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D-022 4:2: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1892

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Preliminary notes by transcriber:

The "Memoranda" and "Cash Account" sections at the end of this volume have an abbreviated version of the diary followed by a "Summary" of the year on one page. On the verso of the last blank page of this volume is a list of the grape varieties in the lot south of the Pierce house.

On Thursday 19 April Pierce reports a big earthquake in Davis that threw down a chimney, scattered bottles and vases, spilled milk in pans, etc. He reported aftershocks in the following days. This was the same earthquake that ruined so many houses in Winters in 1892. Pierce and family went to see the damage on Saturday 23 April and reported that no stone or brick building had been spared. The Wolfskill's place was totally wrecked.

On Tuesday the 19th of July Pierce starts describing the installation of telephone lines on his place.

Pierce's experiment with a water wheel in Putah Creek described earlier in the year ended a failure, as reported on 5 September.

On Friday the 29th of July Pierce ordered 3500 almond trees. He earlier discussed going to see about them. Apparently this is the beginning of his venture as a major almond grower.

Interesting account of Fallen Leaf, Glen Alpine vacation trip 4 August through 3 September.

Fri 1 Jan 1892

Rained almost continually all day long.

Joseph took holiday

Paul and I got up ten head of horses from lower barn and put them in sheep barn to feed for winter work.

Sat 2 Jan 1892

Nice day. Joseph and I went to Woodland in cart. Jos. bought gun of Diggs for 39.00 & drew \$20.00.

Received \$176.50 [could be \$116.50?] from Armstrong & Alge in payment for sheep bought Dec 8th.

Paid subscription to Mail to May '92

Paul and Mrs. Vaughan went to Davis for mail

Sun 3 Jan 1892 [Inserted}

Yen went to town in evening.

Mon 4 Jan 1892

Nice day Joseph finished plowing piece west of vineyard

- Sowed & harrowed it.

Tues 5 Jan 1892

Joseph began plowing for barley north of shop.

Geo. Krauskopf came in forenoon.

- started him to plowing in p.m.

went to Davis in afternoon

Got trunk for Geo. trees and other things

George broke No 14 in his plow.

Wed 6 Jan 1892

Went to Sacramento on 11.a.m.

Mrs. Vaughan went.

Got chairs medicine extra axle grease &c.

Thurs 7 Jan 1892

Rained considerable last night.

Boys oiling harness today.

Fixed north gate.

Fri 8 Jan 1892

Cloudy and sprinkled at intervals.

Dan Guili brought Randall Harrow home -

Sat 9 Jan 1892

Cloudy. Geo & Joe worked at wood in forenoon. Joe plowed and sowed to barley the small windmill field.

Hung up hams. W. S. Enos was buried.

Went to town in p.m. Jennie Gray came

Had a glorious confab. this evening

Sun 10 Jan 1892 [Inserted]

Went to town with Yen.

Mon 11 Jan 1892

Began plowing again.

Went to Davis - took Jennie Gray to 10.30 train

Got Sarah Luddington to help Sue take care of baby \$15.00

Tues 12 Jan 1892

New man Geo Hanks came this forenoon and began plowing.

Went to Davis for his blankets.

Mr. Dopking came out with me.

Wed 13 Jan 1892

Mr. D. and I went to school house - took mat.

Got turkey of Mrs. Schmeiser -

Sold Yolo to Mr. D for \$30.00

Left Mr. D. at Mothers.

Thurs 14 Jan 1892

Went to Davis in a.m. to sell my wheat. Left it conditionally

Began sowing barley in the afternoon.

Mrs. & Miss Miner called.

Fri 15 Jan 1892

Finished plowing and sowing barley north of shop -

Went to town - sold wheat at \$1.65

Joseph began plowing in east field.

Paul began pruning vineyard.

Sat 16 Jan 1892

North wind

Paul and I burned stubble in afternoon.

Boys finished harrowing field north of shop at noon. In afternoon began plowing in east field

Sun 17 Jan 1892

Very strong north wind. It blew off a part of the roof to carriage house.

Mon 18 Jan 1892

Wind died out toward noon.

Mr. Miller sent for seed barley - got 50 sks. 5757. @\$1.10

Went to town at 10 a.m. expecting to go to Sacramento, but Plant was not in office and I could not get my check. Helped put out trees for Mother. Sold Wright & Harby some sheep.

Sue and I took ride in cart.

Tues 19 Jan 1892

Went to Sacramento at 11 a.m.

Took grape cuttings to town to send to Henry French. Mrs. French had trouble about the freight.

Sent \$742. to Homer B. Pierce, being final payment on my note to him.

Got shoes fixed - medicine for baby &c

Saw Mr. Gilmore

Cloudy this afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Schmeiser called, got their turkey.

Wed 20 Jan 1892

Strong north wind this a.m.

Sowed barley this p.m. in East field.

Wind went down this afternoon.

Mrs. Currey called.

Thurs 21 Jan 1892

Finished sowing barley this forenoon.

Joseph and I fixed the plows.

Joe went down to Mr. Miller's to plow about middle of afternoon

Threw old Johnny over bank.

Eight colts strayed away today.

Shot two quail and a cottontail

Sue took baby out for ride for first time.

Fri 22 Jan 1892

Finished cross harrowing barley soon after noon. Then sent teams to Mr. Miller's to help him out.

Sue went with me to Mr. M's

Mrs. LaRue called while we were gone. Set out blackberry cuttings and began putting grape cuttings to root.

Sat 23 Jan 1892

Took 15 doz. eggs to B. F. L. - got 25c.

Went to Sacramento on 11 a.m. train.

Deposited \$1000 with D. O. Mills

Paid \$2500.00 on principal to the Sacramento Bank.

Got pepper tree for Mother, shoes for boys, medicines [rolis?] &c for house.

Sun 24 Jan 1892 [Inserted}

Boys went to town. Geo. K. drew \$5.00

Mon 25 Jan 1892

Went to town - took Mother's man and fixed lot at cemetery

Had Mr. Miller move my other harrow to his field and started two harrows on his ground this afternoon.

Joseph brought his plow home and began summerfallowing in north field - plows nicely

Began raining about 5 p.m.

Tues 26 Jan 1892

Rained considerable last night and at intervals this forenoon.

Worked in shop most of day.

Looks rainy again tonight.

Shot a dove and hare.

Wed 27 Jan 1892

Boys dug up vines in small vineyard east of house. Joseph began plowing at noon - too wet in north field so moved to middle field and began north of road -

Took one load of vine brush to creek then went to Mr. Millers and got my plow left there and chains, stretchers etc.

Thurs 28 Jan 1892

All boys began plowing this a.m.

Geo. K. broke land gauge - fixed it before noon.

Took Yen to Davis to spend China New Year.

Got returns for fall wool 9c.

Yen drew \$30#.

Fri 29 Jan 1892

Geo. K. broke his plow again this forenoon. Mr. Agee came by.

Went to Woodland. Tried to get a special premium for Mr. Best from Yolo Agricultural Society - uphill business.

Mr. & Mrs Guili called.

Currey's folks drove through.

Got quarter of beef of A. & A. @ 5c 163#

" sk spuds for planting.

Sat 30 Jan 1892

Went to Mr. Miller's to see about his harrowing. Finished clearing vineyard and sowed barley there. Put out grape cuttings to root in garden.

Planted potatoes.

Sun 31 Jan 1892 [Inserted]

Fine in forenoon cloudy and wind in p.m. Sprinkled a little

Yen came home and brought lots of presents. Knife, fork & spoon for baby.

Mon 1 Feb 1892

Rained last night and this forenoon. Boys did not work today.

Went to Davis about noon. Saw Geo. Tuft about the water wheel I intend building

Mother wants me to sell her Woodland property and invest it in Oakland - she [is] giving me one half I make.

Tues 2 Feb 1892

Boys plowed again.

George Hawks plowed old vineyard lot and I sowed barley on it.

Put out vine cuttings.

Paul planted peas and potatoes.

Boys marked out new land to knoll on north side just after dinner

Wed 3 Feb 1892

Went to town - fixed things for Mother.

Mother gave me her bath tub and fixings

Sold turkey to Covell.

Joseph broke his plow again

- fixed it after supper.

Thurs 4 Feb 1892

Left on 7.15 a.m. train for San Leandro. Went to Oakland

- took lunch - on to San Leandro at 1 p.m. Mr. Best not at home - waited until 4 p.m. for him

- left at 6.20 - staid at Grand.

Rained last night

Fri 5 Feb 1892

Bought valise and some things for Sue. Got wire rope for water wheel.

Saw Byron Jackson, Geo Abbot's manager- called on Wo Kee, Foon's Father - Home at 4.30

Rained a little last night.

Sat 6 Feb 1892

Boys are plowing in middle field and it plows nicely.

Sun 7 Feb 1892

Paul and Geo. Kent went to Davis -

Yen was off because he did not got to town today.

Mon 8 Feb 1892

Took 7.15 train for Sacramento - then to Perkins on 8.10 Saw Mr J. M. Davies about gas engine written for. Home on 3.05 train Took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 18c.

