

HAUN DIARY

Book #1

February 6, 1853 - ~~March 31, 1855~~ JUNE 22, 1854

Feb 6 1853 -
June 22 1854

PART ONE

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|------|----------------------|---|-------|
| Pd | Nancy Applegate | - | 21.00 |
| | W. H. Barlow 4230 | 1 | |
| | Louisa Do | 1 | 10.00 |
| | Emily Bradly 6000 | | 10.00 |
| Pd | George Burch | 1 | |
| Pd | Marth Burch 5500 | 1 | 50.00 |
| Pd | C C Barbee 1000 | 1 | |
| | Sophia Barbee | 1 | 5.00 |
| | Mike Barlow | 1 | 1. |
| | Mrs. Tho Barkly | 1 | |
| | Anne C. Beaty 800 | 1 | 2. |
| | Rachael Betner | | 1. |
| | I. W. Crunbaugh 8020 | 1 | |
| | E. M. Do | 1 | = 15. |
| Gone | John Do | | 5.00 |
| | Solomon Do 15500 | 1 | |
| | Mary Do | 1 | 25. |
| | M. H. Cawby 800 | 1 | |
| | Kate Cawby | 1 | 4.00 |

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|------|-------------------------|---|------|
| | W. D. Crockett 9500 | 1 | |
| Pd | Eliza Do pd 10\$ | 1 | 25 |
| Gone | Cawby | | 1 |
| Pd | V. Chamber 500 | 1 | 1 |
| | Mrs. Chambers not known | | 1 |
| | H. Craig 20650 | 1 | |
| | Sarah Do | 1 | 32 " |
| Gone | Ed Duncan not known | | 1 |
| Paid | W T Duvall | 1 | |
| Paid | Lucy I Duvall | 1 | 2 |
| | Julia Ann Elgin | | 1 |
| | Sam Elgin 3600 | 1 | |
| | American Do | 1 | 8 |
| | Mary Do | | 1 |
| | Ellen Emison 2500 | 1 | 5 |
| Paid | I W Eastham | | 1 |
| Gone | Ewing | | 1 00 |
| | Elliott | | 1 00 |
| | Mrs. Wm Emison 9850 | | 5.00 |

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| | B. W. Finnell 21300 | 1 | |
| | Eliza Do | 1 | 35 00 |
| | James Do | | 1 " |
| Paid | Sarah Ford | | 1 " |
| | Jane Grant 1500 | 1 | 5 " |
| | Liza Grant | | 5 |
| Gone | A. J. Gano 1500 | | 5 00 |
| Gone | W. H. Grimes Gone | | 1 |
| | Harvy Graves 48150. | 1 | |
| | Martha Do pd to J. Smith | 1 | 74 00 |
| | Ellen Graves | | 1 |
| | Ellin Gaines pd | | 9 00 |
| | Izadora Graves | | 1 |
| | Elenor Hastings 600 | 1 | 2 00 |
| Pd | Ed Hastings 500 | 1 | 2 00 |
| Gone | Patsy Harlan Gone | | 5 00 |
| | I. H. Haun 400 | 1 | |
| | Martha Haun | 1 | 8.00 |
| Pd | A Holsted 300 | 1 | |
| Pd | Mrs. Do pd J. Smith | 1 | 3 00 |

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| Pd | Gabe Hancock | | 1 |
| Pd | Ben E. Hall 8000 | 1 | |
| Pd | E. E. Hall pd to J. Smith | 1 | 15 " |
| | Mrs. Haggin | 1 | |
| Pd | Dr. Jos Humphrys | --1-- | |
| | Mrs. -- Do not a member | -----1-- | |
| | Margret Johnson pd Mithell | | 1 |
| Gone | Caroline Jackson Gone | | 1 |
| | Emily Jenkins 300 pd J. Crumb | | 2 |
| | Adalaid Johnson 12000. | | 20 " |
| | Hellen Johnson | | 1 |
| | Abert Johnson 28250 | | 43 " |
| Pd | Mary Ann Jenkins | | 1 " |
| Gone | Thomas Do Gone | | 1 " |
| Gone | T. C. Kelly 1200 | 1 | 5 |
| Pd | James Kelly | | 3 |
| Pd | Buford Kelly | | 1 |

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| Gone | R. H. Keene | 1 | |
| Gone | Kate Do Pd. J. Smith | 1 | 10 " |
| Gone | Calista Lashly Gone | | 1 |
| | Teresa V. Lyon 500 | | 3 " |
| Gone | Elijah Lloyd not known | | 1 00 |
| | John A. Luke | | 1 " |
| Pd | Mrs. A. B. Lemon | | 1 " |
| | Julia Lemon 2,000pd by mitch | | 10.00 |
| Gone | Bettie Morland | 1 | |
| | T. L. Mitchell 18990 | 1 | |
| | C. N. Do | 1 | 32 " |
| | Anna Do | | 1 |
| | Mary Newbald | | 1 |
| Paid | Kit Osburn | | .50 |
| Pd | Mrs. T. Osburn | 1 | |
| Pd | Ann Osburn | 1 | |
| Gone | Joseph Oots 400 | 1 | |
| Gone | Virginia Oots | 1 | 3.00 |

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| | H. H. Prewitt 41500 | 1 | 61 |
| | Henry Do | | 1 00 |
| Gone | Eliza Pullen | | 1 00 |
| Pd | Eliphalet Price | 1 | |
| | John F. Payne 36400 | 1 | |
| | Carry Payne Pd 30\$ | 1 | 55 " |
| | Levi Prewett 38500 | 1 | |
| | Margart Do | 1 | 59.00 |
| | H. P. Do | | 1 00 |
| | Casio Previtt | | 1 00 |
| | J. T. Pratt | 1 | |
| | Mrs. Pratt | 1 | |
| Gone | Sally Rossee Gone | | 1 00 |
| | Sarah Roy | | 1 00 |
| Pd | Will Roy | | 1 00 |
| | T. B. Ridsdale 600 | 1 | |
| | Mary Do | 1 | 3.00 |
| | Sopha Ross 7000 | 1 | 11.00 |

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| | Letitia Richardson | | 1 |
| Pd | R. V. Soward 1900 | 1 | .15 |
| | Allice Do | 1 | -10.00- |
| | Georgetta Sullavan | 1 | 3 |
| | Mrs. S. Salyers Pd 10\$ | | 20 00 |
| Paid | W. T. Shepard | | 1.00 |
| Gone | L. E. Sanders 30500 | 1 | 46.00 |
| Gone | Gabe Do. | | 1.00 |
| | D. W. Standford 9000 | 1 | |
| | Laura Do | 1 | 15 00 |
| | Liza Smair 13000 Pd 10\$ | | 20 00 |
| | Mary Shelton | | 1 00 |
| Gone | Elizah Salyers | | 1 00 |
| | Rev. Jon Smith | 1 | |
| | Nancy Do | 1 | 2 00 |
| | Emma Do | 1 | |
| | Mary V. Do | 1 | |
| | Lucinda Sconce | 1 | |

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|------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| | Cassandra Shepard | | 1 00 |
| | Mary Shepard | | 1 00 |
| | T. I. Shepard | 1 | |
| | Eliza Shepard | 1 | |
| | Will Sowards | 1 | 2 00 |
| | Mrs. Wm Do | 1 | 1 00 |
| | American Toppass | | 1 00 |
| | Mary An Thompson | | 1 00 |
| Gone | O. E. Threlkeld | Gone | 5 00 |
| | Eliza Thompson 3000 | 1 | 5.00 |
| Pd | Presley Thomas 14300 | 1 | 10.00 |
| | Fanny Do | 1 | 23.00 |
| | D Vanderslice | 1 | |
| | Mrs. Do | 1 | 3.00 |
| Gone | Maria Vily | | 1 00 |
| Gone | George Vallandighan | 1 | |
| | Amanda Do | 1 | |
| Pd | Ann Smith | Co Pd. | 50 |

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| Paid | Ann E. West 900 | 1 | 3 00 |
| | Ann M. White 2000 | 1 | 4 00 |
| | John E. White 1300 | 1 | |
| Pd | Priscilla Do | 1 | 4 00 |
| Pd | Rebecka West | | 5 00 |
| Pd | Frances West | | 5 00 |
| | Agnis Warren 4000 Pd by T. L. M. | | 25 00 |
| Paid | Martha Wilging | 1 | 3.00 |
| | Wm Crenshaw 5370 | 1 | 10.00 |
| Gone | Henry Cozzeno | 1 | |
| Gone | Kate Do | 1 | 2 00 |
| | Abraham (Coul) | | 1 00 |
| | Eliza Baily Do | | 1 00 |
| | Simon Stepp Pd T.B.R. | | 5 00 |
| | Hallie Ganlt | 1 | |
| | Mrs. I Branham | 1 | |
| Pd | Sandy Foster | 1 | |
| Pd | Judy Do Colerd | | 1.50 |

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| 1853 | | To Cash Pd self & John on our | | |
| Feb | | way to Calafornia | | \$ |
| " | 6 | To I. T. Pratt for board Goc Ky | each | 5.25 |
| " | | Passage & dinner each Covigto | | 4.00 |
| " | M 7 | Broadway hous Cincin | each | 1.50 |
| " | | R. R. passage to N. Y. | " | 16.90 |
| " | | hack hire at cin. | " | .25 |
| " | | Supper in Cleavland | " | .25 |
| " | Tu. 8 | To Breckfast | " | .38 |
| " | ' | To Apples | " | .10 |
| " | " | To Supper | " | .37 |
| " | ' | To hackage in N. Y. | " | .50 |
| " | Th. 10 | To passage to San Francisco | " | \$275.00 |
| " | Fr. 11 | To colts Revolver for John | | 17.00 |
| " | Sa 12 | To theaters | each | 1.25 |
| " | ' | To Bath & Whiskey self | | .50 |
| " | Mo. 14 | To Vest | " | 2.00 |
| " | Tu. 15 | To Minstrels | each | .25 |

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| Feb. | W | 16 | To Cash Pd Indeible ink N. Y. | .25 |
| " | We | 16 | To " " boots 3.50 Slippers self | 4.00 |
| " | W | 16 | To " handed to John | 10.00 |
| " | Th | 17 | To water cure book | 2.50 |
| " | ' | | To pocket Day Book | .38 |
| " | ' | | To Sundrys | .15 |
| " | F | 18 | To. Dryde Beef | .49 |
| " | | | To. to inkstand and paper | .32 |
| " | S | 19 | To. Bathing 25. Pockett Compass 1/6 | .50 |
| " | " | | To life preserver each | 1.50 |
| " | ' | | To. Pacific house Board each | 14.06 |
| " | ' | | Boot Black each | .25 |
| " | ' | | hack hire " | .38 |
| " | ' | | Carring Trunks " | .35 |
| " | | 27 | Bottle Clarett | 1.00 |
| | | | 2 Lemons | .20 |
| | | | Servants on Ship | .36 |
| | | 28 | Eat 3 meals landed San Wan City. | |
| March | | 1st | | |

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|------|-----|--|------|-------|
| 1853 | | Up San Wan river | | |
| Mar | 23 | to castile rapids 3 to stemer cross lake | | |
| " | ' 4 | to lake Nickaraugua to virgin- | | |
| " | ' 4 | bay town . bottle clarett | each | . 50 |
| " | ' 5 | at port on lake at virgin Bay | | |
| " | ' | Cash bread & coffee | each | . 20 |
| " | ' | Dinner Virgin Bay | each | . 60 |
| " | ' | For trunk | | 9. 75 |
| | | For Johns trunk | | 8. 40 |

John & I took the first boat to shore
with many others I stood in water up to
the top of my boots as she took in water
evry sea but landed safe in vi. bay
town we dind & wated for Dav
& after getting our mules we set out
12 miles for the pacific, after passing
over one of the most singular countrys
& steep mountains & by all sorts every
ns. & fruits, & the natives live in

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houses made of round sticks & Bam

boo cane & coverd with flag leaves.

We next landed safe at the pacific

hotell after dark & we paid for supper Breakfast

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| Mar 5" | Lodging & dinner | each | 2.50 |
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| " " | in the town of San Wan del sea |
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Sunday I got up early took a stroll Bro.

Johnathan bying at ancorage a few

hund. yrds opposite our hotell in looking

around at the high clifts I saw .cac

tases 6 inches in diameter & 8 or 10 ft

high, I had likd to forgotten to men

tion the mile high mountains in

lake nickarauga & the clowds

hanging around their top. I saw

many natives stark naked, good

sweat oranges, 1 cent apiece, it is

here considrd fall season, the

Mar 6 Sunday 1853

road we traveld over yesturday
was quite dry & dusty though
it rained every day when we
first landed at mouth San
Wan river, it is spelld Juan.
After Breckfast went in aba
thing, & our trunks is com
ing in all well, the first thing
that saluted my ears was the
Brakers of the sea & at this place & continu
& continu to roar while I rite
standing near the waters edge.

| | | | |
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| " 6 | to oranges & Lemons | | 1.00 |
|-----|---------------------|--|------|

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| " 1 | to passage to steamer | each | 2.50 |
|-----|-----------------------|------|------|

to paid for trunks -----

we went on board Sunday eve &

bid adue to San Wan Del Sea

1 hour before sun set our course

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was North of west from 3 to 5
points with a strong wind to drive.

