

1858 Diary of JOHN HOLLY KNAPP

JANUARY:

Friday, Jan. 1

Like the whole of the last month the New Year has been ushered in with a beautiful mild day. We invited some of our friends to take a family dinner with us. Mrs. and Dr. Reinhart, Clara Beck, Mr. and Mrs. (Rev.) C. P. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. B. Smith, Mrs Douglass, Almeda & John and George Douglass. We had a pleasant time - the children also.

Saturday, Jan. 2

Vallie and I rode out to Jonas this P.M. Signed Deeds to lot 206, Deeding to T Slacks & quit claiming to Wm. Hamilton. Rec'd letter from H. L. Stout. Attended I Ole F(?) in the evening. Weather mild & at 8 P.M. Thermometer standing at 34° on the North side of the house.

Sunday, Jan.3

Taught my class in Sabbath School this forenoon & heard Mr. Taylor preach a very good & appropriate sermon to day from 2nd Kings IV Chap. 26 verse. Vallie & I attended Bible class this P.M. Wrote to sister Lib. They now live at Cainpo Seco, California. Weather continues very mild. 35° at 8 o'clock A.M. & 51° at 2 ½ P.M.

Monday, Jan. 4

At 7 ½ A.M. Ther. stood at 35, at noon 50°, 6 o'clock P.M. 39°. Wrote to Mr. Stout. Balanced my cash accts. Spent sometime in the Banking House. Arranged papers at my desk & wrote in the evening. Ice running in the river but not so as to prevent skiffs crossing. Just 21 years ago father died in this place of Quinsy.

Tuesday, Jan 5

Weather still continues warm. Took a ride on horseback in the forenoon. In the afternoon Vallie & Henry & I rode out to Jona's. Paid Mr. Case's bill \$12.75. Nearly sick this evening with symptoms of indigestion & disordered stomach. Have been well & hearty for a long time.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

This morning hitched "Jim" to the buggy & took Mother out to Jona's. Spent a short time at the Banking House talking over the "Hard times" the great scarcity of money - there being nothing but ? -local currency in circulation. Attended Masonic Lodge in the evening. The winter is passing away and I do not accomplish the amt. of reading & study I expected & desire to do this winter.

Thursday, Jan. 7

About 10° colder this morning. Went upon the bluff with some Germans (two) to show them where I want some wood cut. Agreed to pay 50¢ per cord for cutting. Settled with Lizzie, pd her bal due 12.13 Dolls. Attended the Debating society in the evening. Rec'd 1000.00\$ from T.B.W

Friday, Jan. 8

Rode out on the bluff this morning on horseback. Wrote to Capt. Wilson. In the evening met with the Choir at Mr. J. R. Atlee's home to practice singing Church music. Weather 8 degrees colder than on Wednesday.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Very mild day. Took Mother out to Jona's. Henry went with us. Jona's was moving his old house. I helped about two or three hours & staid to dinner. Had a nice roast turkey, c. In the evening Mother and I went to Mrs. Criell's. About a dozen invited guests.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Rained some during last night. The first time in a long while. Taught my class in Sabbath School. Lesson Acts 11 Chap. commencing at 33rd verse. Rev. H. Stoddard Missionary formerly to India, preached morning & evening. Showed some of the heathen idols, c & c.

Monday, Jan. 11

Rained pretty hard during the night again. Ther. At 8 oclck at 49°. Wrote to J. L. Cooley, Thos B. Wilson & Miss Kate Field. Rec'd 3000\$ Dubuque Harbor Co., Money from Mr. Stout for Accts ? K.S. & Co. Rec'd letter from Jesse L Cooley announcing his mother's death on 4th Jany.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Added some to letter to Jesse Cooley & wrote to Babcock & Co., N. Y. & Potter, Nute, White and Bagley, Boston. In the evening Mother & I went to the supper given in the basement of the Pres. Church by the Ladies of the Methodist church for the benefit of their pastor. Vallie did not want to go - very muddy but not withstanding many there.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Wrote some letters, sawed wood for exercise. In the evening Vallie, Mother, Almeda & I went to Pres. Church and heard Rev. Stoddard, formerly missionary to Assas inia Indian, give a lecture on the Hindu religion & c. We were well entertained. Weather continues mild, river clear of ice.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Wrote to H. Eno, A. McDowell & Co.. Brother Wm. came over the river to day in a skiff, Mr. Ketchum also they took dinner with us. In the evening I attended the Debating Society, Literary Union as it is called & I took part in debating the question: Resolved "The Banks of issue (?) are detrimental to the interest, commerce & trade of the Country "

Friday, Jan. 15

Nervous headache this fore-noon. Increased my Capital Stock in the Banking business 2000\$. Mr. Eaton left for Chicago on business. Repaired the large Cistern pump.

Saturday, Jan. 16

At home most all day. Weather colder, Thermometer stood at 19° above 0 at 7 1/2 oclck this morning being the Coldest morning for many weeks. Clear & Pleasant. Practiced some on the Guitar in the evening.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Not so cold to day as yesterday. Weather quite spring-like. Was at church this forenoon. Also taught my class in S. School & in the afternoon went to Bible Class. Vallie did not go to B. class. I was sorry to be under the necessity of punishing Henry for disobeying his Grandma.

Monday, Jan. 18

Some what colder this morning. 15° at 7 ½ A.M. but only 30° at 8 P.M. Rode out on horse-back in the forenoon.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Was called upon by Mr. McKelog from house of Wm McConlly & Co. of Pittsburgh. Gave him Note of T.B.Wilson & Co. due 1st July for \$333.52 in full for this acct & interest. Heard a good sermon by Rev. Powers presiding elder in Methodist denomination.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Wrote to T. B. Wilson & answered letter of Rich Clinton. Cleaned out our cistern in order to put in filter & repair it. Thermometer 46° above 0. Worked at my cash acct this evening. Rec'd letter from Thos. B. Wilson dated 11th, mailed 13th at Reads Landing, Minnesota.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Will Adams returned from Georgetown. Brought in some Prairie Chickens. Vallie & Mother went to visit Bea's this P.M. Will took tea with me & then we went to the Literary union in Debating Society. Had an interesting Debate, S. B. Espy & myself have been chosen as disputants for next Thursday.

Friday, Jan. 22

Had a call from brother Wm. to day. He came over on a skiff. Vallie, Henry and I rode out to Jonas' this P.M. Weather very mild and Ther. at 59° at 1 oclk & 49° at 9 ½ P.M.. Indication of Rain. Attended the regular meeting of the Choir for practice at Frank Malcom's.

Saturday, Jan 23

I was assisting Mr. Kent in repairing our Cistern in the forenoon. Wrote to Messrs. Zerg & Painter of Pittsburgh, Pa. In the evening went out to hear the lecture of Dr. Cowles on Physiology which only showed that the old man is in his dotage and was out of his latitude. Warm.

Sunday, Jan. 24

Taught my class in Sabbath School. Lesson Acts II from 1st to 31st verse. Went to church also in the forenoon. Mr. Taylor preached a good sermon from Luke 23 chap 34 verse. Was out to Bible class this afternoon. Lesson Heb. XIII 1-7. Warm rainy day, Ther. ranging between 50° to 60° degrees all day.

Monday, Jan. 25

Rainy day. Rec'd letter from Mr. Wilson & from Mr. Stout. Attended Masonic Lodge on call this evening. This is the first anniversary of the burning of our Knapp, Stout & Co's. Mill at Menomonie Wis. Loss over \$100,000.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Worked to day at hauling Gravel, sand & c. for making a filtering material for our Cistern. Met the other members of Committee on Constitution for the Literary & scientific union at Mr. Dorr's office. From there went to Odd Fellows Hall. Two steamboats came up "Clara Hine" & "Chattanooga No. 2".

Wednesday, Jan. 27

With the aid of one man ("Old Stephen") this forenoon put the filtering material in our cistern consisting of a layer of stones "nig-ger heads" 5 to 6 inches deep, then 3 inches coarse gravel & clean sand then layer of charcoal 1½ to 2 inches, then another layer of clean gravel & sand mixed. Then Charcoal again then 4 inches sand & gravel—in all 18 inches. Mild, pleasant day.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Some colder to day. Ther. about 29° to 30° degrees all day. Windy. Steamer Clara Hine went down with a heavy cargo. Attended the Scientific & Literary Union in the evening & took part in the Discussion of the question Resolved that the Merchant is the most useful member of a business community.

Friday, Jan. 29

Took a walk on the bluff in the forenoon. Think it would be a delightful place to live up there. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge this evening when the "Degree of Rebekah" was conferred on Mrs. ??? Meg Zimmermann and Miss Benett. Ferry boat "Niota Belle" commenced running today.

Saturday, Jan. 30

In the evening Mother & I went to the Court House and heard a very interesting lecture by Dr. I. Galland on the Indians & Indian Character.

Sunday, Jan. 31

Went to Sabbath School Church & Bible Class. Rev. G. Wood, agt. of the Am. Tract Society, preached in the Pres. Church from Rom. 6 chap. 6 verse. This is the 4th anniversary of the death of dear Carrie. God has shown great mercy unto me & I have a happy home again.

## FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb. 1

Balanced my monthly cash account. Gave Rev. Glen Wood for Am. Tract Society five dolls. Rec'd letter from H. Eno & one from Wm. Wilson. Went over to Niota on the Niota Belle. No ice in the river. It is high & rising. Snowing this evening.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Mr. J. P. Harper & myself went to Burlington in a two horse buggy. Left home at 2¾ arrived at B. at 7 o'clk. Staid all night at the Barret House. Put 2100\$ in ? & ? in ? Office for K & Co., & 300\$ Burlington ? to buy Draft on Chicago. Roads very soft & muddy. After dark turned colder.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Took morning train at 6.30 for Oquawka junction. We then got in a hack and rode to Oquawka & met the Wausau & Rockford PR board. Got a resolution passed making Niota a permanent station on that Road. Attended to some other matters and returned to Burlington by 9 oclk P.M. Cold day & ice running.

Thursday, Feb. 4

Purchased some fur articles and then we left for home about 11 oclk. Our horses tried to run away when we got nearly home. Arrived at Ft. Madison on about 3 oclk P.M. Roads very rough. Froze hard all night. Ther. this A.M.  $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ . Attended Debating Society this evening.

Friday, Feb. 5

Thermometer  $10^{\circ}$  above zero at 8 o'clk. Ferry boat Niota Belle made a trip across to Niota & laid up. Wrote to Mr. Stout & Mr. Wilson. Settled with Mr. Doerr for building Bank Vault. In the evening met the Singing Choir at Dr. Rine-harts.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Took a ride on "Jim" upon the bluff. In the afternoon assisted Vallie in putting up window curtains in our room. Weather milder. Thawed a little to day.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Went to Sabbath School Church and Bible Class as usual. Finished reading Shady Side.

