HAUN DIARY

BOOK #2

November 26, 1855 – September 6, 1856

PART TWO

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| Nov 55 |  |  |  |
| Mo 26 | breckfast over Bub paid  me 150$ all the money he had  to spair,i & Jack started for  home. We went by Tucker flat  diggins stopd & took dinner with  Mr Doroty. I gave two of his dau  ghters 3 small specimens & we  then went by the sand hill dig  gins stopd a while by there & at  dark we fed our horses at Mr.  Bridgers. & got our suppers & then  rode home by 10 at kt. |  |  |
| Tu 27 | I held the boys sack two loads wheat  it raind some this fore noon.  The wagons loaded & gone to town  I helpd Jack & Derick to build  as shed to keep their wheat dry  after it was sackd P.M. we  sackd moore wheat out of the granery. |  |  |
| We 28 | The weather had the appearance  of rain but mearly drisled.  We were sacking wheat & sending  it to town. |  |  |
| Nov 55 |  |  |  |
| Th 29 | We were still sacking wheat  Joe Ficklin came home from  town & said that the steamer  Golden Age had arivd at san  Francisco. News by telegraph. |  |  |
| Fr 30 | The teams halld two loads each  to town to day. H.P. & wife & chil  dren came home early from town  as they had gone in on the day be  fore & braught a paper out that  had the names of a Mr & Mrs  Haun & child. So I & Jack af  ter supper got in the carriage  & went to town. It was verry  dark. We had got to the stable  & Jack was getting a lantern. The  Boat whistled down at Feather  river Bridge. Down we went &  just as I got near the ladies  cabin who should I see but  wife coming out following  Dave & Lizzy. We kissd each  other & went out to the carriage  all 5 & started for H.P. Arrivd  safe in good time. |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Sat 1 | Cool morning. We fixd up  the last load of wheat that  filld the engagement of 1,000 bu.  We then took a rabbit hunt  & caught two. H.P. went to  town & sent to san Francisco  after their trunks that had been  freighted across the isthmus. |  |  |
| Su 2 | Cool morning. I. Dave & Henry  had several Chases with dogs  & hairs early Bow & Rose came  & spent the day. Kath had a good  dinner. Alls well. |  |  |
| Mo 3 | I & Derick started for bob  Bourne 24 miles. Arrivd at 2 P.  M. staid all kt. |  |  |
| Tu 4 | Clowdy has raind a verry lit  tle. Bub paid me 100$ all he  could do. We started home again  wen t by Tucker flat saw the  Miss Daugherty, & got home af  ter sun set. H.P. has been sick  the last two days. |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| We 5 | Raining. I , Jack, Dave, Deri  ck & two hired men went up  to the upper ranch & moovd  a house out of the field near the road side. Rind off 7 on all day. |  |  |
| Th 6 | Raining still. I Jack  went to town to see after getting  up in the mountains again &  came to the conclution to go in  town in the morning. Whiskey 3/4$  medicine for John 3$. Went  to H.P. at 4 P.M. |  |  |
| Fr 7 | Raining & fowl weather. The  mountains are coverd with  snow looks rather gloomy  with snow at a distance.  Dave Liz wife & me got ready  & H.P. took us to town A.M. stopd  at the western House paid 1 1/2$  drayage on trunk from boat.  Do on 3 trunks to western house  1/2$ pd by Dave, Freight on 3 trunks  to M ville 103$ Money sent to |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Fr 7 | H. Rankin 283$ for John Pratt  & 60$ to san Francisco borrowd  money of S.S. Burkley & others  & exchange11 1/2 Dolls. Gumcoat &  boots for wife & Liz 7$, stage fair  to Rabbit Creek 40$ & freight on  3 coverd trunks to Rabbit Creek  30$ tavern bill 10$ tobacco 1/2$ fiddle  string 3/4$. |  |  |
| Sat 8 | Partially clear last kt & clowdy  this morning, we set out for the mountains. Breckfast at Peoria  house 4# & then the stage stopd  at the Oregon house at noon we  did not dine. P.M. raining a little.  We got to the New York House. Stage  stopd here will up no farther. Con  siderable snow here. |  |  |
| Su 9 | Raind all kt here. The saddle  train & about 1 doz passengers star  ted for Rabbit Creek early, we  had to ly over on account of Ladies |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Su 9 | saddles. 9 o clk A.M. the sun is  shining out bright & warm & con  tinued till noon. |  |  |
| Mo 10 | Clowdy this morning. We had  breckfast early, out board here  was 20$ fo all four. We moun  ted our mules & put one of the  trunks on a mule & left the oth  er three, and started for Rabb  it Creek. We got along verry  well. Commensd raining about  noon & then snowing the rest  of the day, & made Rabit Creek  just before dark, all wet & cold. |  |  |
| Tu 11 | Cleard off in kt & was  frosty in the morning the sn  ow here is 3 1/2 deep & is settled do  wn all most to bear a man. The  sun shone out bright & warm  all day. We all stopd for the day. |  |  |
| We 12 | Quite clear the wind from the  north. At 10 oclock I & dave sta  rted for Gibsonville & left wife  & Lizzy at the Rabbit Creek house |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
|  | to board at the rate of 14$ a piece  per week. We arrived on foot at  Gibsonville at 1 P.M. the sun shone  warm & pleasant all day. |  |  |
| Th 13 | Clowdy this morning. We had  made a pair of snow shoes a piece  & paying out bill for three meals  & loging each, 6$ at the mount  ain cottage we started for Nel  son point. We had gotten about  one mile & had to return. I forgot  my revolver, besides we could  not keep our snow shoes on.  We again started after 10 A.M.  & with mutch difficulty & tying  we got out shoes to stay on. By  this time the snow begin to fall  & the wind to blow. We got to Onion  Vally after noon, waited 1 1/2 hours  for dinner 2$. Still snowing a  little we tide on out shoes & again  started, the wind blowing a perfect  gale. The snow drifted & light.  We arrivd at the point after sun  set quite fatigued & the skin  rubd off our feet in severall  places, but went on home. |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Fr 14 | I found all well. John &  Rains & James Shults is board  ing with us. The snow is about  one foot deep here after setting.  The boys has not been able to do  any work in the diggins since  Ive been gone on account of wa  ter, the sun has shone out most  of the day, but looks rather stor  my. We made a road betw  een the cabins & to the ditch to  get water. The boys halld up so  me wood. I tool a warm ba  th last knight & slepd fine. |  |  |
| Sat 15 | Commensd snowing early last  kt, this morning the knew sno  w was 6 inched deep & continu  ed snowing & misting all da  y. We don’t so mutch as think  of going to work & eat twice a day. |  |  |
| Su 16 | Rains & Shults did not  come home Last kt, but Shults  came early this morning and  says bill is Drunk. I read |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
|  | six of the last chapts of Paul  to the Romans after breckfast  I, Dave & John set to work and  made four pair of sno shoes out of  hoops & flour sacks, in ten  ding to go after wife & Lizzy as  soon as the weather is favourable. |  |  |
| Mo 17 | Clowdy & misty all day we were  fixing up our snow shoes. Af  ter noon I, John & Dave went up  the ditch to see after the water, it  is making its way down 1/2 mile  from the reservoy. Our snow shoes  is verry imperfect from trial made. |  |  |
| Tu 18 | Up befor light two hours & bre  ckfast over waiting for day. Clow  dy, John started for Quincy to  get the clerks certificat of release  of I. T. Pratt & D. H. Smith from  continuing my security any lo  nger as guardian for my son  John as he is now of age. The  sun shone out all day.  I was fixing snow shoes |  |  |
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| Tu 18 | John got home about  sun set with the certificates  of the clerk & judge. |  |  |
| We 19 | Clowded up last kt, the  wind blowing from the south  raining & snowing a little to  say. I Rains went up the pike  Ditch to see what had become  of the water the levy was  brok in many places, the  water running out, we  mended it up all most a  pipe head, we did intend  to go over to Rabbit Creek after  wife & Liz to day if the weather would  have permitted. It is now  bed time & raining considerably.  John pd 2$ for the clerks cer  tificate of release, & 8$ to Duesler. |  |  |
| Th 20 | Breckfast over & consulta  tion had I, John & Dave put  on our snow shoes & carried |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Su 23 | Clear cold & frosty last kt  I, wife & Liz tride to sleep toge  ther, it was too cold & the bed  was so verry hard we slepd but  little, after Breckfast over, we  dug up a sledge out of the snow  I went & got a young fir tree &  made half soles for the runners  tide on our luggage & put my  wide on, pd the land lord 10$  off we started 4 of us to pull &  Liz to get along the best she could  as soon as we got in the woods  the snow crest brok through,  so Dave went on to Gib ville af  ter our snow shoes & met us one  & 1/2 miles from Gib ville arrivd at  noon, took dinner 6$ & soon af  ter started for the onion vally, but  got to the foor of the hill & retund  again to the mountain cottage. |  |  |
| Mo 24 | Clear & verry cold. Last kt &  all of to day after 10 a.m. paid  our bill 12$ we set out again wi  th some 3 men to help us & got up  the hill half was, but the wind. |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Mo 24 | blew from the N.E. so cold we was  afraid to risk the top, for fear of  freezing wife & Liz, we turnd about  again & went back to the moun  tain cottage put up for the day  I & john went out & got some tim  ber to make a knew sledge, we  succeeded in getting it partially made. |  |  |
| Tu 25 | Christmas morning & cold yet  but moderated some & clowding  we set two & finished out sledge  & harnessed up. Pd our bill 16$ off  we started, we had gone 1/2 mile  when 13 men over took us to help  us over the mountain we halld  them mostly up to it top, some 4  retund the rest went on to onion  vally, we put up for the kt, the  men took a hour, eat dinner &  retund to Gibson ville, & snowing. |  |  |
| We 26 | Snowd all kt & at this place  the wind blowing a heavy gale with  the snow falling fast, after late  breckfast we hitchd up paid  our bill & those that helpd us the day be  fore 18$ & askd aid to draw our |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| We 26 | sledge load through the snow  a part of the way 7 men turnd  out, we had gotten over the har  dest places 3 turnd back & the oth  er 4 went on the Nelson point  arrivd all in good order & ontime  we put up at the Thompson  house, it’s snowing still. |  |  |
| Th 27 | raind last kt & raind &  snowd all of today, so after  dinner I , wife & Liz started  for our cabins, it was as mu  tch as wife could do to walk  (home) Dave & John went home  on yesterday evening & (?)  Rains Drinking & gambling at  the point, my bill at the point  John his ma & Liz got supper  on last Mo 24th several men  that passd between onion vally  & Gibson ville had there feet fro  sted considerably. |  |  |
| Fr 28 | I was up before day light as  I got cold in the bunk I was  sleeping in, & not in my old |  |  |
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| Fr 28 | cabin we had concluded to  stop in the other cabin. Liz &  John got Breckfast. That over  I concluded to moove back in  my own cabin, I took down  the old bunks & put up two  double ones, one above the other,  I & wife takes the under & Liz  the upper one, clear & clod.  Last kt & all of today the wo  men has been cleaning up to day. |  |  |
| Sat 29 | Clear & cold last kt & all of  today. I was fixing up my old  cabin chinking the cracks on the  inside with rags & taking down  some old shelves. John Dave &  Rains cut a set of cabin logs by  noon to make a store & cook house.  Dave broke my ax cutting to day. |  |  |
| Su 30 | Cold & clear we all put in our  time rather poorly the cold wea  ther the lack of comforts for fern  ales all tend to make our time dra  g, heavily on & it is entirely too cold  to do anything at mining. |  |  |
| Dec 55 |  |  |  |
| Su 30 | I read the last two chapts of  forst corinthians. I wrote a letter  to H.O.P. the days & kts are verry cold  our water ditches frozen dry. |  |  |
| Mo 31 | Still cold & clear. John went  down to the point on yesterday &  got a cross cut saw, today we saw  blocks & laid the foundation of  a new cabin. I had two sledges  to mend as they bear up the log  and our selves the team, wife  & Liz were washing our deeds  and dose the cooking. |  |  |
| Tu 1 | Clear & cold last kt & today  John is about the cabin with a  bad cold. I, Dave, Rains, & Thults  are putting up the cabin. Rains &  Shults hall the logs & I & Dave  Knotch & hew them down. I think  it a little romantic to be fixing  up cabins as if we expected to  have diggins to last here while  we staid in calafornia, or  wishd to stay in this country. |  |  |
