HAUN DIARY

BOOK #1

February 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 1550 | | | | 1 = |  | |
|  | Mary Do | | | | 1 | 25. | |
|  | M. H. Cawby 800 | | | | 1 |  | |
|  | Kate Cawby | | | | 1 | 4.00 | |
|  | 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 Elign | | | |  | 1 | |
|  | Sam Elign 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 | |
|  | 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 | |
|  | Ellen 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 | |
| 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 25250 | | | |  | 43 ” | |
| Pd | Mary Ann Jenkins | | | |  | 1 ” | |
| Gone | Thomas Do Gone | | | |  | 1 ” | |
| Pd | James Kelly | | | |  | 3 | |
| Pd | Buford Kelly | | | |  | 1 | |
| 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 |  | |
| Gone | Joseph Oots 400 | | | | 1 |  | |
| Gone | Virginia Oots | | | | 1 | 3.00 | |
|  | 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 | 3.00 | |
|  | Sopha Ross 7000 | | | | 1 | 11.00 | |
|  | 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 |  | |
|  | Emma Do | | | | 1 |  | |
|  | Mary V. Do | | | | 1 |  | |
|  | Lucinda Sconce | | | | 1 |  | |
|  | Cassandra Shepard | | | |  | 1 00 | |
|  | Mary Shepard | | | |  | 1 00 | |
|  | T. I. Shepard | | | |  | 1 00 | |
|  | 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | .20 | |
| 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Feb W 16 | To Cash Pd Indeible ink N. Y. | | | |  | .25 | |
| “ We 16 | To “ “ boots 3.50 Slipers 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 |  | | | |  |  | |
| 1853 | Up San Wan river | | | |  |  | |
| Mar 23 | to castle rapids 3 to stemer cross lake | | | |  |  | |
| “ ‘4 | to lake Nickaraugua to virgin- | | | |  |  | |
| “ ‘4 | bay town bottle claret | | | | 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 out 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 | | | |  |  | |
| Mar 5..th 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
|  | houses made of round sticks & Bam  boo cane & covered with flag leaves.  We next landed safe at the pacific  hotel after dark & we paid for supper Breakfast | | | | |  | |
| Mar 5” | Lodging & dinner | | each | | | 2.50 | |
| “ “ | in the town of San Wan del sea | |  | | |  | |
| Sunday | I got up early took a stroll Bro.  Johnathan bying at anchorage a few  hund. yrds opposite our hotel 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 raind 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. | | | | |  | |
| “ 6 | to oranges &Lemons | | |  | | 1.00 | |
| “ ‘ | to passage to steamer | | | each | | 2.50 | |
|  | to paid for trunks ---------  we went on board Sunday eve &  bid adue to San Wan Del Dea  1 hour before sun set out course | | |  | |  | |
| March 6 1853 |  | | |  | |  | |
|  | 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 hgh gautamalia coast mo  untains. I am told we will be in sight  all day. 4 o.clk ocean quite smo  oth with 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 crosd the gulf  of tehauntepec. Today I  saw a number of black fish. | | |  | |  | |
| Th 10 | 8 o.clk in the morning saw  a steamer going opposite di  rection. Dry warm & clear has  not raind 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 mu 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 brek  fast but very weak had to put on  my over coat & socks again. Saw  3 whales & 3 sharkes this morning  & now is less than 2 miles of Ma  rgarito islan to east end not | | |  | |  | |
| Mar. 1853 |  | | |  | |  | |
|  | a shrub to be seen onit  eat 3 meals today. | | |  | |  | |
| Tu 15 | Some clowdy. 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 Digo 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 leaving 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  ½ past ten I walked up town & breck  fasted. I calld for 3 eggs 75 cts making  in all 1.37 ½. 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. Passed Benicia 1 hour sun. evening | | | | |  | |
| Mo 21  “ ‘ | Cash to Johns passage. $13.00  at 4 o clk this morning we were  at sackremento warf. I went ashore  at day light & got breakfast at 50 ct.  At 8. Oclock we started again.  After the steamers Page & Gove  Dany for Marysville. The page  blew uo 10 miles Mville. We  arrived there about 4 in the afternoon  & went out to H. P. Ranch & remaind  there untill the Friday 17th June. | | |  | |  | |
| March 1853 |  | | |  | |  | |
| “ 21 | Cash paid for trunks | | |  | | 1.00 | |
| “ “ | for dinners | | | each | | .50 | |
| June 15 | for medicine | | |  | | 50 | |
| Wed 15 | for mending boot | | |  | | 60 | |
| Wed 15 | for Breckfast in Mar Ville | | |  | | 50 | |
| “ 15 | to ferrying aba | | | each | | 25 50 | |
| Wed 15 | to carpet wallet | | |  | | 2.00 | |
| Th 16 | to packing up cloths | | |  | |  | |
| Fr 17 | to starting on tranp & packing  gun & wallet at the ten mile  house, to apple pie & Butter | | |  | |  | |
|  | milk. | | | each | | 50$ 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. | | |  | |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | |  | |  | |
| Sat 18 | We continued our tranp  until near night & took sup  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  & packed 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. | | |  | |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | |  | |  | |
|  | We breckfasted about 10 to day  & cost us 1$ | | | each | | 2.00 | |
|  | The last 5 miles we past a quanity  of snow some 2 or 3 ft deep in  spots about on the ground. Our  feet is quite sore yet while I  write there is several men playing  at cards whitch is the case every where  I been in public houses, sundays  not expected. 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  & wallet & old virginia with us off we  started for Nelsons Creek. Its calld 18  miles over high mountains. | | |  | |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | |  | |  | |
| Tu 21 | & snow, some 3 0r 4 miles over  snow that was 10 ft deep we passed  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 trmd  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  compelled to an 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 | | | | |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| 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 | | | |  |  | |
|  | Supper each | | | | 1$ | 2 00 | |
| We 22 | Breckfast each | | | | 1$ | 2 00 | |
|  | Dinner “ | | | | 1$ | 2 00 | |
|  | Set about all day. In the evening  saw 5 dolls washd out. | | | |  |  | |
|  | Supper each | | | | 1$ | 2.00 | |
| Th 23 | Breckfast each | | | | 1$ | 2.00 | |
|  | The balance of our company  arrivd last evening. Lying by  today expect to start a pros- | | | |  |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Th 23 | pecting in the morning after  breckfast. I went in a bathing.  I found it cold at 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 digging. They took out  Wednesday 8$ per man. | | | |  |  | |
|  | Dinner each | | | | 1$ | 2.00 | |
|  | Our gide continus to drink.  Ive done nothing today but visit  the diggings 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 | | | |  |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Th 23 | Supper each | | | | 1$ | 2.00 | |
| Fr. 24 | Breckfast “ | | | | 1$ | 2.00 | |
|  | 1 pair | | | |  | 8.00 | |
|  | 1 pan Iron for wash gold | | | |  | 2.00 | |
|  | 6 lbs meat & bread | | | |  | 2.40 | |
|  | Old virginia John & I started up  N. Creek to prospect. We called a hault  at independence 2 1/2 miles at noon  we crosd N. Creek & took up Diskson  Creek washed out several pans &  got the couler every pan. Old vir  ginia said it would not do. We  came down again 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 ------- | | | |  |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| 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 washed some of my colths  & shaved & 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. | | | |  |  | |
| June 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Sun 26 | Dinner | | | | each | $ | |
|  | It raid 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 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Th 7 | Workd hard all day &  got 5$ in all | | | |  |  | |
| Fr. 8 | We cosd 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 | | | |  |  | |
| Sat 9 | for John & I. 11$ | | | |  | 11:25 | |
|  | & sold my pan for  1$ 75 cts. After dinner  we put on a clean shirt  that John had washed out with  soap & cold water. As he had  done twice before, & it was  well done we don’t Iron -------  we the shouldred our blankets  & tools for new Diggins. | | | |  |  | |
| July 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Sat 9 | We found out selves at  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 very  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 petion  with 2 others to be admitted | | | |  |  | |
