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M. Tuesday Jany 1st

A strange feeling creeps through my Veins getting up and assuring mysf another Year had commenced. A Year to come with prospects very discouraging threatening peace happiness prosperity yea the very life itself and oh what may this Book of my fate be destined to contain The pages now blank may be filled with Descriptions horrible or at least strange. What may not this Year be destined to change The relations between the Union & States are now looking gloomy. Reports by Telegh that S.C. had taken fort Moultrie after abandoned by Maj Anderson after he spiked the guns & burnd Gun carriages they sent commissioners to Washin To treat with the US Govt Excitement through Country great. After washing breakfast this Morning found out that Line was down betn Ch & P. Its cold & Snow melting fast from the effect of Sun. Got on Train 10.45 AM. Bot Cake 10 c on Train at 1 PM got off at Lookout Switch Line Slack. Walk bout a Mile found Line off Insulator climbed and coming down slipped & nearly bk my neck. Walked on in Snow & Mud til got to Wagon Road where I found Line broken. Pulled it as far as could to a Stump got a Boy to help me then an old Man came along to help me & we pulled Ends nearly within 40 feet of each other. I put in some Wire but couldnt make ends meet. Old Man brot a Rod about 1 Inch thick 20 feet long with Hooks at End. I filed ends of Rod and wound Wire round both ends of it so as to insure Working of Line – Got a Sapling & put Rod on top putting an Insulator under it. Paid Boy 35 cts all change had on hand got tools together & walked about 100 Yards When met frt Train Condr made Motion for me to follow & hearing blow Whistle for brakes I run about 400 Yards including long Bridge over Lookout Creek Which was very slippery by time I got into Caboose Car I felt exhausted Met Mr Matthews who had made speech in favor of Union at 4 in Car the had political talk with some Drivers got to Ch abt 530 P.M. Didnt find Morris but heard he had been at Bx Day before & cld not fix it Took Supper had talk with Howard & left backward for X at 7.30

There was nice little Girl on Train & She kept talking to me all time looking as affectionate as could be. Train delayed at Summit so we never got to X til 11 PM Took leave of the little Girl went to bed at 11 30 PM The Weather turning much warmer No Letters

Wednesday Jany 2nd

Raining this Morning thought Line down at 8 AM but found OK at 9 P.M. Some talking bout Gen Wool coming South with 200000 Men from N.Y. to subject SC Nothing true about it I think Got Letter from Chester Pond Mailed at Toledo dated from [*illegible*] he had resigned Comeant office & is going to School

Wrote my Books up Made out Rept for Huntsville He owes me 9.31 besides Nov Bal Made out Rept for A.E. T. Recpt 42.74. but 263 coming to Co Sent Rept to L by Night Train. Ntg going on here Snow nearly gone by being melted by Rain. Paid Hocker 5.00 for last Months Board which squares

Thursday Jany 3^d

Fine Morning cloudy. No Letters Bot Book 60 cts. Ntg impt in papers. Mailed Rept to A.R.T. Cady Opr. not in Bsns passed here on Way to N. Morris reports havg taken out Rod on Road – No Letters – Wrote Letter to Gov AB Moore Montgomery Ala to find out what future action on Telegh may be in case State seceded. Was informed in Eve that Hocker wld keep the Saloon closed tomorrow & fast – Eat some Supper at 11 P.M. Made up my mind to fast tomorrow. Wrote Babb Plan how to avoid going on Line by keeping regular Repairer under immy charge of Opr. here &C. Had talk with Morris who told me that Cady wasnt Opr but Jewlry Man fm N.Y.K. but that Frank Thurber was pretending being Cady & axd my opinion which was more candid then flattering to him & which though keeping in limit of Gent was full of sarcasm in him while he Bragged mightily & was seen to grind his teeth in Rage that my presumption should go think he wasn a No. 1 Opr nor a gentlemanly one

January 4th Friday

Got up late this being Day set apart for prayers fasting by Buchanan I fasted til Night Stores all closed Mailed Letter for Gov Moore Candidates for Convention left for Mi today Paid 10 c for Pprs News that S.C. has repaired Fort Moultrie & mounted Guns to attack Anderson at Fort Sumter. Their Artillery Co fm Columbia took charge of Harbor which filled with sunken Vessels & Barges. Gov of N York in Mess to Legislature recommends erasing all Liberty Bills &C from Statute Book Two U.S. Man of Wars order to be ready for action. S.C. building Battys all round Anderson to cutt off communications. Weather cool & cloudy snow all gone. Got Letter for W. Kees in my care. No Letter from home

Saturday Jany 5th

Fine Day frost in Morning but Sunshine in PM. Recd Letter from home say they Paid 3.00 to Ruffine all well &C Kohn in New York in some Store. No particular News Minute Co drilling today but very small No of Em-- Wrote up my Rept for L today expect receive Receipt fm Hu in Day or two. This Evg recd from N. News that Invasion threatened by Gov Wise by 3^d of Mch to precent Lincoln from taking his Seat also that Mobile Troops had taken the Mobile Arsenal containing 2000 Stands of Arms 1500 Bble Powder 2000 Rounds of Musckt Caford guns &C also Rumor that fort Morgan Way taken by Ala Troops from Ga fort Johnson & Pulaski Taken by Ga troops order of Gov Brown H. prospects of immediate Collision between Govt & S.C Considerable Excitement here.

Sunday Jany 6th 1861

Gloomy Day. Nothing doing here Wrote Letter in P.M. to father one to Chester Pond & one to J.P. Timberlake Member Convention at Montgomery asked him try introduce Bill on Teleghs & Oprs &C especially for exemption of Telegraphers from Military Service &C.

Monday Jany 7th

Raining nearly all Day. Mailed Letters to Pa, Pond & Timberlake Pd to Taylor for repairing Pants 25 Nothing News today

Tuesday Jany 8th

Nothing News of 200 Men leaving N York by order Genl Scott on Star of West for Charleston News from Chaston Vy dull Soldiers suffering from Sickness Merchants no Sales Mechanics no

Work & Condition of Gentry growing very bad Today the Anniversary of Battle of N.O. Minute Co had general hard & long Drill on R R platform. Gave my Washing to Mrs Potts by old Aunt Aje

Wednesday July 9th 1861

Ntg from home Rainy & muddy, Recd Receipt from Huntsville for Dec Mailed My Rept to L. Heard from Jackson Miss that Miss has declared herself out of Union at 5 15 PM. With view of forming Confederacy on basis of old Union with seceding States. Steamer Star of West expected at Charleston this Morning but had not arrived 16000 Troops there to receive her. Excitement pretty high heard that Secession has 8 Maj in Convention at Montgomery Brooks elected pres Resolutions passed unanimously they were not going to submit Lincoln's Administration. Later Jackson Miss. Vote convention was Secession 8" Union 15"

Thursday July 10th

Mailed Letter to C Carville with 161 for Co & 10 cts for him. Heard early in Morning that the Star of the West tried yesterday to land the troops & provisions & that they were fired at by S.C. abt 10 Shots 4 of em taking effect nearly sinking her. She retreated to Sea & was putting off cargo into another Vessel Maj Anderson sent Flag truce to Charleston says he must have provisions or get em out of Ashes of Charleston. Its rumored his Men are in Mutiny The fleet is expected there tomor perhaps to bombard Charleston Hear of Meeting at Huntsville that according to Mess recd State was going out of Union without submitting ordnance to people and that People are indignant & wish to unite with Tenn

Friday July 11th 1860

Fine Day in Morning Rain in Evening. People at Hu passed Resolutions that ts against Sovereignty of people to pass ordnance of Secession without submitting to people to vote on it they sent Commissioners to Montgomery Nothing Important from Charleston. Bought Pr Socks 25 ct pr Boots 8.00 No Letters, Teleghd to Gov Moore Montgomery whether my Letter was recd when to expect answer 8 P.M. News going over Wire that Ordinance of Secession passed at Montgomery Vote 61 against 39 Will be signed by all Henry Ingalls shot first gun here in honor of Ala Train behind from Chattanooga

Saturday July 12th

The Military Co here paraded round today & Speech made in honor of Ala Secession fine Day. Nashville Passenger Train not made Connection being detained by breaking Wheel Mailed Letter to Thos L Canter with Receipt of Larcombe enclosed. Bot 5 Stamps Apples 50 Rcd Letter from Montgomery date 9th July 1861 Executive Department. Says My Dear Sir! Yours of the 3^d inst is received In Reply I have to say that I do not suppose that there will be any necessity for a Draft of Militia in this State. There are a sufficient Number of Men already Volunteered to defend the State or there will be Respecty H HB Moore by P Sockett private Sec'y Nothing from home they are exited in Hu abt Yanceys expression to Whip them to points

