

DIARY FOR JOHN HOLLY KNAPP

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Saturday, January 1, 1876

The new Year opens upon us mildly. (Ther 30°) & with grateful hearts to the Giver of all good for His past mercies. We hope for continued blessings & a Happy New Year. Snowed greater part of the day.

Sunday, Jan. 2, 1876

Very pleasant but grew colder after dinner. The snow hangs on the trees. The evergreens droop with the load & a magnificent presence is before us.

Monday, Jan. 3, 1876

Colder Ther 2° above zero at sunrise. Bright sunshine all day. Wrote G. W. D., A. B. Campbell, Jansen McClurge & Co. Beach SA. &C.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1876

Thermometer stood at zero this morning 7 o'clk. Weather grew milder during the day. Sunday school convention commenced this evening. Wrote to Rev. Callahan & several others.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1876

Ther. 21°, & grew colder in the evening with rising barometer. Vallie read an essay before the S.S. Convention on Moral Worth of S Schools to Communities. Beautiful moonlight to night. Sparkling snow. Mr. Sherwin came to see me.

Thursday, Jan 6, 1876

Ther. 7° below.

Friday, Jan. 7, 1876

Ther 12° at 7 A.M. & grew warmer towards mid day. So that I went down to the store. At bed time Ther 34°. Mr. Sherwin is with us today & have had a pleasant visit with him.

Saturday, Jan. 8, 1876

Thawing all day & all last night & at 6½ P.M. the Ther. stood at 40°. Mr. & Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Allen & her mother & Mr. & Mrs. Brunelle were with us to supper this evening.

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1876

Grew colder in the afternoon accompanied by wind.

Monday, Jan. 10, 1876

Cold this morning Ther. 10° below.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1876

Milder, 4° above this morning. Snowed a little this afternoon. Wrote to H. L. Stout, H. Van Reed, Harris & Cobb & Co., &C.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1876

Ther 7° above at 7 A.M. Bright sunlight day. 29° at 1 o'clock.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1876

Ther 14° below at the store & 12° below at our house. Mr. Sherwin started for Rice Lake & Henry started for the logging camps with Captain Tainter. Prayer meeting was held at our house this evening & was well attended.

Friday, Jan. 14, 1876

Milder 14° above this morning. Vallie, Effie, Will & Eddie all went to the skating ring this evening. It is the evening of the masquerade & the board is in attendance. Refreshments &C Pleasant day. I went to the store & office.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 1876

Beautiful sunlight day. 10° above this morning; 48° at noon; 50° at 2 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 16, 1876

14° above zero this morning. Thawed later in the day & was still mild at bed time. I went to church this forenoon. Mr. McMaster preached from the text "The Love of the Lord is perfect."

Monday, Jan. 17, 1876

42° above this morning. Thawed all day.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1876

Mild arid thawing. I went to the office & machine shop. Went through the flume or tunnel from the wheel in the waterworks building to the machine shop. Commenced filling our ice house at home.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1876

Colder this morning 13° above. Ice house nearly filled at noon. There will be about 275 cakes of ice 17x17x18 in. put in—in all about 24½ tons. Pleasant day.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 1876

Still colder 2° below zero at 7:20 A.M. Bright beautiful day.

Friday, Jan. 21, 1876

Milder.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 1876

The pump for our waterworks was started for the first time this morning & found to work admirably. Our house is now well supplied with water & grazing barnyard also. Besides 3 fire hydrants, on the lawn & in the garden.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1876

10° above. I went to church Rev. A. Master preached on the resurrection of our Savior, Rom I, Chap 4 verse.

Monday, Jan. 24, 1876

Colder 4° below this morning . I was very much annoyed today by caller who remained so long & at a time of day when I had much business & various items to attend to that required my action

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1876

2° below—very clear & fine today. Went to the office & store both forenoon & afternoon.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1876

2° below zero. Went to the office. Weather grew cloudy with appearance of snow or rain.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1876

Ther 16° above. Very bright mild & pleasant day. Thawing at 2 P.M. Drizzling rain which formed into sleet fell about 8 P.M.

Friday, Jan. 28, 1876

Snowed half the day.

Saturday, Jan. 29, 1876

12° below, high winds during the night.

Sunday, Jan. 30, 1876

22° above zero. Bright sunlight. I went to church found church cold & cold returning home wind being so strong from the S.W. Mr. McMaster preached a good sermon. 32° at 9 P.M.

Monday, Jan. 31, 1876

Snowy & blustery high winds—mild in forenoon. Planning greenhouse &C.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1876

Ther. 7° below. Busy writing letters.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1876

34° below zero at the store & 30° by our Ther. at home. Bright but cold day altogether. I worked on plans for my greenhouse all day.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 1876

17° below 0 this morning. Bright & pleasant most of the day but cold. Sent my greenhouse plans to B(?) & Co., 153 Crosby St., New York, to get estimate for heating same. Sent drafts of K.S. & Co from also to B. National Bank.. Amt. \$3,000.

Friday, Feb. 4, 1876

30° below zero by our Ther. this morning about sunrise. Will is sick with diptheria & had to send for Dr. Gates.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 1876

Ther. 8° above. Sat up until 2½ A.M. with Will. I think he is better this morning. 1 P.M. Ther. 42° above. snow melting.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 1876

Pleasant day. I went to church Rev. A. McMaster preached on predestinaton. Will is better I sat up with him until 5 A.M.

Monday, Feb. 7

2° above 0. Sat up with Will until 5 A.M.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1876

20° above zero this morning. Cloudy. Will is improving.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1876

Mild this morning again. Wind NNW. Ther. 26° above.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1876

Misty & light drizzling rain. Thawed all day. Mr. Stout & J. H. Douglass arrived to day.

