

John H. Knapp
Diary
1873

Transcribed by Robin Sweeny

Jan., Wednesday, 1. 1873

The New Year came in with a cloudy but not a cold day. Mother & I went to Mr. Shoney's at Menomonie House to tea & evening. Visit as per invitation.

Thursday 2.

Snowed

Jan. Sunday, 5. 1873

Rev. J. C. Sherwin gave a variety of matters & things that have trans-pired in Menomonie in past 4 ½ years. In the evening he presented the Foreign Missions Cause.

Jan. Tuesday 7. 1873

Mild & thawed a little for the first time this winter. Snowed all the afternoon & evening. Mr. Wright commenced to work at our Furnace again to remedy existing defects in the working of the radi-ators over the boiler – worked 1/2 day.

Wednesday, 8.

The wind blew very hard to day & drifted the snow so as to blockade Rail Road & make it difficult traveling on Common roads. Turned cold this afternoon & alto-gether it may be called the most tedious day of the winter so far. Wrote for and sent Drafts for payment of Amt to various papers & c.

Jan. Thursday 9. 1873

Not so cold but yet uncomfortable. Wright & his helper came & worked at the furnace. Ruth Tainter died to day about noon.

Friday 10.

Wright & Wm worked this afternoon. Pleasant day – Ther about 14° below zero this morning. I went out to Choir meeting in the evening.

Jan. Saturday, 11. 1873

Pleasant. Wright & his man did not come this morning – His helper William worked this P.M. Settled with ? Evenson for 14 days work digging well @ 2.50 per day = \$35. John McKinney worked 5 days at the well.

Sunday, 12.

Funeral of Ruth Tainter at Cong. Ch – cold.

Jan. Wednesday, 15 1873

Capt. W- & I left M- for Madison on the afternoon train.

Thursday 16

Arrived in Madison about 4 oclck A.M. being 4 hours behind time. Very busy all day. Weather has become colder & now very cold.

Jan. Friday, 17. 1873

We left Madison for home about 6 oclck P.M. train being behind time. Very cold and no sleeping car.

Saturday, 18

Arrived at Menomonie Depot about 7 ½ A.M. Very cold ther 38° below zero this morning. Notwithstanding it was so cold there being no bus at Depot Capt & I walked home 2 miles.

Jan. Sunday, 19.

Attended Ch twice. Taught my class in Sunday School as usual.

Monday 20.

Milder weather. Osbourne Wright & a helper are changing the steam radiator under the parlor as they will not give heat enough where they are now vented. Hans Lund & Fridley worked this P.M.

Jan. Tuesday, 21. 1873

Thawing day. Got ready to leave for Madison again.

Saturday, 25

Returned from Madison this morning about 5 oclck Capt & I had to walk down from Depot.

Jan. Monday 27. 1873

Capt. W. T. & I went over to Hudson this P.M. – Returned on night train.

Tuesday, 28.

Cold & windy – Cleaned out the church & got it ready for the convention. Sick with bad cold at same time.

Jan. Wednesday 29. 1873

Very cold to day & I am sick in the house with a very bad cold. One of the coldest days of the season.

Thursday, 30.

Cold continues out doors & colds within Willie, Effie & myself. John Douglass & Mr. Stout arrived – came with team from Eau Claire. RR is blockaded with snow.

Feb. Tuesday, 4 1873

Milder – thawing on South side of the house. Capt. W- & Tainter started to Madison on R.R. matters connected with Lined Grant.

Wednesday, 5

Quite warm & plea-ant to day 32° in the shade.

Feb. Thursday, 6. 1873

Thawing to day & very pleasant.

Friday, 7.

Thawed to day quite fast until 4 P.M. when the wind turned to N.W. & grew colder.

Feb. Saturday, 8. 1873

Cold again to day. 10° above zero. Cold wind – went to Mrs. Geo Burton's funeral at Baptist Church.

Sunday, 9.

Warm & pleasant day.

Feb. Monday 10. 1873

Fine weather.

Feb. Wednesday, 12. 1873

Helped make survey of N ½ of SW ¼ sec 23 T28 R13. John & Mr. Stout left for home via Chicago.

Thursday 13.

Capt W- Tainter & I went over to Hudson this P.M. & returned on midnight train. Went over to see Mr. Wickley in regard to land.

Feb. Friday 14. 1873

Beautiful day The 3° below zero this morning.