Mon 7 In the morning John & I some
sick, in the evening the paci
fick is quite smooth.

To bottle clarett each . 50

Tu 8 The sea quite smooth & we are
not & have been all morning op
posite 3 high gautamalia coast mo
untains. I am told we will be in sight
all day. 4 o. clk ocean quite smo
oth with a gentle breeze, the steamer
is running quite as steady as a
mississippi steam boat, N of W 2/4
five is our course quite warm.

We 9 After sun set quite warm
all day. The pacif
quite smooth. Alls wel.

1853 March

Today we crossd the gulf
of tehauntepec. Today I
saw a number of black fish.

Th 10 8 o. clk in the morning saw
a steamer going the opposite di
rection. Dry warm & clear has
not rained on us since the night of
th 3, the last night we was on
the San Wan river. We will
pass acapulco today. At night
have just seen quite a number of por
poses & occationly a shark. I saw
the sun set in the water this
evening & opposite the town
of acapulco after sun set.

Fr. 11 Quite pleasant all day
with a gentle breeze ahead.

Sa. 12 Warm & sultry with heavy

1853 March 12th

swells many passenger were
not at breckfast. I feel out
of sorts kind of squamish,
too sick to eat dinner. The wind
is from the N. west getting cool.
I had to put on my vest could
not eat supper. We are crossing the
gulf of Calafornia.

Sun 13

Quite unwell this morning
the vessel continues to role about
eat nothing all day. Had preaching
tex Mathew 16. 24. 5 & 6 Verses--

Mo 14

Crosd the gulf of Calafornia
the sea is calmer eat breck
fast but verry weak had to put on
my over coat & socks again. Saw
3 whales & 3 sharkes this morning
& now in less than 2 miles of Ma
rgarito island the east end not

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a shrub to be seen on it

eat 3 meals today.

Tu 15 Some cloudy. A head wind

in sight of Land.

Bottle wine 1.00

We 16 A strong head wind all day
& night many passengers sea sick

I got quite sick in the evening

Th 17 Ship still rolling I could not
eat breackfast, got warm & ple
asant & smooth sea at 12 am. At
2 pm. snow back off the coa
st on the mountains. Ankerd
at San Diego to take on 25 ton
coal at 25 00\$ weighd anchor at
11 O clock at night & put to sid.

Fr. 18 Sun rise sea smooth passing
an island on our left land in sight.

Fr March. 53

18 12 noon sea roughf passing
Santa Barbara sunset at
point conception high wind.

Sat 19 Strong head wind all day
eat nothing all day high mount.

Su 20 8 o'clock tide to the warf of
San Fr. passengers leaveing ship. Dave
& John has gone to get their Breck
fast as I want none I will wait
their return. Mutch of this town is
built out in the bay on spiling there
is a great amt. of shipping here. At
1/2 past ten I walkd up town & breck
fasted. I calld for 3 eggs 75 cts beef sta
ke 37 1/2 cts milk toast 25 cts making
in all 1,37 1/2. We next went aboard
steamer Cumanche for Marysville at
\$10 each and meals at \$1.50 each.

March 20 Sunday 1853

March We started at 1/2 past 1 o. clk at
the narrows in the bay above 35 miles
up is Benecia the capital of state
These bay shores is beautifull the ma
ny hills seems to have been harrowd
rolld & set in grass with out a stump
or tree. Passd Benicia 1 hour sun. evening

Mo 21 Cash to Johns pasage. \$13.00

" ' at 4 o clk this morning we were
at sackremento warf. I went ashore
at day light & got breakfast at 50 ct.
At 8. oclock we started again.
After the stemers Page & Gove
Dany for Marysville. The page
blew up 10 miles below Mville. We
arivd there about 4 in the afternon
& went out to H. P. Ranch & remaind
there untill the Friday 17th June.

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| " | 21 | Cash paid for trunks | | 1.00 |
| " | " | for dinners | each | .50 |
| June | 15 | for medicine | | 50 |
| Wed | 15 | for mending boot | | 60 |
| Wed | 15 | for Breckfast in Mar Ville | | 50 |
| " | 15 | to ferrying | aba each 25 | 50 |
| Wed | 15 | to carpet wallet | | 2.00 |
| Th | 16 | to packing up cloths | | |
| Fr | 17 | to starting on tranp & packing gun & wallet at the ten mile house, to apple pie & Butter milk. | each 50\$ | 1.00 |
| | | We traveld 17 miles & put up for the night. Our ft badly Blisterd. | | |
| Sat | 18 | To sup. Breckfast | each 2.00 | 4.00 |
| | | We are resting at the oregon house 7 1/2 miles. This morn ing our feet quite sore. | | |

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|-----|----|---|--------|-----------|--------|
| Sat | 18 | We continued our tranp until near night & took supp er whitch cost us | 1.00\$ | each | 2.00 |
| | | We then continued our walk some time in the night in company with a virginian who had a horse that carried our wallet & coats. We 3 then spred down his Blankets un der a pine tree & went to sleep. | | | |
| Sun | 19 | Got up early sunday morning & packd up started on our way. Stopd & took Breckfast | | each 1\$ | --2.00 |
| | | We continued journey until 1 o.clk pm put up for the day at strawberry vally eat supper & lodging | | 1.25 each | 2.50 |
| Mo | 20 | Early in the morning we started for Grass vally arrivd early in evening the 4 day travel is calld 75 miles. | | | |

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We breckfasted about 10 to day

& cost us 1\$ each 2.00

The last 5 miles we past a quantity

of snow some 2 or 3 ft deep in

spotts about on the ground. Our

feet is quite sore yet while I

write there is several men playing

at cards witch is the case every where

I been in public houses, sundays

not excepted. Supper each 1.\$ 2.00

Tu 21 Breckfast each 1\$ 2.00

Old Virginia left his hourse today

for major Brookey to ride as he got on a

spree last night. & was not able to tra

vil today. John & I shoulderd the gun

& wallett & old virginia with us off we

started for Nelsons Creek. Is calld 18

miles over high mountains.

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Tu 21 & snow, some 3 or 4 miles over
snow that was 10 ft deep we passd
through onion vally where the snow
had been 50 ft deep. The Natives
shewd me a pine tree near the houses
that was trimd for the wood. That lookd
as high to me as the syckamoores I trimd
for Sam Thompson. The last five
miles was down the mountain that
we had been on top of. We got so
wared in our knees that we was often
compelld to and sit down & rest. We made
the tramp in the after noon in good
time & put up with Dr. Vaughn
a brother of Jim Wares wife. I
had not long been here before he askd
me if I was not a Bro. of Judge
Hauns. I askd him why he askd

Tus 21 the question. He said because we
favord. I then told him I was
an elder Brother. We are in 30
steps of the mouth of Nelson Creek
that emtys in the middle fork
of feather river & a continual
roaring of the warter. There is
digins all about here.

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| We | 22 | Breckfast | each | 1\$ | 2 00 |
| | | Dinner | " | 1\$ | 2 00 |

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| Supper | each | 1\$ | 2.00 |
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The ballance of our company
arrivd last evening. Lying by
today expect to start a pros-

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Th 23

pecting in the morning after
breckfast. I went in a bathing.
I found it cold at that the mid
dle fork of feather river just a
bove the mouth of Nelson Creek.
I then went a little up N. Creek
I saw 4 men diggin. They took out
Wednesday 8\$ per man.

Dinner each 1\$ -- 2.00

Our gide continus to drink.
Ive done nothing today but visit
the diggins as we could not get
off.our selves, it being my
birthday. 42 years old at that.
I was anxious to start a gold
hunting. This evening I saw 2
pans the work of 6 hands
today about 4 oz all told

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| Th | 23 | Supper | each | 1\$ | 2.00 |
| Fr. | 24 | Breckfast | " | 1\$ | 2.00 |
| | | 1 pair blankets | — | | 8.00 |
| | | 1 pan Iron for wash gold | | | 2.00 |
| | | 6 lbs meat & bread | | | 2.40 |

Old virginia John & I stated up
N. Creek to prospect. We calld a hault
at independence 2 1/2 miles at noon
we crosd N. Creek & took up Dickson
Creek washd out several pans &
got the couler every pan. Old vir
ginia said it would not do. We
came down again to N. Creek &
took tea. Our supper consisted of
soda crackers cold roast beef &
midlen meet & water. We spread
our blankets & down we lay for
the night. O that hard bed —

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Sat . 25 Our breckfast was of the
same, that ours supper, consul
tation. Crosd N. Creek & commen
cd paning out. We got the cou
lor but old virginia said it
would not pay so we put for
the mouth N. Creek. Took dinner
& supper of the same, stopd at the
inn eat Breckfast

Sun 26 each of us \$
I washd some of my cloths
& shavd & wrote my fourth
letter to my wife. & John added
a few lines & gave it to the exp
ress man. I paid him 25 cts to
put it in the office at M ville.
Colowdy all day. It snowd
an inch or 2 deep on the moun
tain travler says.

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| Sun | 26 | Dinner | each | \$ |
| | | It rained here late in the evening. | | |
| | | supper for John | | \$ |
| Mo | 27 | Breckfast | each | \$ |
| | | Clear cool but pleasant. | | |
| Tu | 28 | Out hunting for gold. | | |
| We | 29 | ' ' ' ' | | |
| Th | 30 | ' ' ' ' | | |
| Fr | 1-July | ' ' ' ' | | |
| Sat | 2 | Moovd up to independence | | |
| | | bar & paid our bord each | | |
| | | for the week 11\$ | | 22.00 |
| | | set up traughfs to wash dirt. | | |
| Sun | 3 | Let the water on. | | |
| Mo. | 4 | Workd hard all day four | | |
| | | of us & mad 10\$ in all. | | |
| Tu | 5 | Continued our work. | | |
| We | 6 | Made 8\$ two last days. | | |

July 1853

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| Th | 7 | Workd hard all day & got 5\$ in all. | |
| Fr. | 8 | We closd out today with only 25\$ 50 cts the week for 4 of us, whitch was a little over one half for our board it being 48\$ for the week so I paid out for John & I. - 11\$ - - - - - | 11:25 |
| Sat | 9 | & sold my pan for 1\$ 75 cts. After dinner we put on a clean shirt that John had washd out with soap & cold water. As he had done twice before, & it was well done we dont Iron----- we then shouldred our blankets & tools for new Diggins. | |

July 1853

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| Sat | 9 | We found our selves at the mouth of Nelson creek late in the evening. I had sent by the expres this week to M. Ville for letters, but he arivd without anny for us. |
| Sun | 10 | After Brekfast felt verry uneasy about our condition all day. A party of old miners went out prospecting & returnd late in the evening & reported favorable. The company was made up of 8 men & would not take another in. So they met in private to form the rules of the company & tow bac kd out. So I sent in a petition with 2 others to be admitted |

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Su 10 They were chosen & I was
left out. Late at night I went
to bed but could not sleep for
a time. So it was I got up
Mo 11 early in the morning to hunt
a place to dig in. I calld John
but he said, he was too sleepy
so I left & took up a claim
by sight. Came back to breck
fast. Tom Williams had just
got up, my petitioner in the
company, he said he would
sell out to me. So I gave him
for this interest in the claim 40\$00
in cash & a promise of 100\$00
more if it turnd out well, &
John is to work for Vaughn
in the same claim.

Cash for whiskey =

1\$25.

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I will her state it is univers
ally the case that card playing
is done all day of sundays-
by the miners. On Monday
the fourth of July there was
a ball given at American
Vally 8 miles north of this.
Broke up in a row.

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| Tu | 12 | Paid for board from saturday evening until tuesday | each 7\$ 14.00 |
| | | The company then shoulderd blankets tools & provision. We arrivd on the ground about noon for the first time I had seen it we all walkd about over the ground. I then pikd up a small sack of dirt & washd out 1\$ to the pan. I thought to my self | |

Ive found the place at
last, we then went to work &
built a brush tent with a few
fir boughs & an old buffalow
robe. Down we lay for the night.

We 13 Up before sun rise. Setting
by the fire to warm, looking
around at naturs productions
the tall pines firs & arbavitas.
The firs bears a crop on its top.
After survaying the rout
today to bring water on
the companys diggins, I
then went 1 1/2 miles to mouth
Nelson Creek. I there got
a letter from you dated
24 May. I then went ba
ck to camp & read by pine

July 1853

| | | | |
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| We | 13 | not light. The long looks for treasure. O what a plea sure. You have not said what letters you recvd fro m me. You must give the news of the church. To cash for letter | \$1.00 |
| Th | 14 | Commecd diggin the ditch to bring in water. | |
| Fr. | 15 | Our work the same. | |
| Sa | 16 | Still the same. | |
| Sun | 17 | We all went over to mouth N. Creek except John. Dinner for my self | \$1.00 |
| | | I baught a pair boots | \$8.00 |
| | | & cotton for straw bed | 1.25 |
| | | went back to camp to sleep. John had washd one shirt | |

July 1853

for me & two for him self.