| July 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| 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 two 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  moore if it turned out well, &  John is to work for Vaughn  in the same claim. | | | |  |  | |
|  | Cash for whiskey | | | |  | 1$25. | |
| July 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
|  | I will her state it is univers  ally the case that card playing  is done all day of sundays –  by the miners. On Monday  the fourth of July there was  a ball given at American  Vally 7 miles north of this.  Broke up in a row. | | | |  |  | |
| Tu 12 | Paid for board from saturday | | | |  |  | |
|  | evening unit tuesday each | | | | 7$ | 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 walked about over the  ground. I then pikd up a small  snack of dirt & washd out 1$ to  the pan. I thought to my self  Ive found the place at  last, we then wnet to work &  bilt a brush tent with a few  fir boughs & an old buffalo  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 surveying the rout  today to bring water on  the companys diggings, 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 |  | | | |  |  | |
| 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 | Commenced 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 washed one shirt | | | |  |  | |
| July 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
|  | for me & two for him self. | | | |  |  | |
| Mo 18 | I & John were leving &  marking out the new ditch  rout. At night sed on my  straw bed tick. | | | |  |  | |
| Tu 19 | I & John finished leving  the ditch at noon. John  to digging & I to clearing away  the brush. Tonight finish  my bed tick. | | | |  |  | |
| We 20 | I to clearing away the track  & John to digging with the rest.  Tonight I put whop  pong 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 | | | |  |  | |
| July 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
|  | 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 clowdy  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. | | | |  |  | |
|  | 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 | |
| August |  | | | |  |  | |
| Mo. 1 | Tu 2 We 3 Th 4 The fourt night  I dreamed 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 | | | |  |  | |
| August 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
|  | o me to go to your room  I then woke up. | | | |  |  | |
| Fr. 5 | I dreamed of being ther again  but do not recollect particulars. | | | |  |  | |
| Sat 6 | At work on the ditch. | | | |  |  | |
| Su 7 | We all except John went to  N. Creek & had some what of  disturbance & after a  chunk of a fight, between an  Irishm & an englishma. The forst  names 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 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Tu 9 | in the afternon we took up  another warter claim. | | | |  |  | |
| We 10 | Th 11 Fr 12 Sat 13 We blocked  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. | | | |  |  | |
| August 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| 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 consequence  of whitch dreamed that I was in  George town at Gen. Pratss & alarge  collection of people seemed to be passing  about all through the house & you  my wife seemed to pay but very  little notice of me. | | | | |  | |
| Sat 20 | We finished digging our ditch  & et 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$. Ive had as good for 25 cts. | | | |  |  | |
| August 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Mo 22 | I commencd to make sloose  boxes to run the dirt through  to catch the gold, to 1/2 gr letter paper | | | | 50 |  | |
| Tu 23 | & We 24 We finished one set of  sloose boxes and set them. | | | |  |  | |
| Th 25 | We commened washing for  gold we got today about 8$ | | | |  |  | |
| 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 & raind  a very small shower. Not enough.  Come through my barkd roof bed.  On thursday night 25 there was a  ball givin by Dr Vaughn & partner, | | | |  |  | |
| August 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
|  | at the mouth of Nel Creek on  a san bar built a temperary  house & dancd 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 before me. John  & I went down before niin & 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 | | | |  |  | |
| August 1853 |  | | | |  |  | |
| Sun 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 grisly  going to there work about 150 yards  from our tent. We had four guns  but could not get to see him. | | | |  |  | |
| We 31 | Our digging is not goof this week. | | | |  |  | |
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| Sept | |  | | |  | |  |
| Thu 1 | | I frequently though of our  marriag 22 years past but workd all day | | |  | |  |
| Fr 2 | | We are not making expences. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 3 | | Some clowdy. Commensd rai  ning at dark. My bark coverd  bunk would not keep out the  rain We got under straw | | |  | |  |
| Sept 1853 | | Bed, but the water run un  der 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 & doen I lay  before the fire. John staid in the bunk. | | |  | |  |
| Sun 4 | | Got up soon & went up the ditch  to head 2 1/2 miles.  Frost up here this morning  & john got breck  fast. For dinner we had dride app  le pie for desert. John washd a  shirt a piece & two toels. 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 thou  ght cannot live. The miners are  trying the man for shooting.  We are trying a new place today  for gold. | | |  | |  |
| Sept 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Tu 6 | | Our new diggings turns out poorly.  My seld & Dobson prospected another  gultch & got form 24 cts to 5$ per pan. | | |  | |  |
| We 7 | | A good person prospect in anpother place  of the same gultch, This afterniin  all hands went to the state election  except John, & voted to Coco foco  ticket, for governor, John Bigler. | | |  | |  |
| Th 8 | | Moovd one set of sloose boxes to  our new gultch. 4 of us set them up & went to washing dirt at the last  place opposire our brush tent, get but  little gold as yet here. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 9 | | Commensd work in the new gltch  4 of us. We got today about 25$= | | |  | |  |
| Sat 10 | | We went to work in good soirits  all hands 8 of us. Took today 85$--  & 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 ber lb. & I staid in camp  & took off the roof of my 5 by 6 ft bunk  & out it on again so if it dose rain a  gain I don’t think it will leak on us.  I dreamd that I was in George  town & that you wanted me to  to to bef 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 | | Changed out boxes to get moore  gold, did not weigh today, one  half worked in daylight the other | | |  | |  |
| Sept 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | half all knight. I was one of  the knight hands, clowdy &  raind some. | | |  | |  |
| We 14 | | John & the 3 other hands went to  work after breckfast & I & the rest went  to bed clowdy all day. After supper  my turn came for the night, after  mid knight it raind 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 raind  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 diffins  I was very glad to see him, he has  been sick & all the rest of H. P. concerm  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 on mu 5 by 6  ft bunk very comfortable. We took  out today 63 1/2$ -- | | |  | |  |
| Sun 18 | | After breckfast we all went down to N. Creek to lay in supply  of provisions. The mountains are very  steep & high yet we pack 50 lbs very 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 out the door & chimmey place. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 26 | | Doctor came to see Dave  he is getting well. This is the  third time he has has the fever.  This am took out today 56$ 25$ ----  & it raind & haild at sunset  so much that Dave had to lea  ve the bunk and go into an new  cabin that is just finished. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 27 | | Took out today 127 1/2$ ----- | | |  | |  |
| We 28 | | “ “ “ 161 1/2$ -----  After supper went down to the  N. Creek & packd up provisions  Dave is well of the feaver. | | |  | |  |
| 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 out 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 commends 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 had the feaver. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 23 | | Took out today 54$ - Dave continues taking medicine all day. Raind  some in the knight. | | |  | |  |
