing

Tuesday Jany 17th

Pay Train Come. paid me for Dec 59. Got three Dolls from Dunlap Got my new double Soled & upper Boots paid 8.00 for them – Rain –

Wednesday Jany 18

Nothing Warm & Clear again New Schedule keeps me busy Small Likeness taken pd 25

Thursday Jany 19

Had my Likeness taken in Office here Cost 2.00 fine Picture

Friday Jany 20 1860

Nothing new fine Weather Ladd appointed Supt of M & C Line – strange –

Saturday Jany 21 1860

Nothing new Warm & Clear

Sunday Jany 22nd

Father writes 16th send Coat by Am. Exp. all well nothing new.

Monday Jany 23rd

Warm & clear fine Weather Stove not wanted – No Letters

Tuesday Jany 24th

Nothing

Wednesday Jany 25th

New Schedule arranged now – Trains will not all connect here Main Batty put in here Ladd & I fixed it up. Nice Looks & good Work

Thursday Jany 26th

Nothing New No Letters

Friday Jany 27th

Nothing New No Letter from Warren good while. Warm Clear –

Saturday Jany 28th

Getting cold. Stove gave must Write Capt Ross abt it

Sunday Jany 29th 1860

New Schedule Trains running in Day time & 11 at Night Staying here all Day Cold No Package yet

Monday Jany 30th

Cool Nothing Telegraph Agt Cleveland of Am. Ep. Co his Answer Went Via Centralia Ill 16th
Wrote Capt Ross abt Stove

Tuesday Jany 31

Nothing New Cold & snow this Mng all over got New Stove put up today sent Likeness home &
Wrote by Mail today –

Wednesday Feby 1 1860

Cold – Nothing new – People [*illegible*] satisfied With new Schedule

Thursday Feby 2nd

Something brewing in U.P. T.m N today Wrote Bob Asa & sent him Ed Mitchells Letter about
Inst

Friday Feby 3^d

Cold Nothing Wrote home sent Monthly Rept to Huntsville & Supt Trabue

Saturday Feby 4^d

Pleasant today. Memphis Train late Recd my Coat DH [*illegible*] from home tonight – Repairers
here threw Women off

Sunday Feby 5th

Rain today fixing Office Lines. Pleasant in Afternoon

Monday Feby 6th 1860

Rain this Morning Repairers left for Ch. Wrote home – No Letters

Tuesday Feby 7

Rainy. Found out Repairers took my Climber Straps off and left theirs to large for my Climbers.
Sent Monthly Rept to Louisville

Wednesday Feby 8

Nothing New Clear – No Letters

Thursday Feby 9

Wrote Warren & Kafka Recd Letter from Chester Pond Geneva O

Friday Feby 10

Raining today Cold Wrote Chester Pond

Saturday Feby 11th

Fine clear Left on 11 PM Train for N. Deany Wilson on Repairers on got my Straps and a vise

Sunday Feby 12

Fine Mng Breakfast at Murfreesboro. Arrived in U at 840 AM Met Geo Trabue going to Sunday School had a chatt went to Ofs found old Man Carville talked with him looked Batty & f Bob Asa came up had chatt then we walked to a Restaurant Had some Rind told him of Frank Thurber telling Theo that Barney Hughes was going to take his place. Bob says gng talk abt it Back to Ofs talked with Tom Johnson over Line with Peck Left for Nat 2K PM Arrived ok

Monday February 13

Fine Morning Frank Thurber raving abt me going to revenge himself &f Wrote Geo Trabue abt it and asked advice – Letter here from home all well things going straight

Tuesday Feby 14

Raining hard. Wrote Father & Uncle Bernhard – Nothing news –

Wednesday Feby 15

Nothing Raingd in Mng Cool Evening No Letter

Thursday Feby 16

Fine Morning Frank Thurber in N to cure his private Disease heard him & Asa talk put on soft Sadder & Asa says Glad to see him this Noon & happy to hear abt that little Matter Hell

Friday Feby 17th

Nothing heard from Asa. Barney Hughes passing on Way to W. He is Traveling Agt M & C R R Fine Weather No Letter

Saturday Feby 18th

Fine Weather – Preparations for Changes of Schedule again Got Inst – fm J to fix

Sunday Feby 19

Fine Weather – Nothing –

Monday Feby 20th 60

Raining No Letter

Tuesday Feby 21 60

Fine Weather Nothing

Wednesday 22 60

Reapiring Line – Come to Ch

Thursday Feby 23

Recd Letter from Geo Trabue one fm Kafka Out on Line again Smoke Stack caught in Line

Friday 24

Line working but on Rocks

Saturday Feby 25

Out today – Nothing Done

Sunday Feby 26

Out today Change of Schedule Had 4 Men to fix Line Worked 5 hours got back 11 PM

Monday Feby 27

At Home Memphis Line Working the Mng Fine Weather No Letter

Tuesday Feby 28

Rain Memphis this Mng

Wednesday 29

Out on Line Raining Line on Tenn River Bridge got her ok back on Frt Train Sent Hom 45 Dolls
Epres. Wrote by Mail

Tuesday March 1 1860

Weather mild – Writing up Book for Feby – No News –

Friday March 2nd

Fine Weather – Tuscumbia & N connected this Mng Working through – Nothing New –

Saturday March 3^d

Nothing – Cool –

Sunday march 4th

Went to Huntsville by [*illegible*] Train Fine Day Warm & pleasant Met Ladd & Babb returned in
Evening Rcd Letter fm Same

Monday March 5th

Nothing – Fine Weather Wrote Home Uncle Simon

Tuesday March 6th

Nothing News. Letter fm Horton

Wednesday March 7

Recd Balance due me from North Ala Line Copied Lists for R.R. Sam Smith here

Thursday March 8

Sent my Rept to Ths Slandes for Feby Balance of 5 due me.

Friday March 9

Nothing rather stormy

Saturday March 10

Ed Mitchell at Tuscumbia Lad Line connect with Ch Invited me to go to Hu—No Letters

Sunday March 11 60

Went to Huntsville – Met Ed Mitchell but only 5 Minutes He left for Holly Springs Acquainted with Peck Opr at Tuscumbia Fine young Man – looked round in Hu till Eve. Left at 7.10 PM & back at 11

Monday March 12 1860

Fine Day – Loaned Peck my Work Shaffners Manual Recd Letter Another from [*illegible*] Morse – Delightfull

Tuesday March 13

Wrote Father. Jim Warren & Kafka T. Thurber fm P here – tonight

Wednesday March 14 60

Fine & Cold No Letter New for Schedule on N & C Road running fm N to Ch in One way

Thursday March 15 60

No Letters – Fine Weather – Sam Smith here again

Friday Mch 16 60

Raining today. No Letters – A.E. Trabue here tonight on his way to U. & S. Had chatt with him

Saturday Mch 17 60

Nothing News – Weather Cool Ladd came back here tonight Has nothing to do now. Slept with him in Ala House

Sunday March 18 60

Fine Morning. Left on Gravel Train for Shellmound this Morning to visit Nickajack Cave. Aboard is myself Ladd Geo. Brown Jeff. Panky & Master Jay Got to Shellmound about 10 O'clock AM Took Walk to Cave two Boys abt 16 pass & 12 as Pilots got some Pine Torches & in we Go. What a beautiful Scene when first we enter the grand Hall in who Centre the Nickajack Creek or River with blue Water runs majestically to distance unknown. The first Thing we see is a Rock some 15 foot long formed from the Water dripping down We try out Voices sounds of divers Calling heard We light our Torches & proceed after Walking some Hf mile through Rocky paths some High & symmetrical some like a chaos We get to a crevice Here says the pilot is the most beautiful Hall in the Cave but to creep through Whole only about eight Inches high 6 foot long is not pleasant. Still I pull my Coat off take some pine and follow laying flat on Belly Ho zons slow pleage it my Head against a Rock on we go and thank god I am in a place where I can stoope All are in and note we go & look at the Walls like Crystall beautiful indeed is the Hall after we come in and Names written with the Torch light on the Walls commemorate the Visitors who perhaps years ago have been here We get some curious looking Stones the Boy knock off some of them from the Ceiling and back We go—Im packed with my Hat & Pine Wood and a big piece of Stone & have to get through that narrow Channel They go

seems harder with less Enthusiasm tired & Geo Brown is nearly stuck in that crevice at last we are out I take my Coat – The Pilot says some more to be seen So I and Jay & both Pilots go forward While the rest of the Boys are back – They get tired of Natures beauties – Down we go through Hall & long Walk to see the Chalk Room Hullo! Whats that & I grip but the Pilot laughs & says he itl bite it's a Bat & hundred of them here I look at it well there it clings to the Ceiling makes a great fuss We take him into the small Pilots Pocket. Left my Hat & Coat at an entrance & going down further Pilot says two Men Went in once & never were found. Ho the Chalk Room has very high some twenty or 25 foot Ceiling full of loose ground near White tis Chal Natural. Now for the Race Track after a jump in up & down on Rocks we get there til finer than anything in Modern Architecture Gothic Stile is the finest Symmetrical at Work out about 14 foot high & all Alike a straight cutt about 300 yards How great is God to look on & not feel how small we are would be impossible We are tired Hullo a while & back we go. There about a hight of fifty – 100 foot the Walls are near black – Those are Bats the pilot says & we are in about 3 – 4 foot deep Manure of there nasty looking Creatures I find my Hat & Coat & out we come. Oh Light How strange is that Vision when Man Comes from Darkness into the great Hole Heres the Blue Creek there is Tenn River half mile below & Our Companions marching towards the Depot I put up my Relics & go to wash Im full of dirt Here we meet two young Men with a Girl about 18 going towards the Cave We reach the Depot & now our Plan is to go to Chattanooga & return on Night Train

Ladd paddling about on Tenn River The Train is near we get on & off we go Good Dinner at the Crutchfield House of Walking about with Boys Evening Thurber & Bro who by the way came in Train & Deany Wilson we are in Telgh Office having Dance & Concert Vocal & Instrumental at 8 PM back to X & at 11 – I am snugly at Home

Monday March 19

Letter from Chester Pond Geneva No News –

Tuesday Mch 20

Letter from home Money Letter Recd all well – Paine here and Ladd today Cleand & amalgamized Main Battrry today. Done up well.