Sunday Jany 13th 1861

Cloudy & Rainy. Memphis Train 4 hours behind time arrived here at 2 15 P.M. brot few Passengers among them the Gov. of Creek Indians an old looking Man abt 7 feet high & another chief dark looking. No Letters from home. Hear that Hu Co got orders be ready march by Gen Moore & that they answered him mind his own busns. They had nuf to protect N. Al Wrote home in Eve. Man come here in Eve says been in Charleston that the Star of West had returned with 4 Sloops of War & that Chaston Batty fired at em & they fired in return also that State of SC was listing Soldiers & only drafting Jews who were not willing to fite & paid \$60 or more & had to leave state that it paid for priviledge leaving State & some Yarns that I have no wish to belive Read Part of SS Prentiss Biography which comes very near to my feeling Rain in Eve

Monday Jany 14th 1861

Hard Rain in Morning No Letters. Nothing New Loaned Jack Spears 1.50 c

Tuesday Jany 15th 1861

Raining all Day. Creeks all high Train not got here from N til Eve on acct of some Bridge near Waltrace being washed No Letters yet

Wednesday Jany 16th 1861

Rained again last Night & this Morning. Recd Letter from J.P. Timberlake M.A.C. that he would try make the Bill abt Telegraph pass as an Amendment soon as they got through Military Defence Bill Line down this Eve – 3 Trestles & 1 Bridge washed away on M & C Road Loaned fellow 25c said would pay me soon Line down to Hu Larcomb come up to repair it

Thursday Jany 17th

Fine Day. No Letters Wrnt up on Train found Morris at Lookout Water very high River rising told me Line was in Water could not be repaired til Water fell Went to Ch but found Line was slack & could be pulled out by being drawn tighter. Walked back to place the other side of Loout Creek pulled out abt 6 feet Wire. Got it out of Water. Walked back to ch found Line ok Back to X by Train. River rising still getting higher than was for 13 years

Friday Jany 18th

Nothing New Line to Hu OK both Lines fm N to P down had L & I connected here & worked through Line down to Ch fine weather Water rising hear of Smith Opr at Col. Miss being capsized by River with 2 Negroes trying fix Line 1 Negro drowned. Line oK to N by P in Eve. Recd Lot Mess for Ch Sent by Conductor feel sick

Saturday January 19

No Letters fine Day Went up by Train River awfull high whole Island at Bridgeport covered with water only one Shanty on Island clear Bal. all in Water all families are in and round Shanty some riding in canoes on Island Water about 2 ½ feet from sh of Piers

On Drawbridge. Water spread near Shellmound over Gordons RR for miles beyond Nickajack Cave found Line in Water near Look out Side Track. Got farmer to help me pulling up Line took out about 16 feet Wire. Line broke once & hurt his finger very badly Water all over fences & fields Walked to Lookout Creek & pulled Line tighter took out 2 or 3 feet Wire pd Man 50 c Water up to Crossties on Lookout Creek Bridge found Line in Water other Side of Bridge reaching up to Bracket on Tree cld do Ntg too late Walked to Ch Ch Creek Bridge up to ties in Water Housed near Water Tank in Water People stay on flat Boats got to Ch all Ok 6 PM Morris unwell after Supper got on Train to go back to X though very dangerous to travel

By time got near Water tank this side of Ch Creek Bridge over Cars wer shaken passengers scared mighty rushing to Door which was locked some trying jump out of Window crying Engine was in Tenn River & We going after it I wasn't mch scared as Car stopped at once found Bagge Car of M. Road had broken axle after staying ther 2 hours were pulled to Ch & being late I went into ofs & stayd all Night.

Sunday Jany 20th 1861

Got up 7K AM took Breakfast at Crutchfield House left on Train towards X Water falling abt 3 Inches at Ch still rising at X on Stand at Bridgeport Its grand sight to see River & the back Water

Spreading & rushing great logs & fences along with its force- Got to X at 1015 AM. Letter from home all well Jack Spears pd me 150 c forgot my Tools on Express West teleghd Babb send em back by Mail tonight hear Georgia seceded 18th by 119 Maj. Wrote home this Evening. Hack Condr of Sleeping Car had controversy with me abt my Service to M & C Road & made me pretty warm Will take Steps in the Matter. Rcd Letter from home in Mng all well.

Monday Jany 21

Fine Day cool & dry. No Letters nor News Pay Train here had but little chance to speak to him found out that Morris had not gone out on Line this Mng by Train. Had conversation with N who told me Ms wrote Mess by Train that he was out Sat & worked hard I contradicted it as I know he wasnt out since Thursday

Geo T said would rept it & see Justice done me by Supt Got on Train 10 30 AM but forgot closing Doors when left. Got to Lookout Side Track Saw Line slack Went on & found Morris his Boy & 2 Men trying to repair Line Got off Train & made fellows walk back. M. dont do much good with his Shawl on & hands in Pocket Had Line pulled tight & though broke once got it OK at last by pulling. Walked back to Ch took Supper & took Train back Went all right as far as within 2 miles of Whiteside found frt east of Track on act of Engine running off over a Hand Car – look til 12 K get it on. Got to Whites Met up Passenger Train but it run off in Switch on account of Change in Switch Took em til 3 Am then Draw bar broken took til 3 50 be4 We got off had considerable fun got to X 6 AM

Tuesday Jany 22^d 1861

Ntg New. Mailed Letter home 12 Cars off Track near Ch

Wednesday Jany 23^d 1861

Ntg New. Raining bad weather Reading Dr Kanes arctic Exploration in 20 Grinnel Expedition

Thursday Jany 24 1861

Ntg New. Weather gloomy

Friday Jany 25th

Ntg New. Weather cloudy Evening Train fm Ch behind & Snowing at 1130 Heard of a fuss at Ch Jeff Davis made Speech for Disunion. Bill Crutchfield ansd for union used some personal ties at Davis. Davis called him Scoundrel Liar & every Name scandalous Citizens left House expecting fight Nothing of kind. Crutchfield coud in. Tom trying settle Matters Staying up for Train No News

Saturday Jany 26 1861

Snowing early this Morning Trains arrived at 5 AM Delay caused by running 1 pr Trucks of Track near Lookout. Great Snow falling here abt six Inches deep melting fast. Jeff Davis passed here. Tall and straight walks easy & rapid fight hair & beard intermingled with Grey intermingled very lean Hook nose fair complexion sharp blue eyes looks very much in humor. Talked to him by accident. Train fm N behind arrived 1148 AM. No Letter No Newspaper Heard from P. Louisiana seceded today 113 against 19 No further News freezing hard tonight tonight

Sunday Jany 27 1861

Nothing New Cold and clear Write Leah

Monday Jany 28th 1861

My Birthday 20th and far from home Many recollections of past press sadness upon me. Frost in Morning clear & warm afternoon cleaned Williams Inst in consideration of getting \$30 changed into Gold. Nothing new No Letters Whaling in charge of frt Trains between X & Ch Slept with me tonight Mailed Leahs Letter

Tuesday Jany 29th 1861

Fine Day pleasant & clear No Letters No News Mailed Paper for Leah

Wednesday Jany 30 1861

Nothing fine Weather. Mr Timberlake came back from Convention says had my Telegh Exemption Bill passed RR Express Men also exempt from Draft. No Letters Babb here thinks I look sick passed back on Evening Train

Thursday Jany 31 1861

No Letters. Sent 40 Dollars home Borrowed 6 D fm Hyman Sc money Wrote home. Recd some of New Telegh Envelops Borrowd 1 D fm Darrin

Friday Feby 1st 1861

Raining very hard all Day No Letters Nothing News Trains some behind

Saturday Feby 2^d 1861

No Letters Ntg New. River & Creeks rising. Culvert washed out two miles below here on M Road Hear Express far behind caused by frt offtrack near Barton On N Road heavy slide at Raccoon Mountain 60 Yards Road covered with Rocks Trees & C also collision near N of frts No Train arrived here til Eve Cole & Sam Tate arrived here kept me up & very busy til 1 AM Trains have to transfer at Slide Cole & Tate stop here over Night Wrote Books in Mng

Sunday Feby 3^d

Trains arrived here ok Track laid round Slide Line down to Ch til 10 PM Cole & Tate keep Telegh busy. No more Day Trains to run on either Road M Road running Exp to Hu only. Cole & Tate gone to Ch. Cold & cloudy

Monday Feby 4th 1861

Line down to CH. No Letters Cold & cloudy. No Day Trains today. Line gone down to N in PM Cole & Tate here again in PM Some trouble in sending No of Mes to Hu. Nothing News Water high Line reported in Water near ch. Larcombe got here on Nite Train

Tuesday Feby 5th 1861

Letter from home asking me send some money before 10th inst Business dull. Larcombe fixing Line here out M & C RR said my Bill to Hocker L. paid me 36 60

Wednesday Feby 6th

Fine Day. No thing except Rept that Va went for conservative Men in Convention though in case Conference at Washington fail to reconcile they are secession Paid Dreyer 6.00

Thursday Feby 7th

No Letters Nothing News. Fine Weather Creek as high as ever

Friday Feby 8th 1861

No Letters Nothing New Reading the Pillar of fire or Israel in Bondage Sent my Rept to AE Trabue Loaned Howard \$1.00

Saturday Feby 9th 1861

No Letters. Cloudy in Morning fine Day. In Evening heard that the Southern Confederacy under Name Confederated States of North America had elected Jeff Davis & Alex Stephens Prest & Vice Prest for Provisional Govt News from Washington encouraging for Border States Settlement Penn Election indicates heavy Maj for Union Candidates though perhaps same time time voting down Convention. Paid Washing for Month.

