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Menomonie Dunn Co. Wis.
1878
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Tuesday, January 1, 1878

The New Year opened pleasantly. Ther about 20° this mornng. Henry & I went out calling. Called at Capt Wilsons. T B.Wilons Mr. Weber's F.J. McLean's & at Mrs. Allen's. Vallie & Effie received visitors & callers during the day.

Wednesday 2

Ther 4° - Remained at home this forenoon & wrote in my office. Attended meeting of School board at 3 P.M.

Thursday, January 3, 1878

Not so cold this mornng. Ther 24° - snow commenced falling lightly this afternoon about 3 oclk. Wrote letters all the forenoon. In the afternoon James Town came over after me to go over to Capt T- to shoot a deer for him. Snow to about ½ in. came & then high wind.

Friday 4

Ther 4° below zero this mornng & it has remained steadily cold all day. Spent the day busily in my office. Too busy to go down & too cold a day also. Clear & bright. Sent notes of ?? to H. Lorenz Char-iton Iowa & notes of ? to Exchange BK ? Iowa.

Saturday, January 5, 1878

Ther 2° above zero this mornng. Day clear & bright sunlight ½ in snow fell last night. Sent my rifle to W.R. Buckhand St. Paul to have the stock length ened one inch - it is now only 12 ¾ from trigger to butt plate - Wrote to Johnny.

Sunday 6

Rev. A. McMaster went to N.Y. State about 10 days ago & has not returned so we have no service in our Church. Effie & I went to the Methodist Ch. Called to see Mr. French on our way home. He has been laid up with an ulcer on his left eye near the pupil. Cold day - wind N.W. Ther 9° below this mornng zero at noon & 9° below at 6 P.M.

Monday, January 7, 1878

Ther 10° below 0 this mornng Spent the day at home & in my office at the greenhouse. Wrote to Rev. H. Callahan & sent him Draft on N York for 148.28 to pay Johnny's 2nd term bill. Milder this eveg & wind S.E. some prospect for snow. Commenced 4 days ago to burn coal in the grate in sitting room & find it does well & warms the room better than a wood fire.

Tuesday 8

Ther 17° above this morg clear bright sunlight. Thawed during the day & ther 32° at 7 P.M. Henry started for Chicago at 2.38 P.M.

Wednesday, January 9, 1878

Ther 33° - Cloudy wind strong from South. Thawing some.

Thursday 10

Ther 33° Cloudy & thawing some to day.

Friday, January 11, 1878

Ther 28° above. Thawed during the day.

Saturday 12

Mild & cloudy. Received a letter from L. Filkins ? Passg Agt. ? & ? S Ship Co. N York giving me information in regard to Dr. Albert L. Sayre who cured several persons of lupus.

Sunday, January 13, 1878

Ther 29° in the mornng 35° at noon. Went to Episco-pal church this mornng.

Wednesday 16

Weather remains about same. Cloudy. Ther 21° this mornng.

Thursday, January 17, 1878

Ther 28° - cloudy. Henry returned on the early morning train from St. Louis

Friday 18

Ther 28°. Foggy this afternoon. Vallie & I visited the High School Dept of the public school this mornng. & this P.M. I visited the gram-mar & 2nd Primary. Mr & Mrs T.B Wilson & Mr & Mrs Jas H. Stout called & spent the eveg. with us.

Saturday, January 19, 1878

Mild & thawy weather accompanied with fog.

Sunday 20

Rev. A McMaster returned from his trip East on Friday & preached mornng & eveg in Cong Ch. The Sunday School numbered about 100 to day. Weather still mild & cloudy. Called to see Wils Heller this P.M. He is very poorly.

Monday, January 21, 1878

I did not get off for N York to day. Weather a little colder – Ther stood at 27° all day. Mr. H. L. Dyer is quite sick at the Co. boarding house. Do not think he can live long.

Tuesday 22

Mild this mornng & sun shone brightly but towards eveg. the wind blew from the North & N.E. & Ther fell considerably so that it is quite cold this eveg.

Wednesday, January 23, 1878

Much colder this mornng. Ther 2° below zero. Very clear bright sun-light. Vallie & I started for New York.

Thursday 24

Arrived in Chicago about 7 A.M. stopped at Grand Pacific Hotel. We did some shopping. Bill Field Lester & Co 14.00 Vallie shoes at Kellers 12.00

Friday, January 25, 1878

Left Chicago for New York via Mich Southern & Lake Shore R.R. at 9 A.M. Had hurried time to get off this mornng owing to Vallie's dress not having arrived by Exp from T.A. Chapmann & Co. Milwaukee & which was to have been here yesterday. Received it just as we were ready to get into the omnibus to go to Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Depot.

Saturday 26

Arrived in Rochester 7.05 A.M. Took breakfast at Syracuse. Arrived in Poughkeepsie at 4.40 P.M. Found Will at his boarding House. He was glad to see us as we were also to see him. Stopped at the Morgan House said to be the best Hotel but not very extra at that. Learned afterward that the "Nelson" House would have been better. Weather very mild.

Sunday, January 27, 1878

In Poughkeepsie NY day clear bright & very spring like – streets muddy. Visited with Will at our Hotel nearly all day.

