

HAUN DIARY

Book #2

~~April 1, 1855 - September 4, 1856~~
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PART TWO

Nov 55

Mo

26

breckfast over Bub paid
me 150\$ all the money he had
to spair, I & Jack started for
home. We went by Tucker flat
diggins stopd & took dinner with
Mr Doroty. I gave two of his dau
ghters 3 small specimens & we
then went by the sand hill dig
gins stopd a while there & at
dark we fed our horses at Mr.
Bridgers & got our suppers & then
rode home by 10 at kt.

Tu

27

I helpd the boys sack two loads wheat
it rained some this fore noon.
The waggons loaded & gone to town
I helpd Jack & Derick to build
a shed to keep their wheat dry
after it was sackd. P.M. we
sackd moore wheat out of the granery.

We

28

The weather had the appearan
ce of rain but nearly drisdled.
We were sacking wheat & sending
it to town.

Nov 55

Th

29

We were still sacking wheat
Joe Ficklin came home from
town & said that the steamer
Golden Age had arivd at san
francisco. News by telegraph.

Fr

30

The teams halld two loads each
to town to day. H.P. & wife & chil
dren came home early from town
as they had gone in on the day be
fore & braught a paper out that
had the names of a Mr & Mrs
Haun & child. So I & Jack af
ter supper got in the carriage
& went to town. It was verry
dark. We had got to the stable
& Jack was getting a lantern. The
Boat whistled down at Feather
river Bridge. Down we went &
just as I got near the ladies
cabin who should I see but
wife coming out following
Dave & Lizzy. We kisssd each
other & went out to the carriage
all 5 & started for H.P. Arrivd
safe in good time.

Dec 55

Sat

1

Cool morning. We fixd up
the last load of wheat that
filld the engagement of 1,000 bu.
We then took a rabbit hunt
& caught two. H. P. went to
town & sent to san francisco
after their trunks that had been
freighted across the isthmus.

Su

2

Cool morning. I, Dave & Henry
had several chases with the dogs
& hairs early Bow & Rose came
& spent the day. Kath had a good
dinner. Alls well.

Mo

3

I & Derick started for bob
Bourne 24 miles. Arrivd at 2 P.
M. staid all kt.

Tu

4

Clowdy has raind a verry lit
tle. Bub paid me 100\$ all he
could do. We started home again
wen t by Tucker flat saw the
Miss Daugherty, & got home af
ter sun set. H. P. has been sick
the last two days.

Dec 55

We

5

Raining. I, Jack, Dave, Derick & two hired men went up to the upper ranch & moovd a house out of the field near the road side. Rind off & on all day.

Th

6

Raining still a little. I Jack went to town to see after getting up in the mountains again & came to the conclution to go in town in the morning. Whiskey 3/4\$ medicine for John 3\$. Went to H. P. at 4 P. M.

Fr

7

Raining & fowl weather. The mountains are coverd with snow looks rather gloomy with snow at a distance.

Dave Liz wife & me got ready & H. P. took us to town A. M. stopd at the western House paid 1 1/2\$ drayage on trunk from boat. Do on 3 trunks to western house 1/2\$ pd by Dave, Freight on 3 trunks to M ville 103\$ Money sent to

Dec 55

Fr

7

H. Rankin 283\$ for John Pratt
& 60\$ to san Francisco borrowd
money of S.S. Burkley & others
& exchange 11 1/2 Dolls. Guncoat &
boots for wife & Liz 7\$, stage fair
to Rabbit Creek 40\$ & freight on
3 coverd trunks to Rabbit Creek
30\$ tavern bill 10\$ tobacco 1/2\$ fiddle
string 3/4\$.

Sat

8

Partially clear last kt & cloudy
this morning, we set out for the
mountains. Breckfast at Peoria
house 4\$ & then the stage stopd
at the Oregon house at noon we
did not dine. P.M. raining a little.
We got to the New York House. Stage
stopd here will up no farther. Con
siderable snow here.

Su

9

Raind all kt here. The saddle
train & about 1 doz passengers star
ted for Rabbit Creek early, we
had to ly over on account of Ladies

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Su

9

saddles. 9 o clk A.M. the sun is shining out bright & warm & continued till noon.

Mo

10

Clowdy this morning. We had breckfast early, our board here was 20\$ for all four. We moun ted our mules & put one of the trunks on a mule & left the oth er three, and started for Rabb it Creek. We got along verry well. Commensd raining about noon & then snowing the rest of the day, & made Rabit Creek just before dark, all wet & cold.

Tu

11

Cleard off in the kt & was frosty in the morning. The sn ow here is 3 1/2 deep & is settled do wn all most to bear a man. The sun shone out bright & warm all day. We all stopd for the day.

We

12

Quite clear the wind from the north. At 10 oclock I & dave sta rted for Gibsonville & left wife & Lizzy at the Rabbit Creek house

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to board at the rate of 14\$ a piece per week. We arrived on foot at Gibsonville at 1 P. M. the sun shone warm & pleasant all day.

Th

13

Cloudy this morning. We had made a pair of snow shoes a piece & paying our bill for three meals & lodging each, 6\$ at the mountain cottage we started for Nelson point. We had gotten about one mile & had to return. I forgot my revolver, besides we could not keep our snow shoes on.

We again started after 10 A. M. & with much difficulty & tying we got our shoes to stay on. By this time the snow begin to fall & the wind to blow. We got to Onion Vally after noon, waited 1 1/2 hours for dinner 2\$. Still snowing a little we tide on our shoes & again started, the wind blowing a perfect gale. The snow drifted & light. We arrivd at the point after sun set quite fatigued & the skin rubd off our feet in severall places, but went on home.

Dec 55

Fr

14

I found all well. John & Rains & James Shults is board ing with us. The snow is about one foot deep here after setting. The boys has not been able to do any work in the diggins since Ive been gone on account of wa ter, the sun has shone out most of the day, but looks rather stor my. We made a road betw een the cabins & to the ditch to get water. The boys halld up so me wood. I took a warm ba th last knight & slepd fine.

Sat

15

Commensd snowing early last kt, this morning the knew sno w was 6 inches deep & continu ed snowing & misting all da y. We dont so mutch as think of going to work & eat twice a day.

Su

16

Rains & Shults did not come home Last kt, but Shults came early this morning and says bill is Drunk. I read

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six of the last chapt's of Paul
to the Romans after breckfast
I, Dave & John set to work and
made four pair of snow shoes out of
hoops & flour sacks, in ten
ding to go after wife & Lizzy as
soon as the weather is favourable.

Mo

17

Clowdy & misty all day we were
fixing up our snow shoes. Af
ter noon I, John & Dave went up
the ditch to see after the water, it
is making its way down 1/2 mile
from the reservoy. Our snow shoes
is verry imperfect from trial made.

Tu

18

Up befor light two hours & bre
ckfast over waiting for day. Clow
dy, John started for Quincy to
get the clerks certificat of release
of I. T. Pratt & D. H. Smith from
continuing my security any lo
nger as guardian for my son
John as he is now of age. The
sun shone out all day.

I was fixing snow shoes

Dec 55

Tu

18

John got home about
sun set with the certificates
of the clerk & judge.

We

19

Clouded up last kt, the
wind blowing from the south
raining & snowing a little to
day. I & Rains went up the pike
Ditch to see what had become
of the water the levy was
brok in many places, the
water running out, we
mended it up all most a
pipe head, we did intend
to go over to Rabbit Creek after
wife & Liz to day if the weather would
have permitted. It is now
bed time & raining considerably.

John pd 2\$ for the clerks cer
tificate of release, & 8\$ to Duesler.

Th

20

Breckfast over & a consulta
tion had I, John & Dave put
on our snow shoes & carried

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Su 23

Clear cold & frosty last kt
I, wife & Liz tride to sleep toge
ther, it was too cold & the bed
was so verry hard we slepd but
little, after Breckfast over, we
dug up a sledge out of the snow
I went & got a young fir tree &
made half soles for the runners
tide on our luggage & put my
wife on, pd the land lord 10\$
off we started 4 of us to pull &
Liz to get along the best she could
as soon as we got in the woods
the snow crest brok through,
so Dave went on to Gib ville af
ter our snow shoes & met us one
& 1/2 miles from Gib ville arrivd at
noon, took dinner 6\$ & soon af
ter started for the onion vally, but
got to the foot of the hill & returnd
again to the mountain cottage.

Mo 24

Clear & verry cold. Last kt &
all of to day after 10 a. m. paid
our bill 12\$ we set out again wi
th some 3 men to help us & got up
the hill half way, but the wind

Dec 55

Mo 24

blew from the N.E. so cold we was
afraid to risk the top, for fear of
freezing wife & Liz, we turnd about
again & went back to the moun
tain cottage put up for the day
I & John went out & got some tim
ber to make a knew sledge, we
succeeded in getting it partially made.

Tu 25

Christmas morning & cold yet
but moderated some & clowding
up we set two & finished our sledge
& harnessd up. Pd our bill 16\$ off
we started, we had gone 1/2 mile
when 13 men over took us to help
us over the mountain, we halld
them mostly up to it top, some 4
returnd the rest went on to onion
vally, we put up for the kt, the
men took a hour, eat dinner &
returnd to Gibson ville, & snowing.

We 26

Snowd all kt & at this place
the wind blowing a heavy gale with
the snow falling fast, after late
breckfast we hitchd up paid our
bill & those that helpd us the day be
fore 18\$ & askd aid to draw our

Dec 55

We 26

sledge load through the snow
a part of the way 7 men turnd
out, we had gotten over the har
dest places 3 turnd back & the oth
er 4 went on the Nelson point
arrivd all in good order & in time
we put up at the Thompson
house, it's snowing still.

Th 27

raind last kt & raind &
snowd all of today, so after
dinner I, wife & Liz started
for our cabbins, it was as mu
tch as wife could do to walk
(home) Dave & John went home
on yesterday evening & (?)
Rains Drinking & gambling at
the point, my bill at the point
John his ma & Liz got supper
on last Mo 24th several men
that passd between onion vally
& Gibson ville had there feet fro
sted considerably.

Fr 28

I was up before day light as
I got cold in the bunk I was
sleeping in, & not in my old

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Fr 28

cabin we had concluded to
stop in the other cabin. Liz &
John got Breckfast. That over
I concluded to moove back in
my own cabin, I took down
the old bunks & put up two
double ones, one above the other.
I & wife takes the under & Liz
the upper one, clear & cold.
Last kt & all of today the wo
men has been cleaning up to day.

Sat 29

Clear & cold last kt & all of
today. I was fixing up my old
cabin chinking the cracks on the
inside with rags & taking down
some old shelves. John Dave &
Rains cut a set of cabin logs by
noon to make a store & cook house.
Dave broke my ax cutting to day.

Su 30

Cold & clear we all put in our
time rather poorly the cold wea
ther the lack of comforts for fern
ales all tend to make our time dra
g, heavily on & it is entirely too cold
to do anything at mining.

Dec 55

Su 30

I read the two last chaps of
first corinthians. I wrote a letter
to H.O.P. the days & kts are verry cold
our water ditches frozen dry.

Mo 31

Still cold & clear. John went
down to the point on yesterday &
got a cross cut saw, today we saw
blocks & laid the foundation of
a new cabin. I had two sledges
to mend as they bear up the log
and our selves the team, wife
& Liz were washing our deeds
and dose the cooking.

Tu 1

Clear & cold last kt & today
John is about the cabin with a
bad cold. I, Dave Rains & Thults
are putting up the cabin. Rains &
Shults hall the logs & I & Dave
Knotch & hew them down. I think
it a little romantic to be fixing
up cabbins as if we expected to
have diggins to last here while
we staid in calafornia, or
wishd to stay in this country.

January 1856

We 2

Clear & cold last kt. but a littler warmer to day. I did not put my coat on today as I kept at work knotching & hewing & some times helping hall logs, John went down to the point, got Liz a pair of shoes price 2\$ & some other things for his ma. I took out of my trunk two, out four towells that wife had me to bring from home, they had not been used untill New Years.

