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| Wed  4th | all dates previous to this are lost by the burning of the cabbin & my trunk still working in the drift all day came to where the bed rock run up nearly perpendicular a bad sign for gold about to give it up & try another |
| Thr  5th | place Pa went to the point in the evening to send a letter below no more today we went a little farther into the hill to see the end of it very cold today the coldest we have had this winter Dave Willam came over to see me and took dinner with me I cut out a pair of gloves after supper nothing |
| Fr  6th | of particular interest today nothing new today done no work worth naming today went to the hole & found it filled nearly full with water caused from the ditch above we fished out our tools & came home cut & carried wood having nothing else to do done some sewing on my gloves made of flower sacks very cold today every thing froze up about as cold as it ever gets this far up in the Sierra Nev |
| Sat 7th | ada nothing more new today I believe nothing new today very cold today hardly know what to do water |

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|  | still froze up in the ditch & in the drift we started a hole near the creek a little farther down the creek but did not get to the bottom before night Smale |
| Su  8th | came up from American valley & stopped awhile with us also Mc Donnald nothing new today very pleasant today laid around the cabbin all day finished my gloves cut some wood &c Smale John Smale came from the point and staid all night with us on his way to the valley baked pies in |
| Mo  9th | the evening nothing more new today nothing new today worked in the hole near the creek got to the bed rock in the evening & drifted in a piece got some small prospects on the bed rock Williams came by after Smale on his way to the vall ey prospecting the men in the other cabbin commenced moving their provisions up nelson creek to their cabbin cloudy all day & -- |
| Tus  10th | -- sprinkled a little in the evening but none to signify nothing new today still working in the drift near the creek still in hopes of finding something soon very warm & cloudy nearly |

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|  | all day snow melting some little the men in the cabbin have ab |
| Wed  11th | andoned the diggings I suppose for a while at least no more today nothing particularly new today still drifting near the creek worked h ard all day still in hopes of finding something soon wary & cloudy & |
| Thr  12th | windy all day rained a little after supper & the wind blew very hard rained all day steady went up the ditch in the evening broke up the ice & let the water down got wet through came to the cabbin & put on dry clothes ground sluced in the foot of the ravine in the even |
| Fr  13th | ing so as to get to washing & make some money rained all day worked hard all day repairing the ditch & dammed the water in its propper place ground sluced some in the forenoon rained all night on the 12th H---rich came up after his things about noon |
| Sat  14th | nothing of interest today snowed very hard after we got up I found the snow about 12 inches deep & still snowing fast repaired the ditch in the forenoon & ground sluced some saw a mountain cat while we were at work |

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|  | I staid in the cabbin in the morning & baked bread & cooked apples |
| Su  15th | done some washing after supper nothing new today nothing new today snowed all day staid in the cabbin all day & m |
| Mo  16th | ended our old boots dreary cloudy weather snow upwards of 3 feet deep near the cabbin weather warm & pleasant for the quantity of snow on the ground done no work as to mining we nt over to the ravine to see about the water & to get the tools hardly any w |
| Tus  17th | ater running got up wood in the forenoon nothing of interest today nothing particularly new today still snowing a little all day done no w ork today the snow being so deep staid in the cabbin all day & read a nov |
| Wed  18th | el to pass away time having nothing else to do nothing new today snowed all day hard done no work of consequence today made a road through the snow to the spring otherwise staid in the cabbin & read novels snow about 3 feet deep in places cannot mine any as long as the snow continues so deep felt restless all day thought a great |

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| Thr  19th | deal about past events & times gone by nothing new today nothing of consequence transpired today a good deal colder than usual made a road through the snow to get wood to burn done no work otherwise today st |
| Fr  20th | aid in the cabbin all day & read baked some pies &c &c very cold today everything froze up we had to get up in the night to warm could not sleep Mc Donnald & Stirling came up today Mc staid all n |
| Sat  21st | ight with us we loaned them a sack of flower &c nothing more today snow still on the ground not melting much all of us went to the point with Mc to grind our axe & bought a shirt for 3$ the coldest day that has |
| Su  22nd | been this winter feather river froze up under the bridge nothing more today staid about the cabbin all day I got up wood nearly all day cloudy all day moderated considerably snowed after dark a little assorted our potato |
| Mo  23rd | es some of them being frozen nothing new today nothing new today warm & cloudy nearly all day snowed also today staid about the cabbin all day & read novels nothing new today |

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| Tus | Jan 1854 |
| 24th | warm cloudy & rained all day nothing of interest today done no work today snow melting very fast all day staid in the cabbin & read novels & finished |
| Wed  25th | one after supper nothing else today nothing particularly new today snowed early in the morning a little but cleared off & became a pretty day warm & pleasant went over to the ravine to see about the water but done no work not having enough water got wood the |
| Thr  26th | balance of the day made a cover over the wood to keep it dry clear & sunshiny all day but cold in the evening water still froze up in the ditch got up wood today split some wood for boards snow still on the |
| Fr  27th | ground & not melting much nothing more today nothing new today cloudy nearly all day water still froze up done no |
| Sat  28th | work as yet staid about the cabbin all day I bursted my carbine no more nothing more than usual today calm & still today staid about the cabbin all day split some logs for wood cannot mine any water being froze up or stopped up by the snow Jacobsen cut my hair &c &c |

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| Sun | Jan 1854 |
| 29th | a clear beautiful sunshiny day Dobson & myself went visiting for the first time since I have been in the country went to Mc Donnalds cabbin but he was not at home came home about noon I set a snair for a cayote I thought a great deal about home as I walked along the side of the mountain everything looked beautiful from the reflection of the sun Pa went to the point in the |
| Mo  30th | evening & came back about dark nothing more new a clear beautiful day went up to the ditch to see about the water repaired |
| Tus  31st | the ditch & caulked the first floom & started the water down nothing else today nothing new today another beautiful day went up & cleaned the snow out |
| Wed  1st | of the ditch & got the water running down & ready for work nothing else today went to work with a good head of water in the foot of the rich ravine ground sluced all day feet wet & cold all day another pretty day snow melting very fast Willman & Iman(?) came up while we was at work in the evening |
| Thr  2nd | but did not stay long no more today cloudy a little all day sluced in the same place came to the bed rock |

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|  | about noon got a pretty good porspect on the bed rock feet wet & cold all |
| Fr  3rd | day snow melting but little today nothing otherwise today still at work in the same ravine ground slucing cloudy all day and rained a little about noon but none to signify also a little after supper saw sev |
| Sat  4th | eral lion tracks crossing out path nothing else today rained all day a little & melted the snow very fast worked in the foren oon carrying sluces & setting them for the purpose of trying a place in the ravine got wet through & very cold done no mining in the evening washed some clothes &c &c Pa went to the point & got a couple of letters for |
| Su  5th | him & me from home dated Nov 28 & 29 I cut Dobsons hair after tea no more rained from morning until nearly night & turned to snowing hard all of us went to Mc Donnalds cabbin in the morning but he was not at home came by the willow ranch & stopped a while Phillips & his partner came up with us & staid the rest of the day & played chess cards &c &c got some |
| Mon | late papers from the ranch nothing else today |

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| 6th | one year today since I left the little town of Y(?) sluced washed all day in the same ravine made about 11$ today 3 of us a dark cloudy rainy day got wet & ripped my old coat to pieces & altered it after supper but did |
| Tus  7th | not finish it nothing unusual today nothing new today a clear beautiful day snow melting fast sluce washed today & made 23$ doing a little better sewed a little on my coat after |
| Wed  8th | supper thought about leaving the diggins & going somewhere else clear & pretty until towards dark clouded up & looked like rain sluce washed in the forenoon & took out about 34$ one piece weighing 29$ sluced |
| Thr  9th | off the top dirt in the evening sewed on my coat after supper cloudy all day & looked like rain windy in the afternoon still ground slucing worked very hard all day rained after supper a little |
| Fr  10th | finished my coat after supper nothing more new today commenced raining in the morning & continued all day steady ground sluced all day in the rain very heavy wash met some |

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|  | prospectors as we came from dinner & set our sluces for washing towards nig |
| Sat  11th | ht got very cold from getting wet feet nothing more than usual very cold all day although the sun shone beautifully set the boxes & washed some in the forenoon washed all evening & took out about 9$ a poor |
| Su  12th | days work snowed a little the night of the 10th nothing else today snowed & stormed all day all of us went to the point to get picks sharpened seen the saw mill that is to run by hand power but it was not finished |
| Mo  13th | great many miners at the pointbtoday from all parts of the river creek clear but cold all day snowed a little also washed a little in the morn ing but the bank caved in & broke a couple of our boxes we were all |
| Tus  14th | the evening moving the rubbish made about 10$ today clear & cold all day still sluce washing made 24$ Dobson panned out 28$ at one pan pretty good panning Yank came up after supper |
| Wed  15th | staid awhile & played chess nothing otherwise new today clear & cold in the morning but clouded up in the evening & snowed |

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| Thr  16th | a little washed today & took out 24$ cold & cloudy all day looked like rain or snow still sluce washing took out |
| Fr  17th | 16$ not as good as usual snow melting a little in the sun clear warm day still washing made 28$ worked very hard all day cloudy in |
| Sat  18th | the evening looked like rain nothing else today a clear beautiful day cleared off a place for the purpose of ground slucing |
| Su  19th | worked hard all day cut a ditch through it in the evening nothing else today snowed a little all day got wood in the morning Gillingham came over to the cabbin but did not stay long I went to the point with a pick in the evening & stopped a while at the new saw mill Yank came up |
| Mo  20th | & staid all evening & half the night nothing more nothing interesting today cloudy all day & looked like rain found the bank caved in & broke one box badly ground sluced all day & got wet & |
| Tus  21st | cold worked in water & blue mud up to my knees all day no more nothing new today cloudy all day & snowed a little all day until |

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|  | night & turned to rain ground sluced all day & got wet & cold snow still on the ground put the riffles in the boxes in the evening to see if there |
| Wed  22nd | was any gold in the top gravel got but little snowed wet & heavy all day done no work today staid in the cabbin all day washed & patched my old clothes Yank came up about noon & st |
| Thr  23rd | aid until night Pa was a little sick after supper snowed in the morning but cleared off about noon & was a beautiful day washed today & made about 40$ Yank came up about dark to play chess |
| Frid  24th | nothing more today of consequence nothing new today washed again today & took out 9$ snow melting |
| Sat  25th | a little today worked very hard all day Yank came up after supper to play chess snowed all day very hard washed in the forenoon & got wet & cold worked in mud & mire & took out 3$ got up wood in the evening thought a |
| Su  26th | great deal about old times past & gone nothing more today snowed & stormed all day staid about the cabbin all day Pat Dobson went |

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|  | to the point in the morning Yank came up & staid awhile also came up after |
| Mo  27th | supper to play chess mended my boots &c &c nothing otherwise new today rained a while in the morning & turned to snow & continued all day went to the ravine near the willow ranch after our new patent riff le box for the purpose of altering it a little staid in the cabbin otherwise |
| Tus  28th | all day nothing else today clear & cold all day snow about 3 feet deep set the boxes for working w ent up the ditch in the evening to see about the water we started it |
| Wed  1st | down Dobson & myself cut down a large pine tree for wood &c cold & clear all day went up the ditch a piece in the morning to get the water down came back & got some wood before dinner washed in the after noon & took out about 69$ pretty good half days work one piece weigh |
| Thr  2nd | ing 24$ nothing else interesting today ground sluced in the forenoon & washed in the after & took out 21$ a beau tiful day clear & sunshiny but pretty cold wild geese flying constan |

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| Frd  3rd | tly towards the north nothing more than usual nothing new today more than usual commenced storming after breakf ast & snowed all day ground sluced off some top gravel in the morning |
| Sat  4th | & made about 6$ got wood after dinner nothing more cloudy all day but warmer than usual sluce washed all day took out 73$ |
| Su  5th | nearly all coarse gold nothing else today clear & pretty in the forenoon but cloudy & warm in the afternoon very cold the night of the 4th got wood in the forenoon I commenced a latter h ome went to the point in the evening to grind a hatchet stopped a wh |
| Mo  6th | ile at the new saw mill to examine it closely no more today cloudy & cold nearly all day sluce washed all day & took out 37$ wr |
| Tus  7th | ote some in my letter after supper nothing else new today nothing particularly new today worked hard all day washing & |
| Wed  8th | took out 12$ clear pretty day Yank came up after supper warm & pretty all day worked hard all day & took out 47$ nothing else |

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| Thr | Mar 1854 |
| 9th | Another beautiful day ground sluced of some top dirt from under a large |
| Fr  10th | tree or log worked very hard got wet & cold Yank came up after supper no more worked in the forenoon clearing away logs mending boxes &c clear in the fore noon rained all evening staid in the cabbin all evening wrote some in |
| Sat  11th | my letter after supper nothing more today warm in the forenoon but clouded up & snowed in the evening cut down some trees in the ravine & cleared away the mud so as to set the b oxes done no work in the evening until late moved the boxes from und |
| Sn  12th | er the bank done some washing after dinner nothing new today clear in the forenoon but windy & a little cloudy in the evening went to the point in the morning & took a letter to be mailed home got wood after di |
| Mo  13th | nner also mended my pants snowed very hard all day steady done no work in the forenoon went up to the ditch after dinner to see about the water found it run ning out at the middle floom started it down as far as the last |

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| Tus  14th | floom & left it snow about 3 feet deep nothing else today snowed all morning staid in the cabbin mending & patching old duds went up the ditch after dinner turned warm & rained a little got the water down some distance mended the ditch &c snow about 3 feet |
| Wed  15th | deep but melting fast nothing new today clear & pretty in the morning went up the ditch in the forenoon to throw out the snow worked until nearly noon & got the water down to the little ditch went to the diggings after dinner & sluced out some mud |
| Thr  16th | clouded up late in the evening looked like rain or snow nothing else clear in the forenoon went to Mc Donnalds cabin for some hose & bro ught them up to the diggings had a hard time getting through the snow |
| Fr  17th | ground sluced off some top dirt in the evening & set the boxes for washing clear & pretty all day snow melting very fast washed all day & took out |
| Sat  18th | about 12$ nothing otherwise new today another pretty day snow going off very fast took out about 18$ today got |

