

JOHN H. KNAPP DIARY
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Tuesday, January 14, 1879

Rec'd this inside diary to day which accounts for the few entries in this month to date. Attended the afternoon prayer meeting in the Methodist Church. It was led by Wm. E. Liwis & was very interesting

Wednesday, January 15

Snow commended to fall after dinner

Saturday, January 18

The week has been profitably taken up with religious meetings

Sunday, January 19

Ther 18° below zero this morning 1° above at 1 P.M. Snow fell lightly in the afternoon Mr Lewis preached in Cong Ch. in the evening.

Monday, January 20

Mr Wm E Lewis left for Madison to day where he is going to preach the gospel to the Students in the State University He has been at home with us for two weeks & preached & taught the Scriptures faithfully in the churches every day. We like him very much.

Tuesday, January 21

Warmer Ther 42 1/2° above zero at noon. Thawed sufficient to make a little mud in the roads. Attending church in the evening.

Wednesday, January 22

Mild but cloudy. Ther 22 1/2° above this morn'g. Thawing at noon. Capts Tainter & Wilson returned from the Logging camps to day. Report comes to day that Matt Carpenter has been nominated by the Legislature for U.S. Senator

Thursday, January 23

The prayer meeting this evening was well attended & interesting. After prayer meeting Vallie Johnny & Effie & Eddie went to Concert Hall to hear Mrs. Foster lecture.

Friday, January 24

Mild & thawing – Ther 49 at 2 P.M.

Saturday, January 25

Quite mild again to day. J. D. Smith paid up Capt. Blacks note & int. amt'g to 231.65 & I transferred the mortgage to him.

Sunday, January 26

Mild weather. Thawing some.

Monday, January 27

I took my team Prince & Jim & drove to Dunnville in two hours. Mr. Marks went on there Took a look at the stock of goods &c. Got dinner & drove to Downsville & examined the store & a/c's there. Arrived home 4.40 PM. Mild Pleasant. Thawed Considerable

Tuesday, January 28

Very pleasant weather & thawing during the day.

Wednesday, January 29

Ther 28° above at 7 A.M. – Bright sunny weather.

Thursday, January 30

Ther 12 1/2° above. Very fine weather

Friday, January 31

Mild & pleasant in forenoon. Windy & colder in the afternoon. Bought some glasses for myself from Rosenban of St. Paul. He calls them Amethyst – price 3.50 Changed Vallie's eye glasses 3.00 Dr. Jurden of Dubuque called in the evening to talk about cancer etc.

Saturday, February 1

Colder Ther. 6 1/2 ° above zero at sunrise. Mild during the day.

Sunday, February 2

Ther 7° at sunrise 31° at 1 1/2 P.M.

Tuesday, February 4

Ther 25°+ Snow to depth of 2 1/2 inches fell last night & this morning. Thawed during the day & there is not enough snow for sleighing. Rittendorf commenced at noon to dig trench for setting boulevard lamp near the pump in front of store – ground frozen 3 ft

Wednesday, February 5

Bright morning Ther 9°+

Thursday, February 6, 1879

Colder. Ther 3° below zero Remained cold all day Vallie & I took dinner at T B Wilson's.

Friday, February 7

Ther 7 1/2° above at 7 AM Eddie went to school this forenoon as usual – at noon complained of feeling sick. He had a high fever in the evening and a convulsion. Dr. Grannis came to see him. Eddie complains of great pain in his left side just below the ribs.

Saturday, February 8

Eddie's fever continues & pain in side at times He has considerable cough. Set the 2d street lamp Boulevard pattern(?) near the meat house back of the store. The 1st one I had set near the pump on front of the store.

Sunday, February 9

Rolla was taken sick during the night with great pain in his right side & high fever. He took cold yesterday. Eddie's pulse 120 & talks a great deal when he sleeps.

Monday, February 10

Rolla is a little better this morning. Eddie about the same. Doctor is giving Rolla Aconite & Bryonia(?) Eddie Rhus tox & Bryonia. Snow fell today to depth of 3 inches.

Tuesday, February 11

Commenced using Cuticona (?) on my face.

Wednesday, February 12

The children are some what better to day.