Wednesday Mch 21

No more Letters Walked about with Boone Hotel Keeper – Saw Rome Wild Game near Crow Creek

Thursday Mch 22

Out with Ladd hunting he killed one wild Duck No News Weather Cool Some thing wrong Sick P D Howard tells me cant board me [*illegible*] think of moving Quarters agreed with Boone tonight to pay him 5 Dollars per Month to pay \$2 that first \$3 being fm last month for Reports

Friday Mch 23

Commenced boarding at Alabama House this Morning – Got some Medicine from Dr. Rupell

Saturday Mch 24

Raining today – Nothing –

Sunday Mch 25th

At home. Went out little in PM found Meerschaum Pipe gave it Ladd. He gave me copying Letter Book. Feel Sick in Evening – I went to Larkinsville on Train. Recd Letter from Warren says [*illegible*] ok was East – says fnd of his coming this Way to help him

Monday Mch 26

Cold Mng feel rather bad but C. gone. Wrote Letter to VanHorne for Site if possible wrote home

Tuesday Mch 27

Cool. Feel bad today like getting chill

Wednesday Mch 28

Cool Recd Letter from home with Uncle Bs Enclosed Letter all well

Thursday Mch 29 60

Find I am not fully cured of C—taking Balance of Bottle – had cable Line – down this PM

Friday Mch 30

Had to go out this Mng on 725 AM got to repair Line found it broke 4 Miles below Hard work Had to climbe Pole Paid 2 [*illegible*] 50 Cts Walked back carrying my Tools rather warm

Saturday Mch 31

Frank passed here yesterday to hear Concert at Ch bt 200 come back today

Sunday April

Raining. Wrote home Letter

Monday Apl 2nd

Nice Weather Ladd at Larkinsville Nothing New. Sick yet

Tuesday Apl 3^d

Nothing remarkable Sent Monthly Rept to S.

Wednesday Apl 4th

Writing at Monthly Report Trabue passed here today for P –

Thursday Apl 5

Lines down North and South of P. Louis Working through here this PM to P— Got some medicine from Dr. Dunlap

Friday Apl 6

New Orleans & S. working through here Letter fm Warren wants to come here

Saturday Apl 7

Through Line Ok N & J working thro here occasionally. Sent Monthly Rept to Louisville today

Sunday Apl 8

Nothing going on Dull here Very warm Suddenly

Monday Apl 9

Took first Shower Bath this Mng for Season rather hard first but refreshing Nothing. Wrote Warren today all abt chances here

Tuesday Apl 10

Warm again Looks like Rain but Now took 2nd Showerbath

Wednesday Apl 11

Nothing 3^d Showerbath – Warm yet

Thursday Apl 12

4th Shower Bath. Line down or something wrong can not get Ch

Friday Apl 13

Warm Clear Left for Ch on Engine Passenger Train left Ladd in charge of Ofs Did not find anything – resolved to walk it Trabue says go on & do anything I think best - - Hired German at 150 Day

Saturday Apl 14

Warm Clear Started at 7 30 AM walked 5 Miles tested with Ch found nothing Walked on to Lookout Inn took Dinner there pd 15 cts Walked on tested with Ch at 2 PM Found Nothing yet –

Saturday Apl 14th

Walked as far as Alleys Met old Man Alley nice old Man went to his Log Cabin in Woods. A Negro Women prepared a good Supper for us and We went to bed in good Humor

Sunday Apl 15

Woke up early tired. Took Breakfast Alleys started 630 AM Walked up to Stone Cutters found Vine on Wire cutt it & Boanes Hatchett went down could not find it – Tested Line at Shellmound good Current from Ch – Got Tenn River abt Noon found Line hanging to Nail on Bridge fixed it OK. Walked to X arrived at 5 PM. Paid Dutchman 3⁰⁰ found Letter correction of Rept fm S— Tired went to Bed abt 9

Monday Apl 16

Line OK – Ladd here got his new [*illegible*] loaned him 2.00 he owes me 62 besides for Mch—J. Hill here sold him my Book on Teph for 5.00 Pay Day Got Paid off Fine Weather

Tuesday Apl 17

Nothing new No Letter Raining hard – Thunderstorm –

Wednesday Apl 18

Nothing Rain – Line down agn at 12 K. between S & Ch – Working hard south 20 – Will have to start tomw Send Bsns by Train –

Thursday April 19

Rainy – No Letter Left on 1120 AM Train Line 20 as down at Alleys by tree falling on it found Thurber had fixed it Ok When coming near Ch find Line broke near Crossing Bridges Went out at 3 P.M R R Men had cutt it climbed & Moved Pole for Line to [illegible] got 2 Men from Passes to help climbed Pole 2nd time & put in Line after making Connection – Line OK – at 5.30 PM Back to Supper Started from Chat 8 PM Purse Condr on M & C Road talked considerable got back to X at 11 K P.M. Ladd here left with Gm for Ch –

Friday April 20

Cool & fine Day No Letters H & N Working through Nothing

Saturday April 21

Nothing New. Weather cool

Sunday April 22^d

Nothing stay here all Day Letter from home all well

Monday Apl 23

Wrote home told em Id send 50.00 next Day

Tuesday April 24

Sent #50 by Adams Ex Brooks Messenger

Friday April 25

Nothing mighty Cool

Saturday Apl 28

Hear Warren is going take Ofs astonished

Sunday April 29th

No News – Mighty tickled abt W. coming heard F. Thurber saw Trabue plenty fm to listen. Walked on Mountain with Daly Watchmaker Lancaster Girl & an X Girl fine Weather

Monday April 30

Nothing New

Tuesday May 1

Nothing expect to hear Warren today

Wednesday May 2

Warren got to F. Had bad luck Robbed \$10 had to ride on Wagon fm N to F. I sent him \$5
[illegible]

Thursday May 3

Loan \$4 Ga Money wasn't good I sent him \$5 in Gold & long Letter got Vest of Dryer \$4.00

Friday May 4

No Letter Nothing New.

Saturday May 5

Pleasant Left for Murfreesboro Took Broken Telegh along Letter from Kafka

Sunday May 6

Arrived in F. early took Breakfast at Thomases Spoke to Mrs T Went Up Town found Warren in Bed at Brocks long Chatt. After he took Breakfast went down to Office at 10 K took long Walk Dinner at Brocks – Went over to Thomas get my Book Talked with them. Went Up Town again back – left on Train for X – Got Ga Money from W. left Book in F. Returned OK

Monday May 7

Heard Dr. Dunlap killed Irishman last night at Bridgeport. Line Down today Went out on Engine Pass Train. Found Line broken beyond Covered Bridge Bridgeport got two Irish men to help me pulleys gave out several times at last having no Wire put in an Inch thick Iron Rod at 2 P.M. Paid small Irishmen 50 Cts found Knife & gave it to him. Going back found Roper & Bridge man. Told me I can find Wire inside Tin Roofed Bridge Walked through found thick Wire and went back took Down Wire and put in Wire in Place of Rod. Had to climb Tree over 40 feet high. Hard Work Come down and went back Paid big Irishman 75 Cts. Went to Tea found Dr. Dunlap looks bad. Irishmen not Dead some expect him to live Talking about Knife I found they started there but think I found it too far from Place of fight. Got back Election & Voting all about Removing Court House

Tuesday May 8

Dr. Dunlap returned. Recd my new Suit from home also Letter saying all well. Father wishes me to come home in Fall – &c Went out but could not fix anything walked back 5 Miles

Wednesday May 9

Nothing Rainy ok
Wrote father.

Thursday May 10

Sent in my Rept also 10.60 to C Carville paying Balance Due Co

Friday May 11

Raining Thunder Storm Nothing New

Saturday May 12

Raining all Day near Nothing News

Sunday May 13 60

Fine Day Warm. Wrote Letter to Kafka sent him my Likeness also Letter to Supt Telegh San Francisco enclosing Stamps to him asking Information about Lines Vacancies

Monday May 14 1860

Wrote my Book up this Morning Mailed Letters Fine Weather

Tuesday May 15 60

Nothing News – Went out to Widows Creek could do nothing Walked back Exp [*illegible*]

Wednesday May 16

Pay Day Babb here Nothing News – Think going to P. Ofs Wrote Trabue

Thursday May 17

Nothing – Raining – Mailed Letter –

Friday May 18

Nothing Warm – Clear

Saturday May 19

Nthg – Trab. Says its no go abt P.

Sunday May 20

Warren got here 1115 Am We left on Train for Huntsville – got there 130 P.M. Dined Walked up Town through most Streets into private Cemetery – Bad Look Ice Cream. Very warm today – Spent Evening at Depot Back to X

Monday May 21

Weather mighty warm. Commenced studying Phonography –

Tuesday May 22

Raining No Letters

Wednesday May 23

Vanhorne passed [*missing*] day Had long Chatt. Amount [*missing*]

Thursday May 24

Line works badly Went out to Widows Creek put up new Pole Exp. 125 Walked 10 Miles since 230 PM. Tired

Friday May 25

Raining Line Ok – No News Renewd Main Batty

Saturday May 26

Nothing. Hot today Stormy

Sunday May 27

Nothing Fine Day. Wrote home – Halsey & Pearce here fixing Hu Line Hear One Line broke at Cowan Left on Night Train – Got to D 2 AM. To Bed. Old Gent Young Women in cant sleep – Old Van passed here going back

Monday May 28

Got up took [missing] pd 50 – Got on frt [missing] Tools on Engine – When I got to Cowan found had lost my Wire Line broken. Started back to D 5 Miles Misty Warm Walked in 1.30 – found Wire abt 100 yards from Depot. Train got there in abt 10 Mints after I got in Left got in Cowan. Had two flws help me Pd 50 Cts got Line Ok Left for F. Gotthere Saw Warren went up Town took some Ice Cream Left for X on Up Train Fine Gal on cant forget her Got back to X 1015 PM Heat that As kins Condr had Killed himself with his Gun he got of Ladd At Ch Landing accidentally feel sorry for him best Man on M & C Road Exitement here – bout him & Dr. Baker who was killed by R.R. at next Station

Tuesday May 29

Warm No News Pickins here little fluting by our Crow Creek high Jackson Community.