very cold towards night but turned warm about day

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| Sund | Mar 1854 |
| 19th | rained a little in the morning but cleared off & was a fine day cut wood nearly |
| Mon  20th | all day went over to the diggings to turn the water out of the ravine &c &c cloudy but warm & pleasant all day ground sluiced some dirt that caved in & cleared away some away some brush & also a large stump that fell in the ra vine got wet & cold one year today since I landed at San Francis |
| Tus  21st | co nothing more of importance today A pretty day cool towards evening ground sluced some mud away |
| Wed  22nd | in the forenoon & washed in the evening took out one ounce today another beautiful day snow melting very fast bank & mud caved |
| Thr  23rd | in the ravine getting logs & stumps out of the way nothing more today went to the point in the morning for a saw & axe handle sawed nea rly all evening on some logs in the ravine worked hard all evening & got |
| Fr  24th | wet & cold seen the new saw mill going up on the branch another fine day clear & warm still clearing away logs stumps &c worked hard all day got wet as usual Pat Curley come to the diggi |
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| Sat  25th | ngs after dinner to find out what he could nothing more today warm but cloudy nearly all day still getting out stumps &c set the boxes & washed in the evening & took out 6$ snow melting off |
| Sn  26th | very fast a warm pretty day all of us went to the point I saw Gildersleeve the great running man took dinner with A--Mc Donnald felt very bad ly in mind felt uneasy about something stopped a while at the new saw mill Daviess & co were moving into the other cabbin near ours |
| Mo  27th | while his mill was going up Dobson staid at the point all night warm & pleasant in the forenoon but clouded up & turned cold in the evening Pa & myself worked all day washing & took out \_\_Dobson not |
| Tus  28th | back yet nothing more new today cloudy all day washed a little in the morning but Dobson came ho me & brought 8 letters for us one from Lizzie & 2 from Ma washed in the evening & 2 of us took out about 19$ we had a confab about the diggings Dobson talked about quitting letters dated Jan 24th 8th & 18th |
| Wed  29th | Mar 1854  cloudy nearly all day rained a little in the morning & after dinner 2 of us washed all day & took out 15$ Dobson did not work very windy |
| Thr  30th | after supper took cold from getting wet nothing more today rained nearly all forenoon but cleared up in the evening ground slu ced all day & only made 7$ bed rock rising fast in the ravine Het |
| Fr  31st | rich came up early in the morning to see some of the men in the other cabins cloudy pretty much all day ground sluced all day to find the pro |
| Sat  1st | pper channel worked on Dobsons shovel after supper clear in the forenoon but rained a little in the after washed some in the forenoon for the purpose of trying a place cleared of a place to |
| Sn  2nd | ground sluce near a big tree that blowed down & made about 6$ rained off & on all day washed some clothes & went to the point in the evening I staid until dark Dobson staid all night for the pur |
| Mo  3rd | pose of going to rich bar in the morning to see about a claim a clear beautiful day Pa went to the point early in the morning |
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|  | started with the rest Dobson & an old Dutchman named Goodshall we got there about 11 oc crossed the river several times in a boat staid all night at Shasta below the bar a piece played some on the violin for the first time since I left Marysville went around to all |
| Tus  4th | of the claims we bought an interest in a claim above the bar the company paying 400$ for it we started for the point after dinner & arrived about the middle of the afternoon the man came with us named Parish to get his pay due got some chrystalized quarts on the road Parrish staid all |
| Wed  5th | night with us clear in the morning but cloudy in the evening Goodshall his son & 2 other men came to the cabbin in the morning all of them left for rich bar after dinner leaving me alone they took some provisions with them I went up to the ditch in the afternoon to see about the water stopped several holes & threw out a good many rocks they paid Parish |
| Thr  6th | his money after breakfast & started him home nothing else today pleasant all day worked in the ravine all alone ground slucing pretty |
| Fri  7th | lonesome by myself rained a little last night nothing new today very pleasant all day still alone ground sluced all day had a headache |
| Sat  8th | today John Humphreys came in & staid awhile after supper the day of the election at the point for county judge &c ground slu |
| Sn  9th | ced all day still alone staid about the cabbin all forenoon Pa came ba ck from rich bar & I went to the point for the purposed of hiring some hands to work in the place of Pa & Dobson but did not get any Dobson & his company came up with me to the cabbin & started for rich bar after getting something to eat rained a little in the evening |
| Mo  10th | I got a coupple of letter for Pa from home nothing else today cloudy all day rained early in the evening but cleared off about sunset Pa started for rich bar after breakfast I went to the point to hire a coupple of hands but did not succeed came back & went to ground slucing I quit a little before sunset on account of |
| Tus | the rain got wood &c &c still alone |
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| 11th | rained & snowed in the morning done no work in the claim I done some washing of clothes a coupple of men came over to hire out I gave them 20$ per month & board rained & snowed in the evening but did not stop |
| Wed  12th | work ready to get to washing nothing more today the men came up to go to work set the boxes & went to washing did not |
| Thr  13th  FR | weigh the gold all of it very cold in the morning a pretty day all hands washed did not weigh the gold nothing else today |
| 14th | a pretty day all hands ground sluced washed out the patent riffle |
| Sat  15th | box & got about 3$ nothing otherwise new today nothing interesting today a pretty day all hands washed today & only |
| Sn  16th | took out 37$ in four days the hands went to the point after supper I went to the saw mill & looked at them work a while also went to the point but did not stay long paid off the hired hands & came back to look at the diggings all went to the point after dinner & took some picks to get sharpened we came back & started for rich bar about |
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|  | sunset hard walking over the road or mountain arrived there about sup |
| Mo  17th | pertime staid in an old saw mill for a cabbin nothing else new done nothing all day but look around the bar the Shasta boys ju mped our claim Pa & I concluded to leave the bar started after dinner up the volcano mountain very hard climbing got home after dark |
| Tus  18th | the saw mill in full operation at last cloudy pretty much all day rained all evening went up the ditch & staid until sunset repaired the ditch in several places & got as much water as the ditch would carry went in the other cabbin after |
| Wed  19th | supper & staid until bed time nothing else today found it raining in the morning & continued until noon It cleared off but commenced again after dinner a while & continued until morning I suppose done no work in the forenoon except fixing so me shovels ground sluced in the evening with a large head of water very windy after supper nothing else today |
| Thr | Apr 1854 |
| 20th | rained & snowed all day went up the ditch in the forenoon to turn off some water so as not to break the ditch at this end got very wet & cold worked a little while after dinner but it commenced raining |
| Fr  21st | very hard & we quit came home & mended some shirts snow from six to nine inches deep rained & snowed nearly all day Yank came up in the morning & staid until noon I took a good nap before dinner commenced a letter to G then went out & worked a little in |
| Sat  22nd | the evening ground slucing got wet & cold thought a great deal about home clear & beautiful all day snow melting very fast went to the point af ter breakfast I saw Dobson he hired a man to work his interest on the shares I bought a pair of gum boots for 10$ felt uneasy on account of |
| Su  23rd | the change in company nothing else today a mistake made in the day read the lower collum first cold & cloudy today snow not melting much ground sluced all day in some blue mud very tough indeed wrote a little in a letter no more |
| Mo | Apr 1854 |
| 24th | clear & pretty in the forenoon but rained towards night Harvey came up to work Dobsons interest but did not wash any I went to the point after work for some candles Yank came up with me from the saw |
| Tus  25th | mill done no work in the forenoon but ground sluced in the after found it snowing in the morning very fast went to work cutting a ditch & turning the water out out of the ravine for the purpose of washing snow melted off about noon but continued off & on all day Gillingham came to the cabbin & staid until after dinner set the boxes & got ready for washing Dobson still at rich bar |
| Wed  26th | worked on my gum boots a little after supper nothing else clear but very cold in the morning Pa & myself washed today & took |
| Thr  27th | out 28$ nothing else of interest today cloudy pretty much all morning but cleared off about noon & remained so all day washed again today CXXII Dobson still at rich bar worked hard all day nothing else today of interest |
| Fr | May 1854 |
| 28th | cloudy a little all day but pleasant rained after dinner a li |
| Sat  29th | ttle & continued until night washed all day & took LXXXI  rained all day by spells washed today & took out VIII & Dobson not |
| Sn  30th | back yet nothing else today I believe found it raining & snowing in the morning Yank came up to play chess Pa went to the point after dinner I done considerable washing of clothes today had a general cleaning up staid about the cabbin all day finished soling my gum boots after supper Dobs |
| Mon  1st | on not arrived yet from rich bar nothing else today the first day of May 1854 clear in in the morning but cloudy in the evening ground sluced in the forenoon but washed a little after dinner Dobson & Givens came to the diggings & we quit for the evening we bought Dobsons interest for 500$ 200 down & the rest in 30 days the first day of May ever brings back pleasant recol lections of the past the May hours spent in pleasant company |
| Tus | May 1854 |
| 2nd | clear & pretty all day washed in the forenoon I took out 11$ & |
| Wed  3rd | ground sluced in the evening nothing otherwise new today nothing particularly new today set & patched up some boxes in |
| Thr  4th | the forenoon & washed in the after & took out 19$ Yank came up today very windy all day washed today & took out 11$ quite before sunset & took a coupple of picks to the point to get sharpened got a can of fresh butter sent to us by HR from Mville stopped awhile at the sa |
| Fr  5th | w mill a great many miner about the point nothing new today windy all day turned cool after dark done some heavy ground slucing |
| Sat  6th | today worked hard nothing else worthy of note today cold cloudy & snowed all day covered the ground fairly after supper |
| Su  7th | done some heavy ground slucing again today got very wet & cold & &c found the ground covered with snow in the morning but soon went off commenced snowing after dinner & continued until in the night Dobson & Givens came up about noon paid him 200$ in pa |
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|  | rt for his claim planted some potatoes in the evening late Yank |
| Mo  8th | came up about breakfast time to play chess very cold in the morning Pa went to the point after breakfast he received a letter from HR stating Dave had left in January & nobody knew where he had went Pa bought Foxes & Klines interest in the mounta in company paid them 15$ & 20$ pretty cheap done some more h |
| Tus  9th | eavy ground slucing today nothing else today nothing new today cleared away the rocks &c washed in the eve ning & took out 4$ rained a little after dinner but quit about |
| Wed  10th | night nothing else today washed a little today but not a great deal on account of men stopping at the diggings to talk with us clear in the morning but cloudy in the evening took out 12$ Yank came up after tea to play chess the saw mill broke the crank of the wheel we |
| Thr | talked of buying hose & pipe to wash the diggings with |
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| 11th  Fr | rained off & on all day worked all day & only took out 7$ no more today |
| 12th | cloudy at times all day done no working in the forenoon on account of some men coming up from the point to buy in with us we walked round all forenoon looking around they took dinner with us before they left with the intention of buying Mathews & Curleys claims if they could Hawkins & Shaw washed in the afternoon & took |
| Sat  13th | out 17$ nothing else today rained in the morning but cleared off before noon & turned out to be a pretty day worked all forenoon Hawkins & Shaw came to the diggings after dinner we done no work after they came they brought Curleys & Mathews claims Shaw & I shoveled in a little dirt & took |
| Su  14th | out about an ounce nothing more today found it raining in the morning but cleared off after breakfast took a coupple of picks to the point went to the new store on Sterling flat also went to A D McDonnalds camp a great |
|  | May 1854 |
| Mo  15th | many people at the point gamblers mostly Hawkins & Shaw is to give us 400$ & come in equal partners with us rained after tea pleasant all day Hawkins & Shaw came over after a late break fast we made up a bill of goods to lay in for the summer Haw kins started about noon for the valley we all went to work before before dinner Pa took a cramp in his back & got very bad after supper |
| Tus  16th | Shaw & myself worked in the evening & took out 9$ no more Shaw & I worked all forenoon Hopkins came about noon & worked with us in the afternoon a cousin of Hawkins pa |
| Wed  17th | came out after dinner & worked a little took out 15$ no more clear in the forenoon but rained in the after commenced working the ravine near the willow ranch cleaned out the ditch turned the water in & commenced ground slucing Pa a little better today |
| Thr  18th | Shaw & Hopkins went to the point & got him some medicine ground sluced all day Pa very sick in the evening |
| Frd  19th  Sat  20th  Su  21st | May 1854  set the boxes & went to washing & only took out 6$ all fine gold  Pa very bad about supper time in a great deal of pain no more today clear & pretty in the forenoon but raised in the aftermoon but ce  ared off before night took out about 9$ Pa better today A clear pretty day thundered a great deal for the last 3 days Shaw Hopkins & myself went up the ditch in the forenoon & found it broke in on or to places Shaw & Hopkins went to the point after we came back Pa received a coupple of letters one from home & one from Iowa heard that Dave was in Ytown staid at the |
| Mon  22nd | cabbin all day & done washing went to the point in the morning for a -----nails &c to make some new riffles with 3 of us worked on them Hawkins came back in |
| Tus  23rd | the evening with new pipe nothing otherwise new today clear in the forenoon but thundered & hailed in the evening put the riffles in the boxes in the morning done no work in the afternoon |
|  | May 1854 |
|  | Hawkins Shaw & myself went up the ditch a piece & looked ar |
| Wed  24th  Thr  25th | ound preospecting nothing else new today clear in the forenoon but clouded up & thundered very heavily & ra  ined in the afternoon washed in the forenoon & a little while in the after the A clear beautiful day washed in the forenoon cleaned up the Hun garian riffles & set boxes & took out 13$ Hawkins went to the po |
| Frd  26th | int in the eveng  clear all day washed today & took out 18$ Hawkins went to the  point in the afternoon to see if our goods had arrived Hopkins w ent to the ranch for some milch for supper the sun appeared |
| Sat  27th | red after dinner nothing else of note today  washed today & took out about 42$ the goods arrived today played a little on my violin after supper the company talking of buy |
| Su  28th | ing some more claims nothing much today  cool but pleasant all day we went to look at some new diggings for the purpose of buying if we liked also went to the point to |
|  | May 1854 |
|  | get some picks sharpened Pa received a coupple if letters from Ky one from home wet to the point again about sunset to take a |
| Mo  29th | letter down Pa good deal better today very cool in the night & all day washed today & took out 3 of  62$ Pa & Hawkins hose & pipe all day they went to p |
| Tus  30th | rospect a claim abover the point in the forenoon np more today pretty cool in the morning & evening washed today & 3 of us took out 53$ Pa & Hawkins still fixing hose & leading troughs they all |
| Wed  31st | came in our cabbin after supper to play cards while I played the violin clear but cool for this time of year washed today & took out 31$ we dug up a tree & fell ot across a box & broke it Pa & Hawkins still at work at the leading troughs & hose & riffles Daviess & co moved |
| Thr  1st  Frd | out of the other cabbin today nothing more of interest today  cold & cloudy today we took out 45$ Pa & Hawkins still at work  preparing the hydraulic for work nothing new today |
|  | June 1854 |
| 2nd | cold & cloudy all day rained in the afternoon & continued until bedtime washed today after setting the boxes in the morning Hopkins & myself took out 48$ Hawkins & Shaw setting the |
| Sat  3rd | boxes in the big ravine so as to commence washing with the pipe clear in the forenoon but clouded up & rained in the after 3 of us took out 79$ Hawkins still fixing st the hose & Pa ma |
| Su  4th | king riffles nothing otherwise new today  nothing interesting today Dobson came up about noon to get the balance of his money we went to the diggings & looked around Shaw & myself brought over the old patent riffle box from the  diggings Hawkins & Hopkins went to the point after dinner |
| Mo  5th | I staid about the cabbin all day  pretty day went to the point on the morning & bought a sluce for k & gold pan & paid 9$ for them I came back went to work with Hawkins with the pipe got wet of course nothing else |
| Tus | June 1854 |
| 6th  Wed  7th  Thr  8th  Fri  9th  Sat  10th  Su  11th | worked all day & only took out 4$ a coupple of us nothing of interest today  nothing of consequence today we bursted the hose today we took out  about 6$ got wet & cold of course I went up the ravine near the  cabbin where some men had been prospecting  nothing new today more than normal piped all day & made nothing  went to the ranch for some milch for Pa he being sick again  a pretty day went to the ranch after breakfast for some milch Pa being  no better worked with the pipe all day & took out 2 oz nothing else  nothing interesting today cleaned bed roc all forenoon&  took, out 22$ set in a box & picked down the bed rock clear in the morning  clear & pretty all day staid about the cabbin nearly all day went to the ranch for some milch for Pa he being no better today came pretty nearly having some difficulty in the company Pa went to the |
| Mo  12th | point about sunset Pa received a letter from Dave in Ky  clear in the forenoon but rained in the after done no work today |
|  | June 1854 |
|  | all day straightening up the company affairs washed some clothes in the morning went to the ranch for milch about noon felt bad ly all day on account of the company affairs Shaw & I went up the |
| Tus  13th | ravine where some men were at work with a rocker  a damp cloudy day about 18$ Shaw & Hopkins made about 58$ Pa went to the point after dinner he still no better Daviess came |
| Wed  14th  Thr  15th | over to see about getting our water to run his mill of nights nothing more  a pleasant day took out 6$ we were surprised about suppertime  by John Lloyd we had a long talk about home &c no more today  pleasant all day Hopkins & myself still at work in the little ra vine John Lloyd employed his time by walking & looking around at the diggings went to the ranch before going to work for milch Pa |
| Fr  16th | being better we only made 2$ nothing else new today  nothing new today Hopkins & I took out 8$ the rest of comp  June 1854 |
|  | any made big wages Lloyd went to the point in the evening went |
| Sat  17th | to the ranch after work for milch  cloudy today commenced raining after dinner & continued until nearly night Hopkins & I prospected Joes ravine got a pretty good prospect sunk 3 holes in it & commenced another at the foot of it but |
| Su  18th | did not get down with it Him & I went to the ranch for milch we didn’t wash  nothing of interest today went to the point Lloyd & myself came  back about noon the company settled up their affairs went to the tan |
| Mo  19th | nch for milch or rather clabber  A fine day Hopkins & I dug a ditch for the purpose of washing Joes ravine Lloyd went to the point in the forenoon we set the boxes & tu rned in the water went to the ranch for milch after supper some c |
| Tus  20th | arpenters came up after supper & set a while nothing new today  A pretty day windy towards evening done no work today trying to  settle up the company affairs but did not succeed Lloyd & I went |
|  | June 1854 |
|  | to the point after dinner I went to see some digging s on the creek  where Daviess damwas felt a little sick all day with the headache |
| Wed  21st | went after milch  very windy in the forenoon no work until after dinner Shaw bou  ght out Hawkins interest & paid him off Lloyd & I worked in Joes |
| Thr  22nd | ravine nothing else new today  very pleasant all day Lloyd & I worked in Joes ravine & made noth ing Hawkins & Hopkins left today for good Pa & Shaw took out good |
| Frd  23rd | wages today nothing new today  nothing new today Lloyd & I still in Joes ravine & only made 2$  Lloyd went to the ranch for milch after work a great many men |
| Sat  24th  25th | passing by prospecting  Lloyd & myseld still in Joes ravine & took out 2$  Lloyd & myseld went up the ditch in the morning came back & went to the point after dinner we heard that Dobson stabbed a man at rich bar & came very near killing him a new saloon opened at |
| Mo | the point & full of gamblers nothing else today |
|  | June 1854 |
| 26th | still working in Joes ravine & took out about 6$ hired a man to sew our hose over again he worked on them all day Pa & Shaw getting |
| Tus  27th | out bottoms for sluces nothing else new today  carried up some plank from the mill in the morning Lloyd & I still  in Joes ravine took out 13$ Sam still sewing on the hose Pa & Shaw |
| Wed  28th  Thr  29th  Frd  30th  1st  2nd | went to work in the evening done some washing after supper  A clear pretty day still in Joes ravine all hands made about 11$  done some mending of old duds after supper nothing else today  Lloyd & myself still in Joes ravine & took out about 10$ all hands  about 40$ nothing else of consequence today  still in Joes ravine & took out $1.50 nothing else today  still in Joes ravine all hands took out 38$ nothing else today  staid about the cabbin all day the rest of the company went to the  point our diggings are reported to be very good sold some bacon &  flour to the company near the saw mill Shaw is talking about selling  out his |
|  | July 1854 |
| Mo  3rd | interest to Hawkins nothing more today) Lloyd & I sunk a hole across  the foot of the big ravine carried the boxes over but did not set them Hawkins & his company came up to try & buy Shaw out but don’t know how he will succeed Shaw went to the point after super for the pur pose of selling out I suppose the sheriff came up to notify Pa to ap pear before court to answer as defendant against Dr. Vaughn for |
| Tus  4th | the sum of 100$ nothing else today  done no work today all of us went to the point except Lloyd a big celebration at independence bar had several orations & a ball at night they started after dinner for the bar also the Russian army accompanied by a brass band all of the ladies from American Valley & vicinity were there had a settlement with Vaughn for some work I done for him last summer I saw our old claims we first worked in walked on Sherwins floom nearly all of the way to the bigest time day time that ever was seen on nelson creek. we came back in time for supper |
| Wed  5th | July 1854  nothing particularly new today worked near the foot of the big ra  vine Lloyd & I washed in the evening but made nothing the rest of the company took out one ounce yesterday & today. about the warmest weather we have had this summer Pa & Shaw went to the point |
| Thr  6th  Frd  7th | after supper there being a ball at Roots & Lewis  clear but very warm today worked in the big ravine with Lloyd & made  nothing as usual a great many men around prospecting went after work milch  nothing new today made about @$ Lynch came over about noon & staid all night looking around for diggings he sold out at H hill for |
| Sat  8th | 400$ & is now prospecting  Lloy & myself worked in the big ravine on the forenoon & made nothing the sheriff came up after Pa to attend court at the point Lloy & my elf went after dinner they had a trial & the judge went against us  80$ cost Lloyd got drunk as usual we are all in hell of an uproar Pa in a hell of a stew nothing else today but bad feeling all day Shaw sick today |
| Su  9t | July 1854  Pa & myself started for Am valley after breakfast & arrived there ab out 9 oc went to get a lawyer to attend to his case employed a man by the name of Cox heard a Methodist preacher a short time at Elizabeth town took dinner at Bradley & started home arrived at the willow ranch before sunset a good while Shaw still sick & found Lloyd drunk asl |
| Mo  10th | eep Lloyd brought me a letter from the point from home dated May 26 1854  went to the point with Pa & Lloyd to get our picks so as to go to work came back about noon & went to work in the evening in the big ravine Pa went to onion valley to see about the suit & got to thinking about home & the chan |
| Tus  11th | ges that have taken place in one year nothing else new today  Llioyf & myself still in the same place set boxes in the forenoon & went to washing 3 of us took out 44$ Pa putting in new bot |
| Wed  12th | toms in boxes warm today but not as warm as yesterday no more  nothing particularly new today Lloyd & myself still at work in the same place took out about 8$ nothing else today |
| Thr | July 1854 |
| 13th  Frd  14th  Sat  15th  Sun  16th | worked all day notwithstanding i felt very badly from a severe cold  Lloyd renewed his notice after nothing else new today  nothing particularly new today worked alone today Lloyd havin a so  re finger a raising on it made nothing today nothing else new today  woked alone in the forenoon cut a ditch worked with Shaw in the  evening& took out 30$ Lloyd did not work & Pa being sick again got wet again of course  A beautiful day we went over to the diggings after breakfast Shaw & myself to clean up the boxes & got about 7$ staid about the cabbin ne arly all day Shaw took some picks to get sharpened Pa & Lloyd bot |
| Mo  17th | sick Lloyd & I went to the ranch about sunset nothing new today  nothing new today more than usual I worked with Shaw above in the ravine Pa being sick & Lloyds sore finger did not clean up at night Charley Allen came by & staid all night Pa killed |
| Tus  18th | a squirrel as we went to work nothing else today  worked with Shaw in the same place & took out 23$ Allen started for the point in the morning Pa & Lloyd still down |
| Wed | July 1854 |
| 19th | pretty cool today Charley Allen came by on his way to the valley Shaw & I still in the same place stripped off top dirt all day made nothing of course Pa & Lloyd went up the ditch to let in all of the wa |
| Thr  20th | ter& found some men at work near the head of the ditch went after mich & C & Shaw & myself still in the same place & took out 29$Shaw & myself went to the point after supperfor some potatoes came back in the night |
| Frd  21st | Pa also went to the point after dinner nothing new today  nothing new today more than usual Shaw & I cleaned up the firstth ing in the morning & took out 23$ Pa & Lloyd unable to work Pa & Shaw & Lloyd went up to the head of the ditch where some men were at usinf  our water they turned it on again left me alone to work with the pipe |
| Sat  22nd | stripping top dirt  Shaw & myself in the same place stripped off top dirt & washed some bottom also took over 2 oz the men up the ditch keep taking our water |
| Su  23rd | without leave or license Pa & Lloyd not able to work yet  All of us went over to the bald mountain where the water comes |
|  | July 1854 |
|  | from that runs into AM valley went to the head of it & got back about noon Shaw & myself went to the point after dinner & took our picks I came back |
| Mo  24th | with the Ass packed with potatoes nothing else new today  went to work in the foot of the big ravine alone Lloyd not being able to work made nothing cloudy in the evening Pa & Shaw went to the pointafter su |
| Tus  25th  26th  27th  Frd  28th | pper nothing else new today  worked with a hired man Pa & Shaw hired at the point Made nothing as usual  made nothing today as usual Pa & Shaw made pretty good wages today  worked in the same place with the hired man took out only 5$ Pa & Shaw  made a big strike today all went to point after supper except Lloyd & myself  still working in the same place slucing off top dirt took out  17$ the rest of the company made good wages cloudy & thundered very hard |
| Sat  29th | about noon & after but no rain nothing else more than usual  ground sluced all day top dirt our water is failing very fast all of the  company went to the point except Lloyd & I to the trial of Abbott & Sam w. nothing otherwise today |
| Su | July 1854 |
| 30th | clear & pleasant staid about the cabbin all day Pa & Shaw went to  the point after dinner we had a big settlement in the morning they br ought up a hired man named Cook to work in Lloyds place nothing else |
| Mo  31st  Tus  1st  2nd | today more than usual)  cooler than usual all day worked with the hired man today ground  slucing & dug up some trees got very tired nothing else todau  nothing new today ground sluced in the same place all day  nothing interesting today ground sluced in the forenoon & helped Pa &  Shaw move a large boulder set the boxes ready for shoveling in not very well today sick with the dysentery all of the company went to the point |
| Thr  3rd | after supper except Lloyd & I nothing more today  clear in the forenoon but cloudy in the evening shoveled in the boxes Pa received a letter from home our water is failing very fast not |
| Frd  4th | enough to fill the pipe nothing new today  cloudy & warm all day took out 18$ today Pa & Shaw made good |
|  | Aug 1854 |
| Sat  5th  6th  Mo  7th | wages today they went to the point after supper per usual today with dysentery  took out about 15$ Pa & Shaw made big wages today nothing new today  started for the valley all of uswith some picks got there early in the fore  noon staid until after dinner & started home nothing else today  set boxes in the forenoon took out 5 1/2$ Pa & Shaw went to gring the axesto build a reservoir worked at it in the afternoon went |
| Tus  8th | to the ranch after supper Lloyd being at the point on a spree  went to work on the reservoir all of us Lloyd still on a spree all of the company went to the point [after] supper except myself I commenced a let |