Monday 28

Left for N York at 8.30 A.M. arrived 10.30 " " Stopped at the Metro-politan Hotel. The clerk gave us a good room 228 2 floor fronting Broadway. We went up to 285 5th avenue & saw Dr. Lewis A. Sayre who said I should call to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, January 29, 1878

Called to see Dr. L. A. Sayre at his office 285 fifth avenue. He looked at my face pronoun-ced the disease on my nose "Lupus" applied some strong chloride of zinc & told me to call again on Thursday.

Wednesday 30

Staid in doors at Metropolitan Hotel all day. We have a pleas-ant room & there have spent the day. Wrote letter to Senator Angus Cameron & to Thad C. Pasand on the Silver bill now before Congress. Vallie went to At Stewarts retail store & made some purchases.

Thursday, January 31, 1878

Went to see Dr. Lewis A. Sayre. He touched the sore places on my nose with Chloride of Zinc Crystals this being the second time now has made the same application. A heavy storm of wind & snow contin-ued all day.

Friday, February 1

The storm continues & makes it hard for the teams & people to traverse the streets. Wrote Wm S. Dalliba Secy of the Black Hand Club – also wrote to S. Guthrie, Henry & Johnny.

Saturday, February 2, 1878

Spent the day in the Metropolitan Hotel. It is an idle life which ill agrees with me. Suffer some head-ache all the time from application the Doctor made to my face. Wrote to Will T. B. Wilson H. Van Reed.

Sunday 3

We spent the day mostly in doors at Metropolitan Hotel. Did not feel well. Attribute it mostly to want of out doors exer-cise.

Monday, February 4, 1878

Called to see Dr. Sayre & have an appoint-ment to meet him & either Dr. Piffard or Dr. Keyes on Thurs day at 1 ½ P.M. for consultation. The Dr. did not do any thing to my face this mornng. We went in the afternoon to the Metro-politan Art Museum.

Tuesday 5

Vallie & I took carriage & rode up to Central Park. Calling at 105 West 4nd Street to see Mrs. Kate Eaton & took her with us to Central Park. Called at office of Universal Life Ins. Co. in the afternoon & had a long talk with Mr. Griffin Prest Pro tem of Stout Co. The Co will not probably be reinstated & most likely a Receiver will be appointed.

Wednesday, February 6, 1878

Went to 19 John St. & left my watch to be cleaned. Mrs. Eaton called & spent the afternoon with us.

Thursday 7

Had consultation with Dr. Lewis A. Sayre & Dr. Henry G. Piffard. They said it would be necessary to cut out the diseased portion of my face then burn it with zinc cautery at white heat. This would lay me up 4 to 6 weeks & a 2nd operation would perhaps be necessary. Dr. Piffard fee for consultation was 15\$

Friday, February 8, 1878

Went to Philad in com-pany with Bro Henry Van Reed. We called at Dr. Grafts office & he said it would not be best to cut & burn my face as the disease was Epithous & was manageable & that such treatment would ultimately make it worse. Returned this eveg. to New York.

Saturday 9

Did some shopping Called at office of Dr. Lewis A. Sayre & paid his fee 40\$ for 4 calls I made on him. Vallie & I went to 105 W 42nd St in the eveg. to call on Mrs. Kate Eaton & Mr & Mrs Coney- Wrote to Henry Showery

Sunday, February 10, 1878

Spent the day quietly at the Hotel. Cloudy with some rain.

Monday 11

Busy looking for a small buggy for the bays. Vallie was out with Mrs. L. V. Mason shopping.

Tuesday, February 12, 1878

Went out this forenoon & made some purchases. Trunk 28\$ Walet repaired 12\$ small watch 8.50 Hat for Johnny 3.00 ? for self 4.00

Wednesday 13

We went to Reading PA leaving N.Y. in the 1 P.M. train on Cent R.R. of New Jersey. Arrived in Reading 6 P.M. found all the friends well. Met Rebecca Smith nee Davenport at H. VanReeds.

Thursday, February 14, 1878

Remained at Judge H. VanReed's Reading Mild weather

Friday 15

We went to Robesonia Had a pleasant visit there. Vallie & Mrs. Ferguson went to Lebanon with Mrs. Smith & remained there over night.

Saturday, February 16, 1878

Mr. Ferguson & I took 10 ½ A.M. train for Reading. Vallie & Amanda were on board & also Mr & Mrs Daniel Al-bright. We went to R- together & then Vallie & I went out with Ella Van Reed to Bro John Van Reed's.

Sunday 17

We remained at John Van Reed's.

Monday, February 18, 1878

Beautiful mornng but cooler with high winds. Bro John Van Reed took us to Reading after dinner.

Tuesday 19

We left Reading at 10.35 A.M. for New York. Arrived 5.35 P.M. Put up at the Met-ropolitan Room 214.

Wednesday, February 20, 1878

Busy all day shopping.

Thursday 21

Bought China Ware of Jas. M. Shaw. Some plated ware also. Packed our trunks & got ready to leave N.Y. after a tiresome day.

Friday, February 22, 1878

Left New York at 9 A.M. via Erie R.R. – Took Parlor Coach to Birmingham. Went to Academy of Music & heard & saw the Telephone explained by A. Garver. It was the 2nd instrument made by Prof. Bell. The concert was given in Elmira 60 miles away & heard quite plainly by the audience in Birmingham. Truly it is a great wonder & will be brought into practical use.

Saturday 23

We left Birmingham 8.40 A.M. Arrived in Otego 10.40 A.M. & at 12 noon started for Franklin where we arrived 1 ½ P.M. Found Johnny quite well & Mr. & Mrs. Callahan & all their family of school boys well & happy.