Friday, Feb. 11, 1876

Ther. 8° above this morning. Consultation of our Co. were held at the Co's office.

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1876

Ther. 10° above. Busy all day at the office. All the partners were there.

Sunday, Feb. 13, 1876

Ther. 31° above this morning, cloudy, windy.

Monday, Feb. 14, 1876

Ther. 10° above. Small amount of snow fell during the night.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1876

Mr. Stout & J. H. D. started to Rice Lake with Capt. Tainter this afternoon.

Thursday, Feb. 17, 1876

Clear bright & pleasant day. Busy all day.

Friday, Feb. 18, 1876

Cloudy but mild. Ther. 46° at noon. Wrote letters this forenoon & at the store & office this afternoon.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1876

All the partners met at the office on business of the firm today.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 1876

Went to church twice. Thawed some. Rained in the evening. J.H.D, Will & I rode down as far as Mr. McMasters to take him home & stopped at Episcopal church to get Henry & Dave Thomas (?) his friend but that church not being out & the rain falling fast we came on home.

Monday, Feb. 21, 1876

The rain of last night turned to snow & put an inch of white carpet on the ice & hard roads making good sleighing. Effie, Henry & Mr. Thomas with Geo. Brewer, Allen French & Doris Barwise all in one sleigh set out for Rice Lake this morning.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

5° above zero this morning & remained steadily cold all day. Spent rest of the day at the office.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1876

Ther. 5° below. Bright sunlight. J. H. Douglass left on the W Wis R.R. for Chicago & St. Louis. Cold day but clear.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1876

A very pleasant day. Mr. Stout left for Reads Landing & home. Thawing. Effie, Henry & Mr. Thomas returned from Rice Lake.

Friday, Feb. 25, 1876

Ther. 20° above.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 1876

20° above. Strong wind blowing. Mr. McMaster & family being sick there was no preaching in our church today. I went to hear Rev. Morgan Edwards preach in the Baptist church.

Monday, Feb. 28, 1876

18° above. Snowed last night to deposit several inches (6 inches).

Tuesday, Feb. 29, 1876

Bright sunlight day.

Wednesday, March 1, 1876

Ther. 18° above. Bright & beautiful day.

Thursday, March 2, 1876
Rolla sick with fever.

Saturday, March 4, 1876
Eddie & Herbie were taken sick last night. Have fevers & are bilious. Beautiful day—
thawing fast in the afternoon.

Sunday, March 5, 1876
Eddie is better but Herbie's fever continued all day. Thawed all night last night & was
foggy & misty all day. Snow melting fast. Ther. 46°.

Monday, March 6, 1876
Rained heavily last night. This forenoon turned a little colder & the rain turned into sleet,
then hail & finally snow. Herbie & Eddie both better.

Tuesday, March 7, 1876
Mr. McMaster & family are getting better. Sent some provisions & C out to the
Parmeter(?) family.

Wednesday, March 8, 1876
Headache. Rode over to see Mr. McMaster & family. Found them better. We have 3 of
their children, David, Frank & Lottie, taking care of them while their parents are sick.
Clear bright day. No thaw today.

Thursday, March 9, 1876
Ther. 26° above this morning. Thawing all day.

Saturday, March 11, 1876
Turned cold Ther. 0,

Sunday, March 12, 1876
Cold everything frozen solid. Heard Rev. Morgan Edwards preach in Cong. Church this
morning. Ther. about zero this morning.

Monday, March 13, 1876
Ther. 1° above.

Tuesday, March 14, 1876
Ther. 20° above. Snow fell all day lightly. Wrote several letters & remained at home all
day.

Wednesday, March 15, 1876
Snowed lightly most of the day. Wrote several business letters & read during the
remainder of the day as it was too stormy to go out.

Thursday, March 16, 1876

Snowed all day. High winds. Snow much drifted. Had to remain indoors all day writing letters, &C.

Friday, March 17, 1876

Cold & windy (?) this morning & Therm. reported at store to be as low as 22° below zero.

Saturday, March 18, 1876

Ther. 3° below zero on our porch just after sunrise.

Sunday, March 19, 1876

Pleasant day. Not very cold. Heard Rev. Newcomb, the Methodist minister, preach in the Methodist church. I taught Vallie's bible class in our S.S. this morning.

Monday, March 20, 1876

Milder, Ther. 2° below, Bright sunlight day. Vallie & I rode over to see Mr. McMaster family. His hand is in a bad condition. His son Eddie is very low. The fever has left him & in a very weak & emaciated state.

Tuesday, March 21, 1876

Clear & pleasant day.

Wednesday, March 22, 1876

Effie's 18th birth day. I gave her a fine gold watch & chain. Attended the meeting of the Lumbermans Exchange at Menomonie House this afternoon & evening. Pleasant day.

Thursday, March 23, 1876

Ther. 1° below this morning but when sun rose & shone brightly the snow melted a great deal. Have sick headache all day. Went to Lumbermans Exchange meeting & called on Rev. McMaster family this forenoon.

Saturday, March 25, 1876

Snow melting. Rode with Capt. Wilson & T. B. down to Irvines to see the new bridge which is in the process of erection.

Sunday, March 26, 1876

Warm- snow melting fast. Rev. A. McMaster preached this forenoon to a larger audience than usual in Cong. Church.

Monday, March 27, 1876

Mild day. Wrote many letters & did many little labors & feel tired tonight.

Tuesday, March 28, 1876

Beautiful day. Thawing.

Wednesday, March 29, 1876

Cooler but clear & bright.. This is my 51st birth day. The Lord has been gracious & spared my life a long time & I hope for some useful purpose.

Friday, March 31, 1876

Rode up the pond in a sleigh with Capt. Wilson & took cold in my face.