Th 3

Clear & cold kt & day it was some cooler to day than yester day, we've got two ridge poles on the door sawd out & the rest of the timber halld that we want except the boards to cover in, the new cabin, we have a greater variety to eat since wife has come to our cabins, we are all setting around a good fire in my cabin except Dave he is in the other one, John plying the fiddle.

Jan 56

Fr 4

The weather moderated considerably cloudy most of the day, we finished putting up the ridge poles & a tree cut & blocks sawd to make boards.

Sat 5

Rather warm & cloudy we succeeded in splitting & putting on the Boards on the house the shed is to cover yet, cloudy.

Su 6

Cleared up again, we were busy most of the day. I made a shaving horse & some other tinkering. David commenced to make himself a chair, wife did some mending. Shults & Rains went down to the point & reported a very interesting mock trial going on, in which a Dutch shoe maker was plaintiff, John put 2 legs in an old chair, I, Dave Liz Shults & Rains were riding down the hill on 2 sleds in the morning I read the 3 last chapters of 2 and Corinthians.

Jan 56

Mo 7

Clear & not verry cold, we
all five was at work on the
cabin by noon the shed between
the cabins was coverd & timber
brought to chink the cabin.

p. m. Dave & John was putting
down the floor, the rest of us was
sawing down the 2 corners under
the shed & hewing the end logs
under the shed (?)

Tu 8

Clowded up this morning & con
tinued all day, John & Dave fin
ishd the floor & sawd out two
windows, shults & Rains were
chinking the cracks. I was fram
ing up the door, after noon I did
nothing of consequence, the rest of
the boys done the same, they went
up the hill & halld down a slyd load
of wood, wife is verry mutch dis
pleasd with the language I use in
talking to her, or at least says she is--
we caught a grey squirl today
in our cabin & have him chaind
and in a box, at dark in clind
to mist or rain but slightly.

January 56

We 9

Raining & snowing last kt &
all of to day. Dave was at work
at his chair, shults & John was
helping wife & Lizzy to wash all
the dirty cloths & socks that was
on hand I & Rains went down
to the point to get a cook stove
& found two one at 45\$ & one at 65\$ one
too small the other too high priced
I met Cooper & sockum, cooper
wanted to sell out his interest in
the sockum ditch, as he & others
had nothing to eat nor money
to buy with. H. bray went over
to Illinois Ranch with them.

Th 10

Snowing considerable this mo
rning after breckfast I & Dave
started for the sockum Diggins
caught up with bray & cooper at
martins ranch & then went on
to the diggins H bray bought one
of the company out at 333\$ &
I baugh cooper out at the sa
me, there being 3 shears in the
ditch & one working interest ownd

Jan 56

Th 10

by Gorge Taylor. All three of them
came over with us, cooper stays
with us to knight

Fr 11

Still snowing of kts & days
at intervals, the boys workd at
the pike Ditch to get the water
to rundown it. I & Cooper went
down to the point & closd the
trad by allowing I. W. Thompson
& Co to bye out Taylor & make 4
interests in the ditch & they pay
ing us @ 6\$ each making my
interest 1/4 & costing 307\$ instead
of 333\$. Duesler & Brooks came
home with me & staid all kt.

Sat 12

Snowd severall inches last kt
& raining & snowing a little at in
tervals to day, after Duesler & Brooks
left we all went the pike Ditch & got
the water to run down, in the after
noon we shoveld out the snow
nearby to the diggins the water
still continued to run on, but
weak, rather two mutch snow &
ice.

Jan 56

Su 13

the sun shone out warm
& pleasant nearly all day, some
cloudy late this evening. The boys
halld one load of wood on sledges
down hill to burn. I & Rains took
a dull root axe, went down to the
point & ground it Dave & John went
up the pike ditch & stopd a leak
then came down to the point to as
sist in getting home a cook stove
if we were suited but went home
with out any, Rains staid on a spree
I read the Books of phillipians & Collos

Mo 14

Warm & sunny most of the
day. I mended up my Gum boots.
John & Dave went out to the diggins
Shults was rocking today. p. m.
we went up the pike ditch & stopd
some holes & continued down to the
diggins, a sloos head is running
through the boxes. I shoveld the
snow out of them they have ice
in them, the hose is still got ice
froze in them

Jan 56

Tu

15

Cloudy & rained verry lightly last kt. The sun shone out warm this fore noon. P.M. clowded up, some cooler. I John & Dave workd on the lower end of the ditch & let the water on the hose & thawd out the ice, after noon we did some mining. Cleand up got about one dollar. Rains is out.

We

16

The sun shone to day but not as warm as I could wish. I & Dave went up the pike Ditch stopd some holes & cleand it out down to the diggins. John was cleaning up some bed rock A. M. After noon we was piping untill the hose bursted. We cle and up got gold 6 1/2\$.

Th

17

Clear & cold last kt after breckfast I & Dave started for betsey town. We took dinner at Quincy with Duesler then went on, met Rains at O Neals Ranch. He turnd & went with us. I engaged a cook stove

Jan 56

Th 17 of Blood & Compy at 75\$, then
went back to Quincy staid all
kt with Duesler.

Fr 18 Still cold & clear last kt, & wa
rm to day, after consulting a
bout some old Law buisness &
other things we then started for
home arrivd about 3 p.m.....
rather too cold to mine.

Sat 19 Cold & frosty last kt & not ver
ry warm to day though the sun
shone out bright & clear all day.
We all were putting in our time
about the new cabin. P.M.
Hossulcuth brought a cook stove
for us but we had to hall it up
on a slyd from the road, we
set it up but got a hole to put
through the roof for the pipe.

Su 20 Cold last kt, the sun shone
out warm A.M. after breckfast
we set to work & fixd up the
kitchen, wife & Liz got dinner on

Jan 56

the stove & moovd the tables & cook
toolg in the kitchen. Clowded up this
p. m. I read the three first Chapt of
paul to Timothy first. We
knockd up 4 old sloos boxes
and got gold 4 1/2\$.

Mo

21

Clowdy then sun shone out
P. M. clowdy again. John
Dave & Bill was mining all day
did not clean up. I was put
ting a cupboard made a door &
hung it, put on wash boards.
H. Bray came up late P. M.
Staid all kt.

Tu

22

Snowing this morning & some
last kt. The 3 boys went out
to mining they were cleaning
up bed rock till noon & got
gold 58 1/2\$. I & Bray went out
to the diggins A. M. he then
went home. I was put ting up
some shelves in the kitchen.
It has been raining & snowing
all day & continues up to late
bed time.

Jan 56

We

23

Snowd last kt & is still at it.

I was getting wood to build a fire

I saw a kiota near our cabin

but he ran off. The boys went up

the pike ditch to stop the holes. They

soon got down a pipe head & to

spare. I was fixing the kitchen

door, P. M. I & Bill was mining, did

not clean up boxs, got gold 21 1/2\$

John & Dave was mending up the

pike ditch this P. M.

Th

24

Cold & frosty last kt, but cloudy

this morning & cleard up but was

cold all day, all four was clea

ning up bed rock till noon & got

gold 30 1/2\$. P. M. Dave went up the

pike ditch to stop a leake, and us

three to run the water in the deep

cut on the left, as the right hand

Channel is workd out, we were

the rest of the evening running

out snow & ice, & setting some

boxes, verry cold this evening.

Jan 56

Fr

25

Cold & frosty last kt & continues so this morning, the boys was getting wood by halling it down hill on slydes, I took down the first table that I put up in 53 to eat on, & put up a water shelf in its place, & made a false bottom for a sloos box. P. M. we went out to the diggins mended up two sloos boxes & set them.

Sat

26

Still colder last kt than usual. There is no water running in the ditch this morning. After the sun had warmed up the atmosphere, the boys were halling down some wood. I & Dave went up the pike ditch & stopd a hole made by freezing up the ground, that let all the water run out of the ditch P. M. nothing done of consequence. I & Raubs cut up a cedar stump that stood partially under the entry. Frank Fox came up to invite the women down to the point to a private Party did not go.

Jan 56

Su

27

Cold last kt, but the snow a little softend from the rays of the sun. John went down to the point got some sole leather 1/2\$ to put on his gum boots. They had a Dewell & spree over the Dutchman last kt & this morn ing, I read the 9. 10. 11 chaps of paul to the Hebrews.

Mo

28

Cold last kt but clowded up & snowd all day lightly. We all staid in the cabins till noon. Bray & Sockuns came up to see me, after dinner we three started for the Sockun diggins but staid all kt at the Illinois Ranch.

Tu

29

Raind but snowd most last kt, after an early Breck fast the compy started for the diggins & water ditch 4 miles & then 2 miles up it a good pipe head, we then re turnd to Massac Diggins to ascer

Jan 56

tain if the miners would pay
us for the use of the water, they
said they do not want to buy water
so I & Sockum went up the ditch
again & let the water out so it wou
ld not run down to them. We then
went down below the partnership
ditch & turnd their water out of our
ditch in a little ditch below ours
& started for home. I eat supper
lodged & breckfasted at the Ill. Ranch
Terwillegar put the aperahoes on two
pack mules for I & Bray to ride over
to nelson & him selfe on a horse.
I got home just before kt, wife
had scrubd the floor & hung up a
curtain a cross the cabin just in
front of our bunks, all nice.

We

30

Clowdy last kt some little fro
zen snow was falling on the roof
after I went to bed this morning
it is raining & continued all day
lightly. We all went out to min

Jan 56

We

30

ing after dinner except
John. Shults was helping
us. Cooper came over I pd
him off for his Sockuns ditch
& diggins a ballance of 153\$. Bray
came over & staid all kt with
us, we got gold 13 1/2\$. Still thawing.

Th

31

Clowdy this morning. We were
mining early. John & Bray
shoulderd their blankets & put
for the Sockum Diggins. Our hose
tore A. M. I mended up, eat din
ner and at it again. Lat p. m.
the hose ripd I set to work &
sewd them up again did not
clean up the boxes.

Febuary 1856

Fr

1

Clear & frosty the snow was
froze to bear last kt, we were
at our posts in time & was most
of the fore noon getting out frozen

Febuary 56

Fr

1

dirt. P.M. we took out a stump
& put through a quantity of dirt
& rocks & cleamd up got gold 12\$.

Sat

2

Cold & frosty last kt & this fore
noon. so mutch that we
could not work, the water
would freeze on our hats & on
the handles of the tools when
not usd constant, we all quit
before noon. Fox came over
to buy a fourth in our ditch
es & diggins. John came home
just at dark & says the miners
over at Massack diggins has been
using our water again, but
were stopd by Sockum & Coopy.

Su

3

Snowing a verry little this mor
ning, but the sun shone out
warm most of the day. Bray
came by took dinner. Soon
after John & him started over
to Massack diggins with their packs.

Feb 56

Su

3

I took an ax down to the point
ground it some, Bill & Shults
had ground 2 others & a hatchett....
I sold 28\$ worth in dust, paid
Ritchey 7 1/4\$ borrowd money &
pd for 4 lbs naild 1\$, & sharpning 2
picks 1 1/2\$ & pd Frank Fox 7 1/2\$.
Shults got a letter for Dave from
H. P. of date Jan 26th 56 giving
an account of the Law suit be
tween me & Lloyd being decided
in my favor by the supreme
court of Cala, I jumpd & how
ld again & again until I was ho
arse. After supper I read the
3rd 4 & 5 chapt of Gen & of Peter.
Snowd last kt & this morning &
continued clowdy without sno
wing all day we were at min
ing & got gold 7\$. Dave went over
to Quincy & returnd this evening.
I did some mending on the
hose to day.

Mo

4

Feb 56

Tu

5

Verry cold last kt so mutch
so that we cannot work. I
& Rains concluded to go over
to Sockum Diggins, we took
dinner at their cabin on some
cold scraps & dry bread. We then
went up the ditch to where our
partners was at work cutting a
new ditch. We all six went ba
ck 2 miles to the cabin & staid
all kt and I slepd with John.

