

John Holly Knapp
Menomonie, Wisconsin
1874

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Thursday, January 1, 1874

Here we are Vallie Will & I at Chattanooga Tenn on our way to Florida. Left C- 5.45 A.M. for Atlanta distant 138 miles. Arrived in Atlanta Ga 1.20 P.M. Stopped at a fine Hotel the H.J. Kimball House. Ate our New Years dinner & walked out with Vallie to see the city.

Friday 2.

We left Atlanta 7 A.M. Took dinner at Forsyth & arrived in Macon (103 miles) at 3.30 P.M. Stopped at ? Hotel (good house?)! Hired a carriage & rode out to see the city. The best portion of the residence portion of Macon live on the bluff which over looks the valley of the Ockmulgee

Saturday, January 3, 1874

Left Macon at a.m. took dinner at Miller & arrived in Savannah 192 miles about 6 P.M. The day was warm & pleasant – the 2nd car behind the locomotive were thrown from the track just as we were within a fourth of a mile of the city. No one hurt – Took carriage & came to the Sarvien House. Raining.

Sunday 4

Rained nearly all day. I went to Independent Pres Ch this morning & heard a good sermon by Rev. ? from Text "For here we have no continuing city – & c"

Monday, January 5, 1874

Rainy & sultry day

Tuesday 6

Hired a carriage 6\$ & rode out to Bonaventure 4 miles. It is a cemetery with wide avenues bordered by Live Oaks draped in gray moss. The pine & myrtle adorned these also. Rode on to Thunderbolt 1 mile beyond Bonaventure. There is a fine shell road all this way.

Wednesday, January 7, 1874

We expected to take steamer Lizzee Baker to day at 10 oclck for Jacksonville but she has broken her shaft – We then concluded to go on the Dictator at noon & go on the sea route but owing to fog & the steamer will not be in until late in the night perhaps – so we took cars at 4.30 P.M. Fare 7\$ sleeping car 2\$ for each.

Thursday 8

Took breakfast at Baldwin – Beautiful sunlight morning. Hard frost last night. Arrived in Jacksonville Florida at 10.12 A.M. – Went to St. John's Hotel – At the Post Office rec'd second letter from home. Clear mild beautiful day.

Friday, January 9, 1874

Another bright morning with a little frost last night – We took carriage & rode around the city. Rec'd letter from Mr. Barwise

Saturday 10

Moved our baggage to Mr. O.P. Knapp's Forsyth street where we shall stop for awhile. Fine day. Board 15\$ per week each. If we find rooms & have board alone 10\$ per week.

Sunday, January 11, 1874

Heard a good sermon at North Pres Ch by Rev. Dr. Kennedy of Macon Georgia. In the afternoon went to the Freedman's S.S. Lovely weather. Ther 70°

Monday 12

Will Vallie & I went in company with Mr. O.P. Knapp, Mr. & Mrs. Moody & Mrs Mills on a picnic excursion across the St. John's river.

Wednesday 14

Wrote to Mr. Barwise J.H.D. & Rev JC Sherwin. Rained some to day. Wrote to Henry in the evening. Mailed some ? to JCS & Effie. Wrote to David Gilmore 82 Ashley St Chicago.

Thursday, January 15, 1874

Ther. 38° at 7 A.M. Clear & bright morning.

Friday 16.

Will & I in company with William Allan & Mr. Hamilton of New York left Jacksonville on the Steamer Starlight for Enterprise at 9 A.M. Rained & was cool & disagreeable weather.

Saturday, January 17, 1874

The St. John's river above Palatka is narrow has low swampy banks & withal is very crooked. We arrived in Enterprise on Lake Monroe about noon. Stopped at "Brook House". There are about 12 or 15 houses in Enterprise. Will & I walked down to the Sulphur Spring nearly a mile south east of the hotel.

Sunday 18

Hearing there was to be preaching in a school house close by we went over there & after Sunday School was out we heard a good sermon by a Pres Minister Rev. Talford – The sun came out this afternoon & we have promise of better weather.

Monday, January 19, 1874

Went out deer hunting on horseback 5 miles back of Enterprise while Peter Robinson took 4 dogs & drove the ? & ? for me. I saw one deer only. There seems to be very little game about that place although it is greatly praised as a "Hunter's Paradise". Left at 9 P.M. for Salt Lake.

Tuesday 20

This morning finds us on the steamer Valencia steaming up the upper St. John's which runs through a prairie marsh & small lake nearly or quite all the way from Lake Munroe to to Salt Lake. It is very narrow & very crooked. I saw 20 or 30 alligators shot several. Some ten feet long – arrived at Salt Lake at 1 P.M. took hack & rode 7 miles to Titus.

Wednesday, January 21, 1874

Arrived here at Titus-ville alias old Sand Point at 5 P.M. yesterday. Found comfortable quarters at Titusville Hotel – a collection of rough buildings situated on the banks of Indian River – Strolled around to day & took a bath in a bath house at the end of the wharf.

Thursday 22

We went across the Indian River opposite Titusville duck hunting – Mr. D Coats of Paisley Scotland went with us. An Englishman Carok by name poled & sailed the boat. We returned with oars – the wind & waves pretty high.

Friday, January 23, 1874

A warm day Ther 84° at 11 oclk A.M. – Did nothing in the way of hunting or fishing. To day Bishop Beckworth Rev. Boom & Dr. CH Hall of Georgia came up from Fort ? where they have been fishing for several days with good success.

Saturday 24

We left Titusville – alias old sand point at 7.20 A.M. – It took 2 ½ hours to reach Salt Lake where we waited 3 hours for the little steamboat Lollie Bay - The water being ? we were taken out ¼ mile on a wood boat to meet the steamer.

Sunday, January 25, 1874

This morning found us on Lake Harvey – Afterward run up Lake Joseph. Landed at Mellonville. Enterprise & c. on Lake ? Left Mellonville about 9 P.M. – very windy & lake rough.

Monday 26

Cool day – arrived at Palatka, after landing at Harts Orange grove about 4 P.M. Left the steamer “Lollie Bay” and went on board the ? a fort boat at Palatka & arrived in Jacksonville 9 ½ P.M. Found Vallie quite well & not expecting us.

Tuesday, January 27, 1874

Cold & yet warmer than yesterday.

Wednesday 28

Rained this forenoon – cleared off very warm & pleasant this afternoon – Read several letters – wrote J.H.D. & to Mr. Stout. Vallie & I called this evening on Mrs. Judge Currier at St. James Hotel.

Thursday, January 29, 1874

Ther 46° sunlight but cool – We walked down to the “Dictator” & went on board – Purchased some Florida curiosities at one of the shops on Bay Street.

Saturday, January 31, 1874

It is warm enough to do without fires & to sit out on the Piazza in the evening & enjoy the bright moonlight

Sunday, February 1

Went to Pres Ch this A.M. & to the Colored Prairie church in the evening where we witnessed the peculiarity of their style of worship. At the close they sing & shake hands for fifteen minutes keeping time with the music by shaking or swinging the hands & half way dancing.

Monday, February 2, 1874

Very warm – cloudy this forenoon – wrote to Capt. Tainter. Vallie & I went to the National Hotel & took a bath in the evening.