Monday, Feb. 8

Snowed during the night & all day to day. Ther. standing about  $25^{\circ}$  to  $28^{\circ}$ . Ice running thickly in the river. Steam Ferry Boat Niota Belle came over to day & tried to get back but the ice in the slough ran too thickly & heavy. Wm. came over on her & staid with us.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Snow 8 to 12 inches deep on the level. Ther. at 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  oclk  $20^{\circ}$  above 0. Jonas and I hitched our horses to my sleigh & took Mother, Almeda & Henry out sleighriding. In the afternoon Mr. Eaton & self rode several times around the town. Wrote to a young Esq.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

This is the coldest day this winter. Ther. at 7 oclk A.M. stood at  $11^{\circ}$  below 0, being by  $20^{\circ}$  the coldest morning of the season. Took Vallie & Mrs. Davenport sleigh-riding. A large party of the young folk sent to West Point this evening for a sleigh ride.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Mr. Eaton, Geo. N. Douglass, C. A. Newton & myself took a sleigh ride in my sleigh to Burlington. Left home 10.20 went via of Augusta arrived in Burlington oclk 2 P.M. sleighing very fine. Returning left B- at 5 oclk & arrived home about 9 oclk P.M. Weather moderated in the after noon & at 9 P.M. Ther.  $17^{\circ}$  above.

Friday, Feb. 12

We were invited to take dinner at Jona's. I took Mother, Vallie & Henry out there in my sleigh & met with many friends there to dinner. Dr. & Mrs. Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Taylor, Col Stewart & wife, Chas. Stewart & wife, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, & Mrs. Davenport.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Snowed during the night to the depth of 9 or 10 inches making now on the level 16 to 18 inches. Weather quite mild Ther 27° at 11 oclck P.M.

Sunday, Feb. 14

Snowed again during the night an inch or more. Attended Sabbath School & Bible Class as usual. No services in Pres. Church to day & did not feel like going out much. Wrote to H. Eno Esq. in the evening.

Monday, Feb. 15

Mr. Eaton & myself took a sleigh ride to Keokuk & back. Going down we were about 3 ¾ hours & came back in a little less time. The hard times has used up the majority of the people of K- at least all that have engaged in speculation & trusted out goods or bought on credit.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Capt. Wilson arrived from Menomonie yesterday evening. Had a good visit from him to day. We took a sleigh ride in the afternoon.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Met the Capt. in the after noon at the Banking House where we talked over our prospects with regard to lumber & the best plan of carrying on business this coming season. In the eve ning attended a public mee ting at the Court House. Took some part in discussing some resolutions before the meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Took Vallie down town for a short sleigh ride & mother Almeda & Henry out to Jona's where they spent the day & I went for them about 8 oclck P.M. Spent a portion of the evening at the Literary Union.

Friday, Feb. 19

I took Capt. Wilson to Burling ton in my sleigh. Jonas & Alfred N. Eaton accompanied us. Jonas drove. Sleighing fair. We went up in 2.50 & came back in 3 hours. Met at B- Mr. Beck & wife, Mr. Smith & wife, Will Adams & Miss Dean who started up before us, in sleighs.

Saturday, Feb. 20 (Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>)

Taught my Sabbath School Class. Went to church in the forenoon. Rev. C.P. Taylor preach ed a good sermon from Gal. VI chap. 14 verse. Attended Bible Class in the afternoon. Weather much colder Ther not above 15° to day. Wrote to Kate Fields.

Sunday, Feb. 21

I have made a mistake in writing under the date of Saturday for Sunday as I had omitted entering my minutes on Saturday.

Monday, Feb. 22

We find this the 5<sup>th</sup> coldest morning of this winter. Ther. at 7 ½ o'clock stood at 6° below zero. I wrote seven letters to day & copied them.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Took Vallie ~~mother~~ & Almeda & Mrs. Taylor sleigh—riding. Went out as far as Jona's. In the forenoon I called on Dr. Galland. Mr. & Mrs. Webster took tea & spent the evening with us.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Let Jona's take my sleigh & horses & c. today & he took Mother Almeda & Mary out to West Point on a visit. Snow melting rapidly to day. Made out account to send to Thos. Wilson.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Again we have had a very mild day. Ther. ranging between 40° 50° degrees. The snow is melting considerably.

Friday, Feb. 26

Wrote several letters to day & met with several of our friends & neighbors at sister Almeda's where we had a good supper.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Wrote some letters & attended to procuring articles for our family use & comfort. Rec'd a call from brother William & from Mrs. Ketcham and Mr. McAnlay who took dinner with us. Attended Odd Fellows Lodge this evening. Commenced snowing again this evening.

Sunday, Feb. 28

Went out to Sabbath School Church & Bible Class as usual & to choir singing in the evening. Vallie is feeling quite unwell to day. Weather much colder.

Monday, March 1

Cold day. Read the papers. Wrote to Nord Monell & Co. in relation to R.R. Iron & to Thos. Wilson. As the Varioloid is quite prevalent I got Dr. Rinehart to vaccinate me to day.

Tuesday, March 2

At home most all day. In the evening went down to Masonic Hall. Weather cold.

Wednesday, March 3

Rode out on horseback to Jona's this morning. As cold a ride as I have had this winter. Jonas & Mary with little Carrie came down & took dinner with us. Beckie & Will also took dinner with us. Attended regular Com in the evening Claypool's Lodge.

Thursday, March 4

Weather more moderate. Mother was taken quite sick during the night. I called the Dr. for her this morning. At the Banking House moved our safe into our new vault. In the evening had an interesting debate at the Literary & Scientific association at the church basement.

Friday, March 5

Mother is still quite sick. Spent the afternoon in searching over old papers & putting them away. Geo. C. Dixon, Esq. lectured before the Literary & Scientific Association this evening. I heard part of it and can say it was a good lecture.

Saturday, March 6

Weather still continues mild. Mother is getting some better. Went marketing & shopping in the forenoon. Took care of Mother in the afternoon.

Sunday, March 7

In the forenoon went to Sabbath School & Church. In the after noon to Bible Class—lesson “Eve”. Spent the evening at home with my excellent wife.

Monday, March 8

Rec'd letters from Capt. Wilson, Mr. Stout and Mr. Geo. Colton. Wrote to the first two, & also to T. S. Parvin, Esq., Muscatine, enclosing \$3.00 to ap-ply on my dues in Nash Chap. No. 4 R.A.M. Spent the afternoon in searching over & arranging old papers.

Tuesday, March 9

Rec'd answer to telegraph dispatch sent to Mr. Stout yesterday re-questing him to remit \$2000 to N. Y. for credit of K & E. Spent the forenoon in getting supplies for our household. Evening at home reading a part of Napoleon's Campaign in Russia. Weather very mild, snowing going off very fast.

Wednesday, March 10

Rode on the bluff & measure-ed wood I have had chop ped there. Find fully 7 ¼ cords & ????. Read some ??? of the history of Napoleon's campaigns. Mother is still improving. Warm thaw; spring weather - streets quite muddy.

Thursday, March 11

This morning Seely and I went to the river to get a wheelbarrow load of ice to put in the ice box to preserve our fresh meat. The ice is very poor & the river generally free from it except that bordering the shore. Spirited debate on the subject of allies banishing Napoleon.

Friday, March 12

“Badger State” first boat up this spring. Wrote to Mr. Stout. Gave Mr. Eaton some letters of introduction to persons East. He started for N. Y. via Dubuque to day on business of the firm. William was over to day. Weather very mild. Large flocks of Ducks and Geese going North. Rec'd letter yesterday eve from Capt. Wilson & by it learn that Dunn Co. Wis., is divided by legislation inactment.

Saturday, March 13

Second steamboat “Clara Hine” went up. Wrote to Williamson Taylor & Co. & Capt. Wilson. Snow has nearly all disappeared & it rained for the first time this spring. Attended the lecture at

the Court House before the "Scientific & Literary Union" by Dr. Eads on Education. 10 oclck P.M. Ther 54°.

Sunday, March 14

Very warm day. Ther. 73°. Mr. Taylor preached from the text in Kings: What sent thou here Elijah. Taught my class in Sabbath school as usual in the forenoon & went to Bible Class in the afternoon. Wrote to H. Eno, Esq.

Monday, March 15

Wrote to Geo Colton, Hayward Branstead & Niebaken, Wm. Morrison & Mr. Hamilton. Took a ride to the Vineyard. Day warm & sultry, Ther 75°. Steamers "Henry Clay" & "Sam Kirkinan" went up. The steam ferry boat "Niota Belle" Com-menced running again to day. Paid my taxes amt \$322.64, attended our grapes - find them plump & good.

Tuesday, March 16

Wrote to S. A. Whitney. Read during the afternoon in "Freedly's Legal Adviser" & find it a valuable book. To day it has rained nearly all day & a fair prospect of its raining all night. The river is rising rapidly, & is already in a good shape. This is an unusually mild & open spring.

Wednesday, March 17

High Wind & stormy this forenoon mild clear & pleasant latter part of the day. Steamboats are plenty, & river rising rapidly say 4 to 6 inches in a day. Read "Hunts Merchants Magazine" & c. Mother is nearly well again thanks to our ever Merciful Heavenly Father.

Thursday, March 18

Bought lot of Apple trees (25) & two pear trees of De Hull for the vineyard Lot & two Lawton Blackberry one dwarf Bartlett pear & one ? for cherry & c & c. to add to the number already set out in our garden. In the afternoon attended fast day meeting at Pres. Church & took a trip to Niota & listened to Wm Beck lecture to the I.O.O.F. in the evening.

Friday, March 19

Worked in the garden in the forenoon & wrote several letters. Went to funeral of Nat Knapp in the afternoon. He died of small pox - was getting well - ex-posed himself to a draught of air & died at house of Dr. Claypool. In the evening heard Dr. Sanford lecture on the Dignity of man. It was a good lecture & very well delivered.

Saturday, March 20

Pruning trees bushes in the garden nearly all day. Yes-terday put out a lot of shrubbery in my cemetery lot. To night have a severe backache as the result of stooping to prune ? bushes. about 8 oclck P.M. Vallie was taken sick. Rec'd letter this evening conveying sad intelligence of dear sister Elizabeth's Death.

Sunday, March 21

I was up nearly all night & with the sickness of Vallie & sadness produced by the intelligence of dear Libbie's death which occurred on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feby at Campo Seco, Calaveras County,

California. She has left a little daughter "Carrie" 2 years old & her husband Hon. Henry Eno to mourn her loss. They went to California in the spring of 1849 across the plains.