Saw Mr. Gilmore on my ride into Sacramento with Mr. Davis in his buggy. Yen went to town - rode home with me

Boys began summerfallowing in middle field north of house "100 acres"

Tues 9 Feb 1892

Cut up hams -

Had Paul tear down fence at west end of garden. Cut out Acanthus tree and rebuilt fence farther west.

Wed 10 Feb 1892 [Marked: "Error Thursday"]

[Thus this is the entry for Thurs 11 Feb.]

Made new strawberry beds and irrigated them

Made new tongue bolts for plow -

Went in afternoon with Sue, Sarah and baby to Mother's.

I am nearly sick abed with a very severe cold -

Thurs 11 Feb 1892 [Changed to "Wednesday 10"]

[This is the entry for 10 Feb 1892.]

Went to Sacramento on 10.35 train to see about the Fallen [Leaf] land trial.

Swisler thought best not to have me there, so staid away-

Ordered shaft for water wheel -

Got new evergreen shrub for yard.

Fri 12 Feb 1892

Sue went to Sacramento on 7.15 train.

I went on 11. Accomplished nothing

Mrs. Keith & Mrs. Ledyard came out and staid at Mother's over night

They had a concert by local talent in hall tonight. Sarah went - reported good.

Sat 13 Feb 1892

Overland late 10.10 Mrs. Keith & Ledyard went on it Sue went on 10.30. I finally concluded to go and took 11.05.

Sue testified, without lunch, until 4 p.m. when she was nearly exhausted and went to bed. Dined at "Saddle Rock" with Mr. Swisler Mr. Gilmore Jean & Sue -

Home on 7.05.

Sun 14 Feb 1892 [Inserted]

Mr. Gilmore came on 10 and back on 11 trains. Went home in afternoon.

found Mr. & Mrs. Currey who came for a call.

Mon 15 Feb 1892

"Goliah" mule not being well I had Geo. Krauskopf's team lay off today.

George hauled vineyard brush to creek and got timbers for water wheel down to place where we want to use them.

Paul is spading the door yard.

This morning was slightly foggy - The afternoon was cloudy.

We are very much in need of rain, both grain and feed is short. Have only about Five inches of rain thus far this season.

Tues 16 Feb 1892

Sarah was sick today - has La Grippe

Boys finished plowing in field south of hog lot 100 acres at noon. Went around the 160 east of there, knoll &c. Went out with them at noon.

Sam Lillard came for sheep - got five @3.50

Paul and I marked some late lambs that had been neglected.

Very warm for a while but cloudy tonight and looks like rain.

Wed 17 Feb 1892

Went to field with boys - laid out land taking in knoll. Went to Mr. Hext's for a visit.

Sue and I set out rosebushes and flowers in yard

Paul went to Woodland to see dentist

M. Diggs was married today with great eclat - we were invited but could not go.

Mr & Mrs Currey went through to Sacramento

Began sprinkling toward evening

Thurs 18 Feb 1892

Rained most of night and much during day.

baby had a very bad night

- came near having croup.

Sent Paul for Doctor Martin. He came about 4 P.M.

Fri 19 Feb 1892

Baby had good night and is much better this morning -

Rained most all night and most of today.

Sat 20 Feb 1892

Rained last night

Baby had good night and his cold is much looser this morning.

Geo. Hawks left today. Sue and I took ride and hunt in cart got 4 doves.

Sort of misty at times. Blacksmithed some.

Sun 21 Feb 1892 [Inserted]

Bright and beautiful. Yen walked to town. Let sheep out and three lambs died.

Mon 22 Feb 1892

Set boys to digging up grapevines.

Sent Paul to town with span of mules for material for water wheel.

Sent sixty dozen eggs to Allison Gray &co. 501[?] Front St. P. O. Box 2449.

Got Adriatic fig trees and some strawberry plants. Got things for house.

Lillard paid for sheep bought \$17.50

Tues 23 Feb 1892

Boys finished digging vines - hauled them out. Geo cut wood - dug up fig tree west of tank house & set out three Adriatic fig trees.

Joseph is hauling out manure to old vineyard place.

Began work on wheel platform

- turned it over tonight - had hard time.

Sue & Paul did some flower transplanting

Mrs. Miller and daughter called.

Wed 24 Feb 1892

Boys still at yesterdays work.

Worked on wheel -

Susie set fire to parlor curtain and burned it up and some of the carpet. Paul put it out.

Sue and I rode out to knoll to see about plowing - found it too soft.

Paul set out lettuce and worked in garden.

Thurs 25 Feb 1892

Worked on wheel - had Joseph help me in afternoon.

Fine day -

Sent Paul to town for mail.

Yen went to Davis in afternoon to send letter.

Fri 26 Feb 1892

Very foggy in forenoon - Fine in p.m.

Finished wheel frame and began its launch but did not finish before dinner. Had to cut away tree. Finished launch soon after dinner. [In short survey at end of diary, Pierce writes of this: "Launched frame for water wheel and Sue christened it 'Putah'.] Joseph began plowing on knoll - rest too wet. Sue and I rode round land with Joe.

George cut down two trees, Acanthus, in garden south of house.

[In short diary at the end Pierce adds for this day: "This is the fourth anniversary of our engagement. Gave Sue a set of teaspoons."] (They must have got engaged 26 February 1888.)

Sat 27 Feb 1892

Turned out horses from sheep barn. put George's team in sheep barn. Geo cutting wood.

Joseph took ten animals and three gang [plow?] today.

Put out garden seed - beets carrots, turnips, radish &c

Had lettuce and radishes fro dinner from our own garden. Went to town took Mother radishes and lettuce got three trees two French prune, one peach plum, steak &c.

Sun 28 Feb 1892 [Inserted.]

Yen did some wonderful fishing

- he caught 127 catfish today

Joe went to town

Mon 29 Feb 1892

Had George plow strip where we dug up vines - then haul wood from creek.

Worked on float a little.

Tues 1 Mar 1892

Went to town - then to McBrides Marden's and Carey's looking for a bull - heard of one at C. Days.

Sent money to Sprague Law School Detroit \$12.50 - got egg case axehandle cheese staples &c.

Wed 2 Mar 1892

Cloudy Sprinkled several times.

Went to school house in afternoon and took the new library books. Called at Mr. Russell's and found them sick with measles.

Thurs 3 Mar 1892

Mrs. Greene called early this morning.

Took old header beds to pieces.

Put false floor in float and did other work on it.

Sue and I measure current through float 24 ft in 10 seconds.

Fri 4 Mar 1892

Started Joe on east side of land

Had to take off three gang and put on the two.

Discharged Geo Krauskopf and took him to town. Got lumber for wheel.

Bought raffle ticket for surrey of J. P. Collins.

Sat 5 Mar 1892

Very strong north wind.

Went to Woodland to attend the meeting for organizing a county World's Fair Association. Was chosen a director Lunched with Mr. Dopking.

Bought a bull of C. G. Day - for \$30.00.

Got nursery chair, oil, banannas[sic] & school supplies.

Sun 6 Mar 1892 [Inserted.]

Very hard north wind -

the worst of the season.

Mon 7 Mar 1892

North wind - not as strong as yesterday but warmer.

Went with Sue to school house this forenoon - took books and supplies.

In afternoon went to town with Sarah - got hair cut.

Got returns for eggs \$11.70

Drew \$40.00 of B. F. L. Sent \$2.70 for Paul to Alice B. Stockham & Co.

Paul bought Rex from C. G. Day's.

Tues 8 Mar 1892

Very warm 76 degrees or more.

Theodore Schmeiser came this morning and grafted walnut trees near boys house.
and three peach trees to Satsuma or Japanese blood plum.

Wed 9 Mar 1892

Paul and I worked on water wheel and finished the wheel part of it.

Thurs 10 Mar 1892

Sue and I took ride about ranch

Put sprocket wheel on water raft -

Fri 11 Mar 1892

Poisoned squirrels

Tom Hext and I went to Davis.

Renewed Rural Press subscription.

Sat 12 Mar 1892

Went to Woodland. Took scions to Mr. Dopking. Attended World's Fair meeting.

Sun 13 Mar 1892 [Inserted.]

All the boys went to town

Mon 14 Mar 1892

Went to field with Joseph to see about plowing -

Went to town and got a man, Stone, to drive team

- started him at noon -

Tues 15 Mar 1892

Rained some last night and today - boys quit about 8 o'clock.

Daisy mule quite sick last night.

Sent Paul with letter to Jas. Hahn - he missed the mail train and then went and then went [repetition] on next train himself. Boys helped me build wheel for water rig and put it on float.

Wed 16 Mar 1892

Put ring in Rex's nose

Boys cut and split wood.

Stone hauled load of dirt to stable.

Put another 12x12 timber in raft to water wheel.

Joseph and I got out another timber from bridge junk but could not get it down as our rig broke and it was too late to get another.

Baby weighed nearly 15 pounds

Thurs 17 Mar 1892

Joseph and I got timber down to bank above wheel.

Boys began plowing.