Saturday, April 1, 1876

Mild & bright day. We have now had clear weather for a week. Every day bright sunshine. Face swollen today from cold taken yesterday.

Sunday, April 2, 1876

Rev. A. McMaster preached.

Tuesday, April 4, 1876

Thawing rapidly—rained in the afternoon & snowed after 8 P.M. Prof. Butler lectured to the Teachers Institute in Court House this evening. Went to town election & took cold in my bones & jaw. (?)

Wednesday, April 5, 1876

Clear & cooler. Prof. Butler lectured this evening in Concert Hall on Pre Historic Wis. I did not go out. Vallie, Effie & Will went. Henry having a sore throat remained at home. Wrote to Hildings & Co.

Thursday, April 6, 1876

Pleasant weather. Suffering some with headache in evening, spent most of the day at the store & office. Prof. Butler left for Hudson.

Friday, April 7, 1876

Clear, warm, bright day. Had sick headache to day; but light.

Saturday, April 8, 1876

Ther. 26° above early this morning but commenced to getting warmer soon.

Sunday, April 9, 1876

Clear & windy. Rev. McMaster preached both morning & evening. River is rising.

Monday, April 10, 1876

Rained nearly all night. Ther. 42° this morning. Saw the first flock of pigeons & first duck this evening. Ceased raining at noon, clear in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 11, 1876

Rainy day.

Wednesday, April 12, 1876

Six men commenced digging cellar for greenhouse.

Thursday, April 13, 1876

Wrote to Gregor about coming to take care of our house & to work for me. Six men worked at digging greenhouse cellar.

Friday, April 14, 1876

Snow fell last night, 3 or 4 inches deep but melted & was gone by the middle of the afternoon. River & creek are up though not as high as some times they have been. 5 men worked on cellar.

Saturday, April 15, 1876

Clear bright beautiful day. six men worked at digging cellar until 3 P.M. then commenced for excavation for foundation & taking out a foot of good soil from under the office part of the greenhouse building.

Sunday, April 16, 1876

Clear & pleasant, warm. Rev. A. McMaster preached morning & evening.

Monday, April 17, 1876

Cold north wind but clear & bright. Had some of the workmen commence wheeling away sand & generally overhauling the terrace in front of our house. Stone masons commenced laying walls in greenhouse cellar.

Sunday, April 23, 1876

I went to church both morning & evening. Mr. McMaster preached from the text "Why stand ye here idle" It was an excellent sermon. Day warm & pleasant. The buds on the small tamarack in our yard are green 1/16 of an inch.

Tuesday, April 25, 1876

Vallie started to Chicago at 2:43 P.M. Had slight rain, the first in ten days or more. It has been dry & dusty. Fires on the prairie towards the Moore farm & in the woods south of Irvine Creek.

Wednesday, April 26, 1876

Bright pleasant day. All the men, six in number, still working on foundation of greenhouse. Charley Fitz Simmons(?) grading in front of the house.

Thursday, April 27, 1876

Warm & bright forenoon until 10 A.M. when it began to grow cloudy & at 11 A.M. dense masses of clouds rolled up from the west & we soon had a heavy storm of rain & hail. Lightning struck the gas pipe in our office. Effie & I went to prayer meeting.

Friday, April 28, 1876

Heavy frost last night. Ice 1/8 inch thick this morning. Cold & windy all day. Wrote several letters & kept about ten men at work about the yard.

Saturday, April 29, 1876

Cold & windy & clear. Very much engaged (?) day looking after workmen about greenhouse cleaning up the yard laying stone walk.

Sunday, April 3, 1876

Rev. Safford of Hudson preached in the Cong. church morning & evening. He is a young man of 26 years & had very good sermon & rapid delivery—too rapid.

Monday, May 1, 1876

Cool

Tuesday, May 2, 1876

Unpleasantly cool with wind.

Wednesday, May 3, 1876

Rained last night & part of forenoon. Finished sodding in front of house & along stone walk.

Thursday, May 4, 1876

John Hartman & 3 men came this morning to frame the greenhouse. Martin Halverson commenced work this afternoon at 2\$ per day. He is to have work as long as I have work on the greenhouse. Effie & I went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday, May 5, 1876

Cool weather & windy. Framing of greenhouse & Plenty of work every day. I get very tired of looking after material & men for building. Vallie returned with Mrs. Thos. Wilson from Chicago.

Saturday, May 6, 1876

Showery & cool

Sunday, May 7, 1876

Rained nearly all night last night & today. I went to church twice—only about 20 persons present either morning or evening.

Monday, May 8, 1876

Clear. Six carpenters to work on greenhouse. Two men working at sodding where trenches were dug for laying drain pipes Rode out to home farm & engaged Charley Rudolph to come to work for us. Mr. Sherwin went out with me.

Tuesday, May 9, 1876

Clear & bright day. warmer. Chas. Rudolph commenced work for me at 1\$ per day. He is to take care of horses, milk cows etc & etc . Six carpenters at work on greenhouse. Have it nearly rough (?) boarded (?). Wrote to H. Van Reed, J. H. D., Henry, A. Plainf ill (?), Pierce (?) & Whelan &C.

Tuesday, May 16, 1876

Grandma started for St. Paul today to take boat for Ft. Madison. Will went with her. Got 375 cabbage plants from J. Kreiser.

Wednesday, May 17, 1876

River very high, higher than we have ever known it before. Running through the mill 18 inches deep.

Thursday, May 18, 1876

Clear, bright. Tanners putting on roof to greenhouse office.