| Oct 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 12 | | Took out today 59$ ---- | | |  | |  |
| Th 13 | | “ “ “ 70$----- | | |  | |  |
| Fr 14 | | “ “ “ 27 – 1/2-----  I had a fuss with I. Dobson. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 15 | | Took put today 9 ----- | | |  | |  |
| Sun 16 | | Finished our chimney to the  cabin. John & I went to the point to  settle up for lost time after  night & took supper & then to bed. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 17 | | Took out today &16=1/2 | | |  | |  |
| Tu 18 | | “ “ “ 12 1/2  Dave trimd my hair by candle  light. John baked 3 loves of  bread & then washd shirts towls &  socks and I wasd & went to bed  the kiotes gives us a barking evry night. | | |  | |  |
| We 19 | | Took out today $10.00 | | |  | |  |
| Oct 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 20 | | Took out today 8 1/2$ | | |  | |  |
| Fr 21 | | Did not way it | | |  | |  |
| Sat 22 | | with Friday in all 9$  Did not work 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 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 23 | | Tore down my bunk to get  materials for putting up one  in my cabin, tonigh 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 | | |  | |  |
| 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 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 6 | | Made no money today in  consequence of our gulch is wo  rkd out. We moovd out sloose  boxes in another gulch close by. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 7 | | Took out today 15$. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 8 | | Took out “ 13 & 50. --- | | |  | |  |
| Sun 9 | | I worked all day in building  a chimney. We have to pack  the rocks on our backs – John  went to the point paid Thompson  six ounces in gold for grub. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 10 | | Took out today 33& | | |  | |  |
| Tu 11 | | “ “ “ 60$. It raind  all night. But our bunk dose  not leak, besides our cabin is  roofd chinkd & has a fire place  no door not floor or window. | | |  | |  |
| We 12 | | John is getting breckfast in  the cabin as it is raining. | | |  | |  |
| Oct 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Fr 28 | | Weve been working at a new place  since Tuesday we not fairly got in  to it yet don’t 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 | | |  | | $3.00 |
| Sun 30 | | Got up before day built a fire  lit a candle drew up my center  table & got down my carpet wallet  & took my bundle of letters & read  them over carfully & the last  one I got from you is of daye  June 27th 53. I went down to the  point gave the expressman 200$  in gold dust to take brother Jack | | |  | |  |
| Oct 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | Dave & I went down to the point.  I paid Thompson off for provisions.  The forst Oct - - - - $121.50  I then bought 3 plates old at that  the first queens ware of any kind that  Ive usd for months. Our furnitures being thin plated 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 middle of July past  neither have I heard a cock crow  since I was 42 years of age. –  Ice about our spring this morning. | | |  | |  |
| We 26 | | Got today with yesterday $1.50$ | | |  | |  |
| Th 27 | | “ “ 1.00 | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 2 | | Three of our company has left  off working their claims & gone over  to the American Vally to prospecit  the other fove 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 feel well  I had the blews the balance of this  day & knight. Time curs all things. | | |  | |  |
| St 5 | | Five of us got today $16 1/2. Quite  an improvement. After supper  I washed shits 1 pair socks &  one of those linen towels Lou give me. It is  the only one I have with me  the rest remain in my trunk.  I then washed my self & went to  bed lon after the mon had set. | | | | |  |
| Sun 6 | | Up before day built a good fire  as wood is cheap & dride a shirt  did some mending on it. I took  down the last pair of those gray  footed socks & darnd the white in the heel, with the top of another old  gray pair of the same. You do not  know how carefull I am of these | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 6 | | old duds that was put together by your fingers. I feel like Ive parted  with a friend when Im co  mpelled to lay them a side. I all  ways burn them. John  is mixing up dough for bread  breckfast is over & Ive made this entry  I had likd to have forgotten last knight.  I did some mending on my casinett  pants that I got from S. R. Betts-  them & the blues is all Ive worn  in this country, the day is past  & gone no moore to return & how have  I out in my time. Thoughts Ive many.  Cut a ditch on the upper side of my  cabin to keep the rains flood  ing my cabin floor as a storm is  lood for. Some clowdy & the wind from south west. John has gone to bed. | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 6 | | On this afternoon went up the  ditch with VA friend saw tow  grisly tracks one sall a cub that-  Ive finished my wooden wash bole  to knight. It looks very mutch like  something you know that has  a handle on the out side. Good knight. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 7 | | Got gols 25$ 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 anout 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 | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 | | Raind all last knight very light  & clowdy all this day. We got gold 21$--  The other three partners came home  at noon. They say they have found good diggings over at the American  Vally. There is not telling. | | | | |  |
| Fr. 11 | | Up before day. From 1 to 2 hours &  have a good pine & oaks fore to sit by  & not the slightest sound of animal  or beast to interrupt my reflections  except an occational twist od grunt  from John as a part is on the bed  & the balance on the floor. | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | I often think & sometimes speak  of it to John, that I would not  be surprisd to see you out here at  any time but maybe. I wish it  so, we got gold 11$. & I concluded  weve made but little of late to  take rest 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 up into the  mountains, the weather was delight  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. | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 13 | | There was nine of us conclu  ded to visit slate mountain to  day. We set out about 10 o. clk &  after mutch hard climbing we arrivd at the peak. It was up hill  all the way down Feather  River. We all went up on the  highest peaks of the rocks, it raind  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 | | Raind all day occationally  mixed with snow. This I suppose  is the commencement of the rainy  season. Hoe I am to stand Cal  inizd 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 cut  two others ny them, it took some  time to do the peacing, at all  events I finished them before I  went to bed whitch was late. | | |  | |  |
| 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 | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | have it  handy as I get up from 1 to 3  times in the knight. I keep a good  fire all knight. John dose the cooking, have not dug any since Friday last. | | |  | |  |
| Th 17 | | Beautiful day 7 hands went to  work got gold today $14 1/2. My  Virgina friend is gne this ev  ening over to the American Vally  to take up claims for us three,  if he gets a good prospect.  John has just washed out 1/2 doz  flour sack to line his pants with  & now lying in bed reading some novel. | | |  | |  |
| Frf 18 | | Clowdy all day. Got gold 22$  I made a new pattern 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 | | to pay for the claim that John | | |  | |  |
| 30 | | 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 companywent over to the Amer  ican Vally on sunday & did not  get back until 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 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. | | |  | |  |
| Nove 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | my Virginia friend came back from  American Vally today while we  were at dinner, to get some tools.  He is well plesd & sayd 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 ogf 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 Betsy Greltch.  We lookd about last night of plow | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun | | ing up a great quantity of gold. | | |  | |  |
