

John H. Knapp Diary
Menomonie
Dunn County
1865

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January, Sunday 1. 1865

Attended Sunday School over the river in the morning & heard Rev. F. M. Iams preach a good sermon at 11 o'clock A.M. Taught a class also in the Sunday school on this side of the river in the Co.'s hall at 3 P.M. Mr. Brunell officiated as superintendent.

Monday, 2.

At the offices & store most all day – weather pleasant but steadily cold. Capt. Robinson & Lina Hale came up this forenoon from Dunnville & remained with us until after dinner.

Tuesday, 3.

Spent the day in the office at the store & c. Mr. & Mrs. Hall took dinner with us to day. Business is brisk & weather fine. Mr. Downs offered his house & Lot & mortgage of 7000\$ in Downsville Mill for 8000\$ - 500\$ down Bal 1st Aug & 1st Sept I declined purchasing.

January, Wednesday, 4. 1865

Attended the second meeting of the members of the Masonic order held in Menomonie. The establishing a Lodge in Menomonie was the object of the meeting or matter to perfect the necessary arrangements to establish one. Meeting held in the Hall of the Menomonie House.

Thursday, 5.

Weather somewhat milder. Snow to the depth of 2 in. fell yesterday. Took mother Vallie & Katie Peters out sleigh riding. The weather thus far has been cold & dry.

Friday, 6.

Helping take an account of stock in our (K.S. & Co.) store. I shot two bears this afternoon. Tame ones however that we have kept a good while & now make meat of them.

January, Saturday, 7. 1865

Vallie & I went to a concert at the Company's Hall. The concert was given by Mr. Carpenter and was very good.

Sunday, 8.

Rev. Haw preached this fore-noon & Rev. F.M. Iams preached in the evening. The latter from the text The Lord reigneth, Let the earth rejoice,

Monday, 9.

In the office writing.

January, Tuesday, 10. 1865

Today busy in the office writing letters & looking over accounts. Took Vallie to the ? society in the evening. Weather continues cold & dry.

Wednesday, 11.

Weather mild for winter ? about 20° above zero. Attended Masonic meeting in the evening at Menomonie House.

Thursday, 12.

Attended prayer meeting in the evening. Rev. F.M. Iams led the meeting. Had a pleasant visit from Thos. Wilson family.

January, Friday, 13. 1865

Capt Wilson & wife Thos. Wilson & family Capt Robinson & Beckie Adams dined with us to day at 2 oclk. Capt Wilson & I started to Eau Claire on Rail Road business at 4 oclk arriving at 7 ½ P.M. Had a meeting with Mr. Thorp & Dick Wilson at Mrs. Chapison & Thorps store in the evening on RR business

Saturday, 14.

Staid all night at Dick Wilson's. He left Eau Claire at 10 ½ a.m. & arrived in Menom-onie at 2 ½ P.M. coming home via Falls City & the Norwegian Settlement.

Sunday, 15.

Attended church twice & Sunday school in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 18.

A very cold day. The coldest but one this year or rather this winter.

Friday, 20.

Snow fell last night and to day to the depth of 7 inches. Went out on the Prairie with the team. Took my gun along and shot a prairie chicken and one ruffled grouse & partridge.

Saturday, 21

I took Vallie Effie & Willie to Dunnville for a sleigh ride – We left Effie there to make a visit with Lina Hale. We came from Dunn ville to Menomonie in about one hour & a half.

January, Sunday 22.

Mr. Haw preached this A.M. & Mr. Iams this evening.

Tuesday, 24.

The teams of the firm were sent to Eau Claire to bring over some of the citizens (27 of them) to give an "Old Folks" concert for benefit of Soldiers Aid Society. The Hall was crowded & concert was satisfactorily given this evening. Very cold weather.

January, Wednesday, 25. 1865

Mr & Mrs. Marston, Mr & Mrs Moon & Mrs Gresham staid with us. They were part of the "Old folks" that gave the concert – Cold day again today. There was a meeting of the Tomah & Lake St. Croix RR. Co. in our office this evening to contract or let the building of said road.

Thursday, 26.

Our friends from Eau Claire started home & I fear they had a cold ride of it.

Friday, 27.

I went to Dunnville to bring Effie home. The sleighing is good.

Sunday, 29.

Rev. F.M. Iams & Rev. Haw preached to day The meetings well attended, showing an increase in interest in spiritual things.

January, Tuesday, 31. 1865

Beckie Adams & Lina Hale came up from Dunnville to make us a visit. I attended meeting this evening. Rev. F.M. Iams preached.

February, Wednesday, 1.

Got up at 3 ½ A.M. & at 5 ½ oclk Capt Wilson Mr. Bidland Mr. Messenger Thos B. Wilson Andrew Tain-ter & I started for Eau Claire to attend Rail Road meeting. Our Rail Road company closed contract with D.A. Balderie of N.Y. for building the Tomah & Lake St. Croix Rail Road. I was appointed Secy of the Co.

Thursday, 2.

Rained nearly all day. Ther 40° above zero.

February, Friday 3.

Rained & thawing all day

Saturday, 4.

Cold again & everything frozen solid

Sunday, 5.

Rev. Haw preached this A.M. & Rev. F.M. Iams in the evening preached a powerful sermon especially for the benefit of the impenitent I taught my class in S.School this P.M. as usual.

Tuesday, 7.

Rev Haw preached again this evening

Wednesday, 8.

This evening preaching again by Rev. Haw.

February, Thursday, 9. 1865

Commenced putting up ice. Rev. Golden delivered a lecture at the Hall this evening on the state of the country.

Friday, 10.