Wednesday May 30

Nothing New – No Letter –

Thursday May 31

Cool today Nothing today Making Plan for Switch & Lightning arrester Stevenson

Friday June 1 1860

Nothing New No Letters Rain

Saturday June 2^d 60

Warm & Clear. Writing my Monthly Act sent Rept to AE Trabue Letter from home all well No News

Sunday June 3^d 1860

Nothing stopped here Wrote Letter home long to point & Ladd left her for Cincinnati tonight feel bad sick

Monday June 4 60

Warm clear No News

Tuesday June 5th 60

Nothing News Gravel Train on M & C R. R. ran off near Larkinsville killed 2 wounded 4 I was up near all Night Pass Train detained

Wednesday June 6th

Pass Train arrived here at 630 AM with 75 Passengers this Mng took Bkfst at Ala House. Good Crowd here Rain & Thunderstorm this Evening

Thursday June 7 60

No Chk from A. Deany Wilson came here logs removed Tree from Line yet 200 Cpt Thurber here took my Book on Telegh I left cull D off found K open at J. closed him off got to F ok found Line was in Order. Went up Town with Jim Warren took some Ice Cream & Soda & went back Got back to X ok Expense 115

Candles	25
Watches	5
Paid for Passes Stamps	25

Friday June 8

Found Letter from Chester Pond Geneva in P.O. Got Receipt from L too late to send Report today Heavy Rain & Storm here in Mng

Saturday June 9

Cool & Pleasant Mailed monthly Report sent Clarville 5 50/100 by Mail Balance due Ct for May

Sunday June 10

Fine Pleasant. Went to Baptist Meeting heard moderate Sermon then heard Methodist making awfull screaming & yelling [*illegible*] Drunkards Women Men & the Preacher a Stranger Crying Hypocrisy. No News.

Monday June 11

Its a fear today since I took F ofs Fine Weather No Letters No News

Tuesday June 12

Nothing

Wednesday June 13

No News. Fine & Clear

Thursday June 14

No News

Friday June 15

Races here I run with Geo Hockensmith fell 1st time beat him second time think I can run pretty well

Saturday June 16

Race White & Fred Starkey not come of Starkeys Master objecting Howard & Dick Rouse bet 10.00 on me & Geo Hocker. I run first pace Race beat Geo 20 yards in 100 Bet up on me & Andrew Rice

Sunday June 17

Fine Day. Practiced little in mng on Running. Evening run with Fred Starkey . hurt my toe

Monday June 18

Excitement large on my and new runners very Running large Bets 450 Dolls up Run Race with him 100 Yards in 9 Seconds he beat me 2 ½ feet. Bet up to run with him week from next Saturday 150 Yards. Another Bet up me to run with Ad Capenton 100 Yds next Thursday.

Tuesday June 19

My Toes hurt but am wearing Sud. & Belt of Shot

Wednesday June 20

Nothing Boys are practicing

Thursday June 21

Dont feel like Running but will run any how At 3 P.M. we got ready I run in Drawers bare footed Nothing but Drawers Track hard Run & I beat Ad 8 feet but split my toes badly Heavy betts ip got back & put feet in Cold water used Tallow

Friday June 22

Trains behind. Both lying over here today of M & C Road My feet soar yet

Saturday June 23

Baltimore Convention News Douglas is nominated by Northern Democracy Breckenridge by Southern faction Sent father \$50- by Express & Letter

Sunday June 24

Nothing New – Read Letter fm Ladd yesterday – Got my Dumb Bells – weighing 40 pounds

Monday June 25

Nothing News. No Letter yet Rec Letter fm [illegible] Clevd [illegible] There is letter for me There.

Tuesday June 26

No Letter. Wrote Ladd

Wednesday June 27

Recd Letter from Kafka Alton Ill wants Money Borrwd \$10 & sent to him by Mail

Thursday June 28

Nothing

Friday June 29

Hot Weather from 90 – 103 in Shade.

Saturday June 30

No News. Raining today.

Sunday July 1st 1860

Hot making monthly Statement Receipts 64.92. Sent acct to Hu.

Monday July 2 60

No News No Letters

Tuesday July 3

Letter fm home all well Recd 25.75 fm S. makes us OK for June & May Sent Rept to Louisville

Wednesday July 4th

Rcd Letter from Home they recd my 50.00 all well. Sent C. Carville 21.07 by Mail to N. Offices closed 11 A.M. Left 10.45 A M got to Murfreesboro 3 PM. Found Warren making Flags Was introduced to Coleman Sewing Machine Agt. Had some fun Supper at Brock Went to Falir at Ava Show Nigger Very good performance but small Crowd Slept with W.

Thursday July 5

Left Fm Morning arrived X 10/15 AM. No News

Friday July 6 1860

Wrote home today. Fine Day Went over to Heymans Store He was cutting a Dutchmans hair. Old Gun was standing near Door. After he was done cutting hair I pulled Trigger of old Single Barreld Shot Gun never known before to have been loaded it went off I started looked at Heyman saw him bleeding I thought killed saw his finger off hanging run for Doctor Dunlap. He came found Heyman finger on right hand bleeding cutt it off entire up to knuckle bad Job Danger of his loosing arm Found out Shehorn had loaded Gun could not discharge it put back without cap I got some Ice for him from Train. Its a wretched Job

Saturday July 7

Line out of Order. I left on 1015 Train. Wrote Jo Hill found it was key at some Ofs Got to F. Went up town Introduced to Moore Painter Saw W. Likeness Left for X & arrived. Up all Night with Heyman.

Sunday July 8 “

Stayed with Heyman nearly all Day from Mng till Night Got him Ice Got 1# from Wilson for 10 Cts Letter from C. H Ponf Geneva.

Monday July 9

Stopped with Heyman many Hour Night & day feels little better They H & Lancaster got a Smees Battery from N York tried but cant make it work. No Letters

Tuesday July 10

No Letters. Bot Neck tie & Cloth Brush & Pocket Hkf for 1.00 Warm Weather tried Smee Batty cant make it work

Wednesday July 11

Hot Weather. Lancaster left for Jasper No News

Thursday July 12 1860

Weather awful warm 100 % at 10 A.M. Storm at 12.30 P.M. tearing things up generally No Work with Hu this PM

Friday July 13

Cool today Line working badly. No News.

Saturday July 14th 1860

Can hardly work with Op. Left on 10.15 Train got of Bridgeport down Line off Bridge got on while Train was moving Seen several Trees on Line between Shellmound Whiteside jumped off & hired Irishman with axe removed 4 Trees of Line. Paid him \$1.00 got to Shellmound on foot Supper near Cave. Back on 10:00 Train Gab on I tried Expense Day 165 Loo & Satchel

Sunday July 15th

Warm. Nothing Reading Byron trying find Out if can get Pearce work for me in Sept.

Monday July 16th

Pay Day. Seen Babb No News Jo Hill here today Wrote to Chester Pond

Tuesday July 17th

Awful Warm in Mng. Rain little at Noon. Warm through P.M. Agreed with Pearce he will com up some Day

Wednesday July 18

Hot this Mng. Up to 100

Thursday July 18

Nothing News Hot

Friday July 20th 1860

Nothing No Letters yet Train in A & C R R run off Track

Saturday July 21 1860

Mighty warm. Letter from home Marcus writing also father & Ma Nothing extra

Sunday July 22^d 1860

Nothing. Writing Letter for A E T. Bot Watch & Chain from Dreyer chain \$10 which I paid immy Watch \$9 tr boot on my old Watch

Monday July 23

Awful Storm & Rain. Sent Letter to A E. T. Repeated 70 Mess. This Evening fm H to N & fm N to H alsr some fm N.O. Hard time got done at 10.30 P.M.

Tuesday July 24th

Business very dull Agreed with Pearce to pay him Deficiency of M & C pay to me to make up \$30 & pay his Board Capt Ross consent

Wednesday July 25

Warm & Clear No News

Thursday July 26

No Letters No News

Friday July 27

Hot. Having awful Head Ache & Ear Ache Dr Dunlap put some Oil into my Ear hurt awful strong fever Bot 1 Bottle Shallenbergers Pills 1.50 Took 5 of En tonight

Saturday July 28

Having Barbecue at Huntsville today Yancey Speaking. I am very sick took 5 more of them Pills but have heavy fever yet. No Letters

Sunday July 29

Feel little lighter No News Trabue was here & gave me Letter of Introduction to Northern Supt Wrote home today.

Monday July 30

Am considerable better today No Letter

Tuesday July 31st

I am all light but very weak yet. Weather awfully warm

Wednesday August 1st 1860

Barbecue for Breckenridge & Lane here speaking. Went off peaceably til Eve Fight commenced between McCross & several other Men McCross brot out a Colts Repeater of largest size & was shooting at crowd. Man named Mathew got out his Pistol & fired 2 Shots at Mc one Bullet went through his Ribs & Lungs & other into his Head. Mc Ran into Dreyers Store and after 30 Minutes died the Death of a wretched Miscreant. They took Matthews home with Officers but they will not do anything with him most everybody glad he Mc Dead.

Thursday August 2^d

Making my monthly Rept for S. No news Hot.

Friday August 3^d

Wrote 6 Letters to different Supt for Passes from Louisville to Cleveland. Sent my Rept to S

Saturday August 4th

Nothing new Warm weather

Sunday August 5th

Went to Cb. And got my Book Saw Frank & K Thurber very friendly Saw Howard sick Left & got back in Eve

Monday August 6th

Election about Court House here Nothing going. No news Awfully warm today

Tuesday August 7th

Nothing News. Sent Monthly Rept to L. Warm

Wednesday August 8th

Rain and storm. Cold Recd Letter enclosing Pass from Billy Riggin over O & M Road from Seymour to Cincinnati return abt 5 PM Got Chill Fever has so weakened me can hardly walk

Thursday August 9

Rainy. Am very weak. See if I get another chill Recd Pass from L.M. & Road from Cincinnati to Columbus O & back

Friday August 10th

Cool today weak took nothing yet. Another chill this Eve Dr. Dunlap sent me Medicine Rcd Letter from home all well want me to be home before 10th Sept

Saturday August 11th

Nothing. Raining again Weather unfavorable for Ague Sent 2.24 Carville N.