Sunday, February 24, 1878

Went to Church this forenoon in company with Mr. & Mrs. Callahan & the 8 boys belonging in their school & family.

Monday 25

Left Franklin at 9 A.M. Fare to Otego 50¢ each. We were sorry to leave Johnny but felt the necessity of going home soon as we reasonably could. Stopped in Elmira expecting to remain 1 ¾ hours or until next train. Jesse L. Cooley met us at the Southport Depot & after going to his house Mrs. Cooley told me of a Magnetic doctor at Horseheads who could probably cure me & we concluded to remain 24 hours.

Tuesday, February 26, 1878

Cousin Jesse L. Cooley went with me to Horseheads to see Chas Koch a man who has made some remarkable cures by magnetism or something of the kind. Said he could cure me in 9 days. I thought I would go home & return in two weeks. Took Vallie Mrs. Cooley & Mrs. Mary Cooley Fountain out riding. Went to see Thos K. Beechers Church & found it as large & splendid as it had been represented. Left for the west at 6.35 p.m.

Wednesday 27

Came via Buffalo. Susp Bridge Great Western & Michigan Cent R.R. – Arrived in Chicago at 7.40 P.M. – Stopped at the Grand Pacific. Fine weather.

Thursday, February 28, 1878

In Chicago. Left for home on 9 P.M. train. Fine Day. Ordered boots & shoes from Peter Keller Monroe Street – both for Vallie & myself. Same to be sent to us in one week.

Friday, March 1

We arrived home on the 11.38 A.M. train to day & were met at Depot by Charley with team also Henry Effie & Rolla with the buggy. We found all at home well. Weather still continues very mild.

Saturday, March 2, 1878

Fine weather though somewhat cloudy. Answering letters that have come while I was gone from home.

Sunday 3

Communion Day in our church. Rev. A. McMaster preached.

Thursday 7

John Douglass & H.L. Stout arrived.

Saturday 9

Cloudy wind E.S.E. Rained a little about 7 ½ P.M. Had a meeting of the partners of the firm of K.S. & Co. in my office at the greenhouse for purpose of examination of Articles of Association preparatory to organizing a

joint stock Co. Ther 68° during the day & 64° at 10 P.M. The Ice on the pond here & at Chetek went out to day – being the earliest ever known.

Sunday, March 10, 1878

Rained during the night. Weather very mild this mornng. Ther 54°. Rained heavily when John D. & I went to church. Rev. A. McMasters preached from "Let your light so shine & c."

Monday 11

The company met in my office to consult on the business affairs of the Co.

Wednesday 13

Very fine weather but wind blowing cooler from the north in the eveg. All busy at Co's office to day on Joint Stock Co organization. Shingle Mill was started to day. Vallie went to St. Paul to day.

Thursday, March 14, 1878

Very nice warm pleasant day. Do not need any fire in Co's office & part of the time have the door open. May weather. We as partners all met at the office to day to try & complete the organization of a joint stock Co. Steam Mill was started to day. John Bjorks son was badly injured to day in the Shingle by being caught on a shaft.

Friday 15

Bright & beautiful mornng. Ther 38° at 7 ¼ oclk A.M. All busy at Co. office trying to satisfy ourselves as to the preparatory of Association & By laws provided we decide to go in to an incorporated Co. & do business as a corporated co. instead of firm as here to fore. Vallie returned from St. Paul to day.

Saturday, March 16, 1878

Trees all budding i.e. Apples, Elm, Maple & c.

Sunday 17

Our family generally attended church & heard and excellent sermon by Rev. A. McMasters. The day fine & clear but cooler towards eveg. Wind north.

March 18, 1878

Heavy frost last night. Ther 26° at 7 ½ A.M. Day fine. Our firm of Knapp, Stout & Co. dissolved partnership to day & entered into Articles of incorporation making a joint stock Co. with Capital of Two million dollars. The Slate of the corporation to be Knapp Stout & Co. Officers elected. J.H. Knapp Prest. A. Tainter Vice Prest T.B. Wilson Secy J.H. Douglas Treas.

Tuesday 19

Finished our By-laws & various other matters. Salaries of Directors & officers fixed at 5000\$ per annum.

Wednesday, March 20, 1878

We concluded & adjusted many business matters & all feel fatigued with the labors of past 8 or ten days. J.H. Douglass & Effie started for St. Louis. Mr. Marks & Pete Wilson accompanied them as far as Chicago.

Thursday 21

Weather fine. Was at the store most of the day & went to Steam Mill & c.

Friday, March 22, 1878

The Gov. will not grant Articles of Association or rather patent to incor therefore on account of their being no change of name from our old firm name of K.S. & Co. We will change it probably to The K. S. & Co. Company. Recd telegram from J.H.D. saying that they (Effie & he) had arrived safely in St. Louis this mornng.

Saturday 23

Clear bright weather & high winds. Tried to get a settlement with J.F. Edwards again & he put me off until this afternoon & then again until Monday. Wrote to Mr. Marks J.H. Drogman & J. S. Cooley.

Sunday, March 24, 1878

Cold last night. Ther 26° at 8 ½ oclk A.M.

Monday 25

Colder Ther 18° at 7 A.M. Clear & dry weather – Called to see J.H. Edwards again to try to get settlement. Could do nothing as he asked to quit even while he owes me several thousand dollars. Got the books & put them into the hands of Hunt & Freemore.