Putting up ice to day. The ice cakes are 2 ft thick & 22 inches square & weigh about 260 lbs each

February, Sunday, 12. 1865

This is the first Sunday in a long time that I have not been to church. Rev. Iams was sick & Rev. Haw absent. Taught my class in S.School as usual.

Monday, 13.

We got our Balance Sheet for the year of 1864 out to day. & find we have not made any thing in actual profits – though prospectively or in acquiring profits have made considerable.

Tuesday, 14.

Taking inventory of our accounts as a firm.

February, Wednesday 15. 1865

Writing in the office to day. Snowed to day

Thursday, 16.

Snow fell to depth of about 8 inches.

February, Saturday 18. 1865

Took Vallie, Johnny & Willie out sleigh riding this forenoon. We went up the river on the ice for about 2 miles. In the afternoon John Kreiser & I took the team & went up the pond two miles to the Lake for a load of wood.

Sunday, 19.

Rev. Mr. Haw preached this fore-noon & Rev. Iams this evening both on the subject of sufferance.

Monday, 20.

Very strong high wind & a little snow. Mr. & Mrs. Iams spent the evening with us. Measured a lot of oak timber for our New Saw Mill which we intend building the coming summer.

February, Tuesday, 21. 1865

Rained very hard last night & this forenoon. Sent J.H. Douglass our Bal Sheet & Real Estate Inventory. Very high winds all day. Took Vallie & Katie Peters over to Mrs. Moth.

Wednesday, 22.

Turned colder & froze which makes it icy & difficult getting around. Very high wind.

February, Friday, 24. 1865

Snow fell again this afternoon. Busy all the afternoon circulating a petition or remonstrance to the Legislature against changing the route of the Tomah & Lake St. Croix R.R. from present survey which passes through Menomonie to the Old LaX survey.

Sunday, 26

Snowed some last night. This forenoon Rev F.M. Iams preached in the evening Rev. Golden. Taught my class in Sabbath School as usual.

February, Monday 27. 1865

Having a Batteaux made. We have had 4 large ones made recently for driving logs with. Gus Irwin has commenced building two small barges to run with our steamboat. Paid \$8.79 to Mr. Friley for 2488 lbs hay.

Tuesday, 28.

K.S. & Co. agreed to give B.B Downs Esq \$2000 for one year service as Architect & Master builder of a new saw mill in place of our old one in Menomonie & also to take 15% off the bills of Mds said Downs may buy of K.S. & co during the year said bills not exceeding 2,000\$ in the aggregate – Said Downs agrees to attend in person 5 days in each week & have work laid out (for the crew of hands employed in building said mill) to keep them at work six days in the week.

Wednesday, March 1st.

Very stormy day – Violent wind & considerable snow. The workmen finished the small batteaux to day.

March, Thursday, 2. 1865

Snow fell last night & yesterday about one foot deep & drifted a good deal owing to the very high wind prevailing.

Friday, 3.

A Cold day. In the evening went to church meeting at Rev. F.M. Iams house. Mrs. Church was admitted to membership with Cong. Ch. in Menomonie.

March, Sunday 5. 1865

Mr. Haw preached this fore-noon from Romans 14 – 7. The discourse was upon the Influence of one person on another. Mr. Iams preach-ed a very forcible sermon in the evening especially adapted to warn men to “flee from the wrath to come”

Monday, 6.

I took Katie Peters Vallie & also Lina Hale to Dunn-ville. We went down in an hour & three quarters Katie & Lina remained there & we returned. Sleighing good – plenty of snow. The day warm & thawing.

March, Wednesday, 8. 1865

Took mother to Dunnville in the forenoon – Returned in the afternoon bringing Katie Peters with us – A cold snow shower with wind sharp & cutting we encountered with going & returning.

Thursday, 9.

A cold day – Ther at zero or below. Sleighing fine & alto-gether very fine winter weather. Mr. & Mrs. French & Wm Mott paid us an afternoon & evening visit which was very pleasant. Wrote two letters to J.H. Douglass.

Friday, 10.

Had a very interesting cong church Prayer meeting at our house this evening – Weather clear, cold & bracing.

March, Saturday, 11. 1865

Meeting of Sabbath School children at our house this evening for the purpose of learning S.S. hymns.

Saturday, 18.

Weather turned very mild & spring weather finally comes in upon us after a long & steady winter.

Tuesday, 21.

Ordered from King Kellog & Co
3 doz Grey Flannel shirts @ 26\$
2 “ White ribbed drawers @ 19
1 “ Grey “ ? @ 19
1 “ pants @ 4.75
100 Glazed paper collars @ 3\$

Wednesday, 22.

Still warm & thawing snow going off rapidly.

March, Thursday, 23. 1865

Rail-road meeting held in K.S. & Co's office to day Present W.T. Price, J.G. Thorp S. Marston, Rich T. Wilson & Wm. Wilson. T.B. Wilson A. Tainter & J.H. Knapp Directors

March, Wednesday, 29. 1865

My birth day. To day I am 40 years old. The best part of my life has passed away. God grant that my remaining years may be spent in honoring Him more. Our Cong. Church Prayer meeting met at our house this evening.

Thursday, 30.

Very beautiful day & evening. This evening went to Prayer Meeting at the School House on the East side of the river.

April, Saturday, 1. 1865

Rec'd letter dated 27th Mar from Corn Ex. Bk giving notice of reception of U.S. coupons \$27.50 sold at 58 ½ prm - ? 42.21 to Cr. K.S. & co. These coupons belonged to myself individually.

Sunday, 2.

Mild & pleasant weather. The blue grass shows signs of starting.

Monday, 3.

Rained a little to day. The ice is reported out of the Chippewa & also out of the Menomonie. River still rising.