Thursday, February 13

The boys are both better this mor'g. Fever has about left them both. Cold day Ther 16° this morg below zero & remained below all day. I staid with Eddie last night. He rested well the greater part of the night.

Friday, February 14

Ther 20° below. Eddie still improving. Rolla about the same

Saturday, February 15

Ther 6° below at 7 AM Eddie slept all night & appears quite bright to day. Little Rolla has fever yet - but I think on the whole he is better. I have sick headache to day. J H Douglass & H L Stout arrived to day noon

Sunday, February 16

Ther. 10° below this morg clear bright fine day Eddie & Rolla were dressed to day. Rolla is pretty weak but Eddie went up & down stairs twice & without assistance. They have had Homeopathic treatment. We feel thankful they are so well

Monday, February 17

Ther 17-° at store at 6 AM & 12° below at our house 7 A.M.

Tuesday, February 18

Snowed. Milder. Henry started to DePere We heard of the death of Ed Evans at Waukesha. TBW went down there.

Wednesday, February 19

The 1st Annual Meeting since the organization of the K. S. & Co. Company was held by the stock holders in the Co office – this afternoon – All present except T B Wilson. Snowed a little this morning.

Thursday, February 20

My Mothers 87th birthday anniversary – Mother is about the house & goes up & down stairs by herself still I can see she is daily growing weaker.

Friday, February 21

Attended meetings of the K. S. & Co Company at our office

Saturday, February 22

Meetings on business matters at our office relative to organizing nine mile slough of Waubeek Manufg & booming Co,

Sunday, February 23

Went to Church in forenoon. Mr. McMaster preached a good sermon from Exodus 2-10. This is the first time we have had our family sleigh out this season Ther 2° below this mor'g.

Monday, February 24

Meetings of the Company at Co office Cold south winds Ther 18° above

Tuesday, February 25

Cold & windy – Meetings of the Company still continue Adopted articles of Association for the Waubeek Booming & Transportation Co.

Wednesday, February 26

Ther 16° below this morg & remained below all day. Organized the Red Cedar Log driving & Improvement(?) Co & the Waubeek Co for same purpose.

Thursday, February 27

Mr. Stout left for home via St. Paul this AM J. H. Douglass left for home on 11 PM night train via Chicago.

Friday, February 28

Snowed to depth of 4 inches.

Saturday, March 1

Milder – Pleasant day

Sunday, March 1, 1879

Ther 3° above – Very fine day

Monday, March 3

Thawed all day

Tuesday, March 4

Thawed all day & snow going very rapidly. Ther 38° at noon.

Wednesday, March 5

The thaw still continues – Sent deed to Raymond Lowunz(?) Clarinda Iowa for W B Webster for SE ¼ of NW ¼ sec 21 T 68 R 38 Page Co Iowa – Consideration(?) 400\$ - \$100 down 100 in 1 year in 2 years & 100\$ in 3 yrs Int 10%

Thursday, March 6

Ther 28° at sunrise Thawed all day.

Friday, March 7

Cloudy all day – did not thaw much Busy all day at the office revising the salaries paid clerks in office & store.

Saturday, March 8, 1879

Warm & thawing with light rain this morning. Committee on salaries of clerks met forenoon & afternoon in Co. office

Sunday, March 9

Ther 45 @ 7 1/2 AM – rained some during the night – Snow went off very fast last night.

Monday, March 10

Ther 43°+ this morning 6 ¾ A.M.

Tuesday, March 11, 1879

Beautiful morning Ther. 25°+ Cloudy in the afternoon Spent part of the afternoon in special prayer for healing my face.

Wednesday, March 12

Ther 30°+ 6 ¼ AM Snow all gone except a little on the North side of the hills

Thursday, March 13

Colder & cloudy Mrs. Millers daughter Frances was buried to day. Vallie attended the funeral at the Catholic Church I sent my team to take the body to the Ch & to cemetery.

Friday, March 14, 1879

Ther 1° below zero this morning – remained cold all day with some snow & high blustery wind. Looked over goods memoranda & wrote letters &c

Saturday, March 15

Cold day – Very busy with goods memoranda

Sunday, March 16

Cold day! Went to Church in the forenoon.

