

Journal  
1863

War Dept Wash<sup>n</sup> Jany 1<sup>st</sup>  
Edward Rosewater

Written between 1130 & Midnight Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1862  
We measure time by hours & days by months & years,  
We measure life by joys & pains happiness & tears.  
And time & life they pass right on,  
Regardless of events, they bring to man.  
“Another year ere many minutes pass.  
Will close its history mournful alas!  
The joys which it brought, compared to the sorrow,  
Will make us feel glad it closes tomorrow!  
What are the changes of eighteen sixty two?  
I ask myself, & find it is too true,  
That man is dust, to dust he will return,  
And leave behind perhaps a few to mourn.  
The graves are filled by patriotic Sons  
The tears are shed by wives & little ones!  
What treasures spent, could purchase all the blood  
From those who loved them? When will it end o God!  
Then let us pray that eighteen sixty three,  
May once more bless this land of liberty  
With peaceful homes! All strife may cease,  
And crown our efforts with a blessed peace!

**Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 War Dept Wash<sup>n</sup>**

The clock has barely struck 12 another year commenced & with it perhaps a new era in the history of the Country. Certainly a new era for liberty but what will be changed? Mysterious future! A blessing to all hides from our view the end. Our destiny (if there is any) will show hope til then will strengthen us! Now I open another sheet. I commence the year in the War Dept may I end it in a peaceful home or peaceful circle of friends discussing the past. The day is clear & cold. Took breakfast at Mrs Kearons about 8 Am. At 11 went out Considerable bustle on Street not half as much as Christmas; the great feature was the Prests levee. Officers of Army under Gen Halleck met at War Dept Navy officers at Navy Dept Army officers dressed up considerably some Capt & Lieuts having Epaulets & cocked hats while Maj Genls had plain Shoulder Strap. But Navy officers who are more intelligent & finer looking body invariably displayed full gala Dress. Cocked hats epaulets swords & fine uniforms both Navy & Army officers passed Enclosure to White House, while a considerable Crowd was outside the gates. At the moment of these officers going into White house the Foreign Ministers Diplomats & Cabinet Officers were going off on the fine Carriages with differently dressed Coachman. The minister in full

dress of the Court of their Nation. Soon the Army & Navy Officers filed out. Among Navy officers noticed Rear Admiral Foot in full dress in Carriage. At 12 Gates were opened for the Civilians. At 1 Pm I attempted to go in myself. The crowd was large & Old Ladies young ladies babies children Soldiers & Civillians were all mixed & jammed kept off by squad of Soldiers with Bayonets. The Metropolitan Police were inside the house. I got in. The Prest looked rather cheerfull, his whiskers cut within about an inch of his face stood in centre of Room & shook hands with every one remarked to me How do you do sir, to a lady going by before me Hows the baby? I did not see Mrs Lincoln perhaps on account of her being in mourning. The East room Carpet was covered up. Took Dinner about three Pm Annie Kearon introduced me to her cousin Kate Kearon a girl about 13-14 & Mrs Kearon added she was my cousin I being her Son. My new Cousin was quite agreeable & before she left 8 Pm we were quite at home with each other. Playd Euchre with her as partner but as I havnt played in 5-6 years I was quite green. Went to office at 10 30 Pm. Star has Proclamation of Prest Substance setting free by his authority as Prest of US & Comdr in Chf of A. & N all slaves in States of La except some parishes named including N Orleans. Miss. Fla Tex. Ala S.C. & N.C. Ark Ga & Va excepting some Districts near Norfolk & West Va. News otherwise unimpt except that Banks had arrived at N.O. superceded Butler. Gen Burnside left here for Camp this Am.

### **Friday Jany 2<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Weather cold & clear. Stayed in house most of day in office from 12 to 3 Pm. Letter from Leah – 30<sup>th</sup> Dec snow in Clevd 4-5 Inches deep. Tended – Hall of H. Cen Afrs. & enjoyed herself. Her cousin Sarah engaged to be married. News today considerable fight near Murfreesboro Tenn reported we drive Confeds back & occupy Murf. Genl Willich killed. Lt Col Garesche Ch of Staff of Gen Rosecrans Do large number officers wounded Confed Genl Rains killed Cheatham wounded & prisoner. Annie sick with fever all day.

### **Saturday Jany 3<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Very fine day clear & mild. Wrote long letter to Leah Enclosing note proposed, eng. Next spring, unfolded plans & condition of prospective work &c. Not mailed yet. Annie still unwell. Went to Dancing School this Eve & to my astonishment found Prof Marine to be an Italian who had been introduced me & I Supposed some big gun in military Circles. The Room or Hall is Temperance Hall very poor concern news from Battle in Tenn near Murfreesboro fought day bef yesterday & partly today. McCook attacked Hardee was driven back some distance but Confed Center broken & reported they retreating & we occupy Murfreesboro The fighting described terrific Gen Willich reported killed Lt Col Garesche Chf of Rosecrans Staff killed Genl Stanley & Rousseau wounded Dispatch from Ft Monro announces that the Monitor in tow of the Rhode Island passed Hatteras on Tuesday 30th [*illegible*] weather about 9-10 Pm terrible gale commenced monitor sprang a leak & in spite of efforts of Capt Bankhead Comdr & Crew she sunk. Number of Crew including some officers missing. Report from Vicksbgh that Genl Sherman landed his forces mouth Yazoo left bank the 27<sup>th</sup> on passing beyond protection of Gunboats encountered enemy & battle ensued lasting 5 hours when enemy fell back beyond their entrenchment other side of Bayous skirting Vicksburg. Sunday Sherman attacked enemy again Steele turned their flank & Morgan took their entrenchments by storm. Gunboats did not participate except the Benton, who engaged the fortifications Some of her Crew killed & Capt Gwynne Comdr mortally wounded. Banks & Farragut expected to Cooperate.

### **Sunday Jany 4<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Rept this Morning Communication by Telgh with Nashville 3<sup>d</sup> reopened. Gen Bragg reported killed today. He made attack our forces yesterday & was repulsed terrible loss Col Anderson says our forces occupy Christiana Tenn. The Enemy retreating Gen Willich not killed but wounded & prisoner. Not relieved this morning til 830 Am by [illegible] Bunnel. Breakfast about 9 Am. Yesterday while at Willard's Hotel saw Mr Younglove wife & daughter registered on book. At 11 Am today called at Mr Ys door & Miss Y. opened adjoining door said Mr Y downstairs in parlor. I went down but not having seen either Mr nor Mrs Y many years could not distinguish them. I returned to the door Miss Y again appeared. I told her not knowing Mr Y perhaps Mrs Y would do as well or even she. Miss Y said come in Monsieur & taking a seat I explained to her how 8 years ago two little boys were at their house & received great kindness from her parents that I could not forget it & came to see & thank them. She soon recollected seeming quite interested made me tell my history & adventures We had quite a pleasant talk when presently Mrs Y appeared & seeing her daughter whose name is Carrie with a young man who seemed familiar & yet not recognizable she looked quite funny between smiles & astonishment. After eying me sometime soon as Miss Carrie told her she seemed delighted to have found that boy who she couldnt think what had become of him she said she felt so interested This illustrates America for you said she & before she would hear my story she sent for Mr Y who came & both listened with seeming eagerness. After I had explained all Mr Y. commended me for my energy &c Said had seen my father only day before he left C & would see him again. Said father was doing well last summer. Mr Y had heavy dealing with him. Mrs Y inquired about our family & I promised to call on her when I went home on visit next spring. I gave Mr Y my address & after an hours conversation left. I felt much relieved as from an old debt & no doubt they felt themselves repaid for their kindness. Dined about 1<sup>30</sup> Pm. Went to sleep at 3 PM & to office abt 11 Pm. Relieved Schnell. Weather mild & some rain this Evening.

### **Monday Jany 5<sup>th</sup> 1862**

Pleasant & mild weather today. Got Mr Snow our messenger at W Dept to room with me. Walked up to Brazilian legation abt 12 M. & saw Secty. He informs me that no reply had yet been recd to my proposition. Went to Court Martial of Maj Gen Porter about 1 Pm. M. G. Hunter Prest Judge Holt Judge Advocate. Genl Heintzelman Prentiss, Hitchcock Piatt & others the Court Unimportant witness examined. In office from 1 to 2<sup>30</sup> Pm. Had recd no paper this morning additional news from Murfreesboro battle after three days fight our army drove Confeds from M with great loss both sides Conf<sup>s</sup> admit theirs at 5,000 killed & wounded ours variously reptd from 3-8000. Clarksville captured by our troops got 8000 lbs flour there which was sent to Nashville also other provisions. Roads in East Tenn destroyed bridges burned. Additional from Vicksburg our Army within 3 Miles of that City. Recd letter from Chester Pond this PM from Cin. says hes well expects quit teleghg & go into Banking house N York. Mail letter to Leah. On duty 11 Pm. Confed accts claim to have repulsed federal Army both Murfreesboro & Vicksburg.

### **Tuesday Jany 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rainy weather. News not important nothing additional from Vicksburg. Went to Smithsonian about 1 Pm looked round at apparatus. Nearly half presented the Inst by Prof Hare. some awful large magnets & Electric Machine Weighed myself 142 pounds. Talk with Asst. librarian. Couldnt find Prof Henry. Went into Franklins book Store & Optical while there Miss Younglove came in quite surprised at our meeting. Told me she had been to Navy Yard & Arlington

yesterday they expect leave For Cleveland Thursday. Stayed in office bout 30 min & took Dinner 3 O'clock. Homer Bates said at 2 Pm hes docked me for the 30 minutes I was too late last night. I thought was joking but at 1030 when came on duty found he was not told Mr. Eckert if they docked me for that time I resigned. Had quite a controversy at last Maj Eckert said would take the note off the book as I was ahead of my reglr working hours. Weighed myself Smithsonian today 142 pounds

### **Wednesday Jany 7<sup>th</sup>**

Cold & clear. Stayd in house all day. In Eve went to Orphan fair. The girls & women there quite immodest in way of boring people to take chances in this Tea Set this book that picture, boquet or doll. Managed to get off by taking a grab for 5 cts & a chance in Tea Set 25 cts which I gave to Kate Kearon of whose mother I bot the chance Kate nor her brothers were in. Saw big auction sale of musty books on Avenue in Eve. Letter from home Marcus writes has just finished study of Nat Philo. going study Chemistry alas finished his latin asks Information about the Smithsonian Ma cant write on acct of a boil on her thumb. Father says business very good though he lost considerable by selling too soon. News from Vicksburg discouraging Reported Sherman was drived back by superior Force. Johnson Commands Confeds. about 65,000 strong.

### **Thursday Jany 8<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Changeable weather. Cold day slight snow in Eve News unimportant. Vicksburg advices from South say. Sherman fell back to Yazoo. Gunboats not cooperated yet While in Smithsonian this morning found Dr Wise & Lilienthal there. Introduced myself to Wise & showed them Indian Gallery L said he knew my Uncle who had been prisoned sayd Jn had a fine Uncle Sir. They were rather indifferent about things there. Annie sick.

### **Friday Jany 9<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Cold & snowing slightly in evening. News of attack on Springfield Mo by Marmaduke result not yet known. Halleck sends thanks to Rosecrans & Army Cumberland for recent Victory. Secess accounts of fight Murfreesboro think the affair looks rather mysterious &c

### **Saturday Jany 10<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Rained nearly all day. Stayed in house most time. Dont feel very well. News unimportant Except our Army repulsed near Vicksburg. Col Stager returned

### **Sunday Jany 11<sup>th</sup> 1862**

fine day. Stayed in house most time Annie still sick. News unimportant.

### **Monday Jany 12<sup>th</sup>**

Changeable weather. News of attack on Galveston by Magruder in which he captured & killed most forces U.S. there captured US St Harriet Lane Other Vessel ran ashore & blown up by Crew. 2 Officers blown up with boats. quite a disaster. Vicksburg advice Sherman superceded by McClernand. fight & storming Rebel works on 29<sup>th</sup> quite serious loss 2000 our side Enemies unknown. Sherman changed lease withdrew Army from Yazoo farther up. Murfreesboro quiet Braggs & his Army between Shelbyville & Winchester reported heavy reinforcements Coming there from Richmond. Gold 142 today Resolution to inquire into practicability of laying Cable

from Ft Monroe to N Orleans referred Committee Naval affairs by Congress. Emancipation Proclamation endorsed by Maj Richardson elected Senator Ill "Dem" not well today. billious.

### **Tuesday Jany 13<sup>th</sup> 1862**

fine day. Further particulars Vicksburg our Army reembarked for up River 2<sup>d</sup> it being impracticable attack as Enemies force from 40 to 60,000 under Johnson. Suppose they going up Arkansas River with Expedition. Rebs report Banks repulsed in attack on Port Hudson. Wrote home. 1 Letter Marcus 1 father 1 Aun. Steiner mailed today. Bought coat from Orton \$8<sup>00</sup>. Not paid yet. Still not well yet. Snow commenced boarding at House

### **Wednesday Jany 28<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Since writing above following things occurred.

Jany 14<sup>th</sup> felt more sick & billious took some quinine Jany 15<sup>th</sup> Looked quite yellow. Went to Dr. Shermer Electric & Homeopathic Dr who told me had either inflammation of liver or would get Jaundice. Walked to Dr Stone an Eminent Physician at advice of Maj Eckert. After waiting at his Office for several hours got prescription from him & pd 1<sup>00</sup> for advice. Got paid off today. 130 Dolls had pay 1<sup>50</sup> Govt Tax. Cunningham paid me what he owed. After several days Confinement in house & a hard spell during which I lost much of my flesh. I recovered owing principally to the kind attention of Mrs Kearn & Annie who treated me like mother & sister. Dr Stone too gave me more Medicines which took most they yellow out of me. Van Valkenburg a new Opr was put upon Night duty & I commenced working daytimes by the 27<sup>th</sup> Jany Gold had gone up to 54% owing to the inactivity of our Army with Rosecrans & Burnside as well as the new issue of Treasury Notes. The Expedition of Gen McClernand went up White River & with cooperation of Gunboat took Arkansas post with 7-8000 prisoners guns &c. abt Jany 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Navy sustained some more losses in vessels going ashore on southern Coast & the Hatteras a gunboat being ~~blown~~ destroyed by what is supposed the Alabama or Oreto near Galveston. On the 26<sup>th</sup> Gen Burnside handed over his Army to Gen Josephs Hooker who issued address to Army on 27<sup>th</sup> Genls Sumner & Franklin were relieved from Comand same time. Much depression in Consequences. The Court martial of Gen. Porter sentenced him about 24<sup>th</sup> which approved by Prest to be cashiered & forever debarred from holding any office of trust or profit in the U.S. Govt The weather has been rather mild & changing today raining in Morning snowing heavy in Evening. Abt 25<sup>th</sup> Got letter from California no prospects there. Jany 21 I sent 100 Doll<sup>s</sup> by Express home. This my birthday was quite unpleasant weather rough & I worked from 7<sup>30</sup> Am till 9 PM. Rumor today Gen Butler will succeed Stanton as Secty War. Yesterday a very disgraceful scene occurred in the Senate Mr Saulsbury of Del after denouncing the Administration & Prest in very ungentlemanly manner was ordered out by Chairman & taken chg by Sergeant at Arms but returned several times & threatened any one touch him with shooting having a Revolver with him some say he was drunk

### **Thursday Jany 29<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Snow several inches deep this morning Windy & cold not snowing any more. Nothing New

### **Friday Jany 30<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Saulsbury apologized to Senate for Misbehavior & accepted news unimpt. Letter from home all well recd \$100. Marcus & Andrew write funny letters Andrews wants to go to West Point.

**Saturday Jan 31 1863**

fine weather. Kate Kearon here today played Cards with her & then took her & Robt to their house.

**Sunday Feby 1<sup>st</sup> 1863**

Weather nice. Mudd not clear yet. News from Galveston Magruder drove blockading fleet off & declares blockade raised. In office all day.