Sunday Feby 10th 1861

Fine Day in Morning. Rain in Eve No Letters Reading Our Press Gang Pillar of fire & Mustang Gray Nothing News. Rcd order fm Green not admit anyone into ofs

Monday Feby 11th 1861

Letter from Louisville enclosing Draft on Carville recd Wrote home [*illegible*] gone Union by about 40000 Babb here & back this Evening

Tuesday Feby 12th 1861

Fine Day. Wrote Carville enclosing Draft \$9.65 Ntg New.

Wednesday Feby 13

Fine Day Warm. Recd Letter from Leah dated 6th says well thinks my congratulations came too soon things dull enclosed Programme from Literary Society annual festival Trains broke down & two frt Cars fell in trestle at cross Hollow Road all ok in Eve No one hurt Babb here this Eve. Gone up to Wreck cant get a Valentine

Thursday Feby 14th

Valentine Day. Sorry cant send memorial of times goneby to Leah. Stephens of Ga. accepted Vice Prest of S. Confederacy & took oath on 11th Jeff Davis reported started from Jackson Miss last Night, Rained Early in Morning. Fine Day. Heard Davis spoke at Tuscumbia when passed there. Vy cloudy & dark in Eve. Citizens here made great preparations collected as many man could be found armed them with guns marched em on Depot platform formed in 7 Platoons to fire 7 guns for 7 seceded States. Depot Saloon & Hotel Illuminated. Train arrivd at 10 P.M.

I, Ingalls & Borin were appointed committee to wait on Davis Borin was introduced by Condr & spoke to him D got on Platform & before speaking the 7 guns were fired. Spoke about 30 min pretty warlike speech assured Ala-ans They cld whip 2 Yankees, that England & the World will recognize the Independence of the S. Confederacy & in less than 60 Days 15 Stars would be seen on the Banner of our Confederacy. I got into Ofs as soon as he was done speaking & copied as much as cld though interrupted by Babb & Condrs. The 50 Men were dressed like civilians. I copied near all the speech & only few points were put in by help of Comstock who took my Speech to copy it.

Friday Feby 15th 1861

Fine Day cool & windy. Letter from Pa says my plan abt Money all right all well my 40 00 recd. I showed copy of speech to most citizens here & they pronounce it as near correct as could be made. Corrected few points & finished & copied it to publish in Bellefonte Era Comstock made Sawyer Chilcote Copy it & is going to send it to Huntsville I gave Wa Synopsis of it & he told me in Eve it took well & that pprs had issued Extra & that it was telegraphd all over says will send me Extra It will come out in tomorrows paper too

Saturday Feby 16th 1861

Snow & Rain changing during Day No Letter. Wrote Letter home & sent 40.00 also had pay 2 ½ % on 50.00 in Gold Babb paying off paid me 2.20 for Jo Irwin in Eve found the Union & Am. Had reported abt Davis Speech correctly but the Banner of today said Dispatch recd fm X Station bout Davis Speech smacked strongly of bogus not a little of sensation, sais X has 4 Houses and a remnant of Blacksmithshop & if all Houses were Illuminated the spectacle must of been grand but he supposes it means 2 flintstock shot guns one anvil Columbia and a pile of shavings in a glum conflagration that is if he really was there & did say so? then goes on attacking Davis & his Speech. I am writing an answer for him to publish in Union & Am.

Sunday Feby 17th

Gloomy here. Wrote & finished article to publish in Union Asn & sent it to Geo Trabue N to have it published if thought effective. Very sick this Eve chill & bilious fever Crowd in here to hear article read.

Monday Feby 18th

Sick yet bad in Eve took some Medicine from Dr Dunlap Nothing news No Letters Union wldnt print art I wrote – ddnt make political

Tuesday Feby 19

Raining nothing news Hear Davis was inaugurated in Montgomery yesterday Celler fro Fred Haskell St Louis

Wednesday Feby 20th

Ragsdale here published in Union & Am that my statement about Davis Speech was incorrect Talked to Trabue about goin to N or S by 15th March to come back or take ahr ofs as he sees fit He said would get someone by 15 but had no better ofs to give me than this. I told him if did not get better by 1st Mch would tell him to send some one.

Thursday Feby 21st

Fine Day No News No Letters McCauley was here had long talk with him. Mailed Letter home & one to J R Dawell Petersburg Va. Dont know what to do – feel sick – yet going home would cost me much time and money –

Friday Feby 22^d 1861

Washingtons Birthday. Dispatch from N Orleans telling us close from 11 AM til 5 PM signed Vanhorne. No Letters No News of any Impt. Fine Weather Cool & clear

Saturday Feby 23rd

Fine Weather Rain in Morning No Letters No News

Sunday Feby 24th 1861

Mailed Letter to Leah – Nothing New Cold & clear Walked about

Monday Feby 25th 1861

No Letters News of Conspiracy of some Men to kill Lincoln at Baltimore & that some Men gave him warning he left Harrisburg 23^d at night in extra Train with only one friend Dressed in Scotch plaid & Military Cloak to avoid the danger & got to Washington safe. his family arrived there next Day – A List of Names of the Conspirators was handed him by the stranger very prominent Men of South Statesman Bankers &C in it. He visited Buchanan was introduced to Cabinet & with Seward visited Leut. Gen Scott.

Tuesday Feby 26th 1861

Fine Weather No Letters No News of any Importance

Wednesday Feby 27th 1861

Fine Weather Warm & Dry No Letters. heard at Night of Peace Conference agreeing upon some Plan which will be satisfactory to south

Thursday Feby 28th

Fine Day. Letter from home all Well they recd my \$40.00 OK. News fm Washⁿ that Peace conference sent in articles of agreement & Senate had em read & ordered to be printed They are a modification of Guthrie Plan. All foreign Ministers had sent their Cards to Lincoln Douglas Bell Guthrie Rives & Geo Hicks had visited him to get him to do something for Peace Congress. Rumor that John Bell would get a Seat in Cabinet of Lincoln

Friday March 1st 1861

Fine Day. New that Corwin Amendment was passed in House 138 against 65. Peace Conference adjourned sine die Genl Twiggs was stricken out of Army Roll as a coward & Traitor Citizens in Washington took leave of Buchanan also visited Lincoln No Letters

Saturday March 2nd 1861

Fine Day. No Letters. News of Congress voting down Peace Conference Compromise. Missouri Convention adjourned resolved that all Delegates & C swear to Constitution of US & State of Mo. News from [?] C. Convention voted down perhaps

Sunday March 3^d 1861

Cloudy & Rainy. 2 Mortars 10 Inch bore abt 14 feet length here and 4 Cars of Shells & Shot for Mobile with Gun Carriages awfull looking Ordnance made in Richmond Va. Wrote Letter home & Mailed

Monday March 4th 1861

Cloudy & windy No Letters. People anxious hear from Washⁿ. Did not hear from there til 9.30 PM Rcd Synopsis of Prest Inaugural. Trabue said war would come Lincoln says. Going protect hold & defend Property of U. S. Says Union is considered unbroken that its perpetual That he will collect Duties & C beyond this No force will be used. Mails will continue until repelled say if you go to war you cant fight always when war is over the same Identical questions are upon you People here think this is declaration of war Ragsdale Dunlop & c others just glad hear it conclude this will unite all Slave States.

Tuesday Mch 5th 1861

Mailed Trabue Rept for Feby No Letters Weather windy & cool Some Particulars of Inaugural Ceremoneies. Ark Convention electd Union officers by 6 Maj. Va may call Border Slave State Convention. Douglas thinks Inaugural o K.

Wednesday March 6th

Heavy frost this Morning. Letter fm home want me come home immy. Innagural looked on as War declaration through C St NC Convention elected 62 counties 65 Union & 33 Secession Men. Lincolns Cabinet Seward Secy of State Chase of Tras'y Weller Navy Cameron War Smith Interior Blair Genl P.M. Bates Atty Genl Got Zines for Batty Receipt for Feby fm Hu

Thursday March 7

Fine Day. No Letters Mailed Rept to Louisville No News Charleston advices evything quiet Rcd Mess from Thurber Montgy wants me to send Mess to Miss Rice I and him write me if wants send anything

Friday March 8th

Fine Weather in Mng Rainy & Lightning in Eve No Letters News all quiet. Rcd ahr Mess fm T.K.T.

Saturday March 9

Fine Day No Letters. News unimportant Had chill today very bad. No Cos here except this Town Co & being dissatisfied with Officers disbanded – Taking quinine against Chills

Sunday March 10th 1861

No News. Fine Day No Letters Fever in P.M.