| Wed  9th  Thr  10th  Frid  11th | er to a friend but did not finish it  a pleasant breeze stirring all day also a little cloudy worked on the res  ervoir except Lloyd he being on a spree nothing else new today  went to washing today for gold & took out 7$ the reservoir leaked very  badly Pa & Shaw went to the point  after supper Lloyd got back from his spree  nothing new today worked all day stopping holes in the reservoir & leaks wrote some in my letter no more today |
| Sat | Aug 1854 |
| 12th  Su  13th | worked in the diggings & Lloyd with us took out 41$ the company  except Lloyd & I went to the point after supper nothing else  nothing particularly new today done some washing & mending in the forenoon all of is went to the ranch to see a hole some men were sinking with our rope & windlass Pa & Shaw went to the point |
| Mo  14th  15th  16th  Thr  17th  Frd  18th  Sat  19th | after dinner & I went before sunset to post a letter in the express  Lloyd & I went to stripping in the samr place Pa & Shaw made good wages  still stripping Lloyd & myself Pa & Shaw made good wages today  still stripping today Pa 7 Shaw made goof wages we set our boxes in the  evening & went to the ranch for milch Pa & Shaw went to the point after supper  washed all day took out 8$ Pa & Shaw made big wages went after  milk after work the water is failing very fast nothing more  still working today & took out 15 1/2$ all of us went to the point  after supper except Lloyd nothing else today  washed today & took out 28$ Pa & Shaw took out 69$ all of |
|  | Aug 1854 |
| Su  20th | us went to the point after supper except Lloyd nothing else today  windy in the forenoon but a pretty day for all Pa & Shaw went to the po int before dinner & Lloyd & I went after done some washing in the foren |
| Mo  21st  Tus  22nd  Wed  23rd  Thr  24th  Fr  25th  Sat  26th  Su  27th | oon staid at the point until nearly sunset went for milch no more  cloudy in the forenoon also rained a light shower all morning but cle  ared off in the afternoon tool out $14.50 nothing else today  cloudy in the forenoon & looked much like rain but none took  out 20$ Pa & Shaw took out 6 oz $1.50 Pa & Shaw went to point after supper  took out 15$ today Pa & Shaw made good wages very cool in the m  orning but pleasant the balance of the day nothing else today  cool in the morning but warm all day took out $35.50 all together  $1.25 Pa & Shaw went to the point after supper nothing else  worked all day as usual cleaned up all of the riffles & got 19$ went  to stripping in the evening & took out in all 89$ nothing else  stripping under a large pine tree broke Shaws’ ace I played  Hell ]?[ generally Pa & Shaw took out 58$ Pa & Shaw went to the point after supper  all of us dug a small ditch to get the seep water Shaw & I went to the |
|  | Sep 1854 |
|  | point about noon & took dinner at Thompsons Lloyd came down & got drunk as usual Green Mc Hatton came up early in the morn |
| Mo  28th  Tus  29th | ing & staid all day & night nothing of interest today  Shaw & I worked at the pipe cleaning bed rock took out 12$ Pa worked  with us in the evening & took out altogether 44$ Lloyd done no work on account of his  Lloyd & I worked in the same place digging up a large pine tree by the roots but didn’t get it down Pa & Shaw took out 29$ today they went to the |
| Wed  30th  Thr  31st  Frd  1st  2nd | point after supper cool & cloudy in the forenoon  cool in the morning but pleasant about noon worked at the tree all  day but did not get it down Pa & Shaw took out 42$ they went to point after supper  nothing uncommon today stripping as usual & not got down the tree yet  Pa & Shaw took out just 2 oz nothing else I believe today  still ground slucing Pa & Shaw took out 10$ nothing else today  washed today & took out 15$ all hands took out 97$ had a divide of the gold as Shaw is going to start below in the morning Pa & Shaw took |
| Su  3rd | out a piece weighing over 2 oz nothing else today  Shaw started this morning for below for his ranch all of |
|  | Sept 1854 |
|  | us went to the point & ground some old axes & came back |
| Mo  4th  Tus  5th | & staid about the cabbin the rest of the day Pa got a letter from home  went to work as usual this morning Pa worked with us in the  evening & we took out 29$ nothing else of interest today  worked as usual & took out 38$ Pa worked by himself all day took out in all 62$ out water is failing very fast Pa & Lloyd |
| Wed  6th  Thr  7th | went to the point after supper nothing more than ususal  washed all day & took out 18$ Pa went to the point after dinner  to the Election of county officers nothing strange today  Pa & I started for the valley early in the morning & arrived there about 10 A.M. great excitement about the election I took dinner at Bradl eys while Pa went to Elizabeth town our trial at court did not come off started from there about sunset & got home after dark great excitement at the point about some men that tore down the fro [can’t read this] |
| Frd  8th  Sat | it stase the miners have taken them in custody nothing else  worked today as usual & took out 20 1/2$ Pa worked with an old  man by the name of Mc Fall hired man nothing more today |
| 9th  Su  10th | worked as usual & (Aug 1854) took out 19$ pretty good today  Pa & Lloyd went to the point after supper nothing worthy of notice  staid about the cabbin all day Shaw came home in the forenoon right side up with care) Lloyd went to the Slate mountain & got back abo |
| Mo  11th | ut supper Parish came up about supper on his way below  worked as usual with Mc Fall & took out 13 1/2$ Shaw didnt work today talked of buying a claim on Columbia flat Pa Shaw & myself) Pa went up Nelson creek to get Pat Curley as a witness |
| Tus  12th | in his case at A.M. valley nothing new today  Pa Mc & myself started very earl in the morning for AM valley & got there about 10 oc case came off & we lost it Mc went to Elizabeth town to look at some diggings he came back before sunset & started for home Pa & I came as far as the Illinois ranch & staid all |
| Wed  13th | night felt badly all day nothing else of consequence today  started before day from the ranch & arrived at the cabbin about breakfast time very hungry & much fatigued missing supper & break fast went to work as usual old Mc also fell the pine |
| Thr  14th  Frd  15th  Sat  16th | in the ravine & took out 16$) Aug 1854  Lloyd & I worked as usual Mc went to the point after his goods & chat  tles &came back about sunset took out 34$ today cloudy in the evening & thundered hard  worked as usual & took out 38$ & the rest took out 34$ I talked some  with a man from Australia about mining &c &c  Mc worked with us in the forenoon but did not work in the after & took out 44$ Pa Shaw & Mc helped buch raise his barn in the eve |
| Su  17th | ning Pa & Mc went to the point after supper  pleasant today Pa Shaw & Mc started in the morning for AM valley on a prospecting tour, wrote a letter home Lloyd & I went to  the point in the evening came back & got an old sled on the way to |
| Mo  18th  Tus  19th  Wed  20th | haul wood on nothing more today  worked as usual Lloyd & I & took out 15$ none of the company ba  ck yet nothing more new today of interest  worked all day with a weak head of water took out 24 1/2$  very warm all day nothing else I believe today  Lloyd & myself worked as usual water very slim indeed took |
| Thr  21st  Frd  22nd | out 13 1/2$ very warm all day) Aug 1854) nothing else today  worked only in the forenoon & took out 5$ the water almost failed  entirely could hardly wash at all nothing else more than usual  Lloyd & myself went up the ditch early after breakfast to see ab  out the watersaw a coupple of very fine deer on the way came back & went to stripping of rubbish on the sife of the ravine cloudy & |
| Sat  23rd | windy off & on all day nothing else nre today  went to stripping on the side of the ravine having no water to wo rk with Pa & Shaw came home about supper time they bought in |
| Su  24th | to a mining claim at Elizabeth town paid (1.50) nothing else  nothing particularly new today staid about the cabbin all day don e some washing today Pa & Lloyd went to the point in the forenoon Lloyd came back about noon & went again before night back |
| Mo  25th  Tus  26th | Shaw started to the valley after dinner so as to set in at the claim  went to work on the ditch this morning cleaning it out Mc  came from the point after supper nothing else new today  worked on the ditch cleaning it out Mc worked on the afternoon |
| Wed |  |
| 27th  Thr  28th  Frd  29th | went to work as usual all hands (Sep 1854) on the ditch cleaning  it out seen a very fine deer as we came from work but had no gun  all hands worked on the ditch today Pa went to the point after dinner  for some beef nothing else of consequence today  all hands worked on the ditch & finished it all but caulking the fl oom Shaw came up after Pa to go to the valley with him to pros pect some claims he had taken up near spanish ranch the men |
| Sat  30th  Su  1st | they bought diggings of proved not to be the proper owners of them  Pa Shaw & Mc started for the valley after breakfast to prospect th  eir claims Lloyd & I worked on the big floom bracing it no more today  staid at the cabbin nearly all day went to the point in the forenoon to get some beef & grind the hatchet Lloyd went to the point about n |
| Mo  2nd  Tus  3rd | oon & staid until dark mended my old duds nothing more  worked on the big floom & finished it a little after dinner tu  rned in the water but it fif not get down nothing else today  I started in the morning for snake lake valley & got there a ---------- by sun after a hard days walk took dinner at the US hotel in Elizabeth town found Pa & Shaw prospecting in the hill |
| Wed  3rd | staid there all night (Oct 1854) slept on the ground no more  started for home early in the morning & got to Elizabeth about noon & took dinner at Varners & got home about supper time with |
| Thr  5th | three picks & Pa’s rifle rained a little about sun set no more  cloudy in the morning rained a good shower in the night I give us plenty of water ground sluced all day Lloyd & I went to the point after supper there was a man killed the night before from being |
| Fr  6th  Sat  7th  Su  8th | stabbed nothing else today  Lloyd & I --- off tailings & top dirt had plenty of water cloudy  at times all day the coldest weather we have had nothing more  ground sluced today as usual Lloyd did not work in the evening  Mc came in from the point after supper nothing else today  cloudy at times all day but no rain went up the ditch in the  forenoon Mc & Lloyd started for Am valley early in the morning went down to the boys cabbin in the forenoon near the ranch went to the point after dinner got a letter for Pa & one for myself |
| Mo  9th | from home nothing more new today I believe |
|  | went to slucing off the top Oct 1854) dirt Lloyd hired a man to work in his place one of the new company bringing in a ditch by the name of Edward Keene rained off & on all day a little |
| Tus  10th | Lloyd went away in the morning but has not returned yet &c &c  cloudy & rained a little all day Lloyd hired the same man again today ground sluced all day Pa came home about an hour by sun from Wapansea no prospect yet at Wapansee Lloyd didnt come home tonight Pa read his letter & mine also felt badly after |
| Wed  11th | hearing them read nothing otherwise today  Pa & myself set boxes in the morning & went to washing & only made 4$ Pa went to the point after finner Lloyd came home from his |
| Thr  12th | spree nothing else today more than usual  all of us went to washing today & took out 32 1/2$ cloudy all day & commenced raining about dark & continued I suppose un til morning Barney Mc Lane came over to where we were work in the forenoon & staid until after dinner George Poor came after him |
| Frd  13th | for a witness on some case nothing more today  worked today as usual (Oct 1854) & took out 18$ Pa went to the point in the forenoon rained nearly all day found a little |
| Sat  14th  Su  15th | skiff of snow on the ground this morning but soon went off  Lloyd & I worked today as usual & took out 13 1/2$ Pa went to rich  bar to see about getting some money from Goodshall coming to us  A pretty fay laid about the cabbin all day got up some wood in the morning & fixed to throw a tree that was leaning over our cabbin Pa killed a coupple of squittels Shaw & Lawrance came over in |
| Mo  16th | the evening nothing more today  all hands went to work in the diggings except Lloyd Lawrance worked in his place Lawrance & myself worked in the evening |
| Tus  17th  Wed  18th  19th | & took out 6 oz. 3 1/2$ nothing else today  all hands worked today except Lloyd we took out 66$ all went  to the point except Lloyd we bought out provisions for the winter  ver cool of mornings worked as usual & took out 58$ no more  worked as usual except Lloyd & took out 91$ part of out p rovisions came up today nothing more new today |
| Frd  20th  Sat | worked today as usual (Oct 1854) & took out 28 1/2$ nothing more  worked as usual & took out 32 1/2$ finished that stripping Shaw Lawrance & I went by the flat to take a look at it Pa went to the point to settle for our provsions & came back late in the evening Mc Fall |
| Tus  21st | came by about supper time nothing else today  rained all day without stopping we all went to the point aft er breakfast & ground our axes the river was raising very fast ca me back & staid at the cabbin the balance of the day Pa came back |
| Mo  23rd | about supper time renewed out notices in the morning &c &c  rained a little in the morning & ceased until sunset & contin I suppose all night Shaw & Lawrance on the new on the flat & claimed by the company near the willow ran ch the boys came up to see about it Pa went to the point after b reakfast to fix his plane Lloyd & I cut a ditch near the reservoir old Goodshall came by & staid until supper time Lloyd & I stri |
| Tus  24th | pped in the afternoon nothing more today  Lloyd & myself till stripping while Shaw & Lawrance carr ied boxes over to the new claim & set up (Oct 1854) Pa made leading troughs Shaw staked off his claims on the flat him & the willow ra nch company compromised the matter about the diggin |
| Wed  25th | gs rained off & on all day half soled my boots after supper  rained at times as usual today Lawrance worked with us strip  ped all day Pa & Shaw had a fuss with the company near the racnch |
| Thr  26th | about a claim we got it without much difficulty no more today  snowed all forenoon nobody worked in the forenoon but went to stripping in the ravine Preacher Bonner & James stopped a while with us. James staid all night the willow ranch company |
| Frd  27th  Sat  28th  Su  29th | have finished their ditch to the ravine in front of our cabbin  clear today all hands set up hose & pipe & went to stripping raised  the penstock higher Bonner & James left this morning for the valley  washed with the pipe today bursted the hose several times & fin  ally took off the pipe & went to ground slucing took out 18$  A beautiful day staid about the cabbin today Pa went to the po  ing to get some picks sharpened & brought a letter from home for me dated Sep 3rd Pa & Shaw cut down (Oct 1854) the spruce three that was leaning over out cabbin Shaw & myself sewed some on the h ose in the afternoon also walked around & took a view of matters & |
| Mo  30th | things nothing more new today I believe  cool & cloudy in the morning but turned out a beautiful day Llo  yd & myself went to washing in the same place & took out 9$ Shaw & Lawrance set into work at the foot of the ravine near the shaft |
| Tus  30th  Wed  2nd | Pa made bottoms for boxes nothing more new today)  worked all day as usual & took one ounce nothing more today  worked today as usual & took out 3 of us 35 1/2$ nothing more today)  washed today as usual also set boxes in the morning & took out abo ut 77$ Shaw & Lawrance set boxes in the foot of the big ravine |
| Frd  3rd  Sat  4th  Su  5th | Cut a drean Shaw finished the hose after dinner ready for work  washed as usual & took out 12 oz. 71/2$ one piece weighing upwar  ds of 5 oz Shaw & Lawrance got a prospect in the cut below  worked with the pipe all day & took out 3 of us 4$ Lloyd washed  out the –an box at the house nothing more today  staid about the cabbin all day (Nov 1854) done some wash ing Shaw & Lawrance went to the valley before daylight & got back in the middle of the afternoon Daviess came by about |
| Mo  6th | sunset on his way home from the mines Pa fixed the fireplace  started before day for AM valley & got there before breakfast Shaw st arted below on some business of his own I saw the Spaniard they had in confinement for hilling some Chinamen our case does not come off until tomorrow went up to Elizabethtown & staid |
| Tus  7th | all night at varners nothing more today  started after breakfast for Am Ranch to attend court our case came off in the evening we lost it of course & started home before |
| Wed  8th  Thr  Frd  10th  Sat | sunset & got there about bed time nothing more today  went to work as usual Pa & myself with the pipe & took out 28$  set boxes in the forenoon & washed in the after & took out 22$ Pa w  ashed with the pipe I commenced a letter home after supper &c  worked as usual with the pipe Pa piped & I shoveled in the boxes  & took out 37$ I wrote some in my letter after supper |
| 10th | worked all day stripping (Nov 1854) cleaned up the riffles in the m orning & got 2$ the Sherriff came up to where we were at work in the eve |
| Su  12th | ning to see Pa about his suit nothing more today  A beautiful day staid about the cabbin all forenoon cut some wood Pa & Lawrance went to the point after breakfast & came back about noon finished my letter & took it to the point in the evening H Bray got back |
| Mo  13th  Tus  14th  Wed  15th  Thr  16th  Frd  17th  Sat | from the States & stopped a while at the cabbin nothing else today  piped today as usual Shaw not back yet the hose bursted at noon  Pa went to the point for some needles nothing more  Shaw got back about breakfast worked as usual piping & took  out 6$ a hired man worked with us from below no more  piped as usual shoveled in the boxes a little while in the evening  & took out 2 oz nothing interesting today  cleaned bed rock today & took out 8-$ nothing else today  worked as usual & took out 6 oz. 31/2$ set our boxes in the afternoon  cloudy all forenoon Pa Shaw & Lloyd went to Am valley & got back  about supper time worked all day alone & took out upwards of |
| Su  19th | 100$ commenced raining about (Nov 1854) sunset no more today  cloudy in the forenoon staid about the cabbin all day & done some was hing & mending Lawrance & I went up the ditch a piece about sunset |
| Mo  20th | I received a letter from Jno. W. Stevens dated (Oct 2nd 1854) no more  cloudy at times all day worked as usual & took out 3 oz 10 1/2$ pretty  good for 4 men Lawrance talked of quitting his diggings & hunting |
| Tus  21st  Wed  22nd  23rd  24th  Frd | better nothing more new today  took out 3 oz 12 1/2$ today cloudy at times tofay Dave Berryhill  came by the diggings after dinner nothing else today  rained a little all day took out 82 1/2$ today nothing of consequence  worked as usual & took out 62 1/2$ cloudy nearly all day but no rain  worked as usual & took out 54 1/2$ windy in the afternoon Pa &  Shaw went to the point after supper to see about the balance of |
| Sat  25th  Su  26th | the grub nothing interesting today  worked all day as usual all hands Shaw & I cleaned bed rock  & took out 6oz & 2$ nothing more uncommon  I staid about the cabbin all day Criss came up from  the point & looked around a while (Nov 1854) & took dinner with |
| Mo  27th | us Hundley came by in the evening on his way to the valley  worked in the forenoon on a ditch to catch the waste water & work ed in the diggings into the afternoon & took out 21$ Pa & Lawrance |
| Tus  28th  Wed  29th  Thr  30th  Frd  1st  Sat  2nd | went to the point after supper nothing else today I believe  piped all day & took out 3 oz 4 1/2$ Pa went to the valley to see about  the papers concerning his lawsuit nothing more new today  Pa started for Marysville also the hired man Shaw & I runni  ng off tailings & took out 27$ cloudy all day & very windy after supper  snowed all forenoon but quit in the afternoon Shaw & I took  out 18$ 50cts very cool today nothing else I believe  worked as usual & took out 6$ run off tailings in the forenoon &  cleaned bed rock in the after on account of the hose bursting,  all hands went to building a bear trap to catch a grizly work ed all day cool & windy all day Charey Allen came in about |
| Su  3rd | supper time from the valley & staid all night with us  went to the point after breakfast to hire a man but did not get any I got some beef to bate (Dec 1854) the trap with we finished it in the evening Allen started for the valley after dinner rained |
| Mo  4th | nearly all day but quit about night nothing more today  damp & cloudy all day but no rain Shaw & myself run off tailings in the forenoon & mended the hose & washed with the pipe in the evening Am |
| Tus  5th  Wed  6th  Thr  7th  Frd  8th  Sat  9th  10th | an came from winters creek to hire on nothing more today  worked today as usual & took out 6 oz 11$ the hired man set in to  day very cool in the morning nothing otherwise today  worked as usual today & took out 94$ Lawrance & Loyd doing a little  better today nothing more new today  worked as usual & took out 6 oz 2 1/2$ Pa came back about dark from  below & brought a lot of gum clothes with him no more today  washed off tailings in the foreniin & set the pipe & washed in the eve  ning nothing else new today  worked with the pipe today & took out nothing of consequence  went to the point in the forenoon & ground our axes & got a new one came back & done some washing cut some wood & c Pa sent off some |
| Mo  11th  Tus  12th  13th  14th  Frd  15th  16th | gold to MVille about (Dec 1854) 1500$ nothing else new today  my birthday we commenced to cover the ditch today very cool in the morning froze  up the water in the ditch all day covering it nothing more today  worked on the ditch all day covering it nothing more today  still at work on the ditch worked hard all day nothing more today  still on the ditch today & finished it to the reservoir old Cornelision  a man named Payne came from Elizabeth town prospecting no more  worked in the diggings today & tok out 23/4 oz nothing else today  everybody started for the Am valley early in the morning to get their boots soled& picks sharpened Billy cook & I covered the ditch ab |
| Su  17th | ove the middle floom to the trees nothing else uncommon today  staid about the cabbin all day Cornelison & Payne sunk a hole on the hill above the cabbin abou t 30 feet deeo they got home from the valley |
| Mo  18th  Tus  19th | about noon Pa went to the point after dinner nothing more today  went to washing & done but little having but little water washed  in the evening & took out 1&3/4 oz nothing more new today  done no work today on account of the water failing it dried up ha ving no rain for some time. Shaw & Lawrance caught a |
| Wed  20th | cat in the bear trap & brought it (Dec 1857) home & chained it  all of us started with Cornelison & Payne for winters creek we went over the mountain & down the other side to the tiver & suc ch a tramp as we had of it we arrived at the creek about noon & only staid a little while we went up bachelors creek & had a long jaunt of it over the mountain Lloyd started for Nelson point from Rich |
| Thr  22nd | bar & got a letter for Pa & mysef from home nothing else today  done no work in the diggings today H Bray came up in the eve  ning & staid a while out cat made hs escaoe by breaking his chain a man came after Shaw from below to go to his ranch |
| Frd  22nd | on business nothing more today  Shaw started this morning below H Bray & another man came up Pa & Lawrance went with them up the mountain to look at the country Cornelison & Payne still sinking a hole |
| Sat  23rd | above the cabbin nothing more new today  worked today in the diggings & made but little Lloyd & Law rance done pretty well today Cornelison & Payne left for the |
| Su  24th  Mo  25th | valley yesterday mornongs (Dec 1857) for their things no more today  staid about the cabin all day Pa went to the point in the evening  & came home tight very windy all day & looked like rain nothing else  Christman day worked as usual Pa & myself took out 3 oz 3 1.2$ a big day at the valley a ball at the AM Ranch Allen came in about sup |
| Tus  26th | per time nothing more new today III believe  worked as usual C Allen worked in Shaws place piped in the forenoon bu the hose bursted in the afternoon we cleaned bed rock & took out 21$ commenced snowing in the evening but quit ab |
| Wed  27th | out dark too cold to snow nothing more to day  a little shiff of snow on the ground all day the coldest day we have  had this winter took out 10 1/2$ today Lawrance & myself went to the |
| Thr  28th | bear trap after dinner to set it a cat got in & gnawed out no more  done no mining today the water being frozen up in the ditch clea  red off some ground ahead of us in the ravine & set fire to it cau |
| Fr  29th | ght a cat in the trap today nothing more of interest  very cold again today got wood all day clouded up in the even |
| Sat  30th | ing & the wind blew but no rain ( Dec 1854) nothing else today  nothing particularly new today cut & split wood all day & done some washing Lawrance & Allen went to the valley today & got |
| Su  31st | back after dark nothing more I believe  found a little snow on the ground this morning but it commenced raining after dinner & continued all day Lawrance Pa & myself went up the ditch ditch in the forenoon to see about the water Law rance & myself fixed up the old sled I altered my gum coat a little |
| Mo  1st | Lloyd went to the point but not back yet & after dark some time  day of January 1855) found it raining & snowing when awoke wind blew very hard heard several trees fall from it Allen & myself went up the ditch after breakfast to turn off some of the water we found 3 trees across the ditch & the water running out in one pace stormed very hard all day Lawrance & Pa & I went up again the evening to take out the snow that had fallen in not much work done in the diggings |
| Tus  2nd | today thundered & lightened very hard in the morning nothing else  found the snow about 12 inches deep this morning pretty cold all day all of us cut a tree down (Jan 1855) & got wood all forenoon old Clark came by & took dinner with us & tur[n]ed all of the water out of the boys ditch near the ranch went out cleaned up & set boxes this evening got gold (1&3/4 oz) all of us except Lloyd went ot the point after breakfast snow about 2 feet deep still storming & turned warmer |
| Thr  4th | about night nothing interesting today more  snowed all day went up the ditch all of us in the morning & found it snowed up clear to the head staid about the cabbin all evening |
| Frd  5th  Sat  6th  Su  7th  Mo  8th | I commenced a letter after supper nothing more today I believe  still snowing in the morning the company went to the point except  myself I staid about the cabbin all day & fixed up the sled &c &c no more  nothing unusual today staid about the cabbin all day got wood in  the evening snow about at a stand colder today nothing more  warm today staid at the cabbin in the forenoon & went with Law  rance in the evening to see the boys near the ranch nothing more  very warm today snow melting fast staid about the cabbin all day commenced raining in the evening & continued until night |
| Tus  9th | A great day yhis I finished my (Jan 1855) letter after supper  staid about the cabbin until nearly noon & went up the ditch & cleaned out the snow caught a severe cold by getting wet very warm today |
| Wed  10th | snow melting considerably got the water down to the second floom  went to the point in the morning to take some letters to the office came back & worked on the fireplace building up the back with  rocks went up the ditch in the evening to see about the water fou |
| Thr  11th | nd it nearly down with the brush broken down in several places  very pleasant today still thawing all of us worked on the ditch rai sing the brush that had fallen in the ditch Shaw got back last night |
| Frd  12th  Sat  13th  Su  14th | about bed time nothing more new today I believe  worked on the ditch again today propping up the brush in broken  places caught a cat in the trap nothing more today I believe  done no work today Allen came back from Dicksen creek in the  evening I read some in a novel &c cut some wood in the forenoon  staid about the cabbin all day cut some wood & hauled it down on the sled nothing more new today I believe |
| Mo  15th  Tus  16th | staid about the cabbin (Jan 1855) all day Pa went to the point we  cut a tree down for plank for boxes nothing more new today  I started to Brays after a whip saw & got back about noon & commenc ed sawing but made slow headway I went to the point after din |
| Wed  17th  Thr  18th  Frd  19th  Sat  20th  Su  21st | ner a file nothing more new today  sawed plank today for boxes Shaw & Lloyd went to the point aft  er a saw but got none sawed all day but made poor headway  sawed again today cloudy & warm all day windy in the evening  & looked very much like rain but none as yet nothing more today  got out another log today to saw very cold towards evening snowed  a little after supper but none to signify nothing more today  sawed again today made a little better progress today Lloyd started  for M.ville in the morning pretty cold & clear nothing more today  staid about the cabbin all day Pa went to the point after dinner but got no letters Shaw & I got some balsam of fir having nothing better to do warm today had the appearance of rain but none |
| Mo | as yet nothing more new today I believe |
| 22nd  Tus  23rd | sawed again today (Jan 1855) Pa went to the point after another  saw & got one from Sterling but it was not much account no more  got a log down the hill & commenced sawing it we nearly finished it before night went over to the diggings & let the water in the hose |
| Wed  24th | so as to thaw them very warm today nothing more today  sawed in the forenoon Shaw Allen & myself went over to the  diggings & set up the hose & got redy for washing very warm |
| Thr  25th | all day looked very much like rain but none as yet  sawed again today sawed some false bottoms warm again  today a severe shock was felt on the 24th after bed time supposed |
| Frd  26th  27th | to be caused from an earthquake nothing more today  finished sawing in the afternoon still warm today  staid about the cabbin all day except put a prop under one of the lending troughs with Shaw to help me. Pa went to the point after |
| Su  28th  Mo  29th  Tus  30th  31st | dinner nothing else today of interest  all of us went to the point today I came back about noon  Pa & I got out a log to saw into (Jan 1855) plank snow melting  fast the wind commenced blowing about sunset no more today  finished our log warm today again nothing more today  went to the point in the forenoon to grind out axes I took Brays saw home & stopped a while at Sterlings claim & looked at them work came home & went to the ranch for some milch commenced rain |
| Thr  1st | ing in the morning but did not continue nothing motr  Shaw Lawrance & I went to Sterlings old diggings to look at them tried several pans of dirt handle Pa & I went to the reser voir in the evening to see about the water & went by the diggings & turned it out of the hose commenced raining after supper |
| Frd  2nd | but didnt continue long nothing more today I believe  all hands worked in the diggings cutting leading ditches &c oved the hose in the forenoon & run off tailings in the after the hose burst |
| Sat  3rd | ed after dinner Allen came back from the valley about supper  worked as usual in the diggings running off old tailings |
| Su  4th | & made about 7$ (Feb 1855) nothing else worth notice today  I staid about the cabbin all day & done some washing a beautiful day overhead Pa went to the point in the morning & got a couple of |