We

6

Still verry cold last kt but
the sun shone out out all day
but not verry warm. We enga
gd the water in our ditch to some
miners at 4\$ per day. I turnd
the water in the disputed ditch
so they could get the water but
they did not agree among them
selves so they did not use it. I
& Rains went up the ditch to its
head & stopd a leak, returnd took
a cold dinner & I was helping

Feb 56

Th

7

John to dig a ditch as Bray &
John Shults are digging out
troughs to floom 160 ft across
a creek & Sockun is gone to get
a bill of sale to the disputed part
of the ditch. Did not get home.

Cold last kt. John, Bray & Sh
ults started to their work & I
& Rains started for Quincy.

I there met with Sockuns. I
did some buisness & started for
home, arrivd about sun set.

Fr

8

Not so cold last kt & to day.

I was mending up some old
shovels. We had just set down
to dinner & Sockum came in &
eat with us. That over we went
down to the point. I receivd a
remitater from the suprem court
against John Lloyd, & a letter from
H. P. relative to the suit. I gave
Dave 2 1/2\$ & 1/2 dollar on Tuesday
last.

Letter from H. P.

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Sat

9

Clouded up last kt & snowd
a little this morning. Cleard
up warm. I was mending 2
shovels P. M. we were mining
& got gold 5 1/2\$. The hose ripd or
we should have done moore.
John came home in time for
supper, Shults did not help us.

Su

10

Cold last kt, but warm & ple
asant to day. John & Rains started
early for Rabbit Creek to get some
dressing for Wife & Lizzy. I & Lizzy
went down to the point took din
ner with the Foxes. Wife & Dave
staid at home. I read the second
Epistle General of Peater for my lesson.
I gave John & Rains \$ for expences.

Mo

11

Cold last kt & warm & pleasant today.
I & Dave went over to the Ameri
can Vally. I, Bray, Fox & Sockum
sewd old Terwillegar for a water
ditch & laid an injunction. Atty
Hogan & Hundley.

Feb 56

Mo

11

I, Fox & Sockum went up to our cabin arrivd after dark. Dave & Bray & Parker was there...
pd clerks fees 13 1/2\$ pd by Fox.

Tu

12

Not so cold last kt. The snow melted verry mutch to day. All six of us went up & halld the trou ghfs on the ground to put up the fl oom for the new part of the ditch, af ter dinner I, Dave & Fox & Sockum started for home & Sockum for the Ill. Ranch & him some behind when we three got to old Terwille gars diggins, he T stopd us by asking what it was that we wanted to have a law suit about. & said we had ac ted Damd rascally in turning our wat er out of our own ditch. This he repeated a second time. I stepd up to him & said I was one of the compy & he must not say so. He repeated it again. I told him he was a liar. He struck me with a shovel. His son & Larison tride to do the same, Dave fought the old man

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I ran Larison with a dirk knife
and was trying to stab the old man
& Fox caught me. Dave was on him
a whipl him badly. The fuss over we
started again for home. Met the sher
iff in 1/4 mile. He went & servd the papers
on old Terwillegar. We met John
on the hill above Martins. He turnd
round & went home with us again.

We

13

Nights not so cold & the days are
warm enough to melt the snow co
nsiderable. After breckfast John & Bill
started for Massac diggins. I, Dave
& Shults went to mining. The hose
ripd a little in several places. We
memded them. P.M. got gold 9\$.
My wrist is quite sore from the
blow I knockd off that Terwillegar made.

Th

14

To day is the warmest. I was
to see Lewis & family at his house.
Bray came over on yesterday &
went back to day. I did not see him.
The hose ripd, P.M. I was mending

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before dark John & Rains came home. They say all is quiet over at Massac, except preparing for the law suit & old Bray is bawled out Sockum & is quite thick with old Terwilegar.

Su

17

Warm & cloudy all day. We went out the diggins & set the sloos in a new place attleas where we prospected the claim & I mended the hose some & laid them for piping. After dinner John & Bill started for Massac diggins. I & Shults went down to the point I got tobacco for wife 1\$. Sold gold dust 41\$ & read 2-3 chapt of G of John.

Mo

18

Froze last kt but warm to day. I went over to Quincy on business. I got out an execution against Lloyd cost 9\$. I paid Sheriff 14\$ & 90 cts for services against Terwillegar & staid all kt.

Feb 56

Tu

19

with Duesler slepd in his shop.

Cold & frosty last kt, & warm
to day. After breck fast I was to
see Mrs Jennings & Tom. We
had a long chat. He wants to
sell the Am Ranch to me.

I took dinner with them &
soon after I started home
& arrivd before dark. All well.
Dave & Shults got gold 17\$.

We

20

Raining & snowing last kt
& to day. I went down to Lewis
& got sgr McNabb to go down
to the point, he got the bond
of Lloyds & Roots. R said he
would settle it, with out any
moore law. I sent the Bond
over to Quncy by F. Fox. I went
home, after dinner, I Dave, & Bill
Rains, went out to mining and got gold 10\$.

Feb 56

Th

21

Cold last kt, clowdy & snowing some most of the day. We did not work to day. John came home about noon. Bray & Parker allso left Massack diggins to see the rest of the compy. Lewis came over for 1/2 doz gunny sacks.

Fr

22

Coll last kt, still snowing a little occationally. The sun shines out at intervals. We are dressd up for the ball at Elizabeth town. Wife, Liz, Bill & I are waiting for the Nelson point Ladies & gentlemen. After dinner we all set out. I Bill & Hirman is on walker & Foots train. Stopd at Quincy & then rode in a waggon to betsey town at early candle light & continued dancing till 4 in morning.

Sat

23

Slear & frosty. I was up at sun rise breckfasted. Cost 2\$ for I and wife. Near noon we arrivd at

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Quincy. We took dinner with
Mrs. Jennings. After sun set
I took a shot nap & then went
to the dance that was all ready
in operation at the court room.
Broke up at 11 P.M. & then to bed.

Su

24

Clear & frosty. Took breckfast
with Duesler. Calld on Hun
dley, then on Judge Wards fa
mily. Had an introduction to
Mrs Vaughn. About noon we
all started for home. I had to
walk all alone. My lesson is
10th chapt of Revelations.

Mo

25

Clear & pleasant, the snow
is melting off fast. John went
over to Massac. I, Dave & Shults
were mining & got gold 13 1/2\$.
The hose ripd we mended up &
was piping all P.M. Rains is now
at home, dont know where he is.
I gave John 12 1/2\$ to pay Coffin
for the ditch that is in dispute with Twillegar.

Feb 56

Tu

26

Quite cold this morning wind from the north. We were late in getting out to work. We had to set our boxes again in the deep cut & did not get ready for washing till noon. P.M. I had some sewing to do on the hose, we washed a quantity of dirt & got gold 11 1/2\$. Bill got home late this evening. The day has been rather cold.

We

27

Still verry cold. We did not mine till P.M. We got gold 9 1/2\$. The hose bursted before kt.

Th

28

Verry cold we did not go to the diggins. I & Dave mended two garden hoes. I then made 5 pick handles. Fox came up in the P.M. to get us all to go down to the point to a dance, we refused to go but him & Frank came back with mules for them to ride, so we all fixed up except Dave & went down. Danced till 2 in the morning.

Feb 56

Fr

29

Cold as usual wind from north. We stopd & breckfasted with Fox. I paid 1 1/2\$ for a pair of shoes for wife. I came home about noon. Soon after John & Carroll came over from Massac & left Bray there. Wife came ho me on a mule. John fixd up & went to the dance to come off at Independance Bar to kt. Liz Rains & Shults... all gone... I gave John 5\$ & Dave 10\$.

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Sat

1

Cold as usual nothing do ing. After dinner I went out to mend the hose put a patch but moore sewing to be done.

Su

2

Cold kts. I finishd a hose rack this morning. Rains ca me home last kt, one eye bad ly gougd. Miss Cleaveland & Miss Russle McNabb & Ster ling came to see us this P.M.

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I wrote a letter to H. P. & mailed
it. Dave, John & I was mending
the hose this P. M. My lesson 1rst Mathew.

Mo

3

Cold last kt & this morning.

We are setting a round the
fire consulting. I Dave & Shul
ts went out to mine. I & Dave
sewd on the hose till noon. Shults
sloosing down. P. M. we let the
water on pipe but the hose soon
tore. I put on a patch and at it
again. We did not clean up .

I pd Duesler 39\$ on yesterday
35\$ for a hog the rest on Jacks
pants whole amt 12\$.

Tu

4

Cold last kt. Icy about the
diggins. We were at work soon
Isaac Jenning came to the dig
gins & took dinner with us. He
wants to sell me the Am Ran
ch. We cleand up & got gold
32\$. Jennings went down to the
point.

March 56

We

5

Cold last kt. Breckfast over
we were ready to go to work.
Isaac Jennings came up, bre
ckfasted. We two went out to
the diggins, hose ripd, I men
ded the hose, all went to di
nner. P. M. I agreed to take
the Am. Ranch & am to give
2000\$ moore to be pd from
30 to 180 days & pd 30\$
in dust for hay & I am
to go over on saturdy next

to close the trade, the amt
due me on mortg age \$3686\$

Th

6

Cold last kt, but moore pl
easant to day. I, Dave, & Bill
were mining, the hose ripd
a little. We cleand up to
day & got gold 25 1/2\$. Law
yer Hogan & Hirman
was to see us to this even
ing, took supper & went home.

March 56

Fr

7

Still cool last kt. We were mining as usual. John and Bray came over this A.M. After dinner I went down to the point in company with Bray & Shults, I staid till sun set. John Bill & Dave got gold 15\$.

Sat

8

Not so cold. I & John started for Quncy. We were there all day. P.M. one of the Mass sack diggers told me if we did not let the water that was in dispute out of our ditch he would buy it & let the water in the old channell. After supper I closed the trade with the Jennings for the Am. Ranch. I executed my 3 notes for 500\$ each & one for 300\$ & one for 200\$ all to be paid in six months. We slept at the Ward tavern & eat at Jennings.

March 56

Su

9

Still moderating, we put for home. Arrivd at the diggins at 1 p. m. I then went down to the point. The compy hired W R Dickson to go over to the Massac diggins to take care of the ditch. My lesson the 7th chapt of Mathew.

Mo

10

After Breckfast John started for M. Ville. Dave Bill & Shults went to mining. Bray & Dickson went over to Massac, after dinner Wife & Lizy went over to quincy with Hirman. I went to the diggins to get in company. I felt verry mutch like we were parting again for some time but I hope not. We got gold 18 1/2\$.

Tu

11

The boys to mining & I to packing up provisions & other little notions. P.M. Hirman came, we packd two mules & one to ride between us, so we arrivd about sun set at Quincy.

March 56

We

12

Again I was with wife &
Liz. A.M. I was looking over
the ranch, the plowd ground &
fencing, to see how mutch
was ready for seed & so on.
Hirman brought us over an
other mule load of flour.

Th

13

I was measureing the
ploughd ground to day, P.M.
I was calld to set on a jury
case decided after kt, in favor
of the defendant, I recvd 3\$
as a jury fee. I pd Hirman
20\$ for packing us over to Quincy.

Fr

14

Raining last kt & to day with
snow mixd with it is the val
ly & snowing on the mountains.
Did not do anything to day.

Sat

15

Cold last kt & this morn
ing. I was getting the hogs
& other stock off the ranch

March 56

Sat

15

P.M. I & Duesler was me
nding up the fence down the
road to Wheelers ranch.

Su

16

Quite cold this morning
about 10 A.M. I & Duesler each
got a mule & helpd I. Jennings
to drive his cows to Jud kins
& Kates ranch, then we went
up to Massack diggins & saw
Dickson got our dinners & John
Blanketts & boots & other clothing
& went to the Illinois Ranch . Duesler
went home & I to my old mo
untain cabins, all deserted &
gone. I went in all the cabins
but no one to bee seen, the fires
gone out. O think what one week
has done for this once happy
group of inmates if it was but
for a short time, I picked up
my Bible & read the 10, 11, 12th
Chapts of Mathew, still in hopes
of some one coming home before
dark, but none is here save me.