Monday March 11th 1861

Fine Day Babb here in P.M. No Letters Rcd Rept that Correspondent of N.Y. Herald sent that Cabinet Sat Night agreed to Evacuate Troops from Fort Sumter & Pickens & that its called by leading Politicians a Master Stroke of Policy & that it will kill Secession People here glad though some may be dissatisfied. Train behind on M & C Road act of frt off Track –

Tuesday Mch 12th 1861

Yesterdays Report not confirmed some Doubt about it fine Day No Letters

Wednesday 13th 1861

Fine Day. Cloudy in Eve. News unimportant Considerable guesswork about Forts & C Rcd Draft fm Louisville 23⁵⁰ which I endorsed & mailed to C Carville. Wrote home. Trains out of time tonight

Thursday 14th 1861

Cool & cloudy some Rain in Mng. No Letters. Trains behind again feel Sick

Friday 15th 1861

Train arrived here at 9 AM instead of last Night detained by frt run off fine Day No News. No Letters Cold reading Burns

Saturday 6th 1861

Fine Day. Babb here also new Supt who takes his place. No Letters. News unimportant Capt Ragsdale offered Service of Jackson Guards here to Gen Jere Clemens & was accepted to go to Fort Morgan near Mobile. Some of Co now trying back out on plea its a Horse Co & that they cant go in foot Co

Sunday March 17th

Raining this Morning. Wrote 5 Letters for Heyman No Letters recd Considerable excitement bout here Co is to march off. No News.

Monday March 18th 1861

No Letters cleaned Batty. Cold & cloudy Recd permanent Constitution of Confederate St dated March 11th 1861 Rcd Mess from Gov Moore for Ragsdale to proceed with Co to Mobile delivered Mess to him in Masonic Lodge Co cheered me 3 times on Rept all yelling & drinking on act of it – They agreed to leave next Monday Morning

Tuesday March 19th 1861

Fine Day. Frost in Mng. Rcd Letters from Carville enclosing \$23.52 and one from Leah C. all well says Betty got the Measles Train behind from ch. Put up Pkg for home but missed Express Man. Wrote home

Wednesday March 20th

Cloudy in Mng. Rain in PM – No News – Sent \$10.00 home by Exp No Letters. Cos from Bellefonte & Woodville ordered off

Thursday March 21

Heavy frost in Mng. Fine Day. Capt Ross Babb & Coffin here on Extra Boy got shot here by accident through lower part of body No Letters

Friday March 22

Frost in Mng Fine Day – Military Ball here tonight. Capt marched em round like a drove of Sheep Ladies arrived from different places and at 6 PM were escorted to Ball Room in Rice's [illegible] not very large I dressed & went up paid 1 Dollar for Ticket Dancing nothing but Reels many Ladies want dance. Company very large hot at 830 PM they went to Supper pretty nicely arranged though very much of a sham. I didnt feel well throu Eve. Not acquainted & so few Cotillions dances didn't dance at all. Fetty joined Company today.

Saturday March 23^d

Rain in Morning. No Letters feel very well considering last Night

Sunday March 24th 1861

Fine Day. No Letters. Went up to church to hear Parson Bruce preach farewell Sermon to Volunteers. Church crowded Sermon & Prayer very impressive. Admonishing Mercy Sobriety Moderation Fortitude & C Many cried. Heyman gone to N – Jack Butler here said would like for me to go to Ch that RR could pay some said would see Mr Cole – about it wrote Leah & mailed

Monday March 25th 1861

Vy fine Day. People pouring in from all sides. Volunteers joining in large Numbers. At 1 K PM master Roll was called but few wanting Number of them abt 120 Ladies children old & young everywhere Capt addressed Co. then Mr Mason followed in Speech at 2 PM they marched into Train in front of Ofs crowd awfull Many crying at parting. When Train started all Engines about 7 commenced blowing whistle & singing Bells It sounded to me like the requiem to the dead forcibly struck expression with sad feelings. Mid shouts & fluttering of Hkfs the Train left & crowd on platform dispersed. Pearce at P leaves with Tuscumbia Co today told him goodbye. Butler says its ok Mr Cole approves of what he said & will see boss. This Place has been

appointed as one of Revenue Stations of Southern Confederacy. Williams is appointed Collector by provisional Govt with salary \$1000 Year

Tuesday March 26th

Fine Day. Rain & Thunderstorm in Eve. No News nor Letters

Wednesday March 27

No News nor Letters fine Day Williams offers me \$15 per Month if I engage to write for him. I told Butler & Cole pays me \$15 in addition to Telegh Cos payment. I accept Ch not otherwise. Commenced selling Tickets for W.

Thursday March 28th

Fine Weather No News nor Letters Introduced to Miss Cotnam on her [*illegible*] farm

Friday March 29

No Letters Weather cloudy Thunderstorm in Eve. Repeating [*illegible*] P Line down to N

Saturday March 30

Fine Day. No News nor Letters feel Vy bad like chill in PM Larcombe passed by here Wrot J.S. Butler about proposition of Cole

Sunday March 31st

Fine Day. Rcd Letter from home all well also one enclosed from Uncle Simon. Wrote answer to both feel sick took some champions "Bilious" Pills

Monday April 1st 1861

Thunderstorm in Morning. Fine during Day Wrote Rept for Hu. Als wrote Butler Williams has clerk hired by Year Is no use for my selling Tickets. He also took my Beadstead without giving any Notice though had a Letter granting it for RR uses of Feby 8 Had to sleep with Hockensmith. No Letters

Tuesday April 2^d 1861

Feel sick yet Rain & Thunderstorms from 7 AM til 1 P.M

Wednesday April 3

Weather changing cool & cloudy in Mng Rain Lightning & warm in Eve No Letters Bot New Tablecover & moved all my Table Apparatus. News that Mexicans threaten Texas and that some Genl is within 20 Miles of Brownsville – Mountains all green with foliage of trees –

Thursday April 4th

No Letters. Cloudy – No News Rain in Eve

Friday April 5th

Rcd Receipt from Larcombe & Balance due me – Remitted Carville Balance due Co. Wrote Trabue. Sent Monthly Rept to Louisville Fine Day in Mng No Letters

Saturday April 6

Rainy & Windy. News exciting about Lincoln to reinforce fort Sumter & Pickens Rept that some Vessel was fired into from Morris Island but not Known what become of her. No Letters

Sunday April 7th 1861

No News Nor Letters Pretty fine Day Wrote Home requesting some clothing to be sent to Nashville. Mailed Letter

Monday April 8th 1861

No News Papers full of Exciting sensation Articles about Civil War. No Letters. Read my Comstock Philosophy – Raining nearly all Day Mess from Carter L. I have sent \$1.00 too much

Tuesday April 9th

Cool in Morning No Letters. Rept in Eve by Saville from Augusta that 7 War Vessels are off Charleston Harbor fight expected tonight considerable excitement. Sam Tate & Capt Ross here in Eve. Capt agrees pay ½ of cost. Bedsted for Opr here

Wednesday April 10

Fine in Mng Rain in Eve. No Letters. News bout War Steamers correct 19500 Men wanted 3000 fm each of 6 states & 1500 from Florida

Thursday April 11th 1861

Rainy. Windy & cool. No Letters News exciting by preparations making in North No of Vessels left N. York armed & equipped for good while No News from Charleston

Friday April 12th 1861

Raining Lightning & Thunder in Mng. No Letter Fine in P.M. Rept from Charleston that Lincoln had mad Demand 8th for provisioning Sumter at peaceable or hostile measures. Beauregard teleghd Walker Secy War Montgy Walker replied demand evacuation of fort if refused reduce fort He repld Hostilities commenced today in Mng. 4 K 7 Batty opened on Sumter

Saturday April 13

Fine Day. Letter from home all well firing continued all Day in Charles. Heavy cannonading today all along Line Office of War assisting Anderson they silenced two of his guns & made breach in S. East part of wall Rept in PM. Fort Sumter on fire. Night Rept Sumter surrendered at 1 oclock 3 P.M. No one hurt in Garrison or C. State forces No Particulars Excitement reported all over Country People here much rejoiced at News. Train behind from Ch. Line down to ch bought Bedsted for \$30.00

Saturday April 14th 1861

Cloudy cool. No New of Importance Wrote Pa Went out in Morning 830 A.M. walked 2 ½ Miles from here Line broken caused by Pole burning down had two Men help me got it ok put in New Pole & Bracket back at 12 M Paid men

Monday April 15

Cloudy warm No Letters. News from Charleston Anderson left on steamer Isabella last night Lincoln issued Proclamation for 75,000 Men to retake Property of U.S. Extra session of Congress. 4th July News from all parts North People sustain Lincoln Volunteers offering. Govs calling Legislatures People there call Anderson a Traitor. People here very much excited. Had quit giving News gratis until published tried make arrangements for getting News cant do it. Rept that Va. passed Ordinance of Secession to be submitted to people only Rumor.

