

JOHN HOLLY KNAPP 1868
Transcribed John M. Russell

Wednesday, January 1, 1868

The new year commenced with a pleasant day & finds us as a family all able to gather around the family table & partake of a bountiful repast. Henry of all of our family above, is absent. He is at school in Denmark. Effie is almost well again.

Thursday, January 2, 1868

Today in the forenoon I went out with the hope of killing a deer but did not get a sight of one. In the afternoon attended to some business matters over in town.

Friday, January 3

Snowing to day. Sent 1.50 for S. School teachers & guests. Gave 20\$ to educate the Freedmen of the South.

Saturday, January 4

Took Effie & baby out riding. This is the first time Effie has been out since she was sick & also the first ride for Louis. Snow fell last night to the depth of 6 inches.

Sunday, January 5

Taught a class in S School & went to church this fore noon. Heard Dr. Golden preach.

Monday, January 6

Left home at 1 ½ oclk PM accompanied by Billy W- and drove to Washburn Farm where we arrived at 5 ¼ PM. It was cold but sleighing good.

Tuesday, January 7

Today there is a hard crust on the snow but not sufficient to bear. Billy Wilson, Burnham Tainter, Ed Evans & I went out east of the Washburn Farm about 1½ miles to look for deer. The weather was so very cold (ther 20° below zero) that we gave up hunting. I saw 4 deer.

Wednesday, January 8

Returned home & a cold ride we had. We came from Washburn Farm in 3 hours. Our thermometer indicted 8° below when I arrived at home. It was 12 below at bed time.

Thursday, January 9

Cold & clear.

Sunday, January 12

This is the coldest morning of this winter up to date. Our ther indicted 37° below zero & Capt W- thermometer 41° below. Taught my class in Sunday School & afterward went to hear Mr. Johnson preach in the Methodist church.

Monday, January 13

Am troubled with a boil or carbuncle coming on the back of my neck.

Tuesday, January 14

Trying to get the Menom onie House fitted up so that it can be opened as a Hotel again.

Thursday, January 16

The sickness & pain was so great caused by the swelling on my neck that I had to give up & remain in the house.

Thursday, January 30

To day rode out being the first time in two weeks that I have been able to be out of the house & I have had to keep my bed most of the time & some of the days have been in great pain & distress all from a carbuncle on my neck. TBW & wife made us a visit.

Friday, January 31

Rode out - collected a lot of material for the Hotel which is to be opened by Mr. McKahan next week.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Remained in doors to day. I was out too much yesterday.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Went to Sunday School to day. This being the first Sunday I could get out to teach my class for 3 weeks. Cold yet pleasant to day.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Vallie went to Reads Landing for a visit.

Friday, Feb. 7

Completed the work of furnishing the Hotel & Wm. McKahan takes im-mediate possession.

Monday, Feb. 10

Wm McKahan commenced keeping the Menomonie House open as a Hotel for the entertainment of the public. Ther 41½° below zero.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Vallie returned this evening at 6 oclck from Reads. The weather milder today. Ther 14° this morning

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Friday, Feb. 14

J. H. Douglass & wife arrived to day from Ft. Madison. The weather is more moderate.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Thawing today

Sunday, Feb. 16

Very mild. Ther 41° at 6 P.M.

Monday, Feb. 17

Still quite warm.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Thawing fast. Ther 47° at 12 oclck noon. Filling our ice house to day. Wrote Hon. S. W. Hunt, Stewart Knapp, Henry, Harriet Seely, Rev. Jas. A. Clark, & E.A. Gibbs.

Wednesday Feb. 19

Gave Rev. D. P. Knapp order for 5\$ & also one for 10\$ the latter for benefit of a poor family where he is preaching. Weather still very mild & thawing fast. The Literary or Reading Club met at our house this evening. Worked at my a/c's today. Had Ice House filled and filter put in the cistern.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Took Vallie & Callie D. out sleigh riding. The snow has gone off very much & today at noon the water ran down the road in rivlets caused by the melting snow.

Friday, Feb. 21

Today cool & cloudy with light snow and wind.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Ther °6 above zero this morning.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

John D. & I have been working at a/c's of firm for two or three days trying to get them out straight & right in order to get out Bal sheet.