Mo 18 I & John were levling &
marking out the new ditch
rout. At night sewd on my
straw bed tick.

Tu 19 I & John finishd levling
the ditch at noon. John
to diggin & I to clearing away
the brush. Tonight finish
my bed tick.

We 20 I to clearing away the track
& John to diggin with the rest.
Tonight I put a whop
ping big patch on the right knee of
my blue military pants
out of twillo cotton flour sack.

Th 21 Our work the same

Fr. 22 Sat 23 & Sund 24

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I & John went down to willow
ranch & cut with butcher knives
a lot of grass to fill our tick.

Mo 25 Tu 26 We 27 was cloudy
all day & thunderd some but
no rain fell. All sun shine.

Th 28 Fr 29 Sat 30 Sun 31. I & John
built a bed stead, under a pine
tree so we sleep off the ground.
Weve killd several large rattle snakes.

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| This week paid for 4 gunny bags | 1. 50 |
| to three candles. . 50. paper tax 50. | 1. 00 |
| to one letter from W. G. Haun | 1. 00 |

Augst
Mo.

1 Tu 2 We 3 Th 4 The fourt night
I dreamd I was in Gergetoun & saw
you as plain as could be well &
harty in Mrs. Bratts room. I shook
hands with Mrs. Pratt. But you said

Augst 1853

to me to go to your room.

I then woke up.

Fr. 5 I dreamd of being ther again
but do not reccollect particulars.

Sat 6 At work on the ditch.

Su 7 We all except John went to
N. Creek & had some what of
disturbance & after night a
chunk of a fight, between an
Irishm & an englishma. The first
named provd the best.

Mo 8 The difficulty is not sittled yet.
John baught out Major Brookie
Claim for 50\$ down & 200\$ in
sixty days & expences included.

Tu 9 We all went to work this mo
rning except B I Mathews he
lost all the weak by sickness

August 1853

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| Tu | 9 | in the afternon we took up another warter claim. |
| We | 10 | Th 11 Fr 12 Sat 13 We blockd off work at noon. John had to wash 2 shirts each after a fashion. |
| Su | 14 | 5 of us shoulderd our guns to hunt the head of the branch that we took up to see if we could turn it in the other branch that we are at work on. |
| Mo | 15 | We are still at work on the ditch & are getting along well. |
| Tu | 16 | Dug a rattle snake out of the ditch. John recvd a letter from you on sunday 14 of date June 9th. |
| We | 17 | The weather is beautifull all sun shine. A breeze springs up evry day to keep it pleasant. |

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- Th 18 The snow continues on the
 mountains. We are campd in
 2 or 3 miles. I see it every day
 I look that way.
- Fr. 19 Eat pork & beans in consquence
 of whitch dreamd that I was in
 george town at Gen. Pratts & alarge
 colection of people seemd to be passing
 about all through the house & you
 my wife seemd to pay but verry
 little notice of me.
- Sat 20 We finishd digging our ditch
 & let the water in, had supper
 tea bacon & bread. Six of the
 company went to the point & got
 drunk & got back after midnight.
- Sun 21 All hands at camp sitting aro
 und a water mellon that cost
 5\$. Ive had as good for 25 cts.

August 1853

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| Mo | 22 | I commened to make sloose boxes to run the dirt through to catch the gold, to 1/2 gr letter paper | 50 |
| Tu | 23 | & We 24 We finishd one set of sloose boxes and set them. | |
| Th | 25 | We commened washing for gold we got today about 8\$ | |
| Fr. | 26 | We got about. Clowdy all Day | 30= |
| Sat | 27 | We " " Clowdy all Day | 12= |

I was the ballance of the week
making another set of sloose Boxes.
It thunderd powerfull & the lightning
seemd to blind me as it was right
before me on saturday night & rained
a verry small shower. Not enough.
Come throug my barkd roof bed.
On thursday night 25 there was a
ball givin by Dr Vaughn & partner,

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at the mouth of Nel Creek on
a san bar built a temporary
house & danced all night had about
15 ladies. John went down to
see after supper & got a letter
from wife of date June 27, 1853
giving an account of death of her
brother James Hurst & Mrs Smarr.

Sun 28 One hour by sun rise. John is
getting breckfast while I am
setting in my bunk writing do
wn the past events of the week
with wifes letter befor me. John
& I went down before noon & cut mor
grass to fill up my tick, this eve
ning the company has split up in
messes, 3 in on 3 in another I & John
in the last. Supper is quite ready

Augst 1853

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| Su | 28 | wrote my 5 th letter to my Dear Wife - - - - - |
| Mo | 29 | The men divided off into messes . John & I went down to Nelson Creek after quitting work & packd up our provisions & a hard pack in the dark. |
| Tu | 30 | Two of the men started a grisley going to there work about 150 yds from our tent. We had four guns but could not get to see him. |
| We | 31 | Our digging is not good this week. |

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| Sept | | |
| Thu | 1 | I freequently thought of our marriag 22 years past but workd all day |
| Fr | 2 | We are not making expences. |
| Sat | 3 | Some cloudy. Commensd rai ning at dark. My bark coverd bunk would not keep out the rain. We got under the straw |

Sept 1853

Bed, but the water run under me & on the planks. I got wet shure. It stopd raining & I got up built a large fire & laid a plank down before it & took a pair of blankets & down I lay before the fire. John staid in the bunk .

Sun 4 Got up soon & went up the ditch to the head 2 1/2 miles. Frost up here this morning & John got breck fast. For dinner we had dride apple pie for desert. John washd a shirt a piece & two towels. Afternoon the man that lost his wife a few days past shot the one that had her.

Mo 5 He is not ded yet but is thought cannot live. The miners are trying the man for shooting. We are trying a new place today for gold.

Sept 1853

| | | |
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| Tu | 6 | Our new diggins turns out poorly. My self & Dobson prospected another gultch & got from 25 cts to 5\$ per pan. |
| We | 7 | A good prospect in another place of the same gultch, This afternoon all hands went to the state election except John, & voted the Coco foco tickett, for governor, John Bigler. |
| Th | 8 | Moovd one set of sloose boxes to our new gultch. 4 of us set them up & 4 went to washing dirt at the last place opposite our brush tent, get but little gold as yet here. |
| Fr | 9 | Commensd work in the new gultch 4 of us. We got today about 25\$ = |
| Sat | 10 | We went to work in good spirits all hands 8 of us. Took today 85\$-- & we had not got down to the bed rock yet. O the lumps as big as the ends of fingers. |

Sept 1853

Su 11 After breckfast John made up two
loves of dough. & then took his & my
pick to Nelson Creek & had them sharpd
& brought .11lbs beef at 30 cts per .lb. & 7 1/2 lbs
bacon at 40. cts per lb. & I staid in camp
& took off the roof of my 5 by 6 ft bunk
& put it on again so if it dose rain a
gain I dont think it will leak on us.
I dreamd that I was in George
town & that you wanted me to
to to bed with you.....-----

Mo 12 We took out 308\$ today, & I drea
md that I was in Gen Pratts & you
with 3 other Ladies came in and you
was nursing a baby about 3 years
old, I did not understand that.

Tu 13 Changd our boxes to get moore
gold, did not weigh today, one
half workd in daylight the other

Sept 1853

half all knight. I was one of
the knight hands, cloudy &
rained some.

We 14 John & the 3 other hands went to
work after breckfast & I & the rest went
to bed cloudy all day. After supper
my turn came for the night, after
mid knight it rained on up till sun

Th 15 rise. It continued to rain off & on
all day. No work done today. I
took a good nap today & it rained
a good shower but my bunk did
not, leak so as to wet me.

Fr. 16 All hands went to work today &
gave up knight work. We took out
210 1/2 \$ I am making money faster
than any part of my life.

Sat. 17 Beautifull weather all hands
at work. Afternoon came. Vaughn

Sept 1853

too other gents & Dave to the diggins
I was verry glad to see him, he has
been sick & all the rest of H. P. concern
he came up to recruit his health.
He brought a letter for John that you
rote on the 14th July giving an acco
ant of the great excitement of the
election of Breckenridge. Mind
you we all three sleep in my 5 by 6
ft bunk verry comfortable. We took
out today 63 1/2\$ - -

Sun 18

After breckfast we all went
down to N. Creek to lay in a supply
of provisions. The mountains are verry
steep & high yet we pack 50 lbs verry easy
on our backs. What a gratification it
is to have an appetite to suit the times.
We came back to camp & took dinner
good light bread & tea beef stake pota
toes & onions boild beans & butter.

Sept 1853

| | | |
|-----|----|---|
| Sat | 24 | Dave wants the doctor to see him took out today 40\$ - - - - |
| Sun | 25 | Got our cabin ready to put boards on. Sawd off 3 logs to make boards split one open sawd out the door & chimney place. |
| Mo | 26 | Doctor came to see Dave he is getting well. This is the third time he has had the fever. This am took out today 56\$ 25\$ ---- & it rained & hailed at sunset so much that Dave had to leave the bunk & go into a new cabin that is just finished. |
| Tu | 27 | Took out today 137 1/2\$ ----- |
| We | 28 | " " " 161 1/2\$ ----- After supper went down to the N. Creek & packed up provisions Dave is well of the fever. |

Sept 1853

Th 29 Took out today 84\$ fine weather.

Fr 30 " " " 120\$ 50. " "

Oct Sat. 1 " " " 36.50 Quit at noon.

Dave killd a Kiota at camp. After
dinner I workd on my cabin
thundred with lightning but no rain.

Oct
Sun 2 Split boards & Dave coverd the
cabin while John dose the cooking.

Mo 3 Took out today 53\$ John & I
went down to Nelson Creek & laid
in provision for 7 months & then
went back to camp.

Tu 4 Took out today 56\$ & the man
that we bought our provisions of
brought them up today.

We 5 Took out today 5\$ & I work
all day & I work on my cabin
while the rest is at there ease.

Sept 1853

After dinner we commensd to
build a cabin. We got up six logs
16 by 14 ft long. One other man to help.

Mo 19 All hands to diggin gold we took
out today 136 1/2 \$. After dinner
Dave was at work knotching down
alog on the cabin & stuck the ax
to the bone up & down in the instep
of his left leg he sewd up the cut
himself. The bunk is house & bed
alls well delight full weather.

Tu 20 Took out today 79\$

We 21 " - - 58 1/4\$

Th 22 " - - 176" John & I went
down to the point & got medicine for
Dave he has the feaver.

Fr. 23 Took out today 54\$ - Dave continues
taking medicine all day. Raind
some in the knight.

Oct 1853

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| We | 12 | Took out today 59\$ ---- |
| Th | 13 | " " " 70\$----- |
| Fr | 14 | " " " 27- 1/2 ----- |

I had a fuss with I. Dobson.

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|-----|----|------------------------|
| Sat | 15 | Took out today 9 ----- |
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| Sun | 16 | Finishd our chimney to the cabin. John & I went to the point to settle up for lost time. |
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We got back some time after
night & took supper & then to bed.

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| Mo | 17 | Took out today \$16= 1/2 |
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| Tu | 18 | " " " 12 1/2 |
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Dave trimd my hair by candle
light. John baked 3 loaves of
bread & then washd shirts towls &
socks and I wasd & went to bed
the kiotes gives us a barking evry night.

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| We | 19 | Took out today \$10.00 |
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Th 20 Took out today 8 1/2\$

Fr 21 Did not way it

Sat 22 with Friday in all 9\$

Did not work at mining
in the afternoon, one of
the men went down to Nels
creek & brought a letter to me
from Jack, that had been
written ever since middle sept.
We now have our cabin fin
ishd. Hewn down inside all
in good order & have been slee
ping in it since We 19th as yet
weve not as mutch as a stool to
sit on. At this time of the moon
it rises before I go to bed &
I am up before sunrise, we
have no way of keeping time.

Oct 1853

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| Sun | 23 | Tore down my bunk to get materials for putting up one in my cabin, tonight I expect to sleep on a good sack bottoms bunk in the cabin, & Dave & John may sleep on my straw bed & on the floor. John has taken of his kettle of cooked dride apples & is lying down & Dave is reading a late N. Y. Herald Dave has laid by his crutch Saturday. |
| Mo | 24 | Last night is the first that I did not get the back ache since I left New York. By sleeping on the ground and other hard beds. Gold today 3\$ |
| Tu | 25 | I slepd easy but got cold under 2 pair of blankets last night. Got up twice & made a fire. No gold today. |

Oct 1853

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|-----|----|---|
| Th | 6 | Made no money today in consequence of our gulch is wo rkd out. We moovd our sloose boxes in another gulch close by. |
| Fr | 7 | Took out today 15\$. |
| Sat | 8 | Took out " 13 & 50. --- |
| Sun | 9 | I workd all day in building a chimney. We have to pack the rocks on our backs - John went to the point paid Thompson six ounces in gold for grub. |
| Mo | 10 | Took out today 33\$ |
| Tu | 11 | " " " 60\$. It rained all night. But our bunk dose not leak, besides our cabin is roofd chinkd & has a fire place no door nor floor or window. |
| We | 12 | John is getting breckfast in the cabin as it is raining. |

Oct 1853

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| Fr | 28 | Weve been working at a new place since Tuesday we not fairly got in to it yet dont expect to make any thing this week. Got today \$1=50 cts we all had a washing to knight of our selves & cloths. Dave & John have long since gone to bed while I am writing this. | |
| Sat | 29 | Got today | \$3.00 |
| Su | 30 | Got up before day built a fire lit a candle drew up my center table & got down my carpet wallet & took my bundle of letters & read them over carfully & the last one I got from you is of date June 27th 53. I went down to the point gave the expressman 200\$ in gold dust to take brother Jack | |

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Dave & I went down to the point.