| 20 | | 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. Dullivan  by the name of Lucinda Doggert  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 log cabins. A great rush  for these new diggings.  Only been found a few weeks. | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Mo 21 | | John & I went out a pros  pecting with 2 others & took up  one who hill side & commensed  sinking a whole, so we took din  ner on the gorund near sister  Betsys cabin & shortly after  John & I left for home & left our  2 friends to finish the prospect.  I think id you was out here you  would be delighted with the clim  ate 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 | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Mo 21 | | at our cabin after sun set &  that two after a fast walk of 14 miles.  John complains of being very sore  tried & is lying doen. 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$ coll nights & warm days. | | |  | |  |
| Th 24 | | “ “ 12 1/2$ Dobson & I went a  prospecting we gor as mutch as from  10cts to 50cts 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 | | |  | |  |
| Nov. 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | again. If one could have seen me  a dodgeing & scringing when ded  limb would fall on the cabin roof  he or she might have laughft if they  could, so I thought if the lord was  on my sid I was safe & down I lat.  It raind all day today & night following. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 26 | | Snow a& rain mixd in the four  part & the after part of the day all snow.  Clear all night commencd snowing | | |  | |  |
| Sun 27 | | at day light again, ah. I took 2  flour sacks & cut a lining for John evry  day pants & fixed them in. He was all of saturday  sewing the lining to the pants.  After breckfast 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 | | | | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | giving an account of her unhap  py condition also of Uncle Solomons  daily expected death & boarding at  Mrs. Chamebers. & stated in John  ltter that you had written one to e two weeks ago. It has not  came to hand & non 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 towel  by hemig it, as it was coarse  linen, so mutch better than cotton. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 28 | | Some clowdy all went to work. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 29 | | All word but raind some about  noon. Got gold last two days 16$--- | | |  | |  |
| Nov 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 30 | | Beautifull weather warm  & pleasant got fold today 57$.----  The snow is quite all melted off. | | |  | |  |
| Dec | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 1 | | Fine weather got gold today 34 1/2$ | | |  | |  |
| Fr. 2 | | We were 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 cotton & flannel shirt  on, pants & no drawers, & comfortable at that. Some snow yet in spo  ts. Off a few miles it is quite deep.  Commensd raining this afternoon  very moderate. I finished 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 washed my | | |  | |  |
| Dec 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Su 4 | | self. I sat down before the fire an  hour & thought are we so fare apart.  I some times thin that you are  on your way from Marysville up in  these mountains. Whu do I keep thin  king so. O, foolish thoughs. 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 ment on the roas se we came to our cabin. I did not succeed in  findin a good prospect. It was  quite foggy at the vally & rainy.  They got no gold today---- | | |  | |  |
| Th 8 | | Got gold today $1.00. | | |  | |  |
| Dec 53 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Fr 9 | | Got gold today 9.00$ raind  this evening & changd to snowing | | |  | |  |
| Sat 10 | | off & on all day, no work done. | | |  | |  |
| Su 11 | | Fine day no snow in the vally  but the mountains around is coverd  even the green trees is made white. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 12 | | The coldest night weve had last  night. Was clowdy 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  tound boulders and rock. The water comes  in quite fast, but we want to see the  bed rock & see if there aint gold there.  Johns birthday Sund. 11. We had noth  ing extra on the occation.  Snow six inches deep. Tu morning | | | | |  |
| Dec 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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 mights & 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. | | |  | |  |
| Dec 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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  meet & little notions for a christmas  dinner. I got a new res flannel shirt. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 24 | | Dobson & John set to & made  a lot of mince pies for a start. | | |  | |  |
| Su 25 | | Up before day as usual & caught  the boys in a Christmas gift all right.  I halld on my red shirt. Eat  breckfast & then the Johns to making pea  ch pies & plum puddings. For dinner  allto our three selves. It snowd 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 froze dry. We were all day sewing. I lind my casinetts pants | | |  | |  |
| Dec. 1853 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | out side in frount with cotton &  put a big patch on the seat of the same  & coverd the bottom of my socks with cotton  & made me a pair of ittons out of Johns  Blue pants of the legs. | | | | |  |
| Tued 27 | | Quite pleasant today & warm. We  three went prospecting did not get down. | | |  | |  |
| We 28 | | We went a prospecting & did not as mutch  as get the coulor. Warm & clowdy com  mend snowinf this evening. | | |  | |  |
| Th 29 | | Continues 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 hill. We kno  ckd off before knight eat dinner  & John washd 3 shirts & 3 pair socks  for him & me. Weve has 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 move  their provisions as soon as they could.  I suppose we will have these diggings  al to our three selves. | | |  | |  |
| Sunday Jan. 1st 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | I finished my 7th letter of near too  sheets to senf my wife. I went  sown to the point to mail it, but  to my great surprise, I receivd  one of three sheets full up tp  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 | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 27th. On arriving  my partner Dobson was drinking. He  was for having a fuss with the men  in other cabins so I did not  have the pleasure in reading my  wides letter that I anticipated.  After dinner & supper it was  all one we all went to bed. So I | | |  | |  |
| Mo 2 | | gets up before day & reads the  letters over again. O, what a treat. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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  lted 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 we had. Last  night the water froze in the cabin. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Fr 6 | | Still cold last night water  in sterlings ditch froze up so as to  run over & fill up whole in the  blanket that we prospecting in.  We had some trouble to get out tools  out. We did no work today but get wood. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 7 | | Compelled 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 yrds. | | |  | |  |
| Sun 8 | | Beautifull day. I was walking  about in my shirt sleeves &  the snow is nearly all over the  ground yet. I commends forst day  of 1854 to read Mathew & so on  today I closd reading XVI chapt.  of Luke. Of the unjust steward. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Mo 9 | | Warm & pleasamt & some  clowdy & 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 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. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 12 | | It commends 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 | | Rains 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. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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 we are in these  lonly snow covered 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 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. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | But is still small voices is sp  eaking in tones that may be heard  in time to come. I shall read  for my confort & 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 gea  therd up our tools & waded back  to the cabin the snow is 22 inched  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 compelld  to stay in doors we can do nothing  out but sit by the fire & mend our  duds. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | It continued all day & night snowing. | | |  | |  |
| We 18 | | Snowd all day & knight. It 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 to the point. | | |  | |  |