Sunday August 12th

Letter from Lexington Route to Lexington & return Chill this Eve violent took some Medicine to prevent

Monday August 13th

Took nothing except some spirits of Turpentine 3 shots every Mng.

Tuesday August 14

No Letter. Chills again Had taken Medicine at night

Wednesday August 15

No Letters. Rainy

Thursday August 16th

Babb Supt of E D now paying off here No Chill today

Friday Aug. 17th

Letter from Chester Pond. Nothing Extra

Saturday Aug 18th

Nothing Rainy

Sunday Aug 19

Wrote Father promised with Day I left

Monday Aug 20

Taking quinine this Eve for 7th Day tomorrow

Tuesday Aug 21

Wrote Stager Cleveland for Pass from Columbus to Cleve. & return

Wednesday August 22^d

Nothing new. Rainy

Thursday Aug 23^d

Nothing Bixby Opa fm Columbus Miss here today promised to come in Cleveland. Some Rumor Babb cant Share Halsey to go to P but Pearce says will get some one to work in his place

Friday Aug 24th

Rain all Mng No chill yet, Taking Strongs Sanative & Pectorial Pills. Letter from Gaston Clarksburg Va

Saturday Aug 25

Nothing News Warm in Mng

Sunday August 26th

Nothing going on. getting ready No chill

Monday August 27

Nothing cool Rainy Wrote home

Tuesday August 28th

Pearce says he will be here tomorrow

Wednesday August 29

Pearce got here O.K. Am staying with Dryer Nights

Thursday August 30

Working account Nothing

Friday August 31

Working account Nothing news Packing up Line down [illegible] Sy & F. Sent my Climbers to Halsey this Eve

Saturday Sept 1st 1860

Fine day. Warm finished my Account with Hu. Line down yet Made Pearce start for F. I left on Mng Train for Huntsville got there 130 P.M. took Dinner walked up town. Couldnt find Larcombe til [illegible] 30 P.M. Stay awhile up with him til 4 P.M. then went Out with his Boy together Cotton got a Pasteboard Box full. Got Order from Larcombe to Babb for Balance due me. Babb also paid me \$15 for August. Loaned Pearce \$150 got back to X at 10 PM

Sunday Sept 2^d 1860

Got ready with my Trunk & Valise Settled with some borrowed Dryers S[illegible] Left for home at 10.40 AM. Left Letter in P.O. for home had abt \$55.00 money We had Dinner at Decherds heavy Storm gathered and reached up between Tullahoma and Normandy perfect blaze of Lightning Never heard anything like that Thunder

Sunday Sept 2^d 1860

Got to N. abt 550 P.M. Saw Warren on Way at F but he did not accompany us No Train for Louisville till Morning Man trying to be acquainted with me looks like a gambler dressed fine took me in Omnibus to St. Cloud Hotel but the crowd is to large there and we have to go to Sewanny House he follows me and has himself registered same Room with me I saw Asa at Depot St Cloud and found Geo Trabue at Sewannnd we had a long talk abt Business and he introduced me to some young men I took Supper with Em Get after I told him about that Man changed the number of my Room and after a walk in townI went to my Room and retired. I paid One Dollar for Supper and Lodging.

Monday September 3^d 1860

Left Nashville at 550 A.M. took Breakfast a Bowling Green Ky. The Day is fine got off Train at Cave City Ky left my Bg. At Cave City Hotel with Ofs a nice young man and got on Stage paid \$2.00 to go to Mammoth Cave and return had two of Our good Kentuckian friends aboard and we talked were jolted and eat some Peaches I bought of a little girl together till about 12 K AM we arrived at the Mammoth Cave Hotel a very fine frame Building in a fine Orchard with Veranda. At office the Charges are all printed Dinner 1.00 Breakfast 75 Supper fifty. Guide Short Route \$2.00 long Route \$3.00 and \$5.00 access unlimited both Routes. We got good Dinner at 150 P.M. and started with a Negro Guide numbering 6 Gents and one Lady. At the mouth of the Cave some few hundred Yards distant is a little House and our Guide went in and brought a Lamp of peculiar Make lighted for each of us. Usually in going the long Route Passengers change clothes but short Route is all Dry. So we started in to a crevice about 30 feet wide and 12-15 high. The Entrance is worked in Steps and a Door leading into the Cave. A decidedly Cold Wind was blowing and threatened to blow out Lights out of existence We pulled our Coats together up to Our bodies and proceeded. The Entrance goes first through a Spacious Road Once the place where Miner of Saltpeter had been digging in 1812 So said our Guide who by the way was very humorous fellow he had done nothing in 23 years but guiding visitors into and out of the cave The first curiosity was the Church Natural formed Gallery & Pulpit from which they had but the Sunday previous had a Sermon The work of the Miners could be traced through that spacious archway in [illegible]. Wooden water pipes and the Steps of the Oxen traced which had stepped then in to Wet Clay and which had since dried up. Next we came to grand Cross Way where the two Roads to Short and long Route cross We took a Road to the Right and walked in a Stopping posture to some distance when we got to a Pit called bottomless

and with an Iron Railing round it to prevent falling in. It looked gloomily deep We had a better view after our Guide browsed a Paper of some firework which illuminated the whole It was fine We proceeded through many ups and down to next place going sometimes through beautiful natural Rooms shining like Crystals on all sides sometimes as high as a 100 feet. Next we saw the Giants Coffin An immense Rock resembling in shape the Coffin of a Man only stupendous in size. Next we came to some chambers called deserted chambers

Our Guide could tell very amusing Stories about every curiosity of and though we were trying hard to find fine Specimens of Rock we could but now and then pick up one as the breaking off of pieces was not allowed. The Walls sometimes grand in their manifold Shapes were often full of Names and Dates of persons who had been former visitors. Another Curiosity we visited after some up & down climbing of the Steps of Time so called an Opening presenting moulds like the finest Architecture was seen through an opening while our Lights were hid and our Guide passed below with [*illegible*] firework It was brilliant some hundreds feet in height and like looking into a church Steeple On our way we passed whats called the Petal formation of Rocks like a Dog from the dripping Water

The largest curiosity was a chamber into which we came on our journey backward It was very high and looking to the Ceiling which was very dark we could plainly see stars The movement of our Lights produced Clouds and nothing can adequately describe the beauty of this natural curiosity We saw heaven & Stars and a Comet moving at Distances as plain as ever we could see it on a fine Summer Eve Our Lights were taken by the Guide and for some time we were in the dark in the bowels of Earth. Our Guide had gone by another Route under us and appeared with the Lantern at an opening producing at that time the appearance of the Moon in the sky above our Heads which was magnificent. We passed same Route by the Giant Coffin, steps of time white Petal &C

On crossing one of the Avenues we met a party of Men with Guide who had been on the long Route we walked together some distance & parted We were after winding through a large Number of standing piles of Stone called Monument each representing the Number of Visitors of a certain State National City or City. Those of New York were the finest & largest We got to the last Curiosity the Chapel a Room with three beautiful Columns formed from the dripping Water after having too powder firework fired off we left & returned through Main Avenue & Entrance being in about 3-½ hours. In coming we felt the atmospheric heat very oppressive from the changes of temperature. To increase the Number of Specimens I bought some from the Guide

The Diamond Cave only 5 Miles distance from Mammoth had some splendid Specimens at the Hotel. After Supper I paid the Landlord 350 & left in a light coach alone for C[*illegible*] had a tedious time being knocked up and down & got to Cave City 930 PM. Talked with Ops & at 1030 Train arrived from Nashville & took Supper. At 11 PM we left for Louisville.

Tuesday Sept 4th 1860

Not more than an hour was I asleep when crash I heard the Baggage Car Knock Railings & Window & Door of our Car braking Train stopped but no one hurt. It was a Moonlight Night and Passengers were out in Crowds. Condr informed us that Some Miscreant had put 3 Crossties into a Stock gap which were dragged by our Engine Some 20 Yards when she run off the Track

& turned onto an Embankment on the left breaking Machinery Considerably but injuring no one but a Break man who had his jaw hurt. We were about two miles from any Station and proceeded back to Station about 6 AM No Hotel being there we scattered on farms adjacent & got Breakfast. We laid there till 11 AM & then started back with Engine of Stock Train to Wreck. Another Passenger Train following us and met Pas Train from Louisville at Wreck. We changed Cars & Passengers and left the unlucky Spot. There were So many Ladies that Gentlemen were obliged to stand up in Baggage Cars or sit on Trunks We got No Dinner and arrived at Louisville about four. I paid 25 cts Omnibus but was only carried to the Jeff. & Seymour Road I went into Telegraph Office the finest One for comfort I ever saw found Mr Alf Savillo Opr an old acquaintance had talk with him abt things in C Bot some fruit & Pres. For Dinner walked about some and left at 130 PM for Jeffersonville Crossed River paid 35 cts Omnibus again New Swindle. Left Jeff. At 7 P.M. badly looking old Train Arrived at Seymore at 9 PM found Billy Woodard Jolly old fellow and met Bixby there after taking some hot Coffee we had long talk. I raised St. Louis and talked to Bill Hibbard who is chief Opr. there An old Drunkard came into Office and Woodard hushed him out. In short time we heard Train had run over him & we saw he was killed had laid himself to sleep across Track. I went to Bed with Woodard to his [illegible] Boarding House & there waked Sam Woodard who used to work at Norwalk. Made his acquaintance. Lots of Mosquitos

Wednesday Sept 5th

Rose at abt 6 AM and thought Sam Woodard forgot to wake up but after going over found the Train was behind time. Went to Breakfast with the Boys and afterwards the Train Louisville Express came in. Left Seymore at 830 AM. On way at Moorsville Ind. Saw John Long who used to learn at Cin. same time I did Hes Agt there not much improved in telegraphing cant read by Sound also saw Jim Narren Bro at Delhi Ind where he operates. At 1.30 PM arrived at Cincinnati Rainy Weather took Omnibus and went to Burnet House got a Room and after changing Shirts & clothes went down to Dinner Magnificent Halls there. Eat after printed Bills of fare fine sett Table &c After Dinner went up to Cincinnati Town Office. Found Bixby there Dick Duncan flourishing highly there at Repeaters thinks hes fastest Opr in W. States. Saw Worcross Ops fat used to work at Sandusky when I was there Had talk. Was introduced to same Opr in the R.R. ofs Room Went down. Talked to Mr Phillips whos Receiver in C ofs Invited me to come again. Went to Jacob Strader Ofs on Broadway. Saw him and had a fine Reception. he advises me to call on Mr Patterson at Columbus O & get Pass went back up fourth St into Wall st in Library Room then Raining went to Hat Store on Main St bot Hat 3.75 then into Shirt Store on 4th Bot 1 Shirt at 1.75 then went up Casino from Bixby playing Billiards there Then back to Burnet & got Supper Settled Bill 150 Supper Dinner & Room Then went to National Theatre Saw Maggie Mitchel in the French Spy

Very good play concluded in Bombardement of some fortification. Walked back to Burnet House Omnibus got there at 11 K PM Pd Porter 10 & got in Omnibus paid 25 cts to L M & X Depot Left Cincinnati 1130 P.M. Bixby & Bro are in Sleeping Car.