Monday, March 17, 1879

Ther 3° above 0 at 7 A.M. – Clear & cold all day – Mr. Marks started last night for Chicago & NYork for goods – Mailed letter to Effie.

Tuesday, March 18

6 ¾ AM Ther 3° above It must have been as low as zero at 6 am Clear & pleasant

Wednesday, March 19

Ther 7° at 7 AM Clear & pleasant

Thursday, March 20

Fine clear day – Went to school meeting. Have had a day of the usual variety of business matters & when night comes I am weary, Vallie & I went to prayer meeting.

Friday, March 21

Ther 7° above at 7 AM another fine day & a busy one for me.

Sunday, March 23

Ther 32° Went to Ch in the forenoon

Monday, March 24

Ther 32° New goods from Chicago begin to arrive—

Tuesday, March 25

Quite mild – Goods arriving – Rain commenced to fall at 7 ¼ P.M.

Thursday, March 27

Vallie & Johnny started for Chicago at 3 P.M.

Friday, March 28

Rained last night warm to day. August Walter left this eveg for Oconomowoc where he has gone to get a wife I must get a gardener soon in his place I expect.

Sunday, March 30

Mr McMaster preached this morning from Psalm 19-7 The law of the Lord is perfect Wrote to Effie

Monday, March 31

Rained a little. Wrote several letters & busy at Compy office & store all day.

Tuesday, April 1

Raw day. Town election Flint Ohnstad & Schutte for town board. Drosoley(?) elected post master(?) on the west side by one or two votes.

Wednesday, April 2

Cold & unpleasant day Ther 23° this morg – Wrote JHD – to buy fountain of I L Mott Iron Works NYork –for our lawn east of house John Kreiser came over & potted some plants for me

Thursday, April 3

Ther 10° above zero – very wintry morning – John Kreiser came over to do some work in greenhouse

Saturday, April 5

Milder – August Walter our gardener came back this afternoon – brought a wife with him.

Sunday, April 6

Pleasant day. Went to church morg & eveg – Johnny returned from Chicago Vallie stopped at Madison to visit Mrs. Bulter.

Monday, April 7

Very pleasant. Jacob Miller is painting on main house

Tuesday, April 8

Vallie returned this morning 3 oclk – having stopped 2 days in Madison to see Mrs. Bulter – Have spent most of the day at the office in negotiations with J L Dickinson of Dubuque for building a Flooring Mill in Rice Lake

Friday, April 11

Frank Woods commenced work in the Hardware Department in the Store @ \$20 per Mo & board Very fine weather.

Wednesday, April 16

Mr. Porter Pres of the RR & Philetier(?) Sawyer Esq were here to day negotiating a sale of Pine lands to the K. S. & Co Co. Amtg in value to \$110,000 one hundred & ten thousand dollars - Will started to Milwaukee

Thursday, April 17

Bright pleasant but cool

Friday, April 18

Heavy frost last night. Fine but dry weather.

Saturday, April 19

Mr & Mrs Brunelle started for Texas. They are old people to commence life anew in a far distant state – a new country & the climate being a radical change from that of Wis. They have lived nearly 25 years in Menomonie

Sunday, April 20

Went to church twice as usual – The attendance in the morning was small only about 40 – in the evening exceedingly small only about 12.

Tuesday, April 22

Tuesday left Menomonie @ 9 ½ AM – drove to Prairie Farm – stopping at Washburn farm for dinner & to rest team Caught 11 large trout while stopping at the Washburn farm.

Wednesday, April 23

Examined books & goods at Pr Farm. Left there for Chetek at 12 1/12 PM arriving at Chetek via Sand Creek at 7 P.M. Found Capt Tainter at Chetek.

Thursday, April 24

Went with Capt T. to 10 Mile Creek & where the men are driving logs – we drove to the dam & got our dinner – thence to the dam on Moose Ear Creek – thence through Sumner to Rice Lake.

Friday, April 25

Busy at Rice Lake where the store is being greatly enlarged.