Monday, March 22

We were up all night with dear Vallie & this morning at 5 o'clock she gave birth to a fine daughter. Dr. & Mrs. Rinehart & sister Almeda & myself being present to do all that could be done under the circumstances. Rec'd memo from T.B.W of supplies wanted by K.S. & Co and T.B.W. & Co. Was reelected a director for the 4th time of the Iowa Southern R.R.

Tuesday, March 23

At home making garden. Wrote note to Vallie's father.

Wednesday, March 24

Still working at my garden. Wrote to Mr. Stout. Set out a new bed of straw berries & took some plants to vineyard. Made a small hot bed.

Thursday, March 25

Worked some in the garden & planted some tomatoes in my new hot bed. Wrote to H. Eno. I pity him & his little motherless daughter, but what can human sympathy avail to one who has so recently been bereft of his bosom companion. Vallie & our little babe are doing as well as we can expect.

Friday, March 26

Rec'd several letters to day. With my gardening done the duties and business cares I find my hands full. Got McCullough, city engineer, to survey a small piece of land for me today.

Saturday, March 27

Drew off a map of some land I have adjoining the town. The day has been filled up, not in idleness but scarcely know how. Before dinner took Mother out to Jonas - made a short stay & were back to dinner.

Sunday, March 28

Remained in doors most all day & have spent a good deal of time with Vallie & pleasantly too. Taught my Class in Sabbath School in the morning. This evening went to church. Heard Mr. House preach from the text "What does it profit a man though he gain the whole world & lose his own soul."

Monday, March 29

Started out this morning to do many things that are pressing & though I did not accomplish quite all yet I did many of them. Today is my birthday and I am 33 years old. How swiftly time passes & I am growing old apace.

Tuesday, March 30

Rec'd letter from Capt. Wilson Mr. Eaton Thos Wilson, H. Eric & c. & c. to day. Busy all day & much harassed & perplexed with business cases. They interfere with the duty I owe my family.

While I am out attending to business I desire to be at home taking care of my dear wife for the time being an invalid.

Wednesday, March 31

Wrote to Capt Wilson Mr. Eaton E. Gibbs, K.S. & Co & c. Bot 16 pieces pork of D. N. Conn @ 21.80 each & 7(?) bbls ?????? pork @ 15\$ per bbl - 90 days ? 10% Vallie is getting quite smart again, sits up in bed. Note to D. McConn for \$1484, for 90 days int. at 10%.

APRIL

Thursday, April 1

Bought two Casks Hams & two of shoulders of H. Catternale. Hams 8½ shoulders 7 ?, 90 days. Renewed note to McConn of 8090.28 by giving him one 60 days from 8th April for \$4066.66 & one same date 6 mos. for \$4294.78, both payable at Dunbar ?, Wine & Sheldon, New St. , N. Y. Wrote to Mr. Stout. Planted Lettuce, Radishes & Peas.

Friday, April 2

Gave Catternale note 4 mos for 250\$ bearing 10% int. signed T.B.W. & Co. for Hams & Shoulders for K. S. & Co. & T.B.W. & Co. Recd a call from Mr. Potter of Boston. Gave him a note 750\$ 6 mos. from Jan 26<sup>th</sup> being a ? & int. He is to return old note.

Saturday, April 3

Took a walk on the Bluff this morning with Mr. Potter. Wrote to T.B.W. & Co., Reads Ldg & to T.B.W. to Chicago, and to Geo. P. Eaton at N.Y. Made some garden. Planted Red beets, Radishes, Melons, Salsify & Parsnips.

Sunday, April 4

Heard Mr. Taylor preach in the fore-noon. Remained at home with V- the remainder of the day. Read Spurgeon's C?) sermon on Paul's first prayer. Text "Behold he prayeth". Weather cooler & very windy.

Monday, April 5

Dug up a lot of strawberry plants for Mr. Hitz. Got 20 grape roots from Mr. Hull for Wm. Shipt or had shipt Pork, Eggs & Tarpaulin for K.S. & Co. Recd a letter from Mr. Stout & answered it. Cool & windy day. Ther. 6 P.M. 41°. Frost last night. Attended the first Union Prayer Meeting at the Court House at 8 oclk A.M.

Tuesday, April 6

Heavy frost last night. Started for St. Louis at 9 oclk A.M. on Steamer Ben Campbell. Found the packet gone on our arrival at Keokuk. Have to wait here until to morrow morning 7 oclk. Mr. E. G. Wilson is along also Mrs. Greene who is going East. Called on Mr. Wells, Eliza & Emily Hazelhurst?. Met Gov. Lowe and Ex Gov. Grimes at the Hotel in Keokuk.

Wednesday, April 7

Left Keokuk on the "Hannibal City" at 7 oclk. A.M. Rained during the night & nearly all day. We are making slow pro-gress towards St. Louis.

Thursday, April 8

Arrived in St. Louis about 5 A.M. Put up at Bauman's. They gave Enoch & I a good room together #34. I went to several lumber yards to ascertain prospects for sale of lumber. Prices unsettled rang-ing from 12\$ to 18\$ Lath \$2.50 - 2.75. In the evening we went to the Horse Amphitheatre.

Friday, April 9

Bought a lot of Groceries to day for K. S. & Co. & T.B.W. & Co., also some for Jonas & myself. Went to the noon prayer meeting for business men at the Mercantile Library buil-ding. Wrote to Vallie & to Capt. Wilson. Went to Erin C?) Lodge No. 121 F A.A.M.

Saturday, April 10

Met at the hotel Mr. Jno C. Phelps of New York & spent of the forenoon going around with him & visiting some of the Lumber Yards. Drew 130\$ at State Savings Institution. Purchased some small bills & left St. Louis at 4 P.M. on Steamer "Quincy". Met Geo. W. D. he is returning on same boat.

Sunday, April 11

On board Steamer Quincy. A rainy cold and disagree-able day. River very muddy and rising rapidly. Got to K- at 11 oclk P.M. Took cars for Montrose where we found "Tishimingo".

Monday, April 12

Got home this morning about 4 oclk A.M. and found all well. Went to bed. Got up at 9 oclk with a bad headache which increased & by 5 oclk P.M. was almost insufferable. Took some M? pills ?? & went to bed.

Tuesday, April 13

At home all day, feeling bad from effects of the medicine I took. It snowed & rained all day nearly. Wrote to Rev. J. A. Clark & drew off statement of indebtedness.

Wednesday, April 14

Rec'd a call from Rev. McCoss. Set out my Houghton Seedling gooseberries. Attended to matters of Knapp, Stout & Co. during most all day. Vallie came down to dinner & also spent an hour with me in the sitting room this evening. This is the first time she has been out of the room in over three weeks.

Thursday, April 15

I wanted to attend the Union Prayer Meeting this morning but the Steamer "Pembina" Capt. T. H. Griffiths came up & I having a lot of freight ready to ship had to attend to it. Mr. Jno C. Phelps of N. Y. came up to day - spent the evening with me & to morrow I start for the North in the Pinery. Sorry to leave home.

Friday, April 16

I took Mr. Phelps out riding in the forenoon & Vallie this after noon. This is the first time she has been out lately. Mr. Phelps Geo. Bennet (?) & self started at 7 ½ P.M. on "Tishimingo" enroute for the Pinery.

Saturday, April 17

Arrived at R I about 10 A.M. & got on board the "Kate Cassel" for Dubuque. Roomed with a gentleman by name of \_\_\_\_\_ Sewell Jr. of Hartford, Ct. Met Mr. Dixon of St. Louis & a Mr. Weston of Buffalo on board whom I had met before.

Sunday, April 18

Arrived at Dubuque at 6 A.M. Stopped at Julien House. Messrs. Phelps and Bennet went with me to Cong. Church & we heard a first rate sermon from a stranger. Called at Mr. Stouts in the afternoon. Wrote to Vallie & to K & E. Took tea & returned to the Hotel. It being rainy & muddy out spent the evening with Messrs. Sewell, Phelps & c.

Monday, April 19

At 12 oclck to day Messers Stout Sewell Phelps & Bennet & myself go on board S.B. War Eagle for Read Landing and left Dubuque within about an hour. Rained hard & weather cool. Very few passengers on board.

Tuesday, April 20

I awoke at or near Brownsville. We arri ved at La Crosse just after breakfast. River bank full & rising & very cool weather. Arrived at Reads Landing about 6 ½ P.M. Found Thos. & Mr. Tainter there.

Wednesday, April 21

Left Reads Ldg at 6 ½ A.M. for Dunnville on the "Badger State". She took our keel boat in tow. Broke our cain rod at Round Mound & by the time we had it repaired the "Chip-pewa Falls" came up with us & then as far as Waubeek we had an exciting race. We got to Dunnville at 5 ½ P.M. and stopped at our own comfortable hotel, the Tainter House.

Thursday, April 22

After a good nights rest in a clean bed we awoke this morning to find it raining & altogether disagreeable out. We started to the mill in a two horse wagon of ours -or rather I & Mr. Jno. Wilson who also came up on the Badger State & Mr. Stout & Tainter in a buggy. Raining pretty hard & in 2½ hours reached the Mill.

Friday, April 23

Snowed some yesterday & froze ice 1/8 inch thick cold but pretty clear. Went up to the place where men are sorting logs & over to the farm to day.

Saturday, April 24

About the Mill. Took tea at Mr. McKahan's - Staid over night at Capt. Wilson's Made a survey of our premises preparatory to in-surance.

Sunday, April 25

Rose early. Walked on the hill back of the Hotel before breakfast. Left the Mill at 3.25 P.M. in our Spring wagon for Dunnville. Mr. Stout sick with a bad cold. Tainter & Thos. came down soon after. Stopped at our Hotel the "Tainter House".

Monday, April 26

Monday left Dunnville with our keel boat & rafts at 7 ¼ A.M.. wind blew cold. Snow fell rapidly for a short time—Chippewa high - Got in to Reads Landg about 4 ½ P.M. Took a ride down to our Flour & grist Mill with Thos. Left Reads Ldg about 7 ½ P.M. on the "Northern Belle"

Tuesday, April 27

When I awoke this morning found we were lying by for fog in Coon Slough. Pretty windy Day. Arrived in Dubuque about 6 P.M. Went home with Mr. Stout. He is quite unwell. Rec'd letter from Vallie & two from Jesse Cooley.

Wednesday, April 28

Left Dubuque this morning 8 ½ on "Kate Cassel". Have had a heavy head wind all day. Made seven pretty long stops taking on grain. I arrived at Daven-port about 8 oclk P.M. Intend taking the packet in the morning for F T M- Dull travelling this for one.