Tuesday April 16th 1861

Raining. No Letters. News from Va State not gone out yet Convention in secret Session. Big procession of Citizens at N following Southern flag playing Dixy Big preparation making for War Students from Murfreesboro with Confederate flag went by here big quarrel bout Bedsted &c with Babb

Wednesday April 17th

Fine Day. Letter from Lea, all OK Wrote her. News of big preparations North Gov. of Ky. Tenn N.C. &C refuse to furnish men to Lincoln. Mess tonight say fighting at Harpers Ferry, Va

Thursday April 18th

Fine Day. No Letters. News from Cin that frts are stopped south. Va gone out today officially at 2 P.M. Sick in PM with fever

Friday April 19th

Fine Day. No Letters. News of fight at Harpers Ferry unreliable. News in Eve fighting between Mob & eastern Troops moving southward some of mob & some soldiers killed Rept Harpers Ferry Armory fired last night abandoned by federal Troops

Saturday April 20th 1861

Am very sick fever. D gave me some Medicine plagued by so many bothering abt News fine Day – warm news that Baltimoreans took mass Regiment prisoners that abt 100 of em killed R R torn up Martial Law in Balt fighting in Norfolk. Left for Nashville on 11 K Train

Sunday April 21 1861

Fine Day feel pretty bad Deany Wilson on Train with me for N. Took cup coffee at f. Secession flag there on Court House. Arrived at N 8 AM Secession flags every where. Went up to N ofs. Trabue came in bout 830. I resigned X ofs in consequence of bad health. He told me Cole wanted me at Depot Ofs had long talk he fixed up a selfshifter for Repeaters saves a Man in that ofs Did not know whether would accept Depot at present wished to regain health. Went to Depot at 1230. Met Cole & told him bout Matters. They require Bond given if sell Takes have no one give Bond. Said wld answer me tomorrow. Butler wanted me stay right off. Left N 3 PM All Stations on Road exited great crowding get Newspapers. Arrived X 11 Pm

Monday April 22nd 1861

No Letters fine Day. Nothing from Cole – Great War preparations Steamers in Norfolk burnt. Line cut between Alexandria & Wash

Tuesday April 23^d 1861

No Letters New not very impt Hear Cole offering Situation to Howard at Ch. Bons brisk

Wednesday April 24th

No Letters. Rcd Mess Packg for me in N Troops arrived at Cairo. Ships of War burned in Norfolk harbor by Govt Great excitement there women leaving men arming. Cole offered Howard 750 pr Year which he accepted Trabue agreed take me back here in Month. Geo Trabue resigned joined Military company Morris from Ch may go there & I take his place at Ch Wrote to Cole asking what he would pay me addition to common sal at ch.

Thursday April 25th 1861

No Letter. News Fort Pickens was captured Night before last with great loss Life unreliable. No Shipments allowed from [section missing] for South. Arming everywhere .Company from Huntsville Larkinsville, Athen to Dalton Ga. Va passed resolutions to annex [section missing] Confederacy

Friday April 26

Rcd Letter from home all well also rcd by Express all clothing I asked for. News 2000 Troops at Cairo

Saturday April 27

Fine Day Rain in Eve No Letters Trabue wants me to go to N I agreed come first May News of Mexicans murdering Am families in Roma Texas. Military Co formed here elected Matthews Capt

Sunday April 28

Fine Day. Wrote home. News of Gen Harney taken Prisoner at Harpers ferry

Monday April 29

Fine Day. No News. 220 Men in 2 Cos from [section missing] through here for Dalton 400 Ky Soldiers also for Va. Fine looking Men. N & H N Ky this way

Tuesday Apl 30th

No Letters fine Day Rain in Mng Cleaned Batty company arrived from Larkinsville for Dalton. Rcd Mess from Gov Moore that have no orders to march great confusion they lay here over night

Wednesday May 1st

Fine Day. Larkinsville Co. from Bridgeport & 1 from Crow Creek here this Mng Many [illegible] speeches made big Bustle Lark Co left at 3 Pm on their own hook. Bridgeport Co left for home with flags Ribbons &C at 5 PM on Gravel Train at 7 oclock P.M. 550 Men from La arrived dressed & equipped Zouaves among them all fine set of Men. Done considerable Teleghg. They danced & sung & played til 10 P.M. Trumpets blowing at 10. 1 Company from Bellfonte 1 from Paint Rock arrived no Uniform nor Arms at 11 PM 1100 Men arrived from Tema. Sounds like camp here yelling crying dancing &C all left for Va Trabue Bro in La Troops. News Lincoln calls for 83,000 more troops 40,000 3 Years 25,000. 5 Years 18000 Sailors. 5 Years. Sent Monthly Rept to Hu Bal. Due me over \$60⁰⁰

Thursday May 2nd 1861

Fine Day. No News of much Import Teleghd Trabue Rept ready Bal 87.65. Shall I go to N said come soon as Allen arrives At 4. Morris resigned Ch office Spose thought raise Sal. But T accepted

Friday May 3^d

No Letters. Allen arrived at 330 P.M. Went abt town took leave left at 11 P.M. for N Rcd Ltr from Leah

Nashville Saturday May 4th

Arrived at 8 AM Went up town to Ofs took found Trabue Went to Work in Evening looked for Boarding House found Harris No 11 College St. Took Ten. Town in bustle lots of Troops

Sunday May 5th

Got up & went to Depot Got My Trunk by Omnibus Line Wrote Leah & folks. In Ofs with Johnson in Eve

Monday May 6th

Up 530 AM Went up to Ofs conn Lines & got Rept for L No News of Import Govr Harris [*illegible*] not telegh Repts bout Movements here Legislature in Secret Session Sent 40 Ds home by Ex War Prospects greatly increased

Tuesday May 7th

Fine Day. Legislature passed ordinance of Separation from Union Thursday made 5 Million Appropriation for war. Made League with CSA authorizes call for 55,000 Volunteers made public this Evening not much Display thoug most everybody for Secession. People vote on it 8th June

Wednesday May 8th

Fine Day. News of Blockade all S. Ports also Cairo NWest considerable display of soldiers tonight great Speechmaking. Pd Carville 86.47 Balance owing Co & mailed Rept

Tuesday May 9

Fine Day No News. Some of Regiments left md

Friday May 10

Rain today. News unimportant

Saturday May 11th

Rain in Eve. News of surrender of secession Troops at St Louis to federals after Surrender One of em fired Pistol and wounded Capt of federals some Rocks were thrown & federals fired at em Killing 20 of them, wounding large Number—Paid Harris Board

Sunday May 12th 1861

Fine Day Wrote home

Monday May 13th 1861

News from St Louis, quiet People killed are citizens who went Witness Surrender Camp Jacks
Women & children among the killed

Tuesday May 14th 1861

Raining. News unimportant. Great Preparations for War

Wednesday May 15th 1861

No News – pretty busy –

Thursday May 16th 1861

Letter from home all well rcd 40 Dollars I sent

Friday May 17th 1861

Fine Day No News of Importance Letter from Leah wants me write

Saturday May 18

Raining Trabue came here from Clarksville. Fire tonight Big Block burned down All military
stores burned in it that State put in Blankets Saddles &c

Sunday May 19th 1861

News unimportant. Troops moving bout Raining. Trabue left for Clarksville considerable talk
bout fire Houses fell in the Evening Wrote home Had Likeness taken

Monday May 20

No News Importance Confederate Congress Passed Act regulating Telegraphs

Tuesday May 21

Wrote Leah & enclosed a Photograph Address to her long Letter. Nothing Important Kentucky
Legislature passed Neutrality act. Gov Magoffin proclaimed Neutrality Laws

Wednesday May 22

Nothing Important.

Thursday May 23

Fine Day. Nothing

Friday May 24th

News from Washington US Troop advanced into Va took Alexandria Col Ellsworth of N.Y.
Zouave was shot dead by man named Jackson Proprietor of Marshall House as descended stairs
with Secession flag. Jackson killed on Spot by soldiers US took 45 Va Cavalry Excitement in
Wash great

Sat May 25

News unimportant. Troops establishing at Alexandria

Sunday May 26

Fine Day. Doing Nothing Worked for Deany Wilson in Depot. Took Bath in Sulphur Spring –

Monday May 27

News of fight at Harpers ferry & Hampton but not Confirmed

Tuesday May 28

Rcd Letter fm home all well Wrote home

Wednesday May 29

Fine Weather No News of Import

Thursday May 30

News unimportant Big Procession here – bout 10000 People out with Secession flags –

Friday May 31

News unimportant

Saturday June 1st

Rainy. News of little Import military drilling &C Bot Hat 5 Dls

Sunday June 2^d

Very hot, Doing Ntg

Monday June 3rd

Nothing plenty Work

Tuesday June 4th

Douglas died yesterday in Chicago

Wednesday June 5

News unimportant Wrote Leah. Rcd Letter from her today well

Thursday June 6

Ntg. Rainy Opr here from Charleston & Augusta

Friday June 7

Saville here left Augusta cause would not take oath allegiance C.S.A –

Saturday June 8

Election for Separation quiet 252 Union Votes against, 5000 Secession, State gone. Post Master resigned No more letters North

Sunday June 9

Fine Day went to Murf—stopped at Mrs. Brocks very firm Secessionists Notg gng on, back at N 330 PM Worked in Eve

Monday Jun 10th

Fine Day News unimportant. No Letters – Returns Coming in slow.