Tuesday, March 26, 1878

Left home at 2.52 P.M. for Elmira N.Y. Clear bright sunny weather & very dry & dusty.

Wednesday 27

Arrived in Chicago at 7 A.M. – Found J.H.D. Mr. Marks & Pete Wilson at the grand Pacific Hotel. Left Chicago at 5.15. pm via Mich Central RR. – J.H.D. – E Marks & Pete accompanied me. Took supper on the Hotel car attached to train.

Thursday, March 28, 1878

Had poor nights rest from having eaten too hearty a supper. The train is behind time 3 hours. Rained all night. The country along the Great Western Rwy through Canada seemed flooded. Streams all very high – rain continued to fall during the day. Arrived in Rochester at 8 ½ P.M. I remained there for the night & my companions went on at 11 P.M. to New York.

Friday 29

I left Rochester at 7.35 A.M. – Arrived in Elmira on the Northern Central R.R. train at 12.25 noon. Went to J.S. Cooley's. After dinner I went to Horseheads to see the "Dutch Doctor" Chas Koch. The Trembly House had or was about changing hands & was torn up so I could not get room there. Tried several places. Finally staid all night at Mr. Ernest Thorne.

Saturday, March 30, 1878

Could not find any good place to stay in Horseheads so I left & came to Elmira & being cordially invited to remain at Jesse Cooley's – did so. The Dr. Chas Koch came to see me before I left Horseheads & did nothing but put his hand on my face & the other on back of my head for half minute. Clear bright lovely day.

Sunday 31

Went with J.L. Cooley Esq to Trinity church. Rained a little to day.

Monday, April 1, 1878

Rode out with Mrs. J.S. Cooley. We had a pleasant ride – visited the Cemetery on 2d St. where cousins Levi, Susan, A. & Ellen Cooley are buried.

Tuesday 2

Mrs. Cooley & I rode up to Grove P. Ransoms Greenhouse & got a deutzia in bloom.

Wednesday, April 3, 1878

Hired a horse & buggy at Potters Livery stable & took Mrs Susan Cooley down to see her Aunt Mary Harris, who lives 2 miles south of ? Creek Pa & about 16 miles from Elmira – We went down in 2 hours 50 minutes. Found Mrs. Harris formerly Mati Cooley & her husband Joe Harris & all their children well. The day has been most lovely.

Thursday 4

Returned to Elmira this forenoon. Dr. Koch treated my face this afternoon.

Friday, April 5, 1878

Jesse L. Cooley & I started on 1.40 P.M. train for Boetz Creek to see Uncle Wm Knapp & his children. Found him in poor health. His children Eliza (unmarried) Jane Mrs. Sam Miller Martha (widow of Miller) & Henry (his only son) all lived near by – Eliza taking care of her father. Jessie returned to Elmira this evening. & I remained all night at Mr. Millers. Before starting up to Seely Creek this morning Dr. Koch gave treatment for my face.

Saturday 6

Went to Blossburg on the morning train. Henry Knapp & his niece Lida Miller accompanied me. Arrived in Blossburg 10 ½ A.M. Did not find anything that looked natural to me except the everlasting hills & two old frame dwellings. The remaining portion of the town is new. We went up to Arnot in the afternoon. Called on Mrs. Freeman in Blossburg – we returned Henry & Lida to Seely Creek & I to Elmira on 6.10 P.M. train.

Sunday, April 7, 1878

Cloudy & somewhat cooler.

Monday 8

Wrote letter homes. Weather fine but windy. Attended the Peoples concert in Park Church. Rev. Thos. K. Beecher pastor. The music was by the Park Ch. Choir & was excellent. 1200 to 1500 people were present. Wrote to Will & sent him Draft for 60\$.

Tuesday, April 9, 1878

Windy & dull weather so that I remained in doors. Recd letter from Johnny.

Wednesday 10

Cloudy with high winds.

Thursday, April 11, 1878

Intend to start home to morrow. Recd letter from JHD - & Vallie to day. Telegram also from JHD saying he will reach here on to morrow morning from New York on his way to Chicago & St. Louis. I went to Frasier House near the Depot & remained for the night so as to be ready for 5.41 train to morrow mornng – ticket to Chicago 16.75

Friday 12

The train was in on time but waited 40 minutes for the Lehigh Valley train. John H. Douglass was on Erie R.R. train as per agreement & we had a pleasant day journey together. Arrived in Buffalo near noon & at Susp Bridge about an hour later – Took sleeping care there for Chicago \$3.00 Took meals in Hotel Car attached to train. Arrived Detroit about bed time.

Saturday, April 13, 1878

We arrived in Chicago 8 A.M. I bought some books & looked for a fountain. Left Chicago on 10 A.M. train.

Sunday 14

Arrived home 3.25 A.M. found all pretty well. Vallie suffering some form headache. Remained in doors to day.

Monday, April 15, 1878

At home am trying the plan of Chas Koch's recommending going to go without a plaster on my face for 3 days.

Tuesday 16

Writing in my office all day. Catching up with correspondence that has accumulated in my absence.

Wednesday, April 17, 1878

Wind blew a gale to day & the dust was unbearable.

Thursday 18

Rained last night. High wind this after-noon. Surveyed route for taking water pipes across Wilson Creek just above the Shingle Mill bridge. Vallie & I went to prayer meeting in the eveg.

Sunday, April 21, 1878

Went to Church in the forenoon. Rain fell so heavily in the eveg. that there was no service in our church.