| January 1856 |  |  |  |
| We 2 | Clear & cold last kt. but a  littler warmer to day. I did not  put my coat on today as I kept  at work knotching & hewing & some  times helping hall logs, John  went down to the point, got Liz  a pair of shoes price 2$ & some  other things for his ma. I  took out of my trunk two, out  four towels that wife had me  to bring from home, they had  not been usd until New Years. |  |  |
| Th 3 | Clear & cold kt & day it was  some cooler to day than yester  day, we’ve got two ridge poles  on the door sawd out & the rest  of the timber halld that we want  except the boards to cover in, the  new cabin, we have a greater va  riety to eat since wife has come  to our cabins, we are all set  ting around a good fire in my  cabin except Dave he is in the  other one, John plying the fiddle. |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 4 | The weather moderated con  siderable clowdy most of  the day, we finishd putting  up the ridge poles & a tree cut  & blocks sawd to make boards. |  |  |
| Sat 5 | Rather warm & clowdy we su  cceeded in splitting & putting on  the Boards on the house the  shed is to cover yet, clowdy. |  |  |
| Su 6 | Cleard up again, we were  buisey most of the day. I made  a shaving horse & some other  tinkering. David commensd to  make himself a chair, wife  did some mending. Shults &  Rains went down to the point  & reported a verry interesting  mock trial going on, in which  ch a Dutch shoe maker was  plantiff, John put 2 legs in  an old chair, I, Dave Liz  Shults & Rains were riding down  the hill on 2 slydes in the morning  I read the 3 last chapt of 2 and corin  thians. |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 7 | Clear & not verry cold, we  all five was at work on the  cabin by noon the shed between  the cabins was coverd & timber  brought to chink the cabin.  p.m. Dave & John was putting  down the 2 corners under  the shed & hewing the end logs  under the shed (?) |  |  |
| Tu 8 | Clowded up this morning & con  tinued all day, John & Dave fin  ishd the floor & sawd out two  windows, shults & Rains were  chinking the cracks. I was fram  ing up the door, after noon I did  nothing of consequence, the rest of  the boys done the same, they went  up the hill & halld down a slyd load  of wood, wife is verry mutch dis  pleasd with the language I use in  talking to her, or at least days she is –  we caught a grey squirl today  inour cabin & have him chaind  and in a box, at dark in clind  to mist or rain but slightly. |  |  |
| January 56 |  |  |  |
| We 9 | Raining & snowing last kt &  all of to day. Dave was at work  at his chair, shults & John was  helping wife & Lizzy to wash all  the dirty colths & socks that was  on hand I & Rains went down  to the point to get a cook stove  & found two one at 45$ on at 65$ one  too small the other too high pricd  I met Cooper & sockum, cooper  wanted to sell out his interest in  the sockum ditch, as he & others  had nothing to eat nor money  to buy with. H. bray went over  to Illinois Ranch with them. |  |  |
| Th 10 | Snowing considerable this mo  rning after breckfast I & Dave  started for the sockum Diggins  caught up with bray & cooper at  martins ranch & then went on  to the diggins H bray bought one  of the company out at 333$ &  I baugh cooper out at the sa  me, there being 3 shears in the  ditch & one working interest ownd |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 10 | by Gorge Taylor. All three of them  came over with us, cooper stays  with us to knight |  |  |
| Fr 11 | Still snowing of kts & days  at intervals. the boys workd at  the pike Ditch to get the water  to rundown it. I & Cooper went  down to the point & closd the  trad by allowing I.W. Thompson  & Co to bye out Taylor & make 4  interests in the ditch & they pay  ing us @ 6$ each making my  interest 1/4 & costing 307$ instead  of 333$. Duesler & Brooks came  home with me & staid all kt. |  |  |
| Sat 12 | Snowd severall inches last kt  & raining & snowing a little at in  tervals to day, after Duesler & Brooks  left we all went the pike Ditch & got  the water to run down, in the after  noon we shoveld out the snow  nearby to the diggins the water  still continued to run on, but  weak, rather to mutch snow &  ice. |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 13 | the sun shone out warm  & pleasant nearly all day, some  clowdy late this evening. The boys  halld one load of wood on sledges  down hill to burn. I & Rains took  a dull root axe, went down to the  point & ground it Dave & John went  up the pike ditch & stopd a leak  then came down to the point to as  sist in getting home a cook stove  if we were suited but went home  with uot any, Rains staid on a spree  I read the Books of Phillipians & Collos |  |  |
| Mo 14 | Warm & sunny most of the  day. I mended up my Gum boots.  John & Dave went out to the diggins  Shults was rocking today. p.m.  we went up the pike ditch & stopd  some holes & continued down to the  diggins, a sloos head is running  through the boxes. I shoveld the  snow out of them they have ice  in them, the hose is still got ice  froze in them |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Tu 15 | Clowdy & raind verry lightly last  kt. The sun shone out warm this  fore noon. P.M. clowded up, some  cooler. I John & Dave workd on  the lower end of the ditch & let  the water on the hose & thawd  out the ice, after noon we did  some mining. Cleand up got  about one dollar. Rains is out. |  |  |
| We 16 | The sun shone to day but not  as warm as I could wish. I  & Dave went up the pike Ditch  stops some holes & cleand it out  down to the diggins. John was  cleaning up some bed rock A.  M. After noon we was piping  until the hose bursted. We cle  and up git gold 6 1/2$. |  |  |
| Th 17 | Clear & cold last kt after breckfast  I & Dave started for bestey town.  We took dinner at Quincy with  Duesler then went on, met Rains  at O Neals Ranch. He turnd & went  with us. I engaged a cook stove |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 17 | of Blood & Compy at 75$, then  went back to Quincy staid all  kt with Duesler. |  |  |
| Fr 18 | Still cold & clear last kt, & wa  rm to day, after consulting a  bout some old Law business &  other things we then started for  home arrivd about 3 p.m…….  rather too cold for mine. |  |  |
| Sat 19 | Cold & frosty last kt & not ver  ry warm to day though the sun  shone out bright & clear all day.  We all were putting in our time  about the new cabin. P.M.  Hossulcutch brought a cook  for us but we had to hall it up  on a slyd from the road, we  set it up but got a hole to put  through the roof for the pipe. |  |  |
| Su 20 | Cold last kt, the sun shone  out warm A.M. after breckfast  we set to work & fixd up the  kitchen, wife & Liz got dinner on |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
|  | the stove & moovd the tables & cook  toold in the kitchen. Clowded up this  p.m. I read the three first Chapts of  paul to Thimithy first. We  knockd up 4 old sloos boxes  and got gold 4 1/2$. |  |  |
| Mo 21 | Clowdy then sun shone out  P.M. clowdy again. John  Dave & Bill was mining all day  did not clean up. I was put  ting a cupboard made door &  hung it, put on wash boards.  H. Bray came up late P.M.  Staid all kt. |  |  |
| Tu 22 | Snowing this morning & some  last kt. The 3 boys were cleaning  up bed rock till noon & got  gold 58 1/2$. I & Bray went out  to the diggins A.M. he then  went home. I was put ting up  some shelves in the kitchen.  It has been raining & snowing  all day & continues up to late  bed time. |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| We 23 | Snowd Last kt & is still at it.  I was getting wood to build a fire  I saw a kiota near our cabin  but he ran off. The boys went up  the pike ditch to stop the holes. They  soon got down a pipe head & to  spare. I was fixing the kitchen  door, P.M. I & Bill was mining, did  not clean up boxes, got gold 21 1/2$  John & Dave we mending up the pike ditch this P.M. |  |  |
| Th 24 | Cold & frosty last kt, but clowdy  this morning & cleard up but was  cold all day, all four was clea  ning up bed rock till noon & got  gold 30 1/2$. P.M. Dave went up the  pike ditch to stop a leake, and us  three to run the water in the deep  cut on the left, as the right hand  Channel is workd out, we were  the rest of the evening running  out snow & ice, & setting some  boxes, verry cold this evening. |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 25 | Cold & frosty last kt & conti  nues so this morning, the boys  was getting wood by halling it down  the first table that I put up in  53 to eat on, & put up a water she  if in its place, & made a false  bottom for a sloos box. P.M.  we went out to the diggins  mended up two sloos boxes & set them. |  |  |
| Sat 26 | Still colder last kt than usual.  There is no water running in the  ditch this morning. After the sun  had warms up the atmosphear,  the boys were halling down some  wood. I & Dave went up th pike  ditch & stopd a hole made by  freezing up the ground, the let  all the water run out of the ditch  P.M. nothing done of consequence.  I & Raubs cut up a ceader stump that stood  partially under the entry. Frank Fox  came up to invite the women down to the  point to a private Party did not go. | |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 27 | Cold last kt, but the snow a  little softend from the rays of  the sun. John went down to  the point got some sole leather  1/2$ to put on his gum boots. They  had a Dewell & spree over the  Dutchman last kt & this morn  ing, I read the 9, 10, 11 chapts of  paul to the Hebrews. |  |  |
| Mo 28 | Cold last kt but clowded  up & snowd all day lightly.  We all staid in the cabins till  noon. Bray & Sockuns came up  to see me, after dinner we three  started for the Sockun diggins  but staid all kt at the Illinois Ranch. |  |  |
| Tu 29 | Raind but snowd most last  kt, after an early Breck fast  the compy started for the diggins  & water ditch 4 miles & then 2 miles  up it a good pipe head, we then re  turnd to Massac Diffins to ascer |  |  |
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|  | tain if the miners would pay  us for the use of the water, they  said they do not want to buy water  so I & Sockum went up the ditch  again & let the water out so it wou  ld not run down to them. We then  went down below the partnership  ditch & turned their water out of our  ditch in a little ditch below ours  & started for home. I eat supper  lodged & breckfasted at the Ill. Ranch  Terwillegar put the aperahoes on two  pack mules for I & Bray to ride over  to nelson & him selfe on a horse.  I got home just before kt, wife  had scrubd the floor & hung up a  curtain a cross the cabin just in  front of our bunks, all nice. |  |  |
| We 30 | Clowdy last kt some little fro  zen snow was falling on the roof  after I went to bed this morning  it is raining & continued all day  lightly. We all went out to min |  |  |
| Jan 56 |  |  |  |
| We 30 | ing after dinner except  John. Shults was helping  us. Cooper came over I pd  him off for his Sockuns ditch  & diggins a balance of 153$. Bray  came over & staid all kt with  us, we got gold 13 1/2$. Still thawing. |  |  |
| Th 31 | Clowdy this morning. We were  mining early. John & Bray  shoulderd their blankets & put  for the Sockum Diggins. Our hose  tore A.M. I mended up, eat din  ner and at it again. Lat p.m.  the hose ripd I set to work &  sewd them up again did not  clean up the boxes. |  |  |
| Febuary 1856 |  |  |  |
| Fr 1 | Clear & frosty the snow was  froze to bear last kt, we were  at our posts in time & was most  of the fore noon getting out frozen |  |  |
| Febuary 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 1 | dirt. P.M. we took out a stumo  & put through a quantity of dirt  & rocks & cleand up gor gold 12$. |  |  |
| Sat 2 | Cold & frosty last kt & this fore  noon.so mutch that we  could not work, the water  would freeze on out hats & on  the handles of the tools when  not usd constant, we all quit  before noon. Fox came over  to buy a fourth in our ditch  es & diggins John came home  just at dark & says the miners  over at Massack diggins has been  using our water again, but  were stopd by Sockum & coopy. |  |  |
| Su 3 | Snowing a verry little this mor  ning, but the sun shone out  warm by took dinner. Soon  after John & him started over  to Massack diggins with their packs. |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 3 | I took an ax down to the point  ground it some, Bill & Shults  had ground 2 others & a hatchet….  I sold 28$ worth in dust, paid  Ritchey 7 1/4$ borrowd money &  pd for 4 lbs maild 1$, & sharpning 2  picks 1 1/2$ & pd Frank Fox 7 1/2$.  Shults got a letter for Dave from  H.P. of date Jan 26th 56 giving  an account of the Law suit be  tween me & Lloyd being decided  in y favor by the supreme  court of Cala, I jumpd & how  ld again & again until I was ho  arse. after supper I read the  3rd 4 & 5 chapts of Gen & of Peter. |  |  |