Tuesday, March 3

John & Callie Douglass & I started from Menomonie. They to go to Ft Madison, I to go to New York for spring stock of Goods. We left M. at 8 ½ am & arrived in Reads Ldg 5 ¼ P.M.. Sleighing excellent. Snow 2 ft. deep on the level.

Wednesday, March 4

Remained in Reads Landing till 1 1/2 P.M. Took dinner at Thos Wilson's. Left for Winona in our own conveyance (sleigh). Arrived in Winona at 7 P.M. Put up at Huff House.

Thursday, March 5

Sent our team home by John Coburn. the driver & we took stage this morning 8 ½ am for La Crosse. We went all the way on the ice & arrived in LaX about 1 P.M. Left for Chicago by R. R. at 4.30 P.M. in sleeping car.

Friday, March 6

Breakfasted in Milwaukee & arrived in Chicago at 12 noon. It rained all night & part of to day. The cars during the night sometimes passed through the water which was over the track 18 in. to 2 ft deep. John & Callie left for Ft. Madison at 11 PM.

Saturday, March 7

Buying some machinery for K.S. & Co.

Friday, March 13

John D. & sister Almeda arrived in Chicago this morning & we all left for East via Mich Cent PR at 4.15 P.M.

Saturday, March 14

This morning early we were awakened & informed that owing to the Canada Great Western RR being flooded we would have to go via Grand Trunk R.R. to Buffalo. Breakfasted at Sarnia station--dined at Stratford - arrived in Buffalo at 8 ½ P.M., Left at 11:20

Sunday, March 15

This morning about 4 oclck A.M. John & his mother got off the car at Syra-cuse & I remained on board & arrived in Albany at 9.00 A.M. They are going to ? and I shall remain in Albany till tomorrow morning. The ice is still in the Hudson.

Monday, March 16

Left Albany at 6.20 A.M. on Boston & Albany RR. Got off the car at West ? and took stage 4 miles to Ware where I arrived about 2 P.M. Found Mr. Field well & spent the remainder of the day at his house & looking about Ware. Called on Dr. Gale.

Tuesday, March 17

Took stage at 7 AM for West Brookfield & cars thence to Worcester. I went to Ethan Allen & Co., fine ? Manufacturing, Richardson Meriam & Co. and R. Ball & Co. factories. Bought a plowing machine of latter firm. Took cars at 4.10 PM for Boston.

Wednesday, March 18

Busy in Boston to day. Bought a bill of Queensware Wall Paper & c.. Left Boston at 8:20 PM for N. Y. by RR.

Thursday, March 19

Arrived in New York about 6 oclck A.M. John Douglass arrived from Syracuse same time. Put up at the Metropolitan Hotel. Bought bill of clothing this afternoon of W. C. Brow-ning & Company.

Friday, March 20

We have been busy today examining the market for teas & c.

Saturday, March 21

Heavy fall of snow last night - about one foot & a violent storm during the night & to day.

Sunday, March 22

I took more cold yester-day & have remained in doors today. Wrote to Henry & to Vallie.

NO ENTRIES UNTIL:

Saturday, April 4

Have been very hard at work buying goods in New York for past two weeks. I shall get through on Monday & then start westward & for home. I want to see the dear ones at home.

Monday, April 6

Left New York at 5 P.M. for Reading & the West via Allen town route. Just one year to day since I left New York for Reading to meet my wife & children there.

Wednesday, April 8

Left Reading at 1.50 P.M. for Chicago. Took passage on the "Silver Palace Car" which runs through to Chicago.

Thursday, April 9

Arrived in Chicago via Pittsburgh & Ft. Wayne RR at 9 oclk P.M.

Friday, April 10

Very busy to day here finishing the buying of spring goods & supplies for our store in Menomonie.

Saturday, April 11

Rained to day - Completed purchases & left Chicago at 4 P.M. for home via Milwaukee & La Crosse.

Sunday, April 12

Arrived in La Crosse this AM at 10:45 - Took passage on the Stmr Milwaukee. Left LaX at 10 1/2 P.M.

Monday, April 13

Arrived at Reads Landing about noon & left for home on the Stmr. Pete Wilson at 5 oclk P.M.

Tuesday, April 14

At 2 oclk P.M. arrived at my own hone in Menomonie & found all well - thanks to God who has kept us all & blessed us greatly.