Tuesday 3

Warm & sultry with heavy showers this forenoon. H. L. Stout & Frank Stout arrived to day from DuBuque via New Orleans. Went to the Colored peoples Sunday School concert in the evening.

Wednesday, February 4, 1874

A party of 12 to 15 mostly from our boardinghouse went on board the little steamer “Clifton” at 9 A.M. & made an excursion to the Florida Winter Home & 4 miles up Arlington Creek – Returned to the grounds of the House for picnic lunch – I returned to Jacksonville on 2 oclk boat, the others returned on the 4 oclk boat.

Thursday 5

Started in company with Mr. Stout & Frank at 9 A.M. on Steamer Florida for Palatka. Arrived at Palatka 3 ½ P.M. – Took supper at the Putnam House & then went on board the little steamer Okalumkee to go up the Ocklawaha river. The steamer is entirely new & this is her first trip. She is 20 ft wide X 80 long.

Friday, February 6, 1874

The boat left Palatka at 2:00 a.m. – After break-fast we entered the Ocklawaha river the boat stopped often to cut out trees that leaned over the river & impeded navigation. The river is very narrow & bordered by a cypress swamp & the trees are heavily draped with gray moss.

Saturday 7

Mr & Mrs Geo H. Moody, Col. Walker & wife, Capt Kindrick, Dr. Fletcher Mr. Coats – whom I met on the upper St. John's. Mr. Fitch, Miss Steward & others are fellow passengers about 24 persons in all. We followed the same winding river to day until we came to Silver Springs Creek where we turned & ran up west 8 miles to the spring.

Sunday, February 8, 1874

Silver Spring is 150 yards across it & 75 ft deep & so clear that the most minute object can be seen at the bottom. The stream issuing from it is 80 to 100 ft wide & 20 to 40 ft deep. To day finds us in Lake Griffin & raining heavily.

Monday 9. At "Okahawkee"

Cool chilly morning. Mr. Stout & I intended having a hunt for deer at this place, but the weather & everything else seems so unpropitious That we have concluded to return by same boat. Left Oka ? a place of half a dozen houses about 9 A.M. We came through Lakes ? Harms, Griffin & c Shot several alligators.

Tuesday, February 10, 1874

Fair clear day & warmer. Shot some Alligators. Went up the Silver Spring river about 2 P.M. – Saw the Spring in bright sunlight in all its cleanness beauty. It is peculiar in the effect it produces upon any substance thrown in to it – in turning everything to a silvery whiteness.

At night by firelight I shot a blue heron & a Limpken both of which I got – the latter fell on the boat.

Wednesday 11

Warm pleasant - Laid up for fog last night 2 ½ hours – Saw very little game to day. We arrived in Palatka about 6 P.M. Put up at the Putnam House.

Thursday, February 12, 1874

Left Palatka on the Starlight at 8.50 A.M. for Jacksonville. Mr. Stout & Frank take the Hathe at 10 AM to go to Tocor & thence to St. Augustine. Arrived in Jaxville about 5 ½ P.M. found Vallie & Will very well.

Friday 13

Left Jacksonville at 9 A.M. on the Florence for Tocor & took Will with me. We arrived at Tocor at 1 ¼ P.M. – Remained there until 3 ½ P.M.. Took the horse cars for St. Augustine. Arrived there at Depot 6 P.M. at the Florida House 6 ½ P.M. having ¾ of a mile to ride in the Omni bus.

Saturday, February 14, 1874

Went boat riding on the bay. Mr. Stout, Frank, will & I and Mr. Stearns and his son Willie – We visited the light house not yet completed. It is 175 ft high. Iron stairway inside. Estimated cost to the Govt. is \$150,000. I took my gun along & shot some strange birds called here “Shear Water” & some gulls.

Sunday 15

Went to Episcopal Church twice to day. Heard a good sermon both morning and evening.

Monday, February 16, 1874

We took a sail down the bay – I shot a duck & 5 or 6 sand snipe. Finished a letter to EH Weber in the evening.

Tuesday 17

Wrote to Mr. Gibbs this morning. Weather warm. Ther. 72° at 10 oclck A.M. We left St. Augustine at about 1 A.M. Arrived in Tocor about 2 P.M. & Green Cove Spring's 3.30 P.M. on “City?”. Stopped at the Clarendon Hotel. Took bath in the sulphur spring water. Bathing place 25 X 100 ft.

Wednesday, February 18, 1874.

Rained last night – we walked up to Mag-nolia ? distant about 1 ¼ to 1 ½ miles. Bathed again. Weather growing cold & windy.

Took Stmr Florence at 4 P.M. for Jackson ville arrived 7 P.M. Felt uncomfortably chilly.

Thursday 19

Feel ? Took Quinine Pills 3 times to day. Will is getting ready to go north with Mr. Stout.

Friday, February 20, 1874

Wrote JHD – weather growing milder. We i.e. Mr. Stout, Frank, Vallie & I took a walk out in the suburbs to the cemetery. Very warm in the after-noon.

Saturday 21

Will started for our home in Wis. to day with Mr. Stout & Frank D. Stout. They took the steamer Dictator & sailed at 8.30 A.M. for Savannah. Beautiful warm day.

Saturday, February 28, 1874

Have been sick since Will left. Took cold I think from bathing in cold day in Green Cove Springs.

Tuesday 3

We left Jacksonville for St. Augustine at 9 A.M. on Steamer Florence to Tocor & Horse RR. Thence to St. Augustine. The day was warm I met Mr. Beach & wife & Dr. Moser of St. Louis on the Florence. The cars on the St. John R.R. were very crowded 100 in 3 house cars.

Wednesday, March 4, 1874

Wrote to Will – to JR. Stewart, Jeff Williams & H. ?. Packed a barrel of oranges 306 for which
I paid 6.10
Barrel & ct 1.00
Frt to N.Y. 1.75
\$8.85

Miss Pincer, Mrs Belding & Vallie helped to wipe & wrap the oranges – Went sailing in the forenoon.

Thursday 5

Wrote to Am Ex Co.

" " EA Gilbbs
" " Henry E K.
" " H. L Stout
" " Post master Jaxnvll
" " G.P. Knapp ?

Made a mistake of a day – the above letters were written on the 6th instead of the 5th & the oranges were packed on the 5th.

Friday, March 6, 1874

Very warm. Went out with a party sailing – went out to where the surf rolls in on the bar. I feel much better here than in Jacksonville.

Saturday 7

Visited the Fort. Very warm 82°

Sunday, March 8, 1874

Cooler to day.

Monday 9

Cool to day – Ther 46°

Tuesday, March 10, 1874

Went sailing – cool day. 23 persons of us went out in the Yacht Osceola. We went up north river three miles & walked a ½ mile across to the beach.

Wednesday 11

Rained heavily this afternoon – Quite cool

Thursday, March 12, 1874

We left St. Augustine this morning 10 ½ oclk & from the depot 11 ¼ A.M. Arrived in Tocor about 2 P.M. & in Palatka (by steamer Holter from Tocor) 20 minutes to 5 P.M. Vallie met with some old Acquaintances then Dr. Benson son & daugh-ter & Mrs Young of Reading, PA

Friday 13

Saw our family off on the Holter & then took a row boat & went over to Harts orange grove.