**Monday Feby 2<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Fine weather. Went to Snyder couldnt get pass only to Canterbury went in with Nichols. Much improved since I last saw it abt 10 Pm went to Washn Theatre & saw last two acts of Fanchon. News from Charleston one our Iron Clads damaged another captured off coast with all on board.

**Tuesday Feby 3<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Cold & clear. Considerable discussion about me boarding with Secesh which must have come from Snow. I exposed his letting of Dispatches to people here. News from paper fm Rd of 2<sup>d</sup> That Beauregard & Ingraham destroyed federal fleet off Charleston & declare Blockade raised. Line to F not working

**Wednesday Feby 4<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Cold. News unimportant. Bill to erect submarine line to N.O. & Galveston from Ft Monroe passed house. Had considerable puzzles from Col S. could not *[illegible]* it Got Photograph by Brady paid 3<sup>00</sup> advance

**Thursday Feby 5**

Cold & snowing heavy in Morning Rain all night. News unimportant Gold 57. worked all day.

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**Omaha City N.T. October 1863**

Thursday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Paid up owner of Douglas House for last weeks board going charge 2<sup>75</sup> per week & let it stand till end of Month. Mr Hibbard ordered Pomeroy Mgr pay me from Sept 15<sup>th</sup> day I left Cleveland at 65 Doll<sup>s</sup> Month. Pomeroy going leave Expect Hays from Buffalo take his place. Recd no news from home News today unimportant Rumor another draft for 60000 take place soon Rosecrans holds Chattanooga plenty reinforcements going to him. Weather cool.

**Friday Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1863**

News unimportant weather Cool Rain tonight first in many weeks. Saw Black Eyed Susan played on Nivek Stage. Enough to make one sick

**Saturday Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Hays wont come. His folk object News unimportant. Letter from Warren dated from Hornellville Ms says Wife & child been sick kept him from writing. Addressed his letter Omaha Kansas.

**Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**

Barrows Millard H Co here been swindled by some one & sent about 60-70 Dolls worth Despatches today & yesterday Weather Cloudy cold stayed office day Wrote letters to Leah Nanny & Betty Colman & Warren.

**Monday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

Recd Cleveland Herald Sept 30<sup>th</sup> with my first letter in it (6 Copies) occupies whole column. Mailed letters to Leah & W Mailed them some papers. Expect be Manager here by next Month. Hibbard telegraphed Wade send opr here. I commenced keeping books from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Deposited some Money with Kountze Bros Bankers. Gold up to 40 again advancing. Weather cool clear

**Tuesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

News unimportant. Much speculation French recognizing Confederacy &c Engineer of Union Pacific RR here going survey Road towards west They going to run lines from Platte River & T

**Wednesday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Beautiful Day News French going salute Florida in going out of harbor Brest Nothing from home

**Thursday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Line down west of Julesbg repeating considerable here. Got Key of Desk from Pomeroy says Hibbard satisfied see me Mgr Williams from St Louis teleghs. Can perhaps find Opr. McCrary Boy commenced carrying Messages here. News unimportant.

**Friday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**

Fine day. Line ok thro. Considerable trouble east repeated bout 30 Msg. Letter from home. Marcus Andrew Father & Ma writing all well. News today Rebs 2000 strong invading Mo Killing people &c Rosecrans situation looks suspiciously bad Secesh shelled Chattanooga from Lookout Mountain without much effect. Charleston news unimportant Gilman still building batteries &c. Gold 46 ½ 47

**Saturday Oct 10**

Rumor Stephens gone to France get recognition Confederacy basis Emancipation. Gold 49 Gen Blunts escort attacked by Guerrillas & Staff & men shot by them after surrender among Killed Gen. Curtis son Maj Curtis Gen Blunt escaped & gathered forces in pursuit Weather cold cloudy. Ch down til PM

**Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**

Fine day. Studying chess Ch. Down. Hibbard telghd Williams would wait on New Opr. Wrote letter home. News unimportant

**Monday Oct 12**

Cold cloudy. Big funeral of Merchant named Koenig some 50 Carriages all descriptions, firemen turns out 2<sup>d</sup> Neb Cavalry headed by band on wagon & boxes paraded their carcass looking heroes & men. Make sorry looking appearance. Be mustered out – soon political speeches under office window by so-called Copperheads Crows of drunken & unpolished Men cheering &

yelling they know not why. Had dispute with man foppish looking Keeps Grocery wholesale, He claiming superiority to colored Man under any circumstances He brought forward no argument sustains his wish Slavery introduced Territory. Recd Herald 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. Mailed letter home

### **Tuesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Beautiful day. Nothing from East Report tonight Lee moving across Rapid on Our force. Falling back this side Rappahannock Kilpatrick lost artillery near Madison Ch nearly surrounded cut his way thro with Cavy Rosecrans fortifying his communications opened again. Considerable Cavalry fighting in Tenn Our favor Election here quiet very close undecided. Election Ohio Vallandigham badly beaten. Brought immense Majorities all over State Penna Election Curten supposed elected heavy Majority. Iowa & Indiana Election heavy Union gains Candidates Union Ticket elected heavy majority. Staid up til 12.30 AM Gold 54 & 55.

### **Wednesday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

Beautiful weather. News from East show Union Ticket Elected everywhere heavy majority Val beaten bout 70 or 80,000 Gen Meade retreating across Rappahannock on account of threatened flank move Leo Cleaning up office or rather supply Room Very dirty Recd another Herald of Oct 8 Nothing remarkable in it

### **Thursday Oct 15**

News confirm Meades retreat across Rappahannock towards Manassas followed by Enemy heavy Cavalry fighting last week Genl Gregg & Kilpatrick heavy loss our side. Gold 56. Charleston news secesh sent down Torpedo against Iron & sides & attacked same time number lives lost Ironsides said not badly damaged. Night report says Lee attacked rear Guard of Meade was repulsed by 2<sup>d</sup> Corps

### **Friday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

Report this morning battle between part Lee & Meade forces near Bristow Station result Lee repulsed loss 800 prisoner 6-7 Guns & heavy lot killed wounded. Rosecrans situation much better than week ago. Bleeding almost lost quart blood today bled 3 times day Recd Herald 10<sup>th</sup> says Segel to speak there Oct 11 Weather cloudy.

### **Saturday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Awfull windy from West to east. Lightning west reversed our current & we could neither work with our battery reversed nor without it. Nor with St Joe Batty on. Could hear C & F & Ky but couldnt break them. Repeated much business & Reports here Report from East says Meade fallen back on Centreville.

### **Sunday Oct 18**

Clear windy & cool. Played some chess walked about & in eve was about going to church with girl when she was detained by work. Wrote & mailed letter to father for overcoat & one to Prof Henry telling about yesterdays weather & offering to send reports of weather & asking for Report of 62.

**Monday Oct 19 1863**

Cold clear. News Lee retreating across Rappanock destroying bridges & R R behind him. Rumor Rosecrans be relieved Gold 52

**Tuesday Oct 20**

Cold windy & clear. Cleaning up office Expect either Brommell or Drake Oprs near Louisville Ky come here. Retreat Lee confirmed. Some Cavalry fighting with much importance. Reported Grant to take charge his own Rosecrans & all Depts Southwest R to report Washington. Burnside reported by Rebs to be moving on Lynchburg destroyed East Tenn & Va RR. & occupying Bristol. Had walk with Maggie J this eve

**Wednesday Oct 21**

Cold windy. News Lee retreating account of Burnside's advance on Lynchbg. Sending his Infantry to protect that place. Meade advancing. Trains running to Bristow Recd letter from Warren wants come out in spring. Wants information bout things here

**Thursday Oct 22**

News unimportant Cold – No letters Pom sick

**Friday Oct 23**

No important News. Walked with M

**Saturday Oct 24**

Cool pleasant. News unimportant Pomeroy & Wells left. Williams wont allow [*illegible*] to come from St Joe unless dissatisfied. Worked til about 10 Pm Both lines gave out. Mexico declared blockaded by France

**Sunday Oct 25**

Nothing important Scranton Opr Plattsmouth here. Wrote letter for Herald. Introduced to Mrs Hib. Lines played out. Closed up at 10 PM

**Monday Oct 26**

Fine weather cool pleasant. News unimpt Gold 50. Worked til about 7 Pm then had a walk with Maggie aft waiting abt hour Gave her the November Godeys Magazine Finished line to Denver. Mess sent to Old Abe by Gov Evans Colorado congratulating on finishing Telgh Line to D gave out in Eve. Hibbard worked Eve

**Tuesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cloudy warm. News unimportant Gold 45 ½ . Hard work today. C worked direct to Buffalo from 11 PM til 315 am Wrote long letters Bob Cunningham mailed today & Tony Sanford & Kafka not mailed

**Wednesday Oct 28**

Cloudy & rained in eve News unimpt No letters Went to bed early

**Thursday Oct 29**

Snowed early this morning Kept up light snowing to noon cold & cloudy in Eve line to Ch played out too K 130 Mess from C had to repeat in eve. Closed office 2 30 AM No letters. News unimportant Our forces reported driven Bragg from Lookout Mountain Kountze Banker this City elected Director of Pacific RR in NY today.

**Friday Oct 30**

Beautiful morning clear Thermo 50 at 10 Am snow melting. Cold in Evening Thermo 26 News from Chattanooga Genl Hooker made attack Lookout Mountain & took it. Rebs tried retake it but were repulsed. Prisoners reported starving in Richmond Brought majority at home 61752 Whole Vote Ohio 435427. No Mail tonight Played Chess with Druggist boy & beat him

**Saturday Oct 31**

Clear cool. Thermo from 26 to 50 News of no great importance, Gilmore has 3 guns throwing Greek fire to Charleston Grand attack Expected. Recd letter from Marcus says red my papers but had seen them before by getting them from Colmans who seem to have had both my letters preserved carefully. Wasnt at ball Joe going to Dancing school Andrew writes nothing consequence Worked pretty hard til 11 Pm Hibbard headache. had repeat 50 mess & Rept in eve.

**Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1863**

Fine day. Made out bills for Oct amt to nearly 550 Dolls. Playd chess in Pm Worked till 1 AM. Rained during Night

**Monday Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Thermo in AM from 36 to 52 2 Pm 58 60 Collecting money on bills & fixing books Recd check Report from Scranton of Plattsmouth Paid board bill to Nov 1<sup>st</sup> News unimportant. Some conspiracy to take Ohio Penitentiary & Camp Chase & playdevl generally discovered.

**Tuesday Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Weather clear warm. News unimpt. Making up monthly Rept Receipt about 652 Dolls No Mail

**Wednesday Nov 4**

Rained from 1 Am to noon Mud awful deep – Lines bad order Nothing done til 6 Pm Repeated considerable bsns. Letter from Leah Betty Nanie C. very bad spelling in Ls letter & nothing worth notice. Except says sarcastic I recd your few Lines &c Played Chess this eve & got beat 3 times

**Thursday Nov 5**

Beautiful Weather. News unimportant No letters. Finished Report & delivered to H 414

**Friday Nov 6**

Nothing new. No letters Having pictures of Wade & Stager framed. Nothing new

**Saturday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

News unimportant Weather pleasant.

**Sunday Nov 8**

Writing up books & back business Recd letter from Pa. Overcoat started 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. All well. A Feil gone partnership with his brother. Jo ging Dancing School. Max Prest of High School Club. Wrote letter to the Colmans & one home askd Pa pay Wade the money enclosed note to Wade. Hibbards wife in office last night this morning presented him with Maggie quit the Hotel today Monday Nov 9 Weather cool pleasant hard work today H not round. I had pretty brisk time of it Recd Dispatch from J.S. today says arrived safely Sanfr. Telegraphed Marcus same thing. Mailed letter to Leah & home. Went out on Expedition to see Maggie Johnson but twas failure something worked wrong played tenpins 2 games this eve & got beat beautifully. News recd Our Army fought Division Rebs near Rappahannock drove em in & captured 1800 prisoners 7 Cannon 4 stand Colors. Meade officially announces it Our Army crossed Rappahannock General Engagment expected. Grant reports Burnside's lost some men near his outposts. Rebels starving quit the meat rations to prisoners.

**Tuesday Nov 10**

Weather pleasant. Thermo up to 60% News from army Potomac Rebs are falling back on Rapidan Our Army occupy Culpepper. Whole Army accross Rappahannock. Burnside lost several hundred men near Loudon E Tennessee

**Wednesday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

Fine weather Therom 50 to 70% Clear Rcd Coat & Vest. Overcoat good but rather too long. Wrote Pa & mailed letter this evening. News unimportant Rumored Rebs evacuating position from Chattanooga. Our army moving on Rapidan Terrible suffering reported among prisoners Richmond account food. south exhausted nothing to eat for their own soldiers

**Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 18**

Nothing important. Weather fine Warm Thermo 50/70%

**Friday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Rained all day almost Lines east bad order had to take 100 Messages got of bout 45 No report today. Mr Creighton arrived

**Saturday Nov 14**

Beautiful day. Thermo 50/65% Mr Yates Opr from Chicago arrived Lines to Jo & Ch down lots of business coming. Party 30 or more Indians Sacs & Fox tribe passed through horseback & wagons on way to Omahas all native dress painted gaily dressed. some very old men looked pretty savage. some gay looking youths with feathers in head. ð few women. No report today

**Sunday Nov 15**

Fine day. Line to Ch got up bout 10 am I wrote up books then commenced tending peters & sending. Worked steady til 7 PM Line to St Joe got up. Staid in ofs this eve.

**Monday Nov 16**

Nothing important line all ok except ch some trouble in Cable. Nothing weather beautiful.

**Tuesday Nov 17**

All lines ok. I Am taking heavy exercise sawing wood. They say we are having Indian summer weather beautiful wrote letter to Warren & Annie Kearon today

**Wednesday Nov 18**

Finest weather of season perfectly spring like. Yates bought blankets to sleep in Ofs tonight. Went to first lesson Dancing School select class. Tolerably good dancing room Dining Hall Hindon house. Lee Dancing Master small man fine dancer. News unimportant Except occupation Brownville Texas by Banks

**Thursday Nov 19**

Complete change weather Windy Cold today Thermo 40. Yates gives up sleeping here bed too hard & room too cold

**Friday Nov 20**

Weather stormy clear. Cool. News unimportant Gold 152-53. Gettysburg National Cemetery dedication yesterday big thing Prest Lincoln majority Cabinet. Distinguished persons there News from Burnsid's had lost one position near Kingston though he says Knoxville impregnable. Thermo 40/50%

**Saturday Nov 21**

Weather fine clear Therm 50% News unimportant

**Sunday Nov 22**

**Fine day. Thermo 50%. Worked part day on some back business. Wrote letter to Brady Washer asking if could get Photoghs from him News Banks landed to possession Brownville Texas without opposition Rebs destroying Everything value.**

**Monday Nov 23**

Snowing all day melting partly Thermo 34% News from Burnsid's he has been driven clear back to Knoxville considerable loss Longstreet pressing him hard Gold 54

**Tuesday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

Cold clear Thermo 26 – 34% - Wrote & mailed long letter to Cousin Hofheimer News unimportant. Thomas made successful attack in front chatt & captured 200 prisoners

**Wednesday Nov 25**

Clear pleasant Thermo 26% - 40% - News from Grant heavy fight day before yesterday front Chattanooga. Gold opened 49 – closed 47 – Reported Burnsid's repulsed Longstreet

**Thursday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Cold clear Thermo 26 – 40% Thanksgiving day had no regular hours Ch closed at 10 AM came back 4 PM worked til 6 Pm & came again at 8 P.M I staid in Office playing chess with Creighton Hibbard & Yates. News from Grant he took Lookout mountain top & past missionary ridge took about 40 Cannon 2-3000 prisoners Bragg falling back some.