April, Tuesday, 4. 1865

Election day. The steamer Pete Wilson came up to Dunnville on his first trip this season.

Wednesday, 5.

It rained more or less during the day. I took Thos. B. Wilson to Dunnville in my buggy. There we found the little steamer belong ing to our firm the "Pete Wilson". She left at 3 oclk for Reads Ldg. The horses took freight on the bridge on my return & broke the buggy & come near getting away from me.

Thursday, 6.

Weather turned very cold, about 10° below zero & wind blowing a gale. The Wilson creek was very high this morning & the water ran over the Shingle Mill Bridge. Timbers & stone & c had to be handed on to the Bridge to keep it down. Very cold & stormy all day.

April, Friday, 7. 1865

Weather moderated some. The Menomonie rising fast. Water 6 inches above the floor of the Saw mill.

Sunday, 9.

Mr. & Mrs. Stout arrived to day.

April, Monday, 10. 1865

Vallie, Beckie Adams & I took tea at Capt Wilson's. Mr & Mrs. Stout are stopping there at present.

Tuesday, 11.

Took Mother, Effie Beckie Adams & Lina Hale to Dunn-ville this forenoon to take Boat for Reads – They are going to Ft. Madison. The "Pete Wilson" did not arrive until late in the evening. We left Dunnville on the Pete at 8 ¾ P.M. & arrived at Reads at 11 ¾ P.M. Snowing.

Wednesday, 12.

Snow fell to depth of 2 inches. There being no boat for our folks to go down to Ft. Madison on I left them at Thos Wilson's & returned to Dunn-ville to day on the "Pete Wilson"

April, Thursday, 13. 1865

Left Dunnville this morn-ing & came home with my team & carriage. Mr. Church came up with me. We saw immense numbers of pigeons on our way home. I found Mr. & Mrs. Stout at our home.

Friday, 14.

Mr. & Mrs. Stout Vallie Henry Willie & I went to Elk Creek to day to catch some trout. We took guns along expect-ting to shoot pigeons also but did have an oppor-tunity. The pigeons have left in one day.

Saturday, 15.

Took Mr. Stout & Vallie around to see the Mill, & c.

April, Sunday, 16. 1865

At church & Sabbath school as usual. Mr. Iams preached an excellent sermon in the evening on the state of the country.

Monday, 17.

I took Mr & Mrs. Stout to Dunnville. Katie Peters went with us. Mr. & Mrs. Stout have started for Du-buque They left D- at 11 oclk A.M. To day the sad sad news of the assassination of our most loved President Abraham Lincoln reached us.

Tuesday, 18.

I returned home this forenoon.

April, Wednesday, 19. 1865

Rev Iams Golden & Haw addressed the people (in the Hall of K.S. & Co) which was appropriately draped in mourning on the subject of the death of President Lincoln & attack on the life of Secy Seward. Ladies supper for sanitary fund came off about 10 P.M.

Thursday, 20.

Writing letters & trying to over take my business correspondence & c. Catch up with the ? letters. Ordered some goods & c & c.

Friday, 21.

Snowed to day all day accompanied by cold below the freezing point. At night very windy.

April, Tuesday, 25. 1865

To day I went out for a day's shooting for the first whole day this season. Took my team & man John. Byron Wells went with me. I killed two geese – John killed a snipe & one prairie chick-en. The country is full of Prairie Chickens but I would not shoot them out of season. Very windy.

Wednesday, 26.

Charley Slocumb left Reads with Raft No. 1, for K.S. & Co.

May, Monday, 1. 1865

Wm. Newcomb left Reads with Raft No. 2 of K.S. & Co.

Wednesday, 3.

Setting out apple trees on the lot in near of our dwelling house.

May, Thursday, 4. 1865

Wm. Slocumb left Reads Ldg with Raft No. 3 Setting out trees & shrubs Weather this spring is very windy & continuous-ly so.

Monday, 8.

This afternoon I went out to Gilbert Creek & caught 34 trout which weighed 6 lbs. Some weighed ½ lb. Mr. McHogan commenced work arranging to put a coat of plas-tering on our wash house.

May, Wednesday, 10. 1865.

Went to Irvine's Mill to day with Tom Hale. While there I caught 49 trout & Tom caught 41 Weather quite cold for the season. Saw some ice yet in the rocks opposite Irvine Mill.

Friday, 12.

Ladies Festival at the Hall this evening – Tableaux's charades music & c & c Mr. McHogan finished plastering white washing & c. Wages 2.75 per day & board.

May, Saturday, 13. 1865

Weather cool heavy frost last night – Very dry & no rain for a long time.

Sunday, 14.

Went to Sabbath School also to church twice. Rev. Haw preached from Heb 6 ch from 1st to 6th ver. Rev. Iams preached in the evening from Cor. Weather getting some-what milder. Overcast still comfortable in the evenings. Fires mourning over the country.

Monday, 15.

Bought Dr. Benjamin's house & lots 1 & 2 Block 34 in Menomonie Wis for \$1300. I purchased for Rev. F.M. Iams & family to live in.

May, Tuesday, 16. 1865

Tom Hale & I went up Wilson Creek in a Batterux to fish but had poor success. I caught 5 trout & he 7.

Wednesday, 17.

Rained heavily last night & most all day to day. Which makes everything going again. The grass is fresher than any time in past two years.

Thursday, 18.

To day about 7 P.M. started to Eau Claire to attend a Rail Road Mee-ting. Tom Hale went with me. The night was dark & roads muddy so we did not arrive in Eau Claire until 12 oclk midnight.