Saturday, April 26

The new Steamboat Lady of the Lake built by the K S & Co Co & the first Steamboat on Rice Lake was started out to day on hr trial trip. Capt Tainter went as Capt & I as pilot. In the evening she took about 100 of the citizens up the Lake for an excursion

Sunday, April 27

Dry weather continues but cooler making a fire desirable. Heard Rev Jackson Pres of Chippewa Falls preach this evening

Monday, April 28

Frost last night. Started for Menomonie at 6 ½ A.M. - drove to Chetek in one hour 55 min. Remained about 1 ½ hours Drove to 22 mile ford in 3 ¾ to 4 hours – remained there 2 hours & came home in about 3 hours arriving at 7 P.M. Light rain this afternoon

Tuesday, April 29

Pleasant but cool. Busy at the office all day Received some plum & cherry trees from Heikes Nurseries.

Wednesday, April 30

Had 11 men clearing up pasture lot Busy writing letters & with matters of store & office. Weather fine & warmer

Saturday, May 3

A busy week for me has passed away & gone where many more of the same kind for me have gone before. I am tired & glad to-morrow will be a day of rest Weather cool & cloudy today ending with light but steady rain.

Sunday, May 4

Fine morning but turned cold & cloudy in the afternoon.

Monday, May 5

Colder

Tuesday, May 6

Drove to Dunnville this forenoon to attend funeral of Amos Colburn one of the old settlers in Dunn County. Cold riding coming home. Heavy frost last night.

Wednesday, May 7

Milder & pleasant though heavy frost last night. Ther 35° at 7 AM

Friday, May 9

Warmer. Put up an acoustic telephone between the store & the warehouse. Vallie & all the help she has are busy house cleaning.

Sunday, May 11

Rev McMaster preached from Isaiah IV Chap 1st Verse. "He everyone that thirsteth"
Rained last night & half the day today Heavy hail storm for 20 minutes.

Monday, May 12

At 5 oc'lk P.M. a heavy hail & rain storm set in from the North West. The hail were very large some of them like shards of ice. I measured one that was 3 ½ in long & many were 3 ¼ in. Glass & windows suffered generally in the town

Tuesday, May 13

The hail storm of yesterday is the topic of to day. It was by far the heaviest & greatest amt of hail I ever saw at one time. The glass in grapery were all broken but ten & ¾ of all were broken in our greenhouse.

Wednesday May 14

Attended Ch Meeting in the eveg as Mr McMaster has given notice of his intention of leaving our Ch is looking for another Minister Mipers Snively, Bierce, French, McLean & I were appointed Com
To look up & name a Minister

Thursday, May 15

Prayer meeting eveg Vallie & I attended as usual. Commenced at ____? our wash house cistern

Monday, May 19

Have 2 men Chris Conrard & Wm Sneen to work at Arching(?) wash house cistern. Peter Bradath(?) young Peter (Norske) & Graiser, Jacob Miller glazing green house glass – Huxam commenced helping glaze at 2 P.M.

Tuesday, May 20

Weather fine & cold nearly all the sash glazed for greenhouse. Did not have double thick glass enough.

Wednesday, May 21

Chris Conrad completed repairs in cistern in laundry. Stoned dry well at edge of bank west of the laundry to receive the water from bathroom up stairs &c

Saturday, May 24

A busy & fastgoing week has passed.

Sunday, May 25

Rev A McMaster preached an able sermon on Christian Baptism He showed conclusively that pouring or sprinkling was the primitive mode of baptism,

Monday, May 26

Getting ready to go to Prairie Farm. Word came this evg that Tad Clark son of C. A. Clark & Well's son of Byron Wells were drowned in the mill pond. The first was about 12 years old & the other 14.

Tuesday, May 27

Rev. McMaster came over this morning & informed me that on account of the drowning of the boys yesterday evg he could not go with me to Pr farm. I took our Johnny. Went to my cabin caught 13 trout. Drove on to Washburn farm & staid all night.

Wednesday, May 28

Rained during the night & part of the forenoon. We left for Prairie farm at 10 am. In the afternoon Mr Phillips, Johnny, & I went about 5 miles above Pr farm & fished for trout on Dochertz(?) Creek. Caught a few little ones.