Thursday Sept 6th 1860

At 330 AM I arrived at Columbus O Not Day Light bot some Refreshment and walked about town till Day Light Got in Vicinity of State House found Neal House went in left my Summer Coat & Shawl Walked about til got to Market everything crowded there plenty fruit &c Went

back to Neal House got shaved & went in to Breakfast Walked up to State House everything built in grand Style Was admitted into Rooms of Senate Representatives & Supreme Court all fine Stately Rooms with magnificent chandeliers. They are Working at the Cupola yet. Went up to Town Telegraphs Found fellow learning there, talked some then went out to see Penitentiary. Come in through Gates & bot a Card painted black Number of Convicts working outside on Pavement after waiting short time in Office the Conductor came and a Gent & Lady & myself walked through all Department of Manufactures Kitchen & Yard. Every thing clean & neat. Rooms numbering over 600 and not enough to accommodate the present number & they are building an addition. The Rooms or Holes are very small containing nothing but an Iron Bed for One man. Left Penitentiary & walked to Depot. Found Henry Stager Manager Walked over to Mr Patterson he refuses giving Pass on account of me working so far off Worked some in Ofs and Eat Dinner at 11 AM Left on 12 K Train for Cleveland Ble Condr woldnt pass me and I paid him \$4.00 for fare. Miss Black who used to sew for Colman living in Cleveland was on Train Just returning from a bridal tour. Nothing more remarkable only very Dusty & Train running abt 50 miles an hour faster than any of the Roads I had passed. Arrived in Cleveland at 330 P.M. Took a Hack & rode home. House all fenced in looks some changed Mother & Sarah at Home Father been home too all glad to see me. Fellow kind of Cousin named Kohn came from Bohemia boarding with us. Poor Barbara Mather had died and been buried three weeks ago. Her Mother come over and saw me She looked so changed no wonder I gave her some of the Cotton I had picked from Ala She showed me Barbaras Likeness It was so natural It is pretty cool They are all talking abt Perry Monument

Friday Sept 7th

Weather rainy. I went to Lizzie who has another Babi few Days old. She looked Well her little Julia was waiting on Uncle Edward so long or I bough her a pair of Coral Necklaces. Town improving some New Streets out City Rails just put in on [illegible] man. Encled & Prospect St. Monument not up yet. Fair Ground just Opposite Belmont Street to be place for Military Encampment. Was down in Depot OFs Saw Boss L. & Higgins agreed to work some. Billy Ekert up at Erie Ofs too also Saw H Of Is first in style

Saturday Sept 8th

Rainy. Went to Huron St. Synagogue with Pa then went with Marcus to show him the Telegraphs up to Billy Ekert. Then home Afternoon Rainy Went down to Encampment with J & Kohn some of the Cleveland Cos were putting up camps but it keeps on raining Number of locals among whom the Woditzkas try to stand me right to the face but I am trying to resist & dont talk to em went home in Eve

Sunday Sept 9th 1860

Muddy but wind is drying up pretty fast still Soldiers coming in Rumor of Lady Elgin Steamboat being sink on Lake with over 300 Passrs drowning makes things gloomy but still the coming Inauguration keeps em too busy They are having Streets Rail Cars are choked full people coming to see encampments Went into Encampment but saw no Drill 8 AM They were getting up & cleaning [illegible]

went down town saw some military Cos & Band got Shaved then went to Colmans Met Leah who shook hands with me and asked how I was. I went into large Room. Old Man Ladze Picture in Oil hanging on Walls pretty well taken Little Girl crying Hello Rosenwasser! Mrs. C. has a little one Me and Leah talked of old times how fast Years fly &c She has grown considerably and improved in womanly Looks. I told her abt the expected Drill at Encampment &c While talking the old man entered but though I got up & was going to shakehands he seemed to take no notice & only saw something while passing me in answer to my compliment. I looked at the clock near eleven said had to go & bowed myself out Leah looked very kind seemed very attentive but did not invite me to call again I went home to Dinner. After Dinner I went over to Drabek who keeps a Saloon on Belmont St. Shook hand with [illegible] family Got into conversation with Drabek about Language &c & a young Man whom I took to be a German but who afterwards turned out to be his Son in Law an impudent was holding insulting language to me and I was beginning to be wroth but as it happened Shoemaker Mather was in we both walked out. I found Pa in Street coming after me Old Mr Levi was visiting us and I had some conversation about South & Matters in general I gave him some Cotton & Piece of Mammoth Cave Rock. Abt 3 PM walked into Encampment and found Every thing crowded. Met Mr Hinkley on way & Leah & Mary Colman were in advance of us spoke abt general Matters went into Encampment large Number Soldiers & people thousands walking & sitting on benches erected there The Dragoons were stationed on Horseback around circle where The Drilling performance was going on. Met Leah & Nannie several times but they seemed not to wish to speak & so I did not interrupt Met Caroline Woditzka & her sister who questioned me & introduced me to a Miss Lang but extricated myself & went of on plea of having to find a young friend of mine.

Monday September 10th 1860

It being the anniversary of the Battle of Victory of Com. Perry on Lake Erie this Day was selected for the Inauguration of the Monument. Thousands were pouring to the City from all parts of the State & from other States. Early in the Morning I went to Encampment where large crowd was assembled. Jo Marcus & Andrew were there. The Drilling of the Separate Cos. Music & Cleaning of Cannons Saddling of Horses &c occupied till 10 AM when they all formed into a body & marched out. Ms Marcus & Andrew went along they proceeded on Kinsman then Erie & through Euclid Sts where such crowds were assembled as to prevent out going any further The Companies were Providence Co dressed scarlet with Bear Skin Caps then Dodsworths N York Band. Buffalo Co fine Men white Pantaloons Blue Coat Bearskin Cap Erie Dunkirk &c The Cleveland Light Guards Capt Sanford were fine Co Capt S had around him a lot of flowers at Cor of Erie & Euclid we took our Stand and there were passed by the different Societies Mason Odd fellows Good fellows Knight Templars Sons of Maltha the German Turners Grand Lodges of all Societies, then the Soldiers of 1812 ahead of their Soldiers of Battle Lake Erie &c then a Sailing Vessel manned with sailors of 1812 Express Co Carriages of Marshal of Day Gov of Ohio Gov of R.I. &c We stood there till one Oclock then went down town the Square & all Streets leading down were one immense crowd of people I went up as far to the Enclosure of Square as I could get there I stood about two Hours till the Procession entered the Square Such crowds never were seen in Cleveland Streets Trees Houses Windows all one mass of human beings The crowd was pushing back & forward and the bickerings of them were amusing had a person not been himself concerned in it The Statue was covered with a US Flag The Platform was occupied by the distinguished Gent & Ladies some Relations to Com Perry The Speaker of

the Day & C around it were the Masons who performed Rites fit for such occasion The oration was pronounced by Hon Geo Bancroft the Historian but I could not hear a word of it A last the Statue was unveiled by the Sailors & such cheers & Reports of Guns were never heard before on that Square It was beautiful to see the proud figure in the Statue of the Commodore bending to one side with anchor between his legs like the great hero with two sailor boys one on each side and wreath of evergreens with the Inscription Battle on Lake Erie Sept 10th 1813. It looked so triumphant and as if to say We met the enemy & they are our. The people dispersed in all directions to go down to Lake Erie to witness the Mock Battle. I went to Depot and according to my promise went to work at Depot for Bush Met Frank Tindall who is working at Dunkirk He has grown considerably. Worked til five Battle was at its hight went out on Dock to witness it Thousands of People had gathered on Shore as far as the Eye could reach 12 Sailing Vessels were representing the American and English Vessels & firing broadside at each other with empty Cannons One Man got drowned down near Dept his Cap had dropped into Water & he jumped after it never came out. I went up about six Oclock. The Rail Cars were so crowded I could not get on I walked home. So ended the 10th amid Roars of Cannon & C

Tuesday Sept 11th

Rainy looking Weather. Manuever was according to Programme held in Encampment & the Revue by Gov^s of O & RI & Genl^s It was handsomely conducted & abt 25,000 People attended By one PM clouds were thick & just when they got done It commenced Raining they marched down Town & I with them but the heavy Rain made me stop at different Places though I got wet any way. Went down Town into Colmans and asked if he had any Linen for Shirts first doubted me but then concluded to sell I bought 4 yards at 5 & paid him in gold. Went up Stairs after tried to find out from Colman Girl if Mrs Wilder sewed Shirts but Nanny answered harshly go and ask her Lea was in bad fix being in some light Dress retired into Bedroom I went up & agreed to have 6 Shirts made for 3.50 Raining Went home

Wednesday Sept 12th 1860

Weather Rainy stayed home forenoon went down Town in P.M. & took Shirting down to Mrs Wilder also Buttons Back home in Cars

Thursday Sept 13th

Fine & cold Went down town in P.M. Nothing going on

Friday Sept 14th

Nothing New. Went up to Commercial College had small talk with Felton said wld come again Went down Depot. Higgins wanted me to work for him next Monday. Home after noon

Saturday Sept 15

Fine Day Nothing Went down Town in Mng wat some Grapes came home laid down in hour got Ague lasted till 2 PM Miss Lang & Mr S. Woditzka visiting and got letter in Eve took some quinine

Sunday Sept 16th

Nothing in Mng. Eve went to new Synagogue found they want to charge me one Dollar wldnt do it & went on Huron St Makes me awful mad to see such mean tricks

Monday Sept 17th

N. Year. Went to old Syn. Stayd till 11.30. Afternoon at home Mr & Mrs S Woditzka there Nothing.

Tuesday Sept 18th

To Syn again. In PM went to Woditz then thought of going to Levi but they were going to hear Hertman speak so went with em Big crowd Gals there Nothing remarkable in Speech Went down town could nt find Hager first but found him at last told me cant get Passes dont have right to give me one Went home.