Thursday, April 29

Got on board the "Ben Camp-bell" about 11 oclk last night. Left R Island at 9 oclk. It's a very windy day - a gale blowing. The boat lay at Burlington three hours. Met Mr. Whitikers of N. Y. on the boat. Mr. Penz Mr. Eaton of Keokuk & ?. Arrived at Ft. M- about 11 oclk. Home sweet home.

Friday, April 30

Found all well at home except Henry. Dr. Rinehart gave him an emetic & he is some better. I have pretty hard headache. Warm and showery Ther. 87°. In the afternoon rained very hard. New note to Kilgore, Wilson & Co. for severall K. S. & Co. amt to 2151.56 Payable at M. Mobleys 3 Apr.

MAY

Saturday, May 1

Wrote to Barnard & Co., Jesse L. Cooley, A. S. Baine & Co. Went on trip across the river. Very rainy & a heavy down stream wind. Went to Union Prayer meeting after tea. Wrote & fixed up memo accts & c. during the evening. Henry is quite unwell today.

Sunday, May 2

Went to church this forenoon. Mr. Taylor preached from Jeremiah 8th Chap. 6th verse. Rained during the afternoon & evening. Walked down to John Wilsons to carry a letter & went into the ground yard. Find the shrubs I set out in our lot there growing well. Henry is better.

Monday, May 3

Rained all night & all day. Wrote to H. Eno Wm. Gray Ivar & co. Babarck & Co., Benedict Hall & Co. and Capt. Batty. Heavy rain this evening. River high & rising. Weather cool.

Tuesday, May 4

Rainy - Wrote several business letters. I find the day passes away with business & family cares & I scarcely know how or where the time has been spent. Such is life, a hurrying bustling stream, its water rushing on to eternity & no one knows the vessels & precious freight borne on its bosom.

Wednesday, May 5

Wrote Capt. Wilson. Attended prayer meeting this morning. Quite an excitement in town to day. John Atlee arrested on suspicion of being the man that loosed a man's raft last night & knocking him down with a stone by which he was severely injured. Evidence not full--acquitted.

Thursday, May 6

Down town trying to engage lumber to different parties from the country.

Friday, May 7

Got 900\$ of Ch. Brewel (?) for K. S. & Co. for 90 days @ 15% int. We had three rafts arrive today each 8 strings wide being nearly 500 M in each raft & over 250 M lath on each. Two go on to St. Louis - one I will pull out here.

Saturday, May 8

Paid to Vreland for Lewton on running lumber 450\$. Busy all day. Bought 225 cable (1¼ inch) of Peter Miller & Son @ 16 1/3 ¢ per ? to pay him in lumber.

Sunday, May 9

Heard a good discourse from Mr. Taylor. Text Math. 11 Chap 28 & 29 verse - A goodly number out today.

Monday, May 10

Made out deed to E. G. Wilson for about one acre land bordering on the creek below town. Price \$100. Got ready for my departure for St. Louis. It's hard to go away from home so much and leave the dear ones behind. Such as this business life and I must submit to its laws. Took "Ben Campbell" about 8 P.M.

Tuesday, May 11

Staid on the "Ben" last night at Montrose & this morning rose at 5 ½ oclk & took cars for K- & Stmr Des Moines for St. Louis at 7 oclk. Buffon Stewart & Miss Emily S. Welker are in company. They go on to Steubenville Ohio. Passed my raft run by Ray at Clarksville at sundown.

Wednesday, May 12

Found ourselves in St. Louis. I did not rest very well last night & do not feel No. 1 this morning. Went up to Bremen & below town so far as the Arsenal to look for lumber landings. None of any consequence to be found. Went by invitation to the fair of the Mississippi Wine Co. & partook of some of their contents(?).

Thursday, May 13

Was just on point of starting to Alvira when I learned our raft run by Ray had arrived during the night was all broken to pieces & some part of it lost - some landed at Carondelet. Went up to the raft found it in a bad situation & condition. Went to lower part of the city & to Carondelet to look for that down there. Returned tired out about 8 P.M.

Friday, May 14

Worked hard all day trying to get our lumber secured. Tried to prevail on Mr. Clark, owner of a saw mill in the upper part of the city not to drop his large raft & damage my lumber. He would do nothing to accommodate & is a complete hog.

Saturday, May 15

Sold 120 M ft lumber @ 11\$ & 100 M lath & 2.20 all in the raft & to be delivered to Messrs Redmon & Garott at Sudges Ldg. Had a hard days work. Worked at getting our lum-ber into a safe harbor until 8:30 ½ oclk P.M. & then had to walk between two & three miles from the Arsenal to Barnums Hotel. Wrote to V & J.H.S.

Sunday, May 16

Arose this Morning feeling very sore & tired from yesterdays exer-tion. Dressed for church but felt so fatigued & sleepy went to bed at 10 ½ & slept until 1 oclk P.M. Have nervous Sick headache again. Went to church in the evening in company with Mr. & Mrs. Rains and Mr. & Mrs. Thorp.

Monday, May 17

Looking around getting places to draw out lumber and having some drawn. Trying to sell not much encouragement yet Pd Vreland for lumber 190\$ & 45\$ previously. Wrote T. B. Wilson.

Tuesday, May 18

Pd Lewton's men 200\$. Winans arrived with a raft for us this forenoon. Worked hard in the afternoon to get it into Horse Creek. One string went below the dyke. Wrote to Vallie. Recd letter from John H. Douglass en-closing several others. Got our note (K.S. & Co) ? by W. K. Barksdale Co. 2000\$ 30 days 8% proceeds 1982.90? payable in ?. Left Dubuque L. H. Co. saw as collateral.

Wednesday, May 19

Like the past week so has been this day one of hard work & to night I am tired as usual. I long for Sunday that I may rest. Paid Winans 500\$, Buckley for Drawing 78 cribs 175.50, Daquene 7.50. Recd for our stems 12.25. Went this evening to see Doneth's trained animals.

Thursday, May 20

Pd. M. S. Winans on running raft 151\$ on Drawing lumber 12\$ & 6\$ = 174. Busy all day. Have not sold Many vexations & annoyances. Weather cool and river rising - Recd letter from Mr. Stout of 19th from Dubuque in answer to my letter of 17th. Also one from Thos. B. Wilson written at Milwaukee.

Friday, May 21

Recd letters from Vallie & J. H. D. Wrote some dry letters - Dull time. River commenced rising a little.

Saturday, May 22

Recd letter from home. Cold and rainy day. River rising some, cannot get anybody to work. Every thing most discouraging.

Sunday, May 23

Warmer to day-windy. Went to church in the forenoon. Recd letter from J.H.D. River has risen three feet & my raft I had drawn in the early part of the week is now afloat & giving me much trouble & heavy expense. Wrote Capt. Wilson Mr. Eaton & J.H.D. Sick headache again today.

Monday, May 24

Lumber all afloat river raised since yesterday night 4 or 5 ft & we are losing much lumber. I worked hard to save it. Had men, teams & skiffs at it & some men & skiffs all night. Rained hard this afternoon & during the night. Wrote Mr. Stout.

Tuesday, May 25

Taking care of the lumber. Think we have lost 100 M & many laths. Everybody stealing it wherever they can lay their hands on it. Nothing but hard work and vexation & expense. Rained furiously & hailed this P.M. Wrote T. B. Wilson. Rec'd letter from J.H.D. & one from Mr. Stout.

Wednesday, May 26

Hard at work all the time from early morn until late at night. Mr. Eaton came down today. Went to St. Charles for me.

Thursday, May 27

Still taking care of the lumber and the water is receding some. Another raft manned by Lewton arrived much to my annoyance & vexation. I felt very angry & sorely vexed when I ascertained too that they landed below the dyke where it cannot be drawn out.

Friday, May 28

To day Mr. Eaton went over to Belleville to try & sell some lumber for me. Paid D. Starks for Lewton \$66.75 & costs \$5.60. Spent the evening with Messrs. Pomeroy and Benton.

Saturday, May 29

Busy all day as usual.

Sunday, May 31

Went to church in the forenoon. Heard Dr. Rice preach. Very hot day notwithstanding heavy rain last night. Called on Mr. Gray in the evening. Wrote to Vallie.

Monday, May 31

Went across the river before breakfast with Tom Hale & found a good place to land our raft. Hired the steam boat Elvira for 100\$ to tow raft from Horse Creek to Illi-noistown. Towed down all safe. Paid pilot N. P Lewton. Called on Mr. Pomeroy in the evening.

## JUNE

Tuesday, June 1

Took morning cars to St. Charles at 10:45. At 2 oclck Mr. Redmon, his clerk & driver rode 14 miles in a rough conveyance on rough & muddy roads to Portage des Sioux. Arrived there 6 oclck. Hired some Frenchmen & got in one string of the raft ? evening.

Wednesday, June 2

Commenced to rain & rained all the forenoon as hard as ever I saw it rain & the wind blew a gale. I found the raft several hundred yards from the main land & worked hard nearly all day to get it into shore. Never worked harder in my life & got soaking wet. Got through by 6 oclck and rode to St. Charles and arrived 10 P.M.

Thursday, June 3

Feel badly almost sick from having had no supper, scarcely or much sleep & my excessve labor in the rain yesterday. Settled with Redmon & Grass & left St.Charles at 6 ¾ A.M. Laid up nearly all day after I got to St. Louis. River over a foot higher than at any time this season.

Friday, June 4

Trying to sell lumber & c. Went to the lumber by the Arsenal & to upper ferry & Horse Creek. Had that on upper ferry landing measured & recd pay for nearly all of it at \$18.50 per M.

Saturday, June 5

River rising rapidly. Such a flood as in 1804 is ap-prehended.

Sunday, June 6

Worked hard all day with a crew of men trying to get our rafts in a secure position from the flood. One lot 18 cribs went adrift & got on a boom among some logs.

Monday, June 7

Got one barge towed to the Arsenal to put lumber in that is afloat there & one towed to Horse Creek & two lots of lumber that were in jeopardy towed to foot of Larnsivel Street into a safe harbor.

Tuesday, June 8

A lot of rafts broke loose from the dyke at Horse Creek & floated down the river ten or fifteen miles. They dragged my barge part ly loaded with lumber with them for a mile. We got her into a safe harbor at last.

Wednesday, June 9

Had men to work at getting lumber out of the raft into one barge & the other towed from the Arsenal to near Lesperance Street & commenced unloading it. Rained. In the evening for a novelty went to Thal berg & Vieuxtemp concert.

Thursday, June 10

Had the Elvira go up & take up our lines & anchor which were foul & tow the upper barge to just below Lesperance Street. Water still rising & rainy, dull disagreeable weather. Mr. Hatch came here by request of Capt Wilson to assist me. He got in on yesterday morning.