Tuesday June 11th 1861

Fine Day. Report Butler gone with several Regiments to great Bethel dislodge Southerners 9 Miles fm Hampton, at Little Bethel German Regt & NY Regt Col Townsend mistaking each other killed & wounded Number. At Great Bethel they found Masked Batteries, Heavy fire retreated Lieut Grebble USA. Killed 25 to 30 others killed bout 100 wounded & missing. Complaint Troops of Brig Genl Pierce commander for his Loss of Southern no loss. Maj Winthrop U.S.A. killed Southern force bout 1500 N Carolinians

Wednesday June 12th 1861

Rejoicing bout Bethel Returns E. Tenn. show large (18000) Maj for Union State go Secession bout 60,000

Thursday June 13th 1861

England announced No Prizes be brought from either party into their Dominion Federalist occupied Romney Go Jackson of Mo proclaimed that outrageous Conduct U.S. Troops & Officers demands redress & calls for 50,000 State Troops drive them out Lieut Gov. of Ms. Here today

Friday June 14th 1861

Hot weather. News unimportant

Saturday June 15th 1861

Boernstein Col Mo Vol gone west on Pacific R.R. Gov Jackson left Jefferson City Cars Locomotives going west burning Bridges behind him Mail all stopped to Tenn & South. Harpers Ferry being vacated by Southern Troops burned Bridge 5 & 6 oclock AM Md Election Congress gone Union

Sunday June 16th 1861

Awful warm 93% shade. Ntg gone to Catholic church in Eve

Monday June 17th 1861

News unimportant. Weather clear & warm

Tuesday June 18th 1861

St Louis U.S. Volunteers fired into Records Court & on Street killed 7 wounded Number Citizens seems 1 Vol. fired Gun all commenced firing. Excitement 10,000 federalists in Ms – Southerners burned 10 Locomotives on B & O R Road

Wednesday June 19th 1861

Genl Schenck 1st Ohio Regt coming to Vienna bout 15 Miles fm Alexandria turning Curve in Train fired into by masked Batty Shells & Grape killing & wounding number on Platform & Injuring Machinery Men got of Train & retired among killed Ed of Cleveland Herald. Southern

Loss None. Batty's maimed b S.C. Men entire loss Federal 15. Boernstein Com of StL & Genl Lyon both issued Proclamations fight at Boonville North rept Say Lyon Victorious large Num State Troops killed. Southern Genl reports Lyons & Command taken Prisoner by Jackson Wheeling Convention passing Bills call Litcher Usurper appoint ahr Govr &c

Thursday June 20 1861

Gen McLelland & Staff moved into West Va. News England & Wales population 20 Million. London 2 Million. Boonville State Troops defeated & retired small Loss

Friday June 21

Mallory & Crittenden (Union) Elected Congress Ky. West Va. Elected Dan Palsley Lieut Gov Pierpont Gov expect heavy fight tomorrow

Saturday June 22^d 1861

Warm clear. L & N Road to be blockaded all provisions Monday

Sunday June 23^d 1861

Ntg Wrote Letter home & Lea

Monday June 24th 1861

France declared Neutrality prohibit Prize Ships either party landing – Number Skirmishes in Mo. & Va Losses small –

Tuesday June 25th 1861

News unimportant Milwaukee Bank Riot quelled. 40 Men drilling Wayandotte Kans – building fell in killed Num & wounded 40 Rioters Milwaukee in Jail

Wednesday 26

No News of Impotnce Sent Letters to L. Opr to mail

Thursday June 27

Bought Watch last Night pd \$10.00 [*illegible*] on mine Great Eastern left England 24th & Golden fleece leave July with Troops for Canada

Friday June 28th 1861

Warm clear. Legislature in Session here all week passed Number Bills

Saturday June 29 1861

Ntg Important. Warm clear.

Sunday June 30th 1861

Warm clear Morris here on way North –

Monday July 1st 1861

Cool today Therm 74% Commet visible good size in Evening. McCauley here on way W. Virginia

Tuesday July 2^d

Cool & pleasant. News unimportant

Wednesday July 3^d

Cool pleasant. News unimportant – loaned Fisher 10.00

Thursday July 4th 1861

Fine Day. Closed Ofs fm 10 AM til 5 PM Rcd Letter fm home. All Well -- loaned Wherny 5.00
– Went out see Mule Race 2 Miles fm town too late – Everything dull except some Nigger Balls
Worked til 10 PM

Friday July 5

Warm News unimportant Congress organized. Elected Grow of Pa. Speaker Elridge Tenn Clerk
Johnson Tenn Breckenridge & others present

Saturday July 6

Rainy Day. News unimportant Rumors of fight Martinsburg Va. Lincolns Mess recd here. Night
says wants Confirmation of acts. 400 thousand Men & 400 Millions carry on War. Long
Document up sending to P. til 10 K

Sunday July 7

Fine Day Hot. Went to Stevenson on Mng Train fixed Allens Report Met good Reception Bot
some Silver & Gold

Monday July 8

Hot. Returned Nashville 8 AM News unimportant. No fight yet

Tuesday July 9

News unimportant. Skirmishing in Va & Mo – Sworn in –

Wednesday July 11th [10th]

Fine Weather No News of Import

Thursday July 11th

Nothing of Importance. Conflicting Accounts from Mo Some claim Victory for federals some
Southern Col Wolf federal killed. Col Dreux Col La Regt killed near Fort Monroe

Friday July 12th

News unimportant. Wherny Opr here Got offer go Richmond & gone there

Saturday July 13th

Fine Weather News of fight near Rich Mountain W. Va. Southern loss bout 60 – North 20 – Regt
Tenn Vol passed here on way to East Tenn

Sunday July 14th

Allen here. Fine Day Reading

Monday July 15th 1861

Recd Letter from Leah – Via L Sends me 4th July Programme. News of fight at Laurel Hill Gen Garnett of CSA killed 1000 reported prisoners

Tuesday July 16th 1861

Wrote home & Leah & sent Letter can Lenhart.L. Report Confirming Gen Garnetts Death in Retreat from Laurel Hill Capture 40 Baggage Wagons 7 Guns 2 Stand Color &C by McClellan also that Col Pegrom offered surrender after fight at Rich Mountain with 600 Men about 200 killed

Wednesday 17th

Fine Weather News unimportant Congress passed several appropriation Bills

Thursday July 18th

Fine Weather News from Mo Conflicting accounts generally give Victory South McDowell expect advance today on Manassas Scott Staff been in Va today Rept tonight of Battle in Va

Friday July 19th

Rain & Storm. Battle restd yesterday at Bulls Run 3 Miles from Manassas Southerners retreated from Fairfax made advance from Bulls Run & repulsed Federals 3 times. Northern act 40 Federals killed Stand at Centerville Southern account 500 Federal loss killed Wounded Prisoners. Southern loss 142. Washington Artillery of N [?] engaged Sherman Batty & disabled S. Batty. Ball passed through Beauregard Kitchen one fired by federals at Hospital. Maj of Va regt mortally wounded died today Considerable Excitement another Battle expected today or tomorrow

Saturday July 20

Accts of Battle at Bulls Run coming in different Statements South took two Guns & 500 Stand Arms – Another Battle rept in W. Va when 2 McClellans Regts got worsted by Masked Batty. Trabue at Ch Davis Message sent through to Mem. I copied it 3000 Wds commenced 10 PM stopped at 100 AM. It's a criticism on Lincoln Message leaves accounts of Treasy & War Dept to Inform Congress on State of Country & recommendations increase Revenue & Army. Says subscription Cotton near 50 Millions – I was up with Harris Col 3 Am

Sunday July 21

Mighty Warm Stayd with Harris who is in fits of delirium

Monday July 22^d 1861

Raining. Great Battle fought yesterday – Rept in Mng fm Richmd. 80000 Men engaged on each Side near Manassas. Battle commenced 4 A.M. became general 12 K.M. loss both Sides unknown but terrible Federals retreated to Alexandria. Sherman Batty taken by South Rept in Evening fm Washington – says – Our Troops after gaining great Victory eventually repulsed commenced retreat on Washingⁿ after latest Information fm Centerville Series of events took

Place disastrous in extreme. Casting gloom over remnant Army excited deepest Melancholy Washington. Carnage tremendous heavy both sides & ours represented as frightful. We were advancing taking masked Battys gradually but surely and driving enemy toward Manassas when enemy seemed reinforced by Genl Johnston We were immy driven back & panic among out Troops suddenly suddenly occurred Regular Stampede took place understood Genl. McDowell undertook stand near Centreville but Panic so fearfull whole army became demoralized impossible check them either at Centreville or Fairfax.

