

July, Dec.

Thursday MONDAY, 29. 7th

1896

Study very little of Phonography, & little of Blackstone. Read quite a deal of the early dramatists. Find their comedies full of wit mixed with much filthiness. The beach covered with ice and the sea away out. The poles ofiformism covered with ice. Everything fiercely cold & cheerless.

Friday 8th

Very cold. Wind on a high horse. Cutting up the devil's own capers. I have to make great preparations before retiring. I warm my night shirt; my bed clothes and myself and then bolt for bed and shiver out the night. Two wood fires going up stairs: one to be superseded by coal.

Saturday 9th

Bought N.Y. Sun & Gazette. An article from my pen was published in Sun. Nothing in Gazette. Papa Will & myself continue living comfortably enough. Papa's cold continues. He takes medicine with little effect.

Sunday 10th

My usual day for donning white shirt. Willie and I out to see newsboy. Cold, very cold, and I and the youngsters were nearly frozen. Spent an inactive day. Believe I read and wrote. Papa busy on his box.

Monday 11th

First decent snow. Papa to the city. He did not want to go. No more ball playing. In Wrights. Bought paper. Composing article for Sun. Willie out, wrapped up. Papa home in the evening. Read & wrote.

Tuesday 12th

Continuation of snow flakes. Heard from Belle and Aunt Jim about this time. Papa did not go to the city. Have not smoked yet; write quite a deal for Papa, do not read much of Blackstone or Phonography now.

Wednesday TUESDAY, 30. day 13th

I am going to the Herald & Mr. Traynor to try to get situation. Papa saw both the other day. Reading & writing all day. Papa to the city. Yesterday I wrote to Mary, George, Mazie and J. L. Swann the friend.

Thursday 14th

Wrote answer to Belle's letter. Did not post it. Cold weather. We are going to have a severe winter. The snow lasts. The beach covered with it so Wrights as usual. Saw the same lot of loaves.

Friday 15th

Saw Mr. Traynor; tried to see Connery. To B.K. with Papa. Saw Belle Sullivan. Not treated as well as last visit. Belle & Pauline to evening party. Came home 6 o'clock. Saw Louise Waters. Writing till late for Papa.

Saturday 16th

Saw Connery. Thin nervous and sickly looking. Spoke kindly to me. Introduced me to City Editor. Mr. Chambers who sent me a note. Knew nothing about. I called feet dreadfully badly. Mel. Bayard, who acted very kind.

Sunday 17th

Home all day. My first effort appeared in to day's Herald. Looks better than I had dared hope. Cold day. Fixed up my things. Loafing around. Writing all day and all night for Papa. To bed after 12.

Monday 18th

Great snow storm which became rain storm; consequence much slush. Around with Bayard. He took me to Press Club. We had nice dinner at Astor House. In the evening to Chris. O'Connors, and then to report Concert at Steinway Hall. Interviewed artists behind the scenes. Spent the night with Bayard at his house. To bed about 2 or 3. First night away from home in a year. Not homesick.

Tuesday WEDNESDAY, 31. 19th

Did nothing all day long. Up late. Came home in evening by way of St. Hamilton. Walked across through snow with cold wind blowing. Brought Willie a book. Suffered from cold. Found everyone mourning my absence. Poor Papa must not cry saying "Oh how nice pet. I have been so lonely without you." To bed 1 1/2.

Wednesday 20th

Spent the night with Bayard. Up late. We slept in narrow bed. To Herald Office late. Called at Bayard's. We went over together. Saw some wonderful billiard playing by Sims, Daly and Izar. Reported it: but did not get printed. Assigned to night work. Busy till 1 1/2. Running through slush for over 4 hours.

Thursday 21st

Up after 10. To Papa's office. To Mrs. O'Brien's. Was cordially received by Mrs. O'Brien. Mary Robt staying there; she was out. To Mrs. Kelly's. Found them at the funeral. The girl was for not allowing me in. Saw Ann Coffrey, husband, Mrs. Sims & children Mrs. Kelly & others. Reported death. On night went till 2.

Friday 22nd

Up 10 1/2. B.K. put with Bayard. Saw Mary Miss Fredtberg and Papa at 44 Court. To Herald. Sent by Connery to interview horse car superintendents. Rose walked and talked. Snow all day. My feet were ringing wet. Through at 8 1/2. Finished article 10.50. Spent night at Badgers. Bed about 2.

Saturday 23rd

I found my way down stairs at about ten as I thought but at 12 as it turned out. Had breakfast and dinner at Eugenia's in Wash. St. B.K. Saw papa at his office. To the Herald. Did nothing. To Bath at 7.10 Sunday. Spent quiet evening. Talked to Mary Harrison.