| Mo  5th  Tus  6th | letters one for me & from (Iowa) Allen left today for the valley  worked as usual piping old tailings & took out 7$ cloudy today tho  ught about Iowa a great deal mothing more today  cloudy all day & looked very much like rain but none Shaw & myself cleaned bed rock all day & took out (2oz & 9 1/2$) the hose burs |
| Wed  7th | ted in the forenoon nothing more today  cleaned bed rock & got 1 oz & 2$ pretty good for one hand Shaw wor ked with Lawrance today the hose bursted again we took them off of the penstolk & brought them to the house for the purpose of sew ing them over again Pa went to the point before dark & found Lloyd there drunk it hailed a little about noon & rained a little |
| Thr  8th | about sun set nothing more today  rained a little all day Pa sewed the hose all day & Shaw & myself cleaned bed rock & took out 2 oz Lawrance done pretty well |
| Frd  9th | today Lloyd still on spree (Feb 1855) at the point  Shaw & I cleaned bed rock in the forenoon & run off tailings in the after & took out (one oz & 1/2$ Lawrance took out 19$ alone a beautiful |
| Sat  10th | day warm & pleasant nothing more today  Shaw & I run off tailings all day & got 29$ rained a little in the fore noon alson rained in the evening & snowed a little Lloyd not back |
| Su  11th | yet from the point cleaned up all of the boxes  clear & pretty all of us went to the point after dinner came back & put a box in the ditch so as to turn the water out of the reservoir |
| Mo  12th  Tus  13th  Wed  14th  Thr  15th | also helped Lawrance fix his boxes Lloyd not back yet from the point  pretty cool today all of us helped Lawrance run off tailings &  shoveled in the sluces for him nothing more today  Shaw & I cleaned bed rock in the forenoon & got 8$ set boxes & ho  se & put in false bottoms nothing more)  went to piping today & took out 1 ox & 6$ cloudy all day com  menced raining after supper)  A beautiful day clear & pretty piped in the forenoon the hose bursted & we compelled to strip (Feb 1855) without them in the |
| Frd  16th | afternoon took out 2 oz & 2$ Lloyd not back yet from the point  clear & pretty all day worked with the pipe as usual & took out (8 oz & 3 1/2$) the wind blew about noon & after supper Lloyd got back in  the forenoon from his spree he went to bed & looked very badly had |
| Sat  17th | the delirium Tremens nothing otherwise new today  all of us cleaned bed rock all day Lawrance worked with us in the afternoon & took out 9 oz minus 1$ Lloyd came out to the diggings |
| Su  18th | in the afternoon nothing else today  staid about the cabbin all day & wrote a letter to Pauline Ha un on Iowa. Pa & Lawrance made riffles in the forenoon & he went to the point in the afternoon we had a settlement with Lawrance aft |
| Mo  19th | er supper nothing else today of interest  turned very cold in the forenoon & staid so all day J Shutts cameup to work in Lloyds place as a hired man took out |
| Tus  20th | (27$ 50cts) shively came up to the diggings after dinner no more  all of us except Lloyd started for the valley & arrived at Elizabeth town about noon & took (Feb 1855) dinner at Bivens & started over towards Blackhawk to see about some water but there was no |
| Wed  21st | chance of getting it we came back to town & staid all night at Bivens  (& took breakfast there & started to look at some water on the other hill) side went to the AM ranch took dinner & started for home stop ped on the way & looked at Payned ditch & from there home got |
| Thr  22nd | there before night nothing more I believe uncommon  snowed a little all day I staid about the cabbin all day Pa went to the point & bought an oven for 2$ Shaw & myself went up the ra |
| Frd  23rd | vine near the cabbin & got a couple of pans of dirt & got 50 cts good prospect  snowed to the diggings & laid the hose anew & put the boxes to writes we |
| Sat  24th | had a divide of the gold in the company purse amounting to 640$  I staid about the cabbin all day mended my old boots &c &c meeting was held at Independence bar among the bililence com |
| Su  25th | mitty nothing otherwise new today  clear & pretty in the forenoon but clouded up & snowed a little in the evening I staid (Feb 1855) the cabbin all day men |
| Mo  26th | ded my boots & done some washing nothing more today  the snow about 6 inches deep this morning & continued to rain & s now nearly all day went up the ditch on the forenoon & mended so me broken places in the covering I staid about the cabbin all eve ning & done some mending Pa & Lawrance caulked the bog floom |
| Tus  27th | after dinner nothing more today I believe  went to the diggings to see if we could work but there not water enough went up the ditch & started it down in the forenoon |
| Wed  28th | & got it to the diggings about 1 oc warm today nothing more  found it raining in the morning I went to the point after Shults to work in Lloyds place rained constantly all day pip ed all day a large head of water in the ditch Shaw & myself we nt to the head of the ditch after work to turn off some of the water |
| Thr  1st  Frd | we found several places broken nothing more today  day of March worked with the pipe all day & took out 24$ rain  ed a little today nothing more I believe today |
| 2nd  Sat  3rd  Su  4th | cleaned bed rock all day (Mar 1855) & got 2 oz & 11$ cloudy in the  forenoon but clear in the after nothing interesting today  worked today as usual with the pipe rained in the forenoon but cl  ear in the afternoon gold not weighed today nothing more today  went up tp the reservoir & yurned out the water & tyen went to the point but did not stau long the vililence committee met at the Th |
| Mo  5th | ompson house nothing more today, unusual  commenced raining in the forenoon & continued until noon I went  work in the ravine above the ranch to run a cut up to the flat work |
| Tus  6th | ed alone all day slucing off dirt  Pa & Lloyd had a fuss we had a divide of the provisions with Lloyd we went to the point & arranged out business about out claims rained all day constantly feather river very high part of the old |
| Wed  7th | Saw butment washed away while we were there nothing more  found it raining in the morning it quit about noon but comm enced again in the evening & rained until night Lloyd finished taking away his provisions in the forenoon Shaw & I went to the diggings set the hose & com (Mar 1855) menced washing & got 8$ Pa went to the point in the forenoon & got back about sup |
| Thr  8th | per time nothing otherwise new today  piped today as usual some men from Columbia flat came up to the diggings & made whiskey money panning rained some |
| Frd  9th | today as usual nothing more today  worked today as usual piping rained a good deal today Lloyd is  determined on having a miners meeting some men from Colum |
| Sat  10th  Sun  11th | bia flat went to work in the ravine near the ranch nothing more  worked today as usual turned very cold today & our dirt very hard  to wash can wash but little nothing more today  arranged everything for a miners meeting on Lloyds account but there were but few in attendance staid about the cabbin all day the meeting did not come off there being no miners of consequence fou |
| Mo  12th | nd the ground covered with snow in the morning but it went off about noon  rained & snowed all day & continued raining until bed time worked today as usual Pa & Shults went to the point after din |
| Tus | ner & got some beef & a hoe (Mar 1855) nothing more today rained & snowed all day done no work today Pa & myself went to the after dinner I bought a pair of boots 4$ & like to have got into a fight with George Kline Shively came up to see Shaw & Lawr |
| Wed  14th  Thr  15th | ance for witnesses in Lloyds case Lloyd still at the point  worked all day as usual moved the penstalk & hose also cut some trees  down & mashed a coupple of boxes nothing more today I believe  very cold in the morning but turned warm about noon Cut & b urned brush in the forenoon & all of us went to the point after dinner |
| Frd  16th | to attenf the lawsuit of Lloyds V.S. Haun but it did not come off  all of us attended the suit today it was tried & went in favor of Lloyd of course we came back about supper time Pa entered a complaint against Lloyd for attempting to use a drawing knife on him he was |
| Sat  17th | bound over to keep the peace for 6 months under the penalty of 250$  George Poor came up in the forenoon to summons me as a witness in the case also Shaw & Lawrance all of us went to the point except Pa after we got there Lawrance went after him & he came & had the |
| Su  18th | trial & put Lloyd under (1855) bonds of 250$ for 6 months  all of us went to the point in the forenoon & staid until noon & ca me back I done some washing in the afternoon big –ike came up after |
| Mo  19th | dinner he & the rest of our partners went to his diggings a beautiful day  worked today with the pipe but did not make much I went up  the ditch in the morning & turned on all of the water & stopped several holes in the ditch all of us went to the point after supper but there |
| Tus  20th  21st | was no trial so we came back nothing more today  worked all day as usual & made but little a beautiful day no more  worked all day as usual nothing of interest transpired today clean ed some bed rock. we took out a piece of hose to attach to our other to gi ve it more force we went to the point after supper to see if we could |
| Thr  22nd | get a new trial but was beaten nothing more  Pa Shaw & myself went to the point in the forenoon I went up to Brays to get him to go Pa, s security in the suit Pa started for MVille he heard he gained the suit with Vaughn in the super ior court Shaw & I came home & went to work in the digging & took out 42 1/2$ Pike & Shults (Mar 1855) came up after supper & set |
| Frd  23rd  Sat  24th  Su  25th | a while. I weighed out 1003$ for Shaw as security in the suit  Shaw & I worked for Lawrance & round slucinf Dave Shults came up  to the cabbin after supper & set a while nothing more  Shults & Lawrance helped us set the hose & penstalk in the forenoon  Shaw & I washed in the after & took out 33$  all of us went to the point in the forenoon Shaw got some butter & I got a coupple of letters from Timbermans one for PA & one for myself |
| Mo  26th  Tus  27th | Pas was from court below nothing else I believe today  Shaw & I piped all day & took out 15$ 50cts cloudy today al little Shults  came up after supper nothing more today  Laurance worked with me & Shae with Shults being a little  sick we took out 3 oz 6 1/2$ clouded up in the evening late & sprin |
| Wed  28th  29th  Frd | kled a little after supper Pa not back yet nothing more today  Lawrance & I worked together today & took out 24 1/2$  worked with Lawrance as usual & got 18$ Pa not back yet  Lawrances diggings pay pretty well |
| 30th | found it raining in the morning ( Mar 1855) & continued all day Lawrance & I went to the point in the morning to get some picks sharpened & bought one from Root Lloyd was there drunk as usual Sterling & his partner came up ab out noon to look at the diggings all of us cleaned bed rock & got |
| Sat  31st  Su  1st | 32 1/2$ nothing more interesting today  rained constantly all day. Shaw & I cleaned bed rock all day  & took out 1.14$ Lawrance done pretty well today no more today  day of Aprile I went to the point in the morning but did not stay long went up to the reservoir & to the diggings rained & snow |
| Mo  2nd  Tus  3rd | ed all day nothing more today  Shaw & I worked with the pipe after setting the boxes, on the far side  of the ravine made but little today cool all day  Shaw & I worked for Lawrance in the forenoon stripping & piped in the after set the boxes ready for cleaning bed rock Pa & Bill –ai |
| Wed  4th | ns’ came to the diggings about quitting time)  all of us cleaned bed rock in the forenoon Bill Shaw & myself went to piping in the evening (Apr 1855) & took out 28$ Pa started for the Valley this morning we let big Pike have one hundred $ |
| Thr  5th  Frd  6th | this evening nothing more today  piped in the forenoon Bill & I cut a tree down after dinner & all of us  rolled out the logs Pa & McNabb came from the valley in the evening  piped today as usual & made good wages one piece weighing (4 1/4 oz) the hose bursted a small place & Shaw sewed it up about noon |
| Sat  7th  Su  8th | Chas—the sheriff came up tp levy in Freess’ interest in the ditch &c &c  worked today as usual & made good wages the sale of the ditch came  off today & Pa bought it for me nothing more today  washed some clothes after breakfast & all of us went to the point & we got a bill of sale with interest &c &c Lloyd was drunk as usual a man came up from below by the name of Rositr an old partner |
| Mo  9th | of Shaws nothing more today I believe uncommon  piped today as usual Lawrance & Bill went to the valley with picks & got back about sun set or before Pa worked on the riffles in the forenoon they went to the point to the election & voted for Lewis the boys from below have got back (Apr 1855) & at their cabbin near the ranch rained a little today Shaw & Shults commenced |
| Tus  10th  Wed  11th | work in the flat near the cabbin cutting a ditch nothing more  snowed all day very fast done no work today Staid in the ho  use all day Shaw a little sick today snow about 6 inches deep at night  snowed pretty hard all day done no work in the forenoon staid about the cabbin worked in the evening piping very disagree |
| Thr  12th | able got wet did not clean up nothing of interest today  snow not melted much today worked today the hose burs ted in the forenoon also in the evening Duesler came up &  took dinner in the other cabbin & went out & sewed some on the hose I went down to where Lawrance had set in at the foot |
| Frd  13th | of the ravine near the cabbin it looked very well indeed  did not work in the forenoon Staid ad the cabbin & patched my gum pants Pa & Shults went to the point to get some provisions of his we brought in the hose to mend I went to the reservoir & tu rned off the water to Lawrance Shaw & I set the boxes & cleaned up a little commenced snowing (Apr 1855) after supper Lawrance |
| Sat  14th | commenced higher up the ravine to run in a cut nothing else today  Shaw & I worked with Lawrance running the cut into the flat Shaw found a piece of gold a small bit rained & snowed all day |
| Su  15th | the bank caved badly nothing else today  snowed & rained very hard in the forenoon Shaw & I went to the  diggings & around to Pikes cabbn & home went to the point after dinner & got some provisions from Shults seen their diggings |
| Mo  16th  Tus  17th | on Columbia flat packed up a sack of flour on my back &c &c  did not work in the forenoon worked with Lawrence in the evening  in the cut rained & snowed all day Ristr went to work with us  Shaw & myself cleaned bed rock in the forenoon Bil & Pa helped in the evening & we took (5 oz & 2$) George Poor came up about noon |
| Wed  18th | & gassed a while Pa went to the point in the morning nothing else  Bill Shaw & mylself went to Pikes cabbin & got a coupple of box es & brought them to the diggings we cleaned bed rock & ma de big wges the Basses & Willmans cam up to the cabbin about noon to borrow money (Apr 1855) Pa & Shaw went to |
| Thr  19th | the point after supper Dusler came up about noon)  set the hose & cleaned up the boxes in the forenoon & piped in the  after Bill Rains went to the point to get some gum clothes Shaw |
| Frd  20th  Sat  21st | found a piece of gold weighing (4 1/4 oz) nothing else today  worked with the pipe all day the hose bursted just as we  got done working & got very cold towards night nothing else today  ground sluces in the forenoon Rositer worked with us in the forenoon piped in the evening washed a big lot of dirt no more) |
| Su  22nd | Pike & Dave Shults came up after supper  all of us went to the point in the forenoon we changed off some gold dust for coin to loan at 3 percent per month to the Bass’es & Will man’s, we bought some butter &c Pa made arrangements’ to start beloe for provisions & tools rained a little towards night Shaw |
| Mo  23rd | & I went to Pikes diggings nothing more today  worked with the pipe Shaw & Rositer cleaned bed rock we got 24$ 50 cts the ditch broke after dinner & we quit piping Shaw & Bill stopped the leaks Pa started this (Apr 1855) morning for M Ville |
| Tus  24th  25th | to get hose pipe & provsions a pleasant day today  worked with the pipe all day & took out 44 1/2$ nothing of interest today  piped in the forenoon & set boxes & cleaned up in the after took out 72 1/2$ Dusler came up about noon & took dinner with us a coupple of men stopped at the cabbin a while on their way to the valley from Gibsonvi lle Pike & company came up after supper the Sheriff came up to the |
| Thr  26th | diggings to subpoena Shaw as a witness  cleaned bed rock in the morning & set the house & got ready for was hing took out 44 1/2$ Judge Heath came up to the diggings & then went over to the cabbin I went to the point & got some beef |
| Frd  27th | our hose bursted in the evening Heath staid all night no more today  piped all day & made no money run off a great many tailings clouds flying all day the wind blew & rained some Heath left |
| Sat  28th | the cabbin & did not return at noon nor supper time nothing else  worked with the pipe part of the forenoon & cleaned bed rock set our boxes in the evening & cleaned up ready for piping took out |
| Su  29th  Mo  30th  1st | 25$ Heath came back in the (Apr 1855) evening nothing else  A pleasant day I staid about the cabbin all day Heath went  to the point in the forenoon nothing else of interest today  piped all day took out 28$ nothing else today  day of May piped all day & took out 27 1/2$ Shaw Shults Rains went to the point after supper to the ball or to look on the first day |
| Wed  2nd | of May brings back pleasant recolections of the past nothing more  piped in the forenoon & set the boxes & commenced cleaning bed rock in the after & took out (9 oz 1 1/2$) snowed in the evening & tu rned cold but cleared off after supper Heath not back from |
| Thr  3rd | the point nothing else uncommon I believe today  cleaned bed rock all day & took out (6 oz & 14$) I went to the point early in the forenoon to get some picks sharpened got some hams Cross & Powers came by the diggings in the afternoon Pike & com pany came up after supper Judge Heath & Duesler came |
| Frd  4th | up about noon nothing of consequence today  I went to the point early in the morning & got some provis ions for the company (May 1855) cleaned bed rock the balance of the forenoon set boxes & piped in the after noon & took out 89$ Tim berman & clerk came by the diggings Duesler came up to the cab |
| Sat  5th  Su  6th  Mo  7th  Tusd  8th | bin again nothing else new today  piped all day & took out 22$ Pa arrived about supper time  nothing of importance I believe otherwise  all of us went to the point in the morning & bought some  provisions Pa loaned Thompson some money nothing else  staid about the cabbin all day felt very badly done no work  today I got some milch from the ranch nothing else today  Pa Shaw & Judge Heath started for the valley to attend the lawsuit I went to work with the hires hands did not make mu |
| Wed  9th  Thr  10th | ch today I felt a little better in the evening nothing else today  piped today as usual but did not make much head way  the bank caved badly didn’t make much today  worked as usual slucing off the dirt off of the boxes cleaned some bed rock & took out 39$ 50cts Shaw got back after supper the |
| Frd  11th | suit went against Pa (May 1855) I felt a little better today  cleaned bed rock & took out 72$ in the forenoon rained in the  evening & snowed a little towards night out grum came a little after noon I paid 9 oz & 3$ in dust Heath & Pa came home about |
| Sat  12th  Su  13th  Mo  14th | supper time nothing else today more than usual  found the ground covered with snow in the morning done no work  today pretty cool today I went to Pikes cabbin after a saw no more  all of us went to the point today I came back about noon & stop  ped a while at the saw mill nothing else today I believe  all of us divided off & went to work as usual Shaw Heath &  Rains commenced running a cut in the flat near Pikes cabbin |
| Tus  15th  Wed  16th  Thr  17th | Rositer & I did not clean up tonight our hose bursted about night  we finished the old stump in the morning & took out 26$ the rest of  the company still running the cut into the flat nothing else today  worked all day with the pipe but did not make anything worth  naming cleaned some bed rock in the evening nothing else today  Rositer & myself cleaned bed rock in the forenoon & took out 33$ |
| Frd  18th  Sat  19th | sliced off some blue mud (May 1855) in the evening  Rains Rositer & myself cut & split an old cedar out of the way  Pa & Lawrance fixing up the hose & pipe all of us cleaned up brest  Pa Rains & myself cutting ditches & fixing boxes to start the pipe  Pa went to the point in the morning & got back a little after dinner went  to piping it did not work as well as we expected worked all evening |
| Su  20th | with it rained & snowed a little all day a drizzle nothing else  stormed very hard all day snowed & rained all of us staid about  the cabbin all day & settled up our affairs Pike came up after supper |
| Mo  21st  Tus  22nd | Lloyd came up to Pikes cabbin & went to the point  piped as usual & took out 72$ all coarse gold rained & snowed  a little today snow melting very fast nothing else today  worked in the forenoon with the pipe hose bursted after din ner Pa & Duesler went to sewing on them Bill & I ground sluc ed the Sheriff came with Lloyd to place him in possession of his diggings but Lloyd did not stay long. commenced hailing |
| Wed | after supper nothing of consequence today |
| 23rd | Bill & myself ground sluced (May 1855) in the forenoon Pa & Du esler went to sewing on the hose set the pipe & worked in the evening found the ground covered with snow in the morning but it soon |
| Thr  24th | went off  Bill & myself cleaned bed rock & finished it after dinner & took out  8.50 Pa started for the Valley this morning to attend this suit he took pa rt of the pipe to have it altered a little he received a letter from home written |
| Frd  25th  26th | in March nothing more of interest today  worked a while with the pipe but it did not work very well made  Shaw took the pipe to the valley to get it altered again Pa Bill & myself worked with part of the pipe slucing down took out one ounce Shaw |
| Su  27th | got back before supper Lawrance & Rositer got on a spree nothing else today  all of us went to the point in the forenoon but did not stay long Pa re ceived a coupple of letters from home spoke of times being very hard |
| Mo  28th  Tus | & provisions very scarce nothing else new today  Pa Bill Shults & I worked with the pipe Jim only worked in the fore  noon & took out 42$ nothing else today |
|  | (July 1855) |
| 3rd  Wed  4th  Thr  5th | the hose bursted several times today we lost nearly the whole  day mending them nothing otherwise new today  everybody going to the valley to see the bear & bull fight Eves started  also we staid at home & worked all day nothing else today  piped all day as usual washed a good deal of dirt Mc Fall came by the diggings from the valley perfectly disgusted with the fight an old man came up to the diggings by the name of Hueston he was acquainted |
| Frd  6th  7th  8th | with H.R. I had some talk with him but he did not stay long  cleaned bed rock all day & took out 2 oz minus 2$ nothing else today  cleaned bed rock again today & took out 39$ nothing else today  all of us went to the point in the morning & staid a little while got some provisions came back & we went to the willow ranch & over to Sterlings diggings & found some chinamen at work in the ravine we killed a rattle snake Lloyds partner came up to the cabbin after a |
| Mo | knife & fork & some other little things nothing interesting today |
|  | (July 1855) |
| 9th  Tus  10th | worked today as usual but made nothing the hose bursted  in the forenoon nothing else uncommon today  worked as usual & took out 12$ set the boxes ready for cleaning up Daviess came up in the forenoon to see Lawrance concerning Shaws |
| Wed  11th | money nothing else uncommon today  cleaned bed rock all day & took out 7$ minus 2$ Pa & Shaw ca me to the diggings little before sun set & we quit work & came to |
| Thr  12th | the house all well at H.P.’s nothing more today  Pa & I went to work in the upper diggings cleaned off the rocks Shaw & the balance went up Pikes ditch to turn in m |
| Frd  13th  Sat  14th  Su | ore water to fix up the dam heard that Buchannan was dead  Pa & I worked in the old channel but made nothing cleaned  off a great many rocks nothing else today  Pa & I still at work in the old channel made pretty near wages  moved a great many roacks & roots nothing more today |
|  | (July 1855) |
| 15th | al of us went to the point in the forenoon & I came back wi th Tom Eves before dinner to get a letter of his I staid about the cab bin in the evening & shot squirrels Lawrance went to the point to |
| Mo  16th | start below nothing else new today  went to work with the pipe in the left side of the ravine Prisk came up to buy Shaw out but did not do it I had some talk wi th Shaw about buying him out Weston Haver came to the dig |
| Tus  17th | gings in the evening from below he staid all night at the point  Pa & I worked as usual I bargained to buy Shaws interest in ev erything for $550.00 him & I went to the point after supper but did not stay long a temperance meeting was held at the point |
| Wed  18th | tonight nothing else uncommon today  moved down the hose & pipe to the lower diggings cleared off some ground for the hose got to piping in the afternoon but had but little water cloudy today nothing more I believe |
| Thr | (July 1855) |
| 19th  Frd  20th  21st | piped today as usual washed up two trees had a hall  storm in the evening it increased the water considerably  worked with the pipe all day washing off the top dirt &c  Lawrance sold out to Rositer & we three worked as usual cutting & piling up logs & stumps cleaned up our boxes in |
| Su  22nd | the evening & took out 3 oz minus 1$ nothing else uncommon  had a settlement in the morning of all our business then  went to the point I took down some shirts to wash came ba ck pretty near by night & got supper Pa received a letter from |
| Mo  23rd | Dave in Iowa starting that he was coming out as soon as possible  worked in the same place as usual I cleaned bed rock nea rly all day but did not clean up the boxes we commenced us |
| Tus  24th | ing the reservoir not having water sufficient nothing else  worked as usual I cleaned bed rock all day & took out 62$ Shaw Lawrance & another man came by the diggings on their |
|  | (July 1855) |
| Wed  25th  26th  Frd  27th  Sat  28th  Su  29th | way to the point nothing of interest today (today  worked as usual cleaning bed rock & piping did not clean up boxes  worked as usual piping & cleaning bed rock took out 66$ Rositer & I  went to the point after supper we seen Shaw & Lawrance  worked as usual piping &c Shaw & Lawrance came yo to the dig  gings early in the morning nothing else of consequence today  worked all day at a stump & got it out of the way in the evening  & cleaned a little bed rock & got (76$) pretty good days’ work today  Pa Rositer & myself went up the Pike ditch early in the morning to see about the water came back & went to the point & stayed a little after dinner ground some axes &c went up our ditch in the evening Rositer & I divided out grub into four parts after sup |
| Mo  30th  31st | per nothing else of consequence today (today  worked as usual & took out 24$ warm as usual nothing else  piped in the forenoon & cleaned bed rock in the evening also cleaned up |
|  | (Aug 1855) |
| Wed  1st  Thr  2nd  Frd | & set our boxes took out 22$ nothing else today of interest  cleaned bed rock all day & took out (2 3/4 oz) a man came by the diggi  ngs enqing for Tom Eves out hose bursted in the evening  piped & cleaned bed rock all day made but little nothing of interest  Shaw & Lawrance came to the diggings early in the morning to get their moneyas soon as possible by deducting a little took |
| Sat  4th | out 14$ Lawrance came by in the evening on his way to the valley  worked as usual with the pipe in the foreniin Rositer & I clean ed bed rock in the evening & took out 26$ I went to the ranch |
| Su  5th | & got a bottle of whiskey nothing else today unusual  all of us went to the point in the morning & staid nearly all day we got some provisions & Pa got some money of the Basses to pay  off Shaw with both of us received a letter from home mine |
| Mo  6th | was a long one a great deal of news in it nothing else today  worked as usual cut down a coupple of trees the first thing |
|  | (Aug 1855) |
| Tus  7th | I cleaned some bed rock & took out 9$ Shaw came by in the forenoon but did not stay  worked today as usual we found some men siniking a hole in the reservoir flat Pa & mysef went up the ditch after dinner & pu t a notice at the head of it & one at the foot all of us went to the po int after some things Pa paid off Shaw & had a talk with one of the men that was prospecting in the flat Shaw & Duesler came to |
| Wed  8th | the diggings in the forenoon but they did not stay long no more  I went to the ranch to see Lawrance about getting out part of the money that was taken out of the black sand bottle I went back to the claim & Pa & I went again & got 3$ we had a long talk with  him we cut a ditch on the hill to lead in the waste water also fixed the hose & cleaned out another little ditch that the prospec |
| Thr  9th | tors had filled up with mud nothing else today  went to work in the forenoon as usual but did not work long out water was so muddy we had to quit work we all |
|  | (Aug 1855) |
|  | went up to where they were prospecting & staid about half an hour Lloyd was there also I cleaned bed rock & took out 27$ all of us went to the point after supper there was a free ball given |
| Frd  10th | by Fox nothing else new today I believe  worked as usual piping & cleaning rock Shaw & Duesler came up in the forenoon & Pa went with them to where the prospectors were out water was not muddy in the evening Shaw & Duesler went back before dinner Dueslers’ boy took dinner with us Pa |
| Sat  11th | received a letter from H.R. on Thursday evening nothing else today  cleaned bed rock all day & got 2 oz all of us went to the point after supper Pa jpined the Know Nothing party Shaw was getting ready |
| Su  12th | to start below nothing else of consequence today  Pa & I went up the ditch to the big floom & cut a ditch leading in to the main one worked until after dinner & finished it came to camp & got dinner Pa & Rositer went up the Pike ditch wh |
|  | (Aug 1855) |
| Mo  13th  Tus  14th | ile I soled my gum boots nothing else today uncommon  cleaned bed rock until after dinner a while took out (one oz)  set the pipes & piped the balance of the day nothing else of interest today  piped all day as usual & cleaned up one bottom & got 2$ I comm enced cleaning some bed rock but did not do much Rositer & I went up to the reservoir after dinner & I renewed out notice the prospec |
| Wed  15th  Thr  16th  17th | tors are still bothering our water nothing else of consequence today  piped all day but made nothing Rositer did not work  in forenoon he being sick the prospectors are still at work  worked as usual & made 9$ nothing of interest today  cleaned some bed rock in the forenoon but made very little Rositer & I went on his claim below & cut & burned brush all evening |
| Sat  18th | while Pa sewed hose nothing of interest today  all of us went to burning brush & cleaning up Rositers claim so as to work it old Bray from winters’ creek came up |
|  | (Aug 1855) |
|  | to where we were at work & staid a while all of us went to |