Wednesday Sept 19th

fine Weather Went to see Mrs Many Had long talk with her. Went up town nothing going on

Thursday Sept 20

Nothing news Got [*illegible*] of Peirson paid him 3.50. Bot Head for it 25

Friday Sept 21st 1860

Nothing going on tried get Pass Geneva but could not get it from Nottingham. Told Chester I could not come. Eve Went out with Jo to see the Reception of Douglas Saturday Sept 22 at Clevelan Met No 6 Company with Wide Awake Torches Went up Erie as far as St. Clair St. joined another Co then went up Erie to Lake St then down Town The Number increased and made it a fine sight to see these Numbers of fiery lights in the Air The Band played good tune. When we got on Water St they all abt 1000 in Number with all Kinds of Mottoes made one long Line from Light House up Superior St. Cannons roared and Drums beat & the little Giant at last appeared Escorted by the Cleveland Gray & Light Guard while the cannons were shaking the Buildings. All at once as if all Batteries were loose all the Leaders of the Torch Lights were shooting thousands of fire balls & hurraing. It was a perfect Maze of fire in all Directions. Douglas was standing erect bare headed in the Carriages overlooking the vast crowd The Plaindealer Building was illuminated brilliantly The crows went through Superior St to Square & down Ontario St After waiting some time saw it was all dispersed I & Jo went home

Saturday Sept 22^d 1860

Went down town at 8 AM. Nothing extra flag on Angier House because Douglas stops there. Went over to Hunter Ofs Some fun. Went to Square at 1030 AM small crowd The speaking Stand was being fixed up with a lot of evergreen some flowers and small fine Trees One Lady Number of Gents & some Boys at Work Mottoes on top &c of Crowd increasing every Minute The [*illegible*] was immensely hard to stand And many had to leave the place At 11.30 Mr Todd of Ill. Introduced Judge Douglas to the crowd and spoke very brief and very [*illegible*] in his favor The Judge spoke on Territorial Power &C for 3 hours but I was sweating so profusely I could not stand it and had to leave got home after 1 K Nothing further

Sunday Sept 23^d

fine Weather. Went down Town and then to Colmans found Leah alone in there asked for Gloves but she could not find them. Nany came in afterwards and spole to me asking all abt me she has not grown any. Leah looked all bright &

goodness the little Girl seems to know me how is a Mystery perhaps Leah told her. We talked about Caroline old times & C I vindicated myself from all charges against me in that score said I'd call again for them Gloves

Monday Sept 24th

Nothing. Raining. Went [*illegible*] Town took some of the Cotton and the best of the pieces of Rock from Mammoth Cave with me. Went into Colmans first Old Man mighty friendly Bot pair Gloves of him 37 ½ cts Nanny was in I showed her the Cotton Old man seemed to know something about Cotton Seed Oil spoke very knowingly while Nanny was admiring the Cotton & only wishing she had it. In comes Leah like the Rose of Summer and then I showed her the Stone which looked like Candy Not til she felt it was solid did she admire its beauty and then with a blush smile she said May I have it & looked at me of course she could for I brought it for that purpose and was only sorry I had to let Nanny have the Cotton but Leah seemed so glad I hope she will never part with it any way We spoke about the Wonders of the Cave and I then went up stairs to see Mrs Willard who was sick but two Girls were there I saw they charged me 25 cts for Thread. I paid her 275 having paid her 1.00 before but She wanted 1.00 more on [*illegible*] Shirt was made better than she agreed to make it. I told her wld be glad to pay it If she hadn't made my sleeves too short. Went up Oregon St got my Razor back to Colmans Leah alone in store Had long talk with her abt different Matter Nanny come in too after while went off. Bot a pencil of Leah told her good bye & went home

Tuesday Sept 25th 1860

Nothing going on was down Town saw Supt E S Flint says cant give me Pass. Weather very cool packing up Went to Synagogue Temple

Wednesday Sept 26th 1860

Synagogue most of Day. Walked about a little with Ad. Feil and also with Marx Heller & Worlf Eve went to Lizzie to say good bye. got home at 9. PM

Thursday Sept 27

Took leave from Ma & all Boys at home & rode with Pa & Jo at 6 AM to Depot got there in time & took leave of them got on Train Bled Codr. Had to pay him 4.00 from Cleveland to Columbus Rainy wether got to Columbus at Noon & Cincinnati at 4:30 P.M. took Omnibus to O & M Depot. Saw Bill Riggin & others of that Road. Left Cincinnati at 6 PM got to Seymour abt 10.K. Left there abt 10.30.

Friday Sept 28th

Arrived at Louisville 3 AM Paid Omnibus 35 Ct & had to stop at Louisville Hotel till 5 AM. Took Breakfast at Louisville Hotel then too another Omnibus & had to pay additional 25 cts Got Nashville at 2 PM Met Warren & went up town with him got a Dispatch at N Ofs from Mrs Willard Clevd I had given her a bad Dollar signature Miss Van Duzer Went down Depot & saw Bob Asa. All complaining Pearce of no account. Got to take Supper at Tullahoma. Arrived Stevenson at 10 15 PM. Pearce chilling stayed with Dryer over Night all glad to see me back.

Saturday Sept 29th 1860

Weather fine Babb here. Pearce left Have to be cleaning up &C & waiting

Sunday Sept 30th 1860

Wrote Pa. Writing some in my Books

Monday October 1st 1860

Borin charges me "8.00" for Pearces Board & 3.00 for mine from 22^d paid him 10.00 & quitt commenced at Hockensmith at \$5.00 Writing some accoming Election Stevenson beat Larknoville for County Seat

Tuesday October 2^d

Nothing Sent my Monthly Rept to S. heavy Balance due him cleaned Batty & removed it Bid Tree felled by some fellows over Line broke it in 2 Places Out in PM 2 Miles from here Man helping me paid him 40 Cts

Wednesday October 3^d 1860

Nothing going on.

Thursday October 4th

Nothing. Got Receipt from Hu

Friday October 5th

Send Rept to AE T & over to Louisville

Saturday October 6th

Nothing going on. Election of City Officers. Howard elected Mayor & Devers Marshal

Sunday Oct 7

Raining Wrote James H Warren N. to Leah Colman Cleveland and Supt D Flanery N Orleans

Monday Oct 8th 1860

Cleaning my Batty. Moving Bedstead cleaning Instruments Hofman broke Roller of Register while cleaning

Tuesday Oct 9. 1860

Line down. Left on Morning Pass Train found Line in Crow Creek two Miles this side of Anderson. Big tree across it tried cut it & lost my Hatchet in Water. Got a Man with Axe but he cldnt cut it and so I cut Line & hard to connect it again hard work Done at 2 PM. Paid man 25 Walked to Anderson Bot quart Chesnuts 10. Then bot ½ Bus hel 125 Left Anderson at 6 PM. Got to X 760. Deany Wilson on stopped here over Nite Engine run off at Switch Sold Chestnuts to Howard for 1.60

Wednesday October 10

Fine Weather. Wrote Hunter Clevd for Instruments for Ingalls

Thursday October 11

Fine Weather. Nothing. Sent broken Roller to W H Johnson Louisville

Friday October 12th

Fine but cold. Received Draft from Louisville No 987 Amt 11 71/100 from Thos L. Carter. Wrote Thos. L. Carter abt account and sent Draft to C Carville Nashville. Sent my Jug to Babb for acid Bot 1 Pint Alcohol 25c Paid for Dose quinine 10 C

Saturday Oct 13th 1860

Frost this Morning. Commenced fire in Stove hired Negro for 1.00 Month Line down. Had to go out on Train at 1030 AM. Found Line broken at old Quarry 2 ½ Miles below Shellmound. Went out to Grahams to get Men had to go ½ Mile farther found 2 Men Went back hired another Man on Way. Line on Mountain had to be removed on other side and put on a Tree which elevates it abt 40 feet above Track put up two Poles & connected Line. Had hard time on acct of spark in Eye. Paid 3 Men \$1.50 got done abt 5.30 Walked to Shellmound quite dark when got there. Got on Expt & got back to X at 8 PM. Expense of Day abt 2.00

Sunday Oct 14th 1860

Fine Day No Letters Paid 125 for Banning fluid & Jug.

Monday 15th

Fine but cold. Bot Matches 5c Train On M & C Road PM cleaned my Batty

Tuesday Oct 16th

Babb here paying off M&C Train late cause Explosion of frt Engine Took Instrument from [illegible] Stay up til 11 K Carville says mailed money tonight Remitted Bal 12.60 Pearce

Wednesday Oct 17th

Cool Letter from home all well. Chill today feel bad Jo Hill here today Nothing News Paid for Roller fm 2.50

Thursday Oct 18

No Letters Bot Soap 20 Quinine 25 Took foot bath pd Nigger 10 c.

Friday Oct 19th

Raining feel sick took [illegible] Quinine two Letter from Carville enclosing 147 & one fm. Louisville from Carter with Account

Sunday Oct 21

Fine Day. Went on Train to F. Paid Dinner 25 Supper 25 C. Got back in Eve No Letters. F Thurber here in Eve.