NO ENTRIES UNTIL:

Sunday, April 26

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached in the Methodist Church at 7 1/2 P.M.

Monday, April 27

The weather is very spring like. The buds on the Siberian crab apple trees have burst & the leaves are $\frac{1}{4}$ in long. The Oak buds are swelling a little. The grass in our yard looks quite green. Effie has gathered flowers - the phlox or ? & c.

Wednesday, April 29

Rev. J. C. Sherwin left for home via Reads Landing & LaX. We hope he will conclude to return to this place and take this on his field for future minis-terial labors. A light rainfall this afternoon.

Sunday, May 3

Weather very mild & pleasant.

Monday, May 4

I took Mother down to Waubeek this morning to take boat down the river. She is going to Ft. Madison on a visit. Mr. & Mrs Eytcheson & Mr. Snively go with her. This has been a hot day for the time of year. The grass is growing rapid-ly & cattle find good fee in the bottoms.

Tuesday, May 5

I Went to Waubeek again to day on hearing that some of Bacon & Co. log drivers talked of cutting our boom at Waubeek. Messrs Hunt, Messenger and B. Tainter went down with me.

Wednesday, May 6

Saw Bacon to day & says he is willing to do some thing that is right & that he had not threatened to cut our booms & c. I returned to Menom-onie this afternoon. Weather much cooler to day.

Thursday, May 7

Went down to Waubeek again to day. Met there William Carson of Eau Galle, Mr. Daniel Shaw, O.H. Ingram, Dick Wilson and W. P. Bartlett of Eau Claire. A. Pound & Martin of Chippewa Falls & also Messrs Hadfim & Robson & Mitchell of Winona & Messrs Davis & Bacon. The question of running the logs out of our boom was settled amicably & written agreement made.

Saturday, May 9

Pleasant day - vegetation coming forward rapidly. Peas have been up a week. Had second cutting from our asparagus bed. Also gathered rhubarb the stalks near from 12 to 18 inches long & some $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Plum trees in bloom.

Sunday, May 10

Went to Sunday School & church as usual. Weather mild & beautiful.

Tuesday, May 12

Went over to Eau Claire to see Rev Geo. Spaulding in reference to application for aid from A.H.M.S. in supporting Rev. Sherwin as pastor of our Cong. Church in Menomonie. Willie went with me. We re-turned about 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

Thursday, May 14

Took Vallie & Johnny out riding this P.M. We went out to Gilbert Creek near Mr Evermans (?) and caught a few trout.

Friday, May 15

Wrote to E. A. Gibbs & Grant & Labor (?). I remained at home to day. Weather warm & dry.

Tuesday, May 19

Jimmy Manly came to work for me at 20\$ per month & board, to take care of horses and do anything I may have for him to do.

Monday, May 25

Rained last night - Long looked for & much needed rain.

Tuesday, May 26

Went with Capt Tainter over to Jewett's mills in St. Croix Co - Left home at 10 ½ AM and arrived at Jewett's at 7 ½ PM. We drove to Richmond 7 miles farther & put up for the night having trav-elled 50 miles to day over partly rough roads. Rained last night & this A.M.

Wednesday, May 27

We left Richmond, St. Croix Co. at 7 ½ A.M. & drove to H. W. Scotts 12 miles, being within 4½ miles of Hudson. Thence to Hammond 13 miles & took dinner. Then drove 9 ¾ miles to Jewett's Mills to see Mr. Jewett on business. He was not at home on our arrival but came home at 8 P.M. Day fine.

Thursday, May 28

Tainter & I left Jewett's Mills St. Croix Co. at 10 ¼ A.M. for Menomonie. Rained during the forenoon heavily with stormy wind from NE. Arrived at Brookville at 2 oclck p.m. to dinner. Left Brookville at 3 ½ P.M. arrived home at six ¾ P.M. Roads muddy & raining all the time from Brookville to M.

Friday, May 29

Clear and cool.

Saturday, May 30

Pleasant but cool. Wrote to J. G. Cottrill & Sons. Sent Hamburg Smith draft for 15\$ in letter mailed to day.

Wednesday, June 3

Wrote to Ethan Allen & Co. for brush loader. Drove 7 miles away into the woods for a girl to work for us & take care of the children, a nurse(?) girl. Got one by the name of Josephine Birch. I was gone from home only about 3 hours.