May, Friday, 19. 1865

The Rail Road meeting for acceptance of the land grant for the Tomah & Lake St. Croix RR was held in Mr. Mar-ston's office early this morn-ing. Tom Hale & I went to Chippewa Falls – We returned about 6 P.M. to Eau Claire.

Saturday, 20.

We started for home about 8 oclk A.M. stopped at Elk Creek to catch some trout – did not succeed. Very warm day – About dark a heavy storm arose accom-panied with thunder & light-ening.

Sunday, 21.

Last night about 9 ½ oclk the lightening struck our farm house on the Home farm & killed Lucas Farrow-back who was lying on the floor near the stove. He was a good man & had charge of our i.e. K.S. & Co's farm. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

May, Monday 22. 1865

Went to the funeral of Lucas Farrowback which was largely attended. Rev. Iams preached the funeral sermon. The farm house was much broken & torn to pieces by the stroke of lightening.

Tuesday, 23.

Cool & pleasant river has risen considerably. Rained again this evening. Men to work finishing the wash house. Charley Slocumb left Reads with Raft 4 127 cribs lumber 3725 bunches left. 1793 " shingles.

Wednesday, 24.

A meeting was held at the company hall to raise funds to contribute to aid in building a "Soldier's Home" in this state. I was chosen chairman of the meeting \$250 doll was contributed by the persons present & com-mittees appointed to solicit subscriptions.

May, Thursday, 25. 1865

John took Margaret to Durand to take passage to Ft. Madison. The carpenters & I repaired the house. Had a ventila-tor put in the ice house & c & c.

Friday, 26.

To day is a pleasant day but the month so far has been a cool one. The leaves on the oaks in our yard are only about one inch long.

Saturday, 27.

This afternoon I left home about 3 oclk P.M. & went out to Ebermans on Gilbert creek & fished 3 hours for trout. I caught 47. The mosquitoes were so numerous that the ? of fishing was much less than it would have otherwise been.

May, Sunday, 28. 1865

Weather turned warmer. Went to church morning & evening as usual.

May, Wednesday, 31. 1865

I left Menomonie at 7 ½ oclk A.M. in the Hack for Dunnville. At Dunnville took "Pete Wilson" for Reads where I arrived at 3 oclk P.M. – Paid Ballard house supper 50¢.

June, Thursday, 1.

Got on board Stmr. Perubina at 2 oclk A.M. Paid fare to McGregor's \$9.25

Friday, 2.

Arrived in McGregor at 1:00 A.M. Went out in town in the morning early to try & engage some lumber. Could not engage any. Took Stmr Key City 7 A.M. for Dubuque. Fare 3.50 arrived in Dubuque 1 ½ oclk P.M.

June, Saturday 3. 1865

Raft No. 4 arrived here some days ago & the Pilot has returned. Took a ride this after-noon with Mr & Mrs. Stout & Mrs. Hoff.

Sunday, 4.

Went to Cong Church this forenoon with Mr. Stout.

Monday, 5.

Left Dubuque for Chicago this morning at 4 ½ oclck for Chicago. Arrived in Chicago about 3 ½ P.M. Stopped at Sherman Home.

June, Tuesday, 6. 1865

Visited the Great ? Fair now open here in Chi-cago & was much pleased with the Fair. Weather excessively warm.

Wednesday, 7.

Bought some goods for K.S. & co. & did some shopping for myself.

Thursday, 8.

Saw Genl W.T. Sherman at the Fair to day where he made a short speech.

June, Friday 9. 1865

Left Chicago for Fort Madison at 8.20 A.M. Cool weather this morning & heavy rain during the forenoon. Arrived in Burling-ton 7 P.M. Left for Ft. Madison at 11 P.M. on Stmr Kerths-bough.

Saturday, 10.

Awoke this morning & found myself on board the boat lying at the wharf at Ft. Madison. Went up to sister Almeda's & found all well. Went over to Williams this forenoon where I found Grand ma & Effie & all well.

Sunday, 11.

Went to Baptist church this forenoon. Weather very hot.

June, Monday, 12 1865

Rained some

Tuesday, 13.

Rained to day & very acceptable it is.

Wednesday, 14.

William & I went to Carthage Ill on business. Roads muddy & rain fell again while we were on the way home.

June, Thursday, 15. 1865

Made a visit out at Jonas. Went with Callie Douglass Archie & Effie to the Episcopal Church Festival.

Friday, 16.

Took dinner at Dr. Rine-harts. Went out to Jonas in the afternoon.

Saturday, 17.

Very hot & sultry.

June, Sunday, 18. 1865

Went to Pres Church twice to day. Rev. Kinnard preached. He is quite a youthful looking preacher. Heavy rain last night & to day quite cool.

Monday, 19.

Took tea at Capt. Robinsons & Dinner at Gen Bicks. Effie is quite sick this evening with fever. Rained in the afternoon.

Tuesday, 20.

Rained last night. Effie is quite sick to day.

June, Wednesday, 21. 1865

Getting ready to start up the river. Recd letter from Vallie this morning Effie & I went out to Jona's to dinner.

Friday, 23.

Went to Keokuk this forenoon & consulted Dr. J.F. Sanford about a sore upon my nose that has been there for over two years past & would not heal. Decided have it cut out & Dr. S- performed the operation. It was painful but I bore it well & without taking any chloroform. Returned to Ft. Madison 6 P.M.

June, Saturday, 24. 1865

Remained pretty closely at Almeda's to day on account of my disfigured appearance. John Douglas arrived home in the night. Windy Day.

Sunday, 25.

Remained in doors most of the day. Weather cool.

Monday, 26.

Raft No. 5 now containing 4 ½ strings arrived. Wind blew again to day. Raft left this afternoon.