I went to Davis in afternoon

- got large wheel of John Collins for water wheel, collar pads, tobacco for Stone, books for library groceries plants from Mother &c -

Fri 18 Mar 1892

Set out tomato, cabbage and flower (mignotte) before breakfast

began sprinkling and by 8.30 the boys were in from the field.

Joseph worked in shop most of day -

Paul mended sacks.

Worked at wheel rigging.

Went to Mr. Hext's toward evening to get old sprocket but found none

Rained about one half inch I think

Cloudy tonight.

Sat 19 Mar 1892

Boys finished splitting wood and cut up old bridge junk.

Went to Sacramento on 1.30.

Attended World's Fair meeting at Golden Eagle. Got 60 ft 52 chain, pepper sweet potatoes & cauliflower plants and other little things.

Rained quite a shower.

Sun 20 Mar 1892 [Inserted.]

Cold north wind. Set out plants I got yesterday -

Mon 21 Mar 1892

Started Joseph to hauling wheat to Davis with 6 mules -

Stone and [I?] got out timber for [word missing] and fixed water wheel.

Tues 22 Mar 1892

Had Stone plow morning glory in pasture field this a.m. and began plowing in afternoon.

Sprinkled a trifle at noon.

Wed 23 Mar 1892

Joseph finished hauling this forenoon, and began plowing in afternoon.

Luke Spurgeon was here, and I gave him the agency for "Best" machinery in the northern part of the country.

Paul began plowing grape vines.

Thurs 24 Mar 1892

Worked on wheel and other things in forenoon. Put ring in bull's nose -

Went to Davis in afternoon

- paid Sarah for last month and took her to Davis for supplies.

Fri 25 Mar 1892

Planted 8 rows sweet corn on old vineyard ground - and Agricultural department corn in garden-

Went to Mr. Hext's and castrated two mule colts. - took dinner there.

Sue and I went to school house - took up books for library.

Got Este's [Oeste's] signature to orders.

Sat 26 Mar 1892

Went to Woodland early. Paid Dr. Martin \$11.50

- got ratchet brace, bit, rivets &c.

Attended World's Fair Meeting - was elected a delegate to District Convention at Sacramento on 9th of April. Saw Beard's about harvester.

[No entry for Sun 27 Mar.]

Mon 28 Mar 1892 [The entry for this day is under Tues 29 Mar immediately below.]

Error. Tuesday and Wednesday are each one day too late.

Wednesday came home from Mother's and tinkered in shop. Made babbitt[?] boxing in wood for float -

Tues 29 Mar 1892 [The entry for this day is under Wed 30 Mar immediately below. This is the entry for Monday the 28th of March.]

Worked about place in forenoon

In afternoon Paul and I went to Davis

- took one coop chickens and 3 turks to Davis - bought shaft of John Collins.

Went to San Francisco on 3.30 train

stayed at Grand - room 147

Wed 30 Mar 1892 [The entry for this day is reconstructed under Thursday below. This is the entry for Tuesday the 29th of March.]

Took 7.30 train for San Leandro.

- back to City at 12.15 Settled school bill with J. Dewig[?] & Co. called on Mr. Babcock and bought a No. 12 Challenge pump of Woodin & Little \$100[?]

Went to Davis on 4.30 train Staid at Mother's.

It rained very hard this afternoon -

Many say it was the heaviest rain they ever saw for an hour or so.

Thurs 31 Mar 1892

Joe and I worked in shop in forenoon and on wheel in afternoon.

- put 3 logs on raft and changed large sprocket wheel to inside of boring

Pierce draws in a line here and makes a notation that the following is "Wednesday continued". [The complete reading of the entry for Wednesday the 30th of March, combining the line for Wednesday written in the space for Monday the 28th with the sentences referring to Wednesday written in the space for Thursday, is the following:]

Wednesday came home from Mothers and tinkered in shop. Made babbitt boxing in wood for float -

This morning it snowed for about half an hour. It rained at intervals today and hailed for a few minutes

Sue came

Fri 1 Apr 1892

Joe brought boards from culvert in lower field to use on float then worked in shop -

Rained most of the day -

Paul went to town for the mail

Changed large sprocket wheel to inside of frame on water wheel -

Sat 2 Apr 1892

Joe in the shop making stretcher chains

Worked on float

Showered hard in afternoon.

[No entry for Sun 3 Apr 1892.]

Mon 4 Apr 1892

Joseph and I went to town and got no 12 Challenge pump

Worked on wheel -

Joe got chains ready for harrowing.

Stone took down old hog pen.

Tues 5 Apr 1892

Began harrowing - works well.

Wed 6 Apr 1892

Went on harvester trip to Cook's Oeste's and Schmeiser's.

Thurs 7 Apr 1892

Worked on wheel - took up force pump at lower barn and put it on wheel -

Joe finished harrowing north 100 acre field.

Fri 8 Apr 1892

Went to Woodland on harvester trip. Did but little.

Hired a man to drive team.

Sat 9 Apr 1892

Went to Sac. on 10.30 to attend World's Fair Meeting held in Board of Supervisors rooms- Came out on 7.05.

New man came from Woodland to drive team.

Sarah went to Sacramento shopping.

Mon 11 Apr 1892

Boys finished harrowing at noon. Began plowing.

Joe reploting.

Took Challenge pump up from creek.

Put sheep in field but they would not stay quietly and so took them back.

Tues 12 Apr 1892

Marked lambs in forenoon - had 158 - 66 bucks 92 ewes

Sue, baby and I went to town in afternoon.

Marked the four little pigs that have been running around here and had Paul put them out north in hog lot.

Wed 13 Apr 1892

Castrated three colts - two mules and one horse - Larney's Nevada -

Thurs 14 Apr 1892

Went to Davis in afternoon -

took Gay to Davis to Liggets jack and left her.

Gussie Wilger called on Susie.

It began raining about the middle of the afternoon.

Simon[?] finished the first plowing of summerfallow -

Got my fountain pen from Public Opinion and this is some of its work.

Fri 15 Apr 1892

Set boys to filling up slough at old hog pen[?] on Mother's line. Harrowed beside road through field - pulled mustard &c.

Sat 16 Apr 1892

Went to Davis in forenoon - met Ligget coming to the ranch to buy wheat -

Mr. Dopking came to visit Mother.

Rained a little in afternoon.

Castrated one pig that had been left in north field -

Boys finished slough filling.

Gave in my assessment -

Mon 18 Apr 1892

Strong north wind.

Intended to go to South Putah but wind blew too hard -

Boys began replowing with two lights and 3 gangs -

Fixed book shelf for Sue in trunk room and cleaned out cubby hole in stairway.

Tues 19 Apr 1892

At a quarter of three last night we had the hardest earthquake we ever felt here. The chimney in dining room was partly thrown down, bottles and vases were scattered in every direction, while the milk in pans was swashed about all over the room. The clock up stairs stopped at 2.46 and was nearly thrown off the bureau. Went to Davis and then to Woodland. Paid Taxes - Took Rev. Mr. Murch.

Wed 20 Apr 1892

Went to San Francisco on 7.15 train to attend World's Fair Meeting.

Stopped at Grand room 49. Meeting met in Academy of Sciences

Sam Montgomery telegraphed he would be down to go to San Leandro tomorrow.

Our District met in room 3 Grand Hotel for caucus business.

Had an evening session.

Thurs 21 Apr 1892

Rained this forenoon. Got books for Sue.

Had an earthquake at 9.42 a.m. light in City. Went to San Leandro on 12 M. train.

- back and home on 7 p.m. train - home at 11.30 -

The earthquake in Yolo was harder than the one of Thursday. It knocked the chimney entirely off main part of house and dislocated other one. I took it down to prevent accident.

Mrs. Blanchard came for visit -

Fri 22 Apr 1892

Strong south wind.

Sue and I went to school house in afternoon.

Sat 23 Apr 1892

We had about four shocks of earthquake last night - none very hard.

Went to Davis this forenoon. Got Don shod. Tommy Welch came for a visit.

Mrs. Blanchard, Sue and I went to Winters to see the ruins and found the town in a horrible condition - no stone or brick building safe. Went to see Mr. Wolfskill's place - it is a total wreck.

Sun 24 Apr 1892 [Inserted.]

Had several shakes last night.

Boys all went to Winters to see ruins - took spring wagon.

Mon 25 Apr 1892

No earthquake last night.

Got out mower and bobbitted some -

Mr. Clark began shearing - He came last night - was very drunk -

Went to Davis in afternoon - took Sarah - got plow shares

Earthquake at 4.30 P.m.

Tues 26 Apr 1892

Several earthquakes last night -

Went to Davis and then to Woodland. Sold two harvesters to Beard Bros and Montgomery.

Wed 27 Apr 1892

Light shocks of earthquake last night.

Worked in shop on mowing machine in forenoon.

Went to Davis in afternoon - then to Oeste's to see about harvester trade

Mr. Gilmore came at noon - he came with liveryman.

Sold small lot of wheat to Ligget

52240 @140.