March 56

Mo

17

Early Shults came up from the point, he got breakfast. After putting things to rights I walked down to the Wil low ranch got the mule I left there over night. Paid 1 1/2\$ for his keeping & now to the Am Ranch. I met Dave & Bill 1 1/2 miles from our cabins, after consulting a short time I gave Bill 10\$ to bear his expenses to M. Ville noy mule hire to Firman 10\$.

Tu

18

I was looking around to see what could be done & putting up the fences. We got gold last week 41\$.

We

19

Early came Ed Linton with his oxen & waggon to help me sew some grain. I had to send him to Judkins for 1050 lbs of seed, plough & harrow which he brought by noon. The P.M. we did some ploughing.

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Th	20	Early I had the plough pointed & sharpd cost 3\$. I commensd sewing wheat, & P. M. to harrowing it in as we got done ploughing.
Fr	21	I sent Linton after wheat 100 lbs as there had been a mistake against me. Finishd sewing this piece of ground in the p. m. & commensd sewing barley the rest of the day.
Sat	22	By noon we had put in all the seed we had. p. m. I sent Linton after 600 lbs more seed. He returnd after dark.
Sun	23	All the past week my left shin has been getting verry sore just below the knee, inflamed & swelld verry mutch. I continued up most of the day, late in p. m. I was compelled to ly down, being in mutch pain. I gave W. R. Dickson 5\$ on Tuesday evening last.

March 56

Mo

24

Sufferd verry mut
ch last kt & to day. Linton
came to work, but I got him
to go after Dr. Cate at Betsy
town. Took medicine had quite
a feaver all day. I pd Curlin
2\$ for putting up a shelf & lock on
the door up stars last week.

Tu

25

I was quite sick last kt
& no better this morning. The
Dr came left moore medicine
& directions did nothing for my
leg but to keep it cool with sug
ar of Led water. P.M. Rains
arrivd with two yoke of
cattle from M Ville H. P se
nt me & 20\$ he gave to Bill
to bear expences up, and
12\$ moore to be pd on the road.

We

26

Rested verry little last kt. Took
a blue pill this morning. Was ver
ry sick all day. Dave came over
this morning. The Dr came to see
me twice to day. Rains rested to day.

March 56

Th

27

I rested better last kt & feel a little better this morning. Rains went to Judkins & got a plough for braking sod had it sharpd cost 2\$ & 1\$ to get a broom. P. M. Rains got Elliott to help him to plough but it is too hard for two yoke of cattle to pull. The Dr same & said he would have to lance my leg on tomorrow. Dave went home.

Fr

28

Ive rested better, it has commensd to rain & continued moore or less all day. John came up yesterday & over to see us to day, he did not get his money but says that Bub will get it for him by the 15th April. Rains halling rails all day. P. M. the Dr lanced my leg two cutts to finish rather severe operation. A quantity of matter let out.

Sat

29

Still raining. John went over to the diggins to set things a mooveing again about right. Shults came over to see us this P. M. I sighnd his bond for 150\$ to Musgrave for three months commencing 1rst April 56. The Dr was to see me & said he would call in a few days again.

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The butcher came I pd him for beef
up to date 5 1/4\$ up to date Rains was
halling rails most of the day & made
Liz a bed stead. Snowing at intervals.

Su

30

The storm is on the increase. Snow
ing verry fast at times. Rains went over
to the diggins. Shults staid all day wi
th us. Ive improvd verry mutch. I got
out of bed & went in the kitchen set up
a long time after supper Rains got
home, snowing verry fast this evening.

Mo

31

I slepd sound from after 10 till day
ligh. I got up went in to the kitchen
eat breckfast, dressd my leg & remain
setting up. Rains halling rails, no
rain or snow falling mutch, rain
at intervals. Shults gone home.

Rains got one yoke of oxen to work of
John Terwillegar on yesterday evening.

At noon raining considerable &
P.M. the sun shone out handsome till
quite late then raining. I continued
up all day.

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Tu

1

Still cloudy. Bill halling
rails. I continued up all day.
Late p. m. raind & snowd con
siderable after dark.

We

2

Cleard off. I am still getting
better went up town. Bill halling
rails & halld one load sloos box
es for Dickinson & co. to niger ravine.

Th

3

Still clear. Bill went up
to Ill. Ranch got Frank Go
ble to come & help us to plough.
Bill halld rails the rest of the day.

Fr

4

Clowdy this morning & raind
come. Bill & Frank was plow
ing all day. I am still impro
veing. John came over this
A. M. & returnd this P. M. to
the diggins. Not done well this week.

Sat

5

Foggy this A. M. Bill & Frank
broke the handle of the plough
mended by noon ploughing p, m.

April 56

Sat

5

I was raking the trash off
the ground for a garden & burning it. Dave came over this
p. m. I got him to set a log heap
a fire, Rains set fire to the dead
grass where we want to plough
& the fence caught fire & burned
up some of the rails about dark.

Su

6

Cloudy & rained to day some.
John came over to day & brought
500\$ he borrowed of John
Ritchy at 3 per cent per month
& 61 1/4\$ taken out last week of
the diggins. I had to drive out
a lot of stock & put up the fence.

Mo

7

John & Dave prepared
early to go over to the diggins.
Dave gave me 28\$ of the money
he took out of the diggins the
week before last. Bill got 619 lb
wheat of Judkins & Co & 228 lbs
screening at 5 cts pr lb.

April 56

Mo

7

Lem Compton came up to
to work for me, I was a
but town all day did no work.

Tu

8

Bill & Frank ploughing har
rowing & putting up fence & I
and Lem put up a fence in
part around the gardin. The
sheriff servd a garnashee on
me for all I owd I & F Jennings.
Jennings made me a deed early
the same morning I had it put to record.

We

9

I pd Linton 24\$ on last Mo
for 4 days work by him & one
yoke of oxen & I gave Rains
5\$ on Monday last allso 2\$ to
Crop for fixing Elliotts waggon.
We finishd sewing wheat & barley
all the ground that is ploughd
by noon. Lem split stakes Bill
& Frank ploughing I raking gard.
The afternoon I recvd a letter from
John H Haun of date Feb 28th 56

25 cts for letters

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and one from H P Haun of date
first April 56 - all well.

Th

10

Raind a little to day. Lem
split stakes till noon Bill &
Frank ploughing & Lem halld two
loads of stakes. I was in town all
day pd Hosselcuth 75\$ for a cook
stove & gave H.I. Bradley 40\$ for his
chickens on the A.M. Ranch...
a ball given to kt by Ward price
4\$ a tickett dancing in the court house.

Fr

11

Breckfast over I gave direct
ions what to be done on the
Ranch, I gave Isaac Jennings
up his mortgage & pd the cou
nty clerk 1/2\$ write the satisfa
ction of the same, & pd Crofs
4\$ for black smithing, then I &
Kayler started on foot for the dig
gins my old home, arrivd at no
on after dinner we went out
to the diggins the upper as well
as the lower walkd around till
kt, rain all day , not mutch gold.

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Sat

12

I & Kyler slepd together in my old bunk. After breckfast I took down the cook stove & packd up its furniture to send over to the Am. Ranch but no mules came. Bray was up to see me & talkd of our law suit & went back home after dinner. I & Kyler was all evening looking out the locality for a ditch to carry water on Rocky Bar a crofs middle fea ther river, rather a difficult job. John & Shults got gold this week out of the upper diggins 124\$. Dave & Joe got gold out of lower diggins 16\$ all week no good mostly clear weather today.

Su

13

Kyler stopd at the point last kt. I slepd in my old bunk & was up before day mended my pants & read the 14 - 15 chapters of Mathew then calld up the boys. I had to fix up my fire place this morning. I & Shults went to the point met Kline with two pack mules to carry the cook stove

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over to the ranch cost 10\$ pd
to Thompson. Shults going down
to Rocky Bar. I pd Frank Fox
50\$ borrowd last fall, pd I. C.
Lewis 48\$ for potatoes. Pd A. Moo
rehead 19 1/4\$ store bill, collec
ted 44 3/4\$ of I. S. Root as security
for Lloyd. I, John, Dave & Kyler
baught Dutch Charlys claims
on Rocky Bar for 2500\$ payable in
six months with 3 per cent
interest per month, with I W Thompson
as security, then went to my cabin.
I went down to the point. John
& Joe at work at the upper diggins
and Dave at the Lower, I waited
for Kyler to come up from the
Rocky Bar claims after taki
ng possession we & Duesler
started for the vally. I & Kyler
went by the cabins got my gun
& some other notions & put. It rai
nd on us all the way. I borrowd
a cross cut saw I Terwillegar

Mo

14

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Tu

15

I pd James Conat 500\$

that was due on the ranch on

last evening took Hagans rect

as agent for Mrs. Jennings.

Early this morning I. Baloo &

Duesler went up to Massack dig

gins to see about the ditch &

tools & provisions. Late when

got back. I rode Firmans mule.

I then walkd up to Betsy town.

Borrowd 300\$ of Dr Cate at

three per cent per month & bou

ght a check of Buckholdr in

favor of H P Haun for 282 1/2\$

payable in M. Ville. I then got

some garden seeds cost 7 1/2\$ home.

We

16

We did but little to day fin

ishd ploughing for grain & are

not able to plough the garden

with the ploughs we have as they

have been broke & will do so a

gain. I pd Judkins 75\$ for seed

wheat & so forth. I was cleaning

up the trash & Lem to help me to

saw off logs. Frank harrowing.

April 56

Th

17

Stinson put on one coat of plastering. Bill did not get a plough. I wrote a letter to H. P. and send him a check for 282 1/2\$.

I bought 415 lbs of potatoes of I. Conant at 7 cts pre lb.

I sent Bill to Alford's for a load of fencing plank & posts.

I finished sewing grain. I sent Bill after 240 lbs more of wheat to Judkins, some harrowing to do yet. Dave came over.

I paid a digger 3\$ for trimming six pine trees. I got 2\$ of Dave.

Fr

18

I bought 50 lbs nails 6\$ & got Tod to help me make plank fence, the boys were piling up logs to burn. Finished harrowing in grain.

Sat

19

I finished fencing up the garden the rest sawing & putting up log heaps. O-Neal sent me keg nails & 100 lbs flour.

April 56

Su

20

We all mended up the
log heaps . John & Joe came
over yesterday evening. I pd
Allford 10\$. I pd Frank Goble
25\$ pd Cross 1 1/2\$ pd Elliott 2\$
& collected 3\$ from Dickenson
& got 3 dolls from John.

After dinner I, John, Joe &
Kyler started for my old ca
bins arrivd before sunset.

Wife gave me 12\$ & I gave her
5\$ I think it was on Friday.

Mo

21

I slepd in my old bunk with
John. Breckfast over I, Dave &
Kyler went down to Rocky
Bar took dinner with the
Sterlings. P.M. Sherwin
came down & proposd to extend
his floom if the miners on
the Bar would agree to pay him
1200\$ when the water was ready
for minning & he would pay
two per cent per month until (we) got

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Tu

22

in water & then we were
to pledge our selve to take 1300\$
worth of water & lumber to secure
him from loss. We went up to
Foxes supd, staid all kt. Breckfa
sted & went down to the Bar again
talkd with the miners & all concl
uded to accept Sherwins proposi
tions. Dind at Foxes. P.M. closd the
bargain, pd by bill 2 1/2\$ to Fox
started for home. Stopd a while at
the diggins with John, got home
at sun set all well or nearly so.

We

23

Set a log heap on fire in the
barn lot & rakd up a lot of trash
& burnd it. I & Frank was building
a plank fence in front of the barn.
Rains halld one load of fencing plk
& posts then halld rails for a peti
tion fence in the front pasture. I
sent Lem over to Rocky Bar to fill
my place & gave him 10\$ part pay
for work done on the Ranch.

Th

24

We was building fence . The
kts verry cold. Bill halling rails.