Saturday 15.

Mild – snowed lightly.

Feb. Sunday 16. 1873

Warm & thawing nearly all day. Mr. Sherwin preached this A.M. from Heb. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. In the evening from the text – He that sows sparingly shall reap sparingly.

Monday 17.

Thawing all day. Rode out to look at some land this P.M. with Capt. T- BT- & H. H. Weekly Esq of Hudson.

Feb. Tuesday, 18 1873

Rained this morning. Turned cold in the afternoon & froze hard before night.

Friday, 21.

Very cold day Ther 22° below zero at sunrise. Vallie had 6 teeth pulled & suffer with head ache in consequence. Baby is getting over his cold & is quite bright again.

Feb. Saturday, 22. 1873

Very cold – Ther 21° below in the morning & 7° 0 at noon in the sun on south side of the house. A Rising wind blowing & frost in the air – like a fine snow.

Sunday, 23.

Cold few people out to church. There is a good deal of Influenza & sickness of one kind & another this winter. Some cases of spotted fever.

Feb. Monday, 24. 1873

Milder to day. Fixed pipes that burst in bath room & tried to find out why ven (?) -does not burn but cannot ascertain the cause.

Tuesday, 25.

Left Menomonie for Madison at noon – Geo Douglass accompanied me as far as Elroy – Arrived in Madison about midnight.

Feb. Wednesday, 26. 1873

Remained in Madison to day – snowed nearly all day & wind blew terribly. Called on the Gov. – Judge Spooner & c.

Thursday, 27.

Left for Milwaukee at 12.45 P.M. – Mr & Mrs. Manton & Mr. & Mrs. Graham from Eau Claire went to M- on same train. Arrived in Milwaukee at 6.20 P.M. – stopped at Plankinton House.

Feb. Friday, 28. 1873

Took Turkish bath & in the evening took up my lodgings at the “Milwaukee Thermo Water Cure” Cor 4th & Sycamore Sts. It is owned & operated by Dr. M. P. Hanson & Geo. J. Roger’s.

March, Saturday, 1

Went to hear Henry Ward Beecher lecture at the “Aspen House” on Manhood & money. The lecture occupied about one hour & twenty minutes.

March. Sunday 2. 1873

Went to Plymouth Ch in the forenoon to hear Rev. Dudley preach from the text – Go in to all the world & preach the Gospel to every creature. Took dinner at M. J. Gibhartz 302 Martin St. in company with Mr. & Mrs. Graham.

Monday, 3.

Went to Madison on the 9.00 P.M. train. Arrived there about mid-night – Found Capt. T- had just arrived from Menomonie.

March, Tuesday, 4. 1873

At Madison the Legislature cannot yet decide which R.R. Co. shall have the “land grant” if any.

Wednesday, 5.

Passed the day at Madison lobbying to get the Land Grant for M & St. P. R.R. so that we may have the Chipewa valley R.R. built speedily.

March, Thursday, 6. 1873

Left for Milwaukee at 12.45 P.M. – Tain-ter accompanied me. Stopped with Dr. M.P. Hanson at the Turkish Bath. Very warm day for the season. Wind south snow disappeared more rapidly than I ever saw it do before.

Friday, 7.

We left for home at 1.20 P.M. arrived at Camp Douglas at 9.25 P.M. Changed cars & arrived at home at 4 ½ A.M. Saturday morning.

March, Saturday 8. 1873

Found all well at home this morning. Day mild & thawing in mid day.

Sunday, 9.

At home – pleasant & thawing taught my class in S.S. – went to Ch morning & evenings.

March, Monday 10. 1873

Got ready to start for Mil-waukee.

Tuesday, 11.

Left home for Milwaukee at 12.22 P.M. – Effie & Rev. J.C. Sherwin accompanied me.

March, Wednesday 12, 1873

We arrived in Milwaukee about 3 ½ A.M. Put up at Plankinton House – after sleep & breakfast, went to Dr. Hanson's Thermo Water cure cor 4th & Sycamore sts where we expect to remain two weeks to try the efficacy Of the Turkish baths. Henry came at noon & met us here. Rode out to ? city.

Thursday, 13.

Henry started for home at 1.20 P.M.