I paid Thompson off for provisions.

The first Oct- - - - \$121.50

I then bought 3 plates old at that

the first queens ware of any kind that

Ive used for months. Our furnitures

being tin plates old & black tin oys-

ter cans for fruit dishes & butter

plates & with wooden forks & spoons

I am now sitting on the first

stool, whitch places me above the

ground or log of wood, that I made

tonight since midle of July past

neither have I heard a cock crow

since I was 42 years of age. -

Ice about our spring this morning.

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| We | 26 | Got today with yesterday | \$1.50\$ |
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|----|----|-----|------|
| Th | 27 | " " | 1.00 |
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We 2 Three of our company has left
off working their claims & gone over
to the American Vally to prospecit
the other five of us workd today
& got \$4.25 in the forenoon.
In the afternoon moovd the box
es higher up in the gultch.

Th 3 Us five is the company now. We
workd faithfull & got 4 1/2\$----

Fr. 4 We moovd our sloos boxes
still higher up the gultch &
set them up by noon. After
dinner Dave said he would
leave us so none of us went
to work in the middle of the af
ternoon he bid us adieu &
went down to the point to get
a mule ride over to Grass Val
ly & on to Marysville. He could

Nov 1853

not get well, or to feel well

I had the blews the ballance of this
day & knight. Time curs all things.

St 5

Five of us got today \$16 1/2. Quite
an improvement. After supper

I washd shirts 1 pair socks &
one of those linen towels Lou give me. It is
the only one I have with me
the rest remain in my trunk.

I then washd my self & went to
bed long after the mon hed set.

Sun 6

Up before day built a good fire
as wood is cheap & dride a shirt
did some mending on it. I took
down the last pair of those gray
footed socks & darnd the white in the
heel, with the top of another old
gray pair of the same. You do not
know how cearfull I am of these

Nov 1853

Su 6

o'ld duds that was put together by
your fingers. I feel like Ive parted
with a friend when Im co
mpelld to lay them a side. I all
ways burn them up. John
is mixing up dough for bread
breckfast is over & Ive made this entry
I had likd to have forgotten last knight.
I did some mending on my casinett
pants that I got from S. R. Betts-
t'hem & the blues is all Ive worn
in this country, the day is past
& gone no moore to return & how have
I put in my time. Thoughs Ive many.
Cut a ditch on the upper side of my
cabin to keep the rains from flood
ing my cabin floor as a storm is
lookd for. Some clowdy & the wind
from south west. John has gone to bed.

Nov 1853

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| Sun | 6 | Oh this afternoon went up the ditch with a VA friend saw tow grisley tracks one sall a cub that - Ive finishd my wooden wash bole to knight. It looks verry mutch like something you know that has a handle on the out side. Good knight. |
| Mo | 7 | Got gold 25\$ something better fine weather no rain cool morn ings and warm days. Yellow Jacketts are flying about of days pleanty. |
| Tu | 8 | Got gold 11\$ quite cool this morning ice all about our box es & froze. Our water scearce in the ditch had to send two men up it, to tramp the bottom. |
| We | 9 | Got gold 8\$ warm but clow dy all day commenced drisling late in the evening. On reaching |

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my cabin, my Va friend had
been to see me as his card plain
ly indicated that was pind to
my cabin door. All right Mr.
Small, I cant visit you this eve
ning its too unlikely over head.

Th 10 Rained all last night verry light
& cloudy all this day. We got gold 21\$--
The other three partners came home
at noon. They say they have found
good diggins over at the American
Vally. There is no telling.

Fr. 11 Up before day. From 1 to 2 hours &
have a good pine & oaks fire to sit by
& not the slightest sound of animal
or beast to interrupt my reflections
except an occational twist or grunt
from John as a part is on the bed
& the ballace on the floor.

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I often think & sometimes speak
of it to John, that I would not
be surprisd to see you out here at
any time but maybe. I wish it
so, we got gold 11\$. & I concluded
weve made but little of late to
take rest on tomorrow, as Ive not
lost a day willingly since I beg
an to work in the mines.

St. 12

John myself & G. Kline
took a walk high up into the
mountains, the weather was deligh
tfull. We stood upon one of those
bald peaks, north of the volcan
ick slate mountain on Feather
river. We could see a great way
nearly all around us. The are
was cool up there & concluded
to retrace our steps to the cabins.

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Su 13 There was nine of us concluded to visit slate mountain today. We set out about 10 o. clk & after mutch hard climbing we arrivd at the peak. It was up hill all the way but down Feather River. We all went up on the highest peaks of the rocks, it rained against us while up there & on us when going home & continued all knight. The patering on the boards was something new & interrupted my sleep some what.

Mo 14 Rained all day occationally mixed with snow. This I suppose is the commencement of the rainy season. How I am to stand Calinized for the next six months I cant tell before hand.

I concluded to put lining in
my casinett pants I got from
S. R. Betts, so I set my self about
it. I had son scraps of cotton sp
read my pants out on the table
& lay the cotton on & cut a frunt
for one leg & then turnd them
over & cut a back & then cut
two others by them, it took some
time to do the peacing, at all
events I finishd them before I
went to bed witch was late.

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| Tu | 15 | Raind moore or less all day. |
| We | 16 | Commensd snowing early in the morning. It son stopd at 4 inches deep, three of us went up the ditch hunting. By knight the snow was quite gone, cut wood & lay it in the corner to |

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have it
handy as I get up from 1 to 3
times in the night. I keep a good
fire all night. John does the cooking,
have not dug any since Friday last.

Th 17 Beautifull day 7 hands went to
work got gold today \$14 1/2. My
Virginia friend is gone this ev
ening over to the American Vally
to take up claims for us three,
if he gets a good prospect.
John has just washd out 1/2 doz
flour sack to line his pants with
& now lying in bed reading some novel.

Frf 18 Clowdy all day. Got gold 22\$
I made a new patten riffle box
to katch gold. 2 hands set up one
set of boxes near our cabins.

Sat 19 Raining some this morning
did not work today. Mr. Small

Oct 1853

Sun

30 to pay for the claim that John
baught of Maj Brookey. Allso, two
letters one for Jack & one to my
wife whitch is my sixth one.

Mo

31 Took today of gold \$150 = four of
us workd in the forenoon & I & John
in the afternoon. Four of the
company went over to the Amer
ican Vally on sunday & did not
get back untill late this evening.

Nove
Tues

1 We did not go to work today.
I believe the most of us is some
what discouraged because we cant
find good diggings. In the evening
I cut wood for the cabin til late
& Dave proposd to go up the ditch
so off we went & John too. As we
returnd near the cabin I got a shot
at a Kiota but did not kill I suppose.

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my Virginia friend came back from
American Vally today while we
were at dinner, to get some tools.
He is well pleasd & says 2 men
has taken out 7,000\$ in six weeks.
John & I expect to go over with him
in the morning. John is washing
shirts at this time for us. After night
he bakd 3 loves of bread & I cut & packd
a good lot of oak wood & set it up
against the house by the door.

Su S 20

Up before day & breckfast over
by sunrise & smaw on hand
we set out for the American Val
ly arrivd about ten o. clk a. m.
We then went 2 miles farther up
the vally to sister Besty Greltch.
We lookd about among the diggin.
I dreamd last night of plow

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Sun

20

ing up a great quantity of gold.

Some peices as large as my fist

& some smaller. I told of my

dream before I went there, so

in looking around I pickd

up a piece that weighd 10 1/2\$ off

the ground. We staid all night

at the Amerr. Ranch. Bradley

is one of the proprietors that ma

rried a cousin of D. Sullivan

by the name of Lucinda Daggert

who says she will visit all of her

kin in Ky when she returns

from Cala. ah, I heard a cock

crow. This vally near sister

Betsys is like a new town going

up of log cabins. A great rush

for these new diggins.

Only been found a few weeks.

Nov 1853

Mo 21

John & I went out a prospecting with 2 others & took up one whole hill side & commensd sinking a whole, so we took dinner on the ground near sister Betsys cabin & shortly after John & I left for home & left our 2 friends to finish the prospect. I think if you was out here you would be delighted with the climate frosty nights but warm days. The vally is several miles long but narrow. In going up the valley at this time we can see the snow all round on the high mountains & yet it is so pleasant in the vally. There is from 10 to 20 females here sutch as they be. Only 3 last year. We landed

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| Mo | 21 | at our cabin after sun set & that two after a fast walk of 14 miles. John complains of being verry sore tryed & is lying down. Paid tavern bill each to Bradly 2\$=\$4.00 the company got today 29 1/2 Dolls. |
| Tu | 22 | Got today 7\$ we changd both side of our sloos boxes--- |
| We | 23 | Got today 14\$ cool nights & warm days. |
| Th | 24 | " " 12 1/2\$ Dobson & I went a prospecting we got as mutch as from 10 cts to 50 cts to the pan of dirt. I dreamd that you had come out to this country but you hardly kn ew, me, ah. This harry face of mine that is it. |
| Fr | 25 | Before day light, well the wind did blow. I went out & look up to see these large tall pines, the tops were bending about so I ran in the cabin |

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again. If one could have seen me
a dodging & scringing when a dead
limb would fall on the cabin roof
he or she might have laughd if they
could, so I thought if the lord was
on my side I was safe & down I lay.
It rained all day today & night following.

Sat 26 Snow & rain mixd in the four
part & the after part of the day all snow.
Clear all night commenced snowing

Sun 27 at day light again, ah. I took 2
flour sacks & cut a lining for John every
day pants & fixed them in. He was all of Saturday
sewing the lining to the pants.
After breakfast John went down
to the point paid Thompson \$107.45
& paid Lewis & Roots 10 1/2\$ & then
got a letter from wife of date Sept 26,
1853. This is the second one since I got any

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giving an account of her unhap
py condition allso of Uncle Solomons
daily expected death & boarding at
Mrs. Chambers. & stated in John
letter that you had written one to
me two weeks ago. It has not
came to hand & none other since
the one dated 27 June last -----

It has snowd all day. With some
rain this evening to pack it down
it is near a foot deep & falling still.
John got a ham, cut the canvass
off, cut the ham in too & while it
is cooking I made him a towell
by heming it, as it was coarse
linen, so mutch better than cotton.

Mo 28 Some clowdy all went to work .

Tu 29 All workd but raind some about
noon. Got gold last two days 16\$----

Nov 1853

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| We | 30 | Beautifull weather warm & pleasant got gold today 57\$. ---- The snow is quite all melted off. |
| Dec | | |
| Th | 1 | Fine weather got gold today 34 1/2\$ |
| Fr. | 2 | We wer nearly all day ground sloo sing washing off the top dirt that has no gold in it. Got gold 2 1/2\$ |
| Sat. | 3 | Fin weather got gold today 23\$ |
| Su | 4 | Verry pleasant in deed. We go a bout with a cotton & flannel shirt on, pants & no drawers, & comfor table at that. Some snow yet in spo ts. Off a few miles it is quite deep. Commensd raining this afternoon verry moderate. I finishd my bathing box this evening would ent I like to see you bath in my knew box. O, yes, last night I was hd a shirt pair sock & then washd my |

Dec 1853

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| Su | 4 | self. I sat down before the fire an hour & thought are we so fare apart. I some times think that you are on your way from Marysville up in these mountains. Why do I keep thin king so. O, foolish thoughts. John went down to the point & maild a letter to his ma. I read the testament of late a goodeal. I scearcely see a newspaper. |
| Mo | 5 | Clowdy got gold today \$23.00 |
| Tu | 6 | Clear & pleasant. Gold today 11.00 |
| We | 7 | I went over to the American Vally to prospect & staid until Sunday the 11. I started home I & John met on the road so we came to our cabin. I did not succeed in finding a good prospect. It was quite foggy at the vally & rainy. They got no gold today----- |
| Th | 8 | Got gold today \$1.00. |

Dec 53

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| Fr | 9 | Got gold today 9.00\$ rained this evening & changed to snowing |
| Sat | 10 | off & on all day, no work done. |
| Su | 11 | Fine day no snow in the valley but the mountains around is covered even the green trees is made white. |
| Mo | 12 | The coldest night we've had last night. Was cloudy all day. Seven of us got gold today 12 1/2\$ but 3 of the 7 is sinking a hole & was at it, all last week. It is 20 ft deep 5 ft dirt on top the rest is through rotten round boulders and rock. The water comes in quite fast, but we want to see the bed rock & see if there ain't gold there. Commenced snowing before bed time. John's birthday Sunday. 11. We had nothing extra on the occasion. Snow six inches deep. Tuesday morning |

Dec 1853

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| Tu | 13 | Got gold today \$5.00 |
| We | 14 | ' ' ' 5 \$ some cool. |
| Th | 15 | ' ' ' 1\$ quite cool. |
| Fr. | 16 | Froze up the water in the ditch. |
| Sat | 17 | Still cold of nights & mornings no water to wash with. All hands a prospecting but me. I am making pick handles. Washd out the square box at the spring. Got gold \$, the men in the other cabin had a big fuss among them selves, whiskey |
| Su | 18 | is the cause. Not settled yet. John Dobson came over to my cabin & brought his provisions. |
| Mo | 19 | Nothing done. All in confution. |
| Tu | 20 | Snowd all night & today 1 ft deep. |
| We | 21 | Cant work water is froze up. |
| Th | 22 | Beautifull weather over head the snow is settled down some. |

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| Fr | 23 | Dobson & I went down to the point. No letters yet for me. What can the matter be. I paid Thompson \$75.00 & we got 8\$ 75 cts worth of fresh meat & little notions for a Christmas dinner. I got a new red flannel shirt. |
| Sat | 24 | Dobson & John set to & made a lot of mince pies for a start. |
| Sun | 25 | Up before day as usual & caught the boys in a Christmas gift all right. I held on my new red shirt. Eat breakfast & then the Johns to making pea ch pies & plum puddings. For dinner all to our three selves. It snowed on Friday night & Saturday six inches deep on the top of what was on the ground. |
| Mo | 26 | Quite cool today. We cannot work our ditch is frozen dry. We were all day sewing. I find my casinetts pants |

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out side in frount with cotton &
put a big patch on the seat of the same
& covered the bottom of my socks with cotton
& made me a pair of mittons out of Johns
Blue pants of the legs.