April 56

Th

24

I pd the Butcher George
12\$ on account for beff. I
collected 1/2\$ from Ray for ran
ching a mule one kt & 1 1/2\$ for
ranching 3 pack mules.

Fr

25

Last kt was verry cold. I &
Frank put up all the plank
we had. Rains went up to the
Illinois Ranch & got a plough &
came by the mill but got no
plank. We put on strips & capd
the fence we had put up. Late
I & Duesler went down the
vally to Chapmans to see his
cows but did not buy. We was
late getting home, took supper.

Sat

26

Cold last kt again. Rains &
Frank was ploughing the gar
din. A.M. I was attending to
getting Kellys evidence & pd O
Neal 28 1/2\$ for nails & flour.
P.M. I laid the worm of a fence
across the pasture to divide it.

April 56

Su

27

Cloudy this morning
& windy raining some a
bout noon. I pd Kelly 3\$
fee as witness on yesturday
& 1\$ for Rheubarb seed 2 pakes.
I pd Judkins 50\$ moore for
seed wheat that Ive sown.
I gave wife 1/2\$. P.M. I & Kyler
started for the Rocky Bar diggins.
We stopd at the old Haun diggins.
John gave me 113 1/2\$ in gold dust.
We arrivd after dark at the Bar.

Mo

28

Cold last kt & to day. I & Lem
went up to help Sherwin on his
floom but it ra ind verry hard. A.
M. causd us to stop a while p.m.
we were at it again untill kt.
Kyler & Dave at work on the house.
I gave Frank Goble 10\$ on yesturday.

Tu

29

Cold & snowd last kt. We were
at work all day on Sherwins
floom but unpleasantly cold all
day. Kyler & Dave at work on the
house.

April 56

We

30

Snowd last kt & raind all
of day. We did no work on the
floom. Late in the after noon
John & Joe came down to the
Rocky Bar. Staid all kt. Still raining.

May 56

Th

1

Some ice froze this morn
ing, but commensd storm
ing A.M. Snow & rain at in
tervals. Several ladies came
over from the American Vally
to the ball at Foxes. Among
them was wife & Liz. We ba
ught the cook stove from Ed
Bafs at 40\$, & took 4 of us to
carry it down to our new cabin.
After supper wall went up to the
point to the Ball. I staid all
kt & slepd with wife what time
I did sleep. I gave Frank Goble
5\$ no work done in our diggins
in the last two days on ac
count of rain, not safe to drift.

May 56

Fr

2

Snowd last kt some & snow
ing at intervals to day. We all
moovd in our new cabin to day.
The insid is lind with canvefs, the
bunks were finishd to day, bolts
& latches made of wood were put
on the doors, & the boys are all
gone to bed. I alone am setting
by the stove making this entry.
I was up at the point this p. m.
& helpd wife off for the vally
with the rest of the crowd that
was over at the ball.

Sat

3

Cold & frosty last kt. I
Dave Kyler & Lem went up to
the point to help Sherwin
on the floom. We went up to
the mill byt no Sherwin. We
went down to his house & fou
nd him a sleep. I got him up
& all went to work the rest
of the day.

Su

4

Cold & frosty last kt. Us four
went to work on the floom for

May 56

Su

4

Sherwin. Rains John & Joe
came up the floom to see me
to get directions for the ranch.
John & Joe got gold \$ this week.

Mo

5

Cold & frosty last kt again. I
sleep with Shults rather crow
ded but the best I can do at
present. Us four at work for Sher
win to day, getting along
quite slow. There is a lack of
tools, have to wait on each o
ther. Ive been patching up some
work that was done week before
last. I am in hope there will
be no moore of that sort. John
& Joe came down to Rocky Bar
early. Joe to M. Vill & John to the A
merican Ranch, so the old Moun
tain diggins is deserted at last.
I hope only for a short time.
Quite warm this p. m. for the first time.
Kts not so cold. Days getting
warm. Four of us at work
on the floom besides 3 other

Tu

6

May 56

men. P.M. Sherwin came
over from the vally & brot me
a letter from H. P. of date
April 26th. Clowded up & rained
a verry little. Sherwin helpd
us on the floom & says that
5 or 6 hands is enough on tomorrow.

We

7

I left the boys at work on
the floom. I went up to the point
maild a letter to H. P. cost 25 cts &
gave 25 cts for 4 boxes matches.

A. Moorehead gave me a pair
of pantaloons. Shults sent Liz
a dress patron & Moorehead
loand me a mule to ride over to
the ranch. Arrivd in time to dine
with wife. P.M. I & John was
building plank fence.

Th

8

Bill went up to the mill after
lumber to finish making pl
ank fence. He got 511 lbs potatoes
of Havland, late before he returnd.

May 56

Th

8

I & John was making fence
raind some this p. m. with
thunder & lightning.

Fr

9

Foggy this morning. I & John
at the fence. Finishd our part
this after noon, raind quite a
shower about noon. Bill made
a load of stake & halld them. After
dinner he set stakes till kt.

Sat

10

I & John are building fence for H. B.
Early last kt thundered & Lig
htning with a heavy shower of
rain & hail. I & John was this A. M.
putting up fence. Bill was
staking off the fence. P. M. all three
of us was at the plank fence &
made a finish of it about dark.
I receivd 2\$ for Ranching.

Su

11

The weather is quite warm &
pleasant. P. M. John & Bill
started for the diggins & drove
Terwillegars yoke of cattle
home that we had borrowd

May 56

or hired. Soon after they started Kyler came over from Rocky Bar & then Sam Baloo he came over for the purpose of having our Sockum Ditch surveyed.

Mo

12

No frosts of kts but warm days. Baloo & three other men went & surveyed the ditch I was staking my new plank fence. P.M. I was assisting our Lawyer to answer a complaint in Law, late Bob Elliott turned in one yoke to be ranchd at 4\$ as per month a head. Wife & Liz went to a concert this evening.

I pd Cross 1/2\$ for smithing.

Tu

13

I was staking plank fence & putting strips on it. P.M. I & Duesler went to Chapmans to see a cow, but did not like. I pd Willmans & Co 60\$ on act in store for goods.

May 56

We

14

Cold & frost last kt. I was engaged today in making square wash tubs. Bradberry turned a mule on the ranch today. Kyler stopped with us to kt on his way to Rocky Bar.

Th

15

Warm & pleasant again. I & wife were making garden. P. M. I pd Frank Goble 8 1/2\$ making in all 48 1/2\$ for 21 days work. I collected 40\$ for ranching 21 head of sheep - Rayses.

Fr

16

I planted some mellon seed & made two dressing tables put up stairs. I collected 1\$ for mule ranching & 3\$ for the hire of yoke of oxen on yesterday. I pd 4\$ for a hand saw & made a sliding gate to open in the pasture, & planted six beach kernells on the west side chicken lot.

May 56

Sat

17

Days are quite warm. I made wheels & put them on two gates. P.M. pd $1\frac{3}{4}$ \$ for coffee, made handles to a plough all to finishing. I & Myres went Philips security for 500\$ in a suit at law to the supreme court. John & Bill came over this evening.

Su

18

I collected for ranching stock, of Bafs 6\$ Barnett $2\frac{1}{2}$ \$ of Willman on horse $1\frac{1}{2}$ \$ on sheep $2\frac{1}{4}$ \$. I allso pd Willmans \$42 $\frac{3}{4}$ ballance on account in store in all $102\frac{3}{4}$ \$. I, Bill John & wife took a walk down on the ranch, re turnd about noon. Liz went up to meadow vally in company with Tro Ward. Returnd.

Mo

19

Clowdy this morning & rained a considerable shower in the P.M. I finishd my

May 56

plough handles. Bill halld
a load of plank for Garl
and Robertson, one of the
bands came off the wheel &
Crofs put it on cost 2\$, I
gave Hundley 25\$ to pay wit
ness fees & paid Harlan 31\$
for potatoes. I receivd 5\$ of
of Garland for halling & let
Bill have 1\$.

Tu

20

Cool & clowdy. I & Bill com
mensd to lay of the garden
in roes three feet, to p lant pot
atoes & other things. But Bill
quit & went up town & got dr
unk. After dinner I & John
finishd laying off. Judge
Searls came to hold court.

We

21

Cold & rainy. Court was
opend. Our case was calld
& set for tomorrow. Dave ca
me over about noon. P. M.
snowd considerable. John

May 56

Dave & Bill planted the last lot of potatoes.

Still snowing & continued the kt.

Th

22

Cold snowy & unpleas

ant this morning. Our case

call'd & went in to trial, 12 ju

rymen seated & sworn, most of

the day taking evidence. The

case submitted about 9 P.M.

& a verdict renderd at 4 in the

Fr

23

morning, the Deft Terwilegar

is to have 10 inches of water out

of the disputed creek when it

is there & none when that a

mt is not there, allso the dispu

ted ditch, and the intervenors

to pay cost of the intervention & get

nothing, & we are to have the rest

of the water in the creek at all

times & when there is not 10 inches

in the creek we are to have the

remainder & pay the cost of the

suit except what the interveno

rs have to pay, so may it be.

Cloudy & rainy at intervals.

I gave 5\$ to bye butter.

John & Bray went over to Nelson Creek

this morning.

May 56

Rains halld home Judkins & co
plough & harrow, & got of them 175
tbs. of screanings. to chickens & then
went to Alfords & halld a load of
lumber to betsytown for Alford

Rains bought a ball sorrel mare
& is to pay 135 \$ in 6 weeks----

Sat 24,,

cloudy & unpleasant Rains
planted some corn, turnip seed, beet
& parsnip seeds.. I & ballow was getting
up our costs & trying to ascirtain what
rights are left us in the suit, &C &C
Dave & Kyler came over about noon
gone to Betsytown, I collected 26\$
for Ranching & pd Dickson 4 1/2 \$
Jim Shults came over staid all Kt.

Su 25

Cloudy & rainy, Baloo ca
me over from N. Creek & staid
Terwillegar was Gassing about
the Law Suit, what he was going to do with
us for Damages &c.. p. m. , I, Dave
& Kyler started for Rocky Bar. I
was riding the Ball poney of Rains

May 56

we went by my old cabins to see
John he was all alone, he gave
me in dust 57 1/2\$ what had
been got the week before by him
& Rains & what he washed out of the
square Box, we all went down
to the point. I gave Frank Fox
50\$ & told him to get moore & go over
to Quincy & pay the cost of the suit
we all went down to rocky Bar

Mo 26

Early Breckfast. I & John st
arted for the point. Dave & Kyler
was to take the dimentions of J.C.
Lewiss floom & water Ditch as he is
going to improve it & I paid John
Thompson 13\$ for Joe Ficklin & c 1/2\$
stable fee for the Ball Poney, after 9
o clock. I & Thompson started for
M. ville, considerable snow on
the way to Grass vally. There we Took
dinner & fed the poneys cost 1 1/2\$ we

Tu 27

the set out again & stoped at-woods
after Breckfast I pd my bill 4\$
we set out for the city we arrivd in
town at 1 p. m. I was verry mu
tch fatiegeaed & sore I lay about

May 56

the stable on the hay all eve
ning. I took supper cost 50 cts.

& staid with Derick all kt. -----

We 28

I feel much better, Breck

fasted 1/2\$ I got the poney shod

all round 4\$ & got me a gold pan

cost 3\$ & got some oranges 3/4\$

saddled up the poney & went out

to H. P. Ranch pd Ferriage 1/2\$

took dinner with Cath & childern

Jack came from the upper ran

ch done cutting hay up there &

started the machine on the Lower

Ranch & we then started for

town and met H. P. I turned Back

with him, he says considera

ble excitement at san Fran

cisco occationed by the vigalence

committee & the hung casey & cory

at half past nine I started

for R. C. Bowne, arrivd at one took

dinner, told Bub my business

we put in most of the evening

walking over his Ranch. I Bor

rowd 5 \$ of H. P. & 1\$ of Derrick

Th 29

May 56---June 56

Fr 30

...the weather cool & pleasant
after Breckfast, Bourne started
for the mountain mines to get

money& I for M. Ville arrivd
at H. P. at 1/2 past 12 noon distant 25^{mi}
at about 10 A. M. I & Ficklin

Sat 31

went a fishing at Jas. Simpsons
lake we verry soon Left off. I went
in a bathing & then to town. ferriage
1/4\$ on foot dinner in town 1/2\$, late
I rode out with H. P. to the Ranch

Su 1

I lay about H. P. all day
Gen Row came out & spent the
whole day with us P. M. rained
averry little, in the course of the
day womans Rights were freely dis
cused.