Wednesday 24

The new goods are arriving rapidly.

Thursday, April 25, 1878

Cold north winds prevailed to day.

Friday 26

Much cooler this mornng. Ther 41 1/2 ° at 7 A.M. Cool & Cloudy all day.

Friday, May 3, 1878

Quite cool weather but no frost

Saturday 4

Very cool – rainy.

Sunday, May 5, 1878

Went to Church in the forenoon. Had no service in our Ch. In the eveg. Had sick headache.

Monday 6

Cool & Cloudy. Wrote to J.H.Douglass. JH Dragman Stuart Iowa. Exchange B C Dr – Sent Kraken dell notes 2 – of \$500 Ea there for allocation of int. Wrote G.C. Morgan & co. for 5 – 4 in stop valve. Also to Ayrault Smith & Co. & c. about water pipes. We agreed to offer for the JewEh property – 3 offers 150000\$ for the whole 100000 for Menomonie & ? including \$400 in Phipp Co. or 50 ct on the dollar on all measured claims.

Wednesday 8

Cool & Windy

Thursday, May 9, 1878

The 2 shore gangs even started in the large mill at noon to day.

Friday 10

Cool & windy. Dry & dusty.

Sunday 12

Cool weather – Went to ch twice – Both mornng & eveg sermons by Rev. A. McMaster – were good.

Monday, May 13, 1878

Heavy frost last night. Vallie & I rode up to Red Cedar Falls & up to the sorting gap above there this afternoon. There is a jam of logs for over one mile above the gap – F J McLeans mother died to day after a long & seriously painful illness – Her remains were taken east.

Tuesday 14

The far going & Rotary in large Mill started this morning. Dry & dusty time.

Wednesday, May 15, 1878

Frost

Tuesday 16

Henry went into the store to take Burch's place. Burch having bought out Jim McKakan. Tom Parker commenced running the land lines on West line of NE ¼ Sec 23 & N. Line of same Sec. preparatory to a survey of a portion of land section into lots for village purposes.

Saturday 18

Parker did not work at surveying in the afternoon on account of the rain. This is the first rain in many days & is much needed.

Sunday, May 19, 1878

Showery.

Monday 20

Rain this forenoon. Parker worked at surveying N line of 23 this afternoon.

Wednesday 22

Commenced this afternoon to lay of the blocks for town additions between the Mill & Depot on NW ¼ of NW ¼ Sec 23 T28 R13 – Parker is doing the surveying.

Saturday, May 25, 1878

Jacob Miller & Mr. Huxan commenced painting large barn. Mr. Huxan worked all day Miller not quite half a day.

Friday, May 31, 1878

Rained this forenoon

Saturday, June 1

Rained heavily this mornng. Prof J.D. Butler lectured this eveg. in the Cong church – Receipts 23.25 subject of the lecture "What I saw in Jerusalem"

Sunday, June 2, 1878

Communion day in our ch. Prof Butler preached in the mornng. Text "And he took a little child & placed in the midst of them" It was an excellent & instructive sermon. Rev. A. McMaster preached in the eveg.

Monday 3

Prof J.D. Butler left for home on 11 P.M. train.

Tuesday, June 4, 1878

Attended church mee-ting this eveg.

Thursday, June 6, 1878

Hans Lund finished work putting in window screens & c.

Friday 7

Iver Ingebretsen commenced to work at putting new sills under East end & part of N side of the small barns where the sills have rotted away. I tried glass ball shooting this eveg. & broke 11 balls in 14 shots

Thursday, June 20, 1878

I went to St. Paul on 11 A.M. train.

Saturday, June 22, 1878

Had first lot of straw berries from our garden.

Sunday 23

Rev. Wm Dudley of Eau Claire preached both morning & eveg. in the Cong Church. Morning text 1st Cor 9 verse 7 Evening Immortality of the soul. Both very good discourses & well adopted to our needs.

Monday, June 24, 1878

A very warm day. Ther 94° in the shade this afternoon at the store.

Thursday 27

Appointment to attend school board meeting at Court House 4 P.M. to day (Adjourned) Left for Rice Lake in company with Capt A. Tainter at 8 ½ A.M. Roads muddy – weather warm. Stopped at 22 mile Ford for dinner & at Chetek for the night.

Friday, June 28, 1878

Started at 4 A.M. for Rice Lake where we arrived at about 6 ½ A.M. for break-fast. Examined Books accts – goods & c. in store of the Co. & also the Mills.

Saturday 29

We (i.e.) Capt. & G. Tainter, Fred Livingston & I rode out to the Pokegema Creek 7 Miles S.E. of Rice Lake & fished for trout. We caught 50 in all & some large ones. One measured 15 inches long & weighed 1 lb 6 ½ oz. Rained heavily which spoiled our fishing.

Sunday, June 30, 1878

Rained this forenoon.

Monday, July 1

We started home at 7 ½ A.M. Fed teams & ate a little at Chetek & again at 22 mile Ford. Arrived home at 7 P.M. Have had a beautiful day & not very warm but just about right for travelling.

Tuesday, July 2, 1878

Almeda arrived from St. Louis 11 ½ P.M.

Thursday, July 4, 1878

The 4th has passed quietly in Menomo-nie Johnny returned from Franklin N.Y. at 3 A.M. – Has been absent about 10 months. Mr. Hopwood Johnny Pete Wilson & I put in part of the afternoon shooting glass balls. I took 7 out of 13 single balls & 25 out of 36 double balls & out of the double shots I broke both balls 7 times. This was my first trial at double balls. Weather very warm.