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| Tued | 27 | Quite pleasant today & warm. We three went a prospecting did not get down. |
| We | 28 | We went a prospecting & did not as much as get the coulor. Warm & clowdy com mened snowing this evening. |
| Th | 29 | Continued our prospect of tuesday. |
| Fr. | 30 | Sunk a hole on the creek back of the cabin bed rock pitching |
| Sat. | 31 | washd several pans got better as we went up the hill. We kno ckd off befor knight eat dinner & John washd 3 shirts & 3 pair socks for him & me. Weve had nothing to do with the men in the other |

cabin since the fuss. One
of them told me that they we
re building a cabin up Nelson
Creek and were going to moove
their provisions as soon as they could.
I suppose we will have these diggins
all to our three selves.

Sunday Jan. 1st 1854

I finishd my 7th letter of near too
sheets to send to my wife. I went
down to the point to mail it, but
to my great surprise, I receivd
one of three sheets full up to
the brim of date Oct 29th 1853.

Allso one to John of 1 1/2 sheets of date
Nov 14th 53. Johns giving an account
of the death of M. Lemon & Masher
& mine an account of having gone

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to housekeeping in Alvin Duvals
old house. So I concluded
not to send it but, write some
thing more, as it did not make
any difference. The mail would
not go out for some days from
these mountains. I opened my letter
but I dare not read it until I went
home it being the first one since
August last the 27th. On arriving
my partner Dobson was drinking. He
was for having a fuss with the men
in the other cabins so I did not
have the pleasure in reading my
wifes letter that I anticipated.
After dinner & supper for it was
all one we all went to bed. So I
gets up before day & reads the
letters over again. O, what a treat.

Mo 2

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| Mo | 2 | We three are prospecting because we have no water to wash dirt. |
| Tu | 3 | Still aprospectin on the creek. John & I went up the ditch to see if could get the water do wn. We came across quite a nu mber of Lyons tracks in the snow all going the same way & crossing the ditch. Got the water down as the days are wa rm & pleasant & the snow is me ltd of in places. I closd the P. S. to my wifes letter this evening it being 7th. |
| We | 4 | After dinner I went down to the point & maild the letter to my wife. 25 cts for letters to Marysville. |
| Th | 5 | The collest day weve had. Last night the water froze in the cabin. |

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| Fr | 6 | Still cold last night the water in sterlings ditch froze up so as to run over & fill up the whole in the bank that we was prospecting in. We had some trouble to get our tools out. We did no work today but get wood. |
| Sat | 7 | Compelld to get up before day to rest my back, it dose ache no little & when I am up it dose not hurt mutch. Pleasant all day. We started another hole farther down the creek about 100 yds. |
| Sun | 8 | Beautifull day. I was walking about in my shirt sleeves & the snow is nearly all over the ground yet. I commensd first day of 1854 to read Mathew & so on today I closd reading XVI chapt. of Luke. Of the unjust steward. |

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| Mo | 9 | Warm & pleasant & some cloudy & snowd some, we are on the bed rock in the 2nd hole. Commensd drifting in & we are getting small prospects. |
| Tu | 10 | Snowd a little this morning but warm & pleasant the ballance of the day. We dug in to the bank about 5 ft. My testament or the one I have with me. S. John X Chapt. & 27 verse & then one leaf out & commences again in a part of the 12 verse & 12 chapt. as fol lowes "were come to the feast". |
| We | 11 | Beautifull & warm all day some snow on the ground in spots. We are at work in the bank today but cant find mutch gold. |

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| Th | 12 | It commensd drisling last night we concluded to open up the ditch we set out with 2 shovels & an ax we knockd the ice loose & got the water to wash it down. I walk in the ditch all the way of 1 1/2 miles & got the water down in good stile. In the evening we were ground sloosing. |
| Fr. | 13 | Raind all knight last & all day today. We were out in the ground sloosing washing off the top dirt. My lesson is Acts XXI Paul goith to Jerusalem. Still raining at bed time changd to snowing before we went to bed & condinued all night. |
| Sat | 14 | Snowd all day. We were all day out cutting a ditch thro ug a flat at the foot of the ritch ra vine. |

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Sun 15

Snowd all day & is at it
yet. Weve all been putting leather
souls on our gum boots. If you
could but see us as we are in these
lonly snow coverd mountains
two small cabins & the south
east one deserted you could
but weep for your flesh &
blood. To say nothing of him
who pennd these lines. In me
mory of these awfull death
like silence that seems to speak
with in us. Art is hushd when
we lay down our implements
for mining. Then not the rus
tling of these tall pines is heard
nor the chirup of a bird & not eve
n the howl of a Kiota all is still
excep the crackling of the fire.

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But this still small voice is speaking in tones that may be heard in time to come. I shall read for my comfort & edification Pauls letter to the romans VI chapt chapt. of newnefs of life before I sleep.

Mo 16 It continues to snow but light with intervals of sunshine. We waded over to the gulch where our tools were, to see if there was water running but found so little we gathered up our tools & waded back to the cabin the snow is 22 inches deep & enough on the trees to make it 1 ft deeper if it had fallen regular.

Tu 17 It is still snowing & continued all last. We are compelled to stay in doors we can do nothing out but sit by the fire & mend our duds.

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It continued all day & night snowing.

We 18

Snowd all day & knight. It is abo
ut 3 ft deep & quanity on the trees.

We staid in doors all day. I wro
te a letter to W. G. on yesterday but
but cannot mail it. The snow
is too deep to go down to the point.

Th 19

The sun rose bright & clear &
not a breath of air stiring we
turnd out & made two roads to
the trees we had cut down through
the snow & cut wood to make fires
John made one to the spring yesterday.
Dobson is cooking peaches to make pies.
I warmd some water last knight & put
my box near the fire & stripd off & got in
washd all over & wipd put on a clean
shirt, the first clean one for 17 days &
put on the only pair of drawers I have
with me, an old pair wife made me
maybe you don't think I feel clean.

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Fr. 20 Clear & cold A. D. McDonald &
Ed sterling came to see us. They wanted sack flour. We loaned them one. It was so cold that we all had to get up last night & build a fire to get warm. McDonald staid all night.

Sat 21 Clear & cold. We all four went to the point. I got ink letter paper & 50 cts pair boots \$6.00 and skein black thread 25 cts. & John got grey flannel shirt \$3.00 Quantity of ice running in feather river.

Su 22 Cloudy all day. Wether moderated some. We found that our potatoes were froze considerable. We sorted them out one sack out of three were hard froze. We had wood to get & I washed shirt pair socks & towel before I went to bed. Commenced snowing after dark.

Mo. 23 Snowing some this morning but not so cold we are sitting round the fire. You ought to have seen the pair of socks that we mended. They are the kind that is mostly used in this

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country eastern wove & the foot
twist as long as the leg & all ragedy.
When knew, they cost one dollar.
My place of reading was this mor
ning 3 chap first E genl of Peter
Duty of wives & Husbands. Dobson
let his leven get froze. The dough
that he bakd to knight is not rose
mutch. I am up before day I dont know

Tu 24 the what time it is. This I know
I am not sleepy. For the snow falls
in sutch quantitys off the trees on
the cabin roof that makes me fair
ly jump. It seems to be raining some
at least it is a thawing, & the trees a crack
ing on account of the wet snow on them.
Raind all day & night. I was all
day putting cotton lining in my
janes shirt. I use it as a kind of coat
by cutting it open in frount, early
We 25 before day it was snowing & con
tinued until about 10 am & then
cleard off warm & pleasant. We went
over to see if there was water to work, but
there was not enough. We waded back to

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the cabin through the snow. It is moore
than knee deep & occasionally it holds
us up. We cut & split wood & pild up un
der the shed along sid of the house the
rest of the day. We are sitting around
the fire. Dobson & John reading novels
& I making this entry. All is still &
quiet except small bits of frozen snow
that falls from the trees on the cabins roof.

I think of you wife allways when I
write in this book. It seems to me that
I can see you reading it & asking questions
& saying I would have done thus & so.

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| Th | 26 | Cold last knight but warm & pleasant today. I closd st. John the Divine. |
| Fr | 27 | Cool this morning, but some hazy in the evening. I made some board's with an ax to stop the few leaks. I read 5 chapt's the first of Mathew be fore I went to be & 5 moore before day light. |
| Sat | 28 | Clowdy last night & this morning it was warm & pleasant all day. I put some boards on my cabin & split some wood and commensd a letter to . D . H Smith. |

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Sun 29 Finishd my letter to D. H.
Smith & went down to the poi
nt & maild it & one to W. G. Haun.
This was a warm & sun shiney
day I was in my shirt sleeves
all day & the snow is knee deep.

Mo 30 Warm & pleasant all day. We
went up the ditch to see if we could
get the water down. The ditch was
broke in several places & water run
ning out & the long floom was
leaking bad from the quanity of
ice hanging to it. We called all &
raisd souce of the boxes & got the
water through before knight.

Tu 31 Warm & pleasant we shoveld
out the snow for nearly one mile
& got the water down to our work.
I dreamd Gen Pratt had sold the tav
ern out last knight. . . . Feb

Feb We 1 Still pleasant we went to ground
sloosing. Halld on our leaky gum
boots rolld up our sleeves & in the water.

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Th 2 Up this moring early & darnd
a hole in the heel of one my old grey sock.
We go in our shirt sleeves all day
we have a good head of water to
wash off the top dirt. It is running
through the snow & we roll up our
sleeves get in to it all day.

Fr. 3 Last night three lyons pafst
in 200 yds of our cabin betw
een it & our woork & then late
this evening a 4th one came on
the track of the three before we
came home from work. Some
clowdy this evening our work
is the sourse ground sloosing.

Sat 4 Raind moderate today. We
set up our boxes after digging
them up out of the snow. It is
knee deep & hard enoughf to bare
in places. Well if this aint cold
work on hands. I will say no
moore. We quit for the day after

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getting up the boxes & being
wet all over from rain & working
in it & being quite late for din
ner. After dinner I changed my
duds for the dry ones & went down
to the point & got a letter of date 28
Nov for John & one for I date 29
Nov it mostly says dont be discouraged.
Well if you could see us at
work you would have no occation to
write sutch letters I think.

Su 5 Raind all knight last & all of to
day we all went to McDonalds
cabin not at hom Mc.. I closd
reading to knight St Mark from
the 7th chapt -----

Mo 6 Raind & snowd last knight
mixd & raind all day. We went
to washing out gold \$11.25. This is
the first since middle Dec. last
and not bad for a start. I made a
cape out of the legs of gum boots that
kept my shoulders dry all day.

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Tu 7 Rained last night. I was up this morning before day. It cleared up at day break & sun came out beautiful all day. We got gold 23\$ 50, not bad for three of us. I had some cross words with John this morning. He has got in the habit of telling me that I am mad if I speak to him in the way of a reprimand. He did not go out to work until I came back after him.

We 8 Fine day cold last night some cloudy this evening. We washed for gold this morning 2 hours & got 41\$ one piece weighing 29\$. Then we went to ground sloosing the rest of day.

Th 9 Some cloudy. Ground sloosing commenced raining at bed time.

Fr 10 Snowed some last night & rained pretty hard all day. We were ground sloosing & got wet & cold at that.