Mo. 2

H. P. & Co has a leven harvesters
at work in hay making. I was
in the meadow most of the day

Tu 3

cool & windy for the time of
year hay making going on
p. m. Bourne came down with
512\$ worth in dust & a note

June 56

We 4

payable to H. P. by R. for 500\$ in
20 days, late we walkd out in field
early, Bourne started for home
Henry. wife children & myself
went to town in the carriage I pd
2\$ forfixing wifes watch&
17 1/2\$ for aball dress for Lizzy &
borrowd 500\$ of Cunninghams
payable in 30 days, I pd 1/2\$
for dinner, we all went out
to the Ranch &c-----

Th 5

cool & windy weather I
pd Henry 5\$ borrowd money also
1\$ to Derick.. I & Henry went to
town I bargained for abill of
Goods of Tredwell & co in
the hardware line. to be sent
allso a bill of, oates 69 \$
& 21/2\$ tbs. of peas 1/2\$ & 1 tb. of
Cilby Clover seed 1/2\$, whiskey 37

Fr 6

I & Tom Hickman Startd
for the mountains with 7 head
of Beef cattle belonging go the
boys Henry Jack & Derick

June 56

also Dericks Black Oregon
horse I am to pay him from
80 to 100\$. Henry went with
us across the Uba at the Lin
da ferry I pd 2\$ for ferriage
I & Tom took at 3³/₄ \$ each & sto
pd all kt at Davidsons 35 miles
I pd 7 1/2 \$ for our selve & hor
ses & 1 3/4\$ for the cattle in pasture
we stopped at Diamond
spring took dinner cost me 2\$
& traveld on to Grass Valley 30 mi
miles & put up for the kt--
I recvd a letter from DH Smith
of Date Aprl 16th 56 on We 4 last
& one from Dave on the same
day from Rabbit Creek, stating
that he had to get the pipe fixed
& cost 30\$ I got Daves laddin
Books at the New York house
Frost here last Kt I pd
our bills amt 81¹/₄\$ saddled
up & off for house.. we arrivd
at Nelson Creek at 1 P.M.

Sat 7

Su 8

June 56

Su 8

after mutch time & trouble we
got our cattle a cross Feather Ri
ver old Rock one of the oxen
quite gave out, I then pd John
Thompson 269\$ money loand
me 23rd oct 55.. seven & 1/2 months
interest at 2 per cent per month 40 1/4\$
in all 309 1/4\$ we then put for the
Am Ranch.. we left old Rock at
at the Ill Ranch about sun set
& arrivd at home a little after dark
the whole amount pd out for our selves
& cattle 21\$ since we lef H. P. - - -

Mo. 9

I had the pleasure of sleeping
with my wife Last kt, all right
breckfast over & consulting Wm
Rains we concluded to go over
to the Massack ditch & diggins
I, Bill & Tom saddled our po
neys & set out arrivd about noon
& tide our horses out to grass & put
for the Brush camp, took dinner
Bray & others, & then to work, 4 to dig
ging the ditch, & I & Bray to grading

June 56

the floom & late Rains took the
horses home to American Ranch
he allso give me 10\$ for halting
plank for our company up there
I slept in company with the rest
on a Brush bed in a brush camp
Last kt we were up early & soon to
to work. I & Bray to making boxes
& setting them to run water throu
gh into the ditch the other three
to digging the ditch at noon Bill
came over & brought 6 tbs nails fer
the company. got of mine. . after
dinner. I & Bray fixed all the box
es & troughs & turned the water in
up at the head of the ditch to keep
it soakd & the Boxes tight untill
we are ready to let it through the
new ditch. . Late I pu for home
on Bills Mare arrivd after dark

Tu 10

We 11

Last kt I again slept in the
ame bed with wife, breckfast over
I went up town. . There I met
with Bob Elliot & gave him
my note for 500\$ payable in 60 days

June 56

with interest at the rate of 3 per cent
per month & took up one that was due
on Sunday last for the same amount
Given in payment

to the Jennings 8th March last for
the Am Ranch. . I then pd
Hundley 291 \$ for a note of 300\$
Due 8th July next.

Th 12

I was at work at the cabbage
plants fixing to water them

Fr 13

still at work in the garden
P. M. , I caught Bills poney &
the Black horse, rode up to the
Massack diggins, Rains got
ready & we started for home came
by Ill Ranch got old Rock the
oxen that gave out I drove him home.

Sat 14

I am at work water^{ing} # the
cabbage plants, Rains took tow
yoke of cattle down to Boying
tons mill & got old Maye? to
shoe them all around came
home before noon, P. M. I gave

June 56

him 6 1/2\$ to buy a sack of flour
of Oneal 50 tb, . . I gave Judkins
50\$ due on account, John & Dave
came over from Rocky Bar & Tom
Hickman came down from
from the Massack diggins

Su 15

I pd old Mage 24\$ for shoeing the
oxen, Rains went up to spri
ng garden vally got 600 cabbage
plants of yates, we set them out
or some of them before we went to bed
John & Dave went over to Ro
cky Bar, Isent Henry Sturgeon
with, Tom Hickman up to Massack
I pd Hosseleuth 40\$ on account &
had four picks for Massack dont
Know the cost of sharpening as yet

Mo 16

Rains finished setting out
the plants early Breckfast over he drove
up two yoke of cattle & went
to Alfords mill for a laod of lum
ber, but one of the tyre bands came
off he had to unload, I was water
ing the garden, I pd John Bass
50\$ for Wm Alford & Maston.

June 56

Mo 16

4\$ for fixing the waggon

I recvd 1\$ form Bass for Ranching oxen

Tu 17

Rains halld 3 loads of lumber

for Alford I was watering theplants

all day till 1 in the morning

We 18

warm days Rains halling for Alford

I am still watering the garden

atl day & h'alf the kt.. it

raind quite a heavy shower in the

this afternoon rather unusual

Th 19

Rains halling for Alford I went

over to Rocky Bar, left my horse at

willow Ranch & was down helping the

Boys to mine day and Kt.

Fr. 20

Four of us was piping away

top dirt till noon . after John&

Kyler & I was sawing logs in two

& cutting away brush, Dave & the

other two was wheeling out rocks

kt
cold. last # we all six was tending

Sat 21

the pipe.. we changd the hose &

pipe-on the lower side of the dig

gins... P.M . put in another sloos box

at the lower end, we turned on the

June 56

water a short time, but could not
keep the boxes clear of tailings for
the want of a sufficient amount of water
so we shut it off again the boys to
wheeling rockout. I & Kyler startd
for the Am vally. I pd John Thom
pson 18\$ for grind stone & fixtures
& 3\$ for 2 check shirts & 1\$ for keep
ing my horse at willow ranch
some frost last kt in Am vally
I arrived at home about sun set

Su 22

I took a good kts sleep &
was late getting up. I gave liz 2\$
& got 2 twists of tobacco for Tom
Hickman, there was preaching
morning & evening inthe cou
rt house, but I did not go to
heare either of them as it is so
nessary to carry your 4 bits to
pitch in the hat as it is sure to
come round, evening is cool

Mo. 23

the weather cool & uncerta
in & business matters verry pres
sing Rains halld one load for Alford

Tu. 24

Rains brot home a new
Grind stone I am hanging
it & sherwin came over

June 56

from Nelson Creek & said that

H. P. was over at Rocky Bar

I gave 5\$ for butter & 6 1/4\$

for a sack of flour--Rains Hall

ing for Alford.. I recvdof

Elliott 10 1/2\$ for Ranching oxen

& paid him for 1 1/2 days work 5\$

I recvd 2 1/2\$ for Ranching

Last kt Shores cattle in my 175

head lot . I was fixing the Grind stone

P. M. H. P. came over Rains

Halling for Alford Henry Ster

ge came down from Mas

sack late this evening--- --

Sack Stinson commenced to

lath our room. I & Henry were

putting timber between the studding

for him to lath to.. I gave 1 1/2\$

for a bottle of brandy & 1\$ for fish

it Rained a heavy shower

in the vally & the mountains were

coverd with fresh snow

We 25

Th 26

June 56

this after noon, , My g gods
arrivd on yesterday evening cost
of packing at 4 3/4\$ per hd 32\$
I pd H Sturgeon 8\$ he
was plowing my potatoes-----

Fr. 27

a pleasant day I , H. P. &
Hagan walked up to betsy town
to see the diggins returned at
noon Rains Halling & Sturgeon plowing

Sat 28

I, Henry & Hagan went up
to the mountain house & vicin
ity. took dinner cost 1 \$ each
came home late at evening=
We got the sheriff to go up to
Massack ditch & turn the wat
er in our dich, but it was
soon turnd out again on
yesterday by Terillegar or Co.

Su 29

We all wer fixing about
till noon after I & H. P. star
ted for Rocky Bar. I left the
Black Horse at willow ranch

June 56

& walked down there was
none of the boys at home
but John & Kyler came about sun set
& got supper & went back to the point to
a show.

Mo 30

all hands came in last
kt & moore too. . after Breckfast
I gave H. P. 30\$ & he started for home
the rest to work after dinner.
I & him started for
the Am vally arrivd at Dark.

July

--a show at the court house to kt.

Tu 1

Lem & Henry to mowing, Rai
ns cocking up hay & I to fix
ing the sythes P. m. Smith &
Dutton came over to work at
65\$ per month

We 2

I recvd 3\$ for the use of gri
ndstone I pd 3/4\$ for 2 sythe
stones . P. m. I to working a hay
rake Rains got of Judkins 60
tb of wheat chicken feed.

July 56

Th 3

I finishd the hay Rake &
Rains to Raking the other 4
to putting it up. I pd 1\$ for pee
plant p. m. I & Henry to work in garden

Fr 4

all hands idle.. John & Dave
came over last Evening to see
the Bull & Bare fight came off
at 3 p. m. celebration of indep
endance delivered this fore noon
by Hadus a piece of mockery
according to the times. I gave
Lem 10\$ Henry 5\$ Smith 5\$ &

5\$ I worked in the garden
till noon.. P. M: I went & saw the
Ded Bars.. the Bull was scarcely
scratched except where he was
goged to make him mad &c..
a ball or dance comes off to kt
at Judge wards quite a num
ber of ladies. some from a distance
all slept till late & none
at work today.. I got on a small
spree today eat nothing

Sat 5

July 56

all day I was quite out of
humor & aspetially # the friends
with
of the vigilance committee at
San Francisco

Su 6

cockfighting on yesterday
& gambling last kt & drink
ing whisky is the order of the day
I gave sam stinson 150\$ for
a little cow & am to give him
50\$ moore 30 days-----
I recvd 2\$ for ranching &c....

Mo 7

Rains still Drunk all the rest
of us at work.. I gave
Stark 20\$ for butter

Tu 8 ~~cutting~~

cutting hay & watering
the potatoes

We 9

I & Tom running water among the potatoes
the other 4 at work at haying

Th 10

our work is the same

July 56

Fr 11

still the same-----

Sat 12

I & Tom have finishd

furing out to water the potatoes

Su 13

Wife Liz & Bill wer soon

mounted on their horses to visit

the old mountain co diggins

went down to Rocky Bar. the

Boys took the week past over

800\$ they came home in time

the boys wer down from Mas

sack, & say the have diggins

I was at home all day

Mo 14..

Rains Brot over from the

cabins some tools &c on yester

rday & went back to day after

some provisions.. the rest hay

ing & I to watering the garden

the Sheriff servd a process on

me. a suit for damiges by

TTwelegar &co.