| Mo 4 | Snowd last kt & this morning &  continued clowdy without sno  wing all day we were at min  ing & got gold 7$. Dave went over to Quincy & returnd this evening.  I did some mending on the  hose to day. |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Tu 5 | Verry cold last kt so mutch  so that we cannot work. I  & Rains concluded to go over  to Sockum Diggins, we took  dinner at their cabin on some  cold scraps & dry bread. We then  went up the ditch to where our  partners was at work cutting a  new ditch. We all six went ba  ck 2 miles the cabin & staid  all kt and I slepd with John. |  |  |
| We 6 | Still verry cold last kt but  the sun shone out out all day  but not verry warm. We enga  gd the water in our ditch to some  miners at 4$ per day. I turnd  the water in the disputed ditch  so they did not agree among them  selved so they did not use it. I  & Rains went uo the ditch to its  head & stopd a leak, returnd took  a cold dinner & I was helping |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
|  | John to dig a ditch as Bray &  John Shults are digging out  throughfs to floom 160 ft across  a creek & Sockun is gone to get  a bill of sale to the disputed part  of the ditch. Did not get home. |  |  |
| Th 7 | Cold last kt. John, Bray & Sh  ults started to their work & I  & Rains started for Quincy.  I there met with Sockuns. I  did some business & started for  home, arrivd about sun set. |  |  |
| Fr 8  Letter from H.P. HHH.P. | Not so cold last kt & to day.  I was mending up some old  shovels. We had just set down  to dinner & Sockum came in &  eat with us. That over we went  down to the point. I receivd a  remitater from the supreme court  against John Lloyd, & a letter from  H.P. relative to the suit. I gave  Dave 1 1/2$ & 1/2 dollar on Tuesday  last. |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 9 | Clowded up Last kt & snowd  a little this morning. Cleard  up warm. I was mending 2  shovels P.M. we were mining  & got gold 5 1/2$. The hose ripd or  we should have done moore.  John cam home in time for  supper, Shults did not help us. |  |  |
| Su 10 | Clod last kt, but warm & ple  asant to day. John & Rains stared  early for Rabbit Creek to get some  dressing for Wife & Lizzy. I & Lizzy  went down to the point took din  er with the Foxes. Wife & Dave  staid at home. I read the seconf  Epistle General of Peater for my lesson.  I gave John & Rains $ for expences. |  |  |
| Mo 11 | Cold last kt & warm & pleasant today.  I & Dave went over to the Ameri  can Vally. I, Bray, Fox & Sockum  sewd old Terwillegar for a water  ditch & laid an injunction. Atty  Hogan & Hundley. |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 11 | I, Fox & Sockum went up to our  cabin arrivd after dark. Dave  & Bray & Parker was there…  pd clerks feed 13 1/2$ pd by Fox. |  |  |
| Tu 12 | Not so cold last kt. The snow  melted verry mutch to day. All  six of us went up & the trou  ghfs on the ground to put of the ditch, af  ter dinner I, Dave & Fox & Sockum  started for home & Sockum for the  III. Ranch & him some behind  when we three got to old Terwille  gars diggins, he T stopd us by asking  what it was that we wanted to have  a law suit about. & said we had ac  ted Dams rascally in turning out wat  er out of our own ditch. This he repeated  a second time. I stepd up to him & said  I was one of the compy & he must not  say so. He repeated it again. I told him  he was a liar. He struck me with a  shovel. His son & Larison tride to do  the same, Dave fought the old man |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
|  | I ran Larison with a dirk knife  and was trying to stab the old man  &Fox caught me. Dave was on him  a whipd him badly. The fuss over we  started again for home. Met the sher  iff in 1/4 mile. He went & servd the papers  on old Terwillegar. We met John  on the hill above Martins. He turnd  round & went home with us again. | |  |
| We 13 | Nights not so clod & the days are  warm enough to melt the snow co  nsiderable. After breckfast John & Bill  started for Massac diggins. I, Dave  & Shults went to mining. The hose  ripd a little in several places. We  memded them. P.M. got gold 9$.  M wrist is quite sore from the  blow I knocked off that Terwillegar made. |  |  |
| Th 14 | To day is the warmest. I was  to see Lewis & family at his house.  Bray came over on yesterday &  went back to day. I did not see him.  The hose ripd, P.M. I was mending |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
|  | before dark John & Rains came  home. They say all is quiet over  at Massac, except preparing for  the law suit & old Bray is bau  ght out Sockum & is quite thick  with old Terwilegar. |  |  |
| Su 17 | Warm & clowdy all day. We  went out the diggins & set the sloos  in a new place attleas where we  prospected the claim & I mended  the hose some & laid them for pipe  ing. after dinner John & Bill  started for Massac diggins. I  & Shults went down to the point  I got tobacco for wife 1$. Sold gold  dust 41$ & read 2-3 chapt of G of John. |  |  |
| Mo 18 | Froze last kt but warm to day.  I went over to Quincy on buis  ness. I got out an execution a  gainst Lloyd cost 9$. I paid  Sheriff 14$ & 90 cts for services a  gainst Terwillegar & staid all kt. |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
|  | with Duesler slepd in his shop. |  |  |
| Tu 19 | Cold & frosty last kt, & warm  to day. After breck fast I was to  see Mrs Jennings & Tom. We  had a long chat. He wants to  sell the Am Ranch to me.  I tool dinner with them &  soon after I started home  & arrivd before dark. All well.  Dave & Shults got gold 17$. |  |  |
| We 20 | Raining & snowing last kt  & to day. I went down to Lewis  & fot sgr McNabb to go down  to the point, he got the bond  of Lloyds & Roots. R said he  would settle it, with out any  moore law. I sent the Bond  over to Quincy by F. Fox. I went  home, after dinner, I Dave, & Bill  Rains, went out to mining and got golls 10$. | |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 21 | Cold last kt, clowdy & sno  wing some most og the day. We  did not work to day. John came  home about noon. Bray & Parker  also left Massack diggins to see  the rest of the compy. Lewis came  over for 1/2 doz gunny sacks. |  |  |
| Fr 22 | Coll last kt, still snowing a  little occationally. The sun  shines out at intervals. We are  dressed up for the ball at Elizabeth  town. Wife, Liz, Bill & I are waiting  for the Nelson point Ladies & gen  tlemen. After dinner we all set  out. I Bill & Hirman is on walk  er & Foots train. Stopd at Quincy  & then rode in a wagon to bet  sey town at early candle light  & continued dancing till 4 in morning. |  |  |
| Sat 23 | Slear & frosty. I was up at  sun rise breckfasted. Cost 2$ for  I and wife. Near noon we arrivd at |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
|  | Quincy. We took dinner with  Mrs. Jennings. After sun set  I took a shot nap & then went  to the dance that was all ready  in operation at the court room.  Broke up at 11 P.M. & then to bed. |  |  |
| Su 24 | Clear & frosty. Took breckfast  with Duesler. Calld on hun  dley, then on Judge Wards fa  mily. Had an introduction to  Mrs Vaughn. About noon we  all started for home. I had to  walk all alone. My lesson is  10th chapt of Revelations. |  |  |
| Mo 25 | Clear & pleasant, the snow  is melting off fast. John went  over to Massac. I, Dave & Shults  were mining & got gold 13 1/2$.  The hose ripd we mended up &  was piping all P.M. Rains is now  at home, don’t know where he is.  I gave John12 1/2$ to pay Coffin  for the ditch that is in dispute with Twillegar. | |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Tu 26 | Quite cold this morning wind  from the north. We were late in  getting out to work. We had to set  our boxes again in the deep cut &  did not get ready for washing  till noon. P.M. I had some sew  ing to do on the hose, we washd  a quantity of dirt & got gold 11 1/2$.  Bill got home late this evening.  The day has been rather cold. |  |  |
| We 27 | Still verry cold. We did not  mine till P.M. We got gold  9 1/2$. The hose bursted before kt. |  |  |
| Th 28 | Verry cold we did not go to  the diggins. I & Dave mended two  garden hoes. I then made 5 pick  handles. Fox came up in the P.  m. to get us all to go down to the  point to a dance, we refusd to go  but him & Frank came back wi  th mules for them to ride, so  we all fixed up except Dave &  went down. Dancd till 2 in the  morning. |  |  |
| Feb 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 29 | Cold as usual wind from  north. We stopd & breckfasted  with Fox. I paid 1 1/2$ for a pair  of shoes for wife. I came home  about noon. Soon after John  & Carroll came over from Massac  & left Bray there. Wife came ho  me to the dance to come off at  Independence Bar to kt. Liz  Rains & Shults …allgone…  I gave John 5$ & Dave 10$. |  |  |
|  | -------------------March 1856----------------- |  |  |
| Sat 1 | Cold as usual nothing do  ing. After dinner I went out  to mend the hose put a patch  but moore sewing to be done. |  |  |
| Su 2 | Cold kts. I finishd a hose  rack this morning last kt, one eye bad  ly gougd. Miss Cleaveland  & Miss Russle McNabb & Ster  ling came to see us this P.M. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
|  | I wrote a letter to H.P. & maild  it. Dave, John & I was mending  the hose this P.M. My lesson 1rst Mathew. | |  |
| Mo 3 | Cold last kt & this morning.  We are setting a round the  fire consulting. I Dave & Shul  ts went out to mine. I & Dave  sewd on the hose till noon. Shults  sloosing down. P.M. we let the  water on pipe but the hose soon  tore. I put on a patch and at it  again. We did not clean up.  I pd Duesler 39$ on yesterday  35$ for a hog the rest on Jacks  pants whole amt 12$. |  |  |
| Tu 4 | Cold last kt. Icy about the  diggins. We were at work soon  Isaac Jenning came to the dig  gins & took dinner with us. He  wants to sell me the Am Ran  ch. We cleand up & got gold  32$. Jennings went down to the  point. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| We 5 | Cold las kt. Breckfast over  we were ready to go to work.  Isaac Jennings came up, bre  ckfasted. We two went out to  the diggins, hose ripd, I men  ded the hose, all went to di  nner. P.M. I agreed to take  the Am. Ranch & am to give  200$ moore to be pd from  30 tp 180 days & pd 30$  in dust for hay & I am  to go over on saturday next  to close the trade, the amt  due me on mortg age $3686$ |  |  |
| Th 6 | Cold last kt, but moore pl  easant to day. I, Dave, & Bill  were mining, the hose ripd  a little. We cleand up to  day & got gold 25 1/2$. Law  yer Hogan & Hirman  was to see us to this even  ing, took supper & went home. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 7 | Still cool last kt. We were  mining as usual. John and  Bray came over this A.M. After  dinner I went down to the poi  nt in company with Bray &  Shults, I staid till sun set.  John Bill & Dave got gold 15$. |  |  |
| Sat 8 | Not so cold. I & John sta  rted for Quincy. We were there  all day. P.M. on of the Mas  sack diggers told me if we did  not let the water that was  disoute out of our ditch  he would out it & let the water  in the old channel. After  supper I closd the trade with  the Jennings for the Am. Ranch.  I executed my 3 notes for 500$  each & one for 300$ & one for 200$  all to be paid in six months.  We slepd at the Ward tavern  & eat at Jennings. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 9 | Still moderating, we put for  home. Arrivd at the diggins at 1  p.m. I then went down to the  point. The country hired W R  Dickson to go over to the Massac  diggins to take cear of the ditch.  My lesson the 7th chapt of Mathew. |  |  |
| Mo 10 | After Breckfast John started  for M. Ville. Dave & Bill & Shults  went to mining. Bray & Dick  son went over to Massac, after  dinner Wifer & Lizy went over  to quincy with Hirman. I went  to the diggins to get in company.  I felt verry mutch like we were  parting again for some time  but I hope not. We got gold 18 1/2$. |  |  |
| Tu 11 | The boys to mining & I to  packing up provisions & other  little notions. P.M. Hirman  came, we packd two mules &  one to ride between us, so we  arrivd about sun set at Quincy. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| We 12 | Again I was with wife &  Liz. A.M. I was looking over  the ranch, the plowd ground &  fencing, to see how mutch  was ready for seed & so on.  Hirman brought us over an  other mule load of flour. |  |  |