**Friday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Cold cloudy. Thermo 10-20%. News from Grant Thomas official Braggs defeat Complete Sherman, Hooker, Sheridan- done splendid fighting took over 60 pieces – artillery 6-7000 prisoners Bragg destroyed his stores at Chickamauga, leaving many things behind retreating in disorder followed by Grant. Grant Thomas say our victory complete Gold 44- today. Meades army reported advanced upon Lee yesterday morning Cannonading heard at Manassas supposed fighting. Nothing from Burnside No letter from home yet Quite anxious to hear if Pa sold Rags

**Saturday Nov 28**

Clear cold Thermo 7 AM 4% below up to 15% at 2 PM. News from Grant confirm Braggs defeat a rout our loss about 3500 killed wounded captured 60 Guns 5-7000 prisoners &c Grant following Bragg closely Meade has crossed Rapidan heavy firing heard direction Germania ford Report says Lee declines fighting. John Morgan & 6 Officers escaped Ohio Penitentiary last night digging through bottom Cell to sewer leading to river. From Mobile Paper of 8<sup>th</sup> Orleans Era takes Charleston on fire 63 houses burning Gilmores shells making it worse last wall Sumter fell in killing men who took shelter behind them. Gold 44 – 45.

**Sunday Nov 29**

Clear cold Thermo 7 am Zero 2 PM. News unimportant Lee & Meade still same position. No letter No Mail across River today. Wrote up books today

**Monday Nov 30 1863**

Fine day pleasant Thermo 26 – 40% Recd letters from home from Marcus Joe & Sarah father hasnt sent money dont understand how I want it sent Leah & Nannie write nothing important merely telling pleasure & c recg & answering letters. News from Army unimpt Grant has made no advance on Bragg. Burnside safe. Charleston still shelling Sumter few shells into City. Gold 147

**Tuesday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1863**

Fine day Thermo 30 – 45 % Gold 147 5/8 Rumored U. Pacific R R being located by Prest U.S. opposite C Bluffs that Ground be broke tomorrow. Great rush to land Office. I entered 40 acres bout 16 Miles from here Could buy no other property. Geo F. Train said be here tomorrow speak at inauguration. Went to Millards House in Eve attend party of Soldiers Aid Society. Pleasant affair conversation Music Millard introduced me to Gov Saunders Lady with him named Miss Kearon. Introduced several ladies among them Miss Hibbard & others. Collecting Money accounts last Month

**Wednesday Dec 2<sup>d</sup>**

Great day for Omaha. Fine weather Therm 46% About 2 Pm. Party break ground opposite C Bluffs started in W Stage Coach point bout mile from Office. In stage Mrs Creighton Gov Saunders, Geo. F. Train J Shepard supt Express, other notables I rode outside got to place sandy bottom bout 3 Pm. Prayer by Rev Lemon who made tolerable prayer but left out in his blessings the Prest of U.S. Next Gov Saunders A. Kountze, Train, Dr Atchison Dey several others commenced shoveling digging round considerably to merriment some people the Gov Saunders made first speech not much of a speech then read mess from Jno Hay Private Secty to Prest,

Then City Mayor Kennedy made speech & read Dispatch from Mayor NY. several other speeches made some tolerably good Last Geo F. Train gave some sharp witty hints not enough make speech but kept audience lauging admiring Through all this time one brass 6 pdr on Neb Shore & one on Iowa Shore were firing salvos &c Number people including some ladies many people from C Bluffs about 500 perhaps less. Rode back & fixed up report of affair with Train & sent it to C & Ch about 630 PM. Kountze invited me to Grand R R supper at Herndon which said have been good thing I couldnt attend. Eve people illuminated town made tolerable good show Teleg Office had 36 Candles in 3 windows Herndon House looked well. An attempt at a Bonfire opposite Herndon no great success many boxes consumed About 10 PM City gives ball honor Great U. P. R.R. I being on free list went in bout 11 PM About 50 Couples assembled on the impromptu Call in 6 hours Ball passed off nicely Millard Creighton & Coffman introduced me to some the best dancers in hall. Supper bout 730 tolerably good very crowded Geo F. Train Grand talker in my estimation too much bragg though a splendid speaker Talked with him considerably. Is bout 5 ft 10 dark curly hair blue eyes corpulent bout 35 years old considerable gray hair prominent nose features rather voluptuous lips Mr Creighton danced some. Gov Saunders considerably Recd Despatches from Brigham Young, Mayor Denver & Gov California congratulating Gov Sanford Col gives best response to toast. Among Despatches recd during day 1 from Seward Gov Yates Ill, 1 Mayor Opdyke NY. I left Ball bout 2 AM

#### **Thursday Dec 3<sup>d</sup>**

Thermo 7 AM 30% 2 PM 46% clear pleasant Train in Office this morning talked with him some time He lectured for soldiers aid society this evening. I didnt go. Wrote letter Cleveled Herald. Recd letter from Warren Enclosing Annie Kearons letter which blunder I put in wrong envelope good joke on me he is going to clerk for Division Master get \$60 month.

#### **Friday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Pleasant cool. News Meade falling back accross Rapidan after some skirmishing Grants forces back to Chickamauga. Sherman gone reinforce Burnside. Gen Foster had some small fights East Tenn which were successfull

#### **Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

Cool pleasant. News unimportant Meade occupies Culpepper retreated without loss. Some doubts as to location Pacific R Road near town probably go 3 4 Miles above. Finished Monthly rept

#### **Sunday Dec 6**

Cloudy cool rain at night. Recd letter from Annie Kearon enclosing Warrens letter shes going school taking Music lessons home her father gave her piano on birthday 23<sup>d</sup> October. Wrote letter to Leah & Annie. News unimportant

#### **Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

Cool cloudy muddy. News Longstreet retreating from Burnside's front Gold 52 Recd letter from Brady says will send me Dozen Photoghs for 2<sup>50</sup> has ordered them ready.

**Tuesday Dec 8**

Rainy awful Muddy. Congress met yest elected Colfax Speaker House first ballot Prests message not out yet. Prest proclamation inviting loyal people pray account of Longstreets retreat Prest had Veralsid Official from Footer Longstreet retreating into Va Hardee commanding Braggs army falling back slowly

**Wednesday Dec 9**

Nothing new today Cloudy dull muddy Ellsworth here. Recd Prest Message in full Commenced 8 30 Pm finished next morning 5.30 Prest recommends several important measures ship Canal from Chicago to Miss River. Atlantic Telegh Telegh to forts of US from Washn &c. Proclaims amnesty to people south on condition taking oath prescribed by him which binds them endorse Emancipation Proclamation. Excepts civil officers Confedcy & Military & Naval Officer grad Col former & Lieut latter.

**Thursday Dec 10**

Line down east No news Mailed some pprs to friends Day gloomy muddy cloudy

**Friday Dec 11**

Freezing cloudy News unimportant

**Saturday Dec 12**

Cold cloudy. Nothing impt. Congress several bills resolutions that slavery is incompatible with freedom therefore should be abolished

**Sunday Dec 13**

freezing snowing slightly. Wrote letters to NY Herald & Times offering be correspondent. Wrote letter to Jim Warren & additional to Marcus Recd letter from Warren says hes now in Penna Division Clerk at 60 per Mo. He expects to make his way up. News Monitor sunk near Charleston several of Crew lost.

**Monday Dec 14**

Line East down all day got to working to Ch via Dubuque at 9 PM working through to Bu I sent Buf 100 Mess commencg 4 am got thro 7 AM. No fire in offs & freezing hard. News unimpt. Rumors Stephens & several others had come Ft Monroe as Peace Commission not true. Mailed letters to Herald Times & Jim Warren

**Tuesday Dec 15**

Cloudy snowing in eve. News unimpt. Secty Interior recommends tax all mines &c Jackson takes charge of Nebraskian Newspaper today

**Wednesday Dec 16**

Snowing heavy. No mail from east. News from Texas encouraging Union troops took several important towns. Heavy snow storm this even. Had invitation from Miss Richardson to come up didn't go

**Thursday Dec 17**

Snow several feet deep drifting awfully Staging out of question. No Mails

**Friday Dec 18**

Line to Ch down. Very cold & clear No News No Mail

**Saturday Dec 19**

Clear cold pleasant. Mail brot no papers for me Ch got ok But news are unimportant. Reported Grant going into Winter quarters.

**Sunday Dec 20**

Beautiful day plenty of sleighing Walked around considerably. News unimportant No Mail

**Monday Dec 21**

Fine Weather Commenced getting Meterological Observations along line Recd letter from Prof Henry Smithsonian Explaining Phenomenon bout line &c. He sent Receipt saying book on Telegraph by Prof Henry sent me he says going send me Smithsonian Report soon as ready. News unimportant rumored from Charleston Ironsides & Monitors to go into harbor got stuck & badly damaged

**Tuesday Dec 22<sup>d</sup>**

Beautiful Weather. News unimportant.

**Wednesday Dec 23<sup>d</sup> 1863**

Cloudy foggy Recd some pamphlets from Smithsonian I have copy same News from England Heenan got licked in prize fight with King. Mixer arriver from Julesbg Loaned May 250 Dolls

**Thursday Dec 24**

Cloudy foggy all day. Nothing news No letters.

**Friday Dec 25**

Christmas. Rained hard all day. News unimportant. I recd Christmas Gift from Kountze Paid Otter Skin gloves worth about 10<sup>00</sup>. I bought Bretania Tea Pot cost 3<sup>00</sup> Made present to Hibbard Played about 8 Games chess

**Saturday Dec 26**

Raining snowing bad Weather. Recd Dozen Photographs from Brady Gave one to Hibbard Lines down no News

**Sunday Dec 27**

Bad weather rainy snowy. No letters nor Papers Line down to Ch

**Monday Dec 28**

Nothing importance cloudy. No letters

**Tuesday Dec 29**

Cold pleasant News unimpt Johnson commands Braggs Army Line still Down repeated 210 msgs sent Via St Louis played number Games chess with Creighton

**Wednesday Dec 30**

No Mail. John Morgan reported arrived at Columbia SC in Richmond papers other news unimportant Very cold Ch still down Ch got up again bout Noon

**Thursday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

Awful cold Thermo 19 below zero all Pm & 24 B in Wind. Hard Wind from N West. Atmosphere Electricity overcharged lines east & West & we could hear Ch & F couldnt work Got US had him put on GW & took off our batty found Line charged heavy with Electricity through cldnt get US work It subsided after dark west continued East all night Worked in Ofs til 12 Pm Then retired No Mail No News importance Have bad cough. taking medicine

**Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Cold last night very severe but wind laid & today clear & cold about 15 below Zero average Worked in office til Noon After dinner sent up to Creightons calling on Mrs Creighton & the Miss Warehams McShane & John Creighton also there They had table splendidly set well supplied coffee Turkey Pastry Nuts &c From there went to Govr Sanders found him in bed room sitting on chair confined with broken ankle miserably low bed room. There was no one but little boy tend visitors thoug number came. From there went to Mrs Cummins Widow Keeps nice house on Capitol hill. Introduced to her, her ma & a Miss Hamillon Took Glass Egnog pleasant talk & went to Hibbards. He has nice little house well furnished. Among his pictures is likeness of Brigham Young who seems light haired full faced man red whiskers Also painting Office at C which is not very nice looking Brigham Youngs Harem a gabel ended collection building surrounded by wall like Washington Navy Yard. Taking some sparkling Catawbas best ever tasted went to Ofs Played several games chess with Creighton

**Saturday January 2<sup>d</sup>**

Cold snow no mails news heavy snow through Northwest travel stopped collecting bills for Dec

**Sunday Jany 3<sup>d</sup>**

Cold cloudy Wrote on books most day & worked line during eve. Took big Wash

**Monday Jany 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cold clear. No Mail Line down to ch

**Tuesday Jany 5<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Very cold West Thermo Ft Laramie 8 Am 43% B Not very cold here

**Wednesday Jany 6<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Cold clear still very cold west Many Stage drivers Repairers freezing hands feet limits Recd 7<sup>15</sup> Dolls from Pa Express though 4<sup>75</sup> chgs on it Shepard refunded money Loaned May 6.50 more Dollars making in all 9<sup>00</sup> Dolls which he proposes pay 10 per Cent on & return Money any day I want it. Played number games chess with Creighton & Kossuth beat C 3 out of 4 & K every game. Wrote letter to Pa

**Thursday Jany 7<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Clear cold. No Mail News unimportant I have bad cough Legislature met today.

**Friday Jany 8<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing new No Mail from east On account heavy No train in St Joe since first Jany

**Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Cold clear. No Mail Fire this eve at Dozier & Losiers Grocery establishment House burnt Most goods saved. No fire engine here Hook & Ladder Co worked but bad practice. They tore down adjoining building no further damages than house

**Sunday Jany 10<sup>th</sup>**

Beautiful day.

**Tuesday Jany 12<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day. News unimportant Gold 153 ½ Worked in Eve til 1<sup>15</sup> AM Then went up to Catholic ball for raising fund for Convent & School. Paid nothing being so late found large mixed crowd epecially Irish Swedish Danish &c all dancing jumping &c Went in & dance Number cotillions & one polka To bed 4 ½ AM No Mails from East yet

**Wednesday Jany 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cool cloudy. Gold 153 ½. News unimportant Mails not arrived yet Play chess with Roberts from Neb City beat him 2 out of 3

**Thursday Jany 14**

Cloudy moderate Gold 153. News Senate passed resolution Continue 300 Dollar Exemption. No other business imptce Neb Legislature pass resolton unanimous asking Congress admit Neb as State Ch open about noon staid open all night Had take C business. Awful RR accident near St Joe 300 passengers in Cars precipited down embankment reported 75 injured. Cause rail gave way. Had visit from old man who Had traveled up Mo river with me. Introduced to his wife Parker 2 Miles south of Florence on Hanthorns farm No Mails yet

**Friday Jany 15**

No mail Weather warm. News that Longstreet heavily reinforced moving on Knoxville European news heavy complication about Schleswig Holstein threaten European war Senate passed resolution continue 300 Dollar Exemption passed act Excused Clergymen Quakers from draft Gold 55 ½. Money reported tight at 10-12 per cent. Have bad headache all day.

**Saturday Jany 16**

Head ache Kept me awake all night almost fraid have some fever. Mail arrived at last. Recd letter from Jim Warren He seems inclined to come out here some day. Letter from Sarah Andrew & Joe. Telling some news about marriage E. Halle & Miss G Weil arrival Miss Lehman from St Joe in Cleveland accompanied by her cousin Hellen Andrew seems disposed to come out here if good chance. Jo says draft not come off Cleveland. Recd another letter from Pa says business very good Products higher than Ever. He expects buying Mrs. Kellys House Marcus writes long letter encloses article from Cleveled Herald about suicide of A.M. Perry. Says number deaths

occurred C since last wrote, Mrs Weidenthal & Miss Manasses latter small pox. News Mrs Guns died Typhoid fever in NYork rendered her mother perfect lunatic Max W now in Buffalo not known what he is doing. Our family all well.

### **Sunday Jany 17**

Fine day. Recd letter from Annie & Mollie Gould. They write very jolly & lively seem to feel happy. Worked for Mixer this evening He got drunk came in about 1.30 AM & scared me firing a pistol through window. After some trouble he went to sleep. Wrote Letter to Jim Warren & Enclosed likeness & also to Jo Max & Sarah

### **Monday Jany 18<sup>th</sup>**

News unimportant Gold 159. warm pleasant Mixer didnt work today this evening half tight got controversy with me about a mess causing old Man Warham to pitch in to him which led to discussion pistol affair Mixer concluded resign sent Mess to Williams St Louis for work. I explained to H & Mixer told him would leave tomorrow. He got drunk again & disturbed me through night knocking my door &c No letters

### **Tuesday Jany 19**

Recd lot Papers from Cleveland. Heavy R R accident on C & Erie road today Killed number passengers Mixer accepts situation St Joe ofs 60 mo & has repair line. He didnt sleep up here again. Gold 159 ¼ Wrote letter to Annie not mailed

### **Wednesday Jany 20**

Weather cool pleasant. Paid Mixer up to 16<sup>th</sup> & made him pay for window 50 x. Wrote letter to Leah strongly upbraiding for not writing &c taking leave of her wishing success &c Not mailed. Went to Concert at Herndon for the poor. The singing music & was unexceptionable on an average but no seats provided & crowd was obliged to stand They had a dance I ie the select party Yates Murphy & Newman at the head had x as I got no card didnt go played two games chess with Mr Creighton Gold 59 ¼

### **Thursday Jany 21**

Fine day. Gold 56 7/8. News unimportant Mixer left this morning. Write funny letter to Mollie Gould mailed with Annie. Wrote letter to Prof Henry mailed. No letters from anyone Changed letter to Leah from sentimental to plain & decided language which must have effect to either show her in true light or break up the concern. Mailed

### **Friday Jany 22**

Beautiful day. Gold 158 heavy. Herald coming pretty prompt. News unimportant. Went to dance at Court House about 10 PM Rather mixed crowd. Danced enjoyed it tolerably. Some scamp changed hats with me leaving old one worthless in place of mine Played number games chess with Creighton, had bad luck got beat every game but one.