Sat 11 Rained hard last night & then snowed before day. We got gold 9\$ it was a beautiful sun shine day but cool this evening.

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Sun 12 Cold last night & cloudy
& snowing this morning very
fast & continued all day about 1 ft
deep of new fallen snow on the top
of the old & hard. All three went down
to the point. I mailed my 8th letter
to my wife. I paid 3 1/2 dolls
for sharpening 2 picks & putting steel
in one of the ends & drawing them out
out of the companys money, 50 cts for
turpentine for company, & paid
Lewis & Roots 17\$ for Johns boots &
letters. I got blue flannel shirt on credit.
It is still snowing at bed time.

Mon 13 Snowd some little last night
& all of the day. Sun Shine at intervals
Cold & Freezing to night. We got gold to
day 10 1/2 \$. The south west side of ravine
the bank slid down with 4 small
trees on it & split two of our sloos boxes.
It took us all the afternoon to rite up.

Tu 14 Cold last night & continues to free
ze in the shade & where we are at work. Got
gold 34 1/2\$ our piece weighd 24 1/2\$.

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We 15 Cold last night, but pleasant
today sun shine in the fore noon
but clowdy in the after & snowd a little.
We got gold 24 1/2\$. We had flap jacks
for dinner as bred was scearce.

Th 16 Snowd some last kt. sun shone
but dim hazy & clowdy. To day we
got gold \$16. My shoulders & elbows
ache & my hands are roughf & crackd.

Fr 17 Fine day the wind is North of east.
Got gold 23 1/2\$ we think weve fou
nd diggins that will last for months.

Sat 18 Fine & warm day we cleand off
the trees & bushes, for ground sloosing.
We cut a ditch & got the water running
through, we cleand out the patten riffle
box & got gold 2 1/2\$. I saw a large flock
of wild geese goin north what dose it mean.

Sun 19 Snowd alittle last kt & is at it to
day, some sun shine at intervals.
Wild geese going south again. We
cut & packd wood. I cut a tree & fell
it in front the cabin close for back
logs. My lesson acts 20 chapt.

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I sent John down to the point to
have my pick sharpd & see if there
was any letters. I took 5 pills made
by Barlows recpt last kt. as I am
out of sorts rather bilious.

Mo 20 Clowdy mostley with a little snow.
Wild geese & ducks going north. I took
four more pills on going to bed last kt.
& felt rather bad all day but worked all
day at ground sloosing. The bank cav
d in & smashd one of our boxes badley.
We found it so when we went to work this morning.

Tu 21 Snowd a little last kt & all day to
day but melted as it fell. We were
ground sloosing but fixd our boxes
in the after noon for catching gold.
We savd some but did not weigh it.

We 22 Snowd last kt & is falling fast this
morning but melts allmost as fast as it
falls. We did not work. I patchd
my knew red shirt with some of
the old one. It snowd hard all day

Th. 23 & kt following & was at it this
morning hard. For a while cleard
off nice & warm snow is knee deep again

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Th 23 though it melted away & fell off
the trees powerfull fast. We went
to work in the snow & got gold 42\$

Fr 24 Another storm brewing cloudy
& cool. Got gold 9\$. We wer ground sloo
sing in the after noon or eather
clearing away all day.

Sat 25 Commenced snowing before day & is
at it at 9 o.c. am. Dobson is mixing
up dough & John is cutting of the
hock bone of a ham to boil & Ive just
fixed up the fire & noting these little
facts while I think & reflect of one that
I love & O. how I should like to see her.
We went to work. There was apile of top
dirt slid down last kt. that we had to
moove. We shoveld it in the boxes &
the way it snowd on us till 2 p. m.
Sun came out & quit snowing. We was
wet & cold & hungry. We got gold 3 1/2\$
Built a good fire changd cloths eat din
ner & then turned out to get wood. I had
to shovl of the snow before I could cut
a back log. It commensd snowing in
a short time & continued till kt. Now

after dark Dobson baking bread John
cleaning out his tin kettle to cook a mess
of beans & I have just read the V
chapt of first Cor. to the X & now noting
down that I may see how the time past.

Sun 26 Snowd all kt & all day. Dobson &
I went down to the point. I paid Roots
4\$ for a long handle shovel & 75 cts for 2 lbs nails
& paid the smith one \$ for sharpning pick.
I expected to get a letter but mail had not
come in. We waded back through the
snow in places & broke through & it
up between my knees & hips. It is not
cold nor has been for the quantity of
snow that is on the ground & falling
so often. It melts away nearly as
fast as it falls. The wind blows but lit
tle compard to other places & the days
are nearly allways warm. I shall read
a capt or two & then got to bed as it is late.

Mo 27 Raind & snowd all of last kt. & continued
this morning until 10. o. c. & then it snowd
till after kt. Yes it fell faster than I ever
saw it before. It is moore than hip deep.
We brought in our knew patten riffle box.
I made some alterations that was all we
done to day. It continued snowing
till after dark & can't say how mutch longer.

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Cold this morning. We waded through the snow & carried our new patent riffle box over to where we intended to work, as it was a fine sun shine warm morning. But our water has come up missing. We fixed the boxes till noon & then went up the ditch. The snow had clogd the water & it cut a whole through the ditch in several places. We cleard off the snow & mended the broken places & got the water to running in the ditch.

March

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Real March weather. Snowd a little last kt, but fine morning. We went over to our work but no water. We we went up the ditch & found the water stopd with snow & ice. We shoveld it a way & got the water to running down by noon. I dreamd on Monday kt last of getting a quantity of large gold allso on Tuesday kt of my wife getting Baptized again & of seeing her shed tears. I dont recco llect the cause. We went to washing for gold & got \$69.00 this afternoon & piece weighing 24\$ & a little upwards. A good half days work.

Mar 1854

Th 2 Snowed a little last kt but a fine warm
day. The top dirt slid down. We was
all fore noon getting it out of the
way. We got gold 21\$ this after noon.

Fr 3 Clowdy & commensd snowing early
& continued all day pretty hard. We
washd dirt most of the day & only got
gold 6\$. At noon we packd a lot of wood
as we did not want it coverd up under
the snow. I got up before day & coverd
the bottom & sides of my old white top
grey footed socks with some of my
old red shirt & that too after I had
darnd them well. I want to keep them
as long as I can.

Sat 4 Up before day commencd snowing be
fore light & snowd a verry little in the
fore part of the day but the sun shon
at intervals in the after part. We got
gold 73\$ one piece weighing 14\$ I now
think there is a pile about here but getting
it out is the question. I will be found
trying at these for some time to come.

Sun Sun 5 Cold this morning but warm & plea
sant all day. We turnd out & got

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| Sun | 5 | some wood. I sent John down to the point to see if there was any letters none. He ground the hatchet. I made a wooden soup spoon to lift our beans when cookd. We allways divide our gold on Sundays each one got 56\$ to our weeks work. My lesson 5 chat Ephesians. We are all setting around our cabin fire. The Johns reading novels & I penning down & the snow hip deep & solid enough to bare. |
| Mo | 6 | Quite cold this morning a good deal of ice about our boxes. We got to work after punching some of the ice off. Made 37 1/2\$. The day was pleasant enough. Supper over & John wirting a letter to his ma. |
| Tu | 7 | Not so cold this morning. Verry warm & pleasant all day. We got gold 12 1/2\$ & Ive been thinking abo ut wife coming out to Cal & I look some times if she aint about. So me times at the cabin & while at work I look up to see her. no. no. |
| We | 8 | Delight full day. The green flies are flying about & the snow deep. |

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We got gold 47\$. We are in good spirits about our diggin. Weve scarcely made a beginning to work them. I do wish my wife was out here to see the lumps of from 10 to 30\$ peices.

Th 9 Abeautifull warm April day in March. The snow is melting fast. Allready the ground is making its appearance in spots & close by it is 2 & 3 ft deep. We was ground sloosing to day did not try to get gold.

Fr 10 Warm. The snow melting off the cabin all kt last. The south wind blowing. Warm & pleasant till noon & after clowded up & rained. We were fixing to wash in the fore noon & I mended two broken boxes. We cut a tree down in the after noon & then knocked off on acct of the rain.

Sat 11 Snowd last kt & all day. We workd at ground sloosing part of the day. The place we are at work at is about 20 ft deep & the dirt & mud keeps sliding down. Each one got 33\$ to his shear this week.

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Sun 12 Cold last kt but a beautifull
& warm day. John went down to the
point & maild aletter to his ma. I
washd & shirt & pair socks & done
some needle work in the fore noon
& read the V chapt. of Gen E of James.
In the after noon we turnd out &
cut & packed a lot of wood for the
week. Getting late bedtime. The wind
blowing & the snow falling again.

Mo 13 Snowd all of last kt. & all of to
day. After dinner we went up
the ditch to assist the water to run
down but the snow was falling
two fast & was allready too deep in
the ditch. We gave it up for a bad
job. Waded back to the cabin. The
new falling snow was above our
knees & still snowing.

Tu 14 Snowd all of last kt & at it this
morning. I've not been out to see
the deph. it held up at noon. We got
dinner & went up the ditch & stopd
the brakes & got the water running
down but the snow is so deep

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in the ditch it cant get a long
mutch. I walkd in the ditch where it
was about 1 ft deep & the snow up to
my head.

We 15 Warm & pleasant. This fore noon
we went up the ditch to get the water
down. We had to shovel out snow for
near 1/2 mile. By noon it was at the
end of the ditch & making its way
down the ravine. After dinner we went
to the diggins & sloosd down a large
pile of top dirt. Just as we finished
another pile slid in. It was cloudy
& cold this after noon.

Th 16 Snowd alittle last kt. but a wa
rm & pleasant fore noon. The Johns
went to McDonalds & borrowed his co
tton hose. I was cutting a way
some roots & stumps. After dinner
we sloosd down a quantity of dirt
& trash & set our boxes for washing.

Fr 17 Warm & pleasant. The snow is me
lting away quite fast. We made a
commencement to wash for gold. We
got 12\$ after loosing all the week & part
of it last but it is heavy work to say the least.

March 1854

Sat 18 Warm & pleasant & the snow melting away fast. The evenings & kts are quite cool. We got gold 18\$.⁼ We feel quite shure of doing well next week if the weather is good here.

Sun 19 Raind a little last kt & a verry little this morning but cloudy or hazy all day. The sun shone out considerable with all & warm & pleasant. I went down to the point in the afternoon no letters for us. The express man has not been in for two weeks. So I mailed my 9th letter to my wife & paid 25 cts for caring it to Marysville & the same for Johns last sunday. We got some wood for the ballance of the week.

Mo 20 Warm. The sun shone at intervals. We wer mooving top dirt all day & moore to moove tomorrow.

Tu 21 Cool last kt & clear & a fine pleasant day. We commensd washing just before noon & got gold 16 1/2\$. A poor turn out.

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We 22 Fine & pleasant. Last kt
alarg ceader stump & too large
logs & a quantity of dirt slid
down & mashd one of our sloos
boxes. Give us work enough for
the ballance of the week with out
washing for gold. -----

Th 23 Fine morning. Sent John do
wn to the point to see if there is a
ny letters & get ax handle 1\$ & to
get a cross cut saw. Snow is mel
ting off fast. We sawd up one lar
ge log & split it & packed it out & a heap of dirt.

Fr 24 Warm & pleasant. Another
stump slid in to day. We took
out too to day & one moore to get
out. The gulch is so deep & pay dirt
so shallow it requires a quantity
of work to get at the gold. But
we have got it all most clear again.

Sat 25 Clowdy in the fore noon & clear
in the after & pleasant. We got to
washing a little in the evening &
got gold 6\$. Ive caught a bad cold.
I've slep cold the last two kts.

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Another beautifull day & one

moore week is past & a hard weeks work

it has been to me. Ive got a bad cold

my head achs powerfull. I look eve

ry day when I shall see my wife

in these mountains. I don't know

why it is so. We all three went down

to the point. I went mostley to see

if there was any letters, but my

express man has not been in for

three weeks or moore, we got none.

O what a perfet blank in my life.

My lesson this morning IV chapt

Mark. John has gone to

his bunk & Dobson has not come

home to kt. Something wrong &

here I set on a stool, like a fool.

Davis & Co has moovd in the other ca

bin to be handy to there saw mill on

the branch near by.

Mo

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My head did ache last kt. I

went to bed with it acheing &

& got up so, though I lay with

a wet towel on my fore head all

kt. I & John went to work not wi

th standing all my aches & ma

de a something after. I am we

ary to kt. & Dobson is not at home.

Fine day. I & John at work by
our two selves. We took out yesturday
\$20 1/2 & to day 19\$. Dobson came
home this fore noon & brought us
eight letters, he did not work to day.
We quit work & went to the cabin to
read them. The first I examind was
lizzy's of date Jan. 1854. I take them
in rotation one of date Decem 20th
giving an account of Emma Smith
going to get married on tomorrow & in
want of money & Jane Graves being
in Ky & G Winte having joind the
baptist church. One of date
Jan 6th 1854 giving an account
of your wanting 200\$ & Izadora Byrns
love to me. One of date Jan 15th 54
giving an acct of a long talk with
Frank Powell & still in want of that
200\$. Mrs. Larue acct of C. Asburn
shooting a man & cleard. L. Offutt
& Mrs. Patterson marrys to kt _____
& one of date Jan 22 and 1854 giv
ing an account of a heavy rain &
Ben Bradley having been south & G
Tucker to be married. I did not get
your letter giving account uncle
solamon death. This is the first.