Friday, May 19, 1876

F. J. McLean paid amount due from him on 7th June less amount(?) to that date. \$1440 - 7.60 = 1432.40 By two drafts on Chicago 500 each & OK on S. B. French for 452.40. Raining very heavily about 4 P.M. Very warm, 86°, just previous to the storm. We(?) just set out strawberry plants.

Saturday, May 20, 1876

Clear nearly all day. Heavy rain about 6 P.M. Very sultry in the afternoon.

Sunday, May 21, 1876

This day opened bright & beautiful. The grass in our grounds measures from 3 to 6 inches high. Plum trees have been in blossom some time.

Monday, May 22, 1876

Church meeting this evening resolved to call Mr. McMaster to be our minister for another year. Fine day, King & Iver worked today. Very cool in the evening Threatening frost.

Tuesday, May 23, 1876

Fine day. Frost last night that killed tomato vines. Church meeting this day resolved to employ Rev. Mr. McMaster at \$1500 per year. Either party can dissolve the relation by giving 3 wks notice. (?) King worked

Wednesday, May 24, 1876

Beautiful bright warm day. Mosquitoes came pretty thickly in the evening. 5 carpenters to work on greenhouse.

Thursday, May 25, 1876

Clear tonight & warm. Road getting dry & dusty.

Friday, May 26, 1876

Fine day, Oleson's Planing Mill & dwelling house & also Hunter Thompson's dwelling & McKessons Hotel burned down about 9½ A.M. Iver & King did not work in the afternoon.

Wednesday, May 31, 1876

Will & Effie started on the 1:27 P.M. train for Reading, Pa. Vallie & the smaller children, Eddie, Herbie & Rolla remained at home because of the uncertainty of obtaining a sleeping car berth at Elroy.

Thursday, June 1, 1876
Turned cooler

Saturday, June 3, 1876
Henry returned from St. Louis. Very cool—had fire in the furnace & have winter clothing.

Sunday, June 4, 1876
Pleasant but cool weather. Rolla has had cold with cough. Communion day at Cong Church. In the evening Rev. McMaster preached on the needed reforms of the times.

Monday, June 5, 1876
Very busy all day. Sent 100\$ draft to Am. Missionary Association Had Sutton & Sneen working on cementing stone walk, & C Rolla is sick. We called Dr. Gates in the evening. Two Nott boys commenced lath in greenhouse office.

Tuesday, June 6, 1876
Rolla no better today. Sutton & Sneen worked at mortar mixing. Ed Carlson at putting in gas pipe. Halverson worked ½ day on deer yard fence. West(?) worked ¾ day.

Wednesday, June 7, 1876
This forenoon was cloudy. Rained in afternoon. Sutton & Sneen worked ½ day making mortar & ½ day setting boiler. John Bjork & Ed Garton worked today. West did not come. Halverson fixing yard for deer. Rolla little better this evening. Paid Nott 11.15.

Thursday, June 8, 1876
Rolla is much better today. Commenced plastering office at greenhouse. Setting boiler. Commenced on chimney. Rained heavily in afternoon.

Friday, June 9, 1876
Warm & pleasant. Two masons setting over boiler. Chris Conrad putting on first coat of mortar on my office. Bjork making joints of hot water pipes. Two carpenters putting on window mouldings outside door. Rolla is much better.

Saturday, June 10, 1876
Quite warm today. Henry & I rode to the Camp (?) above Cedar Falls & as far as opposite the mouth of Lambs Creek.

Sunday, June 11, 1876
Very beautiful day went to church twice as usual.

Monday, June 12, 1876

Very busy today. Fine weather. Slatten is building chimney from boiler of greenhouse. Chris plastered the potting room in red(?).

Tuesday, June 13, 1876

Warm. Men all at work on office & greenhouse.

Wednesday, June 14, 1876

Very warm day. Vallie is getting ready to go to Reading with the children. West & Halverson went over to help Hans Lund.

Thursday, June 15, 1876

Very hot. Ther. 90° to 91° Vallie, Henry & the children with Mary got off at 2:27 P.M. train for Reading, Pa. Commenced to rain in the evening.

Friday, June 16, 1876

Rained all last night & all day today. All the workmen quit at noon.

Saturday, June 17, 1876

Continued to rain night & day. J. Bjork working only ½ day on account of the cold storm.

Sunday, June 18, 1876

An unpleasant day rain & cold. Have a good fire in the furnace.

Monday, June 19, 1876

Weather some little better. Still rains at times quite hard & is cold yet.

Tuesday, June 20, 1876

Clearing up & weather moderating. Met some gentleman at the office this afternoon who visit Menomonie to get the people to take an interest in the Chippewa Valley R.R. which they propose to build.

Wednesday, June 21, 1876

Warm day Ther. 82° at 6 P.M. (?) came over & worked on greenhouse today. West & Halverson, Chris Conrad & (?) Gherke & John Bjork also worked. Chas. Fitzmorris worked at clearing building.

Thursday, June 22, 1876

Another hot day. Bjork finished the piping of greenhouse.

Friday, June 23, 1876

Again very warm. 88°. Very busy all the time. Ladd & Son commenced painting for ono(?) Sent calf to butcher.

Saturday, June 24, 1876

Very hot day. 95° in shade. Afternoon very sultry. Raining about 6 P.M. (?) (?) cooler. Had Co. men cleaning out cistern. Getting ready to start east on Monday. Sent Geo. Marshall 90\$ draft to pay my taxes & \$97 to pay interest of Tainter & myself & (?) (?)

Sunday, June 25, 1876

Rev. A. Kidder preached in Cong. church. Very hot 1½ P.M., 94° in shade under shed between wash house & work shed. Heard of Dr. Harris death. He died 3(?) P.M.