### **Saturday Jany 23<sup>d</sup>**

fine day. No news papers from Clevld coming

**Sunday Jany 24**

Fine weather. Wrote letter to Herald Not much matter to write about

**Monday Jany 25**

Fine weather Gold 138 No news of importance. Maggie Ingalls sent her pa to Enquire after Pecks health I sent him Msg. Elsworth here today

**Tuesday Jany 26**

Fine weather. News unimportant St. Joe line down. Got answer for Maggie Ingalls No letters Nor papers Gold 56  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Wednesday Jany 27**

Cloudy. Streets awful muddy. No papers Nor letters News unimportant Gold 57  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Thursday Jany 28**

My Birthday. Cloudy, warm. News unimportant No papers. Went over to Crawfords House on Harney St asked for board 2 fine looking girls in house. Old lady tells me come Saturday, House furnished rather poorly. Played Elsworth 2 games chess gave him bishop & beat. Played Creighton 3 games beat 2 out of 3

**Friday Jany 29**

Raining most day. News unimportant Gold 57  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Some papers from East

**Saturday Jany 30**

Ch down part day done considerable repeating No Mail from east Went over to Crawfords Old lady said I could come next Monday try the board. Nothing new of importance Playd some Chess in eve

**Sunday Jany 31**

Cloudy forenoon snowed some after noon doing nothing of consequence Except playing some chess with Judy Briggs

**Monday Feby 1<sup>st</sup>**

Fine day clear warm & muddy. Commenced boarding at Crawfords. Board neither bad nor Extra good. Three big girls in house (young ladies if you please) Old (says not over 43) gray bearded man called Genl Worth (how are you General?) Find him pretty sound Abolitionist. Jno Brown school Playd 4 games chess with him during Evening plays very cautious not Exactly scientific relies on pawns support each other beat me 2ce I beat him 2ce. Meantime Mr Newman (One of our genteel young men who drink whisky play poker & claim to be upper crust of society) came in fondled round playing mutt which game is most amusing to those who dont play it. Also yankee looking young man called Sam who played Euchre with the young ladies I left bout 930 Pm

**Tuesday Feby 2<sup>d</sup>**

Got to breakfast at 8 am found 2 of the young ladies were still in the arms of Morpheus (In bed is too vulgar) all on account of late Company. Don't blame them. The General had been taking a walk came in later. Recd letter from Pa Ma Sarah Marcus & Joe all one letter news of death Charlie Baumler Burning Mrs Kellys house next our barn scared them some having 1700 Dolls with rags in it Pa sold them at 6 1/2 . Doing well in Business. The Colmans (Bettie & Nannie were at a ball but Leah not there. Sarah wasnt either so suppose its all gossip Recd no papers. Worked in Ofs tonight Wrote letter to Warren offering him position Asst Opr this ofs. Collecting bills today paid off Gardiner & Yates Old Abe calls for 500000 more men day before yesterday Draft 10<sup>th</sup> march

**Wednesday Feby 3<sup>d</sup>**

Fine weather played chess with Gen Worth 2 games beat him One & got beat another. Nothing new Gold 58 Mailed Warrens Letter Introduced to young Lady named Miss Ryan

**Thursday Feby 4<sup>th</sup>**

Fine day. Hibbard recd Msg from Wade says Oprs starts at once from Cairo for this Office Pm going leave Ch for Cala. No Mail for me

**Friday Feby 5<sup>th</sup>**

Recd some Cleveland papers up to 27<sup>th</sup> Jany. No letters. Fine Weather. Introduced to some young lady at Dinner (a School Marm) Dont remember her name studying chess Congress

**Saturday Feby 6**

Fine weather news unimportant Expedition started down Mississippi led by Sherman McPherson supposed going attack Mobile

**Sunday Feby 7<sup>th</sup>**

Windy all day. Writing up books for report. Went to house earlier than usual Maggie Ryan there considerable fun asked Miss Helen Crawford go to church lunch is couldnt get round it. Went Methodist Church. Drunken Soldier behind us swearing all time Kept some people tittering. Old Lemons preaches somewhat in style of Forrest or Davenport as Othello never saw man with such awkward gestures nor heard such bellowing inching. Sermon tolerably good only few mistakes by preacher about dates &c. playd 3 games chess Creighton beat him 2 out of 3

**Monday Feby 8 64**

Lot papers from Cleveland No letters Played 2 games with Briggs beat 1 – lost 1 News unimportant. Weather beautiful Pomeroy wants come back here worst Kind

**Tuesday Feby 9**

Recd another lot Newspapers from Cleveland also letter from Leah. She has good Excuse for not writing says was very sick only recovering lately. Mrs Colman been sick too day she writes first time she sat up in week. Otherwise Leah after informing me

about Sanitary fair &c seems to slip over the ground mere winding up with Do you think I have got around the stump? Still she may as she says understand me & agree with that understanding. Played 3 games chess with Gen Worth one he conducted seemingly for Eliza Crawford she made no moves I beat him 2 out of 3

### **Wednesday Feby 10**

Fine day. News from Richmond they had big scare Buttlers forces advance within 10 Miles Richmond. Our forces marching through Central Mississippi object still mysterious. No letters

### **Thursday Feby 11**

Fine day rather windy. Mr Creighton left for East Pm. Mr Fish new Opr arrived at 10 AM He brot his wife along no children. He has much trouble to find boarding place. This Evening on account challenge with Gen Worth played him 2 games chess beat him both. Played 2 games with Hitchcock he giving me odds queen but I beat him both games. Ralph McAllister came over to Crawford played Euchre Miss Frank played with him but is she looked as if shed like to see me go I went home to ofs.

### **Friday Feby 12**

Mr Fish not commenced work today No letter weather perfect spring like Printers here on strike Confed Congress passed resolutions asking US to meet Commissioners to recognize south make new govt suitable both &c Printers on strike here Mailed letter home

### **Saturday Feby 13**

Beautiful weather Fish commenced work today. News unimportant No letters

### **Sunday Feby 14**

Fine day. Wrote letter to Leah Crawfords inform me cant board me longer look for house. This just suits me they are out fixed as nice as I wish to live. Stayed on in Eve. Played game with Caldwell of Millard Bank says played only 2 weeks, plays good game. I beat him. Played old Worth 3 games beat him 2 out of 3.

### **Monday February 15**

Mailed letter to Leah. No letters from any one. Commenced boarding at Douglas this noon. News unimportant.

### **Tuesday Feby 16**

Nothing going on unusual cold again Thermo near Zero 1 Fish not fit work here. bad copyist sender & receiver

### **Wednesday Feby 17**

Nothing new Gold 160. Alabama reported hemmed in on dry Dock in a Chinese harbor. Pacific R R advertises for 50000 cross ties delivered near Omaha fine weather but very cold

### **Thursday Feby 18**

Fine weather. News unimportant. No letters

**Friday Feby 19<sup>th</sup>**

News from Europe Austrians Prussian had first fight with Danes who held their ground Reported Sherman at Marian outflanked Polk who is at Jackson. Alabama is in Chinese harbor guarded by 2 US Man War

**Saturday Feby 20**

Recd letter from Steiner at Silver City- he is doing well says will give me description of Nevada next letter Further news Europe Confirm War open with Denmark- Weather fine warm & pleasant Kountze offered me lot owned by party in Chicago near Bishops house looked at it & concluded to but at 250 & Taxes which will cost about 280 Dolls altogether. Heard from Woodward that Nichols & Nail still in D

**Sunday Feby 21**

Recd invitation to Military ball on 22<sup>d</sup> at Herndon house. Wrote & mailed letter to Nichols Enclosing Photograph Line down to Ch. Borrowed Locke Essay on the human understanding from Kountze

**Monday Feby 22**

Beautiful weather. News unimportant. Military ball grand failure Council Bluff people couldnt come on account of river there wer about 11 Ladies 14 Gent Merely went to see what it amounted to without paying

**Tuesday Feby 23<sup>d</sup>**

Weather continues very warm & pleasant Kountze sent blank Deed for signature to Chicago. Every boday says lot worth 150 Dolls more than I am going pay for it R R matter pretty well settled on Omaha

**Wednesday Feby 24**

News unimportant Playd 3 games chess with Bank Clerk Yates won the first lost last two on account of underestimating his playing quality. Creighton in Cleveland Introduced to Miss Forbes She was in Ofs with 2 more girls to look at Telegh

**Thursday Feby 25**

Wrote mailed letter to Steiner at Silver City. Recd no letters from anyone Weather fine. Number strangers here renting Stores. Gold 158

**Friday Feby 26**

Cloudy windy. News unimportant- business very brisk

**Saturday Feby 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cold cloudy windy Snowing in Denver News from Florida Gen Gilmore had considerable fight losing 5 pieces artillery 500 or more killed wounded had to retreat befor superior force. Corvette Housatonic destroyed by Secesh Torpedo near Charleston. Our forces in possession Tunnel hill near Dalton Ga. Sherman reported to have captured Selma Ala. Rather hard time working lately. Yates sick this evening so I had to work til 130 AM this 3<sup>d</sup> night I am up.

**Sunday Feby 28<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine but cold weather. Got up shaved & went Breakfast 8<sup>10</sup> am. Took 2 ½ m Mile walk after breakfast & walked round considerably Played several games of chess with Briggs & Dr Acheson &c beat all but one which I drew.

**Monday Feby 29<sup>th</sup>**

News from florida unfavorable Gilmore reported defeated by Confed & loss several pieces artillery & nearly 1000 Killed wounded retreated to Jacksonville Corvette Housatonic destroyed by Torpedo at Charleston. Beautiful weather but cold. Ice running Ferryboat couldnt cross No Mail

**Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Beautiful weather Mail came over in Pm brot 2 Heralds very interesting accounts of fair at C. They had Telegh & Printing Office established in the Bazaar & every thing on grand scale. Taking heavy walks morning & Evenings. Went to Soldiers aid at Huntington spent hour & half very agreeably. Introduced to number married & young ladies. Played one game Chess with Briggs got beat not badly tho

**Wednesday March 2<sup>d</sup>**

Beautiful Weather Gold 160. News from Army Potomac they crossed Rapidan while Kilpatrick in rear of Lee within 25 miles Richmond reported heavy fighting result unknown News from Europe Danes still falling back fighting with disadvantage Making collections &c for Feb'y. Recd very interesting accounts of Sanitary fair in Cleveland. Taking heavy exercise walking daily.

**Thursday Mch 3<sup>d</sup>**

Very windy & dusty. First boat started from St Joe up Ms river 7 am today. News unimportant. No letters

**Friday Mch 4<sup>th</sup>**

Weather colder. News Kilpatrick tore up RR in rear Lee & advanced within 10 Miles Richmond Longstreet reported back in Richmond. No Letters Gold 161 Starn King died diphtheria

**Saturday Mch 5<sup>th</sup>**

Cloudy windy News unimportant No letters. Had stay round in Eve do most work receiving from C. Ch being down & Fish no account

**Sunday Mch 6**

Cold in AM cleared up & fine day. Had some fun with Bet sy. Stayed in Office all eve Recd lot Metrological directions from Prof Henry & Cleveland ppr Recd can oyster from Acheson gave to Hibbard

**Monday Mch 7<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Recd letter from Prof Henry says be pleased have any weather Report I can send Especially Electrical phenomena for his repr News unimportant Line down Election for City officers voted for Gantt Mayor Democrats elected entire Ticket most men confirmed drunkards

**Tuesday Mch 8/64**

Cloudy Line to CH got ok I sent him 97 Mess 40 of them in 45 Minutes. Heavy work this Eve Fish on duty. Went 6 Soldiers did none but myself Sacket & Millard there & ladies Miss Kearon Miss Goodwill, Mrs Saunders Hibbard Sacket Patrick & Allen & another lady Not much fun went up to Mrs Saunders house with Millard & Miss Goodwill & Patrick News today Kilpatrick safe at Ft Monroe from grand raid News from Sherman still doubtful Grant on Way to Washn Not Known if takes Hallecks place

**Wednesday Mch 9<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Weather bad rained in am & snowed with heavy Storm in Pm. Gold 167- News unimportant. Grant on way to Washn

**Thursday Mch 10<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Much repeating to do. Weather bad muddy rainy. Played 2 games with Clark got beat. Recd letter from home all well Pa much like to go to Europe in spring. Old Man Colman sick. Ma & Sarah not seen any item Dont visit since I left home

**Friday Mch 11**

Rainy stormy Gold 165. News Gen Grant take place Halleck. Recd letter from home. All well Pa got lett from Uncle Simon Expects him go to Europe next Summer

**Saturday Mch 12**

Weather disagreeable muddy stormy News unimportant Except order of Lincoln locating Pacific RR at Oma. published Gold 162

**Sunday Mch 13**

Cold snowing part day. No news Making out ok Report for Brownsville Had talk with Hibbard bout the Mgrship here. He says Pom not offered mgrship to his Knowledge he expects to make him assistant in the Secyship & supply bsns

**Monday Mch 14**

Cold clear. Wrote letter home ordering clothing &c Grant with Army Potomac Organizing it said he will lead them towards Richmond in person.

**Tuesday Mch 15**

Beautiful day. News unimportant Gold going up 162 1/2. No letters from any one

**Wednesday Mch 16**

Mailed letter to Annie. Beautiful weather though Cool. News unimportant No letter from any one

**Thursday Mch 17/ 64**

Fine weather. Gold bill passed. Gold 161- No letters. News unimportant

**Friday Mch 18**

Weather pleasant but cold. Recd letter from Nichols acknowledging receipt Photograph &c. Mr. Dey Chf Engr returned from East tells me to have Andrew come on he will find work for him. I teleghd Andrew to get ready & wrote mailed letter today. Told him come by way StLouis St Joe & telegh me on arrival at St Joe I will pay half his traveling Expenses

**Saturday Mch 19**

Weather cool pleasant. News unimpt Gold 163. Fish got MSg to come work in Mil Telgh he proposes leave by next boat. Creighton telgh Yates permission go with Train but tis doubtful he will go this weather. New Opr take Poms place proves incompetent so Pom will have to wait while til get man take his place.

**Sunday Mch 20<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day but cold Wrote letter to Leah Warren. Recd no letters. Played several games chess beat majority of games.

**Monday Mch 21<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Snowing all morning. News unimportant Snow 6 inches this evening. Wrote & mailed another letter to Marcus in reference to Andrews coming out here.

**Tuesday Mch 22<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Fine day. Pacific RR want 1000 men to commence work here. Recd no letters from any one. Beautiful weather. But muddy on account of snow melting. Gold 163 ½

**Wednesday March 23<sup>d</sup>**

Fine day. Pacific RR commenced work on road today with a few laborers they will bring 200 Contrabands here & saw mill in short time to aid in work Pomeroy starts for Omaha this morning

**Thursday Mch 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fine weather spring like. Recd Message Andrew started from Cleveland today News unimpt

**Friday Mch 25<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day. News unimportant Heavy lot of Emigration Idaho Gold hunters &c fill our town Hotels, Boarding houses &c all full Settled up with Fish today.