| Th 19 | | The sun rose bright & clear &  not a breath of air stiring we  turned 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 peached to make pies.  I warmed some water last knight & put  my box near the fire & stripd off & got in  washd all over & wipd put on a clean  shirt on the only pair of drawers I have  with me, an old pair wife made me  maybe you don’t think I feel clean. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Fr. 20 | | Clear & cold A. D. McDonald & Ed sterling came to see us. They wa  nted sack flour. We loand them  one. It was so cold that we all had  to get up last knigh & 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  Quanity of ice running in feather river. | | | | |  |
| Su 22 | | Clowdy 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 washd shirt  pair socks & towel before I went to bed.  Commensd snowing after dark. | | |  | |  |
| Mo. 23 | | Snowing some this morning but  not so cold we are setting round  the fire. You ought to have seen the  pair of socks that we mended. They  are the kind that is mostly usd in this | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 gent 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 don’t 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 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 kinf od coat  by cutting it open in frount, early | | |  | |  |
| We 25 | | before day it was snowing & con  tiued until about 10am & 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 | | |  | |  |
| Jan 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | the cabin through the snow. It is moore  than knee deep & occationally 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 & so. | | |  | |  |
| 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 chaps the first of Mathew be  fre 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 commends a letter to . D  .H Smith. | | |  | |  |
| Jan 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 29 | | Finished 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 w 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  ie 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 ater 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 out leaky gum  boots rolld up our sleeves & in the water. | | |  | |  |
| Feb 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 2 | | Up this morning early & darnd  a hole in the heel of my old grey sock.  We go in our shirt sleeves all day  we have a good head of water to  wash off the top snow & we roll up our  sleeves get in to it all day. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 3 | | Last night three lyons pafst  in 200 yards of out cabin betw  een it & our work & 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 put of the snow. It is  knee deep & hard enough to bare  in places. Well if this aint cold  work on hands. I will say no  moore. We quit for the day after | | |  | |  |
| Feb 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | getting up the boxed & being  wet all over frm 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 don’t 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 wa 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 $11.25. This is  the first since middle Dec. last  and not bad for a start. I made  a cape out of the legs of gum boots that  kept my shoulders dry all day. | | |  | |  |
| Feb 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Tu 7 | | Raind last knight. I was up this  morning before day. It cleard up at  day brake & sun came out beautifull  all day. We got gold 23$ 50, not bad  for three of us. I had some crofs words  with John this morning. He has got  in the habit of telling me that ime 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 knight  some clowdy this evening. We wash  for gold this morning 2 hours & got  41$ one piece weighing 29$. Then  we went to ground sloosing the rest of day. | | | | |  |
| Th 9 | | Some clowdy. Ground sloosing  commends raining at bed time. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 10 | | Snowd some last knight & raind  pretty hard all day. We were ground  sloosing & got wet & cold at that. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 11 | | Raind hard last knight & then  snowd before day. We got gold  9$ it was a beautifull sun shine  day but cool this evening. | | |  | |  |
| Feb 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 12 | | Cold last knight & clowdy  & snowing this morning very  fast & continued all day about 1 ft  deep if knew fallen snow on the top  of the old & hard. All three went down  to the point. I maild my 8th letter  to my wife. I paid 3 1/2 dolls  for sharpning 2 picks & putting steel  in one of the ends & drawing them out  out 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 knight  & all of the day. Sun Shine at intervals  Cold & Freezing to knight. We got gold to  day 10 1/2$. The south west side of ravine  the bank slid down with 4 small  trees on it & split two of our sloos boxes.  It took us all the afternoon to rite up. | | | | |  |
| Tu 14 | | Cold last knight & continues to free  ze in the shade & where we are at work. Got  gold 34 1/2$ our piece weighd 24 1/2$. | | | | |  |
| Feb 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 15 | | Cold last knight, but pleasant  today sun shine in the fore noon  but clowdy in the after & snowd a little.  We got gold 24 12$. 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 diffins 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 pattern riffle  box & got gold 2 1/2$. I saw a large flock  of wild geese goin north what dose it mean. | | | | |  |
| Sun 19 | | Snowd aliitle last kt & is at it ti  day, some sun shine at intervals.  Wild geese going south again. We  cut & packd wood, I cut a tree & fell  it in front the cabin close for back  logs. My lesson acts 20 chapt. | | |  | |  |
| Feb 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | I sent John down to the point to  have my pick sharpd & see if there  was any letters. I took 5 pills made  by Barlows recpt last kt. As I am  out of sorts rather bilious. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 20 | | Clowdy mostley with a little snow.  Wild geese & ducks going north. I took  four more pills on going to bed last kt.  & felt rather bad all day but worked all  day at ground sloosing. The bank cav  d in & smashd one of out boxes badley.  We found it so when we wnt to work this morning. | | | | |  |
| Tu 21 | | Snod a little last kt & all day to  day but melted as it fell. We were  ground sloosing but fixd out boxes  in the ager noon for catching gold.  We savd some but did not weigh it. | | |  | |  |
| We 22 | | Snowd las kn & is falling fast this  morning but melts almost as fast as it  falls. We did not work. I patchd  my knew red shirt with some of  the old one. It snowd hard all day | | |  | |  |
| Th 23 | | & kt following & was at it this  morning hard. For a while cleard  off nice & warm snow is knee deep again | | |  | |  |
| Feb 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 23 | | Though it melted away & fell off  the trees powerfull fast. We went  to work in the snow & got gold 42$ | | |  | |  |
| Fr 24 | | Another storm brewing clowdy  & cool. Got gold 9$. We wer ground sloo  sing in the after noon or eather  clearing away all day. | | | | |  |
| Sat 25 | | Commencd snowing before day & is  at it at 9 o.c. amixing  up dough & John is cutting of the  hock bone of a ham to boil & Ive just  fixed up the fire & nothing these little  facts while I think & reflect of one that  I love & O. how I should like to see her.  We went to work. There was apile of top  dirt slid down last kt. That we had to  move. We shoveld it in the boxes &  the way it snowd on us till 2 p.m.  Sun came out & quit snowing. We was  wet & cold & hungry. We got gold 3 1/2$  Built a good fire changd cloths eat din  ner & then turnd out to get wood. I had  to shovl of the snow before I could cut  a back log. It commends 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  capt of first Cor. To the X & no 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 od  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 cap tot 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 before. It is moore than hip deep.  We brought in out know 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 | | | | |  |
| Tu 28 | | Cold this morning. We waded  through the snow & carried our new  patent riffle box to where we inte  nd to work, as it was a fine sun shine  warm morning. We fixed the boxes  till noon & then went up the ditch in  several places. We cleard off the snow  & mended the broken places & got the  water to running in the ditch. | | |  | |  |