Thurs 28 Apr 1892

Cloudy. Cut grass in front yard -

Went to town got Mother and Aunt Delia who came to spend the day

- took them home in evening -

Had a pleasant day and Yen got us a nice turkey dinner.

Drew \$20. of B F. L.

Fri 29 Apr 1892

Rained last night and this morning

Susie took her Farther and Mrs Blanchard to 10.30 train.

Boys worked in shop in forenoon and plowed in afternoon.

Tommy took sheep out in afternoon -

Worked in shop most of day -

Had quite hard earthquake at 4 p.m.

Sat 30 Apr 1892

Rained this forenoon a little

Went to Davis - then to Woodland - got order for harvester from Baird Bros. and one from J. H. Oeste. Strong south wind.

Attended World's Fair Meeting.

Drew \$40. of B. F. T.

Sun 1 May 1892 [Inserted.]

Rained quite hard. Yen and Paul went to Sacramento

Yen drew \$40. Sent harvester orders to Mr. Best.

Mon 2 May 1892

Rained last night.

Went to Sacramento on 11.05 took Tommy Welch home.

Drew \$400. of B. F. L. Paid Dr Gardner \$66.50 for myself and \$10.00 for Mother.

Sparks wants to sell his harvester.

Anderson wants a gas engine.

Saw Wm Marshall - He is stopping at 900 J St.

Tues 3 May 1892

Sent Paul to Davis with two mares

Flora and Fannie with their colts.

Started to go north to Colusa line - got as far as Wm Lillard's and it began raining. I returned home. Boys worked in shop in afternoon. Helped Mrs Pierce about sewing.

Wed 4 May 1892

Rained last night.

Boys caught up 3 year old colts to break.

Went to Sparks place near Winters to see harvester.

Rained while on my trip

Boys drove colts to wagon -

Thurs 5 May 1892

Went to Woodland- saw Hollingsworth Browning Lillard and Ely about harvesters.
Ely is going to look at Spark's machine.

It rained very hard today - I stopped at Bob Browning's during a heavy shower.

Went to Davis for mail.

Fri 6 May 1892

Rained hard last night.

Worked in shop in forenoon - went to Davis with wagon in afternoon

- got flour and spuds - side teacher

- took down to B. F. L. 30 doz eggs.

Prince has some lumps coming on him.

Sat 7 May 1892

Tinkered about in morning - went to Winters and sold Spark's old harvester to Jas. Ely and sold Sparks a new one.

Sprinkled about noon.

Boys plowed in afternoon.

Sun 8 May 1892 [Inserted.]

Simon went to Woodland.

Went to town with wagon Sue baby Sarah & Yen went. Mr. Murch new minister preached. Baby cried badly coming home -

Hired Joe Divelbess[?] to drive harvester.

Mon 9 May 1892

Do not feel well at all -

Went to Jessie Ruggles' to see about harvester business.

Came home at about half past two.

Simon came in from field full of complaints against Joe and wanted to quit. Discharged him. He went to town and got rig and came after his baggage.

Paul and I sacked wool.

Two tramps came and staid over night.

Tues 10 May 1892

Cloudy and sprinkled this morning

Mary mare had a horse mule colt

- its front feet turn under it considerable

Sue and I went to Davis in afternoon

- took fruit, jelly, eggs, butter &c to the new minister, Mr Murch -

Wed 11 May 1892

Sue, Baby, Sarah and I went to Sac. on 10.40 Had Baby's photo taken by Boysen. Had Dr. Gardner operate on baby's tied tongue. Sue did considerable shopping for baby - she did not get her goods nor pay her bill for lack of time. Sarah did not come back with us - so left for good.

Settled with Mr. Schmeiser for account to date - Harvesting barley &c - He paid me [\$]39.40 balance due

Thurs 12 May 1892

Went to Sacramento on 7.15. Went to Oak Park to see gas engine sold by Luelling

Attended meeting of Executive Committee of World's Fair Association of Lower Sacramento Valley- Got goods purchased by Sue yesterday - bought shirt and ties for myself.

Mother and Aunt D. went to Sac'to.

Fri 13 May 1892

Started mower in small field east of windmill in forenoon

Went to Davis in p.m.

Oeste's Harvester came made arrangement for unloading tomorrow morn -

Sat 14 May 1892

Went early to Davis. Harvester not in place. Paul and Sue met me on road and then Sue and I went to Woodland to attend meeting of World's Fair organization. Had good meeting.

Stayed at Byrnes Hotel. - got bathtub for baby, soap crackers, hose for Mother &c -

[In margin] Joe began mowing

Sun 15 May 1892 [Inserted.]

Rained hard last night.

Paul drew 5.00 He and Yen went to Davis

Lee Hunt came to hay and sew sacks -

Mon 16 May 1892

Went to Davis and unloaded harvesters belonging to Oeste and Montgomery.

Joe worked in shop and turned over hay in small lot.

Tues 17 May 1892

Began mowing again

Lee Hunt began bunching and raking.

Began painting kitchen

Sue and I went to school meeting

S. to call at Schmeiser's

Wed 18 May 1892

Worked about place -

Very warm today

Lee Hunts brother came today -

Thurs 19 May 1892

J. Hunt began cocking hay

Tom Hext called and offered me the pasture up west -

Jas. Ely & little daughter called

- he ordered extras for harvester.

Went to Davis in afternoon - got coal oil paint brush window glass rice, berries &c

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Got returns from wool recd[?] \$298 -

Warm 92 degrees -

Fri 20 May 1892

Got fork and carrier out of sheep barn

Very warm today 96 degrees in shade

Went to Davis in afternoon and got another man to help in haying.

Sat 21 May 1892

Set new man to cocking hay and Lee to bunching - I took the rake and Prince and raked all day - worked until 9 p.m. to get through

Joe finished mowing in main field about 10 a.m. - cut small barley field before noon and in afternoon cut around fences in east field. Warm 96 degrees-

Sun 22 May 1892 [Inserted.]

Joe took Mabel and went to Woodland. Paul drew \$10.00 and went to Sacto.

Cool south breeze -

Mon 23 May 1892

Boys finished cocking hay in volunteer field.

Joe cut in east field.

Raked around wheat in east field.

We put header beds on trucks [tracks?] this morning and fixed them up this afternoon. Put fork rigging in barn this evening.

Tues 24 May 1892

Began hauling hay - had to splice pulling rope -

Mrs. Guili and Rebecca Sponge called this forenoon - Miss R is a teacher looking for a place.

Joe finished mowing this p.m.

Raked in east field in afternoon

Shot cotton tail this eve.

Paul fixed fence across the creek.

Wed 25 May 1892

Set boys to cocking hay in lower field - they did not quite finish

Shut bucks in windmill field.

Sue and I went to Sacto on 10.40.

- out at 3.05 - Ordered negligee shirts.

Sue got dry goods and crockery

Stopped at Mother's - took bird[?] out of her tank and fixed windmill -

Drew \$100 of D. O. Mills and paid Mother \$30. on wool account.

Thurs 26 May 1892

Finished raking and bunching hay in east field - An insurance agent from Lawton & Barnet of Sacramento called on me in the field

Fri 27 May 1892

Got sheep from Mr. Hext's field and put them in my own -

Spliced rope for boys at barn -

Went to Davis in afternoon -

- got crockery &c bought in Sacto Wednesday - also dried beef butter - cooler &c

Helped Mother some about house and windmill and took tea with her.

Sat 28 May 1892

Boys finished putting hay in on side and began to fill east alley

Went to town at night and got 200 ft. rope for barn.

Sun 29 May 1892 [Inserted.]

Yen walked to town -

Fixed boot for lame mule colt -

Mon 30 May 1892

Very hard north wind - boys went out and got small load of hay only then quit -

Put new rope in carrier -

Fixed lame colt's feet

Made 5 gallons root beer.

Went to Davis in afternoon, late for mail and hose of Mother's she wished exchanged.

Tues 31 May 1892

Strong north wind again

- boys could not haul hay this forenoon - but did in afternoon

Yen and I went to Woodland with Don. Yen drew \$20. and got one tooth filled and one pulled -

Got hat & underclothes for Joseph

Shoes & [cannot decipher word - burach?] for Lee Hunt -

Got hose for self and Mother. Went to Baird Bros & Mr. Dopkings. Bro't home raspberries.

Wed 1 June 1892

Nice day Went to mr. Oeste's this morning and set up his harvester - it took nearly all day.

Drove Prince for first time.

Boys are hauling wheat hay from east field

Lillard came and got two goats to slaughter

Thurs 2 June 1892

Very strong north wind - it was cool however 76 degrees at noon -

Boys got in one trip at hay-hauling and were compelled to quit -

Went to town after dinner to see about Montgomery's harvester and other things. Got Larke to work on Mother's windmill - did not get done -

Fri 3 June 1892

Strong north wind yet -

Joe is working on the harvester.

Yen's teeth are annoying him again

took him to 11 a. m. train and he went to Woodland to see Dr. Holmes -

Finished up Mother's windmill

Got notice from Equitable Ins. Co. that they did not get my draft sent them.