| su  19th | the point after supper & staid until pretty late no more  the company went to the point except myself I staid at the cabbin took a knap Rositer came in a little after dinner |
| Mo  20th  Tus  21st | rained in the night a little I felt a little sick today  set the penstalk & hose in the forenoon & got to piping in the eve  ning & got 9$ pretty good considering the quantity of dirt washed  we concluded to set our hose & rigging farther down the ravine & set in where Lawrance first worked got to washing in the evening |
| Wed  22nd  23rd  Frd  24th | made nothing hose bursted nothing else today unusual  worked as usual & made five dollars a little better no more  worked as usual in the cut & took out 10$ the hose bursted late  in the evening nothing more today  worked in the cut & took out 16 1/2$ I renewed out notices at the reservoir this evening I also went in the drift It was in about |
|  | (Aug 1855) |
| Sat  25th  26th | 24 feet our hose bursted in the evening again  took out 21$ today nothing else of consequence today (Pa got a letter from home)  all of us went up in the mountains to where the water runs fro m towards the valley to take a survey of it. there was but little of it came back & went to the point after dinner. There was a  man buried that killed himself by jumping in the river |
| Mo  27th | & striking a rock under water nothing else today  worked as usual & took out but little H Bray came to the dig gings early in the morning & took dinner with us Pa went to |
| Tus  28th  Wed  29th  30th  Frd | his diggings after dinner Staid until night  worked as usual & took out 24$ I renewed Dueslers notice in  the evening & cleaned some bed rock nothing else today  worked as usual & took out 15$ nothing of interest today  piped in the forenoon & took out 11$ we set our boxes out of the  cut & commenced digging it deeper so as to get fall for our boxes |
|  | (Sep 1855) |
| 31st  Sat  1st | worked in the forenoon digging down the cut & took out  29$ nothing else of particular interest I believe  we brought some boxes down from where we worked last & set them in the cut & commenced piping worked the balance of the |
| Su  2nd | day & took out 22 1/2$ pretty good today nothing else  Rositer & I worked out the pan box we cleaned out part of the gold & had 2 oz Pa & Rositer went to the point after dinner & got some grub |
| Mo  3rd  4th  5th  Thr  6th  7th  8th | I staid about the cabbin alone nothing more today I believe  piped today as usual & took out 16$ I renewed the notice at the reservoir  took out 27$ today Pa & Rositer went to the point after supper  election day we all went to the point after dinner Rositer & I came  back & went to work but Pa staid until night we took out 10$ today  worked as usual & took out 38$ nothing else today  we took out 9$ today I renewed Dueslers notice after dinner  worked as usual & took out 17$ nothing of interest today |
| Sun | (Sep 1855) |
| 9th | panned out the gold that came out of the sand box & got about 38$ all of us went up the Pike ditch & stopped some leaks & went in the ditch at the reservoir it was in about 70 feet got dinner & went to the point Shaw & Bill rains got back in the evening Bill ca |
| Mo  10th  Tusd  11th | me home with us I bought a pair of pants from Timberman  set the hose & penstalk & washed in the evening took out 8 1/2$  Bill came up about supper time nothing else today  workedtoday as usual Pa & Bill went up the Pike ditch to get more water down Rositer & I cleaned bed roc in the forenoon & got 16 1/2$ |
| Wed  12th | & 21$ in the evening piping ) nothing else today  Rositer & I worked in the diggings & Pa & Bill cut & piled up logs they let a log roll in the cut & mashed a coupple of boxes I got out the old nails while Bill & Rositer cut & burned more brush Pa |
| Thr  13th | went to the house & made more boxes nothing else today  worked as usual & took out 24$ Pa & Bill cut & burned bru |
|  | (Sep 1855) |
| Frd  14th  15th  Su  16th | sh I renewed the notice at the reservoir nothing else today  took out 17 1/2$ Bill & I went to the point after supper I took a letter down  all of us worked in the diggings all day & took out 131$ com  menced raining about sun set but did not rain much  went up to where the drift was was run in at the reservoir it was in a long ways came back after mending up the log heaps & we |
| Mo  17th  18th  19th  20th  Frd  21st  22nd  23rd | nt to the point came back & got dinner rained about supper time  took out 15 1/2$ rained a little in the forenoon I renewed Dueslers notice  cloudy pretty much all day but no rain took out 10 1/2$ no more  worked as usual & took out 27$ nothing else of consequence today  eashed a great deal of dirt & took out 11$ Rositer went to the po  int after quitting work nothing else today  took out 28$ nothing occurred of interest today  worked as usual & took out 22 1/2$ nothing of interest today  Bill & i took the gun & went up tp the reservoir & went in the |
|  | (Sep 1855) |
|  | drift 135 feet in came by the diggings & around home I killed a |
| Mo  24th  Tus  25th  26th | hawk all of us went to the point after dinner & staid until sup  er time) did not do much today set the hose & boxes in the fore  noon so as to wash in the after hose bursted &c made nothing  hose bursted three times today took out 6 1/2$ nothing more  worked today as usual Rositer & I went up the ditch after din ner to see if there was any leaks came back & went to work we did |
| Thr  27th | not clean up today nothing new today  piped in the forenoon & cleaned up in the after Rositer sold out to B ill Rains for 150$ Rositer went to the point & staid all night we |
| Frd  28th  29th  30th | took out about 9$ I renewed Dueslers notice nothing else today  took out only 6$ today nothing of interest today  worked as usual & took out 13$ nothing of interest today  all of us went up to the reservoir & by the diggings & set some log heaps a fire & went to Pikes cabbin & Lloyd came in while we |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
|  | were there Pa & him had a fight & he got whipped & one of the  bucks to witness it we then went to the point & Pa hit him |
| Mo  1st  2nd | with a stick & broke it over his head & cut quite a gash nothing else  worked only part of the day & got 3 1/2$ very warm today  worked all forenoon & got 14 1/2$ warm as usual Duesdler came up to the diggings & took dinner with us all of us went to the point after supper I got a gun from Duesler & brought it up |
| Wed  3rd  Thr  4th  Frd | Lloyd gone below &c nothing else today  worked as usual & only got 3$ the drifters are about quitting their  drift warm today nothing else today  all of us started for the valley we staid there all day & took di  nner at the A.M. Ranch we got home about dark worked a little in the evening A.J. Haun came to the diggings |
| Sat | in the evening nothing else uncommon today |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
| 6th | all of us worked in the forenoon & we all went up the river above Brays to look at some diggings & got home about supper time we killed |
| Su  7th | some squirrels &c nothing else of importance today  took a walk around the diggings & to the reservoir killed some squirr els & renewed Dueslers notice went to the point after dinner & staid un til night went to Columbia flat to look at the diggings but we could |
| Mo  8th | not make a trade with any of them nothing else today  worked in the forenoon & Bill & I worked a while in the evening Pa & Jack went up to Brays diggings to see if they could buy an inter |
| Tus  9th  Wed  10th | est but they did not succeed nothing else today  worked in the forenoon as usual Bill went to the valley early  in the morning did not clean up today  worked as usual while the water lasted Mrs Fox Mrs edw rds Mr. Edwards & Mc Guire all took dinner with us cleaned up & got 7$ we all went to the point there was a ball given by |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
|  | Root we found Bill there & he came home with us I looked |
| Thr  11th  12th  Sat  13th  Su  14th | at them dance a while nothing else today  worked as usual & took out 12 1/2$ nothing of importance today  worked as usual & did not clean up today the water very slik  renewed the notice at the reservoir nothing else today  took out about 17$ bill & I went up the ditch but founf no  leaks only in the floom nothing of consequence today  we all took a walk across some ravines beyond the diggings & around home went to the point after dinner except Jack got some beef cabbages & a (sedge for 4 1/2$) Pa got a letter from Lloyds w |
| Mo  15th | ife wanting information af John Lloyd nothing else today  worked in the forenoon set boxes & cleaned up in the eve ning & got 4$ Jack went over to the Illinois Ranch to see John Terwilliger Bill & I Went to the point after supper |
| Tus | I got an old gun from Duesler nothing else today |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
| 16th | worked in the forenoon & went out time enough to clean up in the evening Pa & Bill hued out a pole to brace up the roof |
| Wed  17th | of the cabbin with. we got about 2$ very poor indeed  worked in the forenoon & cleaned up in the evening & got little or nothing old –ockham came by the diggings in the evenin g. Pa & Bill put the brace under the roof I fixed up mu gun |
| Thr  18th | & Bill Killed a chipmonk with it nothing else today  worked in the forenoon as usual Jack came back abo ut noon from the valley Duesler & Jennings came to the diggi ngs in the forenoon also John Lewis Pa & Jack went to the po int after dinner Bill & I ripped up some old hose we clean |
| Frd  19th | ed up but got nothing of consequence nothing else today  worked in the forenoon as usual Fox took dinner wit h us we set penstalk & boxes in the evening cleaned up in  the forenoon but got but little cleaned up in the evening also the wind blew but no rain |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
| 20th | worked as usual & took out (16 1/2$) nothing of interest today |
| 21st | I staid about the cabbin in the forenoon James Shults came up & took dinner with us & we all went to the point |
| Mo  22nd | staid until night nothing else today uncommon  Pa & Jack went to the point after breakfast to see Bray to get some money of him but they did not succeed so he took some coarse gold we had him & Duesler started for the valley but Jack did not go he came up home about supper time Tom Jennings came to the diggings in the fore noon & staid until after dinner & went back ot to the point I do not Know which |
| Tus  23rd | Bill & I worked while the water lasted in the forenoon Nothing else  Jack started for the valley after breakfast so as to meet Pa & Duesler at the Illinois Ranch & then to look at some diggings |
| Wed  24th | worked in the forenoon as usual I renewed the notices at the reservoir  worked in the forenoon & usual & made nothing of consequen |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
|  | ce Bill & I went to the point in the evening & got Timbermans saw |
| Thr  25th | got a coupple of letters for Pa & Jack nothing else today  Bill & I worked a little in the forenoon but did not clean up Pa & Jack came to the diggings as we were going to quit Pa & Jack went to the point after dinner while Bill & I sawd |
| Frd  26th | wood nothing of importance otherwise today  Bill & I worked in the forenoon & got one piece weighing (2 oz & 9$) all of us except Pa commenced sinking some holes on the hill Jack & I commenced one at the head of the ravine that |
| Sat  27th | runs by the cabbin Pa sewed on the hose today)  Bill & I worked in the forenoon but made nothing went to sinking our holes in the evening Joe Grenny took din |
| Su  28th | ner with us nothing else uncommon)  Bill & I set some log a fire at the upper diggings & came to the house & brought some plank & old leading troughs & comme nced renovating the cabbin & fixing it up a little worked all |
| Mo | hard nothing else of interest |
|  | (Oct 1855) |
| 29th | Bill & I worked in the diggings in the forenoon at a stump made nothing of course we set up a windless over shaft |
| Tus  30th | got ready for work nothing more today  Bill & I worked at our shaft & struck the bed rock in the evening a little before sunset did not wash any of the dirt came to the cabbin & sawed up some logs for wood Pa |
| Wed  31st | & Jack came to the point as we went to the house no more today  sawed & got wood all day Pa sewed on the hose very cool in the monrning ice on the water Bill went to the point |
| Thr  1st  Frd  2nd | before supper nothing more today uncommon  very cool in the forenoon sawed & got wood as usual jack  & I while Pa sewed on the hose nothing else today  cool as usual I set fire to the log heaps at the upper diggings in the morning & Jack & I sawed wood Bill came home fr |
| 3rd  Su  4th | Jack & I went up the ditch as far as the bear trap looking for  small timber & came home about noon nothing more  sat around the cabbin in the forenoon all of us went to the point after dinner saw Bill at (Nov 1855) the point Just got |
| Mo  5th  6th | back from rabbit creek he came home with us  set some logs a fire in the morning nothing interest today  we sawed up a log before our cabbin door in the forenoon Tho mpson sent up some grub I went to the point about sup er time to take Timbermans saw home & got back after da |
| Wed  7th | rk nothing interesting today  all of us went up the ditch to put some timber under the vresh to hol up the snow we finished it about dark coud |
| Thr  8th  Frd  9th | ded up & sprinkled a little after supper nothing else today  worked all day in the diggings we did not clean up Jack  went to the point in the evening nothing nre  went to work in the morning & found it very cold a heavy  frost got out the stup & cleaned up & only got 4$ comme |
| Sat  10th | nced snowing after supper nothing else today  set boxes in the forenoon & got ready for washing fou  nd it raining in the morning rained & snowed all day |
| Su  11th | a little took out 9$ (Nov 1855) nothing more today  rained a little in the forenoon Bill & I cut some wood in the morning Pa & Jack went to the point after dinner |
| Mo  12th  Tus  13th  Wed  14th  15th | Bill & I daubed the cabbin & laid the hearth in the evening  worked as usual did not clean up Duesler came by from  the velley & took dinner with us snowy & rainy all day  worked as usual & took out 12$ snowed nearly all day  & after supper nothing else today  worked a little today but did not clean up snowed a little in the morning  our ditch froze up done no work today Pa & Jack went to the point in the morning & came back late in the evening The Sheriff came by the cabbin in the forenoon while Bill & I was cutting wood to notify or arrest Pa for assault & Battery he staid all night with us Bill & I cut wood all day |
| Frd  16th | made a little bridge across the ravine in fron of cabbin  All of us started for the valley & got there a little before noon had the trial in the evening & found Pa guilty & fined him (150$) we put up at coburns all night did not rest well |
| Sat | (Nov 1855) |
| 17th | we looked at some diggings in the morning Pa borrowed some money paid his fine & we started for Quincy after din er stopped & saw a coupple of scrubb races & started in comp |
| Su  18th  Mo  19th  Tus  20th | any with Lewis for home & got there after night no more  all of us went to the point Lewis sent up some potated  early in the morning we got some beef & came home  Pa & Jack for M Ville after breakfast & Bill & I  worked in the diggings all day but made but little  Bill & I worked in the evening & made nothing we assorted out our onions James Shults came up in the morning & went back & brought up his things for this purpose of staying wi |
| Wed  21st | th us nothing of consequence today  very cold in the morning Jim went to fixing his rocker to go to work Bill & I split wood all evening Jim made a little |
| Thr | money in the evening nothing else today uncommon |
| 2nd  Frd | done no work in the diggings today Bill & I split wood today  23rd) I went to the point after breakfast & borrowed (50$) of Fox I also got a paper for J (Nov 1855) Shults I built up the log heaps at the upper diggings Jim & Bill rocked in the big rav |
| Sat  24th | ine nothing else new today  Bill & I started for the valley early in the morning to pay Kyler his money Pa borrowed of him got there a little after dinner  & took dinner with Coburn I saw Mrs Dusler we saw a coupple of races I lost one$ only on a mule race we seen |
| Su  25th  Mo  26th | Lloyd there we got home a little after dark nothing else today  all of us went to the point in the morning & staid until  after dinner we bought Dueslers hog & brought it up home  Bill & I set our boxes & got ready for work we then built up the log heaps & came to the house I set a gun for a cayote |
| Tus  27th | but it went off before dark Jim made but little today  Bill & I set the boxes in the forenoon but did not wash today set our log heaps a fire all of us went to the point ground our axes |
| Wed  28th | & knives very cold at night nothing else today  Bill & I went prospecting up the ditch & around towards the ranch but got no prospects came home & I made a ram rod |
|  | (Nov 1855) |
|  | for my gun &cut some wood the wind blew hard in the morning & commenced storming but quit towards night |
| Thr  29th  Frd  Sat  1st | met Lewis & Cook going to the valley nothing else today  done no mining today Bill & I cut wood all day no more  worked with a rocker with Jim Shults & we made 6$ turned  warm & commenced raining nothing else today  Bill & I went out to work but did not work long on account of the water I then went up & worked with Shults & only made (50 cts) Joh |
| Su  2nd  Mo  3rd | n Shults came up to where we were at work & staid a little while  Bill & Jim went to the point in the morning & came back about  supper time I pottered about the cabbin all day  very cold in the morning & went to work putting in another w indow in the cabbin Fox came up after dinner & staid until late |
| Tus  4th  Wed  5th | in the evening it turned warm after supper  Jin & I worked with the rocker & made (5 1/2$) nothing other wise today  we all got up early 7 made preparations for killing our hog. we  finished it about noon Bill went to the point but did not get back that night (Dec 1855) Jim & I cut up the hog & salted |
| Thr  6th  Frd  7th  Sat  8th | it away commenced snowing in the evening nothing else  Jim && I set about the cabbin all day & kept up the fire Bill & John  Shults came up after supper from the point snowed all day  we staid about the cabbin all day the snow being so deep we cou  ld hardly get out. about up to our waists  turned warm today & melted all day John Shults started for the valley in the forenoon Jim & I went as far as Pikes cabbin |
| Sun  9th  10th  Tus  11th | with him we got a coupple of old picks & some things &c  nothing of consequence transpired today  Jim & I went to the point after breakfast & staid until night  rained & thawed nearly all day we got some novels &c &c  pleasant overhead Snow melting some Jim & I went out & worked a little while & we brought all of our tools to the cut in front of the cabbin & prospected a little turned cold abo |
| Wed  12th | ut night nothing else today (my birthday)  staid about the cabbin all day & read novels pretty cold all day snow not melting much nothing of interest today |
| Thr | 13th staid about the cabbin (Dec 1855) all day having nothing else to do Bill went to the point about noon Pa & Dave came back w ith him about supper time they left Ma & Lizzie at Rabbit creek |
| Frd  14th  Sat  15th | heard all of the news of course snowed a little today  we all shoveled out roads to the spring & between the cabins  Bill & I hauled some wood on a sled & pulled out the tongue pretty  Jim Bill & I went to the point after breakfast to grind a chiz zle & got an augre & came back Jim & Bill staid all night |
| Su  16th | snowed all day nothing else I believe  staid about the cabbin all day & made snow shoes out of hoops & flour sacks Jim came home before breakfast but Bill staid |
| Mo  17th | on his spree warm & thawed all day  I finished the sled &c Dave Pa & I went up the ditch as far  as the big floom & found the water near the bear trap coming |
| Tus  18th | down we wore our snow shoes to try them thawing fast all day  I started about day light for Quincy & got there about 10 oc I staid until after dinner got through with my business & started home stopped a little while at the Illinois ranch brought some books for (Dec 1855) Jim from John Shults got |
| Wed  19th | home about supper time nothing else today  staid about the cabbin nearly all day Pa & Bill went up Pikes ditch & stopped some leaks Dave & I went out to the dig gings & turned the water out of the hose rained & snowed all |
| Thr  20th | day we went to the reservoir but found no water nothing else  Pa Dave & I started for Rabbitt creek arrived at onion valley ne arly noon got something to eat & fixed our snow shoes & start ed on we met several men from Gibsonville one of them had a letter for Pa. arrived at Gibson about 2 oc took dinner & left our snow shoes & started arrived at Rabbit creek about supper time & surprised them all we went to a party & staid until |
| Frd  21st | 12 oc snowed all night nothing else today  staid about the hotel all day. Brown & Neal came in af ter supper & played cards & drak Champagne we set up late snowed nearly all day but commenced raining after supper |
| Sat  22nd | & continued nearly all night  All of us started for Gibson Ville about (11 oc) but only got to the half way house (Dec 1855) & staid all night Ma give |
| Su  23rd | out & had to stop nothing else today uncommon  got up early in the morning fixed up an pld sled & started arri ved at Gibsonville after a hard tramp 12 oc &c & took dinner & started again but did not get far so we concluded to turn |
| Mo  24th | back & we staid all night turned very cold in the night &c  found it very cold in the morning the coldest weather ever f elt in the country we started but only got partially up the hill it was two cold to under take it Pa Smith & I git sime timber |
| Tus  25th | to make a sled but did not finish it nothing more today  Christmas day we finished our sled Wfast & started for onion valley eight or ten men came over with us & arrived at the  valley about 2 oc we had a big dinner a good many came in from the neighboring diggings very cold on the hill snowed towards even |
| Wed  26th | ing nothing or particular interest today otherwise  we started after breakfast for the point about (10 oc) several m en helped us up the hill four of them came to the point with us & got there after dinner (Dec 1855) we took dinner at Foxes Dave Jim Shults & I started with the sled for home. snowed very fast all evening Pa Ma & Lizzie staid all night at Foxes we met Sherwin Lovejoy & Sterling & mc Donald on their way be |
| Thr 27th | low we stopped at a cabbin & built a fire to warm by &c &c  done nothing all day but staid about the cabbin all day rain ed & snowed nearly all day Dave & I went out to the diggings &  found the hose full of ice we cleaned the snow off of them & came to the house Pa Ma & Lizzie came about the sunset tu |
| Frd | rned very cold in the morning went to work making preparations for living making bunks washing clothes bed ticks &c |
| Sat  29th | very cold all day nothing else of interest today  very cold today Bill Dave & I went to cutting logs to build another cabbin worked until noon & quit Dave broke an |
| Su  30th | axe being so cold nothing else today  Bill & I went to the point on in the morning to get a saw |
| Mo  31st | 7 other things & came back about noon (Jan 1856) pretty cold today  all of us went to work on the house laid the foundation & put up some of the logs I did not work much in the forenoon having a |
| Tus  1st  Wed  2nd | very sore throat but I helped in the evening I felt badly all day &c &c  the first day of a new year I done nothing but the balance w  orked on the cabbin staid about the cabbin all day nothing else today  I went to the point in the forenoon & came back about noon boug ht some little necessaries &c &c worked on the cabbin with the ballan |
| Thr  3rd  Frd  4th | ce of the company still pretty cold today nothing else today  worked on the cabbin all day hauling logs on a sled I washed a li  ttle for Ma after supper cold getting a little better  nothing og interest today Jim & I sawed some logs for boards J im & Bill cut the tree down & Bill went to the point to get a frow mended & got back about supper time John Lewis stopped a w |
| Sat  5th | hile at the cabbin towards night turned warm about nught  Bill & I split out some bolts & carried them up while the rest covered it Dave nailed them on we had to thaw the timber to split |
| Su  6th  Mo  7th  Tus  8th  Wed  9th | it cloudy all day (Jan 1856) nothing else new today  staid about the cabbin all day & mended chairs stools &c Bill  & Jim went to the point after breakfast nothing of interest today  worked on the cabbin today we finished the roof & laid part of  the floor a beautiful day over head nothing of consequence today  worked on the cabbin today finished the floor & cut out a w  indow cloudy a little today nothing else new today  did not work on the cabbin today Jim & I helped wash a lot of clothers snowed & rained all day Pa & Bill went to the point to |
| Thr  10th | see about a stove nothing else today  Bill & I went up Pikes ditch to see about the water & started it down about half way & left it. melting nearly all day Pa & Dave went to Lockhams diggings & bought an interest for 333$ & came back the same day & brought Cooper with them |
| Frd  11th | he staid all night with us  Pa & Cooper went to the point in the morning & staid nearly all day Duesler & Brooks came back with him to stay all night the balance of us went up pikes ditch & shov eled out the snow as far as the cabbins (Jan 1856) & quit commen |
| Sat  12th | ced snowing after dinner & continued until night nothing else  A clear pretty day Duesler & Brooks started for the point after brea kfast Brooks cut my hair before he left we all shoveled snow out of |
| Su  13th | the Pike ditch & got the water nearly down to the diggings & quit  Dave Bill & I went up the hill & brought down the load of wood Pa & Bill started to the point Dave & I went up Pikes ditch & stopped a place in the ditch & took the sled & started for the point to get a stove we left the sled at the brink of the hill we staid until nearly night |
| Mo  14th | but got no stove we all came back but Bill nothing more  warm & clear today Pa Dave & I went up Pikes ditch & stopped so me leaks Dave & I went to the diggings & got the water in the penst alk but did not get the ice out of the hose went up the ditch |
| Tus  15th | in the evening to the diggings nothing else today unusual  warm & cloudy all day we all went out to the diggings Dave & i built a fire & thawed the ice out of the hose & turned the water on cleaned out the lower end of the ditch mines all evening |
| Wed  16th | but got but little (Jan 1856) nothing else today uncommon  cleaned bed rock in the forenoon Pa & Dave went up the ditch & st opped some holes & we all went to piping in the afternoon the hose bu |
| Thr  17th | rsted about quitting time we got about 6$ very poor today  pretty cold in the morning but turns warmer about noonrou Pa & Dave started to American Valley to see about getting a stove Jom & I hauled some wood after breakfast. I put up clothes line got some blocks for stools & a tongue for a sled I went to the diggin gs & mended the hose worked on the sled tongue in the evening & |
| Frd  18th  Sat  19th | ght (a flat iron) nothing else today uncommon  pretty cold in the morning worked on my sled Pa Dave & Bill  came in towards night I finished my sled in the evening &c  cold in the morning but a beautiful day I went up on the hill & got a load of wood I worked about the house all day Jim went to the point after breakfast & got back a little before supper time our stove came from the valley & we all hauled it from the  road on a sled Dave & I put in the windows very cold towards |
| Su  20th  Mo  21st | night nothing else of interest today (Jan 1856)  all of us worked on the cabbin fixing up &c ripped up some old boxes  & got the gold about 4 1/2$ cloudy today nothing else today  cloudy nearly all day Dave Bill & I went to piping worked all day but did not clean up we took some benches & other things up from Lloyds cabbin H. Bray stopped at the cabbin & took supper & |
| Tus  22nd | stais all night washed a big lot of dirt today nothing else today  found it snowing in the morning & continued all day raining & snowing together all of us went to work except Pa cleaning bed r ock & took out 58 1/2$ Bray & Pa came to the diggings & then went home. we found one piece weighing nearly 2 oz. minus 1$ Da ve & I went to the point after work I got a pair of boots & some tacks |
| Wed  23rd | Dave got some things rained after supper nothing else  A very disagreeable day snowed in the forenoon & a little towards night Pa & Bill worked in the diggings in the even ing while Dave & I worked on the ditch Dave Bill & I went up the |
| Thr  24th | ditch in the forenoon a plenty of water at present  we all cleaned bed rock & finished it after dinner & took out 30 1/2$ Dave went up the ditch (Jan 1856) after dinner & stopped some leaks we turned the water in the deep cut & set some boxes & sluced out the snow & mud turned very cold towards night |
| Frd  25th | nothing else today I believe uncommon  we all went to getting wood except Pa we cut down a dead spru ce tree for the limbs I hauled it for the stove we also cut down a dead spru ce tree for the limbs I hauled it for the stove we also cut a pine on the hill & we hauled the limbs to our cabbin a good lot of them we hau led several loads after dinner & then went to the diggings set & men |
| Sat  26th | ded some boxes very cold at night & in the morning nothing else  pretty cold in the morning & no water in the ditch got some w ood in the forenoon Pa & Dave went up to the ditch & turned the wa ter in Frank Fox came up in the evening to get Lizzie to go to a pa rty at his house but she did not go I hauled a load of wood from |
| Su  27th | off the hill nothing particularly new today  pretty cold in today Jim & I went to the point after breakfast & I got some sole leather & came back & pu them on my gum boots Jim |
| Mo  28th | staid until night. nothing else today of interest  did not work in the diggings today staid about the cabbin H. |
|  | (Jan 1856) |
|  | Bray & old Sockham came up about noon & took dinner with us & Pa went with them to Sockhams diggings to see about the water & put heels on my gum boots in the forenoon & made a shovel for the stove Bill went to the point after dinner turned warm & snowed all evening b |
| Tus  19th | ut very slow. rained after supper nothing else today  cloudy & warm in the forenoon we all went to work Dave went up the ditch & Bill & I laid the hose & got ready for work piped all day with a sm all head of water. we did not clean up turned cold in the evening Pa |
| Wed  30th | came home before supper from the Lockham diggings nothing else  Rained constantly all day I got ready to go to Lockhams diggings bu t Bray did not come by I done no work today John Shults & Cooper came in a little after dinner Cooper came for his money we went out to the diggings & then to the point & I paid Cooper 133$ being in full for his claim Bray came to the cabbin after we left & staid |
| Thr  31st | all night so as to start early in the morning nothing else today  Bray Cooper the two Shults Frank gable & I started for the Illi |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
|  | nois Ranch I carried my blankets on my back & got there about noon & took dinner Bray & I started for the diggings we stopped at Mart ins a while & got to the diggings a little before sunset the rest of the  company came a while afterwards got supper as well as we cou |