Monday, June 26, 1876

Left home on 1:43 P.M. train. Very warm day. Started for Franklin, New York, to get Johnny Took in charge for Rev. A. McMaster Louisa B(?)ennett who goes to Sidney Plains on A & S R.R.

Tuesday, June 27, 1876

Left Chicago 8:52 via Chicago & Erie line. Sleeping car through to Binghamton

Wednesday, June 28, 1876

Arrived in Binghamton at 12:26 & at 1:30 left for Otego. Saw Louisa off at Sidney Plains & soon after the car arrived in Otego where I hired a livery team in Co. with Dr. W. E. Douglass & rode over to Franklin four miles & found Johnny well.

Thursday, June 29, 1876

Franklin is a cozy little New England looking town among the hills. Pop. 1000. Johnny & I left Franklin 9 A.M. in stage for Otego. Waited there 2 hours for train & changed cars at Binghamton about 2:20 P.M. & arrived in Elmira about 4:45 P.M. Jesse Cooley met us at depot.

Friday, June 30, 1876

Had a pleasant visit with Jesse Cooley & family. Rode around Elmira & found it had grown very much since my last visit 9 years ago last spring. Took Lehigh Valley car at 11:30 A.M. for Phila. where we arrived at 10 P.M.

Saturday, July 1, 1876

Johnny & I spent the day until about 3 P.M. viewing the Exposition. It is much larger than I had expected & would take many months to see it in detail. Left for Robesonia at 3:40 P.M. arrived there in the evening about 7:20(?). Will & Henry at the depot—found Vallie & children well.

Sunday, July 2, 1876

Very hot again today. Henry & Harriet(?) were out to see us.

Monday, July 3, 1876

Amanda Ferguson & "Sister Kitty" came to see us. Henry went to Phila this morning early & Will this afternoon. Wrote to T. B. W., A. B. Campbell & Charley. Visited at Mr. Fergusons this evening.

Tuesday, July 4, 1876

I went to Phila. Lizzie Ferguson went same time. Henry met us at Broad St. depot & saw Lizzie to destination. Mrs. Jno. Van Reed & Mrs. Stenman (?). Henry & I went to Centennial Exposition. Very Hot day. Saw fireworks in evening, put up at U. S. Hotel.

Wednesday, July 5, 1876

Visited the Exposition & returned to Robesonia on 3:40 train. 104° in shade.

Thursday, July 6, 1876

We had a visit from Henry V. R. & family. Rode up to his home in the evening. The one near the furnace (?). Fruit is abundant in his orchard.

Friday, July 7, 1876

Very hot weather.

Wednesday, July 12, 1876

We visited at Wm. Fergusons (?). Stayed all night. Ther. 102°. Raining heavily in the evening.

Thursday, July 13, 1876

Had visit from H. V. R. & family. Rode to his other place in the evening. We have had over two weeks of excessively hot weather. Temperatures ranging from 96° to 104° & 105° in the shade. It is said to be the hottest weather in 80 years.

Friday, July 14, 1876

Took Johnny, Eddie & Mary to Philad. Visited the zoological gardens Centennial Exposition. Effie is sick. Called Dr. Conrad who prescribed for her.

Saturday, July 15, 1876

Effie still sick but doing better. Vallie & I went to Reading to do some shopping. Met Mr. Dean at H. V. Reeds. He told me of some good ointment for my face.

Sunday, July 16, 1876

Pleasant day. The nights are cooler. Think the heated times must be over. Johnny quite sick. Rolla & Herbie have some fever & all of us are miserable.

Monday, July 17, 1876

All miserable today. Johnny is broken out with measles.

Tuesday, July 18, 1876

Eddie is complaining. Roll & Herbie pretty well. Roll sick at night.

Thursday, July 20, 1876

Went down to Reading for some medicines & returning on 6:15 P.M. train. A very warm day - 95° in shade. In the evening a heavy thunder storm came up & cooled the air. Henry & Geo. V.R. remaining here.

Friday, July 21, 1876

Johnny is getting quite smart again. Weather delightful.

Saturday, July 22, 1876

I went to Philad. to visit the Centennial Exposition. Pleasant day.

Sunday, July 23, 1876

Went to church in Robesonia.

Monday, July 24, 1876

Went to New York & Jersey City at which latter place I visited Peter Henderson's greenhouse & had an interview of 2 hours with Mr. Henderson. Returned to Philad. on the 6:05 P.M. train. Stopped at the Continental Hotel

Tuesday, July 25, 1876

Spent the day visiting the Exposition, shopping, &C. In evening I went to Reading.

Wednesday, July 26, 1876

Vallie came down & in the evening we went to Robesonia.

Thursday, July 27, 1876

Started for Menomonie at 2:15 P.M. with Henry, Johnny, Eddie, Herbie & our girl Mary. At Harrisburg got sleeping cars for Chicago. Fare from Harrisburg to Chicago 11.50.

Friday, July 28, 1876

On the cars—arrived in Chicago 7 P.M. Left there at 9:45 P.M.

Saturday, July 29, 1876

Arrived in Menomonie on the 1:23 P.M. train & found things about home looking well.

Sunday, July 30, 1876

Went to church twice. Rev. A. McMaster preached.

Saturday, Aug. 5, 1876

Warm & cloudy. Rained heavily later in the evening & during the night.

Sunday, Aug. 6, 1876

Cool & pleasant. Mr. Stout came up. Went to church twice.

Monday, Aug 7, 1876

Talking over business matters at the office with my partners.

Friday, Aug. 11, 1876

Henry & I drove up to the cabin on Otter Creek & back. Brought home 14 chickens, which I shot on the way up. Went via Hay River & came via Bullocks

Saturday, Aug. 12, 1876

Warmer.