Mr. & Mrs. Heald and two daughters came for visit - came out on Winters stage

Sat 4 June 1892

Pleasant day - took the Heald's to the 7.15 a.m. train. Got flour, coal oil &c - Fixed table leg to dining room table, door lock &c -

Sun 5 June 1892 [Inserted.]

Cool pleasant day.

Sue and I took baby for a ride in his carriage down the creek to the lower barley field.

Mon 6 June 1892

Cool and cloudy - strong south wind. Fixed sheep barn for hay hauling this afternoon

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Paul brought six mares home from Ligget's Pasture - they look well. Boys filled cow barn with hay - Paul dug out water hole in north field for hogs -

Went to Davis in p.m. then to Will Wright's harvester in Jack Brown's place where he is beginning the season.

Tues 7 June 1892

Went to Woodland early to go before the Board of Supervisors asking for an appropriation for World's Fair work. Got cherries cracknels[?] cold chisels lace leather &c

Went to school election. Henle was re-elected. I read the riot act to Henle and Oeste.

Wed 8 June 1892

Sent my resignation as school trustee to Banks. Paul and I put trough in slough out north for hogs -

Went to town with Stumpy and Job - got Stump shod. Got 2000 sacks 2 bales twine 1 bbl sugar 1 keg syrup -

Took lunch with Mother and fixed her windmill.

Thurs 9 June 1892

Sue and I went to Sac'to on 10.40 train

took dinner at Dennessy's. Attended World's Fair meeting at Capitol.

Drew \$100 of D. O. Mills - paid Mother \$55.00 on acct wool sales- Got 2 boxes cherries and two of raspberries (\$5.50) for canning

- gave Mother some. Took shirts back to Jacobs and he is to make me two more.

- got rat trap candle sticks &c

Left baby with Yen. Called at Mr. Murch's - he was bitten by a dog yesterday

Fri 10 June 1892

Very cool & cloudy. Baby had a very bad night. Tom Hext called this morning.

Boys finished hauling hay tonight

- all three of my barns are full.

- they took off header beds and put on grain racks -

Sat 11 June 1892

Got harvester out of shed

Plowed along north side of grain field. Began plowing on knoll

Joseph began cutting weeds on creek pasture.

Jess & Oliver went with me to town with me [repeated]. Unloaded Spark's harvester. Got drapers from Mr. Best.

Sue went down with me to attend the Republican ratification meeting. Mehring[?] and Clark of Woodland, W. O. Russell & Myself were the speakers.

Sun 12 June 1892 [Inserted.]

Paul and Lee went to Sacramento Lee drew \$5.00 Yen went to Davis -drew \$30.00 and Baby Gardner gave him \$20.00 to help his mother pay for her home -

Mon 13 June 1892

Started Jess to mowing thistle on creek - Joe on tinkering.

Went to Mr. Spark's and set up his harvester - got check for it. The sickles sent were two feet too short -

Oliver came back from Sacto

Got sk. coal, keg nails currants raspberries &c -

Drew \$20.00 of B. F. L-

Tues 14 June 1892

Cloudy sprinkled in morning -

Set Oliver to raking thistles

Went to Sacramento on 11. a.m. train. Deposited Spark's check and sent check to Mr. Best for the Sparks harvester \$1375.

Paid for extra dozen Baby's photos -

Got vice for harvester and other extras.

Got baby a rubber chicken that pleased him wonderfully. Got business at Sacto Bank settled.

Wed 15 June 1892

Worked on harvester with Joe -

Thurs 16 June 1892

Went to Davis in forenoon and got Joe Divelbess to drive harvester.

Started harvester in p.m. on barley north of shop - got 201 sacks

Fri 17 June 1892

Boys hauled in barley cut yesterday - started harvester at 9 a.m.

- got 302 [382?] sks

Went to Oeste's harvester -

Had to do considerable tinkering and took a casting to Mrs. Greene's shop to bore new holes to make it fit -

Made one round - barley too green.

Sat 18 June 1892

Hauled up yesterdays barley - began cutting at 10 a.m. 294 sks - Put in two colts - went well -

Went to Spark's harvester - got it started after considerable tinkering

The jack wheel did not line at all -

Sun 19 June 1892 [Inserted.]

Warmest day of the season.

Am not well today. Baby very restless.

Two tramps came for dinner.

Mon 20 June 1892

Not at all well today

Went to Montgomery's harvester and skinned my hand badly. Then went to Davis. Got new man to haul up grain. Got 10 plugs tobacco for boys as the price is now low -

Got 1 box raspberries - 2 doz quart jars &c

Boys finished first field of barley and moved into east field.

Tues 21 June 1892

Set new man to hauling barley into cow corral. He finished about 2 p.m. and then set him at work in lower field - hauling to middle barn.

Wed 22 June 1892

Began hauling barley to Davis

- put it in Liggets warehouse.

Sue and baby went to town with me and spent the day with Mother.

Thurs 23 June 1892

Boys finished east field about 10.30

- got to Mr. Miller's for dinner. went through his orchard. Put in new chain feeder and draper to header.

- got started about 2.30 -

Fri 24 June 1892

Went to machine in morning then to Spark's & Davisville. Swingle[?] had run away yesterday.

My harvesters bothers some - the straw carrier clogging fixed it today.

Sat 25 June 1892

Went to Oestes harvester - then to Beard's

B's rig has not done well- went yesterday to tule. Got extras for h-cylinder pulleys draper sticks chain oil &c. Went to Davis to attend Democratic meeting - home at 11.45

[The word "Sunday" inserted, but no entry with it.]

Mon 27 June 1892

Cool this morning. Went to Mr. Spark's machine and changed concave. Dined with Mother - fixed her hose. Went to Ely Snyder's and saw about almond trees. Can get them for \$75. per thousand.

Got 50# blackberries, the finest I ever saw for \$3.25

Drew \$20. of B. F. L -

Yen put up berries and apricots -

Tues 28 June 1892

Thos Hext called and engaged some barley for Geo. Tauzer

Expect to exchange hauling with Geo. Tauzer

Harvester finished Mr. Miller's grain about 6 p.m. went to Mr. Schmeiser's - got there at 9 p.m.

Wed 29 June 1892

Left home for 6 a.m. train but missed it - took 7.15 train for Oakland - got off at 16th St. Attended Commencement - was late. Met Eva and took her to Alumni Lunch. Went to Banquet at California Hotel. There was a large attendance. Had trouble in getting my baggage to my room -

Thurs 30 June 1892

Took 7.30 train for San Leandro

- came back on the electric road to Oakland. Got some things to take home left at 4 p.m. Eva got on at 16th St. Home at about 9 p.m.

The grain hauler made but one trip to Davis today.

Joseph came down to do some repairing this evening.

Fri 1 July 1892

Very strong north wind

Went to harvester in afternoon

Sat 2 July 1892

Wind went down this forenoon -

Lee Hunt and Joe Regier had a fight on the harvester and the Hunt Bros quit. Schmeisers boys took their places.

Went to Davis and got another man

Began hauling for Tauzer -

Sun 3 July 1892 [Inserted.]

went to harvester - put on Perfection box - went to Oeste's

Mon 4 July 1892

Helped grain hauler get load to gate - Went to Davis - got baggage for Mamie, groceries &c.

Went to Schmeisers

Montgomery paid for his harvester.

Tues 5 July 1892

Boys finished cutting Schmeisers before noon - and went to McMillan's

- went up soon after noon -

Sue and Eva went to Sac'to on the 11. a.m. train. They met Bessie Henderson who is on her way to Glen Alpine.

Wed 6 July 1892

Started to Woodland early - took dinner with Lew Baird Went in after noon to Bairds Tule ranch -

Staid over night with Joe Baird -

Thurs 7 July 1892

Helped Joe some about the harvester

Went through Webb Curtis' wheat field - Back home via Yolo. Went to see my harvester at McMillan's -

- they are doing well - home at 3.30.

Baby has four teeth now and is quite cross -

Brought home some samples of wheat -

Fri 8 July 1892

Sue and I went to Sacto on 10.40

Deposited certificates of deposit for \$1470 - with D. O. Mills - sent Mr Best \$1370 for Montgomery's rig - drew \$100 -

Got shoes, clock &c. Sue got dry goods &c

Geo Soule came out from town for a visit -

Sat 9 July 1892

Boys finished cutting for McMillan this morning about 8.30 They broke header truck coming home. Got started after dinner in east field

Cut about 180 sacks - Wheat not good -

Susie Marion & baby visited Mother.

180 sks.

Sun 10 July 1892 [Inserted.]

Sorrel colt died last night

Joe Divelbess & Joe - went to town latter drew \$2.00.

Mon 11 July 1892

Helped Sue wash in forenoon.

Went to Davis in afternoon-- Geo. Soule went with me. He stopped a while at Mother's then went to Lillard house intending to go East at 9. p.m.

Got letter from Mr. Best and waited until 8. p.m. to see him - he did not come.

Took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. got 17c

Began hauling wheat to B. F. L -

294 sks.

Tues 12 July 1892

Went to Davis to 11 a.m. train to see Mr. Best - did not see him -

Sent box of figs to Reika[?] Edelwuth[?]