Saturday, march 14, 1874

Returned on the Holter to Tocor & thence by steamer Florence to Jacksonville where we arrived 7 ½ PM

Sunday 15

Went to Episcopal church in the eveg with Mr. Fleming's folks – poor sermon.

Monday, March 16, 1874

Wrote to Will & Effie, J.H.D, Mr. Brown, ? & Geo H. Brown – Sent paper to J.C.S. Henry & Effie. Very warm day Ther 83°

Tuesday 17

My letters & papers were not mailed till to day. Very warm to day 88 1/2°

Wednesday, March 18, 1874

Warm again to day. Ther 86° - Bought another trunk & commen-ced to pack up. Got draft sent to me by E.A. Gibbs cashed 300, DG Ambley Draft ? on Imp & Parker note 100/\$400

Thursday 19

Wrote to F. D. Stout, Rev. JC Sherwin, Effie & Hattie – Ther 89°. Engaged passage on the "City Point" for Charleston. Packed our trunks three in number.

Friday, March 20, 1874

Were awakened at 5 oclk A.M. to go on board the steamer "City Point" for Charleston. She was to leave at 6 A.M. but did not get off from Jacksonville wharf until 7 A.M. Stopped at Fernandino diner at 12 noon – left at 12 ½ P.M. – Dr. Benson, Mrs Benson & Mrs. Young of Reading PA were also passengers on City Point.

Saturday 21

Arrived at Savannah in the night. Our Reading friends left the boat there. City Point left Savannah at 7 A.M. – We had another beautiful day. The sea was not rough though Vallie did not feel like going down to dinner as there is considerable motion. Arrived in Charleston, S.C. at 4 P.M. – Stopped at Charleston Hotel.

Sunday, March 22, 1874

I went to church at Pres Ch. – Rev. preached a good sermon. Very warm day.

Monday 23

I sailed out to Fort Sum ter in a yacht, the "Eleanor". The fort being rebuilt. There remains very little sign of the other forts that were so often mentioned during the war except the walls of Fort Moultrie. Rode out around the city in the afternoon. A Mr. & Mrs Hill of Providence accompanied us in the ride.

Tuesday, March 24, 1874

We left Charleston at 9 A.M. – Stopped in Augusta 3 or 4 hours at the Planten House – Hired a carriage & rode out to see the city – Took sleeping car at 8 P.M. for Atlanta – good weather – saw Dr. Benson at Aiken.

Wednesday 25

Arrived in Atlanta early in the morning. Took breakfast at the H.J. Kimball House & then left on the Atlantic & Western about 8 A.m. for Chattanooga. Arrived in C at 4.30 P.M. & left at 6 P.M. on the Memphis & Charleston R.R. in Sleeping cars for Memphis – Day fine.

Thursday, March 26, 1874

Arrived in Memphis about 3 P.M. 3 hours behind time. Stopped at the Pea-body Hotel.

Friday 27

Did some shopping in Memphis this morning & left at 5 P.M. on the R.R. for Little Rock the roughest R.R. I ever saw.

Saturday, March 28, 1874

Arrived in Little Rock 4.30 A.M. changed cars & came on the Caine & Fulton R.R. to Malvern – took breakfast & at 8 oclk left Malvern in the stage for Hot Springs & for 8 hours traveled over the roughest road in the land & tired & sore arrived at Hot Springs Hotel 4 P.M.

Sunday 29

Rested to day.

Monday, March 30, 1874

Our trunks have not arrived yet. Consulted Dr. Lawrence & he gave me encouragement yesterday. Took bath to day & medicine as he directed - ? in the bath took with water. 90° to 98° 5 minutes. Vapor 3 minutes sweat in blankets 8 minutes drinking plenty of hot iron spring water during bath.

Tuesday 31

Bath a gain to day.

Wednesday, April 1, 1874

Cool to day – Vallie & I walked out & engaged a room at Mr. Barnes where we can be more comfortable & quiet than we can in the Hot Springs Hotel. J.W. Cary Esq. wife & son of Milwaukee arrived this eveg. Moon filled & this is the first clear night since we have been here.

Thursday 2

This has been a beautiful sunlight day. The first we have had in Arkansas. Moved in the afternoon to Mr. Barnes.

Friday, April 3, 1874

We like our new boarding place. Bathed in the afternoon as usual.

Saturday 4

Fine day, warm do not need fire in our room. I had an unusually good appetite.

Sunday, April 5, 1874

Showery this forenoon. Did not bath to day. Clear bright beautiful day – Heard Rev. Greer Presiding Elder preach from 1 Cor 15 – 20 & 21

Monday 6

Arose early & walked to the Iron spring ½ mile & filled my can with hot water – returned & dressed my nose before breakfast – Took bath – in the afternoon. Called on the Dr. as usual – Vallie went out to call on Mrs. Cary.

Tuesday, April 7, 1874

Rainy day. Took a bath. Read a letter from Thos Wilson informing us of the death of his youngest son Thaddeus on the night of the 31st ?

Wednesday 8

Heavy rain all last night & all day to day. The creek is high. Did not bathe today. Wrote T.B.W & J.C. Sherwin.

Thursday, April 9, 1874

Rained all night & in the forenoon. Wrote to Henry & J.B. Stewart. Took a bath in the afternoon. The rain ceased this forenoon & the sun came out – clear this P.M.

Friday 10

Frost last night. Rec'd letter from J.H.D. endorsing P.O. orders – Fair day. Called on Dr. Lawrence. He says I may call every other day to consult him as that will be often enough. Wrote to Capt. Wilson.

Saturday, April 11, 1874

Frost a gain – Wrote to Will & to J.H.D. – Rode out to the whetstone quarry – 1 1/2 miles – Bath at 4 3/4 P.M., Fine day.

Sunday 12

When I sent to the Spring for water at 11 A.M. I went up on the side of the hill to see the upper springs & to my astonish-ment found Mr. & Mrs. Stout & their daughter Fannie up there – They said they arrived yesterday eveg.

Monday, April 13, 1874

Clear & pleasant. Went with Mr. Stout to see Dr. Lawrence. Bathed as usual. Saw C. Jordan & Co Hardware Merchant of New York whom I used to know. He lives here now.

Tuesday 14

Rose at 3 1/2 A.M. went out Turkey hunting with Mr. Rock-a fellow druggist in this place. We went around the mountain East of the Village – then crossed the "Golpher Creek" & while trying to call up turkies by means of a "Yelper" we saw a deer 115 paces distant & Mr. R – drew up in on him with his rifle. It snapped & away ran the deer.

Wednesday, April 15, 1874

Rainy morning & heavy rain with hail last night.

Thursday 16

Vallie & I rode to the bath at 7 1/4 A.M. & returned in time for breakfast. I called to see Dr. Lawrence in the forenoon also on Col. Jordan. Went to see Mr. Stout in the afternoon. Drew 100\$ on Postal order & paid 80\$ to Mr. Barnes on boarding account. Wrote J. B. Gates & Southern Ex Company.

Friday, April 17, 1874

Cool morning - 54°. Rode to bath 6 ½ A.M. Engaged Charley Hotchkiss to take us to the bath every morning at 6 ½ A.M. at 50¢ each day. Wrote to O.P. Knapp.