**Saturday Mch 26<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Weather fine. Tried to hear from Andrew but could not hear from him anxious bout his getting to StJo. Boats all up river. Water 2 feet lower than month ago. Boats take week come up from St Joe. No letters Recd news of capture burning Paducah by Forest. Gold 170

**Sunday Mch 27**

Stormy windy & unpleasant. Andrew got to St Joe at 8 AM today Jones an Opr from Georgia used to work at Atlanta now in J ofs taking care of him directed Andrew to buy Stage Ticket come by Stage. Heavy thunderstorm this eve Couldnt work at all Wrote letter to Nichols

**Monday Mch 28**

Heavy Gale from west Snowing raining storming all day lines east & west down. South works hard Geo went & repaired between here & Platte River. Andrew still in St Jo bot Ticket to Om for 10 Dolls. He stays with Oprs board at Restaurant. Says will leave for Om tomorrow. No letters from any one. Talked to Opr from Cal named Weems in J on visit to Ky. Cal Oprs doing very well. Creighton on board boat which is grounded at Plattsmouth sent order McShane meet him Bellevue

**Tuesday Mch 29**

Still Storming Moderating in Pm Pom in Des Moines leaves there tomorrow Andrew left St Joe this morning on Stage Heavy ground between Om & Bluffs tho we can get B by taking off Batty here.

**Wednesday Mch 30**

Weather moderate. News unimpt Gold 170

**Thursday Mch 31**

News unimportant Weather fine. Andrew reached here this evening 7 PM. Had lay at Bluffs for 4 hours & pay 50 Cts to get accross. Altogether he lived cheap coming here only spent 3 Dolls coming through. Took him to Douglas House for Supper

**Friday Apl 1<sup>st</sup>**

Weather cloudy rainy Took Andrew to Dey Chf Engineer he said for him wait few days would notify him when had anything to do for him. Gold 164 ½

**Saturday Apl 2<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Clear. Cool. Sent George out on line to repair & Andrew carried Msgs part day Pomeroy arrived this morning: He told me about noon had agreed with old man to Keep books take charge of office I had no such instructions. Hibbard said Old man had done it & that they would pay me 75 as heretofore. Thanked him for that, as that is what any Opr would get here. Said I supposed found place at last where I could settle down now this plan broken up by them as had no particular liking to Omaha than any other place. He gave no satisfaction except that what old man said was ok. Saw Mr Creighton, he pretended to be much surprised at this news said Pom ought not have told me, said go on as usual with business &c thing would be all right same time tried make me believe it was no difference if I was Mgr or Assistant here I cannot swallow that & am decided either be Mgr or leave the ofs. In Eve old man again tried persuade me this change would be to my benefit as would give me chance west where they Expect build Russian line &c. but in all he did not speak decided. This then is the result of working hard 6-7 months at books at 5 Dollars per month & when they resolve to make Keeping them of more consideration some one else shall have it Well I am driven to move again against my will & if this time as before I travel

it is not because I am changeable wish to Keep moving &c as Stager said. Farewell then plans of settling & forward, with justice & right on my side I cant despair.

### **Sunday Apl 3<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Snowed fearfully all day making bad slush. Still no positive order to give Pom charge. Wrote letter home setting forth plan to go to California & telling them all about this affair. Here asking advice Wrote Clowes Salt Lake asking him to apply to Gamble for me for sit on their line & let me know result. Played Game chess with Hibbard first in three months lasted hour & half & though I lost it Hibbard said twas best played game he played in long time.

### **Monday Apl 4<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing news. Our lines down every direction sleat hanging to wire west broke it in hundred places George went west Hibbard south I went to river East line down 4 Miles east of Bluff. H returned line still out of order south. Geo returned late Night reports too many breaks to mend line himsf I told H that if resolved to make Pom Mgr better do so at once save me trouble to Keep accounts any longer He said did not intend til my Report was finished but if I desired could do so now I settled with Pom & handed over to him books &c Recd letter from Marcus today Pa dont accept offer pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  Andrews travelling Expenses but Exhorts me take care of him &c It is pretty hard case just now but will do best I can for myself & him. Recd letter from Warren says has Chief Clerkship & sort supt place on Coal road 1000 year consequently feels happy rejecting my offer &c. I am doubly pleased at his fortune just now when my star seems in the dark.

### **Tuesday Apl 5<sup>th</sup>**

Weather tolerable but our lines still down. Ch got ok & I took his business for C. Recd letter from Hofheimer enclosing Phot of himself seems to have written several letters but I recd none.

### **Wednesday Apl 6**

Line west got ok at last. Had slight Thunderstorm today. Pom had partition put in, in hind room to make Bed room out of it. I agreed pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  Expense if staid here 2 months.  $\frac{1}{4}$  if stayd month. Drake an opr at Detroit hired to come here at 80 Dolls month which I shall also get. Andrew carried Messages Monday Tuesday & today  $\frac{1}{2}$  day day last week also which Co will have pay him for.

### **Thursday Apl 7<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Rainy & stormy. Lines out of order but had it OK in Evening. Worked all Night til 6 AM. Wrote letter to Warren. Gold 172  $\frac{1}{2}$

### **Friday Apl 8<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Rained & snowed most day. Lines out of order. Did but little business all day. Wrote Hofheimer Brooklyn long letter. Evans this morning tells me Dey had resolved Keep Andrew here. I then had interview with Dey urged him to send Andrew west with Evans party. He was fraid was rather too young but would see Evans & fix it if possible. I feel mortified if I am to leave here & let Andrew remain here to work among a hard sett. I may yet go into partnership here with some party & remain. Fixing up bed room pretty near but will cost me 5 to 10 Dolls.

**Saturday Apl 9<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Cloudy. Muddy. News unimpt Gold 69 ½ Worked till 4 am & would have staid longer but thought twas useless

**Sunday Apl 10<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Saw Mr Evans this morning. He thought Andrew rather too young to go out & do a mans work but after considering it & if I was perfectly willing to have him do what E thought best & most fit he thinks will take him. Talked with Mr Finney (Son of Prest Finney of Oberlin College) He goes with Evans party as 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Engr Recd no letters from any one.

**Monday Apl 11<sup>th</sup>**

Weather unpleasant changing from Rain to clear & snow. Gold 171 ½ News unimportant.

**Tuesday Apl 12**

Beautiful day. Saw Mr Evans who told me to send Andrew to him. The went into Camp having 3 tents & Andrew slept in the tent tonight for the first time in his life. Yesterday Gen R B Mitchell had Pom brought down by Prov Guard & after considerable Cursing told him he would do as he wanted to about paying dispatches for other lines or take charge of our line Told him wished to C Creighton & Hibbard. About 7 Pm Officer & guard called at office & Creighton being at his house to Tea they went there & took him down to Genl Ms Hd qurs. After some discussion Creighton came to Office. Geo F. Train here today made speech project connecting town from Brownsville up Mo River by Rail He made heavy calculations on the liberal subscription of people these towns which I think wont be realized

**Wednesday Apl 13<sup>th</sup>**

Gen Mitchell recd Msg from Stanton telling him had no control over Telegh Oprs or line to report Causes of arrest & C The Msg was long & censured him badly. Andrew now in Camp. He got 400 for work in office Wrote letter to Joe & Andrew wrote one to Pa & Max.

**Thursday Apl 14<sup>th</sup>**

Expedition delayed for want of Cook & c day or two longer. News unimportant Gold 187 Mitchell sent his excuse for arrest Creighton long Msg partly untrue. Creighton sent one to Stager signed himself Hibbard Pomeroy & myself

**Friday Apl 15<sup>th</sup>**

Recd Dispatch from Stanton for Mitchell says Your telegram recd & the Explanation is satisfactory. The Conduct of the Telegh Supt is highly reprehensible & he was properly treated signed Edwin M Stanton. Creighton takes it to heart & sends Wade Msg resigning if this is stuck to Its pretty mess. Gold 174 Bot Andrews pair books & 3 pair socks today They preparing to leave in morning early.

**Saturday Apl 16**

Beautiful day. Got up & went to Store with Andrew & bought him book on surveying at Cattins Book Store. Then walked down with him to tents & took leave of Evans who assured me would take best care of Andrew & instruct him & c. Then walked up town with Andrew and took leave

of him. The party contains 16 persons & altogether one of the nicest if not the best surveying party started from Omaha They have 3 wagons, 2 tents & Everything convenient They go to Ft Laramie Cheyenne pass & survey accross mountains from there. They left town about 8 Am. Andrew in good spirits & willing to undergo hardships &c News of capture of Ft Pillow & massacre of larger part Garrison consisting 350 Negro troops & some white troops. All Officers & most Negroes sick or prisoners shot. Rebels also Entered Paducah 2<sup>d</sup> time but left in few hours with some plunder. Stages teleghs Creighton to wait few days He wasnt in Washn when 2<sup>d</sup> Message sent by Sec'y. Immense number Wagons families & trains passing here going west. Gold opened 71 – today. No paper or letter today.

### **Sunday April 19**

Fine Weather today. Fixing up StJoe account Worked at it about 2 hours & made 5 Dolls Considerable repeating today. Got letter from Pa & Marcus. All well. Rather anxious about Andrew My Clothes shipped on 11<sup>th</sup> All come to about 42 Dollars. Pa leave Matter of California trip to myself But if I go want me to send Money home to buy house & lot or build one and to sell my land out here. Creighton proposes me to buy some of Russian Telegh Stock which can get at about 20 perhaps 15 Cents to Dollar. Had a talk with him about future prospects he thinks I stand as good chance now here as Ever. Recd letter from Leah She addresses me in more loving style & at last comes to confession shes willing to give me heart & hand at some future time. This is unexpected now more than Ever I feel perplexed with this matter & the late change. Clowes hadnt recd my letter yet. It is impossible at this moment to see what I can or will do.

### **Monday Apl 18<sup>th</sup>**

Beautiful day. Drake new Opr arrived today Looks sickly fraid cant stand nor suit this Office Still may improve. Gold 170 ¼. News unimportant Rebs after Evacuating Ft Pillow demolished Everything there. They had killed most Negro prisoners buried some sick ones alive Wrote letter home enclosing Andrews likeness telling them about situation &c & that possible I may come home before Pa starts for Europe Considerable change perhaps take place on this line before long & view from all points shows I may yet have good thing of it. Recd Msg from Andrew from Fremont that hes well likes trip

### **Tuesday Apl 19**

Fine weather. News of fight in La near Shreveport Our forces licked with loss near 2000. Retreated to Grand Ecore. Great panic in Stock Market yesterday Stock fell 40 perct Gold down to 67. Recd my Cloths from home. Pretty nice pair slippers with a letter from Mrs W. for sending Msg from her husband. Note from Marcus dated 12<sup>th</sup> says Mr Kipperl died that day. Wrote letter to Leah explaining present position & future & asking for speedy decision &c. Considerable Change will have take place on this line before long. Worked till 2 AM.

### **Wednesday Apl 20**

News from Louisiana of battle in which federal troops defeated loss 2000 & 24 guns. They fell back on Grand Ecore. Weather fine. Clowes recd my letter & teleghs me. I told him to hold back til further notice.

**Thursday Apl 21<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Fine Weather. News from La make it that 2 battles fought last of which Rebels repulsed loss 2000 prisoners &c Gold 169. Elsworth & C agreed at last & E remains with Salary of 175 Dolls per month. Talked with Clowes this Eve He thinks chances west good will forward my letter to Gamble & I told him also inquire by Telegh. Wrote another letter to Leah telling her of probably my going to Cal &c to place herself in position most agreeable to her for future.

**Friday Apl 22**

Fine weather. News from east of War rather gloomy. Gold 174. Weather cloudy up toward Eve & looked like rain Nothing further from West. Pom says will have another Opr here making 4 in all. I think it rather desirable to have 3 good ones than more.

**Saturday April 23<sup>d</sup>**

Fine weather No letters from any one. Gold 75. News Banks defeat confirmed

**Sunday Apl 24<sup>th</sup>**

Wrote letter to Andrew & sent him socks by Man belonging to his party on way to Ft Kearney. Recd 86 Msgs in afternoon from C without breaking once several hard Ciphers & one Msg Entirely french. Played game chess with Hibbard had 2 pieces ahead of him for long time & at last had advantage but stalemated him.

**Monday Apl 25**

Beautiful weather warm 84% in Pm Gold opened 79 closed 83. News from NC that Rebels under Genl Hoke & some Rams gunboats cooperating attacked & captured Plymouth capturing a Brigade near 2000 men in it 30 guns & sinking one gunboat damaging another & capturing a Steamboat. This & Banks defeat operate on Gold Market heavily. Recd Msg from Andrew at Ft Kearney today ok says will write today or tomorrow. Had good ride on Creightons Pony this Pm. mighty lively.

**Tuesday Apl 26**

Fine day. Gold 185. News from Seat war look gloomy. Nothing important. Wrote home & mailed letter today. Sold my land & got 10 Dolls profit.

**Wednesday Apl 27**

Cloudy rainy. News unimportant No letter Recd Smithsonian rept for 1862 Harvey a hospital Stewart who had run away with Miss Richie (who was Engaged to another man) shot his brother in law man named Spencer in street opposite Office at 9 this PM killed instantly seems Spencer

**Thursday Apl 28**

Cloudy & rained during Night Gold 75 to 80 News unimportant Went to Tableaux given to benefit Lutheran Church. Although it rained heavily crowd was creditable & Everything went off tolerably well

**Friday Apl 29**

Cloudy rainy. News from East unimportant Recd letter from Andrew says his face is chapped but gets along well

**Saturday Apl 30**

Fine day. News unimportant Gold 180 Recd no letters from anyone. Paid up for Andrews board

**May 1<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Fine day. Walked about considerable & played Chess with Creighton Briggs successful in all games. Had talk with Clowes says Gamble will give me place on line 100 Dolls month lowest Salary pass and from Atchison

**May 2<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Told Creighton & H about offer & asked them to pay me 100 month paper & would stay otherwise go. After much consultation they said could not raise salary that much because would have to raise others & offered me place west This I rejected on account of its being no better than my present pay here C said could not pass me & advised me ask Gamble where they I put me to work I told Clowes to send Msg to Gamble that I start 15<sup>th</sup> to have pass at Atchison for me & get answer to this. Weather fine. News unimportant Kit Daugherty Opr at F made application to have pass sent him so as to meet me at Julesbg & go west same time

**May 3<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Fine day went on line 8 miles west this morning Emigration pouring through here heavily. News unimportant. Gold 181 Nothing from Gamble.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather. Gold 180. News unimportant No letters. Line to C down cant get reply from Gamble Creighton talking to me this eve for half hour but nothing definite

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Rained most day. Gold 178. News unimportant. Line still down west of Ch find I have the C. took some medicine Andrew talked to me from Julesburg. There was Indian fight near there 3 day ago Evans getting Escort of 20 soldiers along leave U in morning

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Raining. No News of importance. C still down but ok this Pm Worked till 2 AM. Got 20 reply from Gamble Msk about line

**Saturday May 7 1864**

Bad weather repeating business this Eve hear nothing from Gamble. Recd letter addressed from Marcus to Andrew. Max & Pa took out pass for Europe & are preparing to leave. My letter & Andrews Likeness recd at home. Find I have the Cp Taking Medicine

**Sunday May 8/64**

Worked hard most day & repeated near 200 Msgs. Recd pass from Gamble from Atchison to C. No letters

**Monday May 9 1864**

Fine day. News from Army Potomac great battle fought between Grant & Lee near Wilderness & Chancellarville fight commenced Thursday lasted friday Eve great loss both sides. Not decisive Gen Butler s heavy force with Monitor gunboats &c went up James River landed City Point &

made good stand near Bahama hundred Gold 72 to 70 Old man first would have nothing to do because I had already pass so I commenced packing up but in Pm he agreed to pay me 90 Dolls month & give me either Denver or C City ofs first chance After much deliberation I think best remain & take chances here. Forwarded Andrew letter to Denver

### **Tuesday May 10**

Fine day Gold opened 168 went to 170 News from seat War conflicting Butler cut R R near Petersburg cutting of Beauregard from Lee but reported heavy battle going on Monday at Spottsylvania CH not decided yet. Recd letter from Leah says she will remain unchanged even if I go to Cal & C Letter from one of Cleveland School Boys to Andrew I fwd to Denver Seems that Evans will commence work about friday at base of mountains so its possible wont hear from Andrew in 6 weeks or more

### **Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Weather fine. News from Grant looks favorable so far though loss very heavy both sides Battle Monday not decisive. Number high officers killed both sides. Gold 175

### **Thursday May 12**

Fine weather News from Grant fierces battle War fought yesterday Rebels made number Charges on our lines repulsed Everywhere toward Evening. Our Army charged them most terrific charge war carried Entrenchments Rebel dead lay heaps our loss reported 25000 killed wounded missing captured some 2-3000 Rebs. Still expect fight again yesterday. Gold 73  $\frac{3}{4}$  Recd letter from Leah

### **Friday May 13**

Weather warm pleasant. Report this am from Army Potomac says fight Wednesday, opened early 4 AM by Hancocks Corps charging on right of Lees Army They captured whole Johnsons Division Ewells Corps including Stonewall brigade. Captured 40 pieces Artillery. Gens Johnston, Stewart, Jackscon among prisoners. Fighting still going on heavy

### **Saturday May 14**

Gold 171  $\frac{1}{2}$  New of Victory over Lee confirmed We captured 39 pieces Artillery Lee falling back accross River Po

### **Sunday May 15**

News of Sheridans raid in rear of Lee he destroyed RR bridges Culverts & c 1.500.000 rations & other property captured prisoners 2 guns & after fight with Stuarts Cavalry in which Stuart killed Sheridan mad junction with Butler who is laying siege to Ft Darling Everything looks favorable Recd letter from home Pa has pass & will leave for Europe June 27<sup>th</sup> All write long letters.