Friday 5

Hotter 93° in the shade. Raspberries Huckle berries & c are plenty. Strawberries are past their prime & Cabbage & Cauliflower are fit for use.

Saturday, July 6, 1878

Very warm

Sunday 7

Still continues very warm

Monday, July 8, 1878

Not so warm to day.

Tuesday 9

Cool with rain in forenoon. The early set celery is going to seed. It is a mistake to put out celery too early. Ours is as large now as it should be 1st Sept.

Saturday 13

Hot sultry weather.

Sunday, July 14, 1878

Very hot sultry weather.

Monday 15

Very warm & showery. Went before the board of Equalization again to day. We have had hot sultry weather nearly all the time since the 4th.

Tuesday, July 16, 1878

Very hot day with heavy rain. Ther 98°. The papers come laden with accounts of the great heat all over the Country & many cases of sun stroke in St. Louis & elsewhere. For 3 days past I have been before the board of equalization. Hay much injured. Wheat is injured some with smut & rust so farmers say.

Wednesday 17

Rained this forenoon & showery this afternoon. Cooler & by evening quite cool clear & pleasant

Saturday, July 20, 1878

Pleasant weather. Mark Cummings & Charles Rudolph have been hauling stone & gravel all the week to make the road on East side of our house. They have about 4 rods nearly completed. We dig out the sand then put in 6 to 7 in stone set on edge. Then on that 2 in coarse gravel Next a little clay & lastly fine gravel on the top.

Sunday 21

Pleasant day. Clear bright sunshine Ther 68° this mornng 80° at noon – Cool this eveg. A great contrast to the weather of a week ago.

Saturday 27

Gillaskie & Rittelsdorf worked at laying stone walk on East side of our house.

Sunday, July 28, 1878

Mr. McMaster preached this A.M. from text Isaiah XL chap 8 Verse. Rained in the eveg.

Monday 29

Rain fell last night & this morning. Crops are much injured by the rains & hot weather. I started with Effie at 11 P.M. on the R.R. she is on her way to join Prof. Butler & his daughter Anna with whom she is going to Europe to be gone a year.

Tuesday, July 30, 1878

We were joined at Madison to day by Prof. J.D. Butler & his daughter Miss Anna. I went as far as Beloit & then bade good bye to Effie & the others about noon & at 1.48 P.M. took train for home. It was sad to part with Effie. I pray the Lord may grant her a safe & pleasant journey to Europe & return.

Wednesday 31

Arrived home about 3 A.M.

Thursday, August 1, 1878

Vallie Almeda Johnny Eddie & I went out on a pic nic excursion to Remingtons 12 miles west on Gilbert Creek. There were 24 or 25 persons in all. Among them Mrs. T.B.W- Belle Epley – Eliza Wilson Mr. & Mrs. Messenger Mrs. Little & Mr. Knott of Chicago. Miss Deming & c. & c. We had fried trout for dinner at 2 ½ P.M. – on our way home learned that K.S. & Co. Piggery had burned down at noon.

Friday 2

Clear bright day. Ive Gillaskie & Rittels dorf finished work at the small barn where they have been putting in new cellar windows on East end painting the walls with cement & c. Jake Miller & Hux-om painter came back to complete painting & sanding small barn.

Tuesday 6

Barney Lyon commen-ced digging to find the 6 in. water main in order that we make a connection therewith & run a 6 in. pipe across Wilson Creek & up to the stables & Steam mill.

Thursday 8

A hot day Ther 93° to 95°

Saturday 10

Had 8 men digging trench to lay water pipe from the main pipe just above the warehouse to the creek. Harry Garten commenced work to day & will fit the pipe together & make connection & set the hydrants & c. Called on Mr. McMaster this afternoon. He is sick with Dysen-tery but is improving. A Dry week.

Sunday, August 11, 1878

No service in our church to day. Almeda Henry & I went to Episcipal church. The service was nearly hour long but the sermon was only 12 minutes. Pleasant weather.

Monday 12

Working at getting ready to connect the water pipes.

Friday 16

Commenced to lay water pipe across the creek.

Saturday, August 17, 1878

Finished the spile piers & got pipe across the creek & up the bank on East or North side of Wilson creek so that we shut down the gate & commen-ced to raise, a head of water about 1 P.M.

Sunday 18

Warmer. Mr. McMaster is not able to preach yet.

Monday 26

J.H. Douglass & I started for Washburn & Prairie Farm – Charley Rudolph drove & cared for the team. Got to Washburn Farm about 6 ½ P.M. shot some chickens on the way.

Tuesday, August 27, 1878

Hunted some about Washburn farm & went up to Pr. farm in the eveg. Killed several chickens. Heavy rain fell.

Wednesday 28

Drove up to Prairie farm. Examined the stone Mill & c. & c. Killed a few chickens. Returned to Washburn Farm & remained there all night. Rained during the night.

Thursday, August 29, 1878

Came home via my cabin. Shot a few chickens killed about 35 in all on the trip. Got home in the evening. Weather hot dry & roads dusty.

Monday, September 2, 1878

Johnny & I went to St. Paul to see the State Fair.

Tuesday 3

Went out to the Fair grounds – saw some fine cattle horses & c. Also Dr. Carver shot glass balls Louis & c. with a rifle and AH Bogardus shoot glass balls with shot gun.