March. Tuesday, 18. 1873

One day passes like the other – we take the Turkish Bath in the fore-noon & in the afternoon walk out to see the city, shop & c. Read write letters in the evening & then to bed about 11 P.M. Effies eyes improve. Mr. Sherwin's arm is improving – My nose remains without change.

March, Thursday, 20. 1873

Cloudy & snow fell in the evening.

Friday, 21.

Cold wind & not very pleasant out.

March, Saturday 22 1873

Pleasant day – went to Dutch market, Mr. S- Effie & I then went to the Ladies seminary & Mrs. Mortinson the principal went with to Mr. Terry's on Mar-tin St to see a small sized Megaliscopes they have. This is Effie's 15th birth day.

Thursday, 27.

We left Milwaukee for Menomonie @ 120 PM

March, Friday, 28, 1873

Arrived in Menomonie about 4 oclk AM – found all well. Vallie not very well. Her teeth trouble her – she has grown thin.

March, Sunday 30. 1873

Mr. Sherwin preached this AM & Mr. Sweet ? in the evening.

April, Tuesday, 1873

Application of K.S. & Co made to day for 3000 ? on Building of Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Ins. Co. Rate 15/8 ?.

April, Wednesday, 9. 1873

Snowed all night last night & to day. Snow is about 15 in. deep.

Thursday, 10.

Alfred Heller commenced work for me. He is 22 years old & German 3 years in this country. Wages not fixed. Settled with Ferdinand Smith for 5 ¾ green maple wood a 2.50 per cord. Had a visit from Mrs. & Capt T- & Mrs. Karn. Rained a little – settled with Ellen Irvine. Had all the horses shoes set.

April, Thursday, 17. 1873

Agreed with Alfred Heller to pay him 22\$ per month for two years work. 30 days to the month 12 months a year. If he quits sooner he is to have 4\$ per m- less or 18\$ per month.

Thursday, 24.

Evenson completed walling the well to day at noon. Snow fell last night about 1 ½ in deep. The well is 58 feet deep, 28 ft. in the bottom is through sandstone rock & at top a wall of stone 9 in at the sides is laid up in mortar.

Monday, 28.

We put a No. 8, Rumsey & Co. Engine well pump in our new well.

April. Tuesday, 29. 1873

John Bjork finished putting in the pump in the new well near the barn adjoining the garden fence. Henry, Johnny Willie, Lyman & co went up to my wild farm on Otter creek – Capt Tainter went up there also & staid with us all night. Tried to catch some trout. They would not bite & we concluded there were none in the creek.

May, Thursday 1. 1873

To day we all rode up to Washburn Farm & to Prairie Farm in the afternoon & remained all night at Prairie Farm. Tried to catch some trout – I caught one & the others none. Cold & windy – threatening rain on snow – caught more cold.

Friday, 2.

Went to my camp on Otter Creek – called Hunters Retreat alias Wild Farm. Had the ground about the house (about an acre altogether that has been broken up before twice) harrowed thoroughly & seeded with oats & blue grass seed. Built a privy by the stable – Mr. Wm Sprague sowed the oats for me. I took more cold last night.

May, Saturday 3, 1873

Came home to day. Had a frost last night – The day has been a warm one. Finished work on the little out building this forenoon & started for home at 1 ocl P.M. Arrived home about 5 ½ P.M. This is the warmest day we have had this spring – We have radishes & lettuce growing in hot bed We had the first about a week ago.

Sunday 4.

Pleasant day – My nose is worse on account of the cold I have taken. I have not had such a cold & cough for a very long time.

May, Monday 5. 1873

Hans Lund commen-ced to work for me.

May, Friday 9. 1873

Agreed with Henry Brunelle that he should have 75% per month for his services in K.S. & Co. store dating from 1st inst – continuing one year & have 10% off his mdse & a/c. Gillaspie commenced spading in the orchard lot back of the house.

Monday, 12.

Hans Lund did not work to day. Wrote J.H.D. - & E. A. Gibbs. Agreed with Thompson to give him \$40 per month & board to work in the store. He is to try it for 3 months & if we do not like him to dischg him.

June, Monday 2. 1873

Heavy rain & warm weather – Miller & Tom & Fred Orderman are at work painting parlor. Made out Power of Atty to W.G. Robertson. Wrote J.H.D – Kate Eaton

Tuesday, 3.

Heavy rain during the night and day.

June, Wednesday, 4. 1873

Left Menomonie for Chicago at 2.45 pm to purchase goods for our store.