June, Tuesday, 27. 1865

Waiting for a Northern Line Boat to go up the river. Learned this afternoon that there would not probably be another through boat before Thursday.

Wednesday, 28.

No through boat. Getting very tired of waiting.

Thursday, 29.

Another heavy rain last night. To day about 2 ½ P.M. the N.L. Boat Savannes Paul came up with two barges in tow & plenty of passengers. Almeda Effie & I went on board & took passage for Reads Landing. I have shipped some freight & a horse "Jack" that I bought of Jonas.

June, Friday, 30. 1865

Slept on the cabin floor last night the boat being so crowded with passengers. I could not get any room. We arrived at Muscatine about 5 oclk A.M. & Davenport 10 A.M. Left Davenport at noon. Laid up below Camanche 3 or 4 hours for wind & rain.

July, Saturday, 1.

Getting along slowly. At Savanna about 5 A.M. – at ? at 11 oclk A.M. River very muddy & rising rapid ly owing to recent heavy rains.

July, Monday, 3. 1865

We arrived at Reads Landing to day about 1 ½ P.M. & to our disappointment found no boat going up Chippewa soon. Sent my horse Jack up by land in care of Ive Farley.

Tuesday, 4.

Mr. Thos. Wilson let me have his team & light spring wagon & I took Almeda & Effie and started from Reads 8 ½ oclk A.M. – stopped at Waubeek 1 ½ hours – Left there at 3 ½ P.M. arrived in Dunnville 4.10 P.M. & at Menomonie 6 ½ P.M.

Tuesday, 11.

John A. Kreiser commenced housekeeping in our wash house to day. I have agreed to give him 40\$ per month & he board him-self. House sent free. Harry Lunn commenced work for me this afternoon.

July, Wednesday, 12. 1865

Mr. McHogan agreed to plaster the House I bought of Dr. Benjamin one coat at 10¢ per yard including any patching that may have to be done & 20¢ yd for 2 coats in upper hall & for lathing & plas-tering attic partitions 2 coats all single measure

Thursday, 13.

I rode out to Baily's Lime Kiln on horse back & engaged some lime of Mr. Baily to plaster the House I bought of Dr. Ben-jamin. I caught 51 trout in a little creek near the lime kiln.

July, Tuesday, 18. 1865

Went out this forenoon for a boat ride up Wilson Creek. Took Almeda Henry & Katie Peters. Went up about two miles. Caught 8 trout & one sucker. In the afternoon Henry & I went out by the wood farm. I shot 8 grouse & 4 snipe.

Wednesday, 19.

Quite warm to day ther 80° in the shade.

Thursday, 20.

Rained to day & very accep table it is after so long a dry spell.

July, Friday, 21. 1865

Took Vallie Henry Effie & Willie Almeda & Katie Peters out to the Bowl Factory & beyond there to gather Raspberries & fish & c & c Had a very pleas-ant ride & got some berries & but 5 fish. The musqui-toes were so bad we could not fish.

Saturday, 22.

Wrote to J. H. D- wrote to Bridge Beach & co. ordering stoves & c. Also to I. ? & co. & c. This afternoon Henry & I rode over to the Wood farm. Left home at 3 ½ P.M. & returned at 7 ½ ? with 10 prairie chickens.

Sunday, 23.

Rev. F. M. Iams preached this A.M. & Rev Haw in the evening. Rained more or less during the day.

July, Monday, 24. 1865

Wrote to E. Gibbs

Tuesday, 25.

Took Almeda Katie Peters & Willie out riding this after-noon. I took my gun with me & killed 9 grouse & 2 Plover. The axle became heated so as to make the wheel fast & we were de-tained over an hour in consequence.

Wednesday, 26.

Prayer meeting at Mr. Brunelles

August, Tuesday, 1.

My Gardner John A. Kreiser started to Minnesota to be gone a week. This P.M. McHogan commenced putting on 2 coat of Plaster-ing on the Benjamin House.

Thursday, 3.

Almeda & I took a ride over to the farm this afternoon. I took my dog & gun along & shot & bagged 16 grouse.

Friday, 4.

Took Mr. Boyd & daughter of Monroe Mich & Rev. A.K. Strong of Galena Ill & his daughter Mary out to Gilbert Creek fishing. They caught only 4 – I caught 12 trout. Persons unaccustomed to fishing for trout in small streams do not succeed well fishing here.

August , Saturday 5. 1865

Mr. Anderman commenced painting my stable. To day Rev. A.K. Strong of Galena Ill & I started out to hunt Prairie Chickens but the rain commenced to fall soon & we were com-pelled to return having killed only one chicken.

Sunday, 6.

Rev. A.K. Strong preached this A.M. & Rev. E. H. Boyd this P.M. Rev. Strong's discourse was excellent. Text 2nd Peter 3 chapt. 9 Verse Grow in grace & c.

August, Tuesday, 8. 1865

Mr. Hudaman Com-menced painting the Benjamin house.

Wednesday, 9.

Brother William came up this evening. This is his first visit to this place. Vallie was taken quite sick last night & has been sick during the day. Rained this A.M. & very pleasant this P.M.

Thursday, 10.

Wm & I took a look around the Mill this forenoon & in the after-noon rode out on to the Prairie where I killed 15 grouse & retur-ned to tea.

August, Friday, 11. 1865

Wm & I rode over to the Hotel to see Mr. Tillaston & to the house I am having repaired. Thence up to the now Slaughter House Hog Pen & c.

Saturday, 12.

Took Mistrs Paul & Rich-ards of St Louis out to Gilbert creek trout fishing. Richard caught 27 – Paul 6 & I caught 31. Several that would weigh ½ lb to ¾ lb each. Mr. Anderman fin-ished painting the Benjamin House.