| Frd  1st | ld nothing else interesting today  we all went to work in the morning commenced the ditch bu t did not make much head way Lockham & old Terwilleger had |
| Sat  2nd | a little dispute about the water & ditch nothing else today  we all went up the big ditch to get ready to work Bray stopped at Terwillegers cabbin & proposed buying him out John Shults & I came back to the cabbin & cut wood all of us started for the Ranch after d |
| Su  3rd | inner Bray & I came home & got there about supper time  I staid about the cabbin in the forenoon Pa & I went out to the diggings to look at them. Bray came about dinner time we ate dinner & started for the diggings & got there about dark a coup ple of men came in about supper time to hire the water &c &c |
| Mo | (Feb 1856) |
| 4th | found the snow two inches deeper this morning & still snow ing a little we all went up the ditch to work on it we done witho ut out dinner Bray stopped & talked with Terwilleger but could make no bargain with him we measured the route for our ditch |
| Tus  5th | measured 240 rods nothing else new today  we all went to work on the ditch & worked all day Bray & Shults dug out troughs Pa & Bil came to the ditch late in the evening |
| Wed  6th | & staid all night with us pretty cool at night nothing else today  worked on the ditch as usual Pa & Bill went to the head of the d itch & staid until noon Bill came to the cabbin & got sup |
| Thr  7th | er nothing else today unusual  Pa & Bill started for Quincy after breakfast the rest of us went to work on the ditch Lockham not back yet from his tri p to the ranch I went to where Bray & Shults were digging out troughs & I bored some holes for them they stopped at a cab |
| Frd | bin on the road & I came on home & got supper nothing else |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
| 8th | went up to the ditch as usual I worked on the ditch in the fore noon & helped Bray did out troughs in the afternoon Shults cut his knee with the axe dinner & came to Larrisons & got a |
| Sat  9th | mule & went to the ranch nothing else today  Bray & I worked on the troughs until noon & I started home & got there about supper time Bill & I made preparations to |
| Su  10th | go to Rabbit creek nothing else today  Bill & I started after breakfast for Rabbit creek we took di nner at Gibsonville & got to Rabbit creek (3 oc) in the evening we staid at the Rabbit creek house. we assorted out the clothes in |
| Mo  11th | the evening after supper  we started for home after breakfast we got to onion valley ab out noon. we did not get finner so we went on & got to the po int about 25 min of 3 oc) we went on home & got something |
| Tus  12th | to east & rested ourselves nothing more today  I staid at home all forenoon Jim Sherwin came in |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
|  | in the morning & staid until after dinner & he & I started for the valley together he for the valley & I for the diggings I met Pa Dave & Fox & old Lockham on the hill above Martins I came back home with them they had a flight with Terwilleger & company & came out conquers Pa |
| Wed  13th | got his wrist hurt a –ck from shovel nothing more today  Bill Rains & I started for the diggings after breakfast we met we met Bray & Tersilleger above Martins house also Sockham we went on to the cabbin & Bray to the point we got dinner & went up the ditch but found not seen no one. We came back to the cabbin & Parker came |
| Thr  14th | in shortly afterwards Bill & I tried a coupple of pans od dirt but got nothing  Bill Parker & I went to digging the ditch but made poor head w ay on account of large rocks we built a coupple of fires on some |
| Frd  15th | rocks before we quit. we found Bray at the cabbin when we came in  we all worked on the ditch. we sawed logs to burn rocks out of the ditch with we set some boxes but did not finish them we got our feet wet & cold. Sam Ballou & Thompson came to Terwillegers cabb |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
| Sat  16th | in & came by our cabbin & stopped awhile nothing else today  we all went to putting up the troughs & finished them we got out some rocks out of the ditch & built up the fires & came to the cabbin. Bill & I started home & got there before supper we all held a confab about the suit |
| Su  17th | & ditch nothing else new today I believe  Bill & I went out & helped set the boxes & laid the hose we started for Massack after dinner Parker & Bray came soon after & brought |
| Mo  18th | some butter nothing more today  we all went up the ditch after the tools & to turn the water on the ditch we went up after dinner & shoveled out some snow & turned al of the water on the ditch & stopped holes & leaks & finished it about night some companies up the ravine came down to see about getting the w |
| Tus  19th | ater nothing more today  I went up the ditch a piece & mended it we set in to work at the boxes prospecting we worked half the day & made but very little. we then prospected atount the balance of evening. we went over to Terw |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
|  | willegers ravine & looked around a while rained a little after supper we got some beef |
| 20th | snowed some in the night & commenced awhile after breakfast & continu ed all day. we went up to turn off our water & mend up the ditch we came to the cabbin & did not do any more work today. Fox came in after din |
| Thr  21st | ner but we all took something to eat & he left for Quincy after a while  Bray Parker & I started for home after breakfast a while I got home a litt le after dinner I staid about the house the ballance of the fay every body m |
| Frd  22nd | aking preparations for the ball snowed some in the evening  every body started for the ball a little before noon Mrs Fox & Mrs Ha den took dinner with us & started ) pretty cool in the evening. I bought a pair of boots |
| Sat  23rd | dor 7 1/2$ nothing more new today  Shults Dave & myself went to work with the pipe washed all day but did not pan out the gold at night Dave Shults came to the dig |
| Su  24th | ings about noon & took dinner with us windy after supper no more  I staid about the cabbin all day & wrote in my journal nearly all |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
|  | day. the Ball folks got home in the evening Yank Bath came by with the Shults went to the point after a late breakfast & got back a little before |
| Mo  25th | supper Bill Rains not back yet nothing else today  I went to the point after breakfast & got a horse to go to the Illinois Ranch & got one & came up home stopped a while & started. I got to M assack about noon took dinner & went to work on the ditch getting the water down Bray & myself we all set the boxes after digging a race Bray Sam Ballau & Carroll is to work for the time being Parker did not co |
| Tus  26th  Wed  27th | me over from the point nothing else of consequence today  we all worked at the boxes shoveling in all day. we did not clean up  at night very cool all day Coffin came to the diggings in the evening  very cold all day Bray & I went up the ditch early in the morning to see about the eater. we went nearly to the head of the ditch & found it broke in several places. got back to the cabbin after dinner I shoveled in the sluces in the evening Carroll sharpened our picks we cleaned out the boxes put did not pan out at night snowed a little in the mor |
|  | (Feb 1856) |
| Thr  28th | ning & windy after supper nothing else new today  very cold all day Carroll & I went up the ditch in the morning nearly o the troughs but found no leaks. We came back. Sam ballou started home this morning Bray & Carroll went up the ditch after dinner &  got the water down. while I put the riffles in the boxes & read a magazine |
| Frd  29th | there was but a very little water in Terwillegers ditch today  Bray &I went up the ditch as far as Larrisons diggings stopped a few places & came back. Carroll & I started for the point & got there after dinner I found nobody at work & then women were at the point frolicking Shults Bill. Carroll & I started for the point we met Ma & Fox coming home I came back & put my best goods & started for the point for the purpose of going to the party at Indepe ndence. we all started in the evening & waled upon the floom we had quite a nice party at Lewis. Fox & I staid all night with |
| Sat | Picket I danced until I was tired of daning) |
| 1st | the house caught a fire from the stove pipe up stairs but no |
|  | (Mar 1856) |
|  | damage done. some fellows had a fight before day we all started  for the point after breakfast a while & got there about noon we stopped at Sherwins a while & had some fun I took dinner at Foxes & started home but Lizzie staid I started for the point late in the eve ning & met Fox & Lizzie coming home also met Dave going to the point in the evening to carry some letters to the office I met Dues ler going to the point Dave & Duesler came back & Duesler staid all night Bill had a fight & got whipped as usual got his eye gouges |
| Su  2nd | smarley but came home after supper nothing else today  staid about the house all forenoon Duesler came to see if we were going to the American Ranch we had a long talk about it Duesler left for the point before dinner Dave & I sewed some on the hose after dinner Pa came out after a while & sewed on them also. I came to the house & made me a book to keep a journal in some girls stopped |
| Mo  3rd | at the cabbin awhile on their way home but I was not at the house  I went to the point after breakfast to see about some butter of Brays |
|  | (Mar 1856) |
|  | being brought over to Massack I took a pair of shoes back to Timbermans that was got for Ma I took dinner at home & started for the diggings & got there early in the evening I saw Mat Wheeler at the point just from |
| Tus  4th  Wed  5th | below John Shults was in the place of Carrol nothing else today  a beautiful day clear & pretty Bray Shults & I shoveled in the boxes all  day we had a good head of water we did not clean up Fox had no hand to play  shoveled in the boxes all forenoon & cleaned up after dinner & got but very little we then went prospecting. we sunk a hole in a ravine ab ove the cabbin but got nothing the then commenced another in the big |
| Thr  6th | ravine near the cabbin but did not finish it Fox absent a hand today  Bray Shults & I went up the ravine & finished out hole but got no thing we went up the ditch to prospect nut did not sink a single hole Bray got separated from us & we did not see him any more until he came to the cabbin we came on home & I met a  coupple of men that lived on the Massack ravine & they gassed con siderably about the law suit they bought sombodys rights & |
|  | (Mar 1856) |
|  | title in the Terwilleger water they showed some bills of sale to the effect |
| Frd  7th | Bray a little sick stoday Terwilleger still at work also the Zark company  Bray Shults & I started for home Shults stopped at the ranch Bray & I came in home found Pa Dave & Bill at work Bray took din ner with us Pa went to the point & I worked in his place we took out 15$ John Shults came by the diggings after dinner & went to the po |
| Sat  8th | int Pa bought the AM Ranch for 5716$ pleasant all day  Pa & I started for Quincy early in the morning to close the trade with  Jennings we took dinner & supper with Mrs Jennings & we slept at Wards nothing more today) |
| 9th | we took Breakfast with Jennings & started home & got there a lit te after noon Pa & Bill went to the point to see the rest of the compa ny Bray Fox &c to see about getting somebody to stay at Massack diggings to attend to the ditch) |
|  | THE END OF BOOK FIRST MAR 1856 |
|  | (Widow Machre) |
|  | Widow Machree its no wonder you frown. Och –o—wido machree it ruins your looks that same dirty black gown och h0-- &c How altered your air with that close cap you wear Tis destroying your hair which should be flowing free. be no longer a ch url of its black silkin curl Ohc, Widoe machree now the summer is come och h-- widow machree when everything smiles should a beauty look glum Oh.. see the birds in pairs & the rabbits & hares. why even the nears in coupples agree & the mute little fish cant speak though they wish Och ho-- & c widow machree & when winter comes  och &c to be poking the fire all alone is a sin och & why the shovel & tongs to teach to her belongs & the kettle sings songs full of familu glee while a lone with your cup like a hermit you’ll sup oh &c & how do you know with the comforts in told Och & c but you’r keeping some poor fellow all out in the cold Och & c with such  on your head sure your peace would be fled. why could you sleep in your bed without thinking to see some ghost or some sprite would wake you each night cring Och ho – widow machree) then take my advice darling widow machree och &c & with my sdvice faith I wish you’d take me och &c you’d have me to desire then to stir up the fire & sure hope is no liar in whispering to me that the ghost would depart when you’d me near your heart och ho—wido Machree |
| 10th | I started after breakfast for M.Ville Got with a man at the point named Tell that fot his feet frozen about Christmann He was on his way to  San Francisco. we took dinner at the AM house Gibson Ville. Tell got some blankets that he left on his way up I assisted him in carrying them to Rabbit creek we met Jno. Thompson & his pack train about 3 miles from Gibson Ville coming to the point for the first time this spr ing they were nearly worried out in the snow we got to the Creek a little before 3 oc I saw Brown & Neal. I staid the balance of the evening in town Tell went to Secret diggings distant 1 1/2 miles & came back af |
| Tus  11th | ter supper staid all night at the A Creek house a pleasant day no more  we started before day & took breakfast at the AM house & dinner at the New York house our feet got very sore & we washed them in a branch we stopped at a house 20 miles of M.Ville kept by Abbott took sup |
| We  12th | er & staid all night nothing more today we stopped before sunset  we started about 2 hours before day on our road we could hardly see the road. we took breakfast at the Peoria house about 15 m iles from M.Ville (Mar 1856) we got to MVille about 2 oc & we took dinner at Franks Restaurant I then went to the stable & found Durrich I got his horse & wnet out to H.R.’s found  them all well Mrs Weston House was there H.R. came out |
| Thr  13th | shortly afterwards nothing else today  I went to ttown with H.R. in the forenoon & staid until late in the evening I bought a pair of fine boots for 7$ 25cts & took my watch to a jewelers to get repaired Kath went home |
| Frd  14th | with Mrs. Weston house & left little Kate down there &c &c  I started in the orning for Bournes Ranch int commenced raining after I started & continued all day I got very wet & cold I got there about 4 oc I dried myself & clothes & staid all nig |
| Sat  15th | ht but got no money nothing more today  I took breakfast & went in & seen his wife & daughter & talked awhile with them & started home Bub promised to bring down the money within a week I got to H.R.s after 3 oc) They were all |
| Su  16th | away from home but Rath They came in about supper time  we all went up to the upper Ranch to look at the grain I stad about the house the balance (Mar 1856) of the day H.R. Fox Durrich & I started for Weston House but we met Miss America |
| Mo  15th | & a Mr Shepard so we turned back they took Tea before they left &c  we all went to town to the election & staid all day great exc itement all day seen several fights furing the day Jack & Dur rick staid all night I came out with H.R. we forded the river |
| Tus  18th | today nothing else of consequence to day  I went to town again today & staid until evening & we all came out to the ranch I saw Dr. Reins \* got some medic |
| Wed  19th | ine from him nothing today unusual  Jack & I went to the upper Ranch to look at the grain came back & went to the garden while the hands were building a fence after dinner & went to town Bill Rains came to the stable in the afternoon to get some oxen to take to Am Valley Bill & I  took a walk around town Jack came out to the Rach & staid |
| Thr  20th | all night Kath & family went to town today visiting &c &c  Jack & I drove up the oxen to look at them & pick out a coup ple yoke to take to the Mountains Mrs Buchannan & Taylor spent the day with Kath (Mar 1856) Bill & I went to town in the evening & staid until night & came out to the Ranch H.R. sold |
| Fr  21st | a yoke of cattle to a man from downieville nothing else today  Bill rains started for home this morning with the oxen Durrick just commencing at the stable again I went to |
| sat  22nd | town again today with H.R. & Jack very warm today no more  H.R. & family started for Nevada City this morning on a vis it Jack & I drove up the colts fron off the plains to work the Jack Joe Ficklin & I went to town in the evening they rode the |
| Su  23rd | colts & I Durricks horse to get him shod his feet being sore  Jack Joe & I harnessed up the colts to the buggy & drove them around a little Jack had some visiters in the evening but soo n went away we harnessed up again & drove down to the river & came back & found old Bourne at the house with no money |
| Mo  24th | for me. he staid all night nothing else today  Jack & I went to town in the morning & worked the colts they came pretty near running off with us I bought a pair of pants for 8$ we drove to the upper Ranch to look at the grain H.R. got home about (Mar 1856) supper time cloudy |
| Tus  25th | & looked very much like rain nithing else today  H.R. Jack & I went to town worked the colts old Mart Edwards & I went to the trial of some Chinamen & heard there sentence for stealing) it was 15 lashed &c &c I staid all night at the stable with Durrick I made preparations for starting in the morning |
| Wed  26th | for home nothing else new today  started about 5 oc in the morning for home we took breakfast at Zabriskyeys & stopped at the New York house for dinner but I did not eat any we got to Columbus hous about (4 oc) I then took it afoot & got to the diamond spring house took supper & staid |
| Thr  27th | all night nothing otherwise today  I got up & started on my road & took breakfast at the Am house & went on the rabbit Creek & got somethings out of the trun & sta rted about 9 oc. I saw Brown as I was leaving town & I met J ohn Buckby on his way to the states I took dinner at the mou ntain cottage in Gibson Ville & started on got to onion valley a bout 3 oc & got home about supper time I stopped a while |
|  | with Mrs Reel (Mar 1856) I heard that Pa was sick at the Val |
| Frd  28th | ley nothing else of interest today  I started in the morning for the valley it rained off & on all day Bill was hauling rails to the house we went home & got dinner & I helped him the balance of the evening. we pulled out a fellow that got stalled in the mud he broke of his yokes the Dr came to see Pa in the evening |
| Sat  29th | I started in the morning for Nelson Point I got something to eat at the cabbin & started to rocky bar to see if I could borrow some mo ney of Dover I got the promise of it. rained all day I stopped a wh ile in Lawrances cabbin I came home in the evening pretty hungry |
| Sun  30th | Jim Shults started to the valley about noon nothing else today  found the snow about 6 inches deep in the morning & still sn owning. Dave & I went up the big ditch to bring down the water but fount it coming to the reservoir full we cleaned out the trash & put in cross pieces where they were broken we got all of the water down we then got wood the balance of the day from across the ra vine Bill rains came over about noon & got some things & |
| Mo  31st | went back Basses mare (Mar 1856) nothing else today  the snow about 8 or 10 inches deep this morning we went up the pike di tch & got the water down & laid the hose at the diggings Shults came from the valley about noon & went to the point after dinner & staid all night dave & I cut a tree down after dinner that was in the way at the diggings we piped all evening & cleaned up the boxes & got about 5$ did no weigh |
| Tus | it snowed some today nothing else today of interest |
| 1st | Dave & I went up the Pike ditch in the morning & found where the water was running out we worked in the diggings today Shu lts came home about noon & worked with us we did not clean |
| Wed  2nd | up today snowed late in the evening & rained nothing else today  cleaned bed rock in the forenoon & got about (2 oz) with the day before piped in the evening. but stopped & set out boxes & cleaned up but got but little Sterling came up about noon to let me know it wo |
| Thr  3rd | uld be doubtful whether he could let me have the money or not  commenced piping in the morning & continued all day we did not clean up Shults & I went to the point after supper & staid a while I saw old Mc Fall & had a talk with him I tried to get |
| Frd  4th | some money from Ike farris (Apr 1856) but did not succeed &c &c  I started for the Ranch in the morning & got there about noon Pa & I went down in the field to look at some ground & grain. I started home & got in compay with a man at the Illinois ranch & came the ballance of the way together Pa hired Frank Goble to work on |
| Sat  5th  Su  6th | the Ranch cloudy today but no rain of consequence)  Dave started for the Ranch towards noon with some butter Jim  & I worked today the hose bursted twice today we got about 22$ today  I went to the point early in the morning & took a coupple of big slugs of gold & deposited them with Thompson as security for the sum of 500$ at the rate of 3 per cent per month came home got some butter & a pick & shovel & started for the Ranch & got there after dinner & took the money to Pa Lizzie & I called on Miss Cleveland after supper rai |
| Mo  7th | ined a little in the evening nothing else today  Dave & I started home & got there a little before noon & found Joe Fick lin & Tim Compton there from below they came up to get work Joe went to the point & got himself a gum coat to work in Jim & I took out the hose to the diggings (Apr 1856) & set the boxes ready for work moved some rocks so as to set the boxes Joe Dave & I went to the low er diggings to get a piece of hose to put on the ours above we ripped it |
| Tus  8th | off & left it lying nothing else new today  Jim & I took the old hose up to the upper diggings & laid them so as to dry we set our leading throughs & dug a ditch Joe commenced work today |
| Wed  9th | with Dave in the lower diggings we are about ready for washing  Jim & I laid our hose & got ready for washing I went to the point for a  hoe & some twine came back & went to piping Mrs Reel & Miss Wil liams came to the diggings in the evening took her little girl to the willow ranch I also sewed up a hole in the hose we broke our |
| Thr  10th | hoe from the bank falling in rained a little in the evening &c  cloudy today Jim & I piped today in the upper diggings & took out 40$ one piece weighing 25$ one of our boxes fell & broke to pieces as we were cleaning up rained a little today Dave took out pretty |
| Frd  11th | good wages today all day Jim & I piped all day Pa & Kyler ca  me by the cabbin about noon also Duesler & Phelps Duesler & Phelps went to the point (Apr 1856) Oa & Kyler went out to the Diggings Kyler staid all night we cleaned up a coupple of boxes but got but |
| Sat  12th | little Nothing else of interest today  we found the boxes covered up in mud & some of them broken we we cleaned bed rock after getting out the boxes we took out 5 oz & 2$ |
| Su  13th | Rained some today Nothing else new today  Pa & Jim went to the point in the morning I saw O Grady today Thompson packed over out stove to the Ranch & went to putting up the fire place Kyler came up after Dave & me to see about buying Old Charleys claims on Rocky bar we all went down & staid un til night we closed the trade give him 2500$ to be paid in |
| Mo  14th | six months rained off & on all day nothing else today  Joe worked with me today piping did not clean up our chan nell looked very much like running out rained nearly all |
| Tus  15th | day Dave made about 11$ nothing else today  Joe & I piped in the forenoon & commenced cleaning bed ro ck in the after but did not finish it I went to the Willow Ranch & too a not to send to pa I gave it to Phelps the bank caved in & raised one of our boxes out (Apr 1856) of its place out ch |
| Wed  16th | annell about to run our a pretty day today  cleaned bed rock all day & took out 7 ox & 2$ Dave worked with  us he went to the point in the forenoon to get a pick sharpened but haf to leave it I got a note from Pa we finished about an hour by sun |
| Thr  17th | & helped Dave clean up the lower boxes nothing else today  A beautiful day Joe & I dug out a coupple of boxes broken ones we set some & laid our hose & tud our pipe over on again we piped out |
| Frd  18th | some mud Dave started for Quincy after dinner nothing else  Joe & I worked in the main ravine awhile in the morning but quit & set the rocker & commenced cleaning some bed rock that was  left last year but we soon lid aside the rocker & set a coupple of boxes & finished it we got 2$ 50cts we carried all of the broken boxes & |
| Sat  19th | rocker to the house nothing of consequence today  Joe & I sluced off tailings in the main ravine in the forenoon the old stump –id in the ravine Joe & I started for Quincy after dinner we met Dave this side of the Illinois Ranch coming home Root over took us & we went together the ballance of the way. we found everybody busy at the Ranch (Apr 1856) rolling up logs & Burning |
| Su  20th | them we helped until night staid all night  we staid about the house in the forenoon burning chip piles &c we all went to the lower enf of the Ranch on the evenin. Jyler c ame by & we all started home & got there before night came by Ll |
| Mo  21st | oyds’ cabbin & got an oven & some pand Nothing of interest today  Kyler Pa & Dave started for Rocky bar after breakfast & carried their blankets Joe & I went to work cleaned up our boxes the first thins & got 6$ we set the penstalk & hose over again put on our pipe & cut a |
| Tus  22nd | little ditch we worked at the stump in the evening nothing else  Joe & I worked as ususal out hose bursted & we had to work witho ut them we got the stump did not clean up today Pa came by on |
| Wed  23rd | his way to the valley nothing else of consequence today  we set our boxes & cleaned bed rock & got 19$ Lem cane by in his way to Rocky Bar to work on the floom in Pas place we set our  boxes & went to slucing off tailings I mended the hose in the eve |
| Thr  24th | ning & commenced piping clouded up in the evening &c &c  Joe & I piped all foren on & cleaned bed rock in the after took out 14$ we set a coupple of boxes ready for slucing (Apr 1856) very cold all |
| Frd  25th  26th | day & cloudy nothing else of consequence today)  Sluced & piped all day I picked up 8 1/2$ off the bed rock nothing else  set our boxes & commences cleaning up & took out about 54$ Fox xame  By the diggings after dinner from the wedding of Miss Williams to Lacy att eh Willow Ranch they had a Chivaree last night Joe & I  went to the point after supper They has a dance a t Foxes. Lizzie ca |
| Su  27th | me from the valley today Joe & I went home about 11 oc no more today  cloudy in the forenoon Dave & Lem came up after breakfast after some of their things Joe & Lem went up the Pike ditch to turn  on the water that had been stopped for 2 or 3 days Joe & I went with them to Rocky bar to look at the diggings commenced raining while we were there Joe I I came on home I bought a keg of molasses 7 some beef we got a pick that dave left to get sharpened Pa & Kyler came by after |
| Mo  28th | supper nothing otherwise new today  found it raining in the morning went out to work as usual but did not stay long we got very cold. we commenced piping in the left hand bank but found no channel rained & snowed all day very dis agreeable & the snow covered the (Apr 1856) ground towards night |
| Tus  29th | we did not clean up today nothing else new today)  snow still on the ground very cold & disagreeable today we piped a little in the forenoon & ground sluced the ballance of the day p icked up a little gold of the bed rock cleaned up our boxes but didnt |
| Wed  30th | get much nothing else of consequence today  worked in the rain all fornoon & snow we got very cold didn ot work in the afternoon staid in the cabbin until late in thieve ning & went to the point & ground our axes & then went to Rocky Bar & staid all night I looked at Dover & company work a while Pa & I staid at Sterlings all night J- staid at Kylers & Daves cabbin heard that Maguire was killed from a bamk caving on him & & hurt his partner to some extent rained & snowed all day Nelson |
| Thr  1st | creek is up again nothing else new today  A Ball today at Foxes took breakfast with Sterling & Joe & I started for home we worked as usual slucing with a large head of wa |
| Frd  2nd | ter rained hailed & snowed all day the bank caved very badly  ground sluced in the forenoon & cleaned bed rock in the after |
| Sat  3rd  Su  4th | & took out 18$ May 1856) nothing else today  cleaned bed rock in the forenoon & took out 11 1/2$ we run off  tailings in the evening snowed a little in the evening but n  one to signify) Joe & I went to the point in the forenoon & bill Rains came shorlty afterwards & we went to Rocky bar & then up on the floom & saw pa Dave ^ Kyler at work on it we came h |
| Mo  5th | ome & Bill went to Quincy nothing else today  Joe concluded to start below we got up early & got breakfast & st rted to the point found no one up so early we also went to Rocky bat they had just finished breakfast we all came up to the point together & I gave Joe 40$ & he started for Quincy & got |
| Tus  6th | there before dinner Bill came from Massaxk with some grub &c  Bill & I fixed up the wagon a little & he started to Alfords fo a load of lumber & got back after dinner we then hauled a load of rails in the meadow rained very hard for a little while Fox staid |
| Wed  7th | all night with us nothing more interesting today  Bill went after a load of lumber Pa came over about noon on a mule him & I went to putting up a new plank fence ac |
| Thr  8th | ross the field I made a coupling pole (May 1856) for the wagon in the fore non) Bill after more lumber Pa & I worked on the fense & nea rly finished our part of it Bill got back about night & brought some potatoes about (500 lbs) rained little in evening Jim Daviess Ben Gorman & Miss Cleveland came up last night I played on his viol in & he on the guitar while the ballance danced The day of the party |
| Frd  9th  Sat  10th  Su  11th | at Elizabeth Town Lizzie went but the ballance of us staid at home  Pa & I worked on the fence all day Bill made & hauled some railed rai  ned very hard about noon for a while nothing else today  Pa & I worked on the fence on the forenoon & Bill helped up in  the evening & we finished it Bill set some stakes in the forenoon  staid about town all forenoon I got my hair cut & shaved myself at Dueslers shop Bill & I started for the diggings after dinner & we met Kyler on his way to Elizabeth Town we also met Sam |
| Mo  12th | Ballou & Slokeham going to Quincy we took Terwillergers oxen  home ) Bill & I went up the ditch & found it broke nearly to the bear trap we went as far as the big floom came back & went to |
| Tus  13th  Wed  14th | work slucing off tailings warm & pleasant all day  Bill & I set boxes (May 1856) & cleaned up & took out 8 1/2$ very poor  set boxes to work a little strip of ground in the right hand ravine  we carried over the penstalk & leading throughs & hose We burned up nearly all of our hose while we were at dinner it caug ht from some brush we set a fire we dup a ditch from the reservo it to the penstalk & let the water in to it Bill went to Phelped af |