Friday, June 11

Rainy, unloading barges.

Saturday, June 12

Same kind of weather in the forenoon as has been most common since I have been in St. Louis, viz, cold rainy weather. River rising very fast, one inch per hour & is now several feet deep in Illinoistown & up into Caron-delt Avenue at lowest point. Sold some lumber.

Sunday, June 13

River rose about 8 inches in last 16 hours, is now above the flood of 1851 & but 3 or 4 feet below the highest flood ever known, viz that of 1844. Went to Church this evening.

Monday, June 14

River not rising so rapidly today. "Advance" towed up our flat boat load of lumber. Rec'd 1050\$ bal. on lot of 20 cribs sold Rowe & Schittner, & \$1000 from Oscar Heinrichs of Belleville per F. Kellerman. Discharged Jake Schaiffer, Watchman at the Arsenal.

Tuesday, June 15

Had the barge 'Piasa' unload-ded to day. Cost 40\$ to do it. Discharged "Mike", watch-man at Horse Creek. Settled with Mr. Jesse Leonard for 200,000 ft lumber & 100 M lathes. Lumber @ 12\$ per M Laths \$2.25, took his note - 90 days for 2625\$.

Wednesday, June 16

Got note of Leonard ? today at W. H. Barksdale & Co. @12% payable in currency. Sold some more lumber. ? .7845

Thursday, June 17

Sold & engaged over 100,000 ft lumber, busy all day. Had lumber all measured that came out of raft by arsenal & find our loss on that raft to be about 90 M ft. & laths 72 M lost.

Friday, June 18

Selling lumber. Was at Horse Creek & down to foot Lamoni C?) Street. Intend to start home tomorrow to be gone a few days. Wrote Vallie & to Capt. W. Sent draft 1000\$ to Dubuque Mine & Sheldon to be applied on our note to H. McConn.

Saturday, June 19

Very busy all day. A rush of business in wish to get off for home this evening. Rec'd 600\$ of Jno. Roma & 260\$ of Rowend Sabrittzen & 156\$ of Shane & Hamilton for 78 M lath – 9\$ from dutchman for 4 M lath. Left on steamer "Denmark" at 10 P.M. Very hot day.

Sunday, June 20

Hot night rained last night. River very high & we get along slow -the boat is heavily laden.

Monday, June 21

Arrived at Keokuk 7 A.M. & Ft. M- at 11 A.M. Glad to get home once more & find my loved ones all well.

Tuesday, June 22

Looked about the yard & rafts. Sold some lumber to Martin & Hewitt.

Wednesday, June 23

Will Adams took me over to see Amos Davis. He had a lot of cattle Pork & c. to trade for lumber. Did not complete the trade Called on William on our way back.

Thursday, June 24

Davis came over today & we traded. He takes about 60 M ft. lumber in the raft at 10\$ per M & pays us in 1 head of fat cattle for 225\$ lot bacon @ 7¢ per lb and 4 barrels ? pork @ 15\$ per barrel. Bal cash.

Friday, June 25

Attending to various business matters. Isaiah Hale & I hitched up Will's sorrel mare & the Eaton Morgan mare & took Vallie & Mrs. Hale riding into the country. Rained hard in the afternoon.

Saturday, June 26

Very hot weather now, Ther. 90° in the shade. My time fully occupied with busi-ness.

Sunday, June 27

Vallie & I went to church this morning. Mr. Taylor preached a good sermon. Weather excessively warm. Took a walk to the vineyard before church.

Monday, June 28

Got ready to start to St. Louis. Left on "Ben Campbell" at 10 P.M. Isaiah Hale accompanies me to St. Louis. Very hot to day. Ther. 95° in the shade. Worked hard all day.

Tuesday, June 29

Changed boats this morning at 7 A.M. at Keokuk & got on board City of Louisiana. Very hot weather.

Wednesday, June 30

Woke up about 4 o'clock & found ourselves in St. Louis not feeling very well. Went up to Barnums Hotel - took a bath got break fast and started out on business. Did a good deal today as there is a prospect of being able to leave for home to morrow.

## JULY

Thursday, July 1

Settled with ? Rowe & rec'd Bal on lumber from him 616\$ also 115\$ from R. Holmes for 57.500 lath. Got B. Rice's Note rec'd at State Savings Inst. Paid Lyon Short & Co. 250\$ Bridges Beach & Co. 315\$ Richardson Miller & Co. 200\$, Calhoun Sterling & Co. Did many errands & after a hard & hot day's work left for home on the Metropolitan at 5 P.M.

Friday, July 2

On board Metropolitan writing letters & taking it easy. Wrote to T.B.Wilson, Oscar Heinrichs & Phelps Ormsbee & ?

Saturday, July 3

Arrived home 6 A.M. Glad to be at home again.

Sunday, July 4

Spent the day in resting. The excitement of busi-ness being over for a few days. I find myself desiring to sleep & rest all the time.

Monday, July 5

To day was celebrated in an appropriate man-ner the anniversary of the Declaration of our National Independence. It took place on the hill East of town. Many came in from the country & the steamer Keo-kuk brought several from that city.

Tuesday, July 6

Sold some lumber. Busy all day. Weather very hot.

Wednesday, July 7

Sold 3 cribs 12 deep to Capt. Batty & Mr. Cleghorn of Keokuk at 10\$ per M 6% off of solid measure. Recd 177\$

Thursday, July 8

Tried to make some engagement with some boat in regards to taking a lot of laths to St. Louis. Did not effect anything.

Friday, July 9

Sent draft to Conant Elden & Woods in full for K.S. & Co. Note & int. Due them \$270.46 opening my lumber yard books.

Saturday, July 10

Rained today, weather much cooler.

Sunday, July 11

Went to church twice today. Took Henry with me in the morning. In the evening Vallie & I went together. Mr. Taylor preached both times.

Monday, July 12

Was sick last night & have a sick headache today. Have been about attending to business nevertheless. Sold two cribs lumber 11563 ft. to Philotin Cowles @ 10\$ per M. Hired the Niota Belle to go to Montrose & bring up a barge which I am going to load with lath.

Tuesday, July 13

Sold Wm D. Knapp one crib lumber, 5776 ft., and 8 M lath. Loading barge. Weather is getting a little warmer - has been quite cool for several days.

Wednesday, July 14

Having barge loaded & c & c. Mr. Hatch arrived this evening & informs me that Heinrichs of Belleville would not settle for the lumber sold him & it becomes necessary for me to go to St. Louis immediately.

Thursday, July 15

Left for St. Louis at noon on Pemberton. She takes the barge load of lath 400 M of them. Rained very hard when we got to Keokuk. Turned very cool. Wrote to Capt. Wilson.

Friday, July 16

Arrived in St. Louis today at 12 1/2 o'clock M. Went over to Illinoistown. Did considerable running round. Wrote to Moose Herzey & Co., Philadelphia & sent them Draft for 600\$. Wrote to Mr. Stout.

Saturday, July 17

Rec'd from Carr & Kenects two notes \$463.70 each & due 13 Sept. & 13th Oct. = \$912.10. Deposited 700\$ of it with W.H. Barksdale & Co. Rec'd of Heinrichs \$173.89. Paid John I. Roe & Co for 30 barrels ? Pork @ 14.75 ?? ??? \$750.50; D. A. ?????? & Co. bill \$308.90; Hotel bill \$4.50; Hatch \$195.00. Sent Mr. Stout 3600\$ Dubuque. Sent Conn Exch B.K. 1000\$ for K & E Co. Left for home on the Denmark 5 1/2 o'clock.

Sunday, July 18

Warm & very quiet day on board Steamer "Denmark". Not feeling well. Had poor night's rest last night. Was at Cap Au Gris at 6 o'clock A.M., Hannibal 6 P.M.; Quincy 9 P.M. Our barge in tow. Took one more barge in tow at Quincy.

Monday, July 19

Arrived at Keokuk about 6 A.M. Left at 7 o'clock & passed Montrose 9.50 A.M. Arrived at Ft. M- at 11:35. Very glad to get home again & also to find all well.

Tuesday, July 20

Took Packet for Burlington this Morning to see Messrs. Gilberts in relation to lumber. Engaged them a raft to be taken at Lake Pepin at 8.50 per M & lath @ 1.75. Recd 1000\$ in same. Called on Eliza Wilson & Mrs. Mess-enger. Returned home about 1 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday, July 21

At home. Cool & wet.

Thursday, July 22

Getting some lumber drawn & c & c.

Friday, July 23

Will came up sick with quinzy & is very bad.

Saturday, July 24

To work about home & attending to business as usual. Was up with Will a great deal during the night.

Sunday, July 25

Mr. Hatch came up from St. Louis today & reports favorable of his mission there. He recd the bal of Heinrichs 2900\$. Will very bad today. Wrote to Kate Field in the evening.

Monday, July 26

Rec'd a letter from Capt. Wilson & one from Thos. Sent Mr. Hatch up to meet raft. Paid K&E \$1500. Will much better. Took a ride with Vallie after tea.

Tuesday, July 27

Getting fence put up. Lumber drawn out and piled in yard & c.

Wednesday, July 28

Busy all the time & yet do not seem to accomplish much. Made a bargain with J. Eckart. He takes 40 M ft lumber @10\$ to pay 325\$ cash & 75\$ in a two horse wagon.

Thursday, July 29

Wrote Capt. Wilson to Thos & to Mr. Hatch. Recd a letter from Mr. Stout. Recd a call from W. L. Fawcette. He wants to buy a lot of lumber say 400 lb to start a yard at some point on the river. Rained very heavy last night & this morning.

Friday, July 30

Very hot. Rode out all the forenoon to superin-tend the making of my fence around lots 1094 & 1132.

Saturday, July 31

Raised our stable one foot. Sent Shepler Day & Co. check on W. H. Barksdale & Co for 111.84 amt. of K.S. & Co. Note due them on 1/3 Aug. Raft No. 11 arrived today. Paid for the running of it. \$545.27 being 70% of the amt. of remaining 75\$ of which was pd at Muscatine. Took a ride with Vallie. Hot, hotter, hottest.

AUGUST

Sunday, Aug. 1

Vallie & I attended Church this forenoon. Mr. Taylor preached. Very warm day though not as much so as yesterday. Ther. 80° at 10 oclck P.M.

Monday, Aug. 2

Rained last night & this forenoon. Wrote to Thomas & Capt. Wilson & sent by the raft Pilots. They returned on the steamer Denmark. Took Wm, a short ride—Vallie & Henry also. Wrote Mr. Stout.