Staid to 3.30 train waiting for Mr. Best

- failed. Met Kate Johnson. Fixed hydrant for Mother.

Roger broke wagon tire - took wagon to shop and left it. Got screen for window - Sent screen and egg box out by wagon - got cantaloupes - the first of the season 300 sks.

Wed 13 July 1892

Worked on harvester this forenoon - got green corn of Mr. Miller.

Went to Davis in afternoon for "19A." extra and cylinder spring.

333 sks.

Thurs 14 July 1892

Went to Davis to see the San Francisco horse buyers but did not meet them.

Hauled grain with Roger in afternoon- piled it in the field

Took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 17c

Got 12 ft sickles left at Spark's

Harvester got 333 sks -

Fri 15 July 1892

Went to Davis at 6.30 a.m. took milk, eggs &c to Miss Maddux to make ice cream for "crazy tea" entertainment tonight

- got rice beans & apricots

Went to town again after dinner - took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 17c Mrs. T. W. Humphrey came for a visit

Sold "Don" horse, Clara's colt to San Francisco buyers for \$125.00

Paul and Marion went to Crazy tea entertainment.

Harvester got 315 sks - Had sick horse today.

Sat 16 July 1892

Took Don to Davis. Missed my men -

Went to school election at Oeste's where Henle was threshing. Elected Miss Carlson of San Jose - a Normal graduate.

got my money \$125.00. Joe Divelbess had his wages garnished tonight

- got straw-berries 297 sks today

Sun 17 July 1892 [Inserted.]

Quite a warm day - went this evening to Mr. Miller's and got old sorrel mare to work on harvester.

Mon 18 July 1892

Helped wash this forenoon -

Hauled 60 sks to granary

Helped Roger haul wheat to corral at lower barn - got all on west side but 36 sks -

Boys threshed 325 sks -

Sue and Mrs Humphrey called on Mr. Currey and he came and took tea with us -

Tues 19 July 1892

Was almost sick abed this a.m.

Went to town in afternoon - got Muskmelons raspberries cracker &c

Reinsured my wheat -

Mr & Mrs Murch and family took tea with us -

The telephone workers are at north side of place at work.

Miller's old sorrel mare is sick -

315 sks today

Wed 20 July 1892

Mare all right -

Hauled grain from field this forenoon -

Got span of mules from Geo. Tauzer to work on harvester. Sent two of Mr. Miller's home.

Took folks riding this afternoon by McMillan's McMahan's - Curreys &c

285 sks today - cutting out small pieces.

The telephone poles are up about one half way across the place

Thurs 21 July 1892

Mrs. Ligget and Mrs Gardner came and spent the day -

The Schmeiser girls came for call -

Took Sue, baby & Edith to Agee's looking for fruit - got none.

Got green corn from Mr Miller's

Boys got 300 sks today

Fri 22 July 1892

Went to Schmeiser's and engaged 80 sks. wheat for seed -

Saw McMillan about school business -

Went to Davis - got berries &c

Boys got 335.

Sat 23 July 1892

Left at 6 a.m. for Woodland. Met Moy[?] at Baird's - took his rig- a livery and went to Baird's tule ranch

- had settlement with them. - back to Woodland at 7.30 - got plums, peaches alcohol crackers jelly glasses whip stock &c - Home at 10 p.m.

Boys got 250

Sun 24 July 1892 [Inserted.]

Paul and Yen went to town.

Mon 25 July 1892

Thos. Hext called and took breakfast with us. Went to Davis in afternoon took Mrs Humphrey to 3.05 train for San Francisco.

Boys finished harvesting late this evening - had a little over 4000 sks wheat, 2100 barley

Very windy evening -

Tues 26 July 1892

Put harvester in shed. Boys went to town with C. Schmeiser - went in and settled with them - got old Maj shod

Started Joe and Roger with six mule teams to town with grain -

Went to school house in afternoon to see about pump -

Got check from Baird Bros for harvester & from McMillan for cutting

Pauline Schmeiser came to sew for Sue.

Very cold and windy

Wed 27 July 1892

Went to Sacramento on 11 a.m. train

Deposited Baird Bros. check and McMillans

sent Mr. Best \$1375# for Bairds machine - Got dry goods for Sue

- out at 3.05

Thurs 28 July 1892

Measured land for almond trees

got horses cattle & hogs into east field

Did not feel well today and staid in doors considerably.

Very cool and pleasant

Fri 29 July 1892

Went to Mother's to fix her pump

- got Larke to help -

Went to Snyder's and gave order for 3500 almond trees one half each non pareil & Neplusultra

Was not at all well today

Sat 30 July 1892

Joseph hauled seed wheat, 80 sks, from Schmeiser's.

Roger hauled load to town in forenoon. Paid him off at noon -

Joe took last load to town in afternoon with four mules - then fixed for hauling wood. Yen baby and I went to Mother's. Insured wheat. Paid \$5 to the Republican club - Pauline Schmeiser went home

Sun 31 July 1892 [Inserted.]

Very warm day - 100 degrees

Mon 1 Aug 1892

Joe and I went to Freeman's for wood got 5 1/2 cords to take to Mother -

Went to Woodland - got high teas and nursing bottles.

Had very strong wind this evening

- scared us somewhat as it came up suddenly and blew very hard all at once.

Tues 2 Aug 1892

Went to Sacramento with Sue on 11 a.m. train. She did considerable shopping. I got some fishing tackle and two pairs of drawers. Out at 3. p.m.

Got six curtains @ 75c each for school house also bell pens, and pencils for 1.65 of H. S. Crocker & Co.

Joseph took Mothers wood to her covered up wheat and got Randall together.

Wed 3 Aug 1892

Joseph went for second load of wood. Left three cords at the school house and brought 3 1/2 cords home.

Went to school house and put up new curtains.

Thurs 4 Aug 1892

Started for Tahoe at 10. a.m.

Took Sue Marion Galt & Yen to the 11 a.m. train. Sue and Marie go on train to El Dorado. Joseph took the trunks and ten sacks chicken feed with large wagon.

Joseph and I fixed Mother's pump -

Paul drew \$100. Left @.00 for bread &c

Went to Sacramento across tule road

got there at 6.10 p.m. Got few things -

\$40 of Lume & Flobing

Fri 5 Aug 1892

Started at 6 a.m. with Yen and a Chinaman for Glen Alpine.

Lunched at White Rock. Got to Placerville at 7.25 p.m. Called on Mrs. Blanchard looking for Sue, then went to May Pierce's where Sue was and staid overnight.

Sat 6 Aug 1892

Got Job shod in front - got shaved and a hair cut. Sue lost her trunk key yesterday - had to break trunk open afterward found key. Left Placerville at 10 a.m. lunched about 5 miles out and reached Moore's Station Sanfoos's at 6.15

Sun 7 Aug 1892 [Inserted.]

Could not stay over today as we expected because house was full so had to drive on - Lunched at Sugar Loaf (Johnsons') and reached Watson's at 6.25

Sue had room & board at hotel. I ate at camp and slept in house - Baby very restless

Mon 8 Aug 1892

Left Watson's at 9 a.m. shot two quail. Lunched at Osgood's and reached Fallen Leaf at 4.30. Camped at Sues residence

Got milk, bedding and hay from Mr. Gilmore. Put up tent for baby.

[In margin: "235 lbs." not explained.]

Tues 9 Aug 1892

Fixed up things somewhat -

Am not feeling at all well -

Went up to the Springs this evening after milk for the baby as they sent us sour milk when we sent Roy for some.

Staid over night at hotel.

Wed 10 Aug 1892

Went home a little before noon.

Yen went fishing at Lily

Sue and I on Fallen Leaf - did not catch anything.

Our trunk came today.

Sprinkled a little this afternoon.

Thurs 11 Aug 1892

Bay nine months old today.

He is a bright, happy fellow -

He imitates coughing, sneezing and whistling.

Went to the Glen about noon.

Staid until evening. Yen washed.

Baby played with my watch and it stopped for the first time since I bought it.

Fri 12 Aug 1892

Mr. Gilmore sent Fred down early to have me go to Tallac and stop Lawrence's team from coming after the Braus[?] Brans[?] party. Went to Tallac and arranged the matter in a satisfactory manner. Got shaved and bought of Mr. Avery 50c worth of porterhouse steak. Came back with Fred about noon -

Mrs. Bryding [?] and Eva came this afternoon.

Will S. Monroe and Prof Dickinson party came.

Eva and Dr. Shearer came and spent the evening.

Sat 13 Aug 1892

Went to Springs in afternoon.

Monroe & Dickinson party went on Tallac today.

Sun 14 Aug 1892 [Inserted.]

The Monroe Dickinson party and W. D. Arnus[?] of Berkeley left today

Dr. Shearer had service under trees.

This evening they sang in sitting room and set baby wild

Mon 15 Aug 1892

Today is the fourth anniversary of the wedding of Susan and myself.