| Thr  15th | ter supper & took some clothes to have washed nothing else today  we fgot the hose from the lower diggings & put them on the pen  stalk fixed up the leading troughs & got ready for washing we co mmenced washing in the afternoon) Kyler came by about noon |
| Frd  16th  Sat  17th | took dinner with us on his way to Rocky Bar nothing else today  we worked as usual but made nothing. nothing else today  we piped in the morning but got no better prospect so we quit & commenced digging out an pld ditch below so as to prospect below where out channel run out. we did not finish it we got dinner & started for Quincy we carried over a big square tub we got there before night we went the mountain road Lizzie |
| Su | & I took off a hen & chickens that hatched at the Barn |
| 18th | we all took a walk except (May 1856) Lizzie around the ranch to look at the grain & grass Lizzie went to Meadow valley with Tro |
| Mo  19th | ward & got back in the evening Duesler went to the point & sent after  a book) The day the lawsuit cones off but there was no Judge rai ined in the evening & at night Pa & Bill went to Hundleys office after supper to be examined as witnedded Bill got drunk as usual |
| Tus  20th | Ike Jennings staid all night with us I cut some potatoes to pla  nt ) Pa & Bill commenced ploughing to plant potatoes I cut potatoes Lizzie & Ma helped Bill quite ploughing at noon & Pa & I went at it & finished it. we planted one sack & quit Ma & Lizzie finised cutting |
| Wed  21st | Sherwin staid all night with us nothing ele today  Rained & snowed all evening & night Dave came over as a witnedd in case Dave Bill & I planted potatoes all evening Bill & I went & called on Miss Cleveland after supper we had a game of cards w |
| Thr  22nd  Frd | ith her & her mother nothing else today of importance  Pas case comes off today but it was not decided the Jury hung. Bill  harrowed n the potatoes today cloudy at times nothing else today |
| 23rd | The case was decided this morning & in favor of defendant Terwilleger but he was confined to (May 1856) 10 inches of water Bill took a harrow & plough home & went after a load of lumber for Alford Bray & I st |
| Sat  24th | arted home in the forenoon & got to the cabbins before dinner  went out to the diggings & got out gum clothes & brought the in I then went to cleaning out the pan box & finished it in the evening & got 43$ out of box & sand bottle Dave Kylser & another man came by ----- a little before noon on their way to the valley I am still alone Dave brought a letter |
| Su  25th | to me from below from Joe Ficklin nothing more today  I staid about the cabbin nearly all day & wrote in my journal cop pying it off Pa Dave & Kyler came by in the evening & staid awhile Pa was on his way below he was riding bills mare we all went to the point & I went to Rocky bar Pa & I staid all night Lewis |
| Mo  26th | is preparing to floom his ditch to McNabbs diggings nothing else  Pa & I came up to the point after breakfast he was preparing  to start t MVille he was waiting or John Thompson I came up to the cabbins & went to work & cleaned up some boxes & got one& I then commenced sinking a hole on the left bank of the ravine below the big pine log we propped up but did not finish it before O Grady came by & wanted (May 1856) to get some water to w ork a ravine of for me to work with him Pa wrote a note to me to that effect. he was drunk. I went to hos camp with him he got his blankets & we started back for the diggings we met Jim pi ke & Fell on our road. we stopped a while at the willow ranch &  got some milch as we were going to his camp O Grady went to the |
| Tus  27th | point after we got to the cabbins he staid all night & got drunk &c  I went out & finished sinking my hole but got no color I tri ed a pan in the little ravine that Shults rocked in I for about 10 cts in one piece o Grady came by & we came to the house & he ate breakfast & we went & prospected the ravine & got a little prospect Sam Ballou came from Massack on his way home. May Whee ler & George Kline came by with a China woman going to the vallwy O Grady & I went below the cabbins To look at a hole |
| Wed  28th | he said he sunk in 18/50 nothing else new today  O Grady & I commenced the ditch but only worked until  noon. he was pretty sick from his spree we got dinner & he took his blanets to his camp on the river & gave out the idea of working his (May 1856) ravine I went over & prospected it but got no prospect I turned the water down to old ditch that run  down the little ravine near the big log I tried a pan & got 25 cts H B ray & a stranger came out to where I was prospecting they were preparing to go to Massack the stranger was going to represent out interest Bray went home I came to the house with the man & he sta  rted to the diggings at Massac I commenced a cut up to the m out of the little ravine but did not finish it. I took Joe Fic klins things to the point to send below to him I came home in the night & stopped awhile at the saw mill with Mat Wheeler |
| Thr  29th | Whitney & Howlin nothing ore of importance  worked in my cut all day I a good many large rocks in the way O Grady came to me in the evening to get water again for him & |
| Frd  30th  31st | his partner he was drunk as usual nothing else today  still at work in the cut did not quite finish it. nothing else  finished the cut & sluced off some in the ravine but got no prospect as yet I dtarted to valley in the evening & arrived |
| Su | at Quincy about supper time nothing else of interest today |
| 1st | Rained off & on all day & night (June 1856) I staid at the ranch all forenoon & started home after dinner & got as far as the Illin ois ranch I saw H Bray he told me were absint a hand at M assac. I went back to Quincy before night & staid all night Ma & |
| Mo  2nd | Lizzie called on Mrs Bass after supper nothing else worthy of notice  I hired a man by the name of Riddle I rode a horse that Sterling had brought over to Quincy I rode as far as the Illinis Ranch & then took it afoot home arrived at home about noon got in company wi th Butts I found some men using our boxes & water in the ravine above he ranch I got dinner & prospected O Gradys ravine ag ain but only got the color I went to the point & then to Rocky bar & |
| Tus  3rd | staid all night I found Butts there trying to borrow money  I went to work with the boys in the lower claims getting ready for wash ing Lem & I sluced off some dirt & rocks I worked in Him Shults place he having a sore hand & ankle Dave Haun came home from Rabbit Creek |
| Wed  4th  Thr | about supper time with a new pipe it cost 30$ nithing else today  moved rocks in the forenoon & put on the pipe & commenced washing  the pipe worked finely nothing more of consequence today |
| 5th | Dave & I went (June 1856) up to the old cabbins in the morning & got some old hose of ours to cover the gum with & to attach to the gum To make it longer we raised out boxes about two feet to get clear of the tailings |
| Frd  6th | we got ready for washing Dave got a letter from H.r. nothing else today  Lem & I went to raising the troughs higher that runs from the reservo  ir to the penstalk & chalking them A tree fell across the big floom & sut it in two & broke in the evening above the point we put a blast in a big log that lay on the bank but it did not burst it so we rolled it down the hill  & set fire to it Dave sewed some old hose on the gum we commenced pi ping after dinner but soon quit Dave took the pipe to the point got it riveted it was coming apart at the hose Lem & I finished putting old hose on 50 feet of grim while Dave & Kyler made a box for the lower end very windy |
| Sat  7th | & cloudy late in the evening Dave bought a keg of butter & some nails butter 70 lbs  did not pipe in the forenoon the floom being broke above the point we ground our axes &c we piped all afternoon Kyler & I went to where old |
| Su  8th | Frank worked to see if we could get some old hose to cover the gum but  we did not) staid about the house in the forenoon except Jim Shults he started for the valley Lem Kyler & I went to the point after dinner |
|  | (June 1856) |
|  | we heard Pa had got in with some cattle Lem & I started & over took him between the saw mill & Willow Ranch Tom Hickman was with h im on Durricks horse we went a little ways with them & turned back & went byt the cabbins & diggings I got a boot & some little articles & took my boots to the point to get mended we then started for the bar & got there about super time I read a while & we went to bed Sam Ballou |
| Mo  9th | tols me wee absent a hand at Massac nothing else today  worked today as usual wheeling out rocks in the forenoon & pip ing on the after the floom broke in the evening Kyler & I quit work in the evening late Kyler took a knap I went up I got a book gun & Daves coat I loaned the gun Mc) Kyler & I commenced night |
| Tus  10th | work we run all night with a good head of water nothing else  we went to bed about breakfast & slept until noon we helped Dave & Lem roll out a stump I then wrote some in my journal |
| Wed | we worked after supper but the water soon out nothing else |
|  | (June 1856) |
| 11th | we all got out rocks preparing for piping Kyler rolled a rock the wheel barrow & bone one handle we took a knap after dinner There were five or six ladies visiting on the bar this evening I chatted a whi le with Mrs Reel our leading troughs broke down Dave & Lem soon |
| Thr  12th | put them up again they piped a while in the evening nothing more  commenced piping today & continued all forenoon or nearly so our leading through fell down near the reservoir Dave & Lem & a coupple of Sterlings company went to mend it the finished it after din ner Dave & Lem made a box & put it in ahead to get closer to the bank Kyler & I & the man in Shults place carried some bottoms down in the evening There & I took a knap after dinner to get ready for night |
| Frd  13th | the water failed a very warm day the warmest we have had  we piped in the forenoon & rolled out rocks in the evening we put in another box about sunset. another warm day I felt badly all day |
| Sat | from taking cold nothing more interesting today |
|  | June 1856 |
| 14th | I did not work in the forenoon Dave & Lem put in a box on the foren oon They had a pretty hard bed rock to cut no water in the floom today it being broken down. kyler started for the valley this morning Dave & I we nt after dinner very warm today I felt sick in the forenoon but got |
| Su  15th | better after walking awhile nothing else today  I staid about the house pretty nearly all forenoon I went down to the AM. house & Kyler came in from Elizabeth Town & Davies went up ho me with us & staid awhile Kyler left his horse for us to take the point we started about 3 oc we came by the cabbins & I got my fiddle & got to the bar about dark Tom Hickman started for Massac but we |
| Mo  16th | met him coming back he had forgotten something nothing else  we were all forenoon getting out the rocks Lem & Mc Manaway piped down Saturday night we commenced piping in the even ing but we run an hour the water failed Dave sewed up a |
| Tus  17th | placein the old hose that bursted we run out rocks that ballan  ce of the evening) moved rocks in the forenoon & commenced pip ing in the evening our hose bursted I sewed them & we continued |
| Wed  18th | all day we run off a great quantity of dirt nothing else today  run our rocks in the forenoon we hired another man today we sewed some old hose on the gum after ripping them up Kyler & I laid by part |
| Thr  19th | of the evening to work at night we commenced after supper but  water soon failed) worked as usual rolling out rocks I sewed some  on the old hose that covers the gum Pa & Wheeler came in about noon |
| Frd  20th | as we were eating dinner Kyler & I worked all night we got wet &  cold ) Kyler & I slept until noon. we worked as usual after dinner I sewed a patch on some hose the new hose Kyler & I sawed some logs & Pa cut away some brush on the bank the rest of the company run out rocks |
| Sat | piped in the forenoon & run off considerable dirt we piped some in the evening but had to quit not having water enough out tailings would not run off we out on another box after dinner Dave & I made in the forenoon we run out rocks the balance of the even |
|  | June 1856 |
| Su  22nd | ing Pa & Kyler started for the valley nothing else today  we went to the point in the forenoon & staid awhile we came home & got something to eat & then went up to Independence Bar to see the new ladies that lately arrived we staid about 2 hours & came ho |
| Mo  23rd | ome pretty cool all dat nothing else interesting today  we raised our boxes in the forenoon & got ready for washing we rocked our boxes & got pretty nearly an ounce we piped all evening & run out a great deal of dirt our penstalk bursted n the even ing. we mended it up again Kyler came home about supper |
| Tus  24th | Jim Shults came home about noon nothing else today  run out rocks in the forenoon & piped in the evening HR came to the diggings in the evening from below Dave & I made so me boxes in the forenoon I went to the point in the evening & got a |
| Wed  25th | bottle of whiskey for HR he staid all night nothing else today  we dug up some dirt for HR a coupple of pans & got about 2$ each I went with him as far as the willow ranch on his way to Quincy |
|  | June 1856 |
|  | I came by some prospectors in the foot of the big ravine I got our sl uce for - & other tools & the gum hose & put them in the cabbin I got some picks & a pair of pants & started for home I got to the  Bar about noon Reynolds was repairing the flume near the reser voir we piped all evening & Sterlings piping with us the coup pling of hose came off in the evening late we run off con |
| Thr  26th | siderable ground for Sterlings windy all evening & cold no more  commenced setting our boxes in the morning to clen up but did not shovel in any until after dinner we rolled some logs to gether about noon & set fire to them we cleaned up & got 10$ rained & snowed about sun set but quit after supper Timberman & Ward came to diggings on the evening also Ebe Moorehead ilky & Griffin we staked off our line between us & Sterling the rain was very cold in the evening the boys throw heads & tails for some |
| Frd  27th | pants after supper nothing else of interest today  clean up all day & got about 2 oz. cold in the morning no more |
| Sat | June 1856 |
| 28th | pretty cold in the morning cleaned up today & took out 3 1/2 oz |
| Su  29th | we all went to the point & I went to the diggings at willow ranch  & to Pikes cabbin & saw the men that were prospecting I sold them a piece of ground for 15$ 5$ in cash I brought down my bla nkets a coupple of hose a sluce fork & pan we all went Indep endence Bat but I did not stay long Kyler & I came to the bar & fou |
| Mo  30th | nd H.R. & Pa there we got supper & went to the point to a show  Pa & H.R. went to the point H.R. started for M.Ville Pa came to the bar again & staid until after dinner & him & Lem started  for the valley he wanted Lem to work on the ranch we whee led off clay Dave went to Independence bar & bought a w |
| Tus  1st | heel barrow for 10$ nothing else new today  wheeled off mud & dirt in the forenoon we set our boxes again ready for washing in the evening we cleaned up the ball ance pf the evening we did not clean up at night Dave was |
| Wed | sick in the forenoon dave got 5$ to one pan of dirt pretty good prospect so far |
|  | July 1856 |
| 2nd  Thr  3rd | we cleaned bed rock in the forenoon & took out dearly (18 oz) we run  clay the balance of the evening bothing else today  run off mud & top dirt in the forenoon we all quit at noon & got ready to go to the valley to the (4th) Dave Kuler & I started afoot & went the |
| Frd  4th | mountainroad & got there about supper time we went to the show &c  A very warm day we went to the celebration the declaration of Inde pendence was ready by Ballou & speech from Hayden & closed the theatrical performance commenced at (1 oc) but did not go I then w ent to the Bear & Bull fight the bull killed a coupple of bears then came anoth er performance after dinner of Bisbeys but I did not go I went to the |
| Sat  5th | Ball to look on Mc Nabb gave me his ticket & I danced one set. no more  I slept until 9 Oc in the forenoon & got up & went to the races. I went to a chicken fight but it was a poot thing they would not fight Tom Hic kman came down in the evening we walked around a little after su |
| Su  6th | pper nothing else new today  Kyler & I went to Elizabethtown before dinner & came back on the |
|  | July 1856 |
|  | stage Bill drunk as usual & wanted to fight someday Hickman got him to bed at last dave & Kyler rode over to wards diggings I started home after dinner old man Phelps with me I stopped atPikes ca bbin to see the men that were at work in our diggings they paid me 10$ |
| Mo  7th | the ballance for the piece pf ground nothing more today new  old Dad & I dug out a road back of the house to get to the spring we then worked in the diggings wheeling off clay I found a piece of gold at the enf of the big sluces weighing about 10$ I suppose dave & |
| Tus  8th  9th  Thr  10th | Larkin came home in the evening nothing more tody (more  wheeled off clay & top dirt all day Kyler came home after supper (no more)  commenced cleaning up today we took out (19 oz) & 5$ the bank cave  d in before we finished cleaning up & broke 3 boxes nothing else today  Jim Shults & I made us a bunk a piece in the forenoon Kyler w ent to the point to see about his hogs & got back about noon Beel & old Charley came to the diggings in the evening. we set our boxes ready for cleaning bed rock the warmest day we have had this summer |
| Frd | (July 1856) |
| 11th | run off clay & finished up to the big boxes we put another box on the big sluces & put our bottoms in a new that were drawn by the sun out of sh |
| Sat  12th  Sun  13th | ape we gpt a little gold out of them Larkin sewed on the hose that covered the gum  cleaned bed rock all day & took out nearly (19 oz) nothing else today  we all went to the point in the forenoon Ma Lizzie & Bill Rains ca  me afterwards also Mrs Fox they took dinner with us & went to the diggings & panned out a few oand but did not get much Dave & I went with them as far as the old cabbins they got some things & st arted home Dave & I started for the bar I got my bed tick & Dave some books we saw some fellows throwing at a grouse on the road. we paid Thomps |
| Mo  14th | on some money today  we commenced cleaning up in the morning but the water failed Dave & Dad took some axes up to grind to get some bottoms but the  water came after sinner & we went wash but the water would fail very often we got about 2 oz to oe pan did not clean up at night |
|  | July 1856 |
| Tus  15th | pretty cool all day & cloudy nothing else of interest to day  commenced cleaning up but the water failed we continued cleaning bed rock & piling it up near the sluces we got water a little while after dinner but soon gave out we cleaned up 2 boxes & got 14 ox & 9$ we put couppli |
| Wed  16th | ng on the gum hose. we got one piece of gold weiging 24$ nothing more  we cleaned bed rock until noon & took out (15 oz) we laid our hose ready for stripping off a piece. we commenced after dinner our canvass hose bursted & the coupling came off the gum. we put ot on & fi nished stripping before night Bray came to the diggings in the fore |
| Thr  17th | noon collecting road taxes nothing more today  run off clay all day & finished the piece we calculated to Dave commenced making a circular box in the evening but did not fin ish it Lem Compton came in while we were at supper the frost had killed eery thing in the valley. all of the grain) Sterlings pen |
| Frd  18th | stalk fell down in the evening. Nothing more today)  commenced cleaning be rock on the brink & took out 53$ nothing more |
| Sat | July 1856 |
| 19th | cleaned up all day & took out (5 1/2 oz) Dave Kyler Larkin & myself went to the valley we paid off Thompson in full we got to the ranch |
| Su  20th | about 10 oc & got supper nothing new today  staid about Quincy all day until late in the evening & started home & staid all night at the willow Ranch with Phelps the Cayotes kept a devil of barking all night, H,Bray & Hickm an went to Massac in the evening we stopped at Swinertend & got |
| Mo  21st | some pants of Kylers & Daves nothing more today  I went to the old cabbins the first thing in the morning & put a lock on my trunck & then went to the head of the ditch & turned the water in |
| Tus  22nd | & put up notices on the ditch & cabbin nothing more today  piped off a oiece close to the bank in the morning & cleaned it up & took out 11 Oz 9 1/2$ Fritz set his claims at 1000$ to rive or tke Ky ler came home after supper from Elizabeth Town Fritz & Sh |
| Wed  23rd | ults had a falling out & would not work longer together  we set out boxes in another drift. & got ready for piping Dave & Sh |
|  | (July 1856) |
|  | ults went to the point to get money to pay Fritz for his claims Dave & Jim went to piping in the evening & we also our hose bu |
| Thr  24th | rsted twice after dinner Dave hired a man to work in the upp  er claim) we turne our hose in the Fritz claims & went to pipi ng & run until noon Dave Lem & Shults laid by all day to work at night wheeled out rocks all evening & cut down  a tree set some logs afire that were in th way the bank caved |
| Frd  25th | in on our hos & we lost our hammer nothing else today  four of us worked today as usual we run out rocks & stumos all day I went to the point in the morning for  some nails & bought a keg of syrup The floom broke down |
| Sat  26th | today 3 of the company worked at night nothing else  we piped in the forenoon & run out rocks in the evenin g Three of the company laid by in the evening to work at ni |
| Su  27th | ght They got drunk & waked us up in the night  & walked around about the diggings after breakfast & up to Charleys drift in the hill. Dave Shults came down with Jim after (July 1856) dinner I went to Chun keys ranch & barbered him Dave Shuts & i went to the point after dinner The night hands pulled us out of bed about day li ght Kyler went to Elizabetgtown & back at night & brought |
| Mo  28th | me some cakes &c &c) nothing more today  we all went to work as usual some running out rocks & some moving the penstalk Dave Shults went to work for us today our hose bursted above the gum late in the evening & we put in another box at the head Lem fell from the penstalk |
| Tus  29th | & hurt his arm considerably  piped in the forenoon but we were bothered all the time with the tailings we put in boxes & changes them a little to another place we run out rocks in the after noon Gen Ward came to the diggings in the evening & sat awhile with us after sup |
| Wed  30th | er we put in another box ahead nothing more today  piped in the forenoon & run out rocks in the after very warm today part of the company laid by in the evening to work at night dave Shults & I went down the river to a wing dam to get some bottoms |
|  | (Aug 1856) |
| Thr  31st | that washed out of our boxes Nothing else of consequence today  run out rocks all day & stumps we piped one down about quitti ng time & put a blast in it Smith & Sturgeon came to the diggings in the evening to get work but could not employ them I went to  the point after supper & paid Sturgeon 24$50 for work done on the ranch Lem & Smiths raised our sluces today. we heard that H.R. |
| Frd  1st  Sat  2nd | & family were at the valley no more today  nothing og particular interest today very warm today  run off rocks in the fore noon Dave & Kyler started for the  valley we piped in the evening & got out an old stump the hose bursted in the evening I sewed them Hickman brought over a a horse for me to go to the valley we got thre before sun set they were |
| Su  3rd | all out riding in the stage I got Daviess violin after supper & play  ed awhile) we all took a ride in the forenoon beyond the Illinois ranch we took dinner out near the canyon we staid about an |
| Mo  4th | hour & came home nothing else today  I helped Hickman & Bill haul in wheat in the fore noon & Tom & I hauled the ballance (Aug 1856) in the evening & got ready |
| Tus  5th | & they quit Dave went back home after dinner Lindly started for Hopkins  creek) I started for Rocky bar after breakfast for some sacks to p ut whest in I got dinner at the bar & got a coupple of hams at the |
| Wed  6th | point & brought them home I mended sacks &c Bill still on a spree  Mrs Lindly Kath & Ma HR & myself started for the po int we got there about noon & took dinner at Foxes & went to Ro |
| Thr  7th | cky Bar to see the diggings Dave & I went with them to the point seen off them  worked as usual today getting out rocks & stumps Dave & I started for Quincy after dinner on Brewsters train we all went to a ball |
| Frd  8th  Sat  9th | at Elizabeth Town & staid until 12 oc at night nothing else  staid about town all day we went to a meeting og the Democracy  after supper & had speeched from Meredith Hogan & HR. Haun  I staid about town all fore noon I took one of H.R. horses to Elizab eth Town to get shod after dinner I came by where they were racing & saw one race saw a man get run over Bill Hickman & Smith finished ing Jennings wehat & stacking it one of H.R. steers was found |
| Su  10th | dead in the meadow (Aug 1856)  HR family started for home this morning Bill took oxen a long to hau l them over a hill beyond meadow valley Dave went went with them |
| Mo  11th  12th  Wed  13th  Thr  14th | & got back about sunset nothing more today)  Pas suit commenced today with Terwilliger but did not get through with it  The suit ended today & Terwillegar gained it & one dollar damage  Bill finished raking the scattered wheat & hauled it in the yard for  the chickens) The suit commenced for damages & finished in the even  ing Bray Pa & co found 300$ & cost of suit nothing else today  Dave Hickman & myself started for Rocky Bar after breakfast got there after dinner there were some emigrants prospecting near the saw mill we did not do anything the balance of the evening the company set boxes for cleaning bed rock one of Kylers acquaintance staid all night w |
| Frd  15th | ith us He had a Sharps Rifle nothing else today  we commenced cleaninf bed rock in the forenoon The water failed in the evening & we wheeled off rocks & dirt Pa came on the bar about noon & st aid all night I helped him pile up roots & stumps & set fire to them we did not clean our boxes tonight & took some picks to the point after work to get sharpened nothing more today |
| Sat  16th | cleaned bed rock until noon Aug (1856) we took out about 65$ I suppose Pa & Kyler started for the valley after dinner we whee led off dirt & rocks in the afternoon I set some rrots a fire about quitting time Dave built a small reservoir to lead water into a coupple of |
| Su  17th  Mo  18th  19th  Wed  20th | places at the same tome nothing else today  I staid about the cabbin all day & wrote in my journal Kyler  came home about supper time from the valley  we run off top dirt all day with barrows nothing else today  still stripping all day & got reafy to work Pa came to the  diggings late in the evening Lem quit today nothing else today  part of us cleaned bed rock while the rest piped in the lower diggin gs the hose bursted in the evening we tool out about 74$ Lem & Bill Rains ame to the diggings in the evening Dave got some new can |
| Thr  21st | vass for hose & Ned commenced making them nothing else  Pa left the morning for home we stripped off dirt today ha vng no water to work with Hickman grounf the axe & cut some roots off of a big stump in the lower diggings in the fore noon & worked with us in the evening Shults & Kyler did |
| Frd  22nd | no work to day (Aug 1856)  cleaned bed rock all day x took out 6oz Mc Donnell a friend of Ky lers staid all night with us Ned finished the hose at noon Lem ca |
| Sat  23rd  Su  24th | me down & took dinner with us nothing else today  we stripped all day Dave did not work today having a lame back &c  we laid a bed until late Dave Shults Ned & myself went up to the  old digging & to the willow ranch & then home. we met Lem Compten |
| Mo  25th | as we went to the point nothing new today  cleaned bed rock all day & took out 9 Ox & 13$ Kyler came home just after dinner & brought a hired man with him names Dav |
| Tus  26th | iss to work in his place nothing more today new  for hands shoveled in gravel all day & took out oz & 10$ we has a great many rocks to move H. Bray came to the diggings |
| Wed  27th  Thr  28th  Frd  29th | in he fore noon a little cloudy in the evening &c  shoveled in gravel as usual & took out 11 & 1/4 oz Pa came over ab  out noon & staid all night nothing more today  worked as usual & took out 12 oz & 6$ Pa left this morning he  got 200 $ of the company Daviess talks of buying Shults out  cleaned up as usual & took out 14 1/3oz Sterlings about mov ing their house the bank being (Aug 1856) cracked it |
| Sat  30th | Dave Ned & Hickman piped all night & run off a great deal of dirt  I piped a while before breakfast & four of us piped all fore noon & took out rocks & stumps in the evening Dave hired a man to work tonight but he disappointed us so they did not work old Fra nk fell down on the trail soming from the point & hurt himself a little & a lot of us carried him to our work shop & laid him un der it until morning Sterlings are moving hteir house today up |
| Su  31st | the hill Dad went to Elizabeth Town after breakfast  we went to the point after breakfast Pa & Bill Rains came over to day on horse back with their guns Pa got 1000$ from below Bill Rains & Lem Keene came pretty nearly having a fight about play ing cards They went home late in the evening Pa settled up wi th Brays& company today The businedd at Massack Dave paid Thom |
| Mo  1st | pson some company money &c &c  I worked in the fore noon taking out rocks from & old drift where we was cleaning up I laid by in the evening to work at night |
| Tus  2nd  Wed  3rd | with a coupple of hired hands  I went to bed after breakfast (Sep 1856) & sleot until noon  They took out 4 oz in the Fritz claims I slept some in the evening  I slept until noon & worked in the evenin shoveling in we took we took out 3 oz & 2$ Shults worked with the ha |
| Thr  4th | nds tonight nothing else today  dad & I got out rocks Dave Haun & Dave Shults worked at the stu mp in the upper diggings but did not get it out we pip ed in the lower diggings after dinner & piped down a large stu mp Shults worked last night & bursted the gum hose Pa & Lizzie came to the diggings about noon & staid until after dinner & left old maj Btook i came to the diggings after dinner I waled around with him awhile clouded up & the wind blew in the evening late I went up to Sterli |
| Frd  5th | ngs house with him & left him there  we set our boxes anew & commenced shoveling in we did not cl ean up at night piped in the lower claims in the forenoon & run out rocks in the evening & got ready for night work Chunky Dave Shults & myself went to the point after sup |
| Sat  6th  Su  7th | per & brought home a can of butter (Sep 1856) home  worked in the fore noon shoveling in top dirt but did not make  much I started for Quincy after dinner & got there about supper  time) I staid about Quincy all day & saw Maj Brookie at the  Saloon great excitement about a man that killed another at Rabbit |
| Mo  8th | creek but he was not found  Brookie Pa & myself started for Rocky bar after breakfast & got there about noon we stopped at the old diggings awhile we took out old canvass hose to the house Brokie staid all night at St |
| Tus  9th  Wed  10th | erlings & Pa with us took out 1 1/3 oz today  cleaned up all day & took out 5 oz & 6$ Shults & Daviedd closed  their trade today Pa & Brookie still at the diggings  worked today as usual but did not clean up the floom broke down. we wheeled off dirt & worked arount the stump |