Saturday 18

Vallie bathed this morning – I did not because of rain. Saw Dr. L. he thinks I am improving. Very rainy disagreeable day.

Sunday, April 19, 1874

Rained heavily nearly all night & this fore-noon – Cleared off for three or four hours & then rained again. Took a bath at 4 ½ P.M.

Monday 20

Fine clear day – Mr. Stout & I walked up to the whetstone quarry & then up to the top of the mountain in rear of the quarry. Rec'd ?? & Draft 24.00 from J.B. Stewart.

Tuesday, April 21, 1874

Fine & clear sunlight day

Wednesday 22

Rain commenced to fall this forenoon about 11 o'clock. Called to see Dr. L- about my leaving for home for two or three weeks. Wrote J.H.D & Henry.

Thursday, April 23, 1874

Wrote to J.B. Stewart & to David Gilmore.

Friday 24

Wrote to Carrie ?. Mr. & Mrs Stout & Fannie Vallie & I walked to the Whetstone Mill this forenoon a distance of two miles over a very rough road. We were all tired on our return. Rec'd letters from Effie & EA Gibbs. Two drafts 100\$ Ea enclosed from EA G.

Saturday, April 25, 1874

Settled with Dr. Lawrence. Paid him amt of his bill \$50 – He asked Draft of 100\$ from me.

Sunday 26

Clear sunlight day. Warm

Monday, April 27, 1874

Called to see P. Jordan who is sick of inflam-atory Rheumatism. Helped him in his ?? wants. Fine day – Warm – Ther 78° Rained in the evening while the boarders met at Mrs. Barnes room to present her with a Photo of us all – Packed up ready for a start.

Tuesday 28

Rained last night but sun warm & pleasant this morning. Left Hot Springs for home at 9 ½ A.M. – Left Malvern 11 P.M. Mr & Mrs. Stout & Fannie Stout & Mrs Dean of Dubuque also left at same time & journey-ed with us.

Wednesday, April 29, 1874

Arrived in St. Louis at 6.15 P.M. Fine warm day. Found all well at John Douglass house.

Thursday 30

Rode up to the Lum-ber yard with John in the forenoon. Warm day & dusty. In the afternoon the folks all but myself went out to Shaw's garden. I not feeling well went to bed & slept & felt better for the restl.

Friday, May 1, 1874

Left St. Louis at 3 P.M. on the Steamer Andy Johnson – Very hot & dusty in St. Louis.

Saturday 2

Cooler to day with high winds. Reached Keokuk at 2 ½ P.M. Left there in cars for Ft. Madison at 5.20 P.M. – arrived in Ft. M 6.20 P.M. Went to Judge Becks.

Sunday, May 3, 1874

Jonas took us out to his house – Found all well – Mother looks well. Johnny & Eddie have grown considerable – cold & windy weather.

Monday 4

Cold & windy. Jonas & I went to town.

Tuesday, May 5, 1874

Left Ft. Madison at 6.30 P.M. for Chicago. Took sleeping car at Burlington – Eddie came with us Johnny remained at Uncle Jonas. William & Deborah came over to Jonas to day to see us. Recd from EA Gibbs

Bills cg	130
Drafts – 2 50\$ ea	<u>100</u>
	\$230

Wednesday 6

Arrived in Chicago 7 A.M. – Put up at the Palmer House. Went out shopping with Vallie.

Thursday, May 7, 1874

Shopping in Chicago. Weather fine.

Friday 8

Hot dry & dusty. We arrived at home about 3 P.M. & found all well. Our team with Effie, Mrs. Mott & Herbie met us at the depot. We are very thank-ful to get home & find all well. Our friends called to see & congratulate us.

Saturday, May 9, 1874

Another fine warm day. Fires running in every direction.

Thursday 14

Geo. Newman commenced work – Rained.

Friday, May 15, 1874

Wm Mott commenced work.

Saturday 16

Plants from Florida arrived.

Monday 18

Pleasant – neither Geo N nor John Krieser at work for me to day.

Friday 22

Mr. Sherwin Will Eddie & I started about 10 ½ A.M. for my cabin on Otter Creek to be gone a few days but conclu-ded to drive to Wash burn Farm first – did so – Rain commenced to fall when within a mile or two of the Farm. Before that the dust had been intolerable.

Saturday, May 23, 1874

Left Washburn Farm this morning & drove to my cabin – Found everything all right. Caught a few trout this afternoon.

Sunday 24

Mr. Sherwin & I walked to the school at Hay River Bridge near Bulocks & organized a Sunday School. Heavy rain fell while we were in the School House. We walked back again most of the way & arrived at the cabin at 5 P.M. Will & Eddie staid at the cabin all day.

Monday, May 25, 1874

I went up the East branch of the creek this morning & caught 18 trout. We started home at 1 o'clock P.M. – Stop-ped about an hour at Otter Creek bridge to try the fishing. It was poor fishing there & we drove home. The sun shining bright & warm a beautiful day. Got home at 5.40 P.M.

Tuesday 26

Very warm to day. I sent three calves two months to 2 ½ mos. old to the farm. I marked one heifer calf with number bit in the left ear. It is the white cow's calf.

Thursday 28

Very warm day – Ther 93° in the shade. Vallie is cleaning house. Moved furniture up stairs.

Friday, May 29, 1874

Hot again to day. At work at home. Received & tried our new 16 in Philad. Lawn Mower. It works tolerably well.

Saturday 30

Very warm this A.M., cooler towards eveg. Ther 72° at 8 P.M.

Tuesday, June 2, 1874

Went to St. Paul. Saw Gov. Marshall on matters connected with St. Anthony Park.

Wednesday 3

Bought ivory furniture for front room up stairs. Returned home.

Thursday, June 4, 1874

Had a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Sherwin. Vallie & I went to Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Friday 5

Not much done to day on acct of the Circus & ? here. Took Herbie to see the procession. Eddie & Will went to see the show. The only members of our family that went.

Saturday, June 6, 1874

Very busy to day. Weather cool & a little showery. Wrote to E.A. Stone. Also to P. Raines St. Paul for Cemetery assn.

Sunday 7

Communion day at our church & attendance good.

Tuesday 9

Mother Johnny & Hattie arrived to day from Ft. Madison via steamer to St. Paul & RR here. They were 4 days on the way.

Saturday 13

Furniture from St. Paul arrived – Put it up. One chair was split on the leg & the knobs did not fit. Wm Wilt helped to open the boxes & carry in the furniture. He is a good hand.

Sunday, June 14, 1874

Taught class in S.S. & attended Ch as usual – Rainy again in the eveg.

Monday 15

Got ready to leave for Hot Springs, Ark. Drew 100\$ from office sent draft to pay DeCoster & Clark for bill furniture \$409.61. Wrote for ?? to PoH Young & Co. N.Y. & enclosed 1.00. Left for Chicago at 12.54 noon.

Tuesday, June 16, 1874

Arrived in Chicago at 7 A.M. – Took breakfast at Palmer House. Bought some books for Will & ordered shoes made for Vallie. Left Chicago on 9 A.M. train of CA & St. Louis. RR arrived in St. L 9.30 P.M. & went out to John H. D house by 10 ½ PM

Wednesday 17

Remained over to day in St. Louis. Dry warm & dusty here.