Tu 15

all haying & I to puter

ing in the garden.. frost

last Kt & quite cool this evening

July 56

I collected 8\$ for eggs.. I received 2 letters from H. P. yesterday & stating there was 500\$ more paid by Bob Bourne & that him & family was coming up soon &c...

We 16

Last Kt was so cold that my wheat was entirely froze out. the oats is also ruined & the potatoes is partially frost bit. My roasting corn,, cucumbers vines & mellons-- all Killed some wheat,, & barley that may do to save -----

Th 17

still cold of kts I've done give up making any money this year on the ranch.. I've got done through cutting grass -- Lem started over to Rocky Bar this after noon

Fr 18

we commenced this afternoon to mow down our frosted wheat to make hay

July 56

Sat 19

weve been halling in hay
the past 2 days.. still cutting
down the frosted wheat. p. m.
cockd up all the grass & wheat straw

Su 20

John, Dave & Kyler came
over last Kt from Rocky bar
Dave gave me 150\$ & John gave
Rains 30\$.. I collected 7 1/4\$ for
ranching & paid stinson 46 1/2\$
moore on the cow.. I & Bray
emploid Hundly to attend to
our Law suits at 400\$ & Hogan
to help rather heavy, I loaned
old Alford 10\$.. late p. m.
John & Dave left for Rocky bar

Mo 21

I emplyd two moore hands
I sold the frost bitten barley as
it stood for 50\$ cash to Duesler
& got 10\$ to cut it down.. we are
done cutting done the frost bitten
wheat to make hay.. P. M. I &
Hickman went to Alfords mill & got
1000 ft of plank price 20\$ plank
20 ft long siding for the barn

July 56

Tu 22

Rains borrowd Wheelers waggon
on yesterday pd 4\$ to have the tyre
bands cut & set. pd 2\$ for tar, ,
2 teams halling hay 2 men cut
ting down Duesler Barly

We 23

I got another man to help me
put siding on the barn, , finishd
the Barley, , then to cut down the oats
for the straw only, days warm

Th 24

finished halling hay out of the
first field 41 loads & 8 loads out
of the other, , I finishd nailing on
all my plank & Did not get
sid finished, the oats is cut & rakd
one of Terwillegars suits answered

Fr 25

I've got a verry bad cold, I
was cradling wheat all evening
& two to bind

Sat 26

finished cutting the wheat, by
noon it was shocked up, p. m.
I pd off two men 22\$ for 5 1/2 days
work each. . I pd willma
n 6 1/4\$ for 50 tb flour &

July 56

answered Terwillegars other suit at
Law

Su 27

I collected 10\$ of Judge Ward
& 5\$ aluoid for ranching a white
calf & pd Dutton for 20 1/2 Days
work,, 57 1/4\$, , pd Heckman 7 1/2\$
Kyler came over & said they had
bought out Fritz at 1000\$ cash
took out last week 430\$

Mo 28

Stergeon came down from
Massack water is faild can
not work he is halling hay
for me two teams at it ha
lld in 9 loads to day,, 7 on sat
& 3 on Friday last, I was put
ting in a floor on the lowest
sid of the Barn,, I've a bad cold

Tu 29

still halling hay.. wê sent
wheelers waggon home this
evening. I am quite un
well of cold cannot work

We 30

I settled of with smith
had worked 22 1/2 days---

July 56

We 30

had to pay him in all
56 1/4\$ I sent Sturgeon up
to Massack to put things
in order of late. P.m. Bro
Henry wife 2 children Chas
Lindley wife & 3 children

Mrs Buckhannon , nurse
& child 12 in all drove up
in a four horse stage & 2 ex
tra horses , to spend some
days in our vally. . I was
in bed at the time but got out
a dance came off at the
court house to Kt & all went
I settld off with Sturge
on & he left 36 1/2 days work
amt in all pd him 91 1/4\$
the visitors all took their rest
another dance to Kt at court house

Th 31

August

Fr 1

all hands Lounging about
an evening rest in the barn

Sat 2

we are not doing mutch
Rains on a bust, Henry hitchd

August 56

up his team & 14 took a ride
by Judkins mill to Betsy
town & home again John &

Dave came over as Hickman
went after them with horses

Su 3

most of the family took
a ride up as far as they could
go with a stage towards Nel
son creek took dinner in the
woods & came back the same day
I was quite un well &

sent Hickman to Dr Kate to
get some medicine which I
took --- Rains still Drunk

Mo 4

I feel some better Lindley
left for Hopkins Creek.. The Dis
trict Judge came to hold court
& 2 Lawyers with him, we com
menced to thresh our wheat

with Daniel Cates machine

Tu 5

Lindley came home this a.
m. and after noon we got
done the wheat as there is but
little, two sacks flour 12 1/2\$

August 56

opend
Rains still on a bust court

We 6

Henry.. John , wife Kath
& mrs Lindley all went on
horse back to Nelson creek to
see the mines.. Came back
before dark,, I sent my wheat
to mill this a.m. after
we were halling in our oats
& wheat straw..

Th 7

we finishd by noon our
hay straw .. I collected 5\$ of
Brewster for ranching mules
& pd Garland 5 1/2\$ fer barley & help
got 1 1/2 of H.P.... I was watering
potatoes & cabbage a while
p.m. halld 3 loads of frost bit
wjeat for willmans & am to
hall the rest as soon as we can
all gone to a dance at Betsy
& his
town but Lindley wife & I
Dave & John is gone two
Smith has worked 3 days--
finished halling Willmans
wheat this p.m. at 25\$ the load

Fr 8

August 56

Sat 9

halld in Jennings wheat at
30\$ stacked in the lot near the
barn.. Dave & John came over
on yesterday as witnesses in
the case I have in court.

Su 10

H. P. & Family Mrs. Lindley
& 3 children.. Mrs. Buchan
non child & servt all started
for M. ville.. Rains with 2
yoke of oxen to pull the
stage up the hill near eagle gulch
Dave went along to help

Mo 11

in due time the Rush &
Terwillegar suit for the wa
ter was calld & was nearly all
day getting through with
the plaintiffs witnesses .. Smi
th worked 5 days moore last
week.. & hickman is done
work on saturday last

Tu 12

we closed our evidence
& offered a plea in bar of a
former trial & case was

August 56

allowed to bring in evidence
to rebut. That was manuf
actured at the Ill. Ranch la
st Kt. & a verdict was brot in
against us for the water &
1\$ damages & each party to
pay his cost---his own cost

We 13

in time the suits for the
recovery of damages onthe
in junction Bonds was called
two of them was joined
together but of different dates
the Jury brot in a verdict aga
inst us for 300\$ & costs , I
borrowed 100 tbs flour of Jud
ge Ward last week on Mon
day last I had 1500 new tbs
flour brot home C. lindley
has helped us in law all he can
I collected 8 1/2\$ ranch fees.
Dave, John , & Hickman went
over to Rocky Bar. . quite a
number of gamblers in town

Th 14

August 56

Fr. 15

I, Bray Lindley the Judge
& others went over to N. creek
& on their way home I went
down to Rocky Bar most of
the hands were cleaning up
since yesterday at noon, I helpd
we were all cleaning

Sat 16

up till noon, among the old
drifts except dave & in all
p.m. cleand up the boxes &
got 65\$ & I got of it 54 1/2\$ I
& Kyler came over to the vally
pd 1\$ for the poney of Duesler

Su 17

& Smith got a Mellon at 2\$

to Thompson for hay &
& pd 3\$ for help on the barn
Racing most of the day on
yesterday on the Ray Ranch
in the a m vally quite a nu
mber of gamblers in town
rather a bad sighn these rob
bing times. preaching in town
to day merchant & ab
olitionist, Rains bought me a
pair of shoes & socks cost

August 56

Mo 18

watering potatoes.. some
talk of a compromise with
Terwillegar in our law suits

Tu 19

I,, Bray,, Fox & smith, went
up to Massack & up the ditch
then to Yateses took dinner
I, Bray & Fox then went to ne
lson point I down to Rocky
Bar & staid all Kt.

W 20

Lem Compton has quit
work. I dave & Tom was
piping down the rest to
cleaning up got gold
80\$ Rains came over this a. m.

Th 21

Breckfast over I & Shults
went up to the point- Kyler
quit work on yesterday &
shults this morning sick
I & Rains went up to the
old cabins the down to Wi
llow Ranch . Old Lloyd ca
me in he did not take ex

August 56

ceptions to any thing I
said to him. we walkd
a round in the diggins & then
back to the cabins... saddld
niggar & put for the vally

Fr 22

I & Rains & smith were wa
tering the potatoes till noon
the water then gave out p. m.
we were at work on the barn

Sat 23

Still watering the potatoes
Bray .. & Foxx came over to settle
with Terwillegar & the Sheriff &
clerk each one of us three had
to pay 218 \$ 13 cts apice & besides
our own witnesses, ect, he Terwi
llegar gave a bill of sale of all
his claims up at Massack to
geather with his Law suits &
we to pay him 1200\$ in 5 mo
nths. so the difficulties closd
I collected 15\$ of John Ward
the Jumping match came off
at Betsy town G. Farier got beat

August 56

I sold my entire interest in
the A. C. Thompson Ditch & Ma
ssack diggins to Smith
for 675\$ all to be paid by 18th
Feb 1857--possession given

Su 24

Lem came over on yester
day & Left to day Smith
started for Massack. . I &
Rains wer watering pota
toes till noon had a mess
of Roasting corn for dinner
I collected 1 \$ for ranching
No Nothings nominated their
candidates for county offices
on yesterday evening. . I
wrote a letter to H. P. cost 1/4\$

Mo 25

I recvd a letter from H. P.
of date 15 inst. & one from Dr.
Barlow of Geo town Ky givin
g an account of Bet hav
ing been sick & Nelson hav
ing his right leg Broke below
the knee only 5 days previous

Letters

August 156

Tu 26

to 12th July & says he is doing
well as could be expected-I &
Rains were watering potatoes
Cold & frosty Last Kt. kill
d some of the potatoes tops
we are still watering., wife
Liz & Rains & a number of
other Ladies & Gents went to
a lake in the montains be
tween the Am & Indian
vally came back just at Dark
Davy the cook came this evening

We 27

cold & frosty last Kt. . Rai
ns some Drunk up all kt. I
went over to Rocky bar staid
all Kt. took out 11 1/4 oz among
the drifts.

Th 28

cold & frosty again soon after
breckfast I & Dave we
nt up to the point & weighd
out 450 3/4\$ I got 200\$ & off
I put for home & pd Haden
that sum for a note that
was due on the ranch, I
& Rains made a long ladder

Mrs. Ray died
this morning

August 56

I pd Thompson 1/2\$ for my
horse to hay all kt & owe
1/2\$ moore , some gamblers
have been arrestd & will be tried
on Tuesday next, wife, & liz has
gone to sit up with the corpse
of Mrs. Ray

Fr 9

Mrs. Ray was buried this
P.M. we are at work on the
barn a little & origating

Sat 30

mutch excitement pre
vails in town respecting
the gamblers , at work a li
ttle on the barn

Su 31

I & Rains startd for the
point at day brake took our
guns, went the mountain
road to see if we could not find
a deer to shoot at but none
to be seen, I went down to
Rocky Bar P.m. at the poi
nt got a letter H.P. stating he
sent 1000\$ by Morly & Cawkins

August 56

express freight on the
same 71 1/2\$ Rains in a fuss
with Lem Keene at the poi
nt,, we went home to vally

Sept.

Mo. 1

I've been married 25 years
today & are here in the A. M.
vally at quincy,, the demo
crats have had a convention
& nominated their country ca
ndidates,, some drunk& fig
hting. Rains fell out with me
because I told him he must
not take a candle in the barn

Tu 2

A trial was held against Betts
for keeping a gambling house
in quincy, I being one of the 12 Ju
rymen that found a bill against
him,, I pd Dr. Cate 200\$..