| Th 13 | I was measuring the  ploughd ground to day, P.M.  I was calld to set on a jury  case decided after kt, in favor  of the defendant, I recvd 3$  as a jury fee. I pd Hirman  20$ for packing us over to Quincy. |  |  |
| Fr 14 | Raining last kt & to day with  snow mixd with it is the val  ly & snowing on the mountains.  Did not do anyting to day. |  |  |
| Sat 15 | Cold last kt & this morn  ing. I was getting the hogs  & other stock off the ranch |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 15 | P.M. I & Duesler was me  nding up the fence down the  road to Wheelers ranch. |  |  |
| Su 16 | Quite cold this morning  about 10 A.M. I & Duesler each  got a mule & helpd I. Jennings  to drive his cows to Jud kins  & Kated ranch, then we went  up to Massack diggins & saw  Dickson got our dinners & John  Blankettes & boots & other clothing  & went to the Illinois Ranch. Duesler  went home & I to my old mo  untain cabins, all deserted &  gone. I went in all the cabins  but no one to bee seen, the fires  gone out. O think what one week  has done for this once happy  group of inmates if it was but  for a short time, I picked up  my Bible & read the 10, 11, 12th  Chapts of Mathew, still in hopes  of some one coming home before  dark, but none is here save me. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 17 | Early Shults came up  from the point, he got brec  kfast. After putting things to  rights I walked down to the Wil  low ranch got the mule I left  there over kt. Pd 1 1/2$ for his keep  ing & now to the Am Ranch.  I met Dave & Bill 1 1/2 miles from  our cabins, after consulting  a short time I gave Bill 10$  to bear his expenses ro M. Ville  noy mule hire to Firman 10$. |  |  |
| Tu 18 | I was looking around to see  what could be done & putting  up the fences. We go gold  last week 41$. |  |  |
| We 19 | Early came Ed Linton with  his oxen & wagon to help me  sew some grain. I had to send  him to Judkins for 1050 lbs  of seed, plough & harrow  whitch he brought by noon.  The P.M. we did some ploug  hing. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 20 | Early I had the plough  pointed & sharpd cost 3$. I  commensd sewing wheat, & P.  M. to harrowing it in as we got done  ploughing. |  |  |
| Fr 21 | I sent Linton after wheat 100lbs  as there had been a mistake  against me. Finishd sewing  this piece of ground in the p.  m. & commensd sewing ba  rly the rest of the day. |  |  |
| Sat 22 | By noon we had put in  all the seed we had. p.m. I  sent Linton after 600 lbs  more seed. He returnd after dark. |  |  |
| Sun 23 | All the past week my left  shin has been getting verry  sore just below the knee, in  flamed & swelld verry mutch.  I continued up most of the  day, late in p.m. I was co  mpelld to ly down, being in  mutch pain. I gave W. R. Di  ckson 5$ on Tuesday evening last. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 24 | Sufferd verry mut  ch last kt & to day. Linton  came to work, but I got him  to go after Dr. Cate at Betsy  town. Took medicine had quite  a feaver all day. I pd Curlin  2$ for putting up a shelf & lock on  the door up stars last week. |  |  |
| Tu 25 | I was quite sick last kt  & no better this morning. The  Dr. came left moore medicine  & directions did nothing for my  leg but to keep it cool with sup  ar of Led water. P.M. Rains  arrivd with two yoke of  cattle from M Ville H.P. se  nt me & 20$ he gave to Bill  to bear expences up, and  12$ moore to be pd on the road. |  |  |
| We 26 | Rested verry little last kt. Took  a blue pill this morning. Was ver  ry sick all day. Dave came over  this morning. The Dr came to see  me twice to day. Rains rested to day. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 27 | I rested better last kt & feel a  little better this morning, Rains went  to Judkins & got a plough for braking  sod had it sharpd cost 2$ & 1$ to get  a broom. P.M. Rains got Elliot to  help him to plough but it is too hard  for two yoke of cattle to pull. The Dr  same & said he would have to lance  my leg on tomorrow. Dave went home. |  |  |
| Fr 28 | Ive rested better, it has commensd to  rain & continued moore or less all day.  John came up yesterday & over to see  us to day, he did not get his money  but says that Bub will get it for him  by the 15th April. Rains halling rails all  day. P.M. the Dr lancd my leg two  cutts to finish rather severe operation  A quantity of matter let out. |  |  |
| Sat 29 | Still raining. John went over  to the digging to set things a mooveing  again about right. Shults came over  to see us this P.M. I sighnd his  bond for 150$ to Musgrave for three  months commencing 1rst April 56.  The Dr was to see me & said he would  call in a few days again. |  |  |
| March 56 |  |  |  |
|  | The butcher came I pd him for beef  up to date 5 1/4$ up to date Rains was  halling rails most of the day & made  Liz a bed stead. Snowing at intervals. |  |  |
| Su 30 | The storm is on the increase. Snow  ing verry fast at times. Rains went over  to the diggins. Shults staid all day wi  th us. Ive imprvd verry mutch. I got  out of bed & went in the kitchen set up  a long time after supper Rains got  home, snowing verry fast this evening. |  |  |
| Mo 31 | I slepd sound from after 10 till day  ligh. I got up went in to the kitchen  eat breckfast, dressd my leg & remain  setting up. Rains halling rails, no  rain or snow falling mutch, rain  at intervals. Shults gone home.  Rains got one yoke of oxen to work of  John Terwillegar on yesterday evening.  At noon raining considerable &  P.M. the sun shone out handsome till  quite late then raining. I continued  up all day. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Tu 1 | Still clowdy. Bill halling  rails. I continued up all day.  Late p.m. raind & snowd con  siderable after dark. |  |  |
| We 2 | Cleard off. I am still getting  better went up town. Bill halling  rails & halld one load sloos box  es for Dickinson & co. to niger ravine. |  |  |
| Th 3 | Still clear. Bill went up  to Ill. Ranch got Frank Go  ble to come & help us to plough.  Bill halld rails the rest of the day. |  |  |
| Fr 4 | Clowdy this morning & raind  come. Bill & Frank was plow  ing all day. I am still impro  veing. John came over this  A.M. & retund this P.M. to  the diggins. Not done well this week. |  |  |
| Sat 5 | Foggy this A.M. Bill & Frank  broke the handle of the plough  mended by noon ploughing p,m. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 5 | I was raking the trash off  the ground for a gardin & bu  rning it. Dave came over this  p.m. I got him to set a log heap  a fire, Rains set fire to the ded  grass where we want to plough  & the fence caught fire & burnd  up some of the rails about dark. |  |  |
| Su 6 | Clowdy & raind to day some.  John came over to day & bro  ught 500$ he borrowd of John  Ritchy at 3 per cent per mont  $ 61 1/4$ taken out last week of  the diggins. I had to drive out  a lot of stock & put up the fence. |  |  |
| Mo 7 | John & Dave prepard  early to go over to the diggins.  Dave gave me 28$ of the mon  ey took out of the diggins the  week before last. Bill got 619 lb  wheat of Judkins & Co & 228 lbs  screaning at 5 cts per lb. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 7 | Lem Compton came up to  to work for me, I was a  but town all day did no work. |  |  |
| Tu 8 | Bill & Frank ploughing har  rowing & putting up fence & I  and Len up a fence in  part around the gardin. The  sheriff servs a garnishee on  me for all I owd I & F Jennings.  Jennings made me a deed early  the same morning I had it put to record. |  |  |
| We 9  25 cts for letters | I pd Linton 24$ on last Mo  for 4 days work by him & one  yoke of oxen & I gave Rains  5$ on Monday last also 2$ to  Crop for fixing Elliotts wagon.  We finishd sewind wheat & barly  all the ground that is ploughd  by noon. Lem split stakes Bill  & frank ploughing I raking gard.  The afternoon I recvd a letter from  John H Haun of date Feb 28th 56 |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
|  | and one from H P Haun of date  first April 56 – all well. |  |  |
| Th 10 | Raind a little to day. Lem  split stakes till noon Bill &  Frank ploughing & Lem halld two  loads of stakes. I was in town all  day pd Hosselcuth 75$ for a cook  stove & gave H.I. Bradley 40$ for his  chickens on the A.M. Ranch…  a ball given to kt by Ward price  4$ a ticket dancing in the court house. |  |  |
| Fr 11 | Breckfast over I gave direct  ions what to be done on the  Ranch, I gave Isaac Jennings  up his mortgague & pd the cou  nty clerk 1/2$ write the satisfa  ction of the same, & pd Crofs  4$ for black smithing, then I &  Kayler started on foot for the dig  gins my old home, arrivd at no  on after dinner we went out  to the diggins the upper as well  as the lower walkd around till  kt, rain all day, not mutch gold. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 12 | I & Kyler slepd together in my  old bunk. After breckfast I took  down the cook stove & packd up  its furniture to send over to the  Am. Ranch but no mules came.  Bray was up to see me & talkd  of our law suit & went back home  after dinner. i & Kyler was all  evening looking out the locality  for a ditch to carry water on  Rocky Bar a crofs middle fea  ther river, rather a difficult job.  John & Shults got gold this  week out of the upper diggins 124$.  Dave & Joe got gold out of lower  diggins 16$ all week no good  mostly clear weather today. |  |  |
| Su 13 | Kyler stopd at the point last  kt. I slepd in my old bunk &  was up before day mended my  pants & read the 14 – 15 chapters of  Mathew then calld up the boys.  I had to fix up my fire place  this morning. I & Shults went  to the point met Kline with two  pack mules to carry the cook stove |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
|  | over to the ranch cost 10$ pd  to Thompson. Shults going down  to Rocky Bar. I pd Frank Fox  50$ borrowd last fall, pd I.C.  Lewis 48$ for potatoes. Pd a. Moo  rehead 10 1/4$ store bill, collec  ted 44 3/4$ of I.S. Root as security  for Lloyd. I, John, Dave & Kyler  baught Dutch Charlys claims  on Rocky Bar for 2500$ payable in  six months with 3 per cent  interest per month, with I W Thompson  as security, then wnet to my cabin. |  |  |
| Mo 14 | I went down to the point. John  & Joe at work at the upper diggins  and Dave at the Lower, I waited  for Kyler to come up from the  Rocky Bar claims after taki  ng possession we & Duesler  started for the vally. I & Kyler  went by the cabins got my gun  & some other notions & put. It rai  nd on us all the way. I borrowd  a cross cut saw I Terwillegar |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Tu 15 | I pd James Conat 500$  that was due on the ranch on  last evening took Hagans rect  as agent for Mrs. Jennings.  Early this morning I. Baloo &  Duesler went up to Massack dig  gins to see about the ditch &  tools & provisions. Late when  got bacj. I rode Firmans mule.  I then walkd up to Betsy town.  Borrowd 300$ of Dr. Cate at  three per cent per month & bou  ght a check of Buckholdr in  favor of H P Haun for 282 1/2$  payable in M Ville. I then got  some garden seeds cost 7 1/2$ home. |  |  |
| We 16 | We did but little to day fin  ishd ploughing for grain & are  not able to plough the garden  with the ploughs we have as they  have been broke & will do so a  gain. I od Judkins 75$ for seed  wheat & so forth. I was cleaning  up the trash & Lem to help me to  saw off logs. Frank harrowing. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
|  | Stinson put on one coat of pl  astering. Bill did not get a plough.  I wrote a letter to H.P. and send  him a check for 282 1/2$. |  |  |
| Th 17 | I baught 415 lbs of potatoes  of I. Conant at 7 cts pre lb.  I sent Bill to Alfords for a  load of fencing planks & posts.  I finished sewing grain. I sent  Bill after 240 lbs moore of wheat  to Judkins, some harrowing  to do yet. Dave came over.  I paid a digger 3$ for triming  six pine trees. I got 2$ of Dave. |  |  |
| Fr 18 | I baught 50 lbs nails 6$ &  got Tod to help me maje pl  ank fence, the boys were pil  ling up logs to burn. Finishd  harrowing in grain. |  |  |
| Sat 19 | I finishd fencing up the  garden the rest sawing & put  ting up log heaps. O-Neal sent  me keg nails & 100 lbs flour. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 20 | We all mended up the  log heaps. John & Joe came  over yesterday evening. I pd  Allford 10$. I pd Frank Goble  25$ pd Cross 1 1/2$ pd Elliott 2$  & collected 3$ from Dickenson  & got 3 dolls from John.  After dinner I, John, Joe &  Kyler started for my old ca  bins arrivd before sunset.  Wife gave me 12$ & I gave her  5$ I think it was on Friday. |  |  |
| Mo 21 | I slepd in my old bunk with  John. Breckfast over I, Dave &  Kyler went down to Rocky  Bar took dinner with the  Sterlings. P.M. Sherwin  came down & proposd to extend  his floom if the miners on  the Bar would agree to pay him  1200$ when the water was ready  for minning & he would pay  two per cent per month until (we) got |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