Thursday, 5.

Arrived in Chicago about 6.30 A.M. purchased a small bill of hats at Keith Bros & some notions etc at Field & c. this forenoon went to the grand in the afternoon – It was held in the Micah S. R.R. Depot – 40000 people were estimated to be present.

June, Friday 6. 1873

Busy all day buying goods.

Saturday 7.

Worked hard to day.

June, Sunday 8. 1873

Went to Plymouth Ch in the forenoon & heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Alvin Bartlett. Remained to S School after ch was over.

Wednesday, 11.

After several busy days work I left Chicago at 7.30 P.M. for Milwau-kee arriving there at 1 oclk Thursday morning.

June, Thursday 12. 1873

Buying Furniture in Milwaukee to day.

Friday 13.

In Milwaukee on R.R. business.

Tuesday August 26.

I left home for Madison on the midnight train Mr. S.W. Hunt accompa-nying me.

August, Wednesday 27. 1873

We arrived in Madison about 9 oclk A.M. Put up at Park Hotel State Republican Conven-tion met at 12 oclk, m & made temporary organ ization. I called on the Gov. on Rail Road business this afternoon, & eveg. Did not retire until about 1 oclk P.M.

Thursday 28.

Left Madison at 4.14 A.M. for home – arrived home after a warm & dusty ride at 2 ½ P.M.

Sept Monday 22. 1873

I took Johnny & Eddy & drove up to Hunters Retreat – Dr. George, Mr Curtis George & wife & Mr. P.W. Vaughn & wife were still at the retreat.

Sept Wednesday 24. 1873

Dr. George is treating my face assisted by Mrs. Vaughn. Dr. says that in two weeks my face will be well.

Sept Friday 26. 1873

We all returned to Menomonie.

Monday 29.

Grandma Almeda John & Eddie started for Fort Madison Iowa. I went with them to St. Paul. Left here on the 1.50 P.M. train – arrived in St. Paul at 5 P.M. Put up at the Metropolitan Hotel. Fine weather.

Sept Tuesday 30. 1873

Grandma Almeda Johnny & Eddie took the 5.50 A.M. train for Ft M- via Austin Cedar Rapids & Burlington. I returned to Menomonie on the 9.14 A.M. train of the West Wis R.R. – fine day.

Oct. Wednesday 1.

Clear & pleasant yet cool

Oct. Thursday 2. 1873

Fine weather.

Friday 3.

Rained all night & pretty much all day to day.

Oct. Saturday 4. 1873

County Convention in the afternoon – cold cloudy & windy.

Sunday 5.

Rev'd. J.C. Sherwin preached in Cong Church as usual both morning & eveg. The deceitfulness & ? of riches was the subject of the morning discourse.

Oct. 1 Monday 6 1873

Dist. Assembly Convention met & nominated Plummer of Pepin County for member of Assembly. Dunn Co. was entitled to the nomination. Weather clear, cool & bright.

Tuesday 7.

Hard frosts every night now & clear sunny cool days. Took Vallie Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Dr. George & Mr. Sherwin & Herbie out to Elk Lake in the afternoon. We started out about 1 P.M. returned 6 ½ oclk - Beautiful Indian Summer weather.

Thursday 9.

Visited at Mr. Sherwins this eveg. & then went from there to prayer meeting.

Oct. Friday 10. 1873

Dr. George Mr. Vaughn Mr. Sherwin & I went out to Miller Lake duck Hunting – no success.

Saturday 11.

Wrote to H. Van Reed & sent Gov. Marshalls letters to him – wrote to Gov. M.

Oct. Sunday 12. 1873

Fine Indian Summer weather – Taught my class in S. School as usual – Rev. J.C. Sherwin preached twice.

Monday 13.

Dr. George left for home. I gave him a draft for \$50.

Oct. Tuesday 14. 1873

Mr. Vaughn & I went up to Moore farm remained there all night. Warm & smoky atmosphere.

Wednesday 15.

Returned from Moore farm about noon. On the way home shot a wild goose with my Winchester rifle in Harrington field. Distances 40 rods - Weather very warm & balmy. Ther 72° at 7 P.M.

Oct. Thursday 16. 1873

Cooler to day Mr. V- & I went out into the woods hunting this afternoon. Saw no game of any importance.

Friday 17.