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| Tu | 28 | The ticketts on the burlesque on the main Liquor Law. Johns three letters I have not had to read. It is quite late as Ive fini shd taking down dates & notes of letters. |
| We | 29 | A little rainy & moore expected to kt. I & John got gold 15\$. |
| Th | 30 | A verry little showrey. In eve ning entirely clear. We all three got gold to day 7\$-- My throat is sore from cold or getting wet every day. |
| Fr | 31 | Clear & pleasant. I put a wet towel to my neck last kt but my throat is still sore this mor ning. We went to ground sloo sing to day. |
| Sat | April 1rst | Pleasant mor ning. I put the wet towel to my throat last kt again. It is some thing better. We fixed for was ing or eather prospecting. We got gold 6 1/2\$. We quit early and fixed for ground sloosing. Again after supper I commensd a letter to my wife. |

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Sun 2

Raining mostly all day.

I finishd my 10th letter to my wife
a fter dinner & John & I went
down to the point & maild it
& paid 25 cts postage to Marys
ville.

Mo 3

Fine day. We three & old Good
shall went down to Rich bar dig
gins of Feather River to buy a claim.

Tu 4

Staid all kt at Shasta on the
opposite side River. Our bills
each for lodgin & Fair and Liquor
1 1/2\$. Fine warm day. We crossd
the river 4 times & paid 75 cts
each. We four bought E. K. Parishes
claims & water privalige at 400\$ tools
and Cabin & provisions all included.
I dreamed last kt that I was in
Georgetown & that I got up to see
my wife. I thought it was about
Pratts Tavern. I asked Bet where her
mistress was. She told me that she had
gone up stairs. It was a place I
could not go thought Bet was bu
ilding a fire to get breckfast

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| Tu | 4 | I John & Parish came to my cabin this evening. Dobson & Goodshall staid at the point all |
| We | 5 | kt. Dobson came up soon this morning & we weighd out Parish the 400\$. He left for Rich Bar. Young Goodshall & his father takes an interest in those diggins. They came up to my cabin & two other friends. We all took dinner. Then six of us shoulderd our packs for Rich Bar a tramp of 4 miles lea ving John behind to take ceare of our house & diggins. My pack was 23 lbs bacon & sack salt. We soon got down. I bought his bed, four pair blankets straw bed & sack bottom all for 1/2 oz gold & slepd in it with old Goodshall along side of me. I would have pre fird my wife. |
| Th | 6 | All six went to work. 3 to work in the diggins & two to moove in a larger shanty & I to do the potering about. We got gold to day 92\$. |
| Fr. | 7 | I spread my bed down on the floor & Dobson to sleep with me. |

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It was quite cool last kt. It is
like sleeping in a saw mill for
there is one along side & the water
roaring under neath the house.

Four hands washing for gold got 62\$
I spred my bed again on the floor
but I cant stand the hard boards.

Sat 8 The weather is pleasant enoughf.
Four hands to washing for gold &
got 61\$ & I to making some sloos box
es & new patient riffles. Our electio
n came off to day for a knew set
of county officers & a knew county
taken from Bute & calld Plumas.
I voted in the after noon & went work.

Sun 9 Raind in the kt last & snowing
this morning. The young man we
had hired in the place of John we
paid him 12\$ for 3 days work. I
John & Dobson each get 71\$. We are
to be paid back again before the
old man & his son gets there sheare.
Dobson & two others went up to the
point on the south side of the river
& I went to my cabin on the north
side. Don't tell me that slate moun
tain is easy got up from the river.

Sun

9

Snowing & then sun shine & now

raining middle of the after noon.

My lesson is St. Luke XI chapt.

I sent John down to the point & him

Dobson & the other two youn men

have just come to my cabin &

John has brot 2 letters one from

Liz datd Feb 5th 1854 each of th

em, & both giving an account of

Jim Robinsons shooting Hines

& an explanation of that debt that

is coming to Clint West from H. P.

Written by A. Duvall (& your sister

Liz joining Presbyterian Church.) You ought

to have seen me setting to kt & me

nding two hickrey & two flannell

shirts & darn a pairs socks besides

nailing on soles on my boots, be

fore I went to bed.

Mo

10

Cool last kt. Rainy & cool today.

After John & I brckfasted I started

for Rich bar diggins 4 miles down

feather River & 2l hundred yds down

slate mountain to follow the path

I stepd it as well as I could. The floom

that brot the water in had fell down

& we fixed our sloos boxes & it was mi

ddle of after noon before we got all

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right for washing again. Three of us got gold 7 1/2 dolls.

Tu 11 Rained Last kt. & raining & snowing all the fore part & cleard off in the after part of the day. We work a little in P. M. & got gold 4\$. I made a knew riffle box & riffles.

We 12 Fine day. We got gold 18\$ & fat pork bred & bad coffee to eat all this week at rich bar dig.

Th 13 Coll kt last but fine day. We wer most all day getting timber for drifting. We get it by going up on the side of slate mountain & cut down trees and cut off 10 ft tie rope to one end & drag down. We got gold 2\$.

Fr 14 Fine weather. We were setting up timbers for drifting & cutting down bed rock to drean the dig gins. We got no gold to day.

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Sat 15 Fin weather. Two were drifting in the bank two were cutting down bed rock. We got gold at Rich bar diggins 8\$ all the gold we got this week was 39 1/2\$ and up at our old place John & two hired men four days each got gold 39\$. It took 24 1/2 dolls to pay the men off.

Sun 16 After arranging our affairs at rich bar diggins five of us started up slate mountain for our cabin & divided our gold. Took dinner. Examined our diggins & then went down to the point. I helped the Smith to sharpen four picks. Paid him 3\$ for our two shears & paid Thompson 100\$ on our last falls provisions. Then went back to my cabin & shouldered ham of bacon & a wallett equal in weight & then for our Rich bar diggins in company with John & Dobson.

We arrivd dusk at dark, took
supper on beef & soop. My lesson
st. Luke, the unjust stuart - - -
Well I am now ready to take a litt
le rest. John has fixed our bunk
and turnd in as we will sleep to
gether down here.

Mo 17 Warm & hazy. The company all
present after breckfast five in all.
Old Gottshall said was no use for
all of us to work on a 30 ft claim &
prospect the hill for these that had
pleanty of ground, as some men
had dumpd our 60 ft down near
the river, so I told Gottshall that
if he would make me whole
that I & John would with draw
& I would loose my work it was
agreed to. After dinner we set
tled our affairs. Johon & I rolld
up two pair of blankets each &
he with a pick & hand saw & I with
shovel & hatchett. We started up
slate mountain for our cabin
we rested 4 times before we reachd
the top, (this is the third time I climd
this mountain in 9 days) it was verry warm this evening

& the sweat rolled off us quite free
but we arrived at home in good time .

John had to make some light bread
before we could eat supper. I took
a short knapp before it was done.

Tu 18 Rained a little at intervals all
day. We went up the ditch to see
what went with all the water, we
found the leavy broke near the
head of the ditch & nearly all the
water running out, we was all day
mending & cleaning out & had no
dinner in to the bargain, but we
eat a harty supper which ans
werd evry purpose.

We 19 Rainy last kt & all of to day.
I mended three shovels & some
other things, before dinner & after
we went out to ground sloosing &
got some wet. We now have water
enough to run a saw mill. After
supper wind blowing & raining some
dark with all & a man singing
out, the men answered him from
the other cabin. John has bakd
one loaf & another baking still anot
her to bake & then to bed.

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Snowing & raining Last kt. & this morning & continued most of the day. We went up the ditch to turn some of the water off as it was raining & snowing so hard I did not want the leavy to broke again, we was up in time to save it. After dinner we went out to ground sloosing but the snow & rain fell too fast for us. We put for the cabin built a good fire & mended up our shirts & I one sock, the other next kt.

Fr 21 At bed time stares were shining out all around & some time in the kt last, I was up & it was snowing very fast, this morning & past noon before it cleard off it was near 1 ft deep. We dind & went out to ground sloosing. I have darnd my other sock. I am still looking for my wife out here until I get another letter I then will know.

Sat 22 Cold Last kt & all of to day ice syckles 1 ft long hanging to my cabin roof. We were ground sloosing in the water all day & wet.

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Sun 23 Cool Last kt the ground all covered
with snow, the sun is shining
out warm & pleasant in deed. My
Lesson John XI chapt Lazarus raised
from death. I & John went down
to the point & spent most of the day
there. Thompson told me that H. P.
had sent me a keg of fesh butter &
it was he said at the Lexington house
& he allso told T. that he would send
me vegetables all summer. My
partner Dobson was here this eve
ning & said had got a man by
the name of Harvy to work in
his place for one half he is to
be here in the morning. I paid
50 cts for hand saw file.

Mo 24 Warm & pleasant in A. M. &
cloudy in P. M. commensd rain
ing late in evening & is still at
it yet. It is late John has just
finished baking three loves of bread.
Harvy came this morning but did
not go to work for Dobson,
but went off again.

We were ground sloosing again. I
sent John down to the point to see
if there was any letters for us, none.

Tu 25 Snowing this morning & was at it
all day with intervals of sun shine.
The snow was 3 inches deep this mor
ning & scearcely any to be seen this
evening. I & John fixed the boxes
to wash for gold it took us all day.
I am still looking for pat.....

We 26 Cool Last kt. The ground was fro
ze considerable this morning. We went
to washing for gold & got OB\$ The day
was warm & pleasant late in the eve
ning it turnd some cool. One ought
to have seen me take up the ashes while
John was paning out the gold. They
had not been taken up for a month.
I dreamd of getting money of old
Dr Keene & was in partner ship.

Th 27 Clowdy this fore. & cleare & warm
in the after part of the day. We
were washing for gold. Old
bacon ham don't agree with me
late bed time & John is baking
his last loaf of bread at this time
having baked two allready.

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Fr 28 Cloudy & warm with intervals
of sunshine, in the evening com
mensd raining we got gold BL 1/2.

Sat 29 Raïnd Last kt & all of to day.
We work hard in the rain & got
gold B. I lond Davis 30\$.

Sun 30 Raining & then snowing all
of Last kt & snowing this mor
ning & raining & sunshine. We
had general cleaning up. John
washd two shirst a piece & so
me other things for him self
& done considerable mending
besides cookd a kittle beans a
kettle of peaches & baked three
loves of bread. After dinner I
went down to the point no letters.
& did not get to see Dobson some
thing out with him. My lesson
the XV chapt of acts. I
dreamd Fr kt that sam & all
his family had run off & that
sam had come back & was so
rry for what he had done.
& now for a clean shirt & then
to bed, as John is done baking.

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Mo 1 Beautifull Day warm & sunshine
with a pleasant breeze a stiring we
was at our work as usual ground
sloosing, our partner came up in
the after noon to see after his cla
im & said he wishd to have a dev
ide but I would not agree to it, so
he said he would sell out. I agreed
to give him 500\$ for his entire inter
est in every thing here 200\$
down the 300 in thirty days.

Tu 2 The weather is verry good John
& I after getting up a little late went
out to work, we fixed for wash
ing & got gold by noon 11.\$ & did
not clean over 1 1/2 feet square of the
bed rock. After dinner we was
ground sloosing & wet feet all even.

We 3 The weather good, we were fix
ing the boxes & mending them
in the fore noon & the after we
were washing for gold & got 19.\$.

Th 4 We was washing for gold & got 11.\$
We quit some time before kt & took our

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picks down to the point to have them
steeld at both points it only cost
4\$ for the two picks, no mail for me.

I recvd a tin box of fresh butter
that HP sent up box & all weigh
ing 16 lbs we tride some of it for
supper we found it to be very good
O. yes, O, yes, O. yes. While at the point
I saw a petticoat across the
creek the first one since I dont
recollect. Yes Decm last.

Fr 5 Rather cool last kt & a cool bree
se a stiring to day. We were a gro
und sloosing & cutting some
small timber & brush all day.

Sat 6 Cool last kt. with ice on the
roots where we are at work & a
snowing all the fore noon but
it dose not lay & continued
in after noon with intervals
of sunshine, at bed time the ground
white with snow. We were cutting
down top dirt or ground sloosing.

Sun 7 The ground white with snow
but soon melted off & snowing

moore or less all day. Dobson
came up I paid him 200\$ & my
note in thirty days for 300\$ moore
& I got from him a bill of sale of
all his right title. John & I got
some wood planted three short roes
of potatoes & set out 1 doz onions for
seed & then finishd a letter to H
P & one to Dave. I shall read the
V chapt of Romans & then turn in.