Wednesday, September 4, 1878

Went to the Fair – Saw Rarus ? trot in 216. The Burch show of Dogs is good. Very hot dry dusty & a large crowd on the grounds.

Tuesday 5

Saw President Hayes reception in St. Paul. He rode in an open vehicle down third street & was loudly cheered by the people who lined the side walks in large numbers. The weather being very warm & the crowd of people so great Johnny & I came home on the 11.25 A.M. train.

Thursday, September 12, 1878

Went to Dunnville 2 ¼ P.M. this afternoon. Johnny & Eddie went with me. Shot a few chickens & quails on the Chippewa bottom. This was Johnny's first experience for shooting grouse & quails flying.

Friday 13

Went out on the Chippewa bottoms this mornng. We got 8 chickens & 5 quails altogether last eveg. & this mornng. Started at 11 A.M. for home. Stopped short time in Downs-ville & came home to a late dinner.

Sunday 15

Collection taken up in our Sabbath School for the yellow fever suffering of the South amounted to over 27\$.

Saturday 21

Spent the week in the office & store – very busy all the time & no time to write up my diary.

Tuesday, September 24, 1878

Sister Almeda left for Ft. Madison having been with us since 2nd July.

Wednesday 25

Rained – Weather cool.

Thursday, September 26, 1878

Callie Douglass & her 3 children left for Ft. M- to day via St. Paul & Chicago.

Saturday, September 28, 1878

Another busy week has passed. Went over this afternoon to the Fair grounds or race track for the first time since a track was made there. Quite a party of Shootish Flit, Pease Ingalls Man? Dr. Gramis & I shot at Glass balls (?) 18 yds rise, I broke 20 out of 25 – Dr. Pease was next highest 17 out of 25.

Sunday 29

Last night one of Pirrauts livery horses was driven into the ditch near the lumber yard that was dug for laying the water pipe & killed the bank caving in on him.

Monday, September 30, 1878

Busy day. At the store & office all day. Warm sultry day Ther 86°

Tuesday, October 1

Rained heavily last night – Am too busy every day to write up my diary.

Wednesday, October 2, 1878

Sold the little black mare Minek to day to Geo. Brewer for 250\$ 200\$ down ?bal to be paid between now & first Jany. Wrote to J.C. Garrett & I.P. Feely about spark ? Spent two hours at the Driving Park this morning in company with a dozen other persons. Shooting at glass ball I came out 3 ahead breaking 23 out of 26.

Friday, October 4, 1878

We have very fine weather. I find my time fully occupied at store & office daily & no time to write in my diary.

Sunday, October 6, 1878

Mr. Marks returned home this mornng. & I can get away for a

Tuesday, October 8, 1878

Started to Ft. Atkinson & Lake Koshkonong on 11 P.M. train.

Wednesday 9

Arrived in Ft. Atkinson 1.20 P.M. Left there for Black Hawk Club House on Black Hawk Island on Rock River & near lake Koshkonong at 2 ½ P.M. it took about an hour to run down to the club house. 6 miles on the little steamer Corrine.

Thursday, October 10, 1878

Went out in a monitor ducking boat to shoot canvas back ducks. Had poor success.

Thursday 17

Left Black Hawk Island after staying there over a week & having an unsuccessful hunt owing to unfavorable winds & weather. Staid in Ft. Atkinson to wait for to morrow's train.

Friday, October 18, 1878

Left Ft. Atkinson this afternoon for home via Watertown Camp Douglas.

Saturday 19

Arrived home this ~~afternoon~~ this mornng. at 3 A.M.

Sunday 27

First snow fall last night – about 1/8 inch. Weather cold.

Monday, October 28, 1878

Snowed some to day.

Tuesday 29

Snowed. We have now in all 2 inches.

Wednesday, October 30, 1878

Vallie & I went over to Capt Wilson's at 6 ¼ P.M. to see his daughter Nellie married to W.L. Mead Conduc-tor on the R.R. Ceremony was performed by Rev. M. Bailey of St. Croix Co. only the relatives & immediate friends were invited. Everything passed off pleasantly & the bride & groom left for Chica-go on the 11 P.M. train.

Thursday 31

The Pond is nearly frozen over.

Friday, November 1, 1878

Turned warmer & snow melted

Saturday 2

Fine weather

Sunday, November 3, 1878

Good weather. Frost this mornng.

Monday 4

Fine weather Ther 28° at 7 A.M.

Tuesday, November 5, 1878

Fine weather. This is election day. It passed quietly here.

Wednesday 6

Weather still contin ues fine.

Thursday, November 7, 1878

Excellent weather & mild. Pruned grape vines in cold grapery Mill Pond was drained down & coffer dam put in. Flume that conveys water to the machine shop repaired.

Friday 8

Opens out very fair. Ther at sunrise on our back porch 27 ½°

Saturday, November 9, 1878

Splendid weather Ther 25° at sunrise Bright day – warm.

Thursday 14

Left Rice Lake on horse back & with Ed Dingly ½ breed on foot who goes for a guide to Harrington Camp. Took dinner at Bowry's Camp 3 miles from Rice Lake & went through by upper camp on Hickey creek & across the dam on Millers Creek – arrived at Buck Harringtons Camp 4 P.M.