| Thr  11th | & changed the boxes at the lower end  did not wash any today piped some in the lower caims & got out rocks around the stump Dad dug a drean we wh eeled off dirt in the evening. Dad Daviess Ned & I piped until |
| Frd  12th | 12 oc at night (Sep 1856) nothing else today new  we took up our small boxes & piled them up & quit work in the  upper diggings on account of the bacnk caving in we turned off all of the hands except Ned & Dad Daviess went to the va lley & Hickman quit Shults came to the diggings in the |
| Sat  13th  Su  14th | morning but did not sstay long) (off a great deal of dirt  took out rocks in the forenoon & piped in the after & run  Dad Ned Dave & I went to washingtom Bar to look at their cla  ims we saw a fancy woman at Rich Bar Dad & I got some wild cherried to eat we got back about 2oc & found H Brays knife that was stolen at Massack last winter I found it in Larri sons & Strongs cabbin I went to the point in the evening I borrowed 20$ of Thompson to pay Lem Comptom for work done Kyler Daviess & a relation of Daviesses came home after supper |
| Mo  15th | from the valley nothing else new today  worked as usual we run out rocks & put in a coupple of boxes at the head in the fore noon Sweeten Ned & I laid by in the evening so as to run all night & broke the bank as far |
| Tus  16th  Wed  17th | back as we wanted it (Sep 1856)  we got breakfast & to bed & slept until noon & laid by  until night we drove the dirt into the upper cut. we cleaned up  slept unitl noon & worked the ballance of the day a coup le of the Bates came to the diggings to hire out for 2$ per day Ky |
| Thr  18th | ler & Daviess worked until midnight I suppose piping  piped all day running ogg the out edge next to the tiver we had several ladies to see us Ma Mill Shores Mrs. Dean Mrs. Fox Miss Cleveland & Lizzied but they did not stay long Ned & S |
| Frd  19th  Sat  20th | weeten worked until midnight nothing else new today  we piped all day as usual Dad & Daviess worked half the n  ight piping nothing else new today  Daviess & Sweeten started for the valley after breakfast Dad did not work in the fore noon Reyolds & Predeaux came to the cabbin & staid awhile we all went to the diggings & preospected awhile but did not get much Ned broke a shovel handle we finish |
| Su  21st | ed piping in the fore noon  we all staid about the cabbin nearly all day we went to the po int to a show ar night I saw John Lloyd today Daviess Sweeten & the Btes boys came (Sep 1856) to the point about sup |
| Mo  22nd | per time we bought a couple of new picks & handles no more  we commenced running off clay for the purpose of cleaning up some Kyler piped out the big crevice so as to cut a drean Dave went to the valley this motning to hear Foots speak Dad worked in the |
| Tus  23rd | drean all day John Lewis came down to the claim in the forenoon  also Jim Sherwin) run off clay all day a couple of Chinam en set in today to work for us dave came back about noon |
| Wed  24th | Dave & Dad set a few big boxes but Dave quit pretty soon after dinner  Kyler also) run off clay all day as usual Dave & Daviess set the box es ready for washing the sheriff came to the diggings about noon |
| Thr  25th  26th  Sat  27th | & got 8$ from the chinamen for taxes nothing else today)  commenced cleaning bed rock today & took out 98$.  cleaned up as usual & took out 10 oz & 13$. Kyler went to the  valley after dinner Bodly Sterling came over to work hos clai  m) I started for Quincy this morning & arrived there about noon A great muss between our folks & Wards Kyler Bill |
| Su  28th | & I went to the show after supper nothing else today  I staid about Quincy all forenoon Sam Russell & H ttie came in & staid a while after dinner I started for the |
| Mo  29th  Tus  30th | Bar after dinner& got home about dark  we went to work as usual the Bates boys left for the valley  yesterday & not back yet we took out 1 & 1/2 oz.  cleaned bed rock all fore noon & got 1 1/2 oz & 1/2$ dave went to the valley after breakfast Pa sent word by Sherwin &c we whee |
| Wed  1st  Thr  2nd  3rd  Sat | led off clay in the evening all of us  we run off clay all day & got a small place ready for cleaning  up Dave came home about noon. we bought some potatoes of Butts  cleaned bed rock today & took out 11 oz & 1$ we bought some quick  silver of Hayden) took out 34 Oz & 4$ I felt A LITTLE SICK TODAY  run off clay all fore noon Dave & Dad cleaned some bed rock & piled it up ready for washing Bates & I dug out the drean deep |
| Su  5th | er we set our boxes over again ready for washing.  staid about the cabbin in the morning until nearly noon Lem Compten & Sherwin came in & staid about 2 hours we all went to the point & deposited our dust after straightning up Our lost time (Oct 1856) Ned got back this morning from |
| Mo  6th | the mountain house & brought me some shirts from home  shoveled in some old drift & some dirt we threw up Saturday & took out 12 oz & 11$ Sherwin came in about supper time |
| Tus  7th | & staid a little while cold & cloudy all day  cleaned up today & took out 6 1/2 oz commenced raining in th fore noon & continued all day at a pretty good rate we all got wet & |
| Wed  8th  Thr  9th | cold we quit a little before night  we done no work in the fore noon on account of the rain but to  ok out 4 oz & 3$ in the evening very cold of mornings  worked today as usual & took out 89$ Dad & I cut the drean low er A couple of county candidates & Mc Nabb came to the dig |
| Frd  10th  Sat  11th | gings in the fore noon we heard that Jack was married & gone  home) worked as usual & took out 3 oz & 3$ we finished the old  drift today) set our boxes & worked the ballance of the day & took  out 10 3/4oz Sam Ballou gave me a note from Quincy Bill Raina came down & took supper with us & I went to the point with hin & I staid all night Sherwin Gave an oyster su |
|  | Oct 1856 |
| Su  12th | pper & I took a hand with them we played poker awhile &c  Miss Shores & Lizzie came down to the bar & staid about an ho ur I went to the point with them Bill rains & I went with them as far as the old cabins we found a couple of them burned down & everything in them my trunk & clothes we went home & then went to the point after supper & I wrote a |
| Mo  13th  Tus  14th  Wed  15th  Thr  16th | note to Pa. the company hired Bill to work  worked today as usual & took out 107$ Ned & Sweeten  bought out Daviess & set in today to work  took out 212 1/2$ we got it out of the big crevice Hog  an & Sherwin came to the diggings late in the evening  worked as usual took out 4 oz 3/4 Pa came in about noon  & staid all night cloudy today  Pa Bill & I went up to the point after breakfast Dave also I bought a pair of pants for 3$ Pa also bought some things we went up the Pike ditch & back to Lloyds cabbin IS. Root is building a house on the hill near the road rained a little  all day we worked in the evening the company took out 4 oz & 7$ |
| Frd | Oct 1856 |
| 17th | rained all fornoon we set our boxes over again in the fore noon but worked non we did not work in the after noon we |
| Sat  18th | all went to the point in the evening & seen a couple of organ  gitls) worked as usual in the fore noon Bill & I started for the valley after dinner we went down after supper & seen the |
| Su  19th | organ girls in the saloon nothing else of interest today  I staid about the house all day Dr Tredenyer & little girl came up in the fore noon also in the evening after sup |
| Mo  20th | per I staid all night nothing more today  I helped pa dig a sack of potatoes to sell I started home after breakfast I went to work after dinner as usual our boxes fell down & broke some of them all to pieces with |
| Tus  21st  Wed  22nd | our gold in them pretty cold all day  washed as usual & took out 4 1/2 oz & 2 1/2$ the bank bothered us  a great deal from cavin gin on us  did not wash in the fore noon having no water we put on |
|  | Oct 1856  a crooked box at the lower end Dad & I dug a drean on the bank to tu rn the seepage water the bamk slid in on us some today the company |
| Thr  23rd | talked of starting a drift did not clean up tp night  worked today as usual & took out 7 oz. the bank caved in very badly all of the time The sheriff ca me by the diggings today Dad commenced a drift at the lower end |
| Frd  24th | of the stripping bates to helo him.  found the bank carved inour hole so we went to running off clay we turned off the chinamen at noon Dave hired Lem |
| Sat  25th  Su  26th | Compton to work in his place  run off clay as usual all day Dad got in one set of timbers  to day we went to the point after supper & staid a while no more  pretty cold today Dave & Kyler started for the valley about n oon I gathered up gunny sacks & brought them to the house to send to the ranch I bought a pair of boots for 10$ & a pair of soled for 2.25 Hawks & Hogan made speeches at the point after supper |
| Mo | (Oct 1856) |
| 27th  Tus  28th | run off clay all day I cleaned up a couple of big boxes to get  the Quick silver nothing of interest today  run off clay in the fore noon & washed in the after also washed the drift dirt & got but very little blew up & was cloudy after |
| Wed  29th  Thr  30th  Frd  31st  Sat  1st | supper Swinertins boy came after some clothed of Kylers abo  ut noon) washed all day & took out 7 oz & 15$ including drift dirt  washed all day nut did not pan out it being late we all went to the  point after supper we set our small boxes ready for cleaning up  again I saw the Advertisement of Daves clains to be raffled the 22nd  of Nov) washed all day but did not clean up the boxes only the  drift & got 10$)  washed all day & took out 8 oz & 4$ Kyler started for the valley after dinner I started also but met Dave on the floom & I came back & w ent to work. some of Daviess acquaintences came in about supper |
| Su  2nd | time from the valley They staid all night with us  our visitors left this morning Dave & I went to Rich Bar but |
| Mo  3rd | did not stay long. we then went to the point & staid until night  I worked in the drift with dad all day the floom being frozen up The ballance of the company commenced prepairing to builf or move our house on the bar near the river Lem cut his foot with an axe & quit wo rk Ned commenced camping with us to day Daviess got home in |
| Tus  4th  Wed  5th | the evening from Quincy nothing else today  worked with dad in the drift in the fore noon & voted in the after  this being election day &c &c  Dave Kyler Daviess Sweeon & myself started for Quincy after brea kfast and got there after dinner we went by Butts Ranch Dave & Kyler talked of buying it rained on us nearly all of the way Bill |
| Thr  6th | Rains got back from Soda Bar about 9 oc he was hauling lumber  got up early & helped Bill yoke up his oxen to start with a load I helped Pa saw up some logs for woof Sweeton & I started home after di |
| Frd  7th | nner Kyler took dinner with us nothing else new today)  cleaned bed rock 7 piled it up so as to shovel in Dad & I while w hile Ned & Sweeton worked on the house we all shoveled in the dirt in the after noon & took out 7 oz 6$ I went to the point after supper & paid |
| Sat  8th  Su  9th  Mo  10th  Tus  11th | Lem Compton 97$ I got some strychnine to poison rats nothing else  Dad & I cleaned bed rock & piled it up ready for washing & stripped  off clay the balance of the day while Ned & Sweeton worked on the h  ouse) staid at home all fore noon & went to the point after dinner &  ground our axes & came home nothing else of consequence today  Dad & I hoveled off clay in the fore noon & got out some rocks & di  rt in the after while Ned & Sweeton worked on the house nothing else  cleaned bed rock all day & piled it up ready for washing Ky ler came home about noon from the valley picked up 11$ in clean |
| Wed  12th | in rock Ned & Sweeton worked on the house Sterlings killed a beer today  cleaned bed rock & set boxes on the fore noon & we all put in dirt in the after noon we did not clean up at night we panned out about |
| Thr  13th | 26$ part of the house is finished & ready to move in to  Dad & I cleaned bed rock all fore noon & cleaned up in the eve |
|  | (Nov 1856) |
|  | ning & took out $350.50 Dave came in about supper time from the v alley Sterlings got our hose to pipe with his being bursted finished |
| Frd  14th  Sat  15th  Su  16th  Mo  17th | cleaning up today nothing else new today  commenced tearing down our house to day we cleaned up our bib box  es & got 1 1/2 oz) carried lumber down the hill all forenoon Kyler & I st  rted for the valley after dinner We stopped at Thompsons Alfords  son in law I came on the ranch & c  staid about the house all day I saw Ef Keene & Biers from elow Bill  bot back from the mountain house with the team  I started home early in the morning I went by Butts Ranch & Ky I came on home the mountain road & got there about noon we worked |
| Tus  18th | in the after noon rained in the fore noon  carried lumber all day rained a little in the fore noon we fin ished our wook Shed today we settled up with Sherwin today he  reduced his prices on water during the winter months we received |
| Wed | our winters grub of Thompson yesterday |
|  | (Nov 1856) |
| 19th  Thr  20th | commenced building a chimney today all hands Dad rocked  out the pan & got 1 1/2 Oz & 1 1/2$ very cold in the morning  commenced snowing after breakfast & continued all day & the fore part of the night we carried in wood a while dad & I dug out a place  to set our big sluces & commenced setting them but did not finish |
| Frd  21st  Sat  22nd | them Lawrance came down to look at Haydens claim &c &c  snow about 6 inches deep this morning Dad & I finished setting  our boxes today we all put some lining in the house after supper.  Ned & Sweten was fixing above the gum before dinner Dad & I was trying to put in a box in the bank a piece we sluced a little after dinner Ned & Sweeten fixing the penstalk higher up the hi ll. we had to raise some of our boxes that had sunk down snow |
| Su  23rd | ed after dark a little nothing else new today  we put up our bunks in the fore noon & went to the point after dinner & paid for our grub we all bought gum boots to |
| Mo | work in Ned & Sweeten staid after night at the point. |
|  | (Nov 1856) |
| 24th | Kyler & I went to the point I for nails & he for the valley for a beef he got back in the evening with an ox he paid 75$ for it the bal lance of us set our leading troughs & finished them in the evening Moore came over about noon for some sacks to put potatoes in |
| Tus  25th  Wed  26th | Sterling commenced cleaning up today nothing more  we dounf our beef dead about day light he hung himself  with the rope we dressed him we got our hose ready to wash &c  very cold today about noon we went to piping in the morning  A stump fell in & broke one bos to pieces & knocked our |
| Thr  27th | hose down we put in an other box & got out the stump late in the  evening) commenced pping today but the water woon fa iled & we broke rocks the ballance of the fore noon commenced a gain in the evening & run until the middle of the aftern oon the water failed Ned & I got ready to run at night but our little reservoir broke down Ned & I got ready to run at night but our little reservoir broke down Ned & I went up town after supper |
| Frd | & staid until bed time nothing new today |
|  | Nov 1856 |
| 28th | piped in the evening as usual Ned & I run until 12 oc at night it commenced snowing after supper & continued all night |
| Sat  29th | the water would not run in to our hose on account of the snow  falling so fast) got some planks for Ned to make a box to salt the be ef in Dad Seeton & Kyler shoveled the snow out of the floom piped in the after noon a big stump came down & the mud run |
| Su  30th | out on the boxes & broke them down Ned finished the beef box after su  upper) staid in the house all fore noon we all went to the point about noon & staid until night Pa came over before dark on his way to M.Ville He staid all night with us There were |
| Mo  1st | a couple of watches raffled off at the point Fox got one & Lacy  the other) Pa & I went to the point after breakfast Brooks & B utts & chunky started with us for M Ville at 8 1/2 oc we m et a couple of men near the hos back on snow shoes we arrives at onion valleat nearly 12 oc we took dinner & started woth several others for Gibsonville & arrived about 4 oc staid |
|  | Dec 1856 |
| Tus  2nd | all night I saw George Rynolds nothing interesting today  left after breakfast & arrived at rabbit Creek about 11 oc we t ook dinner & looked around town a while we started at half pa st 2 oc & got to the Columbus house before supper Brooks Chun |
| Wed  3rd | nky & I went up to see –ate Hayes cloudy in the evening  we left the Columbus house about 5 oc in the morning & got breakfast at the New York ranch or house I took the stage for MVille arrived in the evening we got supper at a restaurant Hickman & I walked around a while Brooks stopped at the |
| Thr  4th | St. Charles hotel I staid all night at the stable  Pa & I wnet out to H.Ps nearly noon nobody about the house but Dave HR & Kath came home about noon H.P bought a hog & weighd it we all went up to the upper Ranch with |
| Frd  5th | the buggy & set fire to stubble nothing else new today  Pa Dave & I went Rabbit hunting & got back about one oc but caught no rabbit H.P went to town & staid all day the |
|  | Dec 1856 |
| Sat  6th | ballance of us staid about the house all evening  Pa Dave & I went to Hoopers water melon patch we started a cou pple of hoses but did not catch either of them H R & family w |
| Su  7th | ent to town Durrick came home tith them  rained a little today staid about the house all day we started a couple of hases but caught none John Rose & his love star |
| Mo  8th | ted for MVille after dinner nothing else today  went across the river after horse for H.R but sis not get him I went on to town Hickman came out with me before noon we got dinner & I went to town with him again & staid all night we took a bed at a hotel after |
| Tus  9th | being up until 12 oc nothing else new today  I got a horse to take out to H.Rs Dave got in town early in the morning on his way after a sowing machine I went out to the ranch & found H.Rs driver stalled with the wagon in the river with a load of hay I came on & met a team going to town he helped him out old Bub was at H.Rs but soon went home we did not get any money |
|  | Dec 1857 |
|  | from him we all went to the upper ranch to burn off stubb |
| Wed  10th  Thr  11th  Frd  12th  Sat  13th  Su  14th  15th  Tus  16th | le er started a couple of hoses but only had one race nothing else  rained all day at a pretty good rate I staid about the house all  day ) we went up to Turned all of us we run a hose about a mile on  the plans but did not catch him HR bought an ox for 80$ Dave & I  killed a skunk in Hoopers field. nothing else today  I went to town on the hay wagon & staid all day & night heard some  good music at the Nicarugua Saloon I slept at the stable,  staid in town all day Durrick & I went to the Theatre at night  it was very poor indeed  went out to HRs & staid all day HR & I went to the upper place  rode a colt he fell down with me & got on my leg nothing more  I rode the colt again today we went to the upper field we bu  rned some straw rained after supper The surveyor came in & staid until after supper running off the line between |
| Wed | H.R. & Landis nothing else today |
|  | Dec 1856 |
| 17th  Thr  18th  Frd  19th | we all went to the upper field H.R. & Kath went in the buggy we w  ent out on the plains to start a hare but did not succeed I rode to colt  Pa & I went to town with H.R. in the buggy to start home we took  dinner at Lindleys we staid about town all day & slept at the stable  we started early in the morning for home in the stage the sta ge got out of fix at the Oregon house but was fixed we got to the N ew York house late in the evening & took mules to the Columbia h |
| Sat  20th | ouse & arrived about 8 oc at night  started for Rabbit creek in the morning on mules & got there abou t 12 oc & then took it a foot & took dinner at Gibson Ville about 2 oc |
| Su  21st | got to onion Valley a little before dark & staid all night & C  started for the point in the morning & arrived about noon we took dinner with Sherwin & he went with us home or to Quincy |
| Mo  22nd | we got home after dark a little nothing else of interest today  Bill Rains & I hauled a load of hay from Wheelers to Judk ins Mill & some lumber back turned warm after supper |
|  | Dec 1856 |
| Tus  23rd  Wed  24th | & rained in the night a little nothing else new today  nothing of interest today rained today. did not work today  Bill Rains & I hauled a load of hay from Wheelers to Elizabeth town  it snowed in the in the evening some everybody preparing for the ball at Spanish ranch the wagon broke down opposite Dueslers |
| Thr  25th | house in the branch & we had to unload our hay nothing else  our folks went to a ball at Spanish Ranch being Christmas day with Sherwin & waits Bil & Pa staid at home pretty cold at |
| Frd  26th  Sat  27th  28th  29th  Tus  30th | night we built a fire in the Root house to keep the potatoes from freezing  pretty cold today our folks got home after noon a little Waits & Sher  win came up after supper & staid awhile no more today  nothing of interest today Bill Moore & I hauled a load of wood  nothing of interest today fine sleighing  pretty cold today A party at Elizabeth Town to night our folks  all went & came home about 2 oc at night They had a fine time  nothing of interest today Bill & I hauled some logs for Dues |
| Wed | Jan 1857 |
| 31st | ler to make wood out of) rained & snowed nearly all day a disagr eeable day A Ball at Taplins tonight Bill & I looked on awhile but did not take a hand we made milch punch after sup per & sat up until our folks came home Moore got sick & vomited |
| Thr  1st | after going to bed. They had quite a pleasant time at the ball  New Years day There was part of brass band playing in town. a couple of horses run off with a sleigh in town & broke it to pieces Rains & I started for Nelson point & we stopped a while at Alfords to see his uncle Earl Edwards we went to Independence Bar to a frol |
| Frd  2nd | ic byt did not stay long we staid all night at Foxes  Bill started for M.Ville I went to Rocky Bar & staid awhile I got some dirty clothes & fiddle & started for the valley I went as far |
| Sat  3rd | as Mc Nabbs & staid all night snowed nearly all day & rained  after supper) I started for the valley after breakfast the snow being nearly 3 feet deep I got to the ranch about 2 oc after a hard tramo snowed all day with out ceasing Pa & I shoveled the snow off of the |
|  | Jan 1857 |
| Su  4th  Mo  5th | porch to keep it from breaking down nothing more today  Staid about the house all day & helped Ma put up some curtains  Steve Bass killed a beef in out lot after shooting 5 or 6 times  every body going to Spanish ranch to a party Ben – uran & I worked out black horse in a jumper we got there before supper |
| Tus  6th  Wed  7th | a little we had quite a fine time danced until 3 oc Pa came  up after supper) Ben & started home our horse cut a few sh  ines on the way The rest of the folks went to Meadow Valley to have  another dance) Moore & I hauled a load of hay to Elizabeth Town to Dr. Kated on a sled & got back about supper time Thompsin ca me up with his sleigh & we all went with him to Kated & staid |
| Thr  8th | until 12 oc very cold indeed nothing else today  Moose & I cut wood in the fore noon we went out in the woods & cut down a couple of dry trees for wood Thompson Edwards Mrs Edwards |
| Frd  9th | & Kates came up & staid ahile very cold again tonight  moore & I hauled in some logs for wood all day pretty cold |
|  | Jan 1857 |
| 10th  11th  Mo  12th | Moore & I hauled logs again today for wood cold today as usual  turned warm today snow melting very fast staid about home  all day rained about bed time I saw Jack Powers on a spree of course  warm & cloudy today Moore & I went out to haul some logs for the old negro but broke one of the yokes & only hauled one log a pine one we then loaded the wagon with hay & went to Elizabeth Town we got stalled & broke the goose on the tongue & had to unload There was a party at |
| Tus  13th  Wed  14th  Thr  15th  Frd  16th  Sat | Elizabeth town to night rained today got home after dark  rained some today Pa Moore & I aparted out some potatoes no more  rained nearly all day snow going off very fast we cut some wood  today Mark haviland came in & staid about 2 hours Mss Edwa  rds & Kates came in after supper & sat awhile  nothing of interest today rained as usual Mr & Mrs Edw  ards staid all night)  about 2 inches more of snow on the groun snowed & rained  nearly all day we did not work any today |
|  | Jan 1857 |
| 17th | Moore & I cut some wood in the morning & we hauled a load of hay for Mastin to Willmans we got stalled & got Ed Basses oxen to help us we had to unload part of it before we could get to the stable rained |
| Su  18th | Some today & after supper considerable  nothing interesting today I went to Alfords for some wheat for chickens but got none & then went to Kates & got 72 lbs I stopped at |
| Mo  19th | Weldons to look at some sled runners  we fixed up a rack to feed cattle in Moore & I went on the hu n for a tree to make sled runners we found one & cut it we got di nner & took a yoke of cattle & hauled it in also a tongue & hay pole A pretty day Edwards & his wife Thompson & Miss Swinerten came |
| Tus  20th  21st  22nd  Frd | in after supper & sat awhile nothing more today  A pretty day we commenced making out sled bud did not finish  worked on the sled again today & finished it in the evening  nothing of interest today a pretty day |
| 23rd  Sat  24th | Moore & I cut some wood for the shoe make another pretty day  Pa Moore & I cut & split rails & hauled them in on the sled  hauled some wood for the shoe maker Dad came by from the point on his way to Elicabeth Town Frank Fox & Root came in after supper |
| Su  25th  Mo  26th  Tus  27th  Wed  28th | Frank staid all night with us nothing of interest today  Frank & I started for the point I walked & he rode got there after din  ner I took dinner with him nothing else today)  we all went to work on the big floom for Sherwin raising & cau  lking it near the mill I took dinner with Edwards saw Mrs.  Lacy there) worked on the floom again today. rained a little in the  evening we finished the floom again today. rained a little in the  warm & cloudy today Ned & I fixed up our side of the creek nothing else ixed up Sterlings boxes to run into out claims Sweeten & Kyler |
| Thr  29th | caulked the floom we got wood in the evening out of the Fritz cabbin  commenced slucing in the morning but a slide came down & broke a couple of boxes mended up did not work in the evening |
|  | (Jan 1857) |
|  | only ground our tools great excitement about Mc. Nabbs diggings |
| Frd  30th  Sat  31st | Dad & Kyler commenced working after supper nothing else today  Ned went to the point to mend some hoes while Sweeten & I broke  rocks dad & Kyler slept ground sluces all evening 3 9f us)  broke rocks all forenoon & piped in the after Dad & Kyler run ton ight but gave out about 8 oc & Kyler went up the floom to see ab |
| Su  1st  2nd  Tus  3rd | out it very cold this morning nothing interesting today  went to the point about noon & staid about the house all fore noon  broke rocks all day 3 of us Dad & Kyler laid by to run at night but  there was no water the floom gave way at Columbia flat.  broke rocks in the fore noon we all helped Edwards get some poles down the hill on the snow to put under the floom I took our |
| Wed  4th | nozzle of the pipr up town & punched out the ring & put it on the  pipe) found the ground covered with new snow & continues all day we helped put the stringers down after breakfast & quit |
| Thr | Feb 1857 |
| 5th  Frd  6th  Sat  7th  Su  8th  Mo  9th  10th  Wed  11th | Snowed a little all day I staid about the house all day having no  water the floom being broke down  The coldest day we have had for some time every thing froze up  went to the point about noon & bought a pair of boots paid 4$ for them  very cold this morning I started for Quincy after breakfast & got there about  2 oc Pa & a man named Chace were making a hay press cold all day  I staid about the house all fore noon Moore & I cut a log & hauled it in  to make a roller for the hay press pretty cold all day ) just up from below  worked on the hay press all day Sherwon staid all night with us he  I went to Boyanthens to get some bands made for the press but had to go  to Elizabeth Town had them made a little too large  The snow about 2 inches deep this morning Pa took the bankds to Boyantens & got them altered Moor & I hauled a load of hay to Star |
| Thr  12th | Ks & one to Willmans rained & snowed all day pretty steady  I started for home rained on me all of the way I stopped at the old cabbin & found it had fallen in from the snow laying on it |
| Frd | Feb 1857 |
| 13th | rained all day a little commenced piping but the water gave out before dinner we put in a box at the lower end done no work |
| Sat  14th  Su  15th | in the evening a large rock came down & broke a short box at the head  rained all day pretty steady did not work today having no wa  ter broke rocks I went to Sterlings & got a sledge nothing else today  rained very hard last night & all day today the river raised a great deal we got some drift wood snowed in the evening & after supper  the old tailing are going away very fast we had to take up some of out boxes to keep them from washing off we went to the point & staid a |
| Mo  16th | while a tree fell across out leading troughs & broke several boxes  snoed very hard all day we commenced setting out boxes over again & givine them 4 inches more fall to the box snow about 12 in |
| Tus  17th  Wed  18th | at night & quit snowing a very dis agreeabb day to work  pretty cool all day finished setting out boxes today Ned & Sweeten  cut down a tree standing against our reservoir nothing more today  pretty cold in the morning moderated towards noon comme |
|  | Feb 1857 |
|  | nced snowing about the middle of the after noon & continued until |
| Thr  19th | night did not work today having no water nothing interesting today  warm & the snow melting today we all worked on the floom putting under braces &c &c Ned & Sweeten worked at Columbia flat mending a place we finished it about noon & went to where Sterlings were at |
| Frd  20th  Sat  21st | work fixing their floom worked a little jobbing around the diggings  very warm all day the snow melting fast rained in the evenng  went to the point & got some butter Ned & Sweeten worked on the floom  we done nothing in the fore noon only & went up to the high pl ace in the floom & caulked it where it was leaking we piped all eve ning Dad & Kyler run at night we done a great execution all even |
| Su  22nd  Mo  23rd | ing run out a great deal of dirt nothing else today uncommon  A beautifyl day I staid about the bar nearly all morning & the  n went to the point but did not stay long  Ned worked on the flum at Independence bar They finished it about noon the rest of us broke rocks all day but did not fin |
|  | Feb 1857 |
| Tus  24th | ish them Ned & I commenced to work after supper but the water fal led  piped in the fore noon also late in the evening run off a great deal of dirt & put on a crooked box at the head & one at the foot Ned  & I commenced to work at night but one of our boxes fell down & the |
| Wed  25th | water failed Pa came to the diggings late in the evening windy at night  found it snowing in the morning we broke rocks all foren oon Pa started for home after breakfast awhile snowed all day steady Ned & I worked all night snowed all night also |
| Thr  26th  Frd  27th | Ned went up the floom after dinner to see about the water  broke rocks all day & put in boxes Ned & I run until 3 oc in  the morning a large rock rolled on the mouth of the boxes & we quit for the night |
|  |  |