Sunday, 13.

Rev. Iams Preached the A.M. & Rev. Golden this evening. William Almeda Katie Peters & Henry went to church with me Vallie still continues confined to her room. Very fine day.

August, Monday, 14. 1865

Met Mr. Fiske & Mr. Sleet & Dulton Sleet of Pottstown Pa. Mr. Frisk is from Philad. They are R.R. men & exam-ining the route of the T & L. St. Croix R.R. Went out riding with them. Took my gun along & shot 3 grouse. Took tea at Capt. Wilson's.

Tuesday, 15.

Took William Almeda & Katie Peters & our little Johnny out riding this forenoon in the carriage. This afternoon William & I rode out into to the farming country on the Eau Claire road.

Wednesday, 16.

Wrote up the books of the Tomah & L. St. Croix R.R. Co. Took Vallie out riding this P.M. The first time she has been out since she was sick.

August, Thursday, 17. 1865

Rev. F.M. Iams moved into the Benjamin House to day. I took Frank Hatch and Wilson Heller out on the prairie around Sherbournes farm chicken shooting to day. We killed about 70 chickens. I got about 22 & did not shoot very well.

Friday, 18.

Very warm to day. Took Vallie out riding. Mr & Mrs. Tillotean, Mrs Capt Wilson Mrs. Tainter Mr & Mrs Brunelle & Mr. & Mrs French took tea with us this P.M. & we had a pleasant social interview.

August, Wednesday 23. 1865

Took Almeda out riding. We went out by Sherbournes through his farms & east to Eau Claire road – I took my dog & gun along & bagged 12 grouse.

Thursday, 24.

Capt. Hatch & wife misses Eliza & Mary Wilson Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Heller, Wilson Heller misses Rilla & Nellie Tainter misses Benjamin Jake Brunelle & c & c spent the afternoon & evening with us & we had a pleasant social time.

Friday, 25.

Capt Frank Hatch & I went out shooting & c. We killed 26 grouse & caught 27 trout. The fishing we did in Elk Creek 6 or 7 miles from Menom-onie.

August, Saturday, 26. 1865

The warmest day of the month & in fact since 1st June. Ther 91° in the shade.

Sunday, 27.

Cooler to day. Heavy rain this afternoon.

Monday, 28.

Writing this A.M. Drew up contract between John H. Douglass & myself. In the afternoon Capt Frank Hatch & I went up to the head of the pond to shoot ducks – some there.

August, Tuesday, 29. 1865

Estimated lumber for Cong. Church. Wrote to Wm. Frost Geo. D - & Mr. Heitz. Effie was quite sick last night but she is better to day.

September, February 1. 1865

I took Almeda Vallie Katie Peters – Willie & Effie out riding this forenoon. We went to Mudd Creek to Wm. Hellers. Came home to dinner. In the afternoon Vallie & rode out on in the buggy to look for plums.

Saturday, 2.

Vallie & rode out this afternoon about 5 miles on the Hudson rode on horseback.

September, Monday, 4. 1865

Getting ready to start East for Goods.

Tuesday, 5.

I started from Menomonie for N.York via Reads Ldg Dubuque Chicago & c. Mr. Wilson accompanied me. We went in the Hack to Durand & then got on board the "Monitor" & arrived at Reads 5 P.M. Took stmr Davenport for DuBuque at 11 P.M.

Wednesday, 6.

Arrived Thursday 7th on the boat in DuBuque at 4 ½ A.M. Rained all day - Saw Mr. Stout & Mr. Gibbs – Bought a bill of gun & blasting powder & c of Laflin & co. Agt

September, Friday 8. 1865

Left DuBuque at 5 A.M. for Chicago. Arrived in C- 4 P.M. Put up at the Sherman House.

Sat. 9th

We went out to the Ill State Fair about 9 oclk a.M. This is the last day of the fair. Saw some good stock of various kinds. Sheep cattle ponies & c. I purchased a fine ? Horse 4 years old called "Knight" for a saddle horse for Vallie. I paid 500\$ for him. He took the 1st Prem – 50\$ for best saddle horse & is most thoroughly broken. He was raised & exhibited by E.D. Grammond of Kentucky now of Mechanicsburg Sangamon Co., Ill.

September, Sunday 10. 1865

Went to hear Rev. Dr. Z.M. Humphrey's preach in 1st Pres Church this A.M.

Monday, 11.

Looking into the goods mar-ket to day.

Tuesday, 12.

Spent this day examining stocks of goods & hesitate about going to N.Y. as I find good pretty plentiful and prices probably not much higher than in NY.

September, Wednesday, 13. 1865

Concluded not to go to N.Y. but will purchase full stock of various kinds of goods for our firm here in Chicago.

Thursday, 14.

Busy in Chicago.

Friday, 15.

Buying goods.

September, Saturday, 16. 1865

After a long & tiresome & hot day I took passage on the May Queen for Kenosha at 8 P.M. on invitation of C.E. Willard to go up to Kenosha & spend the Sabbath. We arrived at Kenosha about 10 o'clock A.M.

Sunday, 17.

This morning it rained & in fact two thirds of the day. I went to Episcopal Church. Mr. Willard's have some friends visiting them. Mr. Richardson & wife, Mrs. Maverick, Mr. Maverick & Mr. Hildebrandt. Took dinner at Mr. A.B. Smith's cousin of Mr. Willard – was at Mr. Brown's in the evening.

Monday, 18.

Returned to Chicago on the morning train of C & M R.R.