Friday, June 5

Last night there was a terrific thunder storm. The lightning struck Wilson Heller's house & damaged it considerably but did not injure any person. Rev. J. C. Sherwin arrived to day.

Sunday, June 7

Went to church morning & evening in the Hall belonging to K, S, & Co. Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached in the morning & Rev. Ames preached in the evening.

Monday, June 8

Wrote for Sabbath School books. Louisa, alias Lizzie Smith was married this morning 9 o'clock in our house to John Hess. Weather very fine. Heavy rain last night.

Tuesday, June 9

Heavy frost last night.

Sunday, June 14

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached in the board school house from text Ecclesiastes.10:2. A wise man's heart at his right hand. A first rate sermon.

Tuesday, June 16

Heavy rain this A.M. We have had a great deal of rain since about the 24th or 25th of May. Weather sultry & has been for several days. A young Frenchman was killed in the steam mill this morning by a slab thrown against him by a circular saw.

Wednesday, June 17

Temp: 87 - sultry.

Friday, June 19

Took Mr. Sherwin, Effie, Johnny and Doris Barwise up to Moore farm to pick strawberries. Cool day with light showers. We got 12 to 15 qts.

Saturday, June 20

Commenced using Benzlated Zinc ointment for my nose. Very cool. We fear frost.

Sunday, June 21

Cool & a fire in the furnace is necessary for comfort. 47°. Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached in the school house this morning at 11 o'clock from the Text: Mathew 11:4,5,6.

Monday, June 22

Commenced using Foeler's solution in conjunction with zinc ointment.

Sunday, June 26

Rev. Sherwin preached from Text Mathew 11:8 - come unto me all ye that labor & are heavy laden & I will give you rest -it was an excellent sermon.

Monday, June 29

Wrote to Stewart Knapp, B. C. Perry Middleton Carman & Co. Henry came home this evening & took us quite by surprise. He has grown a good deal. Weather very warm to day - 89°

Tuesday, June 30

Very hot this morning Ther 92° In the afternoon " 96°

Wednesday, July 1

Nearly as warm as yester-day. 95°. Helped prepare table & c. for Sunday School picnic.

Thursday, July 2

S. School picnic about ½ mile east of the village passed off quite pleasantly. There were about 200 present. Weather warm.

Friday, July 3

Again we have a warm day.

Saturday, July 4

Took Vallie riding

Sunday, July 5

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached to us in the forenoon. Text: The eye of the Lord is every where beholding evil & the good

Saturday, July 11

Hot & dry - & has been so for two weeks.

Sunday, July 12

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached from text ; The love of Christ constrain eth us. It was communion day & a precious season for us. He rode out 7 miles into the Pease neighborhood and preached this P.M. Ther 95° in shade; 112° in sun.

Monday, July 13

Another hot day Ther 94°. Rain this evening.

Tuesday, July 14

Mr. Sherwin hunted for house. Warm again today.

Monday, July 20

Heavy rain this P.M. which has moderated the heat somewhat.

Friday, July 24

Pleasant day & the first that has been any ways cool for nearly a month. Ther at 10 P.M. 58°.

Saturday, July 25

Quite cool this morning Ther 58° at 6 A.M. Beautiful day. Wrote for 200 barrels Pork to J. H. D. Wrote for ? getting also in regard to lightning rods & c & c.

Sunday, July 26

Quite cool & pleasant.

Monday, July 27

Cool - Ordered Dry Goods from Field, Leiter & Co.

Tuesday, July 28

Feeling sick from headache & cold I have taken.

Friday, July 31

Went out to a little lake about 7 miles east of Menomonie & shot 7 ducks. They are 2/3 grown & fat. Was there about 1½ hours.

Sunday, Aug 2

Rev. Gale from Minnesota preached in the Hall this A.M. & P.M.

Monday, Aug. 3

Weather so cool we found fire necessary to keep the house comfortable. 56° at 6 ½ oclk Went to Wood farm & put up a hay stacker which works well. Took dinner at Howe's farm where we had green beans being the first I have had this year.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

Cool again today. 52° at 6 oclk A.M. We have fire in the furnace. Tried one of the fire extinguish-ers & found it would extinguish quite a bonfire at least.