Thursday, June 18, 1874

Left St. Louis 9.50 AM in sleeping car on the St. Louis Iron Mt. R.R. for Malvern

Friday 19

Arrived at Malvern 4.45 A.M. at 5.45 left in coach for Hot Sprgs. Arriving at 11 A.M. being only 25 hours from St. Louis. Took lodgings at Mr. Barnes where Vallie & I boarded before. Wrote to Vallie.

Saturday, June 20, 1874

Ther 94°. They have had no rain here for six weeks & there is great heat much dust & crops look poorly. Wrote to H.P. Knapp Rice Lake.

Monday, June 22, 1874

Wrote to Vallie J.H. D. & Mr. Stout.

Tuesday 23

Wrote to E. Remington & sons J. Boyle 203 Fulton St. N.Y. & to W.G Barton NY. Warm cloudy & sultry & threatened rain – sprinkled a few drops.

Wednesday, June 24, 1874

Called on Dr. Lawrence. Paid him 5\$. Weather warm & sultry. Rec'd letters from Vallie & G.W.D. – the first I have rec'd since I came down here this time.

Friday, June 26, 1874

Very hot to day. Mr. Leahy from Milwau kee called to see me this eveg. Recd a letter from Vallie & the Dunn Co. News.

Saturday 27

Called to see Dr. L. He gave me recipe for another ointment. Called in M M Leahy of Milwaukee who is stopping here in Hot Spgs for the benefit of his son's health. He leaves to morrow for home. Very hot to day 98° in the shade.

Sunday, June 28, 1874

Hot a gain to day. Went to Episcopal Ch this forenoon.

Monday 29

Still the same. Unpleasant heat & dust.

Tuesday, June 30, 1874

Ther 95° to 96° to day. Wrote to Stewart & Knapp. Beckie L. Frailey ack-nnowledging Draft \$82.50. Wrote to Dr. George. Rain fell to day 2 3/8 inches in about half an hour.

Wednesday, July 1

Called to see Dr. L – paid him 5\$.

Thursday, July 2, 1874

Rode over to Sulphur Springs 8 miles in the stage. It is a quiet out of the way place but not very good accommodations for visitors. The Sulphur Spring is small & not highly impregnated with sulphur.

Friday 3

At Sulphur Spgs.

Saturday, July 4, 1874

Returned to Hot spgs after dinner – on the way stopped at the Barbecue & picnic held by the Hot spgs citizens on the bank of the Golpher near where the stage road crosses that stream. Found letters awaiting my return. One convey-ing the sad news of the death of Cousin Levi J. Cooley in Elmira N.Y.

Sunday 5

Went to Catholic Church. Had a little shower, enough to more than lay the dust. Wrote to Vallie.

Monday, July 6, 1874

Wrote to Capt W. " " Jesse Cooley. Took bath as usual.

Tuesday 7

Finished reading Victor Hugo's New work "930"

Wednesday, July 8, 1874

Called to see Dr. L- he advised me to go to White Sulph Sprgs VA & return here in Oct. – Packed up some of my things preparatory to leaving for home on Friday. Wrote home & to Mr. Stout & J.H.D.

Thursday 9

Consulted Dr. Brooks. He thinks he can cure me – thinks the sore on my nose maybe Lupus & advises me to remain a short time & try his treatment. Concluded to do so. Wrote to Vallie that I should remain & to J.H.D.

Friday, July 10, 1874

Rained to day. Weather is cooler.

Saturday 11

Called on Dr. Brooks again according to appointment.

Sunday, July 12, 1874

Went to church in open air this A.M. It was quarterly meeting of the Methodist Church & Rev. Hunter presiding elder preached a good sermon in the grove just South of the Sumter House. Wrote to Vallie.

Monday 13

Called to see Dr. Brooks this morning. He gave me encouragement & thinks he can cure me. Rained heavily this afternoon.

Tuesday, July 14, 1874

This afternoon Mr. J.W. Rhinehart of Springfield Ohio – Mr. McDonald of Louisville KY & Major Witherspoon of Little Rock & I rode out to a Sulphur Spring 5 miles on the Little Rock road. Rained about 8 P.M.

Wednesday 15

Took a bath this morning. Called on Dr. Brooks. Got receipts & paid his bill 20\$. Settled with Mr. Barnes.

Thursday, July 16, 1874

Left Hot Springs at 4 oclk a.m. arrived Malvern 9 ½ - Left on the cars 11.45 – sleeping car 3.50.

Friday 17

Arrived in St. Louis 5 ½ am. Spent the day there at J.H.D. & up to Lumber yard & c. Left 7.30 P.M. for Chicago. Heavy rain this afternoon.

Saturday, July 18, 1874

Arrived in Chicago 7.30 A.M. Left at 10 A.M.

Sunday 19

Arrived at home 4 A.M. Found all well & surprised to see me.

Monday, July 20, 1874

Feeling weak & tired from long traveling & visiting Hot Spgs in hot weather.

Sunday, July 26, 1874

Funeral of Mrs. Biere at Cong. Ch. Rev. JC Sherwin preached the funeral discourse.

Monday 27

Mr. Wainright came to attend to some matter of JM with me.

Tuesday, July 28, 1874

Henry Effie & Hattie went to Eau Claire & I got ready to go to Cabin to attend to getting some hay put up.

Wednesday 29

Will John & I started at 1 ½ P.M. for cabin on Otter Creek – arrived there by 6 ½ P.M. Rained about bed time.

Thursday, July 30, 1874

John cut some hay. I caught some trout (11) this A.M. Will shot two pigeons – I cooked the birds. Beautiful day not many flies or mosquitoes – very pleasant.

Friday 31

I cut some grass for hay.

Saturday, August 1, 1874

We returned home this forenoon via ford at mouth of Hay River – excessively dry & dusty.

Sunday 2

Mr. Sherwin preached the funeral sermon of Hans Lund child. Beautiful day. First green corn to day from our garden.

Monday, August 3, 1874

Mr. Malcom from Ft. Madison came to our home this after-noon. Says Judge Beck & wife & children are coming up about 15th inst. Mother recd Draft 72.00 from Pension agt which I handed to Mr. Barwise. Sent 25\$ to a Mr A.M. Hodge & sent order 50\$ on J.C. McCabe to Hammond Cong. Ch.

Tuesday 4

Got ready for a trip to Rice Lake. Commenced raining in the evening & con-tinued some hours.

Wednesday, August 5, 1874

Concluded not to start until to morrow morning. Cut okra for the first time this season from our garden. Apples in garden are ripe enough to cook.

Thursday 6

Mr. Sherwin & I left home 9 ½ A.M. for Rice Lake – stopped at 1 ½ PM for dinner at the Ford of the Menomonie known 22 miles ford – Left there at 3 P.M. crossed the river – crossed back at Sand Creek & arrived at Chetek 7 ¼ P.M.

Friday, August 7, 1874

Rained this forenoon so we laid over at Chetek until after dinner then drove 14 miles to Rice Lake arriving there 3 P.M.

Saturday 8

Remained at Rice Lake & fished some in the Lake & rowed over as far as Ball house – no success in fishing.