### **Monday May 16**

Mailed letter home & one to Leah Asking Pa advise me about Leah & c News unimportant Army Pot resting & reforming

**Tuesday May 17**

Very warm clear News from Sherman captured Dalton now at Resaca 15 miles below having fight & losing some 3000 killed wounded captured some guns

**Wednesday May 18**

News from Sigel had fight with Breckenridge lost 5 guns & had to retreat Gold 182 ½

**Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Warm pleasant. News from Butler not encouraging he retired to Bermuda after fight Grant & Lee commenced fight yesterday no particulars

**Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Warm & pleasant. No letters from any one. News unimportant.

**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Fine but very warm day Gold 182 News unimportant.

**Sunday May 22<sup>d</sup>**

Fine day hard work repeating 250 Msgs Worked to 2 AM

**Monday May 23**

Fine weather News Lee falling back No general Engagement

**Tuesday May 24**

Nothing very important. Gold 182

**Wednesday May 25**

News from Grant – Lee fell back to North Annas river. Golf 185

**Thursday May 26**

Am well again. Weather fine Gold 185. No news of importance Grants whole Army accross North Anna river some fighting at crossing not very heavy. Lee reported Entrenched between N & S Annas rivers. No other news of importance

**Friday May 27**

Fine day News unimportant. Bought 50 Dolls Gold from Kountze paid him 86,50 currency & 2 Dolls silver. Sent the 50 Dolls & 26.<sup>50</sup> Balance due on my clothes to Pa wrote him letter. Gold 187

**Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1864**

News unimportant. No letters Weather warm

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine Weather Walked about considerably News Grant fell back accross North Anna & crossed Pamunkey river He gains road to Richmond by that with less fortified positions to contend with No letters

**Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Weather fine. Gold opened 88 ½ went up to 95 though fell back to 90 afternoon News from Grant he is successful in charge base. No general Engagement. Find this Eve I have old complaint again Stayed up to 5 AM.

**Tuesday May 31**

Recd letter from Leah. She denies insulting Sarah & asks me to Explain term I used in last letter &c. News unimpt

**Wednesday June 1**

Weather warm & pleast. Considerable fighting Grant about 10 Miles from Richmond formed Junction with Smith of Butler force Butler attacked several times by Rebs but repulsed them every time.

**Thursday June 2<sup>d</sup>**

Gold 193 – News unimportant Sherman reported at Marietta Ga

**Friday June 3<sup>d</sup>**

News unimpt Gold 190. No letter

**Saturday June 4 1864**

Great Hailstorm this Pm broke skylights in Phot Galleries. Some pieces Ice must have weighed 2 ounces. Gold 190 News unimpt.

**Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1864**

News unimportant. Worked all night. No letters

**Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Mailed letter to Leah Recd letter from Pa & Marcus he says love is blind consequently if I want to marry has no objections &c Gold 193 ½ News some heavy fighting before Richmond No decisive results. Weather very pleasant

**Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Wrote & mailed letter to Pa asking him to see the Colmans & Explain my position &c. News unimportant

**Wednesday June 8/64**

News from Hunter by Richmond papers Rebels whipped in fight near Staunton Gen Jones Killed & Staunton occupied by Hunter

**Thursday June 9**

News from Grant unimportant Gold 195

**Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day. Rode out to Picnic about 3 Miles from town had pretty nice time returned at 5 Pm. In Eve went to dance Herndon House. Pretty good sett there danced til 2 AM. Gold 197 ½

**Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1864**

News unimpt Recd letter from Marcus Enclosing his Oration on the Pleasures of imagination. Its a well written piece. He recd money says recd letter from Andrew from Cheyenne Pass May 16<sup>th</sup> Hes satisfied & learning dont Expect to write til July.

**Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Fine day. Walked out to Sulphur Spring with Holcomb picked some Strawberrys Reese Opr going to Laramie here. Showed him round. Reading Fosters essay on the Constitution of human System Its admirably written showing the laws of Nature are invariable &c

**Monday June 13**

Beautiful day. Recd letter from Andrew 16 miles from foot of Mountains 8000 feet above sea level & 1650 above Cheyene Pass he seems dissatisfied as backflagman thinks it harder & more lonesome than rear chainman also recd letter from Hofheimer & Angela not very interesting They expect Pa & Max to stay with them while in NY. Wrote letter to Andrew advising him to be cheerful & obey orders & inclosed Max Oration to him. Saw Dey he says letter from Evans says all are well. Wrote letter to Max Enclosing Andrews letter & telling him I wrote Andrew &c News unimportant Gold 196- Report Ft Darling captured Do not believe

**Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1864**

News unimportant. I generally take hip bath before going to bed & another on getting up in morning Walk about more or less for Exercise during day. Line down west since friday

**Wednesday June 15**

News unimportant. Gold 197

**Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather. News Vallandigham returned Ohio made speech Hamilton & on way to Dayton. 2 Grants Corps Crossed James River reported fighting. In fight near Guntsion Miss Gen Sturgis with 8000 men Completely routed by Polk & Forrest & his forces driven back to near Memphis he lost his Wagon train & 12 pieces Artillery & large number prisoners.

**Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Cloudy calm in morning Line west still down. Had Dr Wright Vaccinate me at 12.30 Pm.

**Saturday June 18**

Very warm Thermo 94- Gold 95. Gold bill passed Senate & House prohibits sale except in regular business Houses & restricts trade very much. Played 1 with Pom & got beat played 1 with Insurance Man & beat him.

**Sunday June 19**

Very hot. Nothing new of importance Line still down

**Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Very warm Thermo 3 Pm 100 in ofs – Gold not sold Stock Exchange but private parties selling 99 – News from James river Grants Army across fighting near Petersburg Recd very affectionate letter from Leah – Line to C ok but works hard

**Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Warm. News unimpt. Our Cable across Mo River broke today repaired by Geo & Hibbard this Pm. Gold reported 210 Worked most day & Night principally repeating.

**Wednesday June 22<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Panic NY Gold 225 to 30 News from Petersburg much fighting small results. Line works bad No letters

**Thursday June 23**

Windy warm. Gold 215 Report not very impt Dem Convention called for 29 Aug Vaccination inflamed my arm & is much bother.

**Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Windy & dusty. No News Report. Recd letter from Andrew this am he is much more satisfied hes axman has much fun growing fat Sends some flowers for Marcus Mr Wareham died this noon of small pox much Excitement here on account of this disease Everybody getting vaccinated

**Saturday June 25**

Very hot. Lines in bad Condition Recd letter from Pa & Marcus both congratulate me Pa went & saw Mr & Mrs Coleman & Leah & formally asked for her She accepted though wish matter Kept secret till Pa returns from Europe. Max & Joe send Photoghs not very good though features all right Wrote letter to Pa & Max to NYork enclosing Andrews writing. Mr Wareham was buried here today.

**Sunday June 26**

Very warm but heavy thunderstorm & shower in Evening. Wrote letter to Leah

**Monday June 27 /**

Rainy muddy Gold 235. News unimportant Looking at House for sale by Deuel ask 1500 Dolls fine location good well but poor house offered him 1400

**Tuesday June 28 /64**

Fine weather about 80 1<sup>st</sup> Neb Veterans arrived today. Had good brass band reception very slim on account of mud. Had big dinner at Capitol which I didnt see & ball in Eve which I attended Very mixed affair but went off without fight. Agreed with Mr Deuel about house at 1400 – to pay him 900 down 250 first April at six per Ct 250 1<sup>st</sup> Apl 1866 at 6 pct from now to first Apl 1865 then 10 pct. Everybody thinks it cheap property Wrote letter to Andrew & mailed him Max & Jos Photoghs

**Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Fine but warm day. News unimportant. No letters. Paid Deuel 900 Dolls & got a Warranted deed from him also abstract title which is good. Drew 900 from May & left 300 with him at 10 pct interest

**Thursday June 30**

Line busted No News. No Newspapers. The House will cost near 250 Dollars to put in good repair. Wrote letter to Ma & Joe

**Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Nice weather. Recd letter from Andrew & his daily Journal for a week has very hard time of it Expected to be at Ft Halleck the 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Saturday July 2<sup>d</sup> 1864**

News unimpt Gold yesterday 275 today 233 Secy Chase resigned his resignation accepted Recd paper about High School commencement Herald say Marcus delivered his oration very well.

**Sunday July 3<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Working most part of Night near Catching up with west. Recd letter from Max with Enclosed remark of papers & Programme of High School Commencement Shows his recommends by Principal & Teachers of high School Shows very well for him Pa bot 300 Dolls Gold at 210 Unfortunately he got sick & could not attend High School Commencement. Expects to start End of week or next soon as is better

**Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day display here poor Geo F Train here blowing about colonization of Platte Valley Pacific RR amendment passed both Houses which I hope will give the road a start. Geo Francis had a discussion in which he avowed himself Copper head with a soldier who gave him fit

**Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Frank Lehmer commenced working here today News from east Gold bill repealed Gold 233 Rebels making raid into Md & Penna

**Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Fine Weather Congress adjourned July 4<sup>th</sup> passed repeal 300 Dolls clause. Fessenden appointed Secy Treasury

**Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Weather fine Holcomb left here today Nothing from home Gold 250

**Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1864**

I only weigh about 123 pds commenced taking Cod liver Oil today Not so bad as I Expected taking Tablespoon full 3 times day Recd letter from Andrew at Ft Halleck gets along finely. Sent him some papers

**Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day with very severe Storm in Pm. Have recd no Rept today. Geo F Train got himself elected to represent Neb. In the Copperhead Convention at Chicago.

**Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Beautiful day. Rode down to River X then to Sulphur Springs in Buggy Played number Games 1 with Ish which I lost other & 2 of which I won. Recd letter from Jo Enclosing letter from Marcus & Ma & a Poem dedicated to the Bride. Pa left home June 29 Jo very busy. Ma was at Colmans recd very cordially Leah & Nanny gave Max their Photo for Europe Ma very anxious to hear from Pa because he wasnt quite well of the fever yet. Max writes from NYork July 1<sup>st</sup> they had Engage passage on Str Hansa leaves at Noon July 2<sup>d</sup> Passage cost them 125 in gold.

**Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>**

News of raid into Md more formidable than first reported. They drove Gen Wallace from Frederick advancing toward Balto Gold 284

**Tuesday July 12**

Fine weather Agreed with Geo Crowell to build basement room & cellar to House Brickwork Cost 172 Dollars. Wrote letter to Andrew Enclosing Marcus New York letter. Wrote Jo & Ma also News from Balto great Excitement there Rebs destroyed Monocacy bridge advancing on Balto They defeated Wallace who is retreating to Balto. Northern Centl Road also cut & many bridges & Telegh line destroyed. Gen Hunter occupied Martinsburg reported captured 1000 prisoners & large lot supplies. 18<sup>th</sup> Army Corps from James River & 19<sup>th</sup> from N Orleans reported at Balto Gold 277

**Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather. Phila Wil & Balto road cut by Rebs & Gov Bradfords house 4 mi from Balto burned. Train captured on Phila road Maj Gen Franklin passenger captured. Reported large force Rebels advancing on Washin. They number in Md estimated 45000. Recd letter from Leah She had been in Pittsbgo to wedding of her Cousin Enjoyed it tolerably promises send me Photogh had taken lately. Gold 268. Mailed letter to Leah in reply

**Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather News from Washn Rebels had fight in front Ft Howard were repulsed driven back now retreating Shermans army all across Chattahoochee Johnston retreating reported Sherman captured 2-5000 Hardees Corps. Gold 265. Rcd letter from Ma Sarah & Lizzie. L says husband now doing business for himself. Pom went down River to NCity Worked this Eve til 3 AM

**Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Weather fine. had to repeat considerably on account of storm between us & Ft Fs c Lehmer on this Pm quit 1<sup>30</sup> AM C being down beyond L. F took bis. News Rebels retreating accross Potomac with plunder Sherman within 6 Miles Atlanta. Gold 243

**Saturday July 16**

News unimpt. Gold 251 Sherman reported Entrenched south of Chattahoochee

**Sunday July 17**

Very warm 95% in ofs Pom & Drake & George went out for Blackberries brought back nothing I stayd round in ofs most day

**Monday July 18**

Very warm Thermo 96. News unimpt New Copperhead sheet came out first time today. Wrote Ma & Lizzie & Sarah Old Abe calls for 200000 more to be drafted by 6<sup>th</sup> Sept if not volunteered. Saw Geo Crowell & he agreed to build walls of basement to be 8 ½ feet that of Cellar 7 ft. Room to be 16 by 16 & Cellar 8 by 16 – Also to build Chimney 3-4 feet above house from basement The whole to be built for 200 Dolls. Gold today 235

**Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Rainy Felt sick bilious this AM took an Emetic which caused me vomit some bile, but made me more sick for ½ day. News unimpt Gold 163

**Wednesday July 20**

Got some Medicine from Dr Den for clearing up system thers some 20 grains quinine in it News unimpt Man commenced digging this noon

**Thursday July 21**

Nothing of importance occurred. Man still digging at basement helped him some today

**Friday July 22**

Msgs from Army unimpt got no letters from any one. Weather pleasant cool

**Saturday July 23**

Nothing of importance Republican this Eve says the public is to wait for Rept till Monday all on account of the mulishness of one man the Manager of Omaha Office he refused to take Report when requested by Agt of Associated press at Ch Pom & Lehmer explain Matter by showing west which was down 2 days just got up consequently refused Report. I was on in Eve sent 170 Msgs & 20 pages Rept west sent last 6 pages direct to Sf quick 5<sup>15</sup> am

**Sunday July 24**

New of battle in front Atlanta Rebels attacked Sherman very heavy fight Rebels repulsed driven back part City occupied by our forces. Gen McPherson killed by Sharpshooter battle occurred friday Gen Rousseau made grand raid around Johnston went clear near Montgomery Johnston superseded by Hood. Sherman reported taken 4000 prisoners

**Monday July 25**

Fine but warm day. Man got through digging all round to depth of 6-7 feet. Agreed with Visher to build partition in upper rooms stud all round walls put in 2 new doors one frame for door for 62 Dolls In basement to put in one new door & frame 3 New windows & frames, 1 frame for cellar & another for stairway – put on a board on side for 55 Dolls – Also to put base around rooms upstairs where less than inch thick included in price of upper part work. Recd letter from Leah, she saw Mother at our house sunday week go.