Sunday, Aug. 13, 1876

Very warm this forenoon. Ther. 91° to 92°. Rev. McMaster preached this morning from 1st Cor. 15 Chap, 45 verse. Rained in the afternoon & until 10 P.M.

Monday, Aug. 14, 1876

Cooler owing to rain yesterday evening & last night.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1876

Went out this forenoon as far as the Baptist chapel on Sherburne Prairie. Shot 6 chickens or grouse. Will drove for me. Came back to dinner. Rained all the afternoon.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1876

Rainy day - making it very bad for the farmers as result(?) very little of the grain stacked yet.

Thursday, Aug. 17, 1876

Cloudy to day & a little rain this forenoon. Sent team to help Mr. Jas. West the carpenter to work(?).

Friday, Aug. 18, 1876

Went to my cabin on Otter Creek. Charley Rudolph went with me & cut some grass around the cabin.

Saturday, Aug. 19, 1876

Cool night last night. I took some cold. This forenoon Charley finished cutting the grass. I went down the creek & shot several grouse. Came home in the afternoon. On the way near Lamb's Creek saw 3 deer Charley shot at one three times with his pistol. 11 chickens we(?) took.

Sunday, Aug. 20, 1876

Sunday went to Ch Rev. McMaster made statement of the state of the church for which see mem in back of this diary. Cool weather.

Monday, Aug. 21, 1876

Cool this mor'g - with some rain in the afternoon

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1876

Was disappointed in not hearing from Vallie to day. Rained heavily last night—very warm & sultry all day. 90° in shade & 79° at 9 P.M. Men have commenced additional excavation in reservoir on meadow hill.

Monday, Aug. 28, 1876

Hurrom(?) commenced work on greenhouse at 2\$ per day.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1876

Took Mr. Crippen of St. Paul, Geo. Brewer & Mr. A. L. Dyer C(?) up to Moore Farm & east of there chicken shooting. Henry drove for us—the party bagged only 17 all told. I only got 4. Did not (?) my dog Frank

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1876

Vallie, Effie & Rolla came today. We met them at cars with the carriage. Very warm & sultry.

Thursday, Aug. 31, 1876

Warm—Have three carpenters working on greenhouse staging & benches.

Sunday, Sept. 3, 1876

Pleasant day. All our family attended church. Had an interesting Communion lesson. Bro. Jno.(?) Sherwin assisted Bro. McMaster.

Monday, Sept. 4, 1876

Went to St. Paul to see Messrs. Davis & Watson about trespass suit & its settlement. Gillarkie & Rittets (?) commenced getting stone ready for foundation to (?) room. Cold rain(?) this evening.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1876

Left St. Paul at 10 A.M. having first made some purchases of glass for greenhouse door & sundry small matters. Went to Chippewa Falls to attend Congressional convention. Thad. C. Pound was nominated. I did not favor his nomination. Will started for Ripen.

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1876

Returned home about 3½ A.M.—tired out & weary from excitement & loss of sleep. Cool & rainy.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 1876

Busy all day. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. The carpenters have been putting the roof sash(?) on greenhouse.

Friday, Sept. 8, 1876

Cloudy & cool. The sash(?) were placed on end of greenhouse to day.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 1876

Rained all day. A very gloomy cold rainy day. None of the carpenters or stone masons worked to day.

Sunday, Sept 10, 1876

Rained in afternoon. I did not go out to church in evening. Very dark & disagreeable weather.

Wednesday, Sept 13, 1876

Rainy

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1876

Tolerably fair day. The stone masons got through with laying up brick well for hydrant in barn yard & stone dry well 11 ft north of center of greenhouse building.

Friday, Sept. 15, 1876

Fine day. Mother & Almeda arrived from Ft. Madison via St. Paul to day. Tom McKenny & Jas. Smith cleaning out the well.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 1876

Good sermon in the morning & good temperance lecture or sermon in the evening by Rev. A. McMaster.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1876

Went to Eau Claire to National Lumbermans Association. Started about midnight for Stevens Point.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1876

This morning about 11 A.M. left Green Bay junction for Plover by R.R. & from Plover took back to Stevens Point arriving there about 4 P.M.

Thursday, Sept. 21, 1876

Went out to a large Cranberry Marsh $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Stevens Point in company with Chas. P. Haseltine & E. A. Gibbs. Said marsh has about 200 acres in cranberries & 400 acres of land in all— $\frac{1}{4}$ of which I own. Mr. Gibbs having purchased $\frac{1}{2}$ for himself & I jointly.

Friday, Sept. 22, 1876

Rode up with E. A. Gibbs & his son, Wm., to see the pumping works to supply water for the marsh. The cranberries are gathered by Polanders & Indians. Yields this year 1000 barrels—worth 8\$ to 10\$ per barrel. Started for home at noon.

Saturday, Sept 23, 1876

Arrived home $3\frac{1}{2}$ A.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1876

Had the first frost of the season that touched our tomato & other vines.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1876

Went up to H(?) Retreat. Will Lyman Heinz(?) went with us. Charley Rudolph drove for me. Shot only 2 chickens on way up. Rained more or less during the day.

Friday, Sept. 29, 1876

Cloudy & cold. Charley & I went up Otter Creek towards the Dee(?) Settlement with the team. Saw but few chickens—killed two—saw no deer or bear signs.

Saturday, Sept. 30, 1876

We came home to day having killed in all 10 grouse & 1 ruffed grouse. Cool cloudy weather.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1876

Went with Almeda to St. Paul.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1876

Almeda left St. Paul for Ft. Madison & St. Louis at noon to day on the steamer Charley Cheever which connected with Red Wing at Prescott. I went out to the fair & saw little. Cold & unpleasant. Came home on night train.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 1876

Very disagreeable day. Last night ice froze 3/8 in thick & to day snow fell but melted nearly as fast as it came. Have been real sick with cold & headache.