Sunday, August 9, 1874

Mr. Sherwin talked some to the people gathered in the sitting room in the hotel in the evening.

Monday 10

Mr. Sherwin Henry & I went to Red Cedar Lake to day 12 miles distant N.E. of Rice Lake. Peter Paulson drove for us. We took a lumber wagon as the road half the way was rough & hard wood timber Camped near Smiths – Alex Paint Indian(?) took me up to Pokegama. In the evening shot two ducks.

Tuesday, August 11, 1874

With Alex in his bark canoe we went around the large Island & took quite a long ride on the Lake. The whole scenery is picturesque but the river at SE end of lake called the Pokegama is the most so. Mosquitoes bad in the eveg.

Wednesday 12

Sent team back to Rice Lake & took passage in the bark canoe for Rice Lake by river. The river so low that frequently Henry & the Indian had to get out & pull over the shoal places & I feared a hole would be worn in our bark canoe. Arrived in the eveg at Rice Lake having stopped 2 ½ hours at farm.

Thursday, August 13, 1874

We started in my boat at 9 A.M. from Rice Lake Henry rowing & I steering & Mr. Sherwin in the Center of the boat. My dog "Doc" sitting in the stern next to me. We came about a mile below mouth of Chetek and camped.

Friday 14

Left camp at 8 oclck & rowed to 22 mile ford arriving about 3 P.M. Henry & I went out Chicken shooting & got.

Saturday, August 15, 1874

Started after break fast in our boat & came to Moore farm by 11 A.M. Alfred came up with team & met us at Moore Farm about 3 P.M. On arriving at home found our friends, Judge Beck & family from Ft. Madison at our house. They came to day.

Sunday 16

Mr. Sherwin preached a good sermon.

Sunday, August 23, 1874

I superintended Sunday School & taught my class.

Monday 24

I went up to Moore Farm & bagged 16 grouse – good shooting for about ½ day when game is so scarce.

Friday 28

T. B. Wilson went with Henry & me to my cabin on Otter Creek. We went via Moore Farm & shot 12 chickens on the way up. Thos. caught a few trout. Had a pleasant day. Found the chicken alias grouse plenty for this season after crossing the ford.

Saturday, August 29, 1874

We returned from the cabin. The rain last night made it rather wet hunting early this morning. We bagged 13 grouse on our way home.

Sunday 30

Superintended S. School to day & taught my class – Mr. Larkham the Supt being absent.

Tuesday, September 1

Henry started for Ripon, Chicago & Worcester Mass where he is at the latter place going to Military Academy for one year. Will will join him at Chicago & Johnny also – but he goes to Franklin N.Y. – while Will & Henry go to Worcester & Effie will go to Milwaukee to school.

Wednesday, September 2, 1874

Gov. Marshall came over to day to see Tainter & me about selling us 200 acres in St. Anthony Park St. Paul.

Thursday 3

Hurrying times with Vallie & all of us now to get the children ready for school. Trunks to be packed. Linen marked. Garments made & a hundred things to be done. We went to prayer meeting this eve. I'm ? to ? Read the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Friday, September 4, 1874

Wrote to Henry at Worcester Mass & enclosed Draft on N.Y. for \$700.00 to pay on his & Will's school bill at the Highland Military Academy. Sent him a letter at Chicago containing 150 Draft on N.Y. for Johnny's school bill first term

Saturday 5

Vallie with Effie Will & Johnny got off on the 12.54 train for Chicago – Hurrying times to get to the Depot – Rained last night steadily. Very busy this afternoon.

Sunday, September 6, 1874

Communion day for our ch. Rev. J. Lawson Agt Bible Soc. preach ed. Text Isaiah 28-16 "A tried stone" Taught my class as usual. About 65 present altogether. Very warm day.

Monday 7

Another warm day. Ther 90°. Wrote J.H.D. David Gilmore & sent him Ck for 200\$. Pres & Chas S. Floran of Mil F. college & sent him 150\$ on Effie's board & tuition as advance payt – Attended Cemetery Association meeting this eveg. Put new barrel in my rifle.

Tuesday, September 8, 1874

Very hot. 92° in the shade. Wrote to Dr. Elsworth at Denver & Trinidad. Drove out to Home Farm & took Grandma Hattie & the three children at home with me.

Wednesday 9

Vallie returned from Milwaukee on 2.04 PM train.

Thursday, September 10, 1874

Capt Tainter & I went over to St. Paul on business with Gov. Marshall. Gov. M- met us at Depot & took us to his home to stay all night. Rainy evening.

Friday 11

Rode out with Gov. Marshall to see the St. Anthony Park land. Tainter & I have agreed to buy 200 acres of him at 125\$ per acre. We did not have time to complete the whole business & returned home on night train. Rained all night last night.

Saturday, September 12, 1874

Pleasant day. Cooler

Sunday 13

Pleasant day. Mr. Sherwin is very sick & hence no service in our Ch. to day. I went over & took care of him this afternoon.

Monday, September 14, 1874

Vallie spent the day at Mr. Sherwin's. Mr & Mrs. S- & their little boy all being sick. Rained heavily all night.

Tuesday 15

Collected 15\$ owe me from Estate of S.F. Harris. Mr Sherwin is much better. Mrs S-about same. Vallie staid over there to day.

Friday, September 18, 1874

Took Eddie & John Kreiser with me to Hunter's retreat. Found the East shutter off my cabin window & some person had been in.

Tuesday, September 22, 1874

Left home for St. Louis & Colosko at 12.54 P.M.

Wednesday 23

Arrived in Chicago at 7 A.M. Put up at Grand Pacific – Wrote home to H.C.S. & SWK – Visited the Exposition in the forenoon. Left for Ft. Madison at 10 P.M.

Thursday, September 24, 1874

Arrived in Ft. M- about 10 AM Went out to Jonas on the evening after paying a visit to the Vineyard. There are about 6,000 lbs grapes there.

Friday 25

Left Ft M- on 6.22 P.M. train for St. Louis via Monmouth & thence on R.R. I & St. L. R.R. –

Saturday, September 26, 1874

Arrived in St. Louis about 7.30 AM. Went out to JHD's & found all well. Called to see Dr. RH Dalton in the evening. He thinks he can cure me of Lupus on the nose.

Sunday 27

Went to see Dr. Dalton this morning & we drove down to Jones & Sibley Co. 5th & Market & got the Doctors Pres. Filled – It is No. 42538 – Bank Z. Drove back to his office & he applied it but it did not hurt me as he expected. At 5 P.M. it began to trouble me & hurt till midnight causing swelling & c.

Monday, September 28, 1874

Called on Dr. Dalton again. Paid him 10\$ - Got key made to my large Black traveling bag cost 15¢ cheap. Bought ticket to Denver & return via Mo Pac & Kansas Pac Rys, 75\$. Wrote to H. Van Reed. Vallie, Will & to H. ?. Left St. Louis at 9.15 P.M. on Mo. Pac.

Tuesday 29

2 ¼ A.M. the passing ers were aroused at Osage river & told to change cars. The bridge had broken down when a freight train was passing over it. It took us an hour & a half to get ferried over the river baggage aboard and off for Kansas City when we arrived about 10 A.M. & took cars for Denver over the Kansas Pac R.R.