Thursday, May 29

Capt Tainter & I went up Turtle Creek 3 or 4 miles to see the log driving. Returned about 3 P.M. – very warm Rained before we got back. The water fell on Turtle Creek at 4 P.M. so that the men quit work for the remainder of the day

Friday, May 30

Rained heavily last night. The drive will be out of Turtle Creek by noon. Part of the crew will go to South fork of Hay river this afternoon. Johnny & I started home at 8 A.M. – arrived at 2 P.M.

Saturday, May 31

Tired & feeling depressed My face troubles me Have been busy to day

Thursday, June 5

Billy Brewer commenced laying water pipe (1 in galvanized) west of the house & from the hydrant around to the front yard.

Friday, June 6

Cool weather. Iver Ingebretzin & Huromi(?) commenced tearing up the floor of our front porch & laying it anew & 6 or 7 in wider than before & 18 in wider just before the front door. Jacob Miller is painting on NW part of the house

Saturday, June 7

Cool again today

Sunday, June 8

Quite warm today Rev. McMaster preached a good sermon this forenoon on the way to arrive at truth & especially the truth of the scriptures.

Thursday, June 12

Jacob Miller worked half a day cleaning window glap – making patterns for openings in front of porch base &c. Mike Higgins & Joe Gillaskie worked to day.

Friday, June 13

Got the fountain sett but not entirely completed.

Saturday, June 14

A warm & busy week has passed away I had a little recreation this afternoon for an hour or two shooting glass balls. Broke 24 out of 30.

Saturday, June 21

Very warm day. Iver Ingebretzen & Martin Halverson were at work putting in covers to hydrants East & West of the house This has been a busy week getting work done around our yard & premises generally.

Sunday, June 22

Another warm day. Rev. A. McMaster preached two good sermons in our Ch to day. This morning on Baptism – this eveg on the valley of dry bones spoken of in Ezekiel.

Monday, June 23

Ther 94° at store. Miller finished painting the front Porch Brewer put in overflow pipe for the fountain & Joe Gillaskie repaired the arch under or at back of boiler in greenhouse. Very dry & warm

Tuesday, June 24

Rained heavily this forenoon for a short time

Saturday, June 28

Quite cool today Ther 65°. Laid drain from wash house. Also 1 ½ in lite(?) drain from grapery west 100 ft Carpenters finished putting in two earth closets, Painter put blinds on the house. Laid remainder of overflow pipe from the fountain

Sunday, June 29

Effie who has been gone to Europe 11 month & Henry & Jessie who have been to New York on their wedding tour all arrived on 10.27 train this A.M. It has been a happy day for us all.

Monday, June 30

Beautiful day

Wednesday, July 2

Rained last night. Sultry all day.

Thursday, July 3

The heaviest rain I ever knew in Wis. Fell last night.

Friday, July 4

Clear & fair. Spent part of the day at the Driving Park. Shot some glass balls 35 out of 50. Could not shoot well to day. S.W. Hunt delivered an excellent oration.

Sunday, July 6

Rev. A. S. Kedzie preached twice to day Congregation very small Raining.

Monday, July 7

Will started to Milwaukee.

Tuesday, July 8

Very warm but clear

Wednesday, July 9

Clear & hot Ther 90° to 92°

Thursday, July 10

Very busy all day & weather very warm & sultry Ther 93° I understand the wheat is rusting in the country considerably Wrote to Dr. J H Thompson Rome about curing my face – He thinks he can do it.

Friday, July 11

Very warm

Saturday, July 12

No change for cooler yet. Rains nights & keeps hot days

Sunday, July 13

Heard Rev McMaster preach this morning

Monday, July 14

Very hot & sultry & I think the hottest day this season

Tuesday, July 15

Cooler & pleasanter weather – Vallie & I rode out to the Home farm

Wednesday, July 16

The rains creased a day or two ago & now the weather is very pleasant Ther 65° this morning

Thursday, July 17

Ther 62° this morg

Saturday, July 26

The week has been pleasant & cool nights. School board meeting this afternoon to decide on style of new school building. We decided to take plan Mr Radcliff sent us.