Cloudy all forenoon & rain & high wind this P.M.

Oct. Saturday 18. 1873

Drove to Dunnville & took Vallie & Mr. Hodge – object was to get a girl for the kitchen – did not succeed. Rained & blew all together was an unpleasant ride.

Sunday 19.

Cleared off – Taught my S. S. Class. Froze the ground some last night.

Oct. Monday 20. 1873

Very hard frost last night – Clear & sunny day.

Tuesday 21.

Dr. George returned early this morning. Ground froze last night – clear warm sunny day.

Oct. Wednesday 22. 1873

Cold & Cloudy & growing colder & looks like snow. Snow commenced falling in the evening.

Thursday 23.

Ther 16° this morning. Snowed about 1 inch deep. Clear day but did not thaw in the shade.

Saturday 25.

Went with Rev. J.C. Sherwin to attend the funeral of a young man a stranger who died at Dr. Harris's about 4 miles below town – near the school house by Stewart Davis place. His name was Harper & he comes from Iowa. Snow commenced falling this forenoon & fell all day.

Oct. Sunday 26. 1873

Snow 10 in deep this morning. Rode in our sleigh to church.

Monday 27.

Mr. Sherwin Dr. George, Mr Vaughn & Jno Kreiser went with me up to my cabin to hunt deer – John went to cook & take care of the team. Dr. George went to doctor my face & the rest went to hunt.

Oct. Tuesday 28. 1873

I killed one young deer to day. We saw but two. Mr. Sherwin & I followed them a long way.

Wednesday 29.

Cold & windy – Got on track of a bear & we followed it 4 miles when being tired & cold & little prospect of finding the bear & back to cabin same day we gave up the chase.

Oct. Thursday 30. 1873

No sign of deer to day. They have all gone to the hard timber. We hunted East & West from the cabin & saw no fresh signs.

Friday 31.

We returned home cold in the forenoon & warm in the after-noon.

Tuesday 4.

Election day – Muddy weather raw cool wind.

Nov. Wednesday 5. 1873

It is reported that Wash-burn is beaten for the Gubernatorial chair by 5000 votes. S.W. Hunt our fellow citizen. Republi cans & who had the Repub. Nomination was beaten for State Senate by Graham of Eau Claire Dem.

Thursday 6.

Prayer meeting at Mr. Brunelles this evening – good attendance.

Nov. Friday 7.1873

Last night after prayer meeting while out skating on the pond Ida Sherwin & Betty Wilson skated into the channel cut through the ice for logs to be brought to the mill. Betty got out & then hauled Ida out – both exhausted & nearly drow-ned

Nov. Sunday 9. 1873

Mr. Sherwin preached this evening in recognition of Gods Providence in sparing Ida his daughter who came near being drow-ned while skating thurs-day night on the mill pond.

Monday 10.

Warm & pleasant

Nov. Tuesday 11. 1873

Snow fell to depth of about one foot. The ground is not frozen yet the snow packs well & will make good sleighing.

Wednesday 12.

Sleighing good. Dr. George went up to Conners.

Nov. Thursday 13. 1873

Cold & clear. Ther 2° above zero at 9 P.M. Prayer meeting at Mr. Brunelles – Hard walking on acct of the snow.

Friday 14.

Warmer

Nov. Saturday 15.

Thawing

Sunday 16.

Thawing fast – night & day

Nov Monday 17. 1873

Warm & thawing. Snowed in the after-noon

Tuesday 18

Cold & freezing

Nov. Wednesday 19. 1873

Ther 2° below zero.

Thursday 20.

Ther 8° above zero at 7 oclk am

Nov. Friday 21. 1873

Ther 20° at 7 oclk a.m. Looks like snow.

Nov. Sunday 23. 1873

Rev. J.C. Sherwin preached a good sermon in the morning & I did not go out in the evening – snow fell today.

Nov. Tuesday 25. 1873

I was sick to day.

Wednesday 26.

Henry came home this morning – snowed all day.

Nov. Thursday 27. 1873

Snowed to day – Rev. Haven Methodist minister preached the Thanksgiving sermon in the Cong. Church.

Friday 28.

Very cold Ther 14° below zero this morning.

Nov. Saturday 29. 1873

Milder Ther 0, this morning Packing up our trunks preparatory to starting to Florida.

Sunday 30.