Monday, Aug. 10

Weather cool. 54° in morning & evening & about 72° at noon. We have had heavy rain storms of late & cool weather.

Saturday, Aug. 15

I went out this morning about 8 oclk to shoot prairie chickens. John Kreiser went with me. We returned about 12 oclk & had 28 chickens.

Monday, Aug. 17

The most violent rain storm occurred to day accompanied with much thunder & lightning. A man by the name of Can-trell was killed by lighting between here & Downsville. Vallie was taken sick last night & about mid-night we had a son born to us - a large boy Herbie weighs ten lbs- afterward named Herbert.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Vallie & baby doing well. I took Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin to Waubeek. Mrs. S- is going down home to West Salem. On the way home I shot four grouse, 1 mallard duck & 1 pigeon.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Went out to Wood Farm this morning with Frank Moore & A.B. Alden & shot together 17 chickens. I got 10 Moore 7.

Friday, Aug. 21

Mr. Stout, Frank Moore & I went out grouse shooting & bagged 38.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Mr. Stout, Tainter & I went out on the prairie late this afternoon & shot 18 prairie chickens.

Sunday, Aug. 23

I was informed this morning of the arrival of Mrs. Eaton & her brother Charley Field. He is in poor health. I called to see them at the hotel where they stay at present while our family are not in condition to entertain friends.

Monday, Aug. 24

Took Mrs. Eaton & Mr. Field out riding.

Tuesday, Aug 25

Took Mr. Stout out shooting, we had fair success.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Mr. Stout & I went out for chickens but the day was very unfavorable & we only got 10.

Friday, Aug. 28

Mr. Sherwin, Mr. Stout and I went out to the prairie by Harrington's farm to shoot grouse hens. Henry went with us also. We got 17.

Monday, Aug. 31

Took Mr. & Mrs. Blackwell out riding up to Cedar Falls & above there on the prairie. Mr. B & I shot 9 chickens & coming back we shot several pigeons. In the afternoon took them together with Kate & Charles to Gilbert Creek fishing.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Mr. Blackwell & I went out to Teegarden Mill today - leaving home about 11 A.M. We caught 39 trout. Weather cool & rainy.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Busy at home & in the office.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Mr. David Heller was buried today. The funeral was large. I went to the Norwegian settlement this afternoon accompanied by Sever Severson to get a girl to take care of children, sew, & c. & c. Engaged Petrina at \$2.50 per month.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Cold rain & disagreeable. Rev. Sherwin preached a forcible sermon this morning on the necessity of a savior (blank). Collection for the Amer Bible society 51.25. Coll in S.S. 2.45.

Monday, Sept. 7

Mary Sorenson commenced work for us.

Wednesday, Sept 9

Left Menomonie for Chicago to buy fall stock of goods. Went with Captain W- to Waubeek & there took "Champion" for Reads. Left Reads about 8 P.M. on Stmr. Can ada. Mr. Eaton & Mrs. Mart Wilson & babe in my charge.

Thursday, Sept. 10

We arrived at P du Chein about 6 P.M. left there for Chicago via Milwaukee at 9 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11

Took breakfast at Milwaukee depot & arrived in Chicago 11:45 A.M.

Saturday, Sept 12

Bought iron & nails of Hall Kimbark & Co.

Sunday, Sept 13

Went to Plymouth to church in forenoon.

Monday, Sept. 14

Commenced looking at groceries.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Did not complete the grocery memorandum till to day. Refined sugar 15 3/8, Coffee 21½ to 25 per pd, navy tobacco 55 - 56 cts., teas 95 to 1.65.

Saturday, Sept 19

Have had a busy week. To day & yesterday exam ined the Dry goods market.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Went to Westminster Church with Mr. J. S. Patrim (?). Heard a good sermon by Prof. Swing. In the evening went with Mr Armom to the Plymouth church of Chicago.

Monday, Sept. 21

Commenced buying on dry goods at Field Leiter Co.

Friday, Sept 25

John Douglass came today at noon & will help me a day or two in the goods buying.

Saturday, Sept 26

This has been a hard week's work for me. I have devoted most the week to buying dry goods.

Sunday, Sept. 27

John & I went to Centenary Church this forenoon & heard Dr. Hatfield.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

John H. Douglass left for home this evening. He has been helping me in making purchases & c & c.