|  | in water & then we were  to pledge our selve to take 1300$  worth of water & lumber to secure  him from loss. We went up to  Foxes supd, staid all kt. Breckfa |  |  |
| Tu 22 | sted & went down to the Bar again  talked with the miners & all concl  uded to accept Sherwins proposi  tions. Dind at Foxes. P.M. closd the  bargain, pd by bill 2 1/2$ to Fox  started for home. Stopd a while at  the diggins with John, got home  at sun set all well or nearly so. |  |  |
| We 23 | Set a log heap on fire in the  barn lot & rakd up a lot of trash  & burnd it. I & Frank was building  a plank fence in front of the barn.  Rains halld one load of fencing plk  & posts then halld rails for a peti  tion fence in the front pasture. I  sent Lem over to Rocky Bar to fill  my place & gave him 10$ part pay  for work done on the Ranch. |  |  |
| Th 24 | We was building fence. The  kts verry cold. Bill halling rails. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 24 | I pd the Butcher George  12$ on account for beff. I  collected 1/2$ from Ray for ran  ching a mule one kt 1 1/2$ for  ranching 3 pack mules. |  |  |
| Fr 25 | Last kt was verry cold. I &  Frank put up all the plank  we had. Rains went up to the  Illinois Ranch & got a plough &  came by the mill but got no  plank. We put on strips & capd  the fence we had put up. Late  I & Duesler went down the  vally to Chapmans to see his  cows but did not buy. We was  late getting home, took supper. |  |  |
| Sat 26 | Cold last kt again. Rains &  Frank was ploughing the gar  din. A.M. I was attending to  getting Kellys evidence & pd O  Neal 28 1/2$ for nails & flour.  P.M. I laid the worm of a fence  across the pasture to divide it. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| Sun 27 | Clowdy this morning  & windy raining some a  bout noon. I pd Kelly 3$  fee as witness on yesterday  $ 1$ for Rheubarb seed 2 pakes.  I pd Judkins 50$ moore for  seed wheat that Ive sown.  I gave wife 1/2$. P.M. I & Kyler  started for the Rocky Bar diggins.  We stopd at the old Haun diggins.  John gave me 113 1/2$ in the gold dust.  We arrivd after dark at the Bar. |  |  |
| Mo 28 | Cold last kt & to day. I & Lem  went up to help Sherwin on his  floom but it raind verry hard. A.  M. causd us to stop a while p.m.  we were at it again until kt.  Kyler & Dave at work on the house.  I gave Frank Goble 10$ on yesturday. |  |  |
| Tu 29 | Cold & snowd last kt. We were  at work all day on Sherwins  floom but unpleasantly cold all  day. Kyler & Dave at work on the  house. |  |  |
| April 56 |  |  |  |
| We 30 | Snowd last kt & raind all  of day. We did no work on the  floom. Later in the after noon  John & Joe came down to the  Rocky Bar. Staid all kt. Still raining. |  |  |
|  | May 56 |  |  |
| Th 1 | Some ice froze this morn  ing, but commensd storm  ing A.M. Snow & rain at in  tervals. Several ladies came  over from the American Vally  to the ball at Foxes. Among  them was wife & Liz. We ba  ught the cook stove from Ed  Bafs at 40$, & took 4 of us to  carry it down to our new cabin.  After supper wall went up to the  point to the Ball. I staid all  kt & slepd with wife what time  I did sleep. I gave Frank Goble  5$ no work done in our diggins  in the last two days on ac  count of rain, not safe to drift. |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 2 | Snowd last kt some & snow  ing at intervals to day. We all  moovd in our new cabin to day.  The insid is lind with canvefs, the  buns were finishd to day, bolts  & latchs made of wood were put  on the doors, & the boys are all  gone to bef. I alone am setting  by the stove making this entry.  I was up at the point this p.m.  & helpd wife off for the vally  with the rest of the crowd that  was over at the ball. |  |  |
| Sat 3 | Cold & frosty last kt. I  Dave Kyler & Len went up to  the point to help Sherwin  on the floom. We went up to  the mill but no Sherwin. We  went down to his house & fou  nd him a sleep. I got him up  & all went to work the rest  of the day. |  |  |
| Su 4 | Cold & frosty last kt. Us four  went to work on the floom for |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 4 | Sherwin. Rains John & Joe  came up the floom to see me  to get directions for the ranch.  John & Joe got gold $ this week. |  |  |
| Mo 5 | Cold & frosty last kt again. I  sleep with Shults rather crow  ded but the best I can do at  present. Us for at work for Sher  win to day. getting a lon  quite slow. There is a lack of  tools, have to wait on each o  ther. Ive been patching up some  work that was done week before  last. I am in hope there will  be no moore of that sort. John  & Joe came down to Rocky Bar  early. Joe to M. Vill & John to the A  merican Ranch, so the old Moun  tain diggins is deserted at last.  I hope only for a short time.  Quite warm this p.m. for the first time. |  |  |
| Tu 6 | Kts not so cold. Days getting  warm. Four of us at work  on the floom besides 3 other |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | men. P.M. Sherwin came  over from the vally & brot me  a letter from H.P. of date  April 26th. Clowded up & raind  a verry little. Sherwin helpd  us on the floom & says that  5 or 6 hands is enough on tomorrow. |  |  |
| We 7 | I left the boys at work on  the floom. I went up to the point  maild a letter to H.P. cost 25 cts &  gave 25 cts for 4 boxes matches.  A. Moorehead gave me a pair  of pantaloons. Shults sent Liz  a dress patoon & Moorehead  loand me a mule to ride over to  the ranch. Arrivd in time to dine  with wife. P.M. I & John was  building plank fence. |  |  |
| Th 8 | Bill went up to the mill after  lumber to finish making pl  ank fence. He got 511 lbs potatoes  of Havland, late before he returnd. |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 8 | I & John was making fence  raind some this p.m. with  thunder & lightning. |  |  |
| Fr 9 | Foggy this morning. I & John  at the fence. Finishd our part  this after noon, raind quite a  shower about noon. Bill made  a load of stake & halld them. After  dinner he set stakes till kt. |  |  |
| Sat 10 | Early last kt thundered & Lig  htning with a heavy shower of  rain & hail. I & John was this A.M.  putting up fence. P.M. all three  of us was at the plank fence &  made a finish of it about dark.  I receivd 2$ for Ranching. |  |  |
| Su 11 | The weather is quite warm &  pleasant. P.M. John & Bill  started for the diggins & drove  Terwillegars yoke of cattle  home that we had borrowd |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | or hired. Soon after they sta  rted Kyler came over from  Rocky Bar & then Sam Baloo  he came over for the purpose  of having out Sockum Ditch  surveyed. |  |  |
| Mo 12 | No frosts of kts but war  m days. Baloo & three other  men went & surveyd the  ditch I was staing my new  plank fence. P.M. I was as  sisting our Lawyer to answer  a complaint in Law, late  Bob Elliott turnd in one yoke  to be ranchd at 4$ as per mon  th a head. Wife & Liz went  to a concert this evening.  I pd Cross 1/2$ for smithing. |  |  |
| Tu 13 | I was staking plank fence  & putting strips on it. P.M. I  & Duesler went to Chapmans  to see a cow, but did not like.  I pd Willmand & Co 60$ on act  in store for goods. |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
| We 14 | Cold & frost last kt. I was  engaged today in making squ  are wash tubs. Bradberry tur  nd a mule on the ranch today.  Kyler stopd with us to kt on  his way to Rocky Bar. |  |  |
| Th 15 | Warm & pleasant again.  I & wife were making garden.  P.M. I pd Frank Goble 8 1/2$  making in all 48 1/2$ for 21  days work. I collevted 40$ for  ranching 21 head of sheep – Rayses. |  |  |
| Fr 16 | I planted some mellon  seed & made too dressin ta  bles put up stairs. I collected  1$ for mule ranching & 3$  for the hire of yoke of oxen  on yesterday. I pd 4$ for a  hand saw & made a slide  ing gate to open in the  pasture, & planted six bea  ch kernells on the west side  chicken lot. |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 17 | Days are quite warm. I  made wheels & put them on  two gates. P.M. pd 1 3/4$ for  coffee, made handles to a plough  all to finishing. I & Myres went  Phillips security for 500$ in a  suit at law to the supreme court.  John & Bill came over this evening. |  |  |
| Su 18 | I collected for ranching  stock, of Bafs 6$ Barnett 2 1/2$  of Willman on horse 1 1/2$ on sheep  2 1/4$. I also pd Willman $42 3/4  balance on account in store in  all 102 3/4$. I, Bill John & wife took  a walk down on the ranch, re  turnd about noon. Liz went up  to meadow vally in company  with Tro Ward. Returnd. |  |  |
| Mo 19 | Clowdy this morning &  raind a considerable shower in  the P.M. I finishd my |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | plough handles. Bill halld  a load of plank for Garl  and Robertson, one of the  bands came off the wheel &  Crofts put it pm cost 2$, I  gave Hundley 25$ to pay wit  ness fees & paid Harlan 31$  for potatoes. I receivd 5$ of  of Garland for halling & let  Bill have 1$. |  |  |
| Tu 20 | Cool & clowdy. I & Bill com  mends to lay of the garden  in roses three feet, to plant pot  tatoes & other things. But Bill  quit & went up town & got dr  unk. Afer dinner I & John  finishd laying off. Judge  Searls came to hold court. |  |  |
| We 21 | Cold & rainy. Court was  opend. Our case was calld  & set for tomorrow. Dave ca  me over about noon. P.M.  snowd considerable. John |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | Dave & Bill planted the last lot of potatoes.  Still snowing & continued the kt. | |  |
| Th 22 | Cold snowy & unpleas  ant this morning. Our case  calld & went in to trial, 12 ju  rymen seated & sworn, most of  the day taking evidence. The  case submitted about 9 P.M.  & a verdict renderd at 4 in the |  |  |
| Fr 23 | morning, the Deft Terwilegar  is to have 10 inches of water out  of the disputed creek when it  is there & none when that a  mt is not there, also the dispu  ted ditch, and the intervenors  to pay cost of the intervention & get  nothing, & we are to have the rest  of the water in the creek at all  times & when there is not 10 inches  in the creek we are to have the  remainder & pay the cost of the  suit except what the intervene  rs have to pay, so may it be.  Clowdy & rainy at intervals.  I gave 5$ to bye butter.  John & Bray went over to Nelson Creek  this morning. |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | Rains halld home Judkins & co  plough & harrow, & got them 175  tbs. of screanings. to chickens & then  went to Alfords & halld a load of  lumber to betsytown for Alforn  Rains bought a ball sorrel mare  & is to pay 135 $ in 6 weeks ---- |  |  |
| Sat 24,, | cloudy & unpleasant Rains  planted some corn, turnip seed, beet  & parsnip seeds.. I & ballow was getting  up our costs & trying to ascertain what  rights are left us in the suit, &C &C  Dave & Kyler cane over about noon  gone to Betsytown, I collected 26$  for Ranching & od Dickson 41/2 $  Jim Shults came over staid all Kt. |  |  |
| Su 25 | Cloudy & rainy, Baloo ca  me over from N. Creek & staid  Terwillegar was Gassing about  the Law Suit, what he was going to do with  us for Damages &c..p.m. , I, Dave  & Kyler started for Rocky Bar. I  was riding the Ball poney of Rains. | |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | we went by my old cabins to see  John he was all alone, he gave  me in dust 571/2$ what had  been got the week before by him  & Rains & what he washed out of the  square Box, we all went down  to the point. I gave Frank Fox  50$ & told him to get moore & go over  to Quincy & pay the cost of the suit  we all went down to rocky Bar |  |  |
| Mo 26 | Early Breckfast. I & John st  arted for the they point. Dave & Kyler  was to take the dimentions of J.C.  Lewis floom & water Ditch as he is  going to improve it & I paid John  Thompson 13$ for Joe Ficklin &c 1/2$  stable fee for the Ball Poney, after 9  o clock. I & Thompson started for  M. ville, considerable snow on  the way to Grass vally. There we Took  dinner & fed the poneys cost 1 1/2$ we  the set out again & stoped at woods |  |  |
| Tu 27 | after Breckfast I pd my bill 4$  we set out for the city we arrivd in  town at 1 p.m. I was verry mu  tch fatiegaed & sore I lay about |  |  |
| May 56 |  |  |  |
|  | the stable on the hay all eve  ning. I took supper cost 50 cts.  & staid with Derick all kt. ---- |  |  |
| We 28 | I feel much better, Breck  fasted 1/2$ I got the poney shod  all round 4$ & got me a gold pan  cost 3$ & got some oranges 3/4$  saddled up the poney & went out  to H.P.Ranch pd Ferriage 1/2$  took dinner with Cath & children  Jack came from the upper ran  ch done cutting hay up there &  started the maching on the Lower  Ranch & we then started for  town and met H.P, I turned Back  with him, he says considera  ble excitement at san Fran  cisco occationed by the vigalence  committee & the hung casey & cory |  |  |