Wednesday, September 30, 1874

This morning find us out on the plains near Fort Wallace. We breakfasted at Wallace. Huge(?) is the dinner station. Saw some antelope but no Buffalo. Arrived in Denver after a hot dusty ride about 6.30 P.M. Wrote to Vallie & to Stewart Knapp.

Thursday, October 1

Looking around Denver the grand old Rocky Mountains in sight seeming to be but 5 miles to the foot hills it is 15 miles.

Friday, October 2, 1874

Went on the Boulder Valley R.R. to Boulder this forenoon to see the Co. Fair – It was not worth seeing. Returned in the evening train to Denver. Met on the train Geo. W. Brown of Denver Geo. Swiger of Milwaukee & Hans Barker Mayor of city of Denver.

Saturday 3

Left Denver for Colorado Springs & Manitou at 8.15 A.M. Arrived in Colorado Spgs 1.25 P.M. & took stage 5 ½ miles to Manitou where the springs are – mostly soda & soda & Iron water. Manitou is situated up a valley 2 or 3 miles from the plains & 8 miles from Pikes Peak. Took a walk up the Ute Pass.

Sunday, October 4, 1874

Climbed one of the hills in front of the Hotel "Cliff House" & had a fine view of the mountains & plains. Walked a mile up Williams Canon. Wrote to Johnny.

Monday 5

Wrote to Dr. Dalton. Left Manitou 9.45 A.M. & Colorado Spgs 12.55. arrived in Denver 5.10 P.M. Recd letter from Carrie. Rained more or less during the day. Some hail with the rain.

Tuesday, October 6, 1874

In Denver – Stewart W. Knapp came down from Cheyenne to meet me & will go with me to Blackhawk & Central City & c. Wrote to H.S. Stout. Rained nearly all day. Cleared off in the evening.

Wednesday 7

Rode out with Stewart to see the city. A beautiful day. Ther 56° this morning at 8 A.M. Wrote to Will & Henry.

Thursday, October 8, 1874

Stewart & I accompanied by Mr. R.A. Kuhn started on Col Cent R.R. for Blackhawk & Central City 8.46 A.M. At Golden we changed cars to the narrow (3 ft) gauge & went 17 miles up Clear Creek

Canon a wild rocky gorge with rocks tottering thousands of feet above our heads & a rushing roaring stream below.

Friday 9

Last eveg after seeing some of the mines & Slough Mills in Cen-tral we took wagon for Idaho Sprgs – where we arrived just after sunset. Put up at Alvard House – good fare. The Springs are not to be compared to those of Manitou though they have advantage of hot swimming baths. Left for Denver 10 A.M.

Saturday, October 10, 1874

Left Denver last night for Cheyanne arrived at 11.30 P.M. To day Stewart took me out riding to Fort Russel & Lake Ma-fe-lestah. They have fine hard roads here covered with fine gravel. The Black Hills & showy Peaks of the Rocky Moun-tains are in sight. Wrote to Vallie.

Sunday 11

Went to church this morning & heard a good sermon by Rev. J.M. Slentenant Jr. of III. Text Matt 20-27. this day has been cool & windy. Wrote again to Vallie.

Monday, October 12, 1874

Frost last night warm during the fore noon. Left Cheyanne at 2.50 P.M. in company with Mr. Rob Campbell Train Dispatcher at Cheyanne. We arrived at Big Springs Nebraska on the U. P. R.R. intending to hunt buffalo to morrow. Rev. Reed pres. Minister of Cheyanne joined us at Sidney. Mr. Woodruff Conductor was to go with us.

Tuesday 13

Mr. Woodruff arrived this morning but we were disappointed in getting horses enough to mount the party so he gave up the hunt. We started at 11 A.M. Mr. Campbell & I in a wagon & Rev Reed on horseback for Wallace ranch where we expected to get horses. Got one & Mr. McOlyan joined us there.

Wednesday, October 14, 1874

To day I rode on same pony that Rev. Reed rode yesterday. Did not get a shot at any buffalo & only saw a few in the distance. I killed an Antelope. We got 5 altogether to day & a Jack rabbit. We hunted south of Big Spg station on the U. P. R.R. Among the bluff's. Left on the 10.10 P.M. train for Omaha

Thursday 15

Arrived in Omaha 3 ½ P.M. & changed cars for St. Louis via St. Joe Kansas City & thence by Mo Pac R. Sleeping car runs through by that route from Omaha to St. Louis. Saw Suly B. Knapp a moment at Pappillion as we passed.

Friday, October 16, 1874

Arrived in St. Louis 5.45 P.M. found all well except Geo. Douglass who is quite poorly with cold & some throat & I fear diseased lungs.

Saturday 17

Called on Mr. Hardy 902 Lucent St. His case (Lupus) was similar to mine & was cured by Dr. R.H. Dalton cor 22nd & Locust st's. Called on Dr. R.H. Dalton in the evening. Found him lying in bed with broken hip. He fell on getting off a street car. Sent 2 boxes cigars to Stewart W. Knapp.

Sunday, October 18, 1874

Went to hear Rev. Goodell preach in the Pilgrim ch this morning & attended their Sunday School also. Called to see Mary Knight in the afternoon in company with John H. Douglass. Left St. Louis for Chicago at 7.20 P.M.

Monday 19

Arrived in Chicago 7.30 A.M. – Stopped at Palmer House & purchased a Remington rifle & some books. Left for Milwaukee at 5 P.M. Arrived in Milwaukee 8.25. P.M.

Tuesday, October 20, 1874

Called to see Effie at Female College. Found her well. At 1 O'clock started for Oconomowoc to see Will. Found him sick & determined to bring him home with me.

Wednesday 21

At 2.50 we left Oconomowoc with Will. He has high fever. Arrived home 3 P.M. All well at home.

Thursday, October 22, 1874

Called on Mr. Sherwin & family – Mrs. S- quite poorly & little Harry taken with spasms & Scarlet fever. There has been many deaths among children by Scarlet fever recently Ursinus' lost 3 children – all they had.

Friday 23

Weather extremely fine & has been for some time. It is the Indian summer.

Saturday, October 24, 1874

Very mild weather. No fires needed in the house.

Sunday 25.

Taught my class in S. School. No preaching in our ch to day because of sickness in Mr. Sherwin's family. Little Harry died about 11 P.M.

Monday, October 26, 1874

Weather pleasant but slightly cooler. Will is much better & getting along as well as we could expect.

Tuesday 27

Slight rain last night. Harry Sherwin buried to day 3 P.M. Mrs. Sherwin is better. Weather pleasant but cooler Ther 40° in the eveg.

Wednesday, October 28, 1874

Just one week at home. Will had a slight chill this morning – Rained half the night & all day.

Thursday 29

Rained & much colder

Friday, October 30, 1874

Snowed last night & squally to day. Ther 28° this morning. John Kreiser came over just before dinner to trim the grape vines. Cloudy all day. I sat up with will last night & had headache all day.

Saturday 31

Ther 25° This morning about noon the sun came out clear & bright. Will is about the same. Went out to look for some game for him Killed 3 squirrels & a pheasant

Sunday, November 1, 1874

Ther 28° at 7 A.M. Clear beautiful sunny day. Will seems better.