Thursday, Oct. 1

I expected to have been at home by this time but will have to remain here longer. Chicago is a busy city at this time though in some houses trade seems dull and their sales do not seem to be in proportion to the stocks of goods.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Have had a very busy week & have worked very hard at buying goods & tried to complete the purchase of every thing in the goods but could not get through. I wanted to start for home to day but am disappointed.

Sunday, Oct. 4

This forenoon went to hear Prof Swing at Westminster Church on the North side cor of N Dearborn & Ontario Streets. He preached an excellent sermon. Text: "The Son of Man".

Monday, Oct. 5

I finished the goods purchases to day & left Chicago on the 4.30 P.M. train on Milwaukee RR. I have been 24 days in Chicago and busy & hard at work every working day of that time.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

I arrived in La X this morning about 8 oclk & left about 9 oclk A.M. on the steamboat "Annie Johnson" for Reads. Arrived at Reads 10 ½ P.M.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Arrived at Reads about 10 ½ P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 8

Left Reads on the Monitor at 7 ½ A.M. There are ten passengers on board of that small boat & we were 9 hours getting to Durand - distance of 20 miles. Snowed all day. Found our hack at Durand - stopped in Dunnville over night.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Hon. Matt Carpenter gave an excellent political speech in Company Hall at 3 P.M. ably arguing the issues of the day.

Thursday, Oct. 15

An old German came to plaster for me but could not make it stick so I got Chris Conrad who came at noon & did better. The old man worked ¾ day.

Friday, Oct 16

Chris worked to day for me plastering at our house & over in town at the house Mr. Sherwin is going to live in. This morning the ther stood 9° above zero at 6 ½ oclk Ground frozen hard. Barometer 30.55.

Sunday, Oct. 18

The ground is white with snow this morning.

Monday, Oct. 19

Mr. Sherwin & two daughters, Gineava (?) & Chloe, & 2 sons, John & William with them have arrived.

Saturday, Oct. 24

Have had a busy week of it trying to get the house on East side of the river ready for Mrs. Sherwin to occupy & getting our own addition along so that we can use it this winter. Our baby has been quite sick all this week. Charley Field started home Grandma, Henry and Effie arrived.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached to us again after several weeks absence. Weather warm to day and like Indian summer. Grandma, Henry & Effie arrived about 11 P.M. last night.

Monday, Oct. 26

Jonas came up today & looks very well - all glad to see him.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Jonas started home today after a short visit, to us very short but he said he must return home in order to meet engagements there next Tuesday.

Friday, Oct. 30

Last night there was a heavy thunder storm. A large amount of rain fell. Rain showers continued during the day and altogether it has been very bad weather.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Chris Conrad has been plastering during all of this week in the addition to my house. Last night the flume at the shingle mill went out on the north side owing to heavy pressure of water & the timber being rotten.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Presidential election. I think Grant and Colfax must be elected prest & vice-prest, by an overwhelming majority. They will represent the will of the people & the cause of justice and right.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

The election resulting favorably in Menomonie for the Republican Party. Of 330 votes cast the Republicans get 310 votes.

Monday, Nov. 9

Rev. J. C. Sherwin & his son, John & Henry E. K. & I started about 9 ½ A.M. for Washburn farm to spend a few days hunting deer. Stormed hard all day - rain & snow together. We go to the farm about 2 ½ P.M.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

We all started out to look for deer. I saw three but did not succeed in getting any. Mr. Sherwin killed one & wounded one.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

We went out to look for Mr. Sherwin's wounded deer but did not find it. Mr. Sprague who went along killed two & I killed one about 1½ miles N.W. from Washburn Farm. Mr. S & I dragged it in on the snow which is now about 6 in deep.

Thursday, Nov. 12

We went out this morning but the air was so clear & frosty that every sound could be heard a long distance. We went up to Prairie Farm and after dinner Mr. Sherwin and I went west of the farm 2 miles through the woods--saw nothing---returned to Washburn Farm.

Friday, Nov. 13

To day went out again. Mr. S & I both came from having walked too far the first day. I killed a fine buck in the evening. ? chased it ¾ of a mile to the Hay River after it had received four balls & finally got it at the river.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Came home, well pleased with our hunt.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Rained all day & all night. Rev. J. C. Sherwin's daughter Gineava (!?) was married in the evening at Company Hall to Mr. (blank) Howard of La Crosse & at the same time Miss Chloe M. Sherwin to Mr. (blank) Lester of West Salem, Wis. Sermon & ceremony performed by Rev. J.C.S.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Carpenters finished work on the addition to our house at noon.