| Th 29 | at half past nine I started  for R.C. Bowne, arrivd at one took  dinner, told Bub my business  we put in most of the evening  walking over his Ranch. I Bor  rowd 5$ of H.P. & 1$ of Derrick |  |  |
| May 56---- June 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 30 | ..the weather cool & pleasant  after Breckfast, Bourne started  for the mountain mines to get  money& I for M. Ville arrivd  mi  at H.P. at 1/2 past 12 noon distant 25 |  |  |
| Sat 31 | at about 10 A.M. I & Ficklin  went a fishing at Jas. Simpsons  lake we verry soon Left off. I went  in a bathing & then to town 1/2$, late  I rode out with H.P. to the Ranch |  |  |
| Su 1 | I lay about H.P. all day  Gen Row came out & spent the  whole day with us P.M. raind  averry little, in the course of the  day womans Rights were freely dis  cusd. |  |  |
| Mo. 2 | H.P. & Co has a leven harvesters  at work in hay making. I was  in the meadow most of the day |  |  |
| Tu 3 | cool & windy for the time of  year hay making going on  p.m. Bourne came down with  512$ worth in dust & a note |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | payable to H.P. by R. for 500$ in  20 days, late we walkd out in field |  |  |
| We 4 | early, Bourne started for home  Henry, wife children & myself  went to town in the carriage I pd  2$ forfixing wifes watch&  17 1/2$ foraball dress for Lizzy &  borrowd 500$ of Cunninghams  payable in 30 days, I pd 1/2$  for dinner, we all went out  to the Ranch & c------ --- |  |  |
| Th 5 | cool & windy weather I  pd Henry 5$ borrowd money also  1$ to Derick.. I & Henry went to  town I bargained for abill of  Goods of Tredwell & co in  the hardwarw line. to be sent  also a bill of, oats 69 $  & 21/2$ tbs. of peas 1/2$ & 1 tb. of  Cilby Clover seed 1/2$, whiskey 37 |  |  |
| Fr 6 | I & Tom Hickman Startd  for the mountains with 7 head  of Beef cattle belonging go the  boys Henry Jack & Derick |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | allso Dericks Black Oregon  horse I am to pay him from for  80 to 100$. Henry went with  us across the Uba at the Lin  da ferry I pd 2$ for ferriage  I & Tom took af 3/4 $ each & sto  pd all kt at Davidsons 35 miles |  |  |
| Sat 7 | I pd 7 1/2$ for our selve & hor  ses & 1 3/4$ for the cattle in pasture  we stopped at Diamond  Spring took dinner cost me 2$  & traveld on to Grass Valley 30 mi  miles & put up for the kt -- -  I recvd a letter from DH Smith  of Date Aprl 16th 56 on We 4 last  & one from Dave on the same  day from Rabbit Creek, stating  that he had to get the pipe fixed  & cost 30$ I got Daves lattin  Books at the New York house |  |  |
| Su 8 | Frost here last Kt I pd  our bills amt 81/4$ saddled  up & off for house.. we arrivd  at Nelson Creek at 1 P.M. |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 8 | after mutch time & trouble we  got out cattle a cross Feather Ri  ver old Rock one of the oxen  quite gave out, I then pd John  Thompson 269$ money loand  me 23rd oct 55.. seven & 1/2 months  interest at 2 per cent per month 40 1/4$  in all 309 1/4$ we then put for the  Am Ranch. we left old Rock at  ao the Ill Ranch about sun set  & arrivd at home a little after dark  the whole amount pd out for our selves  & cattle 21$ since we lef H.P. - --- |  |  |
| Mo. 9 | I had the pleasure of sleeping  with my wife Last kt, all right  breckfast over & consulting Wm  Rains e concluded to go over  to the Massack ditch & diggins  I, Bill & Tom saddled our po  neys & set out arrivd about noon  & tide our horses out to grass & put  for the Brush camp, took dinner  Bray & others, & then to work, 4 to dig  ging the ditch, & I & Bray to grading |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | the floom & late Rains took the  horses home to American Ranch  he allso give me 10$ for halling  plank for our company up there |  |  |
| Tu 10 | I slept in company with the rest  on a Brush bed in a brush camp  Last kt we were up early & soon to  to work. I & Bray to making boxes  & setting them to run water throu  gh into the ditch the other three  to digging the ditch at noon Bill  came over & brought 6 tbs nails for  the company. got of mine.. after  dinner. I & Bray fixed all the box  es & troughs & turned the water in  up at the head of the ditch to keep  it soakd & the Boxes tight untill  we are ready to let it through the  new ditch. Late I pu for home  on Bills Mare arrivd after dark |  |  |
| We 11 | Last kt I again slept in the  ame bed with wife, breckfast over  I went up town.. There I met  with Bob Elliot & gave him  my note for 500$ payable in 60 days |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | with interest at the rate of 3 per cent  per month & took up one that was due  on sunday last for the same amount  Given in payment  to the Jennings 8th March last for  the Am Ranch.. I then pd  Hundley 291 $ for a note of 300$  Due 8th July next. |  |  |
| Th 12 | I was at work at the cabbage  plants fixing to water them |  |  |
| Fr 13 | still at work in the garden  P.M., I caught Bills poney &  the Black horse, rode up to the  Massack diggins, Rains got  ready & we started for home came  by Ill Ranch got old Rock the  oxen that gave out I drove him home.  ing |  |  |
| Sat 14 | I am at work water # the  cabbage plants, Rains took tow  yoke of cattle down to Boying  tons mill & got old Maye? to  shoe them all around came  home before noon, P.M. I gave |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | him 6 1/2$ to buy a sack of flour  of Oneal 50 tb,.. I gave Judkins  50$ due on account, John & Dave  came over from Rocky Bar & Tom  Hickman came down from  from the Massack diggins |  |  |
| Su 15 | I pd old Mage 24$ for shoeing the  oxen, Rains went up to spri  ng garden vally got 600 cabbage  plants of yates, we set them out  or some of them before we went to bed  John & Dave went over to Ro  cky Bar, Isent Henry Sturgeon  with, Tom Hickman up to Massack  I pd Hosselcuth 40$ on account &  had four picks for Massack dont  Know the cost of sharpening as yet |  |  |
| Mo 16 | Rains finished setting out  the plants early Breckfast over he drove  up two yoke of cattle & went  to Alfords mill for a load of lum  ber, but one of the tyre bands came  off he had to unload, I was water  ing the garden, I pd John Bass  50$ for Wm Alford & Maston. |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 16 | 4$ for fixing the waggon  I recvd 1$ form Bass for Ranching Oxen |  |  |
| Tu 17 | Rains halld 3 loads of lumber  for Alford I was watering theplants  all day till 1 in the morning |  |  |
| We 18 | warm days Rains halling for Alford  I am still watering the garden  all day & half the kt.. it  raind quite a heavy shower in the  this afternoon rather unusual |  |  |
| Th 19 | Rains halling for Alford I went  over to Rocky Bar, left my horse at  willow Ranch & was down helping the  Boys to mine day and Kt. |  |  |
| Fr. 20 | Four of us was piping away  top dirt till noon. after John&  Kyler & I was sawing logs in two  & cutting away brush, Dave & the  other two was wheeling out rocks  kt |  |  |
| Sat 21 | cols. last # we all six was tending  the pipe.. we changd the hose &  pipe on the lower side of the dig  gins… P.M . put in another sloos box  at the lower end, we turned on the |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | water a short time, but could not  keep the boxes clear of tailings for  the want of a sufficient amount of water  so we shut it off again the boys to  wheeling rockout. I & Kyler startd  for the Am vally. I pd John Thom  pson 18$ for 2 check shirts & 1$ for keep  ing my horse at willow ranch  some frost last kt in Am vally  I arrived at home about sun set |  |  |
| Su 22 | I took a good kts sleep &  was late getting up. I gave liz 2$  & got 2 twists of tobacco for Tom  Hickman, there was preaching  morning & evening inthe cou  rt house, but I did not go to  heare either of them as it is so  nessary to carry your 4 bits to  pitch in the hat as it is sure to  come around, evening is cool |  |  |
| Mo. 23 | the weather cool & uncerta  in & business matters verry pres  sing Rains halld one load for Alford |  |  |
| Tu. 24 | Rains brot home a new  Grind stone I am hanging  it & Sherwin came over |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | from Nelson Creek & said that  H.P. was over at Rocky Bar  I gave 5$ for butter & 6 1/2$  for a sack of flour – Rains Hall  ing for Alford.. I recvdof  Elliott 10 1/2$ forRanching oxen  & paid for him for 1 1/2 days work 5$ |  |  |
| We 25 | I recvd 21/2$ for Ranching  Last kt Shores cattle in my 175  head lot . I was fixing the Grind stone  P.M. H.P. came over Rains  Halling for Alford Henry Ster  ge came down from Mas  sack late this evening --- -- |  |  |
| Th 26 | Sack Stinson commenced to  lath our room. I & Henry were  putting timber between the studding  for him to lath to.. I gave 1 1/2$  for a bottle of brandy & 1$ for fish  it Raind a heavy shower  in the vally & the mountains were  coverd with fresh snow |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | this after noon,, My ggods  arrivd on yesterday evening cost  of packing at 4 3/4$ per hd 32$  I pd H Sturgeon 8$ he  was plowing my potatoes ---- ---- |  |  |
| Fr. 27 | a pleasant day I , H.P. &  Hagan walked up to the betsy town  to see the diggins returned at  noon Rains Halling & Sturgeon plowing |  |  |
| Sat 28 | I, Henry & Hagan went up  to the mountain house & vicin  ity. took dinner cost 1$ each  came home late at evening  We got the sheriff to go up to  Massack ditch & turn the wat  er in our dich. but it was  soon turnd out again on  yesterday by Terillegar or Co. |  |  |
| Su 29 | We all wer fixing about  till noon after I & H.P. star  ted for Rocky Bar. I left the  Black Horse at willow ranch |  |  |
| June 56 |  |  |  |
|  | & walked down there was  none of the boys at home  but John & Kyler came about sun set  & got supper & went back to the point to  a show. |  |  |
| Mo 30 | all hands came in last  kt & moore too..after Breckfast  I gave H.P. 30$ & he started for home  the rest to work after dinner.  I & him started for  the Am vally arrivd at Dark. |  |  |
| July | --a show at the court house to kt. |  |  |
| Tu 1 | Lem & Henry to mowing, Rai  ns cocking up hay & I to fix  ing the sythes P.m. Smith &  Dutton came over to work at  65$ per month |  |  |
| We 2 | I recvd 3$ for the use of gri  ndstone I ps 3/4$ for 2 sythe  stones . P.m. I to working a hay  rake Rains for of Judkins 60  tb of wheat chicken feed. |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 3 | I finishd the hay Rake &  Rains to Raking the other 4  to putting it up. I pd 1$ for pee  plant p.m. I & Henry to work in garden |  |  |
| Fr 4 | all hands idle.. John & Dave  came over last Evening to see  the Bull & Bare fight came ff  at 3 p.m. celebration of indep  endance delivered this fore noon  by Hadus a piece of mockery  according to the times. I gave  Lem 10$ Henry 5$ Smith 5$ &  5$ I worked in the garden  till noon.. P.M. I went & saw the  Ded Bars.. the Bull was scarcely  scratched except where he was  goged to make him mad &c..  a ball or dance comes off to kt  at Judge wards quite a num  ber of ladies. some from a distance |  |  |
| Sat 5 | all slept till late & none  at work today.. I got on a small  spree today eat nothing |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
|  | all day I was quite out of  humor & aspetially # the friends  with  of the vigilance committee at  San Francisco |  |  |
| Su 6 | cockfighting on yesterday  & gambling last kt & drink  ing whisky is the order of the day  I gave sam Stinson 150$ for  a little cow & am to give him  50$ moore 30 days-----  I recvd 2$ for ranching &c… |  |  |
| Mo 7 | Raim still Drunk all the rest  of us at work… I gave  Stark 20$ for butter |  |  |
| Tu 8 | cutting hay & watering  the potatoes |  |  |
| We 9 | I & Tom running water among the potatoes  the other 4 at work at haying | |  |
| Th 10 | our work is the same |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 11 | still the same ---- |  |  |
| Sat 12 | I & Tom have finishd  furing Liz out to water the potatoes |  |  |
| Su 13 | Wife Liz & Bill wer soon  mounted on their horses to visit  the old mountain co diggins  went down to Rocky Bar. the  Boys took the week past over  800$ they came home in time  the boys wer down from Mas  sack, & say the have diggins  I was at home all day |  |  |
| Mo 14.. | Rains Brot over from the  cabins some tools &c on yester  rday & went back to day after  some provisions.. the rest hay  ing & I to watering the garden  the Sheriff servd a process on  me a suit for damiges by  TTwelegar &co. |  |  |