| March | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 1 | | Real March weather. Snowd a little  last kt. But fine morning. We went  over to out work but no water. We  we went up the ditch & found the  water stopd with snow & ice. We sho  veld it a way & got the water to run  ning down by noon. I dreamd  on Monday kt last of etting a quantity  of large gold also on Tuesday kt of  my wife getting Baptized again  & of seeing her shed tears. I don’t recco  llect the cause. We went to washing  for gold & got $69.00 this afternoon  & piece weighing 4$ a little upwards.  A good half days work. | | |  | |  |
| March 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 2 | | Snowed a little last kt but a fine warm  day. The top dirt slid doen. We was  all fore noon getting it out of the  way. We got gold 21$ this after noon. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 3 | | Clowdy & commends snowing early  & continued all day pretty hard. We  washd dirt most of the day & only got  gold 6$. At noon we packd a lot of wood  as we did not want it coverd up under  the snow. I got up before day & coverd  the bottom & sides of my old white top  grey fooed socks with some of my  old red shirt & that too after I had  darnd them well. I want to keep them  as long as I can. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 4 | | Up before day commencd snowing be  fore light & snowd a very little in the  fore part of the day but the sun shon  at intervals in the after part. We got  gold 73$ one piece w.eighing 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 | | |  | |  |
| March 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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 out gold on Sundays each  one got 56$ to or weeks work. My  lesson 5 chat Ephesians. We are all  setting around our cabin fire. The  Johns reading novels & I penning fown & 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$. The day was  pleasant enough. Supper over &  John writing a letter to his ma. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 7 | | Not so cold this morning. Verry  warm & pleasant all day. We got  gold 12 1/2$ & 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. | | |  | |  |
| March 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | We got gold 47$. We are in good  spirits about our diggin. Weve scear  caly made a beginning to work them.  I do wish my wife was out here to see  the lumps of from 10 to 30$ peices. | | |  | |  |
| Th 9 | | Abeautifull warm April is melting  fast. Allready the ground is making  its appearance in spots & close  by it is 2 & 3 ft deep. We was gr  ound 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 & rand.  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 act of the rain. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 11 | | Snowd last kt & all day. We workd  at grounf 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. | | |  | |  |
| March 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 12 | | Cold last kt but a beautifull  & warm day. John went down to the  point & malid 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 turnd out &  cut & packd 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 already 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 & sopd  the brakes & got the water running  down but the snow is so deep  in the ditch it cant get a long  mutch. I walkd in the ditch where is  was about 1 ft deep & the snow up to  my head. | | |  | |  |
| March 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 15 | | Warm & pleasant. The 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 sitch & making its way  down the ravine. After dinner we went  to the diggins & sloosd down large  pile of top dirt. Just as we finished  aother pile slid in. It was clowdy  & cold this after noon. | | |  | |  |
| Th 16 | | Snowd alittle last kt. But a wa  rm & pleaseant 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 mel  ting away 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 mel  ting 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  very little this morning but  clowdy or hazy all day. The sun  shone out considerable with  all & warm & pleasant. I went  down to the point in the after  noon no letters for us. The exp  ress man has not been in for  two weeks. So I maild my  9th letter to my wife & paid  25 cts for caring it to Marys  ville & the same for Hohns last  sunday. We got some wood  for the balance of the week. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 20 | | Warm. The sun shoe at in  tervals. We wer moving top dirt  all day & more to move tomorrow. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 21 | | Cool last kt & clear & a fine  pleasant day. We commends wa  shing just before noon & got  gold 6 1/2$. A poor turn out. | | |  | |  |
| March 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| We 22 | | Fine & pleasant. Last kt.  alarg ceader stump & too large  logs & a quantity of dirt slid  down & mashd one of our sloos  boces. Give us work enough for  the balance of the week with out  washing for gold. ------ | | |  | |  |
| Th 23 | | Fine morning. Sent John do  wn to the point to see if there is a  ny letters & get as handle 1$ & to  get a cross cut saw. Snow is met  ting off fast. We sawd up ine lar  ge log & split it & packed it out & heap of dirt. | | | | |  |
| Fr 24 | | Warm & pleasant. Another  stump slid in to day. We took  out too to day & one moore to get  put. 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. | | |  | |  |
| Su 26 | | Another beautifull day & one  moore week is past & a hard weeks work  it has been to me. Ive gt a bad cold  mu 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  thess weeks or moote, we got none.  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 27 | | My head did ache last kt. I  went to bed with it acheing &  & got up so, though I lay with  a wet towel on mu 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. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 28  I forgot to mention old brother Smiths Cove | | 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 e. One of date Jan 15th 54  giving an account of a long talk with  Frank Pwell & still in want of that  200$. Mrs. Larue account of C. Asburn  shooting a man & cleard. L. Offutt  & Mrs. Patterson marrys to kt \_  & one of date Jan 22 and 1854 giv  ing an account of a heavy rain &  Ben Bradley having been south & G  Tucker to be married. I did not get  your letter giving account uncle  solamon death. This is the first. | | |  | |  |
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| March 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Tu 28 | | The tickets on the burlesque on  the main Liquor Law.  Johns three letters I have not has  to read. It is quite late as Ive fini  shd taking down dates & notes of letters. | | |  | |  |
| We 29 | | A little rainy & moore expected  to kt. I & John got gold 15$. | | |  | |  |
| Th 30 | | A very 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. | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Su 2 | | Raining mostly all day.  I finishd my 10th letter to my wife  after dinner & John & I went  down to the point & maid 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 Feater River to buy a claim. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 4 | | Staif all kt at Shasta on the  opposite side River. Our bills  each for lodgin & Fair and Liquor  a 1/2$. Fine warm day. We crossd  the river 4 times & paid 75 cts  each. We four bought E. K. Parishs  claims & water privalige at 400$ tools  and Cabin & provisions all included.  I dreamed last kt that I was in  Georgetown & that I gt 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 | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Tu 4 | | I John & Parish came to my  cabin this evening. Dobson &  Goodshell staid at the point all | | |  | |  |
| We 3 | | kt. Dobson came up soon this  morning & we weigh out Parish  the 400$. He left for Rich Bat.  Young Goodshall & his father  takes an interest in those diggings.  They came up to my cabin & two  other friends. We all took dinner.  Then six of us shoulderd out packs  for Rich Bar a tramp of 4 miles lea  ving John behind to take ceate of  our house & diggings. My pack was  23 lbs bacon & sack salt. We soon got down. I bought his bed, four  pair blankets straw bed & sack bottom  all fore 1/2 oz gold & slepd in it with  old Goodshell along side of me. I  would have pre fird ,y wife. | | |  | |  |