We 3

I've done nothing this week
Rains is drunk & dont come
about me, late Betts sued
out a habus corpus & was
set at liberty by Judge Ward

Sept 56

Th 4

I & Lizy went over to Rocky Bar & took Dinner I pd John Ritchey \$500\$ borrowd money & interest from 7th last april still due 10\$ we came home & some very suspicious Persons staid in town last Kt but left early this morn

Fr 5

I've been arigating some P.M. Rains made acknallegments for his bad conduct I accepted.. my waggøn was finsd Last week I had a pick sharpend

Sat 6

cold & frosty last Kt the potatoe tops froze again I pd Haydon 200\$ on the last payment on the ranch still due 200\$ moore on the 8th I Rains & wife cleaned & finshed up the hen hous, Ben Ferrian pd me 21\$ for ranching Last kt so we are even & John came over this evening

Sept 56

Su 7

Nothing of note ac
curd during the day

Mo 8

I, John & Brookey went
over to Rocky Bar stopd so
me time up at our old diggins

T 9

I staid all day & worked in the
diggins; took out 92\$

We 10

Brooky & Kyler went over to
the AmthVally. Rains & i
were wartering cabbage & pota

Th 11

I & Rains were at work on
the east end of the Barn put
ting up Plank on the gable end

Fr 12

this is the same today

Sat 13

we finishd & did sone on
the west end the plank is
to streighten

Su 14_u

it is very unlike any
other day. Fidling drinking
& gambling all goes well here
the Blk Republicans have
had their meeting & nominated

Sept 56

	cty. candidates on Th last
Mo 15	at work on the west end of the barn, we still keep arigating
Tu 16	our work is the same today
We 17	the same as before---
Th 18	Wife Lize & 3 other Ladies went over to Rocky Bar came back to Ill Ranch took tea & then came home by moon light dancing at the court house
Fr 19	Rains sick on We last did no work that day, I finished that end of the Barn Rains went to Alfords & got 8 pieces of scantling to assist in making
Sat 20	Rains to Alfords after some 20 ft plank & other stuff --- I to making doors PM we succeeded in making 1 pair & I recvd a letter from H. P by E T Hogan alls well on Fri day last.. & one from Dr Barllow 25 Cts

Doors

Sept 56

last Kt stating that our ne
groes were all well & that
Nelsons leg would soon be so
that he could walk on it again
wife was some unwell

Su 21

on Fr Kt last but is well to
all appearances. I wrote a
letter to H. P. cost 25¢.. I pd
1/2\$ for paper. 2 trains of im
egrants & 350 head of stalk
on their way down to sacrame
nto vally, P.M. Liz took
a walk out without leave
to meet Ward all is not
right Done to run off to marry.

Mo 22

I followed a train to see
Phelps up spanish creek
did not succeed, I & Myers
are his securities for 500\$ in
a case to the Supreme court

Tu 23

I was all day helping
Maston make hinges for
the barn doors, Dave came

Sept 56

over on yesterday to hear
Gov Foot make a Fillmore
speech & returned this morning

We 24

after many strong en
treatys by wife & I we succee
ded in getting Liz to renounce
T. Ward & wrote him a note to
that effect. I was engaged
in hanging the barn doors
at the west end of the barn

Th 25

I recvd 215\$ costs pd
by me in the with Freer &
vaughn.. by an attachment
against Freer.. I allso
pd Haydon 100\$ on the last
note for the ranch &
made doors for the east
end of the Barn

Fr 26

I & Rains were putting
up the doors to the east end
Barn & pd Blood & Co. 95\$

Sept 56

on account he is without
doubt a hard dun. I made
a small door in a large one

Sat 27

there has been a theater
the past two nights my
wife & liz went with Hayd
on, at the close wife pre
vented Bradberry from ho
lding a conversation with
Liz in consequence the
Ward family was insulted
Mrs. John Ward said in hte
store that I should apologize
for my wifes conduct or
he ward would shoot me,
John came over this morn
I pd 3/4\$ for hinges & screws
hung the small door.

Su 28

I, John & Rains went
up town but was not mo
lested P.M. John started
for Nelson shortly after

Sept 26

wards. I recvd a note from
Bradberry, saying that no
lady would insult a Gentl
at sutch a place & that
he had concluded to take no
notice of the conduct&c
I shewed it to Hogan & Dews
ler, they advisd me to pay
no attention to it, we are
in hell on earth.. we have done
everything we can to
prevent her from maring him

Mo 29

I was at work planking the
North side of the barn below
the sil. Bill watering cabbage

Tu 30

I finished what I was at the
day before & feel verry mutch
out of humour on account
of our domestic troubles &c
Dave came over But is not
at all pleasant, I sent for him
as I heard he was going below.

Oct 56

We 1

I & Rains are halling out
manure on the wheat stub
ble at least what little work we
do.. Dave went home

Th 2

we are still at the same

Fr3

no change of work

Sat 4

we did a good days halling
of manure but did not finish

Su 5

The boys took out near 1000\$
the past week at Rocky Bar..
I think it was on Friday last
that I & Rains cut away some
drifts in Spanish Creek & wil
lows so that water could pass

Mo 6

we mad two log heaps one
in the field , the other in the
garden. I cut down a Dead
tree in the lot. that helpd to
make the heap in the garden

Tu 7

clowdy this morning I &
Rains heaping logs back

Oct 56

of garden p. m. commensd rai
ning. I set fire to the log heap
& continued piling up till we were
quite wet & cold. I

had dug some potatoes in
the mean time, 2 sacks, witch
we had to gather up bad as we felt

We 8..

clear this morning
once moore the mountains are
coverd with the new fallen sn
ow, & J. Russell came with his
threshing machine to get out
Halls wheat. I & Rains kept
the straw away for it..

Th 9

finishd threshing this fore
noon. p. m. Rains halld a
Load of slabs, I did nothing

Fr 10

we were fixing up the
root house, at it all day

Sat 11

we commensd ricking
up the straw, but wife Liz

Oct 56

and other ladies went over to
Nelson Creek, Rains went with them
P.M. I contin

Su 12

ud putting up my straw
all alone I've breckfas
ted shavd & Shirted & am
about to sally forth in the
open air & sunshine as the
frost is fast disappearing
Late wife & Liz came home
but Rains did not come

Mo 13

him and John went up to
the old mountain cabins
I recvd a letter from
John that our double
cabins had been set on
fire & burnd down with
alllof our mining tools
Johns trunk & our gum
suits pipes & hose
I set a ded pine tree on
fire on yesturday burnd

Oct 56

down in two hours I
was halling the limbs
to the house for wood.

Tu 14

cut & halld the rest
of the tree to a large
Log to help burn it up.

We 15

I went over to Rocky
Bar found them all at
work. I took dinner after the
boys had dind. I continued
there the rest of the day, .

Th 16

I slepd with John & a
hard sleep it was.. John &
Rains went with me up to the
Burnt cabins we pi
ckd up some of the burnt
tools & put them in the ca
bin that was not burnt, we
then went down to tthe po
int again. I bought a pa
ir of pants 2 1/2\$ and boots 6 1/2\$

Oct 56

each pair being the 4
th that I had bought
since in California
& 1\$ for horse at point
then went home & cut
off some 4 logs.

Fr 17

raind some today
I did nothing on account

Sat 18

I was setting up my
plank fence that was
blown down on last
Wednesday allso Barnetts
that divides our land---

Su 19

John & Rains came
over last evening I
& John finishd the fen
ce the mountains are again
coverd with snow-----

Mo 19

I dug a sack of pota
toes 115 tbs for Willmans

Oct 56

at 8\$ per cwt Rains is
halling 8000 ft of lumber
from Judkins to soda bar
for Love Joy & others for
a floom. I bought a pair
of gloves cost 2 1/4\$ to
dig potatoes & save my fingers

Tu 21

cold & freezing of Kts
I am digging Potatoes. I
hired a man, name Moore
at 50\$ per month, came
this P.M. rather heavy
on an old back to dig pota

We22

Rains did not get ho
me last Kt, cold last kt
ground froze so hard that
we had to use a pick to
get through crust

Th 23

still colder last Kt
we are diggin potatoes
as usual

Oct 56

Fr 24

I've no canges to make

Sat 25

still digging potatoes

Sun 26

I cleand up a little

late p. m. Dave & Ky

ler came over from Ro

cky Bar Did but little

this week taking out gold

as the Bank cavd in on ,

Thursday last & stopd them

from cleaning up.

Mo 27

I was engaged all day doing nothing

but I settled with the

wards & collected

50\$ dolls for H. P.

& settled 18\$ for Rains

& they still owe me 19\$

Tu 28

I & Moore at the pot

atoes again the weath

er is warm & pleasant

the Kts a Little cool

Oct 56

We 29

our cook left us one
day last week so wife &
Liz has to do ther own work.
Dave is getting ticketts pri
nted to raffle off his claim
at Rocky Bar at 3000\$ tic
ketts 10\$ each to come off
on 22 ond of Nov by Thop
son, the highest throw gets
wife slapd Liz for her
bad conduct to her.

Th 30

I am still diggin
Sherwin was here last
Kt & pd off Lovejoy for pri
nting the Plumas Democrate
I pd 24\$ for subscription

Fr 31

nothing new with us
we are still digging
potatoes.

Nov 1

Sat 1

we are still at Digging

Su 2

no alteration but not

actually at work

Mo 3

Rains helpd us to day

to dig potatoes as he cannot

get the waggon

mended in time to make

a load to soda bar

Tu 4

at last we have fini

shd our potatoes early

all three of us went to

the court house & voted

the Democratic tickett

we knocked off the rest

of the day

We 5

raind considerable

to day Rains went to ha

ll a load of plank got

back toKt at 9 P. M.

news favorable to Demo

Nov 56

Th6

we are sawing up logs
for wood Rains gone
with the last load of planks

Fr 7

we are sawing for
wood & grubbing, Dave &
John came over on
5th John went Back on
the 6th Dave has quit
mining has a man to work

Sat8

cold & Frosty Last?Kt
we put up twp log heaps
& splitting up wood..

Su 9

verry frosty & cold last
Kt. I & Dave went up to
hungarian Diggins to see
if I can get water on my
Ranch but rather hard
to do late getting back

Mo 10

verrry cold last Kt

Nov 56

		We are splitting wood &c am making shingles to cover a porch a long sid the ell. Dave is putting it up I sold the speck ox to Sterling for 85\$ & sold 4 oxen to J.J. Harvey for 416\$ payable 15th march
Tu 11	next	verry cold of Kts. I am making shingles, Moore is buiring cabbages, Dave is putting on the roof <u>to the</u>
We 12	porch	cold Kts. we finishd the porch this evening
Th 13	Lovejoy	I gave Dave the 85\$ I got for the speck ox to give it to H. P. as it is his & 14\$ I owd him borrowd money & 11\$ moore to pay

Nov 56

as Dave started for M
ville this afternōon

Fr 14

Rains took a load of
hay to betsy town for
Alford worth 42\$. 60cts.

Sat 15

raind on yesterday
today Rains got lost & left
the oxen & wagon in the
woods betwee spanish ran
ch & mountain house

on Sat Kt---- - - - -

Su 16

raind today some
the K. M. have elected
4 county candidates the
state will give a large ma
jority for Buck & Breck

Mo 17

still raining Rains
gone to the Mountain
house with potatoes
turnips & cabbages 1538 tbs.

Nov 56

I & Moore this p. m. assorti
ng potatoes, cleard off p. m.

Tu 18

Rains got home at dark

I & Moore assorting
potatoes, Rains some dr
unk, rather talkative

I sent 4 sacks potatoes
to Frank fox at Nelson pt.

We 19

finishd assorting pota
it was today that Rains
got home drunk from
mountain house &c

Th 20

I sent Rains up to
massack with 1030 tbs
vegetables.. Moore dug the
last potatoes.. I went over
to soda Bar with Lovejoy
commensd snowing in
earnest. I collected 12 1/2\$
for halling & 24\$ pre of

Lovejoy 36 1/2\$ in all