Thursday, Nov. 26

This is Thanksgiving Day & a beautiful day it is. Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached the Thanksgiving sermon in the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock A.M. Vallie & I went to prayer meeting this evening at Mr. Sherwin's house.

Friday, Nov. 27

Last night was a cold one thermometer this morning indicated 6 above zero. Mr. Ordeman after an absence of 3 days is again painting for us in the lower room of the new addition to our house.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

This is the first that has appeared like real winter weather. To day is quite cold & winterish. November has been mild but stormy.

Thursday, Dec. 3

I went over to Mr. Sherwin's this evening to prayer meeting. We had an interesting meeting though few persons present.

Monday, Dec. 7

This morning I thought I would have a little recreation so went out hunting. I had good success - killed two deer about a mile & a half from our house. Went out in the afternoon & hauled them in.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Took Vallie & Eliza W out to make some calls. We went out in the sleigh though the sleighing is poor having little snow & roads rough. This the first sleigh ride this winter.

Friday, Dec. 18

The first meeting of the Chippewa Valley District Convention of the Congregational Church took place in Menom-oneie this evening. Sermon by Rev. Thos. Barland.

Saturday, Dec. 19

The Convention meet in the Methodist Church at 9 A.M. Sermon at 2 P.M. by Rev A. Kidder. Sermon in the evening by Rev. Geo. Spaulding on the wealth of the soul, the true riches.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Sermon by Rev. Geo. Spaulding in the fore-noon & in the evening by Rev. A. Kidder. Communion in forenoon & Mr. Winter and Dr. R. T. Langrell recd into the Church on profession of faith & Mr. and Mrs. Snively by letter.

Friday, Dec. 25

We had a delightful Christmas day. Rev. J. C. Sherwin & family & Mrs Church & son & Mrs. Wirth & little daughter Millie took dinner with us. The German Silver band serenaded us in the afternoon.

Monday, Dec. 28

Henry started for Ripon this afternoon. He is going to school there. We were sorry to part with him but believe it is for his good to acquire a good educa-tion.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Selected 26 coon skins from a lot of furs of Dick Mills for the purpose of making a sleigh robe. Sent a large Buffalo robe to Dunnville to have Mr Owen line it. Weather very clear & fine. Teachers meeting in the evening.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Worked at getting lead pipes into our bath room downstairs. Weather mild & pleasant for the season. Ther about zero in the morning. The coldest day in the month was 22° below zero.

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Friday, January 1

Spent the day pleasantly at home. We have fine weather, snowed most all day - so that there is about 5 inches now but very light dry snow

Saturday, Jan. 2

Went to Waubeek today to get our new 3 seated sleigh. Willie & Dr. Branch went down with me.

Sunday, Jan. 3

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached a grand sermon in the fore noon & in the evening I took him out to the school house near Richardson's on the Hud-son road when he preached again to about 50 persons.

Monday, Jan. 4

Got the pipes laid in bath room.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Took Vallie & mother, Eddie & Johnny - also Mrs. Barwise & Fanny out this afternoon for a mile in the new sleigh. The snow has softened & settled so that the sleighing is very good. Let S. N. (W) Munell (?) have \$100 payable December 1st 69. Ordered water ? for shingle mill.

Wednesday, Jan 6

Took Vallie, Mrs. Brunelle, Mrs. Snively, Mrs. Sherwin out sleigh riding. Selected 36 coon skins from mills & engaged Mr. Brayton to make a robe of them for me @ 15\$ & I find lining ?.

Memoranda

Cash lccount

MONTH & DATE Received Paid

January 1 .K.S & Co \$ 5.00

2 Pd. Mr. French \$.40

Heller & Fields .60

J. B. MKahan .75

Mike Brook & Hap .75

3 " S. S. Teachers 1.50

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" Knopps on wood 5.00

21 " Sophie Kinsley 2.25

9 " cash 10.00

3 " K.S. & Co 20.00

Sent to Am. Freedman

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16 Heller & Field 1.40

\$ 35.00 32.95

Balance Forward 2.45

\$35.00