Monday, July 28

Commenced applying the Indian remedy to my face. H. S. Allen sent it to me in Feby last. Rained about day light this mor'g.

Tuesday, July 29

Ther 60° this morg

Thursday, July 31

Warmer to day. The weather for past two weeks has been cool clear & pleasant just the kind of weather for farmers to cut & care for their crops.

Tuesday, August 5

Ther 58° this morg. The day has been pleasant – very pleasant like the last two or three weeks neither too hot or too cold Occasional showers but only at night giving the best weather to the husbandman—

Thursday, August 7

Left off the use of Mr. H. S. Allan Indian remedy. Did not receive any benefits from it. Cool weather to day. Went to the store & to business again to day.

Saturday, August 9

Ther 50° this morg at 7 oclk.

Sunday, August 10

Rev. A. H. Miner of Madison Wis preached morning & eveg in Cong Ch. His evening sermon on young men was excellent. Text “Is the young man safe?”

Thursday, August 14

Cool & cloudy day

Monday, August 25

Went up above the Moore farm chicken hunting. Rev Henry Ketcham & Johnny went with me Chapley Rudolph drove the team. Johnny killed 3 & I shot 8 prairie chickens. We found them scarce & wild. Weather warm.

Tuesday, August 26

Staid at Moore farm last night. We hunted this forenoon on north side of the river but got nothing Came home to vote at R.R. election Had my dogs Kent & Doc. The latter is gun shy.

Saturday, August 30

The last days of August have been very hot. Ther 90° to 92° or 93°.

Monday, September 8

At Church meeting to night in the Cong church it was decided to tender a call to Rev. Henry Ketcham for one year at a salary of \$1,000 He has been preaching for past 4 weeks here.

Tuesday, September 9

Jonas & Almeda left for Ft Madison at 10.30 a.m. to day. Wrote to Dr. J H Thompson Rome Italy about my face

Wednesday, September 10

Started for Rice Lake 10 a.m. Johnny & Eddie go with me. This is their first trip to R.L. We shot two chickens before arriving at 22 Mile ford where we stopped for the night. Bright sunny day. Very dry & dusty.

Thursday, September 11

Rained this morning & again this afternoon. Drove to Chetek from 22 mile ford in 4 hours took dinner & drove to R Lake. Shot 2 “chickens” on the way Arrived in a cold disagreeable rain.

Friday, September 12

Remained at R. L. looking over the store & ____? Improvements. The new Grist Mill is up & roofed & floors being laid.

Saturday, September 13

Spent the day in Rice Lake

Sunday, September 14

Heard Rev Taylor Methodist minister preach in the hall over the Chronotype office R. Lake. Text “If the Lord be God serve Him – if Baal be God serve him.

Monday, September 15

Started after dinner to Hembook (or Hemlock?) duck hunting. Went to Socksup(?) camp in 3 hours. We found ducks scarce & wild. Jas Bracklin & Gordon Tainter also went up to hunt ducks.

Tuesday, September 16

After breakfast started for Rice Lake. Rainy. After dinner we left for Chetek. Quite a rain for ½ hour after leaving. Johnny went out spearing fish with Mike Bush & some of our men – teamsters

Wednesday, September 17

Drove home from Chetek. Rained some before we got home

Sunday, September 21

Rev. Henry Ketcham preached this morning from Mark 6th Ch 48 Verse.

Tuesday, September 23

I started at 8 ½ AM for Pr Farm. Cold North wind blowing Stopped at my cabin & took lunch. Arrived Pr Farm about 4 P.M. Hard frost

Wednesday, September 24

Left P. Farm for Menomonie. Stopped at the Washburn farm for our dinner. Drove home by the new road crossing hay river at Washburn farm Came down in 3 ¼ hours. Hard frost last night.

Monday, September 29

My face has been getting worse daily for past week. Weather now warm & rainy.

Tuesday, September 30

Rained some – very warm & sultry.

Wednesday, October 1

Bright & pleasant with very warm south winds.