While they have had much sorrow crowd into them, the joy and pleasure of the life has far overbalanced everything else. This afternoon Mr. Neall of San Francisco, Susie and I went to Grass lake fishing and brought home eleven fish. We caught & threw back several. The Hasletts of Alameda, Mr. Morris & Dr. Shearer left.

Mrs. [name left blank] of San Francisco came -

Tues 16 Aug 1892

One of Mr. Gilmore's horses strayed today so he sent my team to Tallac and I had the horses both shod behind.

We all rode down with Fred to our house -

The boys borrowed what hay we had left.

Am not feeling well today

Three guests at hotel

Mr. Rulofen[?] and Capt. Hall spent day at Springs.

Wed 17 Aug 1892

Andy brought our team and wagon down and milk for the baby -

The milk proved to be in a can that was not clean so we went to the Springs for more -

Mr & Mrs. Meredith of Oakland a newly married couple came today.

Three guests - Tallac has several.

Felt very miserable today.

Ray got home from Carson valley with hay &c

Thurs 18 Aug 1892

Fred went early with wagon to shop to have axle set. Ray went to Placerville for groceries -

Fri 19 Aug 1892

They did not send any milk down this morning so we had to go up to Springs -

Sat 20 Aug 1892

Yen and Roy and Andy went fishing at Susie Lake - Got 5 -

Mon 22 Aug 1892

Ten of us went picknicing (sic) at Lovers[?] Grove on Fallen Leaf.

Mr. & Mrs. Barrett of Sausalito came -

Tues 23 Aug 1892

Large party walked to Grass lake Miss Cantwell lost her watch and Mr. Hall found it.

I took five in wagon to Lilly lake.

Mrs. Pierce is not well

Wed 24 Aug 1892

Six left today Mr. & Mrs Barrett - Hall and Meredith

Went to house a Fallen Leaf

- was quite sick while there

Sue was confined to her bed -

Thurs 25 Aug 1892

Fred, Eva, Eddy, Roy and I went to lake Gilmore caught 25 fish weighing 50# - We used Prof. Allen's canvas boat.

Fri 26 Aug 1892

The Marwedel[?] Cantwell party went on Tallac today.

Fixed ironing furnace for Jennie -

Sent Mother 8 trout.

Susie is up today.

Sat 27 Aug 1892

Yen Andy & Eddy went fishing in lake Gilmore - caught 12 fish -

They were out very late -

Sun 28 Aug 1892 [Inserted.]

Went to Tallac with Fred.

got shaved - shot 4 quail.

Mon 29 Aug 1892

Roy and I went to lake Gilmore fishing caught 6 fish one 4 pounder. Was quite sick while on mountain -

Fred and Eva went to Crystal Peak.

Tues 30 Aug 1892

Sent my large fish to Dr. Gardner

Was quite sick last night

Expected to start home today but Yen was not ready -

Wed 31 Aug 1892

Started from Glen Alpine at about 8 o'clock for home - Fred and Eddy Levitt, Yen and myself -

We had quite a load. Had 16 bottles soda water. Left Fallen Leaf Lake at 9.30, crossed the morain and lunched a Phillip's about 1 O'clock.

Reached Johnson's at about dusk.

Boys slept in barn - I in house.

Felt better toward evening -

Broke piece of hind spring.

Thurs 1 Sept 1892

Started at about 7 a.m. Met the stage 1 1/2 miles from Moores. Sent letter to Sue. Got Sue's duster left on up trip. Stopped at old mine near Smith's Flat where there is large water wheel 42 ft 8 in. in diameter. Reached Placerville about sun down.

Yen went to Chinatown, Boys and I stopped at Cary House.

Saw Dr. Wren. Met Mr. Andrews of S. F.

Lunched about 1 mile west of Pacific house.

Fri 2 Sept 1892

Left at 6.30 after hunting Yen up -

Went via Folsom. Lunched at Mormon Island. Reached Sacramento about 7.15. Boys went home 621 H St

Yen to Chinatown. I to Western.

Am feeling much better though very tired

Sat 3 Sept 1892

Got my watch of Klune and ordered negligee shirt of Jacobs-

Left for Davis at 9.30 Boy had misfortune and I got 5 muskmelons - killed snipe - gave to Mother. Yen came on train.

Got home in evening. Walter Gilmore there.

Sun 4 Sept 1892 [Inserted.]

took look about place - grapes poor

Joe got up Prince. Took Gilmore & Yen to Davis. G. went to San Francisco. Yen & friend had picnic.

Mon 5 Sept 1892

Went to Mr. Agee's engaged some peaches for canning

Took Mother to visit Anderson Bros. orchard and to Mrs. Milks -

Got Prince shod.

Joseph is hauling out the attempt at waterwheel

Yen caught 142 catfish.

Tues 6 Sept 1892

Went to school house - saw McMillan - got him to sign school orders. Called on Oeste - he had sent his money to Mr. Best

Went to Woodland. Collected on school orders. Got school supplies glass jars, shoes for Joseph plums vegetables &c.

Subscribed \$1000 toward the Capital stock of the new bank about to be organized at Woodland.

Wed 7 Sept 1892

Went to Ely Snyder's and got 100# very nice freestone peaches for canning paid 3c per lb for them.

Sent box containing grapes, peaches, plums, pears, squash, cucumbers and almonds to Sue at Tallac

Thurs 8 Sept 1892

Went to Sacramento on 7 a.m. train. Met Eva and Fred at State House. Was at Pavillion morning and afternoon. Was almost sick abed with cold contracted on coming home from Woodland day before yesterday. Went out on 6.00 train - stayed at Mother's and doctored.

Fri 9 Sept 1892

Feel better today. Went home about 9 a.m. Got Kings discovery & Moore's R. R. - 1 doz 1/2 gal jars and a watermellon.

John Miller was knocked down and robbed last night by unknown parties. He was still insensible when I left town.

It was a very pleasant day.

Sat 10 Sept 1892

Began building addition to men's house.

Sunday 11 Sept 1892 [Inserted.]

Went to church - took Yen to town. Mr. Murch called on me at Mother's.

Mon 12 Sept 1892

Went to school house with extras - then to Davisville where I met Joe with wagon and loaded him with lumber, nails and a window for addition.

Went to Woodland on 11.10 -

Settled with Jim Ely - he paid for extras Best's \$82.00 - Faulkner took gas engine - I paid \$20 on freight -

Tues 13 Sept 1892

Mr. Clark came to shear sheep as did John Reardon whom I spoke to about it yesterday. They both began.

Worked on addition to men's house.

Very cool and pleasant.

Wed 14 Sept 1892

Went to Sacramento on 7.15 train

Went to Park and stayed all day -

Got room at 9th & L, a private house.

Took 15 doz eggs 23c & 6 rolls butter 35c to B. F. L.

Thurs 15 Sept 1892

Had bad night. Am feeling miserably this morning - ate no breakfast.

Went to 8 a. m. train and met Mother-

Took her to Oak Park. then to stock parade - down town to dinner and to the Pavillion in the afternoon. Went to Davis an 6.05 train. Stayed at Mother's over night.

Fri 16 Sept 1892

Went home this forenoon -

Worked on addition a little

Feel miserable

Sat 17 Sept 1892

Worked on addition in forenoon

In afternoon worked on tank house

Found timbers rotted and in bad condition.

Sun 18 Sept 1892 [Inserted.]

Yen and I went to town expicting (sic) to hear from Sue but were disappointed.

Mon 19 Sept 1892

Mr. Scott agent of Mutual Life called - Went to Sacramento on 11.15 train. Sold my hogs to Mohr & Yoerk for 5c to be delivered next week.

Took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 23c

Tues 20 Sept 1892

Agent for the "Two Republics", an adventist book pretending to be history called this morning - think the work a fraud.

Made window casing for south window in new room.

Went to Davis to attend Mr Mullers funeral - a large procession.

Took 7 roll butter 35c

Sue write she will start home on Wednesday.

Wed 21 Sept 1892

Was very sick last night and today did not get out much. Had intense pains in my stomach and vomited very hard.

Thurs 22 Sept 1892

Had another bad night. was very sick this morning. Did not get up until nearly 10 o'clock.

Drove down to town this afternoon to meet Sue, but found only a letter saying she had changed her mind and would come next week. The trip was a very hard one on me -

Fri 23 Sept 1892

Joe sacked and loaded wool -

- six sacks - Reardon & Clark finished shearing at noon.

They sheared 235 apiece. 470 sheep and 4 or 5 lambs they did not shear. Joseph took John Reardon home in the cart with old Maj.

Our tanks are empty and there is no wind.

Am feeling some better.

Sat 24 Sept 1892

Joseph went to town with wool

6 sacks - weighing according to R R scales 2460. I think that too much -

Went to Davis took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 23c Met Eddy coming out to see if I was sick - Home at 12.45

Am feeling better today.

Sun 25 Sept 1892 [Inserted.]

Warmer today than usual.

about 90 degrees Yen had fine chicken dinner. Theodore Schmeiser and Mrs Carlson called.