Friday, Oct. 6, 1876

Mr. Kavanagh set mantel in my office to day. Tolerably fair today.

Monday, Oct. 9, 1876

Hard frost.

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1876

Hard frost, high wind & clear.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1876

Very hard frost. Ther. 13° this morning by my old Thermometer. This evening our tame buck deer gored the doe running one (?) (?) antler into her lungs & through into the stomach resulting in her death.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 1876

Pleasant weather though windy & dust flying.

Friday, Oct. 13, 1876

Windy but otherwise pleasant.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1876

Fine weather but rather cool

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1876 1

Ther. 13° Clear bright beautiful day. Mr. McMaster preached an exciting extemporaneous sermon this morning.

Monday, Oct. 16, 1876

Warmer to day, very fine weather.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1876

Clear, bright, warm Indian Summer day.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1876

Warm Indian Summer day.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 1876

Rainy day.

Friday, Oct. 20, 1876

Rainy day—some thunder—disagreeable day. Received 2 loads, 80 bushels rutabagas from Capt. T. & T. B. W (?) Mr. Dempsey commenced putting in wash basin etc. in office at greenhouse.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 1876

Showers, cloudy & unpleasant. Rev. J. C. Sherwin & Ida his daughter arrived this afternoon from West Salem. Got 34 ft. chestnut lumber from J. F. Edwards & Co. to day.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 1876

Rained last night again. We have now had 3 days of heavy weather. Church congregation small. Mr. McMaster preached his mssg(?) from Matt. 11, 29th V.

Monday, Oct. 23, 1876

Clear fine day. Hans Lund commenced work to day at putting in washbowl marble slate in back hall. Hard at work at getting greenhouse office refinished(?).

Friday, Oct. 27, 1876

Senator Cameron & Judge Bryant of La Crosse spoke here at Concert Hall on the political issues of the day. Weather fine.

Saturday, Oct 28, 1876

Weather moderate. No frost last night. Fine Indian Summer day. Took Senator C & Judge B. & S. W. Hunt out riding & the two speakers to depot after dinner.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 1876

Cloudy. No frost last night. Ther. 54° this morning.

Monday, Oct. 30, 1876

Mild & foggy but cleared off in the afternoon. Pleasant. No frost now a days.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1876

Foggy again this morning but clearing by 9 A.M. Sent my team to take Rev. J. C. Sherwin & Ida up to Prairie Farm. Henry drove the team. Rev. A. McMaster went with them, all starting about 1 P.M..

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1876

Pleasant in forenoon but somewhat cloudy with cool wind in afternoon. August Waiter left my employ to day. Took work bench & shavings out of the greenhouse office this morning. Herbie sick with high fever.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 1876

Cool & somewhat windy. Herbie was sick all night with fever & I took care of office. He is somewhat better this morning. Wrote to Mary W. Harris, Orcutt Creek, Pa., E. A, Gibbs & C & C Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday, Nov. 3, 1876

Dr. J. W. Hoyt of Madison, Wis. spoke to the people of Menomonie on the political issues. He made a rousing speech.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 1876

Have been very busy all day. Politics, R Roads & various matters. Weather mild.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1876

Cloudy. Went to church & S School this morning. Rained so(?) this evening so that there is no church service. Weather mild. Collection for Camp Mission was taken to day.

Monday, Nov. 6, 1876

Cloudy & rainy with a little snow.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1876

Frost last night. Tolerably fair day but cool. Presidential election to day & considerable excitement. Hayes & Wheeler Republican candidates & Tilden & Hendricks, Democratic candidates for Pres. & Vice Pres.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1876

Clear & sunny day, the first for a week. News from election in New York unfavorable to the Republican cause.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1876

Fine clear day. Ther. 24° this morning. News from the election to day gives one electoral vote majority for Hayes & Wheeler. Joe Kreiser fixed our roses & C for winter by packing sawdust around them wrapping with straw, & C Killed our buck deer.

Friday, Nov. 10, 1876

Went to Washburn Farm for a deer hunt. Henry drove the team up for me (Rascal & Knight). Joe Kreiser went along. Day fair & quite mild. Arrived at Washburn Farm about 6 P.M.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 1876

Hunted out east of the Washburn Farm. Day fair. Saw one deer a long way off.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1876

Rested. Cloudy day—threatening storm.

Monday, Nov. 13, 1876

Went hunting East of farm accompanied by Wm Sprague & Joe Kreiser. Caught a glimpse of one deer. The day was windy & cold.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1876

Hunted but with no success, saw nothing. The day was pleasant & clear. Dry & noisy under foot. Hunted west of Little Beaver Creek. Saw one deer.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1876

Wm. Sprague & I rode East of farm to Otter Creek. The east branch & then went South to McCullough's in sec 22, Town 30 R12 & back to the Washburn Farm via my cabin. Rode 25 miles to day & saw no deer. Fair day.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 1876

Cloudy & cooler with sleet & drizzling rain. Staid at the house most all day.

Friday, Nov. 17, 1876

Cloudy & cool. We went west of Big Beaver. Saw no game & Sprague & I got lost for a short time.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1876

Snowed last night. Hunted East of farm in forenoon, saw nothing. Sprague & I went to west side of the river & below the farm. I saw two deer but did not see them quick enough. Sprague saw another & killed it.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1876

Thawing & misty. Put in the day reading & resting.