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| Mon | 8 | Cold Last kt with some snow & a heavy frost this morning but a beautifull sunny day. John went to ground sloosing & I down to the point to mail a letter to H. P. & one to Dave, but I receivd a letter from H. P. speaking of his bad health all winter & of Daves singular de parture H P says he had got him a sit uation in the office of two of the best Lawyers in Marysville all satisfac tory to Dave, so one kt in January last, he leaves a note in the office a freek of nature & Harwell to all who om it may concern & is not hea rd of since. I did not know till this morning that he was gone. |
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H P askd me in his letter if I knew where he was, so I answerd his letter & maild it. I then bought two claims for 35\$ in our ditch making 5 in all out of 8 & gave 50 cts for guns arabic & 25 cts for the letter to H. P. & then came home to dinner & ground sloosd in the evening.

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| Tu | 9 | Cold Last kt with a heavy frost we set up our boxes & pitchd out a numbe of rocks in fore noon & in the evening we washd the sloos dirt that stops from sloosing we got gold 5\$ it rained a little this evening. |
| We | 10 | Clowdy moore or less all day we was hinderd most of the day by miners coming to our diggins we got gold 12 1/2\$ did not work half day. |
| Th | 11 | Cool & clowdy Last kt & rained most of the day we got gold 7 1/2\$. |
| Fr | 12 | Clowdy this morning but a verry pleasant day with all. Two miners came to our cabin before we eat breckfast & staid till after dinner we then went out & got gold 17\$. |

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Sat 13 Rained last night & was at this morning but cleared off by 10 AM, & was a pleasant day. We had two miners to see us that bought two interest in the water out of 8. They seem to be good miners & steady men they are well pleased with the appearance of things. We got gold to day 16 1/2\$.

Sun 14 Snowing considerable this morning but towards noon it held up though it was cloudy & cool all day. I & John went down to the point. We took two picks had them sharpened cost 2 3/4\$. I paid Roots 5\$ & Fox or Kline 20\$ for their claims this is one of them I bought last Monday. We saw our new partners they are to be up in the morning.

Mo 15 Pleasant morning. Our new partners Hawkins & Shaw came up this morning. We started Hawkins to Marysville for provisions & tools clothing & pipe & hose & our trunks & fiddle. We three went to work after dinner. I was sick with a chill had a severe back ache all evening & rested all night. We got gold 9\$.

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- Tu 16 Beautifull morning the birds are singing their best notes & I am setti ng in the cabin, sick not able to work & have not eat a bite since noon yesturday. Eat some toast & drank cup tea at noon & went out to work in the eveni ng & got gold 15\$ four of us.
- We 17 Sunny & pleasant. John & two ot her men Shaw a partner & Hopkins a cozin to Hawkins. They were grou nd sloosing in another ravine the one the old company was at work in when they broke up. I went out in the evening to see them but couldt work..
- Th 18 .S.P. for sunny & pleasant. John & the two are ground sloosing. I was out in the fore & after noon but scarcely able to walk. My back is so painfull every evening. Ive had a chill every day, to kt I had some water warmd I drank 1/2 gl & put my finger down my throat & vomited. I then took two calomel pills & laid down but in the kt had to get up to vomit. I threw of some bile rested verry bad all kt in fact I sufferd verry mutch.

Fr 19 S. P. Im no better I took 4 pills to
work off the colomel. It being
slow I went in the other cabin &
got a dose of oil & took that in the
evening but the chill came on & I
sufferd a great deal till sat. morning.
John & the two got gold to day 6 1/2\$ -

Sat 20 S. P. I had a bilious discharge this
morning. Allso I sent Shaw after Dr.
Vaughn. He came early & fixed quinine
& dovers powders pills to take one evry
hour in the day & at bed time to take
60 gr colomel & some Dovers powders
mixed & some opium in case it in
clind to run off in waterry discharges
on tomorrow, & am to take oil in the
morning, & have some spruce tea to
drink, & take one quinine pills every 3
hours till they are all gone, save the
kts. it is now 20 minuets of 3 PM.
We just had a little shower of rain
& four different thunders. I dreamed
wife was with me last kt. but I dont
know in my dream where we met,
yes I got a pair shears yesturday & cut
my mustacth off close & cropd my
whiskers. Got gold 9\$.

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Sun 21 F.P.D. & I am here doseing my self
with caster oil & spruce tea. Just able
to get up when down. All alone. John &
the two young men have gone up the
ditch to see if they could get me a squirrel
or something to make soup did not get
anything. The young men went down
to the point to get me some fresh beef to
make soup but got none. They brought
me two letters one from wife of date
March 24th 54 & givin an account of
Daves arrival in Geo. Town Ky. & &
& one from W. G. Haun of date March 26
54 giving an explantion of some char
ges I had against him. John staid
with me & done some washing for me.
I had a verry light chill in P. M. at bed
time I took a warm bath & went to bed.

Mon 22 Rested pretty well last kt. P. love
ly morning. John went down to the
point to get tools & nails & got me some
beef to mak soup, but I fear I will have
to take some moore strong medicine be
fore I get clear of the chills. The boys
were making knew riffles to katch gold.
Our partner Hawkins got back from

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Marysville this after noon brought
me a letter from H. P. he wrote me that
he had heard that Dave had got back
to Ky. through W. G.

Tu 23 Pleas Morn. All at work but me Im
still improving fast. I was buizzy
all day doing little jobs about the cabin.
After dinner it clowded up thunderd
considerable haild quite heavy & raind.
No work done by the company this evening.

We 24 Pleasant morning. Four at work
washing for gold did not clean up.
Clowded up thunderd & raind & haild
this evening. I did not feel so well.

Th 25 Sun. s. & p. I am improving some.
I went out to the diggins after noon the
boys washd up the riffles got gold 13 3/4\$.

Fri 26 Sun. s. p. I feel some better. We
got gold 18\$. I did not work. The
sun was partially in eclipse.

Sat 27 S. s. & p. I went out to work &
about 10 AM our goods & trunks
& fiddle was brot to our cabin. I
Made hast to open my trunk.

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The first thing I lookd for was
my wifes degarer type. I kep'd it
& shew'd it to my partners. We
got gold 49 1/2\$. A tree coved in last
kt & broke one of our boxes.

Sun

28

Not so warm to day. After
breckfast Hawkins, Shaw, Hop
Kins & John went to see some
diggins together with the water
tools cabin & provisions but they
did not get to see them. They
went down to the point & John
brought me two letters one from
my wife of date April 10th 54
giving an account of old brothe
Smith getting a letter from
his daughter Emma & &
one from D. H. Smith of date
April 5th 54 giving an account
of his travils in the great west.
I closd my 11th letter to my
wife & John took it down to
the point & maild it. My les
son is Paul the Philippians.

May 54

Mon 29 Coll Last kt frost in many places in the mountains p. s. day. John & two others were washing for gold got 52 1/2\$. Hawkins & I were out a prospecting to bye another water ditch, but did not see the men. After dinner we were sharpening tools at the point, to fix up our hose & pipe. I took a warm bath & went to bed.

Tu 30 Cool Last kt & ps day. John & the two men were washing for gold got 53\$. Hawkins & I were fixing our pipes & hose. I made two leading troughs & a hopper to fasten the hose to. Sunday last I had my cloths hung out to air, what folly to have brot out here sutch cloths.

We 31 Cool last kt & not warm to day. John & the two men got gold 36\$. They mashd a box with a tree. Hawkins & I are fixing for our pipe & hose. Yes we have two knew plates & cups & saucers. John plays the fiddle for me & it is a heap of company.

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| Th | 1 | Cool Last kt & to day. I had to put on my coat to work in & cloudy with all. The three got gold 45 1/2\$. Hawkins & I are still a fixing for our hose & pipe. I was yesturday & to day making Hungarian Riffles to save gold. |
| Fr | 2 | Cool & cloudy most all day the wind from the south rained some in the evening late & af ter dark. John & Hopkins got gold 48\$. Hawkins & show was setting boxes. & I was making knew riffles. |
| Sat | 3 | Cloudy at intervals & rain & thunder this evening. The three got gold 79\$. I & hawkins are still fixing. I made two moore riffles & H went down to the point after two tom irons. |
| Su | 4 | O the Delightfull weather just right for man. We devided out our gold for the last 3 weeks |

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in 5 shear each 86 1/2 & was dividing ar provisions allso. Dobson came up from ritch bar about noon & I paid him off the ballance for his claim 300\$ he said he was varry sorry for selling out. My lesson Paul & the Hebrews 1 rst.

Mo 5 Shaw & Hopkins got gold 28\$ & Hawkins & John was working the hose & pipe they did not wash or clean out the boxes. I do the pidling mending boxes fixing moore riffles.

Tu 6 S. & H. got gold 37\$ & us three got 4\$. I was out in the after noon the pipe & pose work varry well we were at work in hard sement. The day was rather cool for sun shine.

We 7 Shaw & Hopkins got gold 42\$ & us three got 6 1/2\$. Still hard sement we expect better pay as soon as we are out of this sement. The weather is cool for the time of year, but pleasant enoughf.

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| Th | 8 | Clowdy this evening. I did not feel able to work this after noon. We got gold 41\$. I am buying milk at 6 Bits a gl. |
| Fr | 9 | Fine weather the dry season has regulaly set in. We got gold 68 1/2\$. I did not work I was two weak after taking four pills last kt. |
| Sat | 10 | Fine weather in deed no storms the under brush is quite green & the pine apple cactus is peep ing out of the ground quite a number of them. We got gold 67\$. I shall take a wash & 4 Barlow pills & to bed. |
| Su | 11 | I wrote a letter H. P. on buesness to send me up some gum coats. We divided our gold, of this last weeks work, 59\$ 30 cts a shear. I recd a letter from Dave of date Apl 16th by one of the partners it was near sun set. |

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I went down to the point maild
my letter H. P. & came back
in the dark before the moon rose.
My lesson was the second E. of Pet
er 3rd chapt. I Dreamd that I
was in Georgetown going up street
to hung my wife. I saw lizzy
playing with a number of other
girls, they were going a round in a circle
& she was to turn her back & let one
of them hide & then she was to tell
by seeing the rest who it was that
was gon, if she faild to tell she had
to try it a gain. But she spide me
& said wy uncle. We started to go to
the house, but I woke up & found
my self lying in my bunk. O
what a sad disappointment in the
mountains of Cala thousd of miles away.

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| Mon | 12 | Cool cloudy & raind moore or less all day. No work done by the co. |
| Tu | 13 | Clowdy in the fore part but fare evening. The four went to work & I went down to the point after di nner & paid Koots & Co 6 1/2\$ for letters & 9\$ for a pan & fork & <u>140\$</u> for |

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7lb meal & 1\$ for a bottle of
Medicine. We got gold 76 1/2\$.

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| We | 14 | Pleasant day all at work. I went out workd all day feel first rate we got gold 7 1/2\$. I was fixing & cooking. A man st ood before the door with two carpet wallets & said wy day bird what brot you out here & it was John Lloyd. |
| Th | 15 | The weather is all wright & all 5 at work we got gold 49\$. John Lloyd said the gold lookd verry nice & thought we had good diggins. Wife ought to see me making mush as I am dieting & gaining fast. |
| Fr | 16 | Pleasant weather indeed. We were all at got gold 73 1/2\$. John Lloyd is a heap of com pany for me. |
| Sat | 17 | Clowdy A. M. & raind all P. M. though we workd till late & got gold 72\$. cleaning up bed rock. John Lloyd took a tramp up the ditch. |

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Sun 18 John Lloyd & I went &
stakd off 7 claims for me &
John 5 we bought & 2 by pre emp
tion & pickd out one for Lloyd.
We then went up the ditch & stopd
some holes & we came home
& brekfasted. Lloyd & John went
down to the point & our knew
partners had allready gone they
came back before noon & divided
the gold, first paid the previous expences
of the company 39\$ & then divided
the remaining 240\$. making 48\$
to each. I then paid 36\$ for lost
time in sick nefs & then the oth
er three paid me for board 41\$
& Hopkins paid me 32 1/4\$ for the
use of water. I then Broke a hoe
cleaning my potatoes & went
down to the point gave 2 1/2\$ for
a new one & 1 1/2\$ for a bottle of
bitters & then came home in com
pany with Lloyd. My Lesson was
VIII chapt of Revelations.

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Mo 19 We five went to work but
mad no money. Lloyd went
to the point.

Tu 20 I made a proposition to the co
mpany to take in Lloyd on the same
terms with Hopkins & it was refusd.
I then said I would not work in
this compy longer. So we did not
hing all day but disagree. Hawkins
is a mean yenkee of New York,
Shaw is a gentleman, of the west.

We 21 We mede a settlement with
Hawkins & Hopkins. Shaw bou
ght his claim in the water at
150\$ & all the provisions tools.
I paid him 500\$ for us four
& Shaw 29\$ that paid his bill.
We then went to work P.M. Shaw
went down to the point. We got
no gold worth weighing. The wind
blew pretty hard from the south P. M.

Th 22 Quite a frost last kt. Bit some of
my potatoes tops. We four all went
to work & got gold 29 1/2\$. Shaw & I
work together & Lloyd & John.