Monday 2

Ther 25° at 7 A.M. Clear & bright – Wrote to E.A. Gibbs

Monday, November 9, 1874

Weather mild & pleasant. Will is getting better. Went out in the pasture lot this afternoon & shot a pheasant for Will.

Wednesday, November 11, 1874

Chilly Day

Thursday 12

¼ inch snow the first of the season fell last night. Ther 19° @ 7 oclk A.M. Went to hear Mr. Hurlburt of the firm of Rockwell & Hurlburt lecture on the training of the horse. Bogarden ? worked on shooting.

Friday, November 13, 1874

Ther 12° at 7 A.M. Will sat up some to day.

Saturday 14

Snowed to day & to night but as the Ther stood at 34° much of the snow melted & only one inch remained. Sent Draft to Gov. Mar shall for \$1477.83 drawn by myself on 3d Nat Bk Chicago also in same letter retuned his two notes to myself 500\$ & K. F. &VR for over 4000 also Cty of St. Paul St Stock.

Sunday, November 15, 1874

Went to S.School & church Rev. J.C.S preached form 1st John. We had a small congregation about 28 to 30 & only 38 in S.School. The day has been pleas ant & thawed in the sun. Will went down to dinner it being the first time he has been down sine he was taken sick.

Monday 16

Snow fell nearly all day. The Ther stood at 34° so there is this eveg only 2 ½ inches on the ground. I saw a sleigh out to day. Henry returned from Ripon.

Tuesday, November 17, 1874

I had intended going up to Scott's camp to day but word came that Mrs. Sherwin died at 6 A.M. so I shall remain at home to attend the funeral & do what I can for Mr. Sherwin in this time if his distress & affliction.

Wednesday 18

Ther 2° below zero this morning. Barometer 31° the highest I ever saw it

Thursday, November 19, 1874

Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sherwin at 11 A.M. I superintended the funeral – Rev. Kidder preached the funeral sermon. There was a large attendance. The day has been a cold one.

Friday 20

Weather moderating some. Ther 16°

Saturday, November 21, 1874

Ther 23° this morning & between 40° & 50° in the afternoon. Vallie & I rode over to see Mr. Sherwin.

Sunday 22

Ther 35° all day. Drizzly fine rain an fog. Wind S.E. Taught my class in S.School. Rev. Bar-land Preached this A.M.

Monday, November 23, 1874

Mr. Sherwin & I started for Scott's camp. John Krieser drove my team Prince & Knight. Drove to Prairie Farm by 7 ½ P.m. having left home about 11 olck A.M. & having stopped at Washburn farm for supper.

Tuesday 24

Left Prairie farm at 8 A.M. & arrived at Scott's camp about 4 P.M. 20 miles only but very bad roads.

Wednesday, November 25, 1874

We hunted for deer. Saw none

Saturday 28

Snowed to depth of one inch.

Sunday, November 29, 1874

Spent this cold day quietly at Scott's camp on Lightning creek.

Monday 30

Hunted & saw no deer.

Tuesday, December 1, 1874

No success in hunting to day. Saw two deer at a distance running. Mr. S & I hunted hard all day climbing windfalls & c. We have hunted a week here & had no success. Deer are very scarce & very wild.

Wednesday 2

Started home. Took dinner at Prairie farm. Staid all night at Washburn Farm.

Thursday, December 3, 1874

I hunted north East of the farm to day. Some considerable sign but no deer. Walked 10 to 12 miles & course im very tired & so ends the fall hunt without success.

Friday 4

We came home. The snow has nearly all gone & our sleigh drew heavily in some places. Arrived home about 2 ½ P.M.

Saturday, December 5, 1874

Thawing to day again & snow nearly gone.

Sunday 6

Mr. Sherwin preached twice to day. There were about 40 persons in church this morning & about 36 this eveg. The congregation is too small & the low state of religious inter-est in the communi-ty is deplorable. Thawed again to day.

Monday, December 7, 1874

Pleasant day. Applied Dr. Dalton's remedy to my face in the eveg. It gave me much pain for about half an hour. Wm. Witt quit work for me this eveg. & commenced as watchman for the Co. in the Machine shop.

Tuesday 8

Remained in doors though it was mild out. Did not feel well caused by the application made last eveg. Of Dr. Dalton's remedy to my nose. Wrote to Jansen, Mr. Ching & Co. Field Lester & co. Keith Bros.

Wednesday, December 9, 1874

Wrote to Effie, to JHD – A C Waddell Newton N.J. and to J Butler & co. Chicago

Thursday 10

Ther 12° above 0 this morning. I have to remain within doors now on account of doctoring my nose.

Friday, December 11, 1874

Wrote to N. Matsoncle Wm Read & Sons Boston A. H. Bogenders(?) Elkhart Ill. Ther 2° above zero this morning.

Monday 14

Ther 4° below at 7 A.M. Clear & beautiful weather. Had a call from Mr. Sherwin this eveg.

Tuesday, December 15, 1874

Mild & thawing & beautiful weather.

Wednesday 16

Ther 28° snow fell last night to depth of 2 inches. Wrote to EA Gibbs & to Robt Campbell.

Thursday, December 17, 1874

Much colder this morning. Ther 2° above 0. Packed box for Johnny. Sent my watch & ? of Henrys to St. Louis for repairs. Wrote to Effie & sent her 4\$. Recd Letter from H. Larange with Draft 431\$ & 3 notes \$520 ea. Second by mortgage on land in Page Co. sold J. Laz.

Friday 18

Pleasant weather. Henry started at noon to meet Effie at Camp Douglas.

Saturday, December 19, 1874

Ther 12° above zero. Very mild beautiful day. Was very busy to day. Effie & Henry returned this morning.

Sunday 20

Very beautiful day. Ther 8° above at 7 A.M. the sleighing is worn out.

Monday, December 21, 1874

Wrote to W.H Raffer Co firm Tamefield & ?. To Albert C. Knapp & sent him draft for \$25 on 3 Nat Bk Chicago. Wrote to HH Lording.

Tuesday 22

Mild pleasant weather.

Wednesday, December 23, 1874

Preparing the church for S.School social to morrow eveg.

Thursday 24

Colder this morning 2° zero. Worked at the church all day getting ready for the S.School Social.

Friday, December 25, 1874

Beautiful day. Many presents were given in our family it has been to our children a Merry Christmas. Vallie & I drove down to the Wiseman sisters this afternoon to carry some things to them.

Saturday 26

Ther 9° above. Very pleasant day. Wrote to Dr. Dalton

" " Ira Brown
" " Ribury & Moorehaus
" " Rev. TH Borland
" " Winchester ? ?
" " HW Scott
" " MK Sidly
" " Keith Bros.

Tuesday, December 29, 1874

Growing colder. Weather fine & clear.

Wednesday 30

18° zero.

Thursday, December 31, 1874

The last day of the year & the coldest of this winter up to date. Ther 24° below zero. My little white dog "Doc" died this morning. He was a pointer & a good dog for hunting chickens with can't tell what was the matter with him. Cold weather perhaps as much as anything affect-ted him. We have the highest barometer this morning I have ever seen viz 31°