Monday, Nov. 20, 1876

Monday I came home on one of the Co teams. Cold wind blowing. Found all well at home.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1876

Colder & stormy. The Reservoir on Meadow Hill being completed. Water was pumped in for the first time today.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1876

I went hunting on East side of the river & crossed the bridge at Irvine Creek to the West side. Killed two deer about 3/4 mile below the mouth of Irvine Creek & near the high peak of bluff call "Wildcat"

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1876

Brought my deer home & one for John Ford who killed it in same vicinity where I got two & "Frank" our pointer dog, hung himself this evening by attempting to jump the picket gate & caught his neck strap on a picket & when found was dead.

Friday, Nov. 24, 1876

Colder, thermometer down to 15° last night. August Walter commenced work again and is to do any kind of work I may have for him to do. I am to pay him 260\$ per year & board him.

Saturday, Nov. 25, 1876

Cold NW wind blowing. Attended the funeral of Jno Kreiser's father-in-law old man Sprangling (?) who died at the age.

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1876

Rev. A. McMaster gave this morning an account of his trip to the Moody & Saukey meetings in Chicago. Very interesting. In the evening went to the new German Methodist Church or Albright Methodist. Rev. Dobbs preached church dedication to day.

Monday, Nov. 27, 1876

Colder, Ther. 25°

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1876

Ther. 11° this morning early. Sun rose clear & bright being the first time in about two weeks. We have had a long spell of cloudy weather. Will came home from Ripon & took us by surprise. Attended funeral of Mrs. Hughes.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1876

Wrote to Rev. J. C. Sherwin. This is the first letter written in my new office adjoining the greenhouse & the first at my new wooden desk.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 1876

Colder, Ther. 12° all day & at bed time it showed 7°. This has been the coldest day this fall.

Friday, Dec. 1, 1876

Ther. 6° below zero this morning & the weather remained cold all day. Had a talk over business matters at the Co. office. Present Capt. W., Tainter, T.B.W, Jas. Stout & myself.

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1876

Ther. 2° below zero at 7 A.M. Wrote to A. J. Nutting sending 56\$ check for balance due him.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1876

Started for Madison, Wis. on 1:23 P.M. train.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1876

Arrived in Madison at 12:46 A.M. At noon the Presidential electors assembled in the Governors Room in the Capitol & cast my votes for Rutherford B. Hayes for Pres., & Wm. A. Wheeler for Vice Pres. Left for Chicago.

Thursday, Dec. 7, 1876

Arrived in Chicago about 7 A.M. Met Mr. Marks at the Grand Pacific Hotel & we went out to make some purchases. I bought a tea set at Mahon & Co. & other items. We went to hear Moody & Sankey in the evening.

Friday, Dec. 8, 1876

Went again to the Tabernacle at noon to the Moody & Sankey meetings. Very interesting. Mr. Moody spoke on the necessity of humility. Many men had been intemperate gave in their experiences. Left for home at 9:30 P.M. Very cold day.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1876

On the cars Very cold—28° below zero. Train 3 hours behind time. I was the only passenger in the sleeping cars for some hours. Arrived home about 4½ P.M. Found all well.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1876

Went twice to church & once to sabbath school. Mr. McMaster preached in forenoon with great commentary(?).

Monday, Dec. 11, 1876

Some snow fell last night. Milder & thawing some to day. 38° this evening. Oberle brought ¾ cord of wood. Took some Company(?) Cold Pills this evening for the headache which has afflicted me for a week.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1876

Mild & thawing day. 40° at 8½ P.M.. Medicine I took yesterday evening has proved beneficial.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1876

Mild day. Ther. 40° this morning. I wrote letters. Settled with J. Cavanaugh for marble work. Put pickle on hams.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1876

Much colder. 2° below zero this morning.. Examined plans for bridge across the river which our Co wish to build just above the Mill. Had second barrel of hams pickled & brined.

Friday, Dec. 15, 1876

Very high winds. S.W. took(?) Ten lights of glass was(?) blown out of one of the sash on roof of greenhouse.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1876

Cold. Sent coal Stmr(?) to Tonnar & fired the fire place in my office but it smokes badly.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1876

Ther. 4° below & the day was steady cold. Rev. J. H. Dudley of Eau Claire preached morning & evening in the Cong. church. Good attendance. Text A.M. Acts 10 chap.44 v. “ P.M. “ 11 “ 21 verse.

Thursday, Dec. 21, 1876

Prayer meeting at our house this evening. Cold, clear weather.

Saturday, Dec. 23, 1876

The weather has been steadily cold during the week. We have been busy getting ready for Christmas & helping for the Sunday School celebration. I made an evergreen cross, Vallie made a crown & Effie cut out letters for a motto “Glory to God in the Highest” & Jake Miller & I put them up in the church this evening.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 1876

Milder, some snow. Rev. A. McMaster by a singular coincidence preached from the text “Glory to God in the Highest”.

Monday, Dec. 25, 1876

Pleasant day & a happy time with old & young.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1876

Fine day. Wrote a good many letters. Hans Lund commenced putting up the moulding in my office to hang pictures on. Capt. Wilson is better to day.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1876

(?) colder, 9° below zero this morning. Capt. Wilson is no better. He has been in bed 12 days. Disease Erythania(?).

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1876

Steady cold disagreeable weather. Capt. Wilson is worse & other doctors have been sent for. Prayer meeting was held at Ms. Brunelles. There is just snow enough for moderate sleighing.

Friday, Dec. 29, 1876

Clear, bright weather , 9° below this morning. Capt. W is no better. We all feel very much concerned about him fearing the chances are largely against his surviving.

Saturday, Dec. 30, 1876

The old year is coming to a close. The month of Dec has been very steady winter Capt. W is reported some better today.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 1876

Went to church twice as usual to day & heard two excellent sermons by Rev. A. McMaster. Morning text "Watchman What of the Night". Evening text "Today if ye will Hear His Voice Burden Not Your Heart"