September, Monday 25. 1865

Mr. Mason & I left Chicago at 6 ¼ P.M. for home via P du Chien. We had to go in the Caboose Car attached to the freight train in order to take care of my horse "Knight" as I could not get them to take him on the Express.

Tuesday, 26.

Had slow trip of it last night. Arrived in Madison Wis about noon & no train going till 7.30 P.M. Left at 11.30 on Express train having sent my horse Knight on the 9.30 frt train.

Wednesday, 27.

Arrived at P du Chien about 6 o'clock A.M. the freight train with my horse arrived about ½ an hour afterward. Horse all right. Took passage on Steamer Lucken State at 3 P.M. for Reads Landing.

September, Thursday, 28. 1865

Arrived at Reads Landing about 1 ½ P.M. Mr. Mason & I started for Menomonie on horseback at 2 ½ P.M. We arrived in Waubeek about 7 ½ P.M. Remained there all night.

Friday, 29.

Came home this forenoon & found all well.

Saturday, 30.

Johnny is quite sick with Dysentery – Busy in the store most of my time. The new goods have arrived & we are opening & selling.

October, Sunday 1. 1865

Went to church as usual. Johnny still quite sick.

Tuesday, 3.

Henry & I went up to a Lake East of Capt. Moore's farm & camped for the night. This is the first time Henry ever camped out. We got there too late to get any game.

October, Wednesday, 4. 1865

This morning early I stationed myself near the little pond & shot two geese out of a flock that came flying over. Also killed 3 mallard ducks & came home to dinner.

October, Friday, 13. 1865

Started this afternoon with Burnham Tainter & Henry & Brunelle to camp out & shoot geese & ducks. Camped one mile north of McMahan's farm. We got 16 ducks this P.M.

Saturday, 14.

This morning we drove over to Millers place on the Eau Claire Road & left our horses & went to some small lakes or ponds S.W. of Millers about ¾ of a mile & near Koch's farm, where we got 3 ducks; came back to Miller & shot 14 more all mallards. Went home at 7 PM

Sunday, 15.

Heard Rev. Haw Methodist preacher this forenoon & Rev. F.M. Iams preached a powerful sermon in the evening from text Ezekiel 33-14

October, Monday, 16. 1865

Busy at the store. Engaged Capt. Black to clerk in store or Warehouse at 500\$ per annum.

Tuesday, 17.

Rained all day & quite cold & disagreeable weather it is. Ordered Boots from Fargo Bill & co Chicago 5 cases – sheet iron & c. from Hibbard & Spencer. Wrote to E.G. L. ? & co. Corn Ex. Bk & c & c.

Wednesday, 18.

Herb Gibbs commenced clerking in our store. I rode out on horseback before dinner & the horse Knight jumped so with me as to bring my hand down on the Pommel of the saddle so hard as to put the bone of my little finger out of joint. Dr. Benjamin set it.

October, Thursday, 19. 1865

Witnessed the Eclipse of the sun this forenoon. Weather more pleasant again. Ordered boots from Parr & Parmeler. Not well to day. I have a bad cold & a sick head ache & a lame hand & altogether not very comfortable

October, Wednesday, 25. 1865

Started to Reads Landing with Henry Katie Peters & Ida & Mr. Thurston. We went to Waubeek & there took stmr "Pete Wilson". To day has been most disagreeable. Cold snowy, rainy & windy.

Thursday, 26.

Henry & I remained till 5 P.M. & started for Menomonie on "Pete Wilson" having made arrangements for Katie & Ida to go down river on the Pembina when she came down. Arrived in Waubeek about midnight cold & rainy.

Friday, 27.

Left Waubeek about 11 ½ A.M. in Hack for Menomonie via Dunnville. Cold & windy. Took dinner in Dunnville & arrived at home 4 P.M.

Sunday, 29.

Mr. Golden preached this forenoon & Rev. F.M. Iams preached a discourse for Home Missionary society this evening.

Monday, 30.

Ice frozen $\frac{3}{4}$ in thick on Shingle Mill Pond last night – weather pleasant to day.

October, Tuesday, 31. 1865

Went to the Literary ?? this evening . Rev. F.M. Iams delivered a lecture.

Thursday, 2.

A.D. Harrington & I started to southern part of the county to see the people about the right of way for the T& LSt. Croix R.R. & get them to vote for it at the election Tuesday next. Stopped all night at Rock Falls with Wm. Wilson & Chamberlain.

November, Friday, 3. 1865

Went to Tyrone & saw various persons on the route. Came back to Rock falls to hold a meeting to night. People did not turn out. Windy day.

Saturday, 4.

Very cold & windy – started home via Romsey's Ldg & via Dunnville. Vallie was at Dunnville on my arrival there about 11 ½ oclk We came home together & arrived home at 5 P.M.

Sunday, 5.

Rev. F.M. Iams preached his farewell sermon & it was a solemn occasion. House was crowded & attention good. Weather some what milder but windy.

Tuesday, 7.

Went to Dunnville with carriage & horses to get Mother but on my arrival there found that Mother had not arrived. Returned home this afternoon. Mark Wilson & Mrs. Whipple came up to Menomonie with me. Indian Summer has commenced.

Wednesday, 8.

Rev. H.H. Benson of Beloit, Wis. Agt. N.W. Freedmens Aid Commission preached here this evening & a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Freedmen amt 220\$.

November, Thursday, 9. 1865

Went to Dunnville to bring Grandma home. Effie went with me. When we arrived at Dunnville found that Grandma had not come so staid all night. Went up shore Dunnville in the bottoms & shot 4 geese – got only one. shot a deer but did not get it.

Friday, 10.

Went up to the Lake this morning & found one of the geese I shot last night. Went to Durand & met Mother & Mr. Fridley there at noon. They came up on the little stmr Monitor. We arrived at Dunnville 3 ½ P.M. Remained there all night.