Rev. J.C. Sherwin preached this morning & Dr. Anderson this evening.

Dec. Monday 1. 1873

Very mild.

Tuesday 2.

Rainy & thawing all day.

Dec. Wednesday 3. 1873

Colder 22° this mor-ning Put 2 Bbls 46 ½ 47 ½ gasoline in our Gasometer to day.

Dec. Friday 5 1873

21° below zero this morning – cold all day. Rev. Washington Gladdon lectured in the Baptist ch on “Good Gold” It was a very interesting lecture.

Saturday 6.

Very cold Ther 18° below this morning. Getting ready to start on our journey south.

Dec. Sunday 7 1873

Much milder this morning 18° 0. Taught my class in S. School – Rev. J.C.S. preached as usual – communion today.

Monday 8.

Vallie Willie & I left Menomonie for Chicago en route for Florida on the train that was due at 12.48 P.M. but it did not arrive until about 2 P.M. Dr. George accompanied us as far as Harvard Ill – We took the Pullman Car & were very comfortable.

Dec. Tuesday 9. 1873

We arrived in Chicago 7 A.M. Went to the new Hotel Palmer House & found very comfortable quarters there. Did some shopping at Field Leiter & co. N Matson & co. & c. Drew \$200 from 3rd National Bank.

Wednesday 10.

Left Chicago for Ft. Madison at 10 A.M. Arrived in Ft. M – 8.20 P.M. The rain was pouring down – went to Judge Becks – Found all well.

Dec. Thursday 11. 1873

Hired a Livery team & rode out to Jonas Found Johnny & Eddie & all the others there quite well – Rain fell all night & all day to day.

Friday 12.

Rained all night & more or less all day – We are still at Brother Jonas. Snow commenced to fall in the evening. We received a letter from Effie saying all was well at home.

Dec. Saturday 13. 1873

Snow on the ground this morning to dept of 2 or 3 inches & much colder. The sun shines to day for the first time since Tues-day P.M.

Sunday 14.

Pleasant day I remained at Jonas all day. Vallie remained in town to attend church.

Dec. Monday 15. 1873

Mild & pleasant – went in to town – Ft. M- Came out again in the evening – Eddie was sick & we called Dr. Lessen Homeopathist. Took dinner with Libbie Brown. Thawing weather. The Mississippi is blocked with ice but there is no crossing on the ice.

Tuesday 16.

Beautiful day. Went to town with Jonas – met a good many old acquaintances.

Dec. Wednesday 17. 1873

Went to town again to day. Weather very mild. Roads very muddy. Made several calls – saw Dr. L. M Kanns & had long talk with him in regard to medical matters generally & the proper treatment of my face in particular.

Dec. Friday 19. 1873

Left Ft. Madison for St. Louis this morning early – We went via Burlington thence to Quincy & along down the Miss-issippi bottoms via Jersy-ville & Alton arriving at J.H. Douglass 29 05 Pine St. St. Louis about 8 oclk P.M. & found all our friends well.

Saturday 20.

Rode up to the lumber yard with John H. D.

Dec. Sunday 21. 1873

Heard Rev. Goodell preach in the Pilgrim church this forenoon.

Dec. Tuesday 23. 1873

Our friends persuaded us to remain over Christmas with them.

Dec. Thursday 25. 1873

Took dinner at Mr. Gray's – Had a pleasant afternoon there.

Dec. Monday 29. 1873

Purchased ticket to Savannah via Nashville over the St. Louis & South Eastern RR Fare 37.50 each & ½ fare for Willie. Sleeping car berths \$6.00 for us three – We left St. Louis 7 ¼ P.M. weather fine.

Tuesday 30.

Arrived in Nashville 1.40 P.M. distance 319 miles – Put up at the Maxwell House a very comfortable Hotel. After dinner we rode out to see the city – State House & c. Weather cool & fine. Hotel bill 12.50

Dec. Wednesday 31. 1873

Left Nashville at 8 oclk A.M. for Chattanooga distant 151 miles. Arrived in Chattanooga 3.30 P.M. stopped at Read House – a poor Hotel but a having a very interesting land lady. The country traveled over to day was stony & last 40 miles moun-tainous. From Chatta-nooga Look out mountain & Missionary ridge ? battles were fought during the war were plain in view at a few miles dis-tance. The Tennessee river at this point is quite a large stream. Hotel bill 5.00.