Shut gates to get in hogs in morning

Mon 26 Sept 1892

Got up hogs for market - have 29 head to take to city - Sold Mr. Schmeiser 5 head - Kept 8 for our own use. This leaves us beside two sows and eight pigs -

Mr. Schmeiser and the two boys came after their hogs. They all had dinner here. They took their almonds #2000 to Davis this a.m.

Have had a bad day of it - am scarcely able to move.

Tues 27 Sept 1892

Felling some better today.

Eddy Levitt came about noon and staid over night.

Sue and baby came home.

I did not know they were coming and they came out in a livery rig.

Wed 28 Sept 1892

Joseph started at 1.45 a.m. for Sacramento with 29 head of hogs -

They weighed 6680# sold at 5c to Mohr and Yoerke - Eddy Levitt and I drove in. I took 7.15 train for Sac. - overtook Joe at Washington. Got 2000#, coal, iron, brooms, groceries, oil (signal) spuds, onions, boots &c and out on 3.00 -

Joe got home at about 9.20 p.m.

There was a light sprinkle this evening

Thurs 29 Sept 1892

Unloaded and rested. Mrs Pierce baby and I went to Davis in wagon and got Mrs P's trunk.

It sprinkled quite hard before we got home.

Fri 30 Sept 1892

Mutual Life Insurance agents called this morning Scott & Byruis[?]

Mr. Harby called and bargained for some sheep.

Joseph got ready to begin harrowing

Sat 1 Oct 1892

Joseph began harrowing in north field.

Quite a north breeze for a while this forenoon.

Worked at odd jobs about the place.

Sun 2 Oct 1892 [Inserted.]

Went to church - home early.

Mon 3 Oct 1892

Started a second harrow team with Charlten[?], new man as driver.

Am not at all well.

Tues 4 Oct 1892

Had to quit entirely and go to bed

Wed 5 Oct 1892

Had bad night in bed nearly all day.

Mr. Schmeiser came and paid \$40 on account hog trade. leaving 8.50 still due -

Thurs 6 Oct 1892

Boys burned weeds and cleaned wheat today. Joe hired another man -

Sprinkled at intervals

Theodore Schmeiser called with homoeopathy book.

Hamel called and says dogs are killing my sheep. Yen went to poison the carcasses -

Fri 7 Oct 1892

Sue baby and I went to Davis in forenoon and back after the 3.30 train.

Got returns from wool sent to Geo. Abbot.

2437# @ 8 1/2 207.15 less freight 8.06 \$199.09

Sat 8 Oct 1892

Strong south wind

Sue and Yen went to town in afternoon and got baby food.

Rained quite a hard shower this evening.

Sun 9 Oct 1892 [Inserted.]

Beautiful day. Sue baby and I went to Mr. Schmeiser's to deliver Journal to Miss Carlson.

Mon 10 Oct 1892

Sue, baby and I went to Sacto.

Sue and baby went on 10.30, I on 11.15.

out at 3.05. Got coat bonnet & shoes for baby and shoes for myself -

Drew \$1683.04 of B. F. L. Deposited 2232.12[?] with D O Mills - drew \$200 -

Got Ed Stone from Davis to drive team

Yen drew \$100.

Strong south wind this evening.

Tues 11 Oct 1892

North wind - Started second harrow again - Fearful wind

Helped Joe put seeder on wagon -

Tramp picked pears -

Boys bluestoned wheat in afternoon.

brought one load Schmeiser wheat to house -

Wed 12 Oct 1892

Strong wind this forenoon - it died out this afternoon.

Boys finished bluestoning wheat this forenoon and brought a second load of Schmeiser wheat to house -

Started tramp to harrowing this afternoon. Joe looked after stock.

Went to town in afternoon, got quinces, beans & cucumbers. Paid Collins and Hampton.

Thurs 13 Oct 1892

Nice day. Began sowing summerfallow in north field.

sowing Schmeiser seed.

Sue, baby and I went to school in afternoon and called on Mrs Guili and Thos & Dick Hext on our way home -

Fri 14 Oct 1892

Sue, baby and I went to Woodland on 11.15 train. Sue and I got work done at dentists
- I got one tooth - my last wisdom tooth pulled and one filled. Got laution[?] of Diggs.

Young Hilliken[?] was buried today.

Home at 5 p.m.

Took 35 1/2 # butter to B. F. L. got 25c

Boys broke tongue to seed wagon -

Sat 15 Oct 1892

Out of water again - hauled some from creek to water garden -

Went to Davis with wagon - got Maj shod -

Saw Geo. Tuft - tried to get him to come and fix windmill house &c but he was too busy. Took 30 doz eggs - sent to G. B. A.

Paid for [cannot figure out word, something like "Chmicle"] - paid Lillard & Bowen.

Had hail storm at Davis- none at home.

Sun 16 Oct 1892 [Inserted.]

Sprinkled at intervals throughout the day -

My men had a fight today and one quit - they fought over politics.

Mon 17 Oct 1892

Went to Davis in afternoon and took Charlton's blankets

Sue and baby went and staid at Mothers.

Set Mike to driving the team

Tues 18 Oct 1892

Yen took me to the 3.30 train

Got wash boiler of Larke -

Got to San Francisco at 7.15

Stopped at Grand Hotel Rm 149.

Wed 19 Oct 1892

Went to see Stoddard &co about flag for school house - Dr Plouf[?] for Rhumatism cure - Got receipt of A. Drucker and had it filled by J. H. Widber - feel better tonight -

Got reading chart and blackboard for school house.

Bought suit of clothes for \$30, at Raphael's.

Went to Bush Street Theater saw "The Stowaway"

Thurs 20 Oct 1892

Took early train for San Leandro

Saw Mr. Best - bought 5 H. P. gas engine.

Went back to Oakland on the electric car. Stopped at Broadway.

Went to San Francisco about 4 p.m. -

Called on Mr. Morris.

Attended The New California Theater

saw Salvini in Don Caesar De Baza[r?].

Fri 21 Oct 1892

Went early out to Holy Cross Cemetery - back at 12.30 - out to Golden Gate Park and Cliff - back at dusk.

Attended Stockwell's Theater saw "The Passing Regiment."

Sat 22 Oct 1892

Went to Davis on 8 a.m. train.

Sue and baby came in after me -

Both Sue and baby have bad colds -

Sun 23 Oct 1892 [Inserted.]

Michael drew \$4.00 and went to Davis for clothing accompanied by

Ed Stone. Joe drove three stray bulls that have been in our field lately into the public road -

Made out Joe's time. Yen walked to town.

Mon 24 Oct 1892

Joe Sue and I went to Sacto - on the 11 a.m. train. Paid Joe \$520 for work. He has been with me a long time and is a good hand.

Got bath of Dr. Clark. underclothes of Robin and ordered shirt of
Jacobs -

Sue got things for the baby -

Took Mother three sks barley for chicks. grapes pears &c -

Took 8 rolls butter to B. F.L. - got 50c

Tues 25 Oct 1892

Went to school house - took reading chart.

Went to Woodland as I was on the Grand Jury -

- was late. Jury met at 1.30 p.m.

- appointed Bidwell J. K. Smith & Irvin as experts and went through jail & hall of
records.

Staid at Byrnes [?] Hotel.

Collected harvester bill of L. B. Spurgeon \$23

Paid first installment of taxes for myself and Mother.

Got wool sacks and hardware of Mr. Diggs.

Wed 26 Oct 1892

Went to Count hospital. Jury adjourned at 10.10. Got home at 11.50

Went to Sacto on 3.30 train - attended the University of California Club of Sacramento. Had banquet at French Restaurant. There were nine members present and the occasion was an enjoyable one.

Stayed at Western Hotel.

Got wall paper for parlor and bedroom.

Thurs 27 Oct 1892

Went to Davis on 6.50 train.

- home at 9.45 -

Looked up hogs and fixed windmill pump in afternoon. The large sow I saved has nine pigs.

Intended to burn stubble in east field but wind was wrong.

Cloudy and looks like rain -

Fri 28 Oct 1892

Fixed two blackboards for school and took them up in afternoon

Strong south wind.

Ed hauled ground barley into the carriage house -

This is Sue's birthday and we had a birthday dinner in honor of the occasion.

Sat 29 Oct 1892

Fixed one black board and tinkered about place. Ed is hauling dirt and gravel into stalls at barn.

Mike is cleaning yard and whitewashing chickenyards - fixed hoops on water tank. Ed and I burned the stubble on north west 40 acres of Mother's place - late when finished

Sue and baby went down but did not stay to the finish

Sun 30 Oct 1892 [Inserted.]

Slight rain last night and today.

Mon 31 Oct 1892

Light north wind.

Got up 8 hogs to fatten. Marked the pigs from sow that pigged in August. She had 8 - three boars, 5 sows -

Put Betty and her 9 pigs into calf shed.

Hauled 35 sacks ground barley to feed them

Krauskopff from Mountain View came looking for a job - do not need him -

Sue baby and I went hunting in evening got 2 ducks and 2 doves -

Tues 1 Nov 1892

Strong north wind.

Ed is fixing stalls in horse barn-

Mike whitewashing and piling wood.

Fixed up some old pants. Went out with Sue