Friday, October 3

Vallie gave a party at our house for Henry & Jessie. About 85 persons attended. We had a pleasant moon bright evening & every thing passed off pleasantly

Saturday, October 4

Weather unusually warm for the time of year Ther 82 ½ °

Sunday, October 5

Laid up with sore face. Did not go out to Church

Monday, October 6

Went to office & store this morning & finished some business & then came home at 11 AM & commenced applying Elm poultices to my nose which is much ulcerated & inflamed.

Tuesday, October 7

Continued poultices to day changing to Crosoh(?) in lieu of Elm. Very warm day Ther has been above 80° for several days & once 85° or 86°.

Wednesday, October 8

Dry weather & warm Pouticed with Crosoh(?) again today

Thursday, October 9

Cloudy warm & sultry Rain commenced falling at 3 P.M. This is the 44th anniversary of my first crossing the Mississippi river from Appanoose to Ft Madison Iowa

Friday, October 10

Very warm weather Dry & dusty. Indian summer.

Sunday, October 12

Warm

Monday, October 13

72° at 9 P.M.

Tuesday, October 14

Very warm Ther 82° at noon. Summer weather.

Wednesday, October 15

Warm as yesterday The weather being so warm takes the activity & life almost out of one

Thursday, October 16

Warm this forenoon but this afternoon clouded up & rain commenced to fall about 4 P.M.

Friday, October 17

Rained all night & this morning it is much cooler. Commenced raining again at 5 ½ P.M.

Wednesday, October 22

Geo Brewer & Mip Allie French were married in Cong Church at 10 A.M. Ceremony performed by Rev A McMaster

Thursday, October 23

I started to Harvey Lesen's(?) 8 miles S.E. of Shetek Arrived there just at dark. Cold NW wind all day.

Friday, October 24

I went out deer hunting this morning with Harvey Lesens & W H Landon saw no deer- Left Harvey's for Shetek about 2 P.M.

Saturday, October 25

Cold high wind from the south all day. Left Shetek for Rice Lake this afternoon.

Sunday, October 26

Remained at Rice Lake Hotel to day.

Monday, October 27

Went out with Jack Moses to look for a deer he had wounded a mile south of Rice Lake – Could not find it & saw none Transacted some business at our store & then after a shower of rain passed drove to Shetek

Tuesday, October 28

Drove from Shetek to Menomonie in about 7 hours driving time Mr W H. Landon came down with me from Shetek.

Wednesday, October 29

Weather turned some what colder. Charley Rudolph my man in charge of the stables &c left for Dakota to be gone a week.

Thursday, October 30

Ice was made last night ¼ in thick

Friday, October 31

Ther 19° this morning & cold all day. Fountain froze up

Saturday, November 1

Colder & snowing. The first snow storm this fall. Winter commences this year in reality on the 1st Nov

Sunday, November 2

Ther indicates still colder weather & the Barometer runs high.

Monday, November 3

Ther 2° below zero Pleasant in the middle of the day. Ice covers nearly all the pond. Attended school meeting.

Tuesday, November 4

Cold as yesterday The company's blacksmith shop burned down last night. Election day & the most quiet election I ever saw Warmer this eveg Ordered 3 car loads Mep pork from Chicago @10\$ per bbl.

Wednesday, November 5

Warmer this morg Ther 18° Thawed nearly all day.

Thursday, November 6

Warmer – no frost last night Ther 51°

Friday, November 7

Pleasant day. Mild.

Saturday, November 8

Rainy & disagreeable. Charley Rudolph ret'd from trip to Dakota. Tom McKinney & John Quigley cleaned our well. Met the RR Commissioner at Menomonie House about damages to K.S. & Co Property for right of way for the RR

Sunday, November 9

Pleasant day. Ther 32° this morn'g Rev A Mc Master preached his farewell sermon this morning from 1st Cor. XX Chap 58 Verse.

Tuesday, November 11

Rained heavily during the night – Ther 42° this mor'g. Rev A McMasters family left for North La Crosse where Mr McM. Goes to preach in a Pres Ch.

Wednesday, November 12

Ther 42° Cold rain & drizzle no ice in the pond Logs drift with the wind The rains have raised the streams

Thursday, November 13

Mild & muddy.