Tuesday, Aug. 3

Rained hard this forenoon. Had shingles taken off the raft. Opened our sales book. Paid H. Cattacomb, T. B. Wilson & Co. Notes & int. 258.33.

Wednesday, Aug 4

The congregational Sabbath School came down on the “Joe Gales” & were rec’d here by the Sabbath School children of this place. Marched up to the Pres. Church where we had singing, speakers, & c.. They returned about 3 ½ P.M. . Went to Masonic Lodge this evening. The 1st Degree was conferred on John H. Douglass. Very hot weather.

Thursday, Aug 5

Weather excessively warm. Thermometer 92° in the shade. Made a bargain with a Mr. Cherry of Hancock Co. Ills. To give him 20 M ft. lumber for his gray mare 4 years old and 100\$ cash.

Friday, Aug. 6

Took Vallie, Effie & Henry to Jonas’ in the Morning & went after them again in the eve-ning. William Deburch, Mr. & Mrs. Ketcham came over on a visit.

Saturday, Aug. 7

Very hot & dry weather.

Sunday, Aug. 8

Went to Church in the forenoon. Hot as it well can be.

Monday, Aug. 9

Attending to business down town.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Had Mr. Dunfer take out the grade of the alley back of our barn & also the grade of the street in front. Assis-ted & found it a hot day. Had stable ?, dirt hauled & a hard day’s work altogether.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Started Mr. Hatch to Bur-lington to bring Eliza Wilson down. I sold 7 cribs of lumber to day & made engage-ment with Mr. Morrison of Quincy to deliver him 400 M lath at Quincy & Hannibal of next raft at 2\$ per M ½ down, ½ in 30 days.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Shipped 2 horse wagon to T.B.W. & Co. via "Canada" for 4\$. Very hot  
Ther. 95° degrees. Busy all day.

Friday, Aug. 13

Sent draft for \$1000 to Dunbrow Mine & Co. to apply on K.S.& Co. Note to D. McConn and 1060.40 to Babcock & Co. to take up Note of K.S. & Co. and \$300 to Browning Stewart & Allen. Out all the fore noon on horseback.

Saturday, Aug. 14

Raft No. 13 run by Mr. S. Gilbert & No. 14 run by D. Wray arrived to day. Had 73 M laths put on No. 13 & started them for a market down the river. Sent Mr. Hatch to sell them if possible. Rec'd letter from Mr. Stout. Paid E. A. & S. R. Filley 150 & Barnard & Co. 225\$. Rained hard. Cooler.

Sunday, Aug. 15

Went to hear Mr. Taylor preach in the forenoon. Vallie and Henry went with. In the evening Vallie, Eliza Wilson & I attended Episcopal Church. Mr. Adderly preach-ed.

Monday, Aug. 16

Went to Burlington on the Tishomingo to see about raft sold to J. W. & W. D. Gilbert. It was not measured & I returned in the evening on the Ben Campbell.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Went to Burlington again on the Ben Campbell. Recd news of the entire success of the Atlantic Telegraph cable & the first message across the same from the Queen of England to Jas Buchanan, President of the U.S. Military turn out in honor of the event.

Wednesday. Aug. 18

Returned home on stmr Keokuk. Will have to go back again in a day or two. Measured 2 cribs lumber 12 deep this P.M. They measured 5674 ft. & 5650 ft. respectively. A large number of our citizens took an excursion this evening on the Keokuk. Vallie & I rode out on horseback.

Thursday, Aug. 19

Went out with Mr. Harper to make survey of some land of mine on the hill. Wrote to Thos. Wilson. Rec'd several letters. Vallie & Eliza & I went out in the evening to get some ice cream Found none & were disappointed.

Friday, Aug. 20

Rec'd a long & very excellent letter containing much good advice.

Saturday, Aug. 21

Vallie, Eliza, Will & myself took a ride on horse back in the evening. Paid sundry bills to day. The weather has been cool for several days. Ther. 75°.

Sunday, Aug. 22

Went to church this morning. Mr. Taylor preached a very good sermon from Matt 12 Chap 30th verse. Vallie & I went in the evening. Weather so cool that I made up a fire & find it very comfortable. Ther. 70°.

Monday, Aug. 23

Mr. Harper & Mr. Durfee were out this forenoon to establish the line or corners of some of my lots. The intersection made at the center of the 6th Street & Maple Streets was 5½ ft. farther East than our measurement from center of Locust to center of Maple (1032 ft) indicated. We concluded to leave it go at this measure & accordingly set Cedar stake accordingly.

Tuesday, Aug. 24

Measured one crib lumber 12 deep. It measured 5,600 ft. Paid Mr. Inglet \$600 Tillot? 2.20.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Weather cool & rainy. Wrote T.B. Wilson. Getting 100 M laths tied up ready to ship tomorrow to Hannibal & c. & c.

Thursday, Aug. 26

Had our lath tied up but the Pembinian could not take them. Sold 6 cribs to I. T. Druse. Rec'd \$100 on it & took his note for bal. 34 days \$246.56.

Friday, Aug. 27

Had raft towed up to the wharf & laths taken off & sold 12 cribs to McConn, 10 12 deep & 2 11 courses deep, 9 M lath. Had the 12 cribs towed by "Niota Belle" from Price St up to Oriental St. Wrote Capt. Wilson. Packed m? for J. C. Phelps & got it ready to ship.

Saturday, Aug. 28

At 8 o'clock A.M. Thermometer 55°. Left for Burlington at 10 o'clock & settled with J.W. & W. D. Gilbert for Raft No. 12. Estimated at 578.709 ft. 242.500 lath & 76 ¼ shingles. Lumber 8½ per M. Shingles 2.50 & Lath 1.75 at Reads Landing. Left 30 M shingles to be ship to Ft. Madison. Recd 1459.57. Note 90 d/s 3074.50 Had rec'd \$1000 before. Returned on "Keokuk" at 10 ½ P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Went to church in forenoon. Vallie, Henry & I took a walk to the top of the bluff which proved very pleasant. Delightful day but cool. I wore my over coat all Day yesterday & part of the day to day.

Monday, Aug. 30

Rec'd letters from Mr. Stout, Capt. Wilson & several others. Went over the river to look at some cattle. Came near having the ague. Tried to ship 100 M lath for Huston & Ward on the W. L. Ewing but she had too much fruit to take them.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Wrote to Greely & Gale & enclosed draft for \$246.11 to pay note of T.B.W. & Co. Wrote to Lind Bro. & Co. Went over to Niota with Vallie & Effie & Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Smith and several others went for the ride. Day pleasant & mild. Paid Mr Englent on making fence 25\$.

## SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Vallie Henry Effie & I went over to Wm's to make a visit & I came particularly to look at some cattle I was about trading lumber for. Henry met with quite an accident getting his great toe marked by the apron of the ferry when it was let down to go off at Niota.

Thursday, Sept. 2

Arranging accounts & c. & getting ready for a start for St. Louis. Raft No. 15, 8 strings run by Geo. Archer arrived about 11 o'clock last night.

Friday, Sept. 3

Sold lumber from yard. Had the shingle all put off the raft that arrived last night & had one string 12 cribs 12 deep left at Ft. M- Paid Vreland 60\$ to buy supplies with.

Saturday, Sept 4

Got my cash account balanced. Sold lumber from yard. Got ready & started for St. Louis on "Metropolitan" at 6 o'clock P.M.. Boat crowded with passengers & has a heavy load of freight. Went on the rapids early. Hit the government boat & a man fell overboard - picked him up.

Sunday, Sept 5

On board the Metropolitan. Were at Clarks-ville by breakfast time. Arrived at St. Louis at 6 ½ P.M.

Monday, Sept 6

Went out to the Ag & Mechanics Fair & a great fair it is.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Out to the Fair.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Attending to business closely. Trying to make sales of lumber & find a place to draw out a raft. Sold a lot to Davis of the Pearl Mills at 11\$. Paid D. A. January & Co. \$300 Lyon Short & Co. \$200 and T Scamett & Mann \$200.

Thursday, Sept 9

Paid Scamett & Mann \$200. Bot a bill of groceries of Greely & Gale for K. S. & Co. & had them ship on the Metropolitan @ 25¢ for 100. Amt. of bill \$1025.68 60 days.

Friday, Sept. 10

Engaged 200 M ft lumber to B. Rice (Ivice) to be delivered at Illinoistown @ 12\$ per M 150 M ft boards to B. Rice at 12\$ at St. Louis & 75 M ft. to I Luthy & Co. @ 12\$. Went out to the fair.

Saturday, Sept 11

Out to the fair. Amt. of lumber to L. Ainsley, 60,180 ft amt. to Davis & Co. 120,176 ft. = 180,356 amt. of 3 strings.

Sunday, Sept. 12

Went to the Baptist Church & heard Dr. Anderson preach an excellent & very lengthy ordination sermon. Wrote to H. Eno Esq to H. L. Stout & also to Vallie.

Monday, Sept. 13

Very busy all day shopping & arranging my business so as to leave for home. Bought some groceries for T.B.W & Co. 100 barrels ? pork for K.S. & Co. @ 16\$ per barrel. deposited \$270 sp. at H. H Barksdale & co. Left for home on "Hannibal City" at 5 P.M. Met our raft just above the city.

Tuesday, Sept 14

Heavy rain just as we landed at Quincy. Boat crowded with passengers. J. W. and R. W. Albright are on board returning home. So I have company from Ft. M-.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Got home at 3 oclk A.M. & to my surprise found my dear wife sick & has been sick about one week. Mending now. John H. Douglass was married this evening to Miss Callie Dun-fee at the residence of Mr. J. P Harper her brother-in-law. Large number present. They left at 10 o'clk for St. Paul & St. Anthony.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Thos. Wilson arrived from Reads Ldg yesterday. I took him to the county fair at West Point to day. We returned early.

Friday, Sept. 17

Busy all day. Thos. will leave for East to buy goods & also to get married to mor-row.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Paid A. S. Barnes & Co. Notes of T.B.W. & Co. and K.S. & Co. Gave Thos. Wilson draft on N. Y. for 80\$. He left at 10 oclk P.M. for East via Bur-lington. Almeda goes as far Galesburgh. Recd letter from Capt. Wilson. Weather warm & pleasant.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Remained at home this forenoon. Took Vallie out to Jonas' for a ride for her health this P.M. In the evening went to Episcopal Church. Thermometer 85° at 1 o'clk P.M.

Monday, Sept. 20

Beautiful pleasant weather. Took Vallie out for a ride into the country as far as Grahams. Wrote to Mr. Stout.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Bought 33 barrels pork and 3 barrels Lard of G. Wilson. Pork @ 15\$ per barrel & Lard @ 20¢. Payable 100\$ on 1st Oct. & Balance on 1st Dec.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

H. H. Kennedy was buried today - died of typhoid fever. Bought 7 head of fat cattle. All cows but one. Pd. 2¢ per lb. gross. weighed 6380 lbs; Went out to Jonas' to look at 14 head of Jonas' head of young cattle of his. He asks 18\$ per head.