CH large Number Troops in retreat fell on way side from exhaustion scattered along Route all way fm Fairfax C H Road fm Bulls Run strewed arms knapsacks discarded by Troops better facilitate retreat McDowell Endeavoring Rally men only partial success 200 fine Zouaves left from Slaughter 69th & other N York Regts suffered frightfully – Sherman Carlisles Griffins & West Point Batteries taken by Confederates also 8 Siege 32 pound Rifled Cannon. Col Wilcox Com Brigade Capt McCook killed Col Hentzelman wounded Washn is scene most intense excitement Wagons continually arriving bring dead Wounded feeling in City awfully distressing both Telegh & Steamboat Communications with Alexandria Suspended to Public greatest alarm throughout City fortifications strongly reinforced fresh Troops Supposed Genl Mansfield take Command fortifications

Tuesday July 23^d 1861

Fine Weather Considerable Excitement Our Line to Richmd out Order between Knoxville & Lynchbg Rept says Rept yest exaggerated estimate North killed & wounded bout 4-5,000 Mess fm South say – 2 Genls killed Bee of S.C. & one fm Ga One badly florida mortally wounded – Mess to Union & Am today say – 2000 South killed wounded 15,000 North – took 1200 Horses 25,000 [*illegible*]. 63 Cannon 1200 Prisoners – Letter fm Sam Smith Winchester dated 17th – well

Wednesday July 24

Fine Weather – 4th Ala Regt – Hampton S.C. Legion – 1 Va Regt badly cut pieces. One Co fm Florence Ala lost 23 Wounded 10 Killed – Col & Lieut Col Hampton Legion killed – all field Officers 4th Ala wounded – 6 Tenn Regts ordered into Va 1 of them pass here today 1 every Day

Thursday July 25th

Fine Day. Mr Trabue at Richmond – North deny all Sherman Batty taken then are organizing army fresh – to renew Battle. Different accts fm South about No of killed Wounded. Maj Wheat of ark mortally wounded. Col Jones 4th Ala D—Several claim Honor taking Shermans Batty up til 1030 PM work vy heay average over 200 mess Day recd & sent

Friday July 26th 1861

Fine Weather. U.S. Completely reorganizing. McClellan takes Place McDowell

Saturday July 27

Raining Line to Richmond down expecting Tennesseans under Pellow attack Cairo

Sunday July 28

Hot. In Office at H in Eve

Monday July 29th 1861

News unimportant Ntg fm Cairo Raining til Eve.

Tuesday July 30 1861

Fine but warm Day – Number Bills passed Cong. U.S. direct Taxation & C Richmd Line OK – this Eve

Wednesday 31st

Hot Weather. Private Desk pays 1 full Regt Pennsylvanian taken near fort Monroe without firing Gun

Thursday Aug 1st

That Rept bout Capture of Penn Regt false took bout 20 – Prisoners – Hot Thermo 96% Election Gov. quiet Harris reelected supposed

Friday Aug 2^d

Rcd Letter fm home Nothing Impt all well

Saturday Aug 3^d

Awfull Hot 98% News unimpt –

Sunday Aug 4th 1861

Finr & hot Day. Got Buggy in PM Rode out to Buena Vista Garden playd & into another fine Garden Got back 6 PM Lines down Rich.

Monday Aug 5th

Vy warm. Business brisk – Wrote home –

Tuesday Aug 6th

Hot Weather. News unimpt Congress adjourned Washington. Old Harris troubled family much I told him leave house, all family scared He left at 1230 PM

Wednesday August 7th

News unimportant – Warm

Thursday August 8th

News unimportant

Friday August 9th

Mighty Warm News unimpt – good Number Troops coming through going to East Tenn. Under Genl Zollicoffer

Saturday August 10th

Warm. Rain in Eve

Sunday 11th

Raining. Ntg going on Stay at Harris all Day

Monday Aug 12

Cool Pleasant Ntg of Importance

Tuesday Aug 13

Cool. Pleasant Trabue at Chatt—

Wednesday Aug 14th

News Memphis 60 Mo Troops routed 200 Federals 16 Miles back New Madrid Mo killing & capturing many

Thursday Aug 15

Fine Weather Str Equality captured by Pellow force on Miss River Battle 10th inst 10 Miles other side Springfield Mo Lyon in 3 Columns attacked McCullough & Price after 6 Hours Battle Lyon killed Siegel lost 5 Pieces Artillery. Siegel retreating towards Rolla has 25,000 Species of Springfield Bank. McCullough & Price reported killed Federal Loss killed Wounded bout 1000

Friday Aug 16

Fine Weather Report of McCullough Death contradicted Reported pursuing Siegel 5 Mo Regts run in Battle & Ark Miss & La Troops had to sustain Big losses but gained Day Fremont declares Martial Law St Louis fortifying St Louis Fremont telegraphs Gov Ind send Every available Man Wallace in Address Ind Zouaves makes Remark Now or Never Zouaves return to Camp I'll give you back Rifles old Officers & flag 11th waits you your Country Calls you louder than Ever. Battle reported in W Virginia where Federals had surrender larger Number Prisoners

Saturday Aug 17th

Nothing very Important Expected all travel be stopped between North & South

Sunday Aug 18th 1861

Nthg doing – Reading &C

Monday Aug 19th 1861

Lincoln proclamation all Vessels carrying goods or Passengers to-from C.S. forfeited to U.S. also all Vhicles every kind.

Tuesday Aug 20th 1861

McCulloch Official Rept Battle Oak Hill says C.S.A lost 265 killed 800 wounded 30 missing Repts enemy Ofs 800 killed 1000 Wounded

Wednesday Aug 21

Fine Weather. News unimportant

Thursday Aug 22

Rainy Proclamation by Prest Davis all those not acknowledging authority Confederate St. to leave within 40 Days or to be considered Alien Enemies

Friday Aug 23^d

Recd Letter fm home say stay til War over. Hard times with them

Saturday Aug 24th

Nothing of Import Rainy Newman & Hanna Harris in Office this PM

Sunday Aug 25

Wrote Letter home – Understood L & N RR stop running shortly

Monday Aug 26 1861

Nothing of Import Excitement Ky Expect Explosion Civil War Every Day all Letter fm & to South prohibited

Tuesday 27

News of Battle at Cross Lanes W. Va. Col Tyler with 900 Men surrounded by 3000 C.S. Troops Cut their Way through loss of 200 – Sent Letter home

Wednesday 28

Nothing of Importance Southern Troops Expecting attack Washington shortly

Thursday 29

Nothing Importance Cool

Friday 30

Expect Louisville Line go down as all Dispatches stopped beyond Louisv. By Lincoln Govt

Saturday 31

Cool. News of Genl Butler with fleet of 100 Guns after severe Cannonade took Fort Hatteras in NC took Commander Capt Barron & 300 Men Prisoners Southerners surrendered after 20 Rounds having No Ammunition Fort mound 20 Guns –

Sunday Sept 1st

Dr Illowy fm Baltimore & family here on Way to N Orleans. Fine Boys & one Girl left on Evening Train today showed Boy Round

Monday Sept 2^d

News that Butler took Forts Hatteras & Clark confirmed took bout 800 Prisoners fm 60 to 80 killed of Southerners – Congress at Richmd adjourned Saturday Passed Bills retaliation

Sunday Sept 15th

Since 2nd No thing of Importance passed I bot black Suit coat & Pants on 4th \$37 Dollars Sent Letter home on 3^d last one on 5th & 6th went to Sg [synagogue]. Miserable chasm on 14th fast all

day Dreyer here – on Saturday – On 11th Confederates occupied Columbus Ky – heavy force fortifying it Same Day Paducah Occupied by federals. Ky Legislature Passed Resolution for Gov of Ky to order Conf. Troops leave State 13th Gov Maj office vetoed Bill but it passed over his Lead. Genl Polk & Zolliscoffer in Ky refuse Withdraw unless federal do same. Gov Harris & Genl Buckner urging withdrawal for Political Reason but Jeff Davis thinks if Military Necessity Stay – Gunboats U.S. come into Tenn & Cumberland River & captured some Boats. We had [illegible] Ofs open several Nights & Sunday but when asking for extra Pay ordered close

On 12 reported fight between Rosencrantz & floyd on Gauley River W. Va Rosencrants reports fought from 3 P.M. til Night & 20 killed & 100 Wounded Loss Conf not known but next morning had retreated leaving some Baggage 2 flags & few Prisoners behind Conf advanced within 5 Miles Wash. Today 13th I went to Stevenson on 815 AM Train Saw some of Boys from Pickins pretty rough times there took my Key & Lamp from X – Genl Johnston arrived here 14th

Monday Sept 16th 1861

Returned at 750 AM News unimportant Report from Va that floyd killed 800+ wounded 1000 federals. Preparations here making go into Ky – Sold my Key to Clarke at Depot