| Tu 15 | all haying & I to puter  ing in the garden.. frost  last Kt & quite cool this evening |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
|  | I collected 8$ for eggs.. I re  cievd 2 letters from H.P. on yes  terday & stating there was 500$  moore paid by Bob Bourne &  that him & family was coming  up soon &c… |  |  |
| We 16 | Last Kt was so cold that  my wheat was entire  ly froze out. the oats is allso  ruined & the potatoes is partially  frost bit. My roasting corn,, cu  cumbers vines & mellons – all Killd  some wheat ,, & barley that may  do to save --- |  |  |
| Th 17 | still cold of kts I’ve done  give up making any money this  year on the ranch.. I’ve got  done through cutting grass – Lem  started over to Rocky Bar this  after noon |  |  |
| Fr 18 | we commensd this after  noon to mowe down our  frosted wheat to make hay |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 19 | weve been halling in hay  the past 2 days.. still cutting  down the frosted wheat. p.m.  cockd up all the grass & wheat straw |  |  |
| Su 20 | John, Dave & Kyler came  over last Kt from Rocky bar  Dave gave me 150$ & John gave  Rains 30$.. I collected 7 1/4$ for  ranching & paid Stinson 46 1/2$  moore on the cow.. I & Bray  emploid Hundly to attend to  our Law suits at 400$ & Hogan  to help rather heavy, I loaned  old Alford 10$.. late p.m.  John & Dave left for Rocky bar |  |  |
| Mo 21 | I emplyd two moore hands  I sold the frost bitten barly as  it stood for 50$ cash to Duesler  & got 10$ to cut it down.. we are  done cutting done the frost bitten  wheat to make hay.. P.M. I &  Hickman went to Alfords mill & got  1000 ft of plank price 20$ plank  20 ft long siding for the barn |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
| Tu 22 | Rains borrows Wheelers waggon  on yesterday pd 4$ to have the tyre  bands cut & set. pd 2$ for tar,,  2 teams halling hay 2 men cut  ting down Duesler Barly |  |  |
| We 23 | I got another man to help me  put siding on the barn,, finsishd  the Barley,, then to cut down the oats  for the straw only, days warm |  |  |
| Th 24 | finished halling hay out of the  first field 41 loads & 8 loads out  of the other,, I finishd nailing on  all my plank & Did not get  sid finished, the oats is cut& rakd  one of Terwillegars suits answered  I gave 6 1/4$ for 50 tbs flour on Tuesday |  |  |
| Fr 25 | I’ve got a verry bad cold, I  was cradling wheat all evening  & two to bind |  |  |
| Sat 26 | finished cutting the wheat, by  noon it was shocked up, p.m.  I pd off two men 22$ for 5 1/2 days  work each.. I pd willma  n 6 1/4$ for 50tb four & |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
|  | answered Terwillegars other suit at  Law |  |  |
| Su 27 | I collected 10$ of Judge Ward  & 5$ aluoid for ranching a white  calf & pd Dutton for 20 12 Days  work,, 57 1/4$,, pd Heckman 7 1/2$  Kyler came over & said they  had bought out Fritz at 100$ cash  took out last week 430$ |  |  |
| Mo 28 | Stergeon came down from  Massack water is faild can  not work he is halling hay  for me two teams at it ha  lld in 9 loads to day,, 7 on sat  & 3 on Friday last, I was put  ting in a fllor on the lowest  sid of the Barn,, I’ve a bad cold |  |  |
| Tu 29 | still halling hay.. we sent  wheelers waggon home this  evening. I am quite un  well of cold cannot work |  |  |
| We 30 | I settled of with smith  had worked 22 1/2 days--- |  |  |
| July 56 |  |  |  |
| We 30 | had to pay him in all  56 1/4$ I sent Sturgeon up  to Massack to put things  in order of late.P.m. Bro  Henry wife 2 children Chas  Lindley wife & 3 children  Mrs Buckhannon , nurse  & child 12 in all drove up  in a four horse stage & 2 ex  tra horses , to spend some days in our vally.. I was  in bed at the time but got out  a dance came off at the  court house to Kt & all went |  |  |
| Th 31 | I settld off with Sturge  on & he left 36 1/2 days work  amt in all pd him 91 1/4$  the visitors all took their rest  another dance to Kt at court house |  |  |
| August |  |  |  |
| Fr 1 | all hands Lounging about  an evening rest in the barn |  |  |
| Sat 2 | we are not doing mutch  Rains on a bust, Henry hitchd |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  | up his team & 14 took a ride  by Judknd mill to Betsy  town & home again John&  Dave came over as Hickman  went after them with horses |  |  |
| Su 3 | most of the family took  a ride up as fare as they could  go with a stage towards Nel  son creek took dinner on the  woods & came back the same day  I was quite un well &  sent Hickman to Dr Kate to  get some medicine whitch I  took – Rains still Drunk |  |  |
| Mo 4 | I feel some better Lindley  left for Hopkins Creek.. The Dis  trict Judge came to hold court  & 2 Lawyers with him, we com  mends to thresh out wheat  with Daniel Cates machine |  |  |
| Tu 5 | Lindley came home this a.  m. and after noon we got  done the wheat as there is but  little, two sacks flour 12 1/2$ |  |  |
| August 56 | opend |  |  |
|  | Rains still on a bust court |  |  |
| We 6 | Henry.. John, wife Kath  & mrs. Lindley all went on  horse back to Nelson creek to  see the mines.. Came back  before dark,, I sent my wheat  to mill this a.m. after  we were halling in our oats  & wheat straw.. |  |  |
| Th 7 | we finishd by noon our  hay straw.. I collected 5$ of  Brewster for ranching mules  & pd Garland 5 1/2$ fer barly & help  got 1 1/2of H.P… I was watering  potatoes & cabbage a while  p.m. halld 3 loads of frost bit  wjeat for willmans & am to  hall the rest as soon as we can  all gone to a dance at Betsy  town but Lindley & his wife & I  Dave & John is gone two  Smith has worked 3 days -- |  |  |
| Fr 8 | finished halling Willmans  wheat this p.m. at 25$ the load |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
| Sat 9 | halld in Jennings wheat at  30$ stacked in the lot near the barn..  Dave & John came over  on yesterday as witnesses in  the case I have in court. |  |  |
| Su 10 | H.P. & Family Mrs, Lindley  & 3 children.. Mrs Buchan  non child & servt all started  for M. ville.. Rains with 2  yoke of oxen to pull the  stage up the hill near eagle gulch  Dave went along to help |  |  |
| Mo 11 | in due time the Rush &  Terwillegar suit for the wa  ter was calld & was nearly all  day getting through with  the plaintiffs witnesses .. Smi  th worked 5 days moore last  week.. & hickman is done  work on saturday last |  |  |
| Tu 12 | we closed our evidence  & offered a plea in bar of a  former trial & case was |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  | allowed to bring in evidence  to rebut. That was manuf  actured at the Ill. Ranch la  st Kt. & a verdict was brot in  against us for the water &  1$ damages & each party to  pay his cost --- his own cost |  |  |
| We 13 | in time the suits for the  recovery of damages on the  in junction Bonds was called  two of them was joined  together but of different dates  the Jury brot in a verdict aga  inst us for 300$ & costs , I  borrowed 100 tbs flour of Jud  ge Ward last week on Mon  day last I had 1500 new tbs  flour brot home C. lindley  has helped us in law all he can |  |  |
| Th 14 | I collected 8 1/2$ ranch fees.  Dave, John, &Hickman went  over to Rocky Bar.. quite a  number of gamblers in town |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr. 15 | I, Bray Lindley the Judge  & others went over to N. creek  & on their way home I went  down to Rocky Bar most of  the hands were cleaning up  since yesterday at noon, I helpd |  |  |
| Sat 16  & smith got a Mellon at 2$ | we were all cleaning  up till noon, among the old  drifts except dave & in all  p.m. cleand up the boxes &  got 65$ & I got of it 54 1/2$ I  & Kyler came over to the vally  pd 1$ for the poney of Duesler  to Thompson for hay &  & pd 3$ for help on the barn |  |  |
| Su 17 | Racing most of the day on  yesterday on the Ray Ranch  in the a m vally quite a nu  mber of gamblers in town  rather a bad sighn these rob  bing times. preaching in town  to day merchant & ab  olitionist, Rains bought me a  pair of shoes & socks cost |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
| Mo 18 | watering potatoes.. some  talk of compromise with  Terwillegar in our law suits |  |  |
| Tu 19 | I,, Bray,, Fox & Smith, went  up to the Massack & up the ditch  then to Yateses took dinner  I, Bray & Fox then went to ne  lson point I down to Rocky  Bar & staid all Kt. |  |  |
| W 20 | Lem Compton has quit  work. I dave & Tom was  piping down the rest to  cleaning up got gold  80$ Rains came over this a.m. |  |  |
| Th 21 | Breckfast over I &Shults  went up to the point Kyler  quit work on yesterday &  shults this morning sick  I & Rains went up to the  old cabins the down to Wi  llow Ranch. Old Lloyd ca  me in he did not take ex |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  | ceptions to any thing I  said to him.we walkd  a round in the diggins & then  back to the cabins.. saddld  niggar & put for the vally |  |  |
| Fr 22 | I & Rains & Smith were wa  tering the potatoes till noon  the water then gave out p.m.  we were at work on the barn |  |  |
| Sat 23 | Still watering the potatoes  Bray.. & Foxx came over to settle  with Terwillegar &the Sheriff &  clerk each one of us three had  to pay 218 $ 13 cts apice & besides  our own witnesses, ect, he Terwi  llegar gave a bill of sale of all  his claims up at Massack to  geather with his Law suits &  we to pay him 1200$ in 5 mo  nths. so the difficulties closd  I collected 15$ of John Ward  the Jumping match came off  at Betsy town G. Farier got beat |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  | I sold my entire interest in  the A.C. Thompson Ditch & Ma  ssack diggins to Smith  for 675$ all to be paid by 18th  Feb 1857—possession given |  |  |
| Su 24 | Lem came over on yester  day & Left to day Smith  started for Massack.. I &  Rains wer watering pota  toes till noon had a mess  of Roasting corn for dinner  I collected 1 $ for ranching  No Nothings nominated their  candidates for county offices  on yesterday evening.. I  wrote a letter to H.P. cost 1/4$ |  |  |
| Mo 25  Letters | I recvd a letter from H.P.  of date 15 inst. & one from Dr.  Barloe of Geo town Ky givin  g an account of Bet hav  ing been sick & Nelson hav  ing his right leg Broke below  the knee only 5 days previous |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  | to 12th July & says he is doing  well as could be expected – I &  Rains were watering potatoes |  |  |
| Tu 26 | Cold & frosty Last Kt. kill  d some pf the potatoes tops  we are still watering., wife  Liz & Rains & a number of  other Ladies & Gents went to  a lake in the montains be  tween the Am & Indian  vally came back just at Dark  Davy the cool came this evening |  |  |
| We 27 | cold & frosty last Kt.. Rai  ns some Drunk up all kt. I  went over to Rocky bar staud  all Kt, took out 11 1/4 oz among  the drifts. |  |  |
| Th 28  Mrs. Ray died  this morning | cold & frosty again soon after  breckfast I & Dave we  nt up to the point & weighd  out 450 3/4$ I got 200$ & off  I out for home & pd Haden  that sum for a note that  was due on the ranch, I  & Rains made a long ladder |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  | I pd Thompson 1/2$ for my  horse to hay all kt & owe  1/2$ moore , some gamblers  have been arrestd & will be tried  on Tuesday next, wife, & liz has  gone to sit up with the corpse  of Mrs. Ray |  |  |
| Fr 9 | Mrs. Ray was buried this  P.M. we are at work on the  barn a little & origating |  |  |
| Sat 30 | mutch excitement pre  vails in town respecting  the gamblers , at work a li  ttle on the barn |  |  |
| Su 31 | I & Rains startd for the  point at day brake took our  guns, went the mountain  road to see if we could not find  a deer to shot at but none  to be seen, I went down to  Rocky Bar P.m. at the poi  nt got a letter H.P. stating he  sent 1000$ by Morly & Cawkins |  |  |
| August 56 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Sept. |  |  |  |
| Mo. 1 | I’ve been married 25 years  today & are here in the A.M.  vally at quincy,, the demo  crats have had a convention  & nominated their country ca  ndidates,, some drunk& fig  thing. Rains fell out with me  because I told him he must  not take a candle in the barn |  |  |
| Tu 2 | A trial was held against Betts  for keeping a gambling house  in quincy, I being one of the 12 Ju  rymen that found a bill against  him,, I pd Dr. Cate 200$.. |  |  |
| We 3 | I’ve done nothing this week  Rains is drunk & don’t come  about me, late Betts sued  out a habus corpus & was  set at liberty by Judge Ward |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 4 | I & Lizy went over to Ro  cky Bar & took Dinner I pd  John Ritchey 500$ borowd  money & interest from 7th  last april still due 10$ we  came home & some very susp  icious Persons staid in town  last Kt but left early this morn |  |  |