Thursday, Sept. 23

This morning we learn that Dr. Galland died last night. Had a letter from R. B. Hatch. Shipped 34 barrels pork, 3 barrels Lard, 3 barrels butter 3 barrels 3 kegs do per Canada @ 60¢ per Barrel. Paid Lizzie 5\$, Charity 1.75; spent part of the day at G. B. Smith. Took Vallie out riding this A.M.

Friday, Sept. 24

Sent Dunbrow Mine & Co., 51 New St., New York, Draft on Corn Exch Bk for \$1000 to apply on K. S. & Co. Note to D. McConn in their possession for collection.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Wrote to Capt. Wilson, H. L. Stout & R. B. Hatch.

Sunday, Sept. 26

Mr. Taylor preached an excellent sermon this forenoon. Not a very good one this evening.

Monday, Sept. 27

Wrote to J. W. Willis Casper Mechanics Bk & ??? & sent Draft on W. H. Barksdale & Co. for \$108.74 to pay note to Lind Bro. & Co. falling on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. Wrote to A. S. Barnes & Co., N. Y. & Gen. Colton, Genoa Bluffs, Iowa Co. Jonas Rafts Nos. 16 & 17 arrived this afternoon.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

It was a mistake about Dr. Galland's death on 25th. He died last night & was buried to day 10 o'clock. Took 224 M ft. lumber from Wray's Raft 4 strings & 228 M shingles from both. They left for St. Louis at noon. Heard Col Curtiss & Gov. Grimes speak this eve at the Court House.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Weighed 19 head of cattle purchased by Jonas for us. Purchased 9 bales hay of C. D. Bonnel @ 12\$ per ton to feed cattle on board the boat. Wrote T. B. Wilson. Rec'd letter from Hatch.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Shipped 56 head of cattle ~~from~~ & 2 calves on Stmr Pembina to Lake Pepin @ 3, 4, & 5\$ per head according to size & age. Rafts No's. 18 & 19 arrived. Kept 48 cribs 16x32, 11 courses deep, 239

M shingles & 156 bundles palings here at Ft. M-. Went to Van Ambrough's menagerie this P.M. Paid W. P. Lewton \$270.50, Beerman 16.25.

## OCTOBER

Friday, Oct. 1

Rafts No's 18 & 19 left about 10 o'clock today.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Windy - Rafts cannot run to day.

Sunday, Oct. 3

At noon quite warm, Ther. 82° turned cool towards evening very windy all day. Heard Mr. Taylor preach. Had an introduction to Rev. Wm. Edwards of Denmark.

Monday, Oct. 4

Windy all night. Rained this forenoon. Collected bal Wm Hobotham & Jonas bill 10.09. Made arrangements to pay A. Young & Van Kluck near 3,500\$.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Rained some & windy. Busy arranging affairs so as to get off for St. Louis. Mr. & Mrs. Ormsbee of N. Y. took tea with us and spent the evening. John Douglass & his bride Callie came back from their wedding tour today.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Rainy day. Wind rose at noon & blew a gale. Left for St. Louis at 10 3/4 P.M.. Will Adams & Mr. & Mrs. Ormsbee in compa-ny.

Thursday, Oct. 7

Left Keokuk on Steamer "Warsaw" at 7 1/2 A.M. Lay wind burned nearly all day at Warsaw.

Friday, Oct. 8

Passed three of our rafts between Clarksville & Cap au Gris. Calm in the forenoon & blowing very hard all the after-noon. At Alton at 1 1/2 P.M. arrived St. Louis about 4 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Bought Groceries of Greely & Gale and had them shipped Denmark at 25¢ per (north??) to Reads Landing. 23 years ago today I crossed the Mississippi for the first time. It was in a small flat boat & at Ft. Madison, Iowa. Paid stmr Denmark 18\$ for 20 bags salt.

Sunday, Oct. 10

Went to Presbyterian Church. Heard Rev. - Young, a Meth-odist preacher, preach a very clear & quite eloquent sermon.

Monday, Oct. 11

Raft run by James came in. Busy buying goods & c.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Paid off for running rafts No. 16 and No. 17 - 70% of the total amt. \$809.67 pd Vreland for W.P. Lewton. Engaged some lumber to Wm. Morrison at 12\$ & 50 M laths at 2\$.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Worked very hard today. Had to raise money & pay for pork \$1631.50. Rec'd of V. Reiss \$262.30 of Davis & Co. \$799.12. Got I. C. De Gerhart's note disch. Dis'ct Amt of note 500\$, Disct 16.04 for 80 days. Recd \$655.95 from Lumber & lath sold at Alton. Rec'd V. Reiss note 60 days from Oct. 1 for 762\$.

Thursday, Oct. 14

Paid Lewton 200\$. Bought some new cables. Went to the lower part of the city & up to Bremen & over to the island to attend to our rafts. Wrote to Vallie. Wrote to Heinrichs, to Zirg & Rainbow & Wm. McCu?????.

Friday, Oct. 15

Attending to the rafts.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Paid W. P Lewton the balance of the 70% due him on running rafts No's 18 & 19. Was surprised to meet Geo Douglass & still more surprised when he told me he was mar-ried on Thursday last. Paid 26\$ for Will for overcoat.

Sunday, Oct. 17

Went to church twice. Mr. Hatch was with me. Not well this evening. Suffering a good deal from dyspepsia. Geo. & his wife left for Memphis on the L.M. Kermet

Monday, Oct. 18

Not well today. Went down to Lumber at Gas Works. Sold J. C. & D.J. Enhart 100 M ft. @ 12\$ per M 1/2 cash down Bal 4 mos. To be measured by Webber & Wilson. Paid Samul Rodgers Bal of old account \$36.28. Commenced raining in the evening. Wrote to H. Eno and to Vallie.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Rained nearly all day. Bought bill of drugs & med-icines. Queenswan Stationary & some stone castings.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Went to the Lumber at Gas Works & over the river to Bloody Island. Made a bargain to ship frt on Metropolitan at 40¢ per 100 to Reads Ldg. Pd Saml Rodgers Bill Castings \$19.15. Mrs. Wilson arrived. In the evening took Mr. Eaton, Jane Wilson & Mr. Hatch to ???? to see Jameson play Hamlet.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Bot 100 sacks G. A. Salt @ 92¢ & 80 J. I. Salt @85 ¢ & shipped to Ft. M. on Metropolitan drayage 3\$.

Friday, Oct. 22

Out all day assisting Capt. Wilson & Mrs. Wilson in purchasing furniture & c & c for their new house.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Going the rounds with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson. They left at 4 oclck on the Quincy.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Walked out to 245 Pine St. & went to church with Mr. & Mrs. Gray. Heard a good sermon by Dr. Post, which went to show how great a friend we have in the Lord. Wrote to Vallie in the eve-ning.

Monday, Oct. 25

Rained this morning. Went to our lumber by the Gas Works, to Horse Creek & collected some bills & c. Sent Hatch to Hannibal to attend to raft there. Recd letter from Vallie & from John H. Douglass & Mr. Gibbs.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Went to lumber at foot of Convent St over to Bloody Island & to above Horse Creek. Bought some leather & feathers & a safe for Lumber Yard at Ft. Madison. Pd. Henry Elsenpeter 20\$ Packing Silver set 50----.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Had a lot of firt shipped per Pembina. Bought two of Whalen & Wilson's sewing Machines for 195\$ for the two including the ?????mmer. Also one of Raymonds's for 33\$ all on orders of Capt. Wilson, Jonas & Col. Stewart, the last for him.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Rainy. River shows some signs of rising. Can't get lumber drawn or meas-ured in such weather.

Friday, Oct. 29

Rainy. River rising pretty fast. Dep 835\$ at W. H. B & Co. to cr of Knapp & Eaton. Recd 754.05 for V Reiss Note 762\$ Dis'ct by People Savings Inst. Recd 300\$ of JC Degembart on lumber \$152.30 of Brantz. Deposited \$312 at W. H. B. & Co. to cr K. S. & Co.

Saturday, Oct 30

River still rising. Hatch returned & brought 2,500\$ from Hannibal. Deposited 2,600\$ at W. H. Barksdale & Co. & took a ride with Mr. Barksdale to his glass works in the lower part of the city.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Wrote to Vallie. Went to church in the evening & then wrote to H. Eno. River still rising.

## NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov. 1

Rainy, muddy & river rising rapidly on our lumber. Men to work getting it out again after it has been once drawn.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Rainy as usual. Working hard saving our lumber. Very disagree-able & stormy weather. Heard Jno G. Saxe the poet read his poem entitled "Sons" at the Mercantile Library Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Cold & cloudy & as muddy as it ever becomes. Settled with Francis Salon(?) for amt. of lumber measured to him 160,607 ft @ 12\$ Cash \$963.50 Note 90 days for \$963.50. Recd 200\$ for 100 M Laths of him few days ago.

Thursday, Nov. 4

River raised two feet last night. Hard at work saving lumber Raft of 16 cribs of our Raft No. 20 dropped to lower .???? by Gas Works. Settled with Mr. Rippey & Co for 208228 ft. Recd check for \$800 ? & 3 Notes at 3.4.& 5 mos each for \$566.25. Will taken sick. Heard Jno G. Saxe – read his Poem "The Press".

Friday, Nov. 5

Rec'd from Wm Morrison \$410. River on a stand this evening, cold and cloudy. Have a bad time with our lum-ber on account of the river having risen in the last week some ten feet causing us to move lumber in order to save it.

Saturday, Nov. 6

The sun shone out about two minutes for the first time in two weeks. Settled with J. C. Degenhart for 41,700 lath & 107414 ft lumber. Lath @ 2\$ & Lumber @ 12\$ per M. Rec'd \$386.36 in cash, note 90 days for 686\$ Bal. recd before. River fell 5 inches last night.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Went to Pres. Church this fore-noon & heard a good sermon by Rev. Brooks. Rainy day and very disagreeable and muddy & has been so for two weeks.

Monday, Nov. 8

Cold, cloudy & stormy Commenced getting out the last 16 cribs of the season for this market. We pay \$3 per crib. Paid D. C. Imm??ay & Co. 530 & Note of Rippey & Co. for \$566.25 being in full for all we owe them. Gave Wm Morrison accts 6 mos. \$442.35 to Miller & Scott for Capt. Wilson's bill & K. S. & bill.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Engaged about 85,000 ft of lumber to B. W. Alexander @12\$ per M. 60 days & 4 mos. int @ 6% added. Paid Scamit & Mason 300\$, Richardson Miller & Co. 150\$, O. D. Filley 200\$, Bridge Bros. 40\$, Bridge Bensch & Co. 325.90, Barnum Hotel Bill \$136.80, Recd 1200.65 of B. Rice. Left St. Louis for home at 4 ½ P.M. on "City of Louisiana".