Washing by Mrs Potts

Jany 8th 5 Shirts, 1 Pr Drawers 2 Pocket Hkfs
1 Towel Returned OK Jany 11th

Jany 14, 1 Towel 1 Shirt 1 P Socks 1 Hkf one Sheet OK

Jany 23 7 Shirts 1 Towel 1 Pocket Hkf OK Jany 27

Jany 28 1 Shirt 1 Pr drawer 1 Towel OK Jany 2

6th 2 Shirts OK Feby 9 OK

Washing by Hockensmith

Feby 14th 1 Shirt 1 Pr Drawers 1 Pock Hkf 2 Towels OK

“ 18th 1 Shirt 1 Pr Drawrs 1 Towel

1861	Cash	Dr
Jany 3 ^d	To Cash on hand	24.40
“ “	“ “ from A Recd Mess in 1861	35
“ 4	“ “ one Mess	1 95
“ “	“ “ Cash owe Condr	5
“ 5	“ for Book Don Quixote	50
“ 7	“ one Message	50
“ 9	“ “ “ Recd	50
“ 15	“ “ “ 55 ^C & 50	1 05
“ 16	“ “ “ 50 & 85. 50	1 65
“ 17	“ 50 C	50
“ 20	“ Jack Spears	1 50
21 []	“ M & C R R	17 00
28 th	“ Messages	80
29	“ Cash from Dreyer	<u>5 00</u>
		55 95

1861		Cash	Dr
Jany	30	Amt forward	55 95
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		February 1861	
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"	16	" " " Wm. Babb for Jo Irwin	2 25
"	17	" " from Carville N for Draft	9 65
"	26 th	One Mess	50
"	27	From Ingalls	50
		Amt	\$ 68 80

1861		Cash	Cr
By		Apples	5
"4		Cash for Papers	10
"5		" " 1 Pr Socks. 30 Aples 10	40
"6		" for Papers	10
"7		Nuts 5 Stamps 15 ^C Tucker 5 Taylor 25	50
"8		Butterscotch 5 ^C Apples 5	10
"9		By Remittance to C 161 Stamps & to Carville 14	1 75
"10		Apples 5 ^C 11 th Pr Boots 8 ⁰⁰	8 05
"11		1 Pair Socks	25
"12 th		loan to Dreyer 5 ⁰⁰ Gold Apple	5 05
"12 th		5 Stamps 15 Pens 5	20
"13 th		Peanuts 5 ^C 14 th Apples 5	10
"14		loaned Jack Spears	1 50
"15		Apples 5 ^C 15 th [] 16 th Apples 5	15
"16		loand Man 25 ^C Misc. 10	35
"17		Expense Line	25
"18		1 Hatchet	1 00
"19		Expense Line	80
"21		" "	45
"25		" Candles & 1 l[] fluid	1 00
"28		Bal Fluid 10 Apples 10 Gold 10	30
"29 th		Pprs 10 Apples 5 ^C	15
			\$ 22 60

1861	Cash	Cr
Jany 30	Amt forward	22 60
“ 31	Ale 5 Apples 5 Ppr 10 Hames 5	25
“ By	Cash sent home by Express	<u>40 00</u>
		<u>62 85</u>

	February 1861	
Feby 1	Apples	5
“ 2	D ^O Ppr	10
“ 4	D ^O	5
“ 5	Cash to Darwin for B & H	5 00
“ “	“ Darwin 1.00 Stamps 15 Pen Envelope 10	1.25
“ 6	“ to Dreyer & Heyman Calico 20	6 20
“ 6	Apples 5 ^C 7 th Apples 10	15
“ 8	Apples 5 ^C Loan to Howard 1 ⁰⁰	1 05
“ 9	Paid for Washing Apples 5 ^C	1 55
“ 10	Loaned Borin 20 ^C	20
“ 12	Sent Larcombe N C Bill	4 00
“ 13	Pd Darwin 25 for Miscelaneous	25
“ 14	Apples 5 15 th D ^O 5 17 th Pprs 10	35
“ 16	Money sent home \$40 ⁰⁰ per []	40 50
“ 17	1 Box pills 25 Quinine 25 18 th 1 Pc Cake 10	60
“ 19 th	Carbon of Iron 10 Servant 30 ^C 23 & 24 Apples 15	55
“ 25 & 26 & 27 & 28	Apples & C	<u>40</u>
		62 25

1861	Cash	Dr
Feby	Amt brot forward	68 80
	By Cash from Borin	<u>20</u>
		69 90

March	Cash on hand	1 40
	f from Gunter	1 35
“ 7 th	“ from Larcombe	2 15
“ 13 th	Message	50
“ 15	D ^O	1 55
“ 16	Mess 1 50. Cash from R.R. Co 16 25	17 75
“ 17 th	By Cash from Telgh Co	23 50
“ 18	Cash Message 35 ^C 17 th Mess 65 ^C	1 00
“ 20	Cash Message	1 00
“ 21	Cash 1 mess \$180 D ^O 50	2 30
“ 22	1 Mess 455 ^C	4 55
“ 27	Stamps	50
“ 28	1 Message	25
“ 30 th	1 Mess 50 2[] 180 1 D 35	<u>2 65</u>
		60 45

1861	Cash	Cr
Feb	Amt brot forward	62 25
“ 28	By Cash paid Darvin for Board	5 00
“ 28	“ Haircutting 25 Apples 10	<u>35</u>
		<u>67 60</u>
March 1	Apples 15 ^C 2 nd D ^O 5	15
“ 4 th & 5 th & 6 & 7 th	Pd 10 Gal fluid 1.00	1 30
“ 9 th	Quinine	25
“ 12 th	Magician Show	25
“ 13	Apples 5 ^C 14 th D ^O 10	25
“ 15 th	Pd Washing \$1.50. 16 th Apples &C 15	1 65
“ 17 th	Treat 25 C. 18 th Apples 10 ^C percent on \$20 } 60	90
“ 19	Apples 5. 20 th Apples 15 payd Johnsons Dinner 20	40
“ 20	Cash sent home by Express	40 00
“ 22 ^d	Pens 5 ^C Quinine 5 ^C Treat 15. Ball 1 ⁰⁰	1 25
“ 23 ^d 24 th 25 th 26 th & 27 th	Apples &C	40
“ 26 th	loaned Painter 25 ^C 27 th & 28 Apples 25	50
“ 29 th	Apples 10 30 th Quinine 20	30
“ 30	loaned Kennard	5 00
“ 31	Schudam 75 ^C Pills – 25	<u>1 00</u>
		53 50
		<u>6 95</u>
		60 45

1861	Cash	Dr
April	Cash on hand	8 50
“ 4	1 Message	35
“ 5	Rcd fro, Larcombe	15 45
“ 7	Cash Found	1 00
“ 8	Message	50
“ 11	D ^O	1 00
“ 12	D ^O	2 05
“ 13	from S. Norwood	3 50
“ 14	from Mess	2 00
“ 15	D ^O	85
“ 16	from M & C R R	15 00
April 16	From Kennard	5 00
“ 18	Mess. 85 ^C 5 ^C & 60	1 95
19	D ^O 60 of Debt Mess 130 2 85	4 15
20	Mess 180	1 80
22	D ^O 300 #150 D ^O Rpt 850	12 00
23	Mess	25
24	Mess 275 525	8 00
25 th	350 (Gunter) 25 ^C Jackson	3 75
26 th	10 ^C 260 29 th 180 29 th 1.80	4 40

29 th	305 ^C 29 th D ^O Painter 25	3 30
30 th	Rept 100 Mess 180	<u>2 80</u>
		98 20

		Cash	Cr	
April		Paid Hockersmith		5 00
"	1 st	" Charity 10 C. Paper 5		15
"	3 ^d	Table Cover &C		40
"	4	Quinine 10 ^C Apples & Treat 20		30
"	5	Remitted Carville		8 10
"	5 th 6 th & 7 th	Apples &C 25 7 th Stamps 10		35
"	8 th	Apples &C 10C 9 th Broom 25		35
"	9 th	Loaned Hames 5 ⁰⁰ Gave lame Man 10		5 10
"	11 th	Apples 5 ^C 13 th & 14 th D ^O 15 C		20
"	14	Paid 2 Men 150 Exp 10		1 60
"	16	Paid Washing		1 25
"	19	Quinine 15 flag 10 C		20
"	19	Quinine &C 10		10
"	21	Expense on Road to N		30
"	22	Percentage on \$30 Gold		60
"	23 & 24	Miscellaneous 20 Washing 25		45
"	25	D ^O 15 ^C Express - 175 26 th & 27 20		2 10
"	29	Shoes & Socks -- \$4 ⁰⁰		4 00
30	Cake 10 ^C Taylor 10 ^C			<u>20</u>
				30 95
				<u>67 50</u>
				\$98 20

		Cash	Dr	
May 1		Rept 175 Mess 25 195 170 300 Gunter 65		9 30

		Cash	Cr	
May 1		Miscellaneous 15. Repair Shoes 1 ⁰⁰		1 15
"	3	Post Office 15 C Hocker 350		3 65