Saturday Oct 20

No News Sent Larcombe 11.30 by Letter Balance due time for Sept Rain

Monday Oct 22^d

Fine Weather. Cleaned Batty wrote my accounts up NO letters Paid 10 c for precipitated carbon of Iron for Medicine & 250 for Bitters

Tuesday Oct 23^d 1860

No News. Fine Day No Letters

Wednesday Oct 24th 1860

Nothing News. Douglas in Memphis

Thursday Oct 25th 1860

Train left early for Huntsville Douglas speaks there. No Letter. Douglas arrived here at 10 PM he took some Supper with Hockensmith. A Man lost Fm worth \$2000 Excitement great here he pointed fellow named Harde out as pickpocket. We had them searched but found nothing on them separated them and tried each separate I took down the Depositions Kept me up til 3 PM. This is the anniversary of my learning to telegraph. Sold my Shaffner today

Friday Oct. 26th

No News Could not convict these Pick pockets had to let em go. Train on M & C Road behind time got here at 115 A.M. Kept me up

Saturday Oct 27th

Nothing. Douglas speaking here abt 40 minutes to abt 500 People. Got New Shaffner from N & [illegible] Book from Lg. Paid 50 cts for Mending Coat

Sunday Oct 28th 1860

Ntg. Raining all Day Wrote home. Pd. 10 ct for Phrs Pd Dr Dunlap 665

Monday Oct 29th 1860

Out on Line put up Pole walked through Tunnell. Expense of Day 45 Got Back at 7 k PM on frt Pd. Hocken Board 300

Tuesday Oct 30

Pd Pills 25 other matter 10 c

Wednesday Oct 31

Ntg. New Excitement on Election

Thursday Nov 1st 1860

Weather Rainy Nothing News Making out Monthly Rept Letter from Flannery Jackson Nothing

Friday Nov 2^d

Wrote out bill for [illegible] Club to accept the Telegraphic Report at 10 Dollars. Had Message from Louisville 2^d to all Ofs on SW Lines Lines must be kept open on Night of Election until reporters at Louisville & New Orleans take leave if all Night Each office where there is no Press Reporter will send one Message to Tyler Louisville giving full Vote of City or County or full

Vote far as heard from that Night with best estimate of what full Vote will be Message must be short not going into Details of precincts but may also include any serious Riot or fatal Reencounter & will be signed by Initial of Opr reporting. These Message will all be taken of for Press at each Offices as forms & Rept. WGreeng Pres

Friday Nov 2^d 1860

No Letters yet. Sent my Rept to Hu Bal. due me 13.88

Saturday Nov 3^d 1860

Wrote Letter to Bellefonte to Editor of Era proposing to send him Rept for 10⁰⁰ also wrote on same to Scottsboro Ala

Sunday Nov 4th 1860

Got Pass for myself & McCanley last Night & went down on Mng Train not Mc fine Weather took Dinner with Venable and went up Town took Walk all round then to Cemetry from there to Dutch Confectioner where took some Cakes Candies Pop & C had fine time there Went down to Depot & looked over Engine House & Machine Shop Nearly got into Scrapper with Dogs there. Met many RR Men & had talk with em then went up to Babb Room. Took Supper & Venables & back towards X. Got here oK.

Monday Nov 5th 1860

Excitement prevailing Ntg new Went round tried collect cldnt do it. Ingalls & no of Bell Men made up 10 D for Rept. Ntg fm Bellefonte yet Wrote Letters to Agts on RR to send me Rept of Vote by Train tomorrow

Tuesday Nov 6th 1860

This is Presidential Election Day to decide the fate of Millions who are perhaps unborn It goes on slow. Groggeries are in full Blast & I expect fight. Nothing till nearly after polls are closed Got Letter from home all well Business dull. At abt 5 k I am in Saloon when I hear Rept of a Pistol step out & hear little fuss Rogers Gambler with bottle of whiskey out I say every Man violating Corporation Laws should be taken. Rogers backs it but abt 200 Men on Gravel Train holler no one can nor shall take him They have their knives & Pistols drawn & swear considerable. Old Adam Caparton hollers a hundred Men cant take him by Gad Gravel Train left with our fussy Men & old Adam talking to me In defence of Town Law said that it ought to be enforced he half drunk says I am unfriendly to Institutions of his imaginary Brain so I am nearly don in controversy comes up a fellow of little or no account whom I dont know & uses insulting Language I ask him what he know abt me and he striked at me which glanced off old Adam steps in between us Marshal comes to Rescue & takes us after some small Trick on part of my Opponent whose name for want of another is Mr Jones before the Mayor who sitting on a log on a pile of dirt gives us some of the Law. Poor me had no Witnesses. Mr Caperton & another Mister testified that Mr Jones struck at me but didn't touch me to their knowledge. After about 75 Questions among which was whether I curst or swore or if I started to run which were answered in Negative, poor me was dismissed because could and would not run I suppose & Mr Jones fined One Dollar which some Gent paid for him. Mr Jones to his = be it said came 2 hours later & asked my pardon

[missing] that time Election News coming in & I was the Centre of attraction or Repulsion for my office is filled. Election News coming favorable for Bell & Douglas more than Expected & some tall betting going on. Stay till 1 K with 4-5 fellows N York News that City went for fusion gives em hopes & they drink & retire. Got additional from N.Y. not decisive yet went to Bed abt 3 K A.M.

Wednesday Nov 7th

Ntg much but News decisive that Lincoln has carried NYork & most all Northern States & of course elected People down mightily it will lead to serious consequences Letter from Chester Pond. Trabue passed here paid him Balance for Oct he's gone to Ch Staid up till after Train time

Thursday Nov 8th 1860

News show Lincolns Maj. up to 50000 in NY & carried every Northern State except NJersey. Discontent & Disunion rising in South. Report tonight that Lincoln carries Ill. Too by 8000 and that Legislature SC proclaimed State of SC seceding that Judges & Custom House officer resigned &C.

Friday Nov 9th 1860

Fine Weather Tenn carried by Bell 2000 to 3000 reptd Alas doubtfull

Saturday Nov 10 1860

News slow Georgia reported to be for Secession strong people exited No Letter

Sunday Nov 11th

Wrote home. Sent Monthly Rept wrote Supt Galveston & Houston RR & J H. Warren feel sick saw Man with blue Cockaid

Monday Nov 12th

Ntg feel bad. Disunion Movement going on strongly every body excited. Minute Men forming all over. Rept Ga in for Secession sure expect all cotton States to join them Wrote Chester Pond & N

Tuesday Nov 13th

Ntg new. Excitement stronger every Day Secession gaining ground Wrote Supt Houston Central R R

Wednesday 14th

Rept fm S.C. Enthusiasm great on Disunion Laws passing for getting up armament &C. Washington sent 1 Co US Artillery gone to Fayetteville NC to protect US Arsenal. Hot times coming

Wednesday Nov 14th

Nothing News. Secession gaining ground

Thursday Nov 15th 1860

Ntg. Talked to Warren promised to come & see him.

Friday Nov 16th 1860

Weather rainy. Raining half time Got \$16 fm Pay Master

Saturday Nov 17

Paid 1.00 for footing my Boots to Fetty No News. Left on 11 PM Train for N. Heard Mr Morris today fm Ch in place of Thurber who was dischgd Heard Crow was dising fm Consumption at Athens. Tenn.

Sunday Nov 18th 1860

Passed F & took Bkfast there. Net Warren at N & C Depot went to his Boarding House near Capitol was introduced to Man Printer at Union & Am Office talked considerably abt Secession. Moore Painter is in next Room I walked in & saw some fine Painting Walked out abt 9 AM went Up Telegh Office Met Mr Carville F not in went round with Jim talking abt gloomy prospects met Powell old Bagg Musher of N Road went to levee into Steam boat from Cinn, then walked up & crossed Suspension Bridge & walked in Edgefield back saw Steamboat going down River passing Draw Bridge Negroes on it singing Walked up town promised to meet W at his Boarding House Went to Surannce House Met Geo Trabue & friend of his walked up to Telegh with him talked about prospect of Secession but could do nothing to ascertain future movement & left time being too Short did not go to ce W. but I left on Train & arrived here at 1015 P.M.

Monday Nov 19th 1860

Telegh Hunter to hear form Instrument Weather fine & mild.

Tuesday Nov 20th

Nothing. Ragsdale came round with Ph saying the Undersigned pledge themselves to form into Company & the prospect of Negro Insurrection being at hand to suppress it I told him to night if & we elected Ragsdale Capt. Modraham 1st Lieutenant & C No Letter Line down cant get N.

Wednesday Nov 21st

Had to go out on Line found Line broken Snowed little in Mng but enough to be seen on Ground first time this Season. turned cold in PM had 11 Men to help me hard work 8 from here. Gravel Train running off 10-12 Days go broke down a pole & that lowered Line so as to obstruct public Road & yesterday a Lady had her Horse entangled & had to [illegible] him. Put the Pole up connected Line and had hard Wk paid Men 300 for wk & 10 c for Cake on Road. Returned to X at 6 PM on hand car.