Friday, November 15, 1878

Ed Dingly & I started at day light & hunted north to Buck Harringtons Camp at Chit Lip Lake where we took dinner. Thence S.E. to Silver Lake – thence S.W. to

Saturday 16

Left Jim alias "Buck" Harrington's camp at 7 A.M. on horse back & arrived in Rice Lake about noon. Weather fine & indian summer like. Distance 18 to 20 miles & road rough. I carried my rifle on horse back. Saw no game.

Sunday, November 17, 1878

Spent the day quietly at the Hotel in Rice Lake.

Monday 18

Started for home this forenoon with Capt. Tainter's team Brinckley driver. Took dinner at Chetek & got to 22 miles ford at 5 P.M. where we staid all night.

Tuesday, November 19, 1878

Got home to day about 10 ½ A.M. & found all well. Am very well myself & have enjoy-ed the trip.

Thursday, November 21, 1878

Have six men digging trench to lay one inch lead water pipe from 23 ft west of Hydrant & 54.9 in from back ? store into the cellar of the store.

Saturday, November 23, 1878

We have had fine Indian summer weather for some weeks. This afternoon there are indications of change of weather. The men got through with digging & we laid lead pipes (3/4 inch) from near the Hydrant at corner Allen House up along the place & to the gate that leads to the well of said house & there the lead pipe branches & runs into the cellar of Allen House & into the collar of house where Mr. Marks lives:

Sunday 24

Drizzling & sleeting some in forenoon & turned to snow in afternoon about ¼ to ½ in snow fell.

Monday, November 25, 1878

Colder this mornng. Ther 28° Pond frozen over again partly. Warm in middle of the day. Snow melted away some.

Tuesday 26

Colder Ther 16° this mornng. & pond frozen over

Friday, November 29, 1878

Sent team 8 miles north to Tom Parkers place for White sand so that could finish painting & I sanding the Wash house & for the Ice House & c.

Saturday 30

Have been very busy all the week at the store & office. Eleven tons of Pork – dressed hogs came in to day besides beef.

Sunday, December 1, 1878

Bright morning Ther 5° above at 8 oclk a.M. Communion day in our church. Mr. Hall was taken or received as a member on profession of faith & baptism.

Wednesday 4

Started for Prairie farm 2 ½ P.M. – Drove Prince & Jim. Arrived at Washburn farm 6 P.M. Staid all night.

Thursday, December 5, 1878

Wm Sprague & I hunted for deer 5 miles east of the Washburn farm. Sprague saw one. I did not see any. Weather fine – 2 inches snow on the ground. We traveled at least 15 miles to day over hill & dale. Hard walking too yet I did not feel greatly fatigued & could have walked much farther if I could have found a deer thereby.

Friday 6

Went up to Prairie farm early this morning. Remained there during the day. Looked over the stock of goods, books & co. The Grist Mill is running & doing fair business.

Saturday, December 7, 1878

Left P. farm early this morning & drove to Menom-onie arriving about 12 ½ oclk noon. Weather very fine but cold. Ther ran low this mornng. 10° below 0. I enjoyed the ride & never felt better – physically or clearer in mind in my life. The Atmosphere was clear & sparkling the white frost hung on the trees.

Tuesday 10

Weather very fine. J.H. Craig came to day. He is from Selma Alabama & is going to Pr farm to to keep the Co.s books at that place.

Wednesday, December 11, 1878

Sent Henry with my team to Prairie farm to take young Mr. Craig up there. Fine weather.

Sunday, December 15, 1878

Rev. A. McMaster preached a good sermon. Cloudy threatens snow.

Monday, December 23, 1878

Cold weather Ther 13° below. Busy at the office & store all day. I wonder I do not become more fatigued than I do. Four teen hours a day. I am as strong & vigorous & ready for business as ever. If I could only face the cold would like to visit the logging camps but the winds blow cold & cutting on days like this where the Ther does not get above zero.

Wednesday, December 25, 1878

The boy's have had a Merry Christmas. Santa Claus & mama & papa have given them many presents besides what they gave one another. We miss Will & Effie very much & hope they may be at home on next Christ-mas day. The clerks (unmarried) took dinner with us to day. There were Jno. Hopewood – Morris McConnell Savage & Charley Gesell

Thursday 26

Not so cold as Yester-day. Geo Brown paid me balance 50\$ due me on mare "Mink" which I sold him on 5 Oct. Wrote a long letter to Geo. W. James about my Life Ins. Policy on the Universal Life Ins. Co. of New York. Copied same in my letter book.

Friday, December 27, 1878

Weather remains cold but pleasant. T.B.Wilson is sick in bed with pain caused by a boil located near the spinal column. I wrote to Geo W. Douglass JH Douglass E.A. Gibbs Wm Sprague LJ Gage Cashs 1 st National Chicago Bk about coupons & c.

Saturday 28

Preparations have com-menced for putting up ice.

Sunday, December 29, 1878

Not quite so cold. Mr. McMaster preached a good sermon remind-ing Christians & those who are not of their duty

Monday 30

Fine bright weather but cold. This has been a dry month no rain & very little snow.

Tuesday, December 31, 1878

Cold again to day. We had two letters from Effie to day & they show that she is not strong – has been sick with light attack of Malarial fever & is now homesick. It makes me feel badly to learn that she is uncomfortable. I wish she was at home or that I could go across the ocean & bring her home. My face is not so well & Will & Effie both being absent from home & for so long a time altogether makes me feel much depressed so that the old year does not pass away joyously to me.