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Snowed nearly all day. Shores white with snow. ~~Arrived home about 4 ½ o'clock A.M. & found all well. Glad to get home again.~~

Thursday, Nov. 11

Arrived home about 4 ½ A.M. Find all well. Weather as wet rainy & roads as muddy as in St. Louis.

Friday, Nov. 12

Rained & snowed a little all day. Vallie Almeda Henry Effie & I went out to Jonas' with him in his spring wagon.

Saturday, Nov. 13

Rowed up to the islands above town to find a safe harbor for two rafts now on the way down. Found a good place in lower part of Lead Island for one. Killed one large Mallard Duck flying over.

Sunday, Nov. 14

Mr. Taylor preached in the morning, Mr. Edwards in the evening. Much good is being done here. An interesting revival is in progress.

Monday, Nov. 15

Raft No. 23 arrived above town. I went up in the after-noon in a skiff & showed the winter quarters to the pilot. Mr. Edwards preached in the evening to an attentive audience.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Went to Pontoosuc in a skiff & had raft No. 22 laid up in the Bog or Slough at that place. The other raft was put in a little bay near the foot of Lead Island. 2 strings of it were dropped down to town. Ice over 1 inch thick in the ponds.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Rowed up to foot of the island & counted the laths on No. 23. Paid W. P. Lew-ton for running both rafts in full. I paid him 1456.28. Mr. Stout paid at Dubuque \$25.00 total: \$1481.28. 1 string, 12 cribs 12 x 32 - 312 & 9.11 courses deep were left at Dubuque.

Thursday, Nov. 18

Cold but clear.

Friday, Nov. 19

Dug celery & put in cellar. Ice running some. Methodist Church held or had a supper in the basement of the Pres. Church for the purpose of raising funds to seat their own church. Vallie & I went to the supper.

Saturday, Nov. 20

Had Jno W. Douglass go to Pontoosuc to see Mr. Henry Walker in regard to taking charge of Raft this winter now lying at that place. Mr. Edwards preached this evening.

Sunday, Nov. 21

Mr. Taylor preached in the forenoon at the Pres. Church Rev. Morgan Edwards preached an excellent sermon in same church in the evening on the Authenticity of the Bible. Many came forward to be prayed for. Two were baptized in the river.

Monday, Nov. 22

Wrote to T. B. Wilson & Co. and K.S. & Co. Weather moderate But little ice in the river. Having some crib lumber drawn out. Meetings at Pres. Church of a very interesting character Rev. Morgan Edwards preached from the text How can you escape the damnation of Hell.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

I went forward last night at close of the sermon as did also many others. I am glad I have taken a step in the right direction. There is nothing like decision, especially deciding for Christ.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Mr. Edwards preached a powerful sermon this evening from (blank). Mr. Geo. P. Eaton and Frank Mal-com came forward. The Holy spirit of God is stirring with (blank)

Thursday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Day. We all took dinner at Almeda's. Jonas & Mary Wm & Deborah Vallie & I & Mother, Geo. & John & their wives.

Friday, Nov. 26

Gloomy day. Heavy rain last night. Weather moderate, no ice in the river. All the frost gone out of the ground.

Saturday, Nov. 27

Religious meetings are kept up. Mr. Edwards preached a solemn and interesting sermon this evening. River rising rapidly, two feet during one night.

Sunday, Nov. 28

God is reviving His work here in this place. This is a happy & most solemnly religious day of my life. I was baptized in the Father of Waters to day by Rev. Morgan Edwards. Mr. Geo P. Eaton & an old lady Mrs. Page were also baptized. God give me grace to live a Christian life.

Monday, Nov. 29

Prayer meeting very interesting this morning 8 or 10 came forward for prayers. This is a day kept for fasting & prayer. Rev. Morgan Edwards preached a powerful sermon on the Atonement this evening.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Went to Prayer Meeting this morning. Mr. Edwards preached a good sermon in the evening. Weather very mild, freezes but very little if any at night.

## DECEMBER

Wednesday, Dec. 1

I lead the prayer mee-ting for the first time in my life. God gave me strength to do it. Near or quite 200 persons present. Mr. Edwards preached an excellent sermon describing the great-ness & majesty of God. 80 or more came forward.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Religious interest increases. The Spirit of God is at work.

Friday, Dec. 3

Day of fasting & prayer. Snow fell to the depth of 5 or 6 inches.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Growing Colder, Sleet. Rev. Morgan Edwards preach-ed a powerful sermon es-pecially warning sinners & showing the judgements of God on those who wickedly commit all manner of sin.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Jonas came down to town this morning & told us the good news of his having found peace with God through Jesus. Rev. Edwards baptized him & his daughter Harriet; Alfred Eaton & Dr. Rinehart at 2 oclck P.M. in the river at the upper wharf.

Monday, Dec. 6

Attended prayer meeting in the morning. Went to the Episcopal Church at 4 oclck P.M. & saw South Guthrie married to Miss Sophia Camp-ion by Rev. Adderly. Ice running pretty heavy. Ferry cannot run.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

This evening attended with Vallie South Guthrie's affair. Quite a large company present. Very cold.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Mr. Edwards returned from Denmark. Mr. Hatch returned from St. Louis having disposed of all our lumber I left there. Busy making up my lumber books.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Led the Union Prayer Meeting for the second time. Writing up the lumber books & accts for the season.

Friday, Dec. 10

Weather becoming very mild. To work at my accounts.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Ther. from 30 to 40 ° above 0. Mr. Edwards preached an excellent sermon this evening on heaven.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Mr. Edwards preached to a very large congregation this evening at the Court House. Subject Esau selling his birthright Sam Eckert, Horace Eaton, Capt. Haddock & Miss Doyle were baptized. Weather very mild, thawing rapidly.

Monday, Dec. 13

Day of fasting and prayer for conversion of sinners in this place, Ft. M-. Mr. Edwards preached twice subject in the evening The Personality of the Devil.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Very mild & pleasant.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Fine weather. Snow on the ground. Thawing in the sun. Rev. Edwards went home.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Settled with Jonas. Endorsed 300\$ on his Note of 781\$. Took a walk this A.M. with Mr. Edwards, architect from Boston, on the bluff to look at my building spot. Working hard all the P.M. at my accts. Weather very pleasant.

Friday, Dec. 17

Getting ready to start East with my family. Weather warm & pleasant.

Saturday, Dec. 18

But little ice is running in the river. Mild & pleasant weather. Getting ready to start East. Laboring diligently to arrange all the lumber accts of the past season. A difficult & tedious job. Rev. Mr. Edwards returned from Denmark and preached an excellent sermon.

Sunday, Dec. 19

Took a bath, went to hear Mr. Taylor preach in the fore noon. Text: Math XI, 12 v. Rev. Mr. Edwards preached in the evening at the Methodist Church from Rev. V. Chap 9 & XIV, 3 And they sang a new song.

Monday, Dec. 20

Sat up until 12 o'clock P.M. working at my accts trying to get ready to go East. Was out to church for about an hour & a half. Heard an excellent sermon from Rev. Edwards.

Tuesday Dec. 21

Weather fine. Very mild like March. Steamboat came up "Clara Hine". Packed trunk & am ready to start east to morrow. Went to Union Prayer Meeting this A.M. & church this evening. Rev. M. Edwards preached Text 1<sup>st</sup> James.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

We left home (Vallie, Henry, Effie & I accompanied by Will Adams & George Eaton) at 1 o'clock in private carriage for Burlington. Arrived there at 5 ½ P.M.. It was sad to bid all our friends good bye & particularly to leave home while this religious revival is in progress.

Thursday, Dec. 23

Left Burlington at 7 ¼ & East Burlington at 7.45 A.M. & arrived at Chicago at 6.45 P.M. Cold windy & tiresome ride for all of us & particularly for Vallie & Effie. Stopped at the "Richmond House". Mr. Eaton & I called on Mr. Pot-min & lady.

Friday, Dec. 24

Concluded to remain over in Chicago today to give Vallie & the children a chance to rest & to purchase a few things for our comfort. Rec'd call from Mr. & Mrs. Peterson, Miss Little, Mr. Little, Will, Henry & I were shown through the large grain Elevator ware-houses of Stenger Buckingham & Co by Mr. Buckingham, Sr.

Saturday, Dec. 25

Left Chicago at 7.30 A.M. Stopped at Mansfield Ohio about 10 P.M. to stay over the Sabbath having travelled today 291 miles. Put up at the Wiler House.

Sunday, Dec. 26

A dull gloomy rainy day & a poor hotel. Baby & wife both about sick. Will & I went to Church in the evening at Cong. Church.

Monday, Dec. 27

Left Mansfield Ohio at 8.33 A.M. Took dinner at Alliance about 12 ½ o'clk & arrived at Pittsburgh at 4.30 P.M. Dis-tance travelled by Rail Road to day 174 Miles. Put up at the Monongahela House.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Settled with Zug & Painter by giving them new notes 6 mos. from Nov. 1st for K. S. & Co. int & Exch included payable at Farmers & Merch Bk Philad for 1182.07. T.B.W. & Co. note from Nov.1, 7 mos. at Do for \$747.25. Left Pittsburgh at 5 oclk P.M. for Harrisburgh.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Arrived at Harrisburg at 3.20 A.M. Stopped at U. S. Hotel. Left for Robeson at 2.30 P.M. & arrived at R- at 4.30 by the Lebanon Valley RR. Found Mr. Ferguson's family well but Mr. F. away from home. He is at Davenport Iowa at this time. Snowed & blew today very much. We are glad to be so near our journey's end.

Thursday, Dec. 30

Windy & blustery all day. Spent most of the day pleasantly in Mr. A. Ferguson's domicile near the depot at Robeson. Will & I went up to Robeson furnace which is in full blast.

Friday, Dec. 31

Rained. Left Mr. Fergusons (Robeson) & took cars for Reading. Vallie is feeling quite sick. Effie is much better. Found Henry Van Reed family in Reading all well. Will & I in the evening purchased some presents for the children - then went to hear Geo. D. Prentice of Louisville lecture on American Statesmanship before the Young Mens Christian Association in the Court House. Vallie is quite poorly to day. The year has about closed being one in which though

many trials have beset me, yet many rich blessings have been showered upon me by my Creator & Redeemer & for which I feel great gratitude.