| Fr 5 | I’ve been arigating some  P.M. Rains made acknalleg  ments for his ad conduct I  accepted.. my waggon was finds  Last week I had a pick sharpend |  |  |
| Sat 6 | cold & frosty las Kt the  potatoe tops froze again I pd  Haydon 200$ on the last  payment on the ranch  still due 200$ moore on the 8th  I Rains & wife cleaned & finshed  up the hen hous, Ben Fer  ian pd me 21$ for ranching  Last kt so we are even &  John came over this evening |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
| Su 7 | Nothing of note ac  curd during the day |  |  |
| Mo 8 | I, John & Brookey went  over to Rocky Bar stopd so  me time up at our old diggins |  |  |
| T 9 | I staid all day & worked in the  diggins, took out 92$ |  |  |
| We 10 | Brooky & Kyler went over to  the Am Vally. Rains \* i  were wartering cabbage & pota |  |  |
| Th 11 | I & Rains were at work on  the east end of the Barn put  ting up Plank on the gable end |  |  |
| Fr 12 | this is the same today |  |  |
| Sat 13 | we finishd & did sone on  the west end the plank is  to streighten |  |  |
| Su 14 | it is very unlike any  other day Fidling drinking  & gambling all goes well here  the Blk Republicans have  had their meeting & nominated |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
|  | cty candidates on Th last |  |  |
| Mo 15 | at work on the west end of  the barn, we still keep arigating |  |  |
| Tu 16 | our work is the same today |  |  |
| We 17 | the same as before --- -- |  |  |
| Th 18 | Wife Lize & 3 other Ladies  went over to Rocky Bar came back to  Ill Ranch took tea &  then came home by moon light  dancing at the court house |  |  |
| Fr 19  Doors | Rains sick on We last did  no work that day, I finished  that end of the Barn Rains  went to Alfords & got 8 pieces  of scantling to assist in making |  |  |
| Sat 20 | Rains to Alfords after some  20 ft plank & other stuff ---  I to making doors PM we  succeeded in making 1 pair &  I recvd a letter from H.P by  E T Hogan alls well on Fri day  last.. & one from Dr Barllow 25 Cts |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
|  | last Kt stating that our ne  groes were all well & that  Nelsons leg would soon be so  that he could walk on it again |  |  |
| Su 21 | wife was some unwell  on Fr Kt last but is well to  all appearances. I wrote a  letter to H.P. cost 25 ₵.. I pd  1/2$ for paper. 2 trains of im  egrants & 350 head of stalk  on their way down to sacrame  nto vally, P.M. Liz took  a walk out without leave  to meet Ward all is not  right Done to run off to marry. |  |  |
| Mo 22 | I followed a train to see  Phelps up spanish creek  did not succeed, I & Myers  are his securities for 500$ in  a case to the Surpreme court |  |  |
| Tu 23 | I was all day helping .  Maston make hinges for  the barn doors, Dave came |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
|  | over yesterday to hear  Gov Foot make a Fillmore  speech & returned this morning |  |  |
| We 24 | after many strong en  treatys by wife & I we succeed  ded in getting Liz to renounce  T. Ward & wrote him a note to  that effect. I was engaged in  hanging the barn doors  at the west end of the barn |  |  |
| Th 25 | I recvd 215$ costs pd  by me in the with Freer &  Vaughn. by an attachment  against Freer.. I allso  pd Haydon 100$ on the last  note for the ranch &  ade foors for the east  end of the Barn |  |  |
| Fr 26 | I & Rains were putting  up the doors to the east end  Barn & pd Blood & Co. 95$ |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
|  | on account he is without  doubt a hard dun. I made  a small door in a large one |  |  |
| Sat 27 | there has been a theater  the past two knights my  wife & liz went with Hayd  on, at the close wife pre  vented Bradberry from ho  lding a conversation with  Liz in consequence the  Ward family was insulted  Mrs. John Ward said in hte  store that I should apologize  for my wifes conduct or  he eard would shoot me,  John came over this morn  I pd 3/4$ for hinges & screws  hung the small door. |  |  |
| Su 28 | I, John & Rains went  up town but was not mo  lested P.M. John started  for Nelson shortly after |  |  |
| Sept 56 |  |  |  |
|  | wards. I recvd a note from  Bradberry, saying that no  lady would insult a Gentl  at sutch a place & that  he had concluded to take no  notice of the conduct&c  I shewed it to Hogan & Dews  ler, they advisd me to pay  no attention to it, we are  in hell on earth.. we have done  everything we can to  prevent her from maring him |  |  |
| Mo 29 | I was at work planking the  North side of the barn below  the sil. Bill watering cabbage |  |  |
| Tu 30 | I finished what I was at the  day before & feel verry mutch  out of humour on account  of our domestic troubles &c  Dave came over But is not  at all pleasant, I sent for him  as I heard he was going below. |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
| We 1 | I & Rains are halling out  manure on the wheat stub  ble at least what little work we  do.. Dave went home |  |  |
| Th 2 | we are still at the same |  |  |
| Fr 3 | no change of work |  |  |
| Sat 4 | we did a good days halling  of manure but did not finish |  |  |
| Su 5 | The boys took out near 1000$  the past weel at Rocky Bar..  I think it was on Friday last  that I & Rains cut away some  drifts in Spanish Creek & wil  lows so that water could pass |  |  |
| Mo 6 | we mad two log heaps one  in the field , the other on the  garden. I cut down a Dead  tree in the lot. that helpd to  make the heap in the garden |  |  |
| Tu 7 | clowdy this morning I &  Rains heaping logs back |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
|  | of garden p.m. commensd rai  ning. I set fire to the lop heap  & continued piling up till we were  quite wet & cold. I  had dug some potatoes in  the mean time, 2 sacks, witch  we had to gather up bad as we felt |  |  |
| We 8.. | clear this morning  once moore the mountains are  coverd with the new fallen sn  ow, & J.Russell came with his  threshing machine to get out  Halls wheat. I & Rains keept  the straw away for it.. |  |  |
| Th 9 | finishd threshing this fore  noon. p.m. Rains halld a  Load of slabs, I did nothing |  |  |
| Fr 10 | we were fixing up the  root house, at it all day |  |  |
| Sat 11 | we commensd ricking  up the straw, but wife Liz |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
|  | and other ladies went over to  Nelson Creek, Rains went with them  P.M. I contin  ud putting up my straw |  |  |
| Su 12 | all alone I’ve breckfas  ted shavd & Shirted & am  about to sally forth in the  open air & sunshine as the  frost is fast disappearing  Late wife & Liz came home  but Rains did not come  him and John went up to  the old mountain cabins |  |  |
| Mo 13 | I recvd a letter from  John that our double  cabins had been set on  fire & burnd down with  allof our mining tools  Johns trunk & our gum  suits pipes & hose  I set a ded pine tree on  fire on yesturday burnd |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
|  | down in two hours I  was halling the limbs  to the house for wood. |  |  |
| Tu 14 | cut & halld the rest  of the tree to a large  Log to help burn it up. |  |  |
| We 15 | I went over to Rocky  Bar found them all at  work. I took dinner after the  boys had dind. I continued  there there the rest of the day,. |  |  |
| Th 16 | I slepd with John & a  hard sleep it was.. John &  Rains went with me up to the  Burnt cabins we pi  ckd up some of the burnt  tools & put them in the ca  bin that was not burnt, we  then went down to the po  int again. I bought a pa  ir of pants 2 1/2$ and boots 6 1/2$ |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
|  | each pair being the 4  th that I had bought  since in California  & 1$ for horse at point  then went home & cut  off some 4 logs. |  |  |
| Fr 17 | raind some today  I did nothing on account |  |  |
| Sat 18 | I was setting up my  plank fence that was  blown down on last  Wednesday allso Barnetts  that divides our land--- |  |  |
| Su 19 | John & Rains came  over last evening I  & John finishd the fen  ce the mountains are again  coverd with snow------ - |  |  |
| Mo 19 | I dug a sack of pota  toes 115 tbs for Willmans |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
|  | at 8$ per cwt Rains is  halling 8000 ft of lumber  from Judkins to soda bar  for Love Joy & others for  a floom. I bought a pair  of gloves cost 2 1/4$ to  dig potatoes & save my fingers |  |  |
| Tu 21 | cold & freezing of Kts  I am digging Potatoes. I  hired a man, name Moore  at 50$ per month, came  this P.M. rather heavy  on an old back to dig pota |  |  |
| We 22 | Rains did not get ho  me last Kt, cold last kt  ground froze so hard that  we had to use a pick to  get through crust |  |  |
| Th 23 | still colder las Kt  we are diggin potatoes  as usual |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
| Fr 24 | I’ve no canges to make |  |  |
| Sat 25 | still digging potatoes |  |  |
| Sun 26 | I cleand up a little  late p.m. Dave & Ky  ler came over from Ro  cky Bar Did but little  this week taking out gold  as the Bank cavd in on  Thurday last & stopd them  from cleaning up. |  |  |
| Mo 27 | I was engages all day doing nothing  but I settled with the  wards & collected  50$ dolls for H.P.  & settled 18$ for Rains  & they still owe me 19$ |  |  |
| Tu 28 | I & moore at the pot  atoes again the weather  is warm & pleasant  the Kts a Little cool. |  |  |
| Oct 56 |  |  |  |
| We 29 | our cook left us one  day last week so wife &  Liz has to do ther own work.  Dave is getting tickets pri  nted to raffle off his claim  at Rocky Bar at 3000$ tie  ketts 10$ each to come off  on 22 ond of Nov by Thop  son, the highest throw gets  wife slapd Liz for her  bad conduct to her. |  |  |
| Th 30 | I am still diggin  Sherwin was here last  Kt & pd off Lovejoy for pri  nting the Plumas Democrate  I pd 24$ for subscription |  |  |
| Fr 31 | nothing new with us  we are still difgging  potatoes. |  |  |
| Nov 1 |  |  |  |
| Sat 1 | we are still at Digging |  |  |
| Su 2 | no alteration but not  actually at work |  |  |
| Mo 3 | Rains helpd us to day  to dig potatoes as he cannot  get the waggon  mended in time to make  a load to soda bar |  |  |
| Tu 4 | at last we have fini  shd our potatoes early  all three of us went to  the court house & voted  the Democratic ticket  we knocked off the rest  of the day |  |  |
| We 5 | raind consiferable  to day Rains went to ha  ll aload of plank got  back toKt at 9 P.M.  news favorable to Demo |  |  |
| Nov 56 |  |  |  |
| Th 6 | we are sawing up logs  fo wood Rains gone  with the last load of planks |  |  |
| Fr 7 | we are sawing for  wood & grubbing, Dave &  John came over on  5th John went back on  the 6th Dave has quit  mining has a man to work |  |  |
| Sat 8 | cold & Frosty Last?Kt  we put up two log heaps  & splitting up wood.. |  |  |
| Su 9 | verry frosty & cold last  Kt. I & Dave went up to  Hungarian Diggins to see  if I can get water on my  Ranch but rather hard  to do late getting back |  |  |
| Mo 10 | verrry cold last Kt |  |  |
| Nov 56 |  |  |  |
| next | We are splitting wood &c  am making shingles to  cover a porch a long sid  the ell. Dave is putting it  up I sold the speck ox  to Sterling for 85$ & sold  4 oxen to J.J. Harvey for  416$ payable 15th march |  |  |
| Tu 11  porch | verry cold Kts. I am  making shingles, Moore  is buiring cabbages, Dave  is putting on th roof to the |  |  |
| We 12  Lo vejoy | cold Kts. we finishd  the porch this evening |  |  |
| Th 13 | I gave Dave the 85$  I got for the speck ox to  give it to H.P. as it is his  & 14$ I owd him borrowd  money & 11$ moore to pay |  |  |
| Nov 56 |  |  |  |
|  | as Dave started for M  ville this afternoon |  |  |
| Fr 14 | Rains took a load of  hay to betsy town for  Alford worth 42$. 60cts. |  |  |
| Sat 15 | raind on yesterday  today Rains got lost & left  the oxen & wagon in the  woods betwee spanish ran  ch & mountain house  on Sat Kt---- - - - - |  |  |
| Su 16 | raind today some  the K. M. have elected  4 county candidates the  state will give a large ma  jority for Buck & Breck |  |  |
| Mo 17 | still raining Rains  gone to the Mountain  house with potatoes  turnips & cabbages 1538 tbs. |  |  |
| Nov 56 |  |  |  |
|  | I & Moore this p.m. assorti  ng potatoes, cleard off p.m. |  |  |
| Tu 18 | Rains got home at dark  I & Moore assorting  potatoes, Rains some dr  unk, rather talkative  I sent 4 sacks potatoes  to Frank fox at Nelson pt. |  |  |
| We 19 | finishd assorting pota  it was today that Rains  got home drunk from  mountain house &c |  |  |
| Th 20  Lovejoy 36 1/2$ in all | I sent Rains up to  massack with 1030 tbs  vegetables.. Moore dug the  last potatoes.. I went over  to soda Bar with Lovejoy  commensd snowing in  earnest. I collected 12 1/2$  for halling & 24$ pre of |  |  |