Friday, November 14

Wrote J G Knapp Tampa asking about climate &c

Saturday, November 15

Pleasant weather. Ernest R Butz the man I have engaged for gardening arrived to day & will commence work on Monday. Colder this evening.

Sunday, November 16

Ther 28° this morn Pleasant day Rev H Ketcham preached good sermon morn & eveg – Morning discourse was upon the (blank space in diary) commandment Eveg text Peter Light & darknep

Monday, November 17

Ther 22°.

Tuesday, November 18

Ther 25°. Clear & bright weather.

Wednesday, November 19

Ther 34°. Turned colder – blew a gale all day commenced at 9 ½ a.m.

Thursday, November 20

Ther 5° above zero Bright & clear

Wednesday, November 26

Drizzling rain & sleet nearly all day.

Thursday, November 27

Good sermon this AM in Cong Ch. by the Rev. Steele Methodist Minister Text II Cor 14 Chap 2d verse. We had to drive with us Henry Jesse Mip Earl - Wm Gibbs - Mr Craig Jn Hopwood.

Friday, November 28

Rolla is quite sick with bad cold & has some fever so we had to send for Dr Grannis.

Saturday, November 29

Ther 8° this mor'g. Rolla is some better We advanced price of pork to 3.75 per 100 lbs to day for hogs weighing 200 lbs & over

Monday, December 1

Thawing

Wednesday, December 3

A little snow fell ½ inch

Friday, December 5

Ther 36° this morn & 34° this eveg. It has rained all day

Saturday, December 6

Ther 33° at 7 ½ am Cloudy A little snow fell last night. The ground was too wet from yesterdays rain so that the snow melted nearly as fast as it fell

Sunday, December 7

Communion day Good sermon – Dr. Decker & wife – Mrs Fanny Decker Mr & Mrs Ketcham were received into the Cong. Church on letters

Tuesday, December 9

Snowed to the depth of ½ inch. Hired Stephen G Gould to clerk in our store for one year. Salary \$700 & he board himself. No perquisites Ole P Anderson died this morg – He was 11 years in our Co employ

Wednesday, December 10

Ther 16° wind high Funeral services of Ole P. Anderson were conducted by Rev H Ketcham in Cong Ch.

Saturday, December 13

Snowing all day but amounted to only two or three inches.

Sunday, December 14

Colder

Monday, December 15

Ther about zero all day. Ella D. Bowman started home today

Tuesday, December 16

Ther 6° above – snowed a little then turned colder. Dressed hogs came in freely. We are paying 4 ½ & 5 c for 100 lbs.

Wednesday, December 17

Very cold.

Thursday, December 18

Ther 14° this morg. Cold all day. The ther at noon as at zero & in the eveg it was colder. Some snow fell during the day.

Friday, December 19

Milder Ther 5° above at 6 a.m. 12° at noon. Snow fell lightly all day.

Sunday, December 21

Ther 5° above zero this morg. Snow commenced falling & ther rose to 15°. Snowed lightly all day.

Monday, December 22

Snowed during the night until we can now say the sleighing is tolerably fair. In Barron Co. there is 1/3 more snow than in Menomonie Ther 5° above the morg Trade brisk – Pork 5 c cash.

Tuesday, December 23

Snowed all day being the heaviest fall of snow at once time in two or three years

Wednesday, December 24

Ther 5° below. Pleasant day. Good sleighing Cold & grew colder at night – so that at bed time the Ther indicated 17° below 0, The S.S. exercises in the Cong Ch passed off well – Christmas tree, cherries(?) oranges & candy were principal items

Thursday, December 25

Ther 37° below zero this mor'g & all day it has been cold – about 3 P.M. Ther indicated 9° below. Many presents were made to all the different members of our family & the day passed off as a Happy one for all.

Friday, December 26

Cold day & all glad to remain within doors.

Sunday, December 28

Snowed to depth of 3 or 4 inches. We have snow in all say 10 inches – Good sleighing.

Monday, December 29

Not so cold – during the day but in the eve'g grew colder. Vallie is sick being worn out with care of Herbie & all the rest of the family. All having a time of sore throat bad coughs colds &c

Tuesday, December 30

Ther 10° below 0 at 7 am – Quite mild & pleasant at mid day.