| Th 6 | | All six went to work. 3 to work in  the diggins & two to moove in a  larger shanty & I to do the potering  about. We got gold to day 92$. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 7 | | I spread my bed down on the  floor & Dobson to sleep with me. | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 enough.  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 country 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 uoung man we  had hired in the place of John we  paid him 12$ for 3 days work. I  John & Dobson each get 71$. We are  to be paid back again before the  old man & his son gets there sheare.  Dobson & two others went up to the  point on the south side of the river  & I went to my cabin on the north  side. Don’t tell me that slate moun  tain is easy got up from the river. | | |  | |  |
| Sun 9 | | Snowing & then sun shine & now  raining middle of the after noon.  My lesson is St. Luke XI chapt.  I dent John down to the point & him  Dobson & the other two youn men  have just come to my cabin &  John has brot 2 letters one from  Liz datd Feb 5th 1854 each of th  em, & both giving an account of  jim Robinsons shootinf Hines  & an explanation of that debt that  is coming to Clint West from H.P.  Written by A. Duvall (&your sister  Liz joining Presbyterian Church.) You ought  to have seen me setting to kt & me  nding two hickrey & two flannell  shirts & darn a pairs socks besides  nailing on soles on my boots, be  fire I went to bed. | | | | |  |
| Mo 10 | | Cool last kt. Rainy & cool today.  After John & I brckfasted I started  for Rich bar diggings 4 miles down  feather River & 21 hundred yrds down  slate mountain to follow the path  I stepd it as well as I could. The floom  that brot the water in had fell down  & we fixed our sloos boxes & it was mi  ddle of after noon before we got all | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | right for washing again. Three of  us got gold 7 1/2 dolls. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 11 | | Rained Last kt. & raining &  snowing all the fore part &  cleard off in the after part of  the day. We work a little in  P. M. & got gold 4$. I made  a knew riffle box & riffles. | | |  | |  |
| We 12 | | Fine day. We go 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 were most all day getting  timber for drifting. We get it  by going up on the side of slate  mountains & cut down trees and  cut off 10 ft tie rope to one end  & drag down. We got gold 2$. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 14 | | Fine weather. We were setting  up timbers for drifting & cutting  down bed rock to dream the dig  gins. We got no gold to day. | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sat 15 | | Fin weather. Two were drifting  in the bank two were cutting down  bed rock. We got gold at Rich bar  diggins 8$ 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$. It  took 24 1/2 dolls to pay the men off. | | |  | |  |
| Sun 16 | | After arranging our affa  irs at rich bar diggins five  of us started up slate moun  tain for our cabin & divided  our gold. Took dinner. Examind  our diggins & then went down  to the point. I held the Smith  to sharpen four picks. Paid  him 3$ for out two shears & pain  Thompson 100$ on our last falls  provisions. Then went back to  my cabin & shoulderd ham of  bacon & a wallet 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 little  e 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 mountains 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 very warm this evening  & the sweat rolld off us quite free  but we arrivd at home in good time.  John had to make some light bread  before we could eat supper. I took  a short knop before it was done. | | | | | |
| Tu 18 | | Raind a little at intervals all  day. We went up the ditch to see  what went with all the water, we  found the leavy broe near the  head of the ditch & nearly all the water running out, we was all day  mending & cleaning out & had no  dinner on to the bargin, but we  eat a harty supper whitch 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 grounf sloosing &  got some wet. We now have water  enough to run a saw mill. After  supper wind blowing & a man singing  out, the men answerd him from  the other cabin. John has bakd  one loaf & another baking still anot  her to bake & then to bed. | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | Snowinf & raining Last kt & this  morning & continued most of the  day. We went up the ditch to tu  rn 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 sloo  sing but the snow & rain fell too  fast for us. We put for the cabin  built a good fire & mended up our shir  ts & I one sock, the other next kt. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 21 | | At bed time stared were shining  out all around & some time in the  kt last, I was up & some time in the  kt last, I was up & it was snowing ver  ry 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 her  until I get another letter I then will know. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 22 | | Cold Last kt & all of the day ice  syckles 1 ft lonhg hanging to my  cabin roof. We were ground sloosing in the water all day & wet. | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 23 | | Cool Last kt the ground all coverd  with scow, the sun is shining  out warm & pleasant in deed. My  Lesson John XI chapt Lazarus raisd  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 fresh butter &  it was he said at the Lexington house  & he also told T, that he would send  me vegtables 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. &  clowdy 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 pint 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 ot 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  DrKeene & 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. | | |  | |  |
| April 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Fr 28 | | Clowdy & warm with intervals  of sunshine, in the evening com  mends raining we got gold BL 1/2 | | |  | |  |
| Sat 29 | | Raind Last kt & all of to day.  We work hard in the rain & got  gold B . I lond Davis 30$. | | |  | |  |
| Sun 30 | | Raining & then snowing this mor  ning & raining & sunshine. We  had general cleaning up. John  washd two shirst a piece & so  me other things for him self  & done considerable mending  besides cookd a kittle beans a  kettle of peaches & baked three  loves of bread. After dinner I  went down to the point no letters.  & did not get to see Dobson some  thing out with him. My lesson  the XV chapt of acts. I  dreamd Fr kt that sam & all  his family had run off & that  sam had come back & was so  rry for what he had done.  & now for a clean shirt & then  to bed, as John is done baking. | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Mo 1 | | BEautifull Day warm & sunshine  with a pleasant breeze a stiring we  was at our work as usual ground  sloosing, our partner came up in  the after noon to see after his cla  im & said he wishd to have a devide but I would not agree to it, so  he said he would sell out, I agreed  to give him 500$ 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 fixd for wash  ing & got gold by noon 11.$ & did  not clean oer 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 fixing the boxes & mending them  in the fore noon & the after we  were washing gold & got 19.$. | | |  | |  |
| Th 4 | | We was washing for gold & got 11.$  we quit some time before kt & took our | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 bos & 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 don’t  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 timb & brush all day. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 6 | | Cool last kt. With isce 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 & then finished a letter to H  P & one to Dave. I shall read the  V chat of Romans & then turn in. | | |  | |  |
| 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 on 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. | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 gund Arabic & 25 cts for the letter to H. P. & then came home to  dinner & ground sloosd in the evening. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 9 | | Cold Last kt with heavy frost  we set up our boxes & pitched  out a numbe of rocks in fore  noon & in the evening we washed  the sloos dirt that stops from  sloosing we got gold 5$ it  raind 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 nor work half day. | | |  | |  |
| Th 11 | | Cool & clowdy Last kt & raind  most of the day we got gold 7 1/2$. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 12 | | Clowdy this morning but verry ple  asant day with all. Two miners  came to out cabin before we eat  breckfast & staid till after dinner  we then went out & got gold 17$. | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sat 13 | | Raind Last kt & was at this morning  but cleard of by 10 AM, & was a pleas  ant day. We had two miners to see  us that bought two interest in the  water out of 8. They seem to bee good  miners & steady men they are well  pleasd with the appearance of things.  we got gold to day 16 1/2$. | | |  | |  |