Thursday Nov 22^d

Heavy frost. Paid Washwomen 1.00 got \$10 Indiana Money for Ala fm Dreyer. No Letter

Friday November 23rd

Sent Money home 10 Indiana 21 Ky ½ Silver 27 ½ Gold Amt \$40.00 hardly have anything left me Rcd Letter from home all well

Saturday November 24th

Wrote home sent Letter this AM Thurber here went on Line with him Weather cold freezing. Put Pole above Tunnel near Whiteside up Expense of Day 75 c Got ch in Evening on frt Train Line working hard yet. Went back to X

Sunday Nov 25th

Got up at 7 dressed & went to Bkfst & started for Bridgeport on foot walked 7 Miles found Line on some Saplings & cut them away with Ax Got on Train watched trouble on Bridge & two more places Got to Ch at 130 Stayd til 7.30 PM & Went backwards stopped at Gunter over Night Expense of Day 50

Monday Nov 26th 1860

Got up early took Breakfast had [illegible] 50 cts. Walked over Bridge & removed Board from Trussle walked to Taylors Store 2 Mile hunting Watch the Engineer of Gravel Train lost from Pass Engine last Night. Man found Case & little wheel & gave it to me. Returned X on Pass Train Line working hard yet. Returned watch to Engineer Raining in P.M. No Letters

Tuesday Nov 27th 1860

Raining went out towards Ch cld do Ntg. Thurber left there for Montgomery Ala to take Side Left for 4 in Eve. Exp. 35 cts

Wednesday Nov. 28

Raining Repairers got here today in Eve sent them to pull Line up below here Cldnt find Hand Car till late

Thursday Nov. 29

Early got up Bkfst borrowed Pinchers from Getty Shoemaker for Repairers they being mighty Slow never got off will 830 AM Got Letter from Hunter Cleveland to effect he was too busy & cldnt send my orders. Weather fine today Seen Ventrilloquist here

Sunday Nov 30 1860

Fine Weather today Lines working great. Deal better Ntg News Bot Don Quixote Book from NewsBoy at 50 Cts

Saturday December 1st 1860

Ntg much. Small Union Meeting here today Weather cloudy & cold. Got Letter from Babb wants me to write to Hunter Cleveland to send him Key at least if cldnt Send Balance of Order Writing up Book today

Sunday Dec 2nd 1860

Cool & fine Breese. Went up Mountain read & practiced No Letters

Monday Dec 3^d 1860

Cold Ntg News Little Snow here this PM Wrote my acts

Tuesday Dec 4th

Sent my act to Hu Ntg new. Got part of Bert Buchanans Mess Says considerable on Secession says Secession is Revolution He will protect property of US in S.C. can do ntg to coerce States into Submission recommends sensible adjustment of [illegible] by [illegible] that Congress could pass amendments Constitution

Wednesday Dec 5th

Nothing Sent Rept to A E Trabue N.

Thursday Dec 6

Got Press Message printed gave it to old Hocker No Letters fine Weather loand Warren 2.00

Friday Dec 7th

Ntg New Congress Session hoping make some compromise Ntg done yet. Repairers back fm Ch

Saturday Dec 8th

Meeting here of Candidates for Union & Disunion Heard strong Disunion Speech excitement here intense Letter from home all well Got Receipt from Huntsville

Sunday Dec 9th 1860

Nothing New. Sent my Monthly Rept to L. Wrote Letter home

Monday Dec 10th 1860

Fine Weather cool. Though No Letters

Tuesday Dec 11th 1860

Fine Day. Frost in Morning Recd Letter from Leah C says No Objection to writing me all well &C Surprised in getting it

Wednesday Dec 12th

Nothing News. Things dull. Ntg going on.

Thursday Dec 13

No Letters. Young Opr Named Voltz came here pretty good hand at bsns Wants Work out of Money &C had him here all Day pd his Supper & had him sleep with me talked of going to Ch. Used work at East St Louis Line down near Cowan to Mng Wrote Repairers to give it repair OK at 1 PM

Friday Dec 13

Pd Voltz Bkfast talked to Trabue he said had Lite of \$900 Year wantd No 1 Opr. I offered change with Geo Trabue or some other Op & let him take the \$900 Like & me the 600. Voltz my blue but I said first I was best where I was then said (1) & no satisfactory answer. Voltz left on Train for Ch Introduced him had him passed

Saturday Dec. 15th

Cool. Man named LB Brown was killed on RR abt 9 Miles fm here falling off frt Train His legs cutt They put him in Room adjoining mine teleghd his friends to Glasgow Ingalls will carry him back home No News. Minute Co Drill tonight Dont go in with em no time &C

Sunday Dec 16

Fine Day. Recd Letter from C. Clute Genl Supt Texas Telegh Co says no Vacancy now will take my Letter as an Application Wrote Leah C long Letter but didnt give her any Reasons as yet. Nothing News round here.

Monday Dec 17th 1860

Ntg News. Cool & cloudy, cleaned my Batty. Babb here pd \$15 in SC Money

Tuesday Dec 18th 1860

No News fine Day clear & windy In Eve heard of S.C. Convention voting for Secession out of Union immy Have head Ache in Evening

Wednesday Dec 19th

Raining hard. Am bilious & heavy Head Aches. Paid Wms 40 cts on \$20 S.C. Money for Gold. Paid Negro Washwomen \$2.00 & quit having any more washing done Ntg News. Saville discharged at L I understand for closing bef. 10 PM.

Thursday Dec 20th 1860

No Letters. Minute Co. Drilling I have given up belonging to them Heard Convention that moved from Columbia S.C. on account Small pox resolved to recognize SC as Independent of federal Govt Message directed to a U.S. Officer at Memphis came thro from Baltimore saying Good all well Hurrah for Lincoln & Union signed by Opr D H. Stopped at N & A E Trabue sent Message to Ino Kendall Genl Supt Am Telegh Co Such infamous Mess as your Opr at Balt sends cant go free over our Line Im sure you dont approve considerable fireworking here tonight shooting Roman Candles &C Treat Balt Ofr was discharged by Ino Kendall Supt for sending that Mess.

Friday Dec 21 1860

Nothing New Cloudy. Rain in Eve Congress adjourned at Washington til 7 Jany 1861 fell down & hurt my leg badly, tore my pants

Saturday Dec 22^d 1860

Cold frost this morning. Meeting to be held here today. Secession came in from Bellefonte on 1030 AM Train with blue Cockades on except one who had red one One of them had a pair of Bucks Horns painted red centred with big white & blue Cockade Each end of Horns had one cotton blooming tied to it & blue & red Ribbon on Side all mounted on Hickory Stick. Minute Co here recd their Rifles & marched around dressed in yellow Jeans black oilcloth cap on Capt Ragsdale only Cap same kind blue cockade hold in sword without having any scabbard. They paraded round to the amusement of those who have Even seen Military Cos as they are mixed &

dont know a thing. Abt 130 PM Capt Ross & Babb Examining Road got here had fun looking on crowd. Abt 2 Co of Minute Men were addressed by a Miss Mason & presented with a Banner blue field one White Star sewed in with A in Centre and on flag a cotton plant just open they then were addressed by Dr Cutman Afterward saluted it with one discharge of their Guns & Marched round with it Strange sight for 1st time to see the the Lone Star carrying Victory over the Stars & Stripes & God knows whether she will keep her reign. Crowd was addressed by Severel Speakers one for Union & Country Man had a splendid power of speech. Evening shooting fireworks, Hear they are having Torch light procession Illumination &C on account of SC going out Hurrah for the Union she shall & must be preserved

Sunday Dec 23^d 1860

Cool. Recd Letter from home of 17th inst all well asking me to go home or do something in case of trouble telling bout Marriage o Ilringer & Miss St, &C. Wrote home all bout Mts. Also about Ruffing who sent me notice I owd him \$5.00 when its only \$3.00 also wrote to Warren Had general talk here bout coming events

Monday Dec 24th 1860

Gloomy Morning Election Day by crowds here. Ntg News Rain in Eve. Tickets for Union headed Cooperation and Resistance Ticket carried over Secession here by 164 Maj Nothing Extraordinary tonight Extremely doubtful what Ticket carried in county

Tuesday Dec 25th 1860

Christmas today SWm Telegh Co give us from 11 AM. Til next Morning fine Day. Vanhorne passed here on Way to Louisville I left on Mng Train for Ch arrived there all safe. Acquaintance of Mr Howard Bro. Of Ben Howard the Opr there walked abt had little time and went back to X on 750 PM Train promised get Pass for Howard to go to Hu Sunday Boys in X all on Bender. The Cooperative Ticket carried Jackson County by from 4-500 also all Counties of N. Ala by heavy Majorities Ntg News

Wednesday Dec 26th 1860

Fine Day. Nothing News Had my Window Glasses set in by Hugh Pankey charged me for 3 75 cts which I paid him cleaned Windows renewed my Batteries &C Considerable shooting going on here – loaned old Man Dunlap from Bridgeport 10 ct

Thursday Dec 27

Ntg. News Papers exiting mightily Talk here of Andrew Johnson killing Jeff Davis of Miss. No such thing

Friday Dec. 28th 1860

No Letters. Nothing going on here. Rain here Wrote up Books &C

Saturday Dec 29

Raining all Day. Nothing News Line not wkg to Ch after 4 PM took N Bsns & at 6 PM Ch ok took his Bsns as. N was not adjusted for me. Vanhorn brot New Rules for Management Saville here introduced me to Brommel Opr from L of Union Lines who goes to H S think to work

treated them all to a Supper at Hockens. Seville goes to Fredericksburg Va to work Van told me to shut down on S Ofs if dont pay Balance promptly. Cole here on way to Ga

Sunday Dec 30th 1860

Waked up early by Hames to my astonishment was snowball'd. Snow had fallen 4 Inches deep. After Bkfst had a regular Snowballing up Town. Howard did not come fm Ch as promised though I have pass for him. Got 4.00 from Jack Spears in payment of amt I loaned him last Week Stopped Snowing in Eve but frozen hard Wrote home

Monday Dec 31st 1860

Fine Day but Cold Bot 1 Pr Socks from Dreyer & Sr 30 Line down. Babb dont like my going out on Line changing Schedule & ordered Kennard Condr of frt to go on New Schedule but N & C frt being behind time made it bad thing I loaned Wellrams my Relay to work & got on Passenger Train Got to Bridgeport where I got off and had to go over Bridge & lean over in Snow every 20 Yards Walked under trestle Work found nothing Serious Down frt passed Passenger Train at Bridgeport Went to Gunters took Dinner here had to wait til 330 PM for Up frt which was heavy Train Went up in frt but by time got to Alleys it was dark and I had no chance seeing Line Had hard work getting up Mountain. Cldnt make Ch to meet Night Train met Night Train at Lookout Switch had to walk near Mile in snow Got on Night Pass Train & arrived back in X at 1015 P.M. Boys raving round here to end the Year in fun I was up til 1130 P.M. So ends a Year & a New One is dawning fast up on us What it will bring whether Misery or Happiness peace or war lies in the bowels of future time May it at least be no worse than the past.

Finis 1860
Stevenson Alabama

Money sent Home

1859	June 5	By Adams Ex	Murfreesboro	25 00
	August 2 nd	Do	Do	30 00
	Dec 27	Do	Stevenson	50 00
1860	Feby 29	Do	“	45 00
	April 24	Do	“	50 00
	June 23	Do	“	50 00
B. Most	1859 Nov. 24		Stevenson	40 00
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