**Tuesday July 26**

Hot day. News from Grant unimpt Rebels defeated Crook & Averill near Winchester drove them back on H ferry & occupy Martinsburg. Nothing additional from Sherman Except success of Rosseaus Expedition he destroyed much property captured Montgomery & reached Marietta safe. Repeating here tonight.

**Wednesday July 27**

Paid Crowell 10 Dolls for laborer 4 days owe him 62 Cts for ¼ day yet. Nothing impt Gold 152. Wrote Leah

**Thursday July 28**

News unimpt Weather hot. No letters Recd Msg from Andrew at ft Bridge date 24 well

**Friday July 29**

Nothing impt. Deuel moving out of house.

**Saturday July 30**

News unimpt Another Rebel raid into Penna. Sheels offers to sell good brick at Kiln for 14 or deliver for 15 Dolls thousand Estimates 12000 Necessary says will not sell to Crowell unless pays up. Crowell going to Saratoga to c about it

**Sunday July 31**

Warm & pleasant. News from Grant Exploded some of Rebel Works front of Petersburg gained much advantage am dieting myself eat no meat morning & Eve & but very little noons eat no pastry perhaps will agree better with me am still billious

**Monday Aug 1<sup>st</sup>**

Grand Menagerie here. Went & saw Albino family same as Barnum had some Mummies snake &c in side show then went in by show for 15 – 20 Mins. Saw 2 very large Lions largest ever saw, 1 black Tiger 2 spotted Tigers, 1 grisly bear as large as a steer very powerful, Camels Hyena Cashmere goats &c Elephant much largest ever saw & young Elephant smallest ever saw as big as Ew. News from Grant Victory gained Saturday was lost again Rebels recaptured works. Rebs under McCausland burned 238 best houses in Chambersburg Pa reported they recrossed Potomac.

**Tuesday Aug 2<sup>d</sup>**

Recd letter from home. Jo writes particulars of Pas financial affairs think will not return till end Sept or early part Oct they rcd letter from Andrew addressed to me by msK sent to Cleveland. Nothing from Pa & Max Leah & her Mother had visited them Crowell gets brick from Saratoga \$11 per 1000 & 2<sup>75</sup> delivery

**Wednesday Aug 3<sup>d</sup>**

Nothing impt Set Irishman to work this Pm digging cellar at 250 per day

**Thursday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

Wrote & mailed letter to Andrew This being fast day most stores closed but we had no holiday on line. Crowells man came to work near 8 AM & quit at 3 Pm

**Friday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

Warm & clear, Helped digging & shoveling most all day. There still remains much to be dug but one side ready for Mason Most brick delivered. Man from Saratoga told me he delivered 1800 of the 12,000 brick for pavement front of Mays & Mayors Store. News unimpt.

**Saturday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Clear & warm. Bought 2000 lath from Sheely at 20 Dolls. News from Army unfavorable Gold 260. paid for 10,000 brick (\$140<sup>00</sup>)

**Sunday Aug 7<sup>th</sup>**

No letters Warm & pleasant plaid 2 games chess same time beat 1 lost 1

**Monday August 8**

Fine weather. Commenced building brickwork under house found too much space between Wall & Embankment being too dangerous fill in agreed build 1 foot wall along west side far as Cellar at 22 Dolls increase upon sum agreed on. Visher finished frame for stair door Recd 2 letters from Andrew 1 dated July 19 Butter Creek & other dated July 24 west of Green River. Had some hard times had recd letters & Photographs of Max & Jo.

**Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Wrote & mailed letter home. Sold Canvass of house for 6 ½ Dolls to be paid in Job work by Taylor. Signed Note for 200 Dolls at 10 pct for 3 Months from today to Geo Gardiner Serious Indian depredations going on west train burned near plum Creek today 5 or 6 Men Killed. Man named Coriston killed while mowing

**Wednesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Much Excitement on account Indians they seem to attack Emigrants Mail &c Otis teleghd alliance between all tribes west & Govt must send 10000 men out or all country be cleared out by them Richmond papers report that 17 Yankee Ships war 14 Vessels & 3 Iron clad passed Ft Morgan & Engaged Rebel fleet. Tecumseh US Gunboat reported sunk while passing Fort Rebel Ram Tennessee sunk Admiral Buchanan lost leg & prisoner 2 other Rebel Vessels destroyed boats nearing City. Other reports fight West Va favorable Rebels driven back much loss Gold 254

**Thursday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Weather fine warm. Recd letter & Phot from Leah taken in Pittsburg. She has on traveling dress & oblique position which may account for her looking so poor. Also Enclosed letter from Nannie saying she hadnt seen or read my letters previous &c Wrote reply to both. Enclosed some flowers Andrew sent me. News from Mobile Fort Powell blown up & Fort Gains surrendered though provisioned for 6 month & garrisoned by 600 Men Rebels speak of treachery Other news favorable.

**Friday Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

News unimpt. Agreed with Crowell to have cement floors of Cellar & room below & plaster both rooms above & the room betwn

In the last manner at 130 Dolls to pay him 65 Dolls down & other 65 in 3 months find will cost immensely but want it done right.

### **Saturday Aug 13**

Cloudy warm. Recd letter from Marcus dated Bremen July 17 they made trip in 14 days fine weather Ocean not as rough as lake was Sea sick 2-3 days. They stopped at Isle of Wight, went from Bremerhaven to Bremen by Rail he likes Germany so far Pa merely writes few lines says recovered health Jo writes Sarah had been down to Colmans & Leah read Marcus letter to me

### **Sunday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing important going on

### **Monday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Raining today Crowell not working War meeting today here today amounts to nothing people cant see it to volunteer for Indian War. News unimpt

### **Tuesday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Lathing room above today & Crowell did half days work below

### **Wednesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather Genl Curtis arrived today find Thomas who used to be such nuisance on Rappahannock here with Genl Curtis as he says doubt it very much H treats him very nice & introduced him to Creighton. Had talk with old Man says willing to raise sal to right amt but dont say how much Taylor & Meliss raised roof of house today Charged me 5 Dollars put on trough on East side house finished chimney today

### **Thursday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1864**

As I expected Thomas is plug & imposter Pom & old Man agreed today raise sal 20 Dolls making mine 110 Dolls

### **Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Pom left early this morning with Curtis made 45 miles today. Indian news unimportant am somewhat anxious about Andrew

### **Saturday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather. Crowell finished cementing both floors of house had strips laid into cement in room he built small wall front of basement His Irishman agreed to clear x grade front of basement for 5<sup>00</sup> Paid up Taylor for his work today. Paid Vischar \$100 Drew \$100 on Mays note today. Crowell now has 8 Dolls more than all his Mason work comes to Cant find flooring bot 3 lock for house. Recd letter from Andrew dated Black Butte somewheres near Green river July 29<sup>th</sup> all but four his party had been sick he is on of the 4. had some hard times & some little adventure with arappaho Indians from what he says they Expect to be here 1<sup>st</sup> October but guess they wont come in til December News from East unimpt some fighting on North side James River Gold 256

**Sunday Aug 21**

Fine & pleasant weather. News unimportant Wrote & mailed letter to Pa & Marcus enclosing letter from Andrew. Wrote letter to Herald. Recd Msg from Brown Laramie Capt Evans arrived there this eve says Andrew in Excellent health

**Monday Aug 22**

Nothing imp. Still lathing at house progress slow mailed letter to Jo

**Tuesday Aug 23<sup>d</sup>**

Great Excitement here report from Forest City on Elkhorn Indians came drove off 200 cattle belonging to Creighton. Authorities here ordered Every Man Enroll some Company Stores business houses closed. 4-5 Companies forming I enrolled in to A. Election this noon Capt Beale Geo Yates 1<sup>st</sup> Barlow 2<sup>d</sup> Lt Wallace 1<sup>st</sup> Seargt Ordered to report at 8 Pm. Many horses pressed in today 2 Companies ordered to start off Goodrichs & ours. On Guard at Stable to guard horses of Co. Had Musket without a Ramrod or lead in it. Stood guard 9 to 11 Pm Line down beyond Cottonwood

**Wednesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Very hot Thermo 96% at 2 Pm. Grand Indian Excitement proves fizzle No Indian within 100 miles. Some Omahas stampeded stole 2 Creightons cattle. Company trying to catch every man today but after marching round while many skedaddled as its all child play about 20 go out for 10 days, 20 of other Co go with them. Got flooring from Murray today & having it laid down had new closet built in Bedroom but Carpenter put door in wrong place Every mechanic must be watched doing the work slovenly.

**Thursday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing of importance going on.

**Friday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing worth writing. Indian troubles not bad as represented.

**Saturday Aug 27**

Fine day Settled with Crowell for Brickwork & paid him 15 Dolls on Plastering. Paid Visher in full & Murray 3500 He overcharges for lumber. Irishman finished grading in front of house. Had to buy another lock for Closet door. Hibbard gone East to Cleveland this Pm News from east much fighting near Petersburg result not decided Gold 256 ½ yesterday 250 ½ today

**Sunday Aug 28**

Fine weather Recd letter from Leah x one from Nannie. Answered both immy. News fort Morgan surrendered or blown up from Richmond papers. Over 50,000 already in Chicago to attend Convention.

**Monday Aug 29 / 64**

Fine day Line down west. Recd letter from Pa & Mac dated Zaluzan July 25<sup>th</sup> They arrived Prague 19<sup>th</sup> Recd well by Uncle & Bukowan 23<sup>d</sup> There had something of a Levee people coming

from all parts all day to see them Then went to Zaluzan Grandma well & hearty. Max dont go into particulars much. Agreed with painters paint house 55 Dolls commenced today.

### **Tuesday Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**

Fine day Gold down to 235 today. Line ok Going to grain front Room. Was over at Kahns yesterday their house splendidly furnished. No Nomination at Ch yet- Got no report today

### **Wednesday Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1861**

Fine weather. New of surrender fort Morgan with all Equipments Munitions &c with Genl Page & Garrison Confirmed. All quiet Grants front. Democratic National Conv. Presided over by Horatio Seymour Resolutions first avowing devotion to Union & Constitution & that States must remain in Union Other resolutions denounce Administration for Military arrests Tyranny &c ask for Armistice & Convention of States Much confusion on McClellan being pressed as Candidate Prest Harris Md said was Tyrant & read about arrest Md Legislature Long Ohio paid was no better than Lincoln. McClellans Pendleton nominated former first latter 2<sup>d</sup> Ballot Vallandigham though voted for Seymour from Cnn pressed Nomination Mc as unanimous which was done. Gold today 234

### **Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Fine day. Gold 243. News from Farragut confirm surrender Ft. Morgan by Gen Page. Other news unimportant.

### **Friday Sept 2<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Hottest day this Summer Thermo 101 in shade in office. Hot wind blowing Gold 252- News unimportant. Andrew at Laramie today B say will remain there over Sunday. Expect have a talk with him. Sent him Msg. Plasterers finished today Paid Crowell all due him now Will have pay him balance in 2-3 months. Painter painting second coat today only partly done.

### **Saturday Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1864**

Fine day. Cloudy & cool in morning. Nothing impt.

### **Sunday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Had talk with Andrew at F he starts for Omaha tomorrow Expects to reach here Oct 5<sup>th</sup> News recd from Sherman reports he moved most his Army south of Atlanta on Macon road compelled Hood to abandon Atlanta which was occupied by 20<sup>th</sup> Corps under Slocum Battle reported going between Hood & Sherman

### **Monday Sept 5**

Rainy & stormy weather Kingsberry here sick Line being down got no particulars from Atlanta. Gold 242 ½.

### **Tuesday Sept 6**

Cloudy rainy. News from Sherman official report by himself confirms capture Atlanta In fight at East Point Sherman captured 2000 prisoners Killed wounded 3000 rebels among killed Genl Hardee Patton, Anderson Prest orders fire salute from Arsenals Navy Yards Us & thanksgiving

next Sunday on Churches for Victories Atlanta Mobile. John Morgan killed in East Tennessee his forces defeated his Staff captured he was surprised by Col Gillen. Other news favorable

**Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

Warm pleasant News unimpt Gold 242

**Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day. Rented House to Dr Gwin for 22 ½ paid advance for one month from today. paid old Clarke 2 Dolls News unimpt Gold 141

**Friday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing new hot Thermo 92 – in Pm McClellan accepts nomination but speaks Strongly favor Union & says must be Preserved at all hazards. Pomy returned this Am Gold 141 ½

**Saturday Sept 10**

Fine day but hot Thermo over 90. This seems Extraordinary to me. Gold opened 228 closed 221 No news give why fell so

**Sunday Sept 11**

Another hot day. Wrote letters to Col Hooker T L Dunlap Genl Supt Chicago NW RR H H Porter Mich Southern Road for passes to return on from Toledo to Om. Expect get pass for myself 1 Leah from Rucker Wrote letter to Marcus Enclosed in one wrote to Jo also mailed Max NY Herald Sept 5<sup>th</sup> giving account fall Atlanta. News unimpt Went to Kahn this Pm heard great base singer Eichel or Reichel sing with some Germans & Smith of Ishes Drug Store played Piano splendid performer. All passed of ok

**Monday Sept 12**

Hot Windy & dusty Thermo 7 Pm over 90 Recd letter from Leah all sound Nannie also writes asking about geese feathers Gold opened 219 & said gone down to 214 This seems Extraordinary. Andrew passed Julesburg all ok

**Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Warm Windy as usual News unimportant Wrote Leah & Nannie.

**Wednesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing new of importance Sherman orders all Inhabitants Atlanta leave either go north or south Concluded Armistice of 10 days with Hood

**Thursday Sept 15**

Fine weather Taking regular dumbbell Exercise improving some

**Friday Sept 16**

Fine weather getting cool nights Andrew leaves Cottonwood today Expects get here 1<sup>st</sup> October Dey not sure can give him work.

**Saturday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Cool pleasant. News unimportant

**Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Beautiful day Went out to Kountze farm had talk with laborer there Herman Kountze & Wife came up introduced to Mrs K Indians killed 10-12 soldiers near B. Had talk with Dey & Edwards to take Andrew along with his party to survey on Republican till December or January.

**Monday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1864**

This is day ordered for draft in States. Weather Beautiful. Some men killed near Cottonwood by Indians Recd pass from Chicago & N West road for myself & lady from Ch to Nevada

**Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine weather. Great Battle fought on Sunday & yesterday near Winchester by Sheridan & Early. Sheridan victorious Rebels abandoned battlefield left dead wounded lost 3000 prisoners 15 battle flags 5 pieces Artillery. Sheridan pursuing

**Wednesday Sept 21 1864**

further news from Sheridan Victory Complete Rebels lost 5 Generals killed wounded Sheridan lost 1 killed Russell 2 wounded Sheridan appointed Brig in reglar Army salutes fired &c Andrew got to Grand Island today talked with him hes willing go west Not word from home

**Thursday Sept 22**

Cool rainy looking Rode out 13 Miles on St Jo line in AM Returned 1 PM. Wrote in Pm. Went to Concert given by Basso profundo Reichel & others. Verygood singing & music perhaps best Concert ever given here though singing was in german. News from Sheridan he is near Strasburg has near 5000 prisoners. Reported new Alabama arrived Bremerhaven 9<sup>th</sup> Am somewhat anxious about Pa No letters from anyone I feel some disappointed. Gold 221-20

**Friday Sept 23**

Cool Rainy. Gold 216 to 213 – today – News from Seat of War favorable. Recd letter from home. Pa & Marcus write from Bukowan Aug 22<sup>d</sup> very gloomy letter Seems they havnt had letter from home since been there Max is in despair getting into School & possibly or rather very probably comes back with Pa. Everything they hear is gloomy from U.S. Pa brings aunt & her family & several other families along I feel sorry for Max They Expect to start Sept 20<sup>th</sup> & praps get NY 24<sup>th</sup> Nothing from Andrew today. God grant us all a happy reunion

**Saturday Sept 24**

Weather stormy. News of second battle between Sheridan Early at Fishers hill near Strasburg Early badly defeated loss 16 Cannon many prisoners. Gold 200-203. Evans came in today party be here Monday he says. Dont think any of them want go with party to Republican.

**Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Fine day but awfully windy & dusty. News from Sheridan favorable. Went over on buggy this Pm with Asst Engineer met Andrew coming in on wagon hardly knew him in his soldier caps

Rag cloths sunburned face & Neck Brought him in changed his cloths washed took him Tea he dont want go to Republican

### **Monday Sept 26**

Weather stormy dusty. Wrote home to folks Andrew also wrote. News seems still Enquiring Gold opened 188 down to 186 – Sheridan had captured 20 Cannon Early falling back Have no letters from any one

### **Tuesday Sept 27**

Rained last Night pleasant today Hibbard be here tomorrow. Gold 194 today Price invading Mo with 15000 principally Cavalry Forrest Cutting up road from Nashville to Decatur Mailed letter home

### **Wednesday Sept 28**

Cold cloudy rainy this A.M. & rained in Bu which made streets muddy. Price invading Mo & Forrest raid in W Alabama has brought Gold to 204 again. Evans left today & did not succeed getting Dey to give Andrew work. This is perplexing. No word from Pa dont know how to act. Talked with Dey who gives Andrew permission to learn anything he wants in Ofs says if succeeds in drawing will give him work Shimonsky offers to teach him the drawing lessons 3-4 Nights per week thinks if he tries hard will succeed. I come to conclusion to keep him here & try it He is paid off had Balance 204 Dolls coming to him. I kept 200 for him.

### **Thursday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1860**

Cloudy cold line to Ch down all AM Andrew been Messenger here this 3<sup>d</sup> day. News unimportant. Wrote home asking for suit cloths &c

### **Friday Sept 30**

Hear nothing from home. Papers show that Joe & Feil escaped draft. Wrote letter to Lea

### **Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1864**

Bad Weather. Have caught bad cold & have stiff neck Headache &c Afraid will get sore throat Recd letter from Leah nothing particular in it.

### **Sunday Oct 2 1864**

Worse this morning Can hardly swallow Nothing from home.

### **Monday Oct 3<sup>d</sup>**

Raining all day. Taking meals at Ofs Dr Wright gave me some poudre feel some better. Nothing from home yet. Some fighting near Richmond 2-3 days ago not decisive

### **Tuesday Oct 4**

Rained most day lines worked so bad didnt do much today. No Mail from East St Joe Dont know how to act about the matter suppose must wait. Dr Gwynne not in town yet Cant tell whether people will move out Saturday. Ward leaving tomorrow. I must move furniture to some place.

### **Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

Recd Msg from Jo says Pa arrived home safe & would write in few days

### **Tuesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Nothing occurred since last days worth mentioning. Except that I & Andrew moved up to house Andrew progressing well in his drawing. Had the front Room papered Bot a parlor Stove from Cook for 20 Dolls & had a Table ordered be made by Parcels Bought everything necessary in shape of Bucket Cup, Hatchet, &c now comfortably fixed have all furniture from Ward at the house & had Bureau Whatnot & Bedsted varnished. They look like new. Recd letter form Pa today says Marcus in Prag as Extraordinary Leaver Pa pays his board. thats all he says about home affairs. Says went to Colmans & that they arranged to have the wedding take place Nov 13<sup>th</sup> This is considerable of disappointment to me as I expected to leave in day or two & be arranged by that time. Besides the awfully uncomfortable traveling in Nov. Wrote Pa asking him to try & hurry things up & if could not be done to have them ship bedding & such things as are not needed by Ex soon as possible. Wrote Lea telling how disappointed I was

### **Wednesday Oct 12**

Mailed letters to Pa & L today. News from Price seems to show him advancing on Leavenworth Other news unimpt. Election Nebraska yesterday seems gone heavy Union Hitchcock's Majority over 1000 against Daily last Delegates 150. Ohio Ind gone very heavy Union Majorities. Penna home vote very close. Gold up to 204 today

### **Thursday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sheridans Cavalry whipped Rebs handsomely drove them 26 Miles. Shermans communications being badly cut up by Hood Gold advanced to 210 today. I am now taking daily bath in cold water every morning my health improving considerably

### **Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

Herald today says 6<sup>th</sup> Ward clear from draft glad of it for sake of Jo & Feil Anxious to hear particulars from Pa Gold 213 seems steadily advancing & so are goods.

### **Saturday Oct 15**

Weather delightful but we ought to have fires morning & Eve Recd letter from Leah says Pa called on her presented her with double ring he got in Europe he looks well. She mentions nothing about what I suspect is the cause of delaying the Wedding (Nannys preparations to make it a double wedding) But they cant surprise me on that score otherwise she doesnt mention about the matter at all. Gold today high as 219

### **Sunday Oct 16**

Fine day. Took considerable Exercise. Hib went up to House this PM said liked arrangements Wrote letter to Herald. Reading the Book Mormon which I borrowed from the Swiss man It contains much from the New Testament mixed with considerable good advices & a big lot trash pretending to be history of one of the lost tribes of the Jews called Nephites. Most of the work based on absurd pretension of seeing angels & having commands of the lord

**Monday Oct 17**

Fine Weather. Gold 222. News from Sherman look bad No communication with him Painting floor of lower Room. Got table from Parcels. Ordered him to make cupboard Nothing from home. Andrew progressing slowly but Engineers says does things very correct Worked hard this PM blistered hands

**Tuesday Oct 18**

Beautiful Weather though cool. Wrote Pa to present Leah with a silk dress or something else &c Gold 212 today. News from Price in Mo unfavorable hes reported moving on Kansas

**Wednesday Oct 19**

Weather windy Cool. Nothing from home Gold 208  $\frac{3}{4}$  today, ordered pair Gaiters for 8 Dolls

**Thursday Oct 20**

Commenced snowing early this continued at intervals all day. about 2 inches on ground If hadnt melted would have been 6 inches Sheely hasnt delivered Wood & floor in basement not dry enough makes it unpleasant to stay in house Andrew drawing in Tailor Shop of Hellman. Our wire broke accross Mo here couldnt work to Ch

**Friday Oct 21**

Fine weather. Snow melting fast Wrote letter to Leah

**Wednesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

Painter finishing up his job painting blinds today. Recd letter from Pa. He went to Colemans immy on receipt of my letter which took 8 days to reach there & found they couldnt change the day so it remains for 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. They havent finished things they should have shipped consequently wait my arrival to ship them This will be costly delay. Tonight I being on duty had assistance of Pom & Frank receiving the Constitution of Nevada 16500 words took from 6 Pm to AM to finish it & 60 Msgs Now we have it to send yet

**Thursday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1864**

Gloomy cold day.

Andrews Account

Cap & Gloves to Hellman	5 25
Cash	1 00
Cash	2 00
Board December	<u>12 00</u>
Jany 1866 -	20 25
Paid Jany 21 <sup>st</sup> 1866	
Jany 21 <sup>st</sup> Paid me Cash	25. 00
Board up to March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>8 00</u>
Bal Mch 1 <sup>st</sup>	17. 00
Mch 2 <sup>d</sup> Cash	<u>20. 00</u>
	37 00

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<u>Cash Dr-</u> Left with father at Cleveland	740 00
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> Cash on hand	38 05
“ Stamps	24
“ Recd 1 Msg	65
Oct 2 <sup>d</sup> Cash Salary from 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept to Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	32 50
“ 3 <sup>d</sup> Cash Msg – of 2 <sup>d</sup>	1 65
“ “ Two checks Kountze [] for 2 Msgs	8 68
5 <sup>th</sup> Msg 40 – Stamps \$1 <sup>00</sup>	1 40
“ 6 <sup>th</sup> Msg	1 25
7 <sup>th</sup> Msg 2 <sup>00</sup> Msg col 185	3 85
8 Msg 3.25 35. 175	5 35
9 Msg 435, 165 100	7 00
10 Msg 45.2.50 + 250	5 45
13 Msg 55.50. Msg 50C Scrip	1 55
14 Msg 45.50.45. 110. 270 + 45	5 65
15 Msg 50.100. Stamps 100	2 50
12 Check on Kountz + Bro Hibbard	<u>35 00</u>
	150 87
15 Borrowed from Hibbard	10 00
15 Msg 50	50
16 45- Msgs of 14 <sup>th</sup> 105, Msg 150, Msg 100	4 00
17 Msg 105 (Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> 50 -- & 115	2 65
19 <sup>th</sup> 20 Msg 3 <sup>00</sup>	3 55
20 Drawn from Kountze & Bro	<u>15 00</u>
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Oct 2 <sup>d</sup>	Theatre. Cash	.50
3 <sup>d</sup>	Stamps. Telegh	1 50
"	Apples 5 c	5
5	Stamps Tel. 300 Post 10 <sup>c</sup>	3 10
"	Deposit in Kountze Bios Bank	73 68
"	Apples	10
7	Apples 5 c Washwoman 100 Razor Shop 25	1 30
9	Pens. 5 <sup>c</sup> Pomeroy Expense repair Line \$1 <sup>00</sup>	1 05
10	86 ft Wood for office	4 00
11	Apples	10
12	Paid Pom for Armstrong 2 days	1 00
12	" " 2 days Messenger from 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	2 00
12	" Hibbard Check on Kountze Bros	35 00
12	" Stamps R O	15
15	" Paid Pomeroy on Salary	25 00
	Stamp put on Messages	<u>24</u>
		148 33
15	Paid Crary Messenger 7 Days	5 00
	" Herzog soldering Zincs	2 50
16	Apples 5 <sup>c</sup>	5
18 <sup>th</sup>	Candy 10 Stamps 10 <sup>c</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> Soap 10 office Blacking 5	35
19	Stationary bill	4 05
20	Paid Pom	<u>100</u>
		175 48
Oct 21	Cash on hand	11 09
Oct 22	Msgs 265. 45. 120	4 30
" 23	" 290. 140. 85 10.54	15 69
" 24	Drawn from Kountze Bros	25 00
" "	40, 75, 70, 110, 50	3 45
" 26	205	2 05
" 28	Mag 65	65
" 31	260 + 50	<u>3 10</u>
		65 33
Oct 20	Brush 35 <sup>x</sup> , Medicine 25 <sup>x</sup> Sponge 35 <sup>x</sup>	95
Oct 21	Medicine 5 <sup>x</sup> , Apples 5 Tel Stamps 1 <sup>50</sup>	1 60
" 22	Candy Medicine 40	50
" 24	Paid Geo T Wells Msgr	22 00
" 24	Paid Pomeroy. Theatre Ticket 50	25 50
" 26	Stamps 15 Apples 10	25
" 27	Woolworth for wood	1 00
" 28	Stamps (Tel)	60

“ 28 Washwoman	75
“ 29 Bill Bundt & K	35
“ 30 Hair Cutting	<u>25</u>
	53 75
Balance Cash on hand	<u>11 58</u>
	65 33

November 1863

Nov 2 <sup>d</sup> Deposited with Kountze Bros	220 87
Cash on hand.	85 70
Check from Hurford 6816 & chk 15 with Kountze	69 33
Nov 3 <sup>d</sup> Msg 1 <sup>00</sup>	1 00
Nov 4 Msg 405.2.70	6 75
Nov 5 170 Msg	

November 2 <sup>d</sup> 1863	Cash paid Geo Gordon Mesgr	12 00
“ 2	“ “ Hall board to Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	12 25
“	Balance due Kountze Bros	1 32
“	Paid Candy	10
	3 <sup>d</sup> WBH	10 00
	5 “ “ “	377 52

Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cash in Kountze Bank	118 88
“ “	Cash on hand	6 50
“ “ “	recd for Msgs since 1 <sup>st</sup>	13 43
“ “ “ “	“ Stamps	<u>15</u>
		138 96

Nov 6	From Allen	9 05
“ “	Messages 473. Stamps 15	4 88
“ 7	“ 383 “ 5	3 88
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*Loose materials contained within Edward Rosewater's 1863-1865 Diary*

The Great Union Pacific Railway  
(*The Daily Cleveland Herald*  
Cleveland, Ohio – Sat. evening  
Dec. 12, 1863)

Our Nebraska correspondent gives a spirited account of the inauguration at Omaha City, on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst of a work of the first magnitude and importance – the breaking of ground on the Union Pacific Railway – in due time to become the “Nation’s Great Highway.” Among the letters read on the interesting occasion was one from Secretary Chase, in which he said:

“It is among my most pleasing recollections of service as a Senator from Ohio, that the first practical measure looking to the construction of a Union Pacific Railroad which received the sanction of the Senate was moved by me. The measure was an amendment to the army appropriation bill, placing at the disposal of the Secretary of War \$150,000 to be expended in surveys and explorations of routes for the road. It was adopted by the Senate in February 1853 and subsequently concurred in the House. Its results are embodied in the volumes known as the Pacific Railroad Report printed by order of Congress.”

The Gold Diggings of Idaho (*The Daily Cleveland Herald* – Dec 22, 1863)

The Nebraska Republican of the 11<sup>th</sup> announces the arrival at Omaha of \$50,000 in gold dust direct from Bannock or Beaver Head Mines of Idaho and reports the Bannock Mines the most extensive and rich of any ever discovered on the continent. An immense emigration to that region next season is predicted.

Capt. Fish and several members of his Expedition have arrived at Saint Paul. The Press states that Capt. Fish brought some fine specimens of Bannock and Virginia City gold and gives a very encouraging account of the St. Paul boys who went out in his party in 1862. The men who went out this year have good prospects of success. The whole party, both this and last years, are making about \$30 per day nett on an average. Most of last year’s party had a “pile” of gold amassed already. Capt. Fisk brought home funds from several to their families in St. Paul etc. etc. The region embraced in the gold region has many spots highly favorable for agriculture – etc. etc. No marvel multitudes rush to Idaho & Nevada!

(This is the article just in front of the Pacific RR. Survey!)

Pacific Railway Survey – Coal and Iron. (*The Daily Cleveland Herald* – Dec 22, 1863)

The Pacific Railway will bring to light untold mountain riches and resources. Prof. Hodges, who accompanies the surveyors of the Great Union Pacific Railway, reports the grades through the Cheyenne Pass very easy, and that an abundance of Coal and Iron ore have been found on the eastern slope of the Black Hills, distant about 600 miles due west from Omaha City. The Republican remarks:

The discovery of large deposits of Coal and Iron ore on the eastern slope of the Black Hills, is a matter of the highest importance to the Pacific Railway, as it will insure an abundant supply of fuel for their locomotives at a very desirable point for distribution to the various stations east, where the quantity of timber is limited and will enable the Company, at any time

after the road shall reach that point to manufacture its own iron. The Black Hills are about equidistant between the Missouri River and the Great Salt Lake Valley.

Sept. 1, 1864 – (?)

Indian War in the West

The Indian troubles on the Plains about the Rocky Mts -are assuming formidable proportions & unless speedily arrested will interrupt – Westward emigration & enterprise – Indians - - - No. 18 000 - - 4000 warriors They are mounted - - in small parties - - scattered – impossible to overtake & chastise them - - They pounce upon wagon trains – burn cabins – massacre men – women & children – are off before military of nearest post can reach scene of desolation – overland travel suspended – Genl. Curtiss – doing all he can to put end to Indian combinations threaten Western frontier

Expedition of Gen Sully – directed US - - defeat not confirmed – Steamboats carrying supplies & immigrants – not attacked

Oct. 24, 1864

Union Triumph in Nebraska

The Nebr. Dep. – Oct 13<sup>th</sup> brings cheering intelligence of Union victory in Territory

If you feel this is not the right article let me know – I couldn't see anything else – but a 2<sup>nd</sup> glance might disclose something else. IF you want more detail I can copy it in full.