| Sun 14 | | Snowing considerable this mo  rning but towards noon it held up thou  gh it was clowdy & cool all day. I &  John went down to the point, We took  two picks had then sharpd cost 2 3/4$.  I pairs Roots 5$ & Fox or Klne 20$ for their claims this is one of them I baught  last monday. We saw our knew par  ners they are to be up in the morning. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 15 | | Pleasant morning. Our knew part  ners Hawkings & Shaw came up this  morning. We started Hawkins to  Marysville for provisions & tools clo  thing & pipe & hose & oour trunks & fidd  le. We three went to work after din  ner. I was sick with a chill had a se  vere back ache all evening & rested  bad all kt. We got fold 9$. | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Tu 16 | | Beautifull morning the birds are  singing their best notes & I am setti  ng in the cabin, sick not able to work  & have not eat a bite since noon yesterday.  Eat some toast & drank cup tea at  noon & went out to work in the eveni  ng & got gold 15$ 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. fpr sunny & pleasant. John & the  two are ground sloosing. I was out in  the fore & after noon but scarcely  able to walk. 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. | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Fr 19 | | S. P. Im no better I took 4 pills to  work off the colomel. It being  slow I went on 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  mixes & some opium in case it in  clind to run off in watery discharges  on tomorrow, & am to take oil in the  morning, & take one quinine pill every 3  hours till they are all gone, save the  kts. It is now 20 minutes of 3 PM.  We just had a little shower of rain  & four different thunders. I dreamed  wife was with me las kt. but I don’t  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$. | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Sun 21 | | F.P.D. & I am here doseing my self  with caster oil & spruce tea. Just able  to get up when down. All alone. John &  the two young men have gone up the  ditch to see if they could get me a squirl  or something to make soup sis not get  anything. The young men went down  to the point to get me some fresh beef to  make soup but got none. They brought  me two letters one from wife of date  March 24th 54 & givin an account of  Daves arrival in Geo. Town Ky. &&&  & one from W.G. Haun of date March 26  54 giving an explanation of some char  ges I had against him. Jon staid  with me & done some washing for me.  I had verry light chill in P.M. at bed  time I took a warm bath & went to bed. | | |  | |  |
| Mon 22 | | Rested pretty well last kt. P. love  ly morning. John wnt down to the  point to get tools & nails & got me some  beef to mak soup, but I fear I will have  to take some moore strong medicine be  fore I get clear of the chills. The boys were making knew riffles to katch gold,  Our partner Hawkins got back from | | |  | |  |
| May 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | Marrysville this after noon brought  me a letter from H.P. he wrote e that  he had heard that Dave had got back  to Ky. Through W.G. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 23 | | Pleas Morn. All at work but me Im  still improving fast. I was buizzy  all day doing little jobs about the cabin.  After dinner it clowded up thunderd  considerable haild quite heavy & raind.  No work done by the company this evening. | | | | |  |
| We 24 | | Pleasant morning. Four at work  washing for gold did not clean up.  Clowded up thunderd & raind & haild  this evening. I did not feel so well. | | |  | |  |
| Th 25 | | Sun. s. & p, I am improving some.  I went out to the diggins afternoon the  boys washd up the riffles got gold 13 3/4$. | | | | |  |
| Fri 26 | | Sun. s.p. I feel some better. We  got gold 18$. I did not work. The  sun was partially in eclipse. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 27 | | S. s. & p. I went out to work &  about 10 Am our goods & trunks  & fiddle was brot to our cabin. I  Made hast to open my trunk. | | |  | |  |
| May 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | The first thing I lookd for was | | |  | |  |
| St 27 | | my wifes degarer type. I kepd it  & shewd it to my partners. We  got gold 49 1/2$. 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 whent to see some  digging 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$. Hawkins & I were out a prospecting to bye another  water ditch, but did not see the  men. After dinner we were sha  rpning tools at the point, to fix  up our hose & pipe. I took a  warm bath & went to bed. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 30 | | Cool Last kt& ps day. John & the  two men were washing for gold got 53$.  Hawkins & I were fixing our pipes  & hose. I made two leading throughts  & a hopper to fasten the hose to.  Sunday last I had my cloths  hun out to air, what folly to ha  ve 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 tre.  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. | | |  | |  |
| June 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 1 | | Cool Last kt & to day. I had  to put on my coat to work in  & clowdy with all. The three  got gold 45 1/2$. Hawkins & I  are still a fixing for our hose  & pipe. I was yesturday & to day  making Hungarian Riffles to save gold. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 2 | | Cool & clowdy most all day  the wind from the south raind  some in the evening late & af  ter dark. John & Hopkins got  gold 48$. Hawkins & show was  setting boxes. & I was making  knew riffles. | | |  | |  |
| Sat 3 | | Clowdy ar intervals & rain &  thunder this evening. The three  go gold 79$. I & hawkins are  still fixing. I made two moore  riffles & H went down to the point  after two tom irons. | | |  | |  |
| Su 4 | | O the Delightfull weather just  right for man. We devided  out our gold for the last 3 weeks | | |  | |  |
| June 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | in 5 shear each 86 1/2 & was di  viding ar provisions also. Dobson  came up from ritch bar about  noon & I paid him off the balance  for his claim 300$ 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$. I was out in the after noon  the pipe & pose work verry well  we were at work in hard sement.  The day was rather cool for sun shine. | | |  | |  |
| We 7 | | Shaw & Hopkins got gold 42$ & us  expect better pay as soon as we are  out of this sement. The weather is  cool for the time of year, but pleas  ant enough. | | |  | |  |
| June 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
| Th 8 | | Clowdy this evening. I did  not feel able to work this after  noon. We got gold 41$. I am  buying milk at 6 Bits a gl. | | |  | |  |
| Fr 9 | | Fine weather the dry season  has regularly set in. We got  gold 68 1/2$. 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 fround quite  a number of them. We got gold  67$. I shall take a wash & 4  Barlow pills & to bed. | | |  | |  |
| Su 11 | | I wrote a letter H. P. on  buesness to send mu up some  gum coats. We divided  our gold, of this last weeks  work, 59$ cts a shear. I recd  a letter from Dave of date Apl  16th by one of the partners it  was near sun set. | | |  | |  |
| June 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 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 has  to try it a gain. But she spide me  & said wy uncle. We started to go to  the house, but I woke up & found  myself lying in my bunk. O  what a sad disappointment in the  mountains of Cala thousd of miles away. | | |  | |  |
| Mo 12 | | Cool clowdy & raind moore or  less all day. No work done by the co. | | |  | |  |
| Tu 13 | | Clowdy tin the fore part nut 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 & 140& for | | |  | |  |
| June 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
|  | | 7lb meal & 1$ for a bottle of  Medicine. We got gold 76 1/2$. | | |  | |  |
| We 14 | | Pleasant day all at work. I  went out workd all day feel first  rate we got gold 7 1/2$. 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 wther is all wright &  all 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. | | |  | |  |
| June 54 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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  & breckfasted. Lloyd & John went  down to the point & out knew  partners had already 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 fore 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  VII chapt of Revelations. | | |  | |  |
| June 1854 | |  | | |  | |  |
| 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  in 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. | | |  | |  |