Saturday, 11.

Came home to day bringing Mother, Effie & Mr. Fridley

November, Sunday, 12. 1865

Rev. Haw preached this forenoon. Weather beautiful Indian Summer Weather.

November, Wednesday, 15. 1865

Rented the Iams House to Capt Moore for 6 months at 20\$ per month & house to be left in a good condition as he found it.

Thursday, 16.

Getting my letter writing & other matters done up to be ready to morrow to go out to Brookville deer hunting.

Friday, 17.

Started this morning for Brook-ville Dr. Terry accompanying me. Arrived there at 12.00 noon. Went out to hunt deer this afternoon. Saw two. Dr. Terry got a shot but did not kill any.

November, Saturday, 18. 1865

Hunted faithfully to day & saw some deer but I did not get a shot. There are other hunters here & all have poor success.

Sunday, 19.

Rested at the Brookville road-side tavern. It is lonesome spending a Sabbath where there is no preaching. Weather mild & beautiful. Heard Mr. Church was very sick.

Monday, 20.

We went out after deer again today. I shot one but did not get it. Dr. Terry did likewise - leaves dry & very noisy - weather fine

November, Tuesday, 21 1865

Took a dog & went out this morning & found the deer I shot yesterday. It was dead. This is the first deer I have ever killed & got & I never shot at but 3 or 4 before this one & then under unfavorable circumstances.

Wednesday, 22.

Heard Mr. Church was no better - Concluded to return home & postpone hunting for the present. Went out into the woods with one ox team & brought in my deer & took stage for home. On my arrival learned Mr. Church was dead.

Thursday, 23.

Went to the funeral of F.R. Church Esq. one of our very best & most worthy citizens. The ceremonies & ? were conducted by the Masonic fraternity to which order Mr. Church belonged. It was largely attended. Day warm & pleasant.

November, Friday, 24. 1865

To day has been a lovely autumn day. Ther. 40° at 10 o'clock last night when I retired & this morning it stood at 40°. Very fine fall & warm month of November truly.

Saturday, 25.

Wrote to Geo Williamson & Co. for some cook stoves. Spent part of the day in the store & office. Took Vallie out riding. Had Knight shod. Sold my old ? buggy harness to Mr. Halfhide For \$20, payable 1st May next. Pleasant weather.

Sunday, 26.

Rev. Haw preached the funeral sermon of F.R. Church Esq in the Hall of K.S. & Co. Weather exceedingly fine – Ice made some in the pond last night . Ther. 26° this morning.

Tuesday, 28.

A very little snow fell. Weather fine.

December, Friday, 1.

The first snow of the season fell to day – i.e. the first to cover the ground. It is now about 4 inches deep. Ther 18° The coldest morning we have had this fall.

Saturday, 2.

I went out hunting to day but did not have any success.

December, Sunday, 3. 1865

Weather mild & snowed lightly this afternoon & evening. No preaching this fore-noon. We miss our mor-ning service very much.

Monday, 4.

Very busy to day at the office. Wrote to Jonas this evening.

Sunday, 10.

A very pleasant day – snow melting.

Monday, 11.

Snow commenced falling this forenoon & fell steadily all day. In the evening it grew a little colder.

December, Tuesday, 12. 1865

Weather colder this morning 8° above zero & very windy.

Wednesday, 13.

Weather growing steadily colder.

Thursday, 14.

Ther 36° below zero this morning about 7 oclk. It has been a pleasant day to day as the sun shone out brightly & there has been no wind.

December, Friday, 15. 1865

Weather moderate with snow.

Saturday, 16.

We have now about 15 inches snow on the level.

Wednesday, 20.

Weather steadily cold. Thermometer stayed at zero all day. Took Vallie out sleigh riding.

December, Thursday, 21. 1865

Weather cold but pleasant. Ther 22° below O this morning but moderated & stood at zero to 6° below most all day – took Vallie & the children out riding.

Friday, 22.

Ther 19° below “0” this morning. The sun rose beautiful & clear this morning & it seems far around to the south as I sat at the library front windows it rose to the right of a round mound which is about S.E. from home.

Saturday, 23.

Warmer to day. Ther 16° above zero. Took Mr. G Wilson & Mrs. French & Mr. French sleigh riding.

December, Sunday, 24. 1865

Went to Methodist quarterly. Rev. T.C. Golden preached from Genesis 17 Chap 7 verse Subject Infant baptism. Quite warm to day & thawing Ther 38° above zero.

Monday, 25. Christmas

Weather mild. Capt & Mrs. Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Brunnelle, Mr. & Mrs. Carter, Mr. Stone, Charley Moore & his mother, Creighton & Mr. Thompson took dinner with us to day.

Thursday, 28.

Took Vallie to prayer meeting. The sleighing is very fine. Mr. French’s little boy “Genie” is very sick.

Friday, 29.

Mr. French’s little son died last night.

December, Saturday, 30. 1865

Funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Haw in the Hall. Mr. & Mrs. F – have met with a severe loss in the departure of their little boy from this world. I feel sympathy with them and can sympathize & realize their sorrow from having had similar experience.

Sunday, 31.

Clean & cool – Rev. Golden preached this A.M. & Rev. Haw this evening. The school house was full & two sermons were preached & 3 persons bap-tized. The Methodist brethren keep watch night to night.

Jany 1st 1866

The New Year opens pleasantly. To day Capt W- having promised the Sunday school children a sleigh ride we turned out with about 8 sleighs well filled with happy children. Vallie & I went out to see Mr. Teegartens family. They are sick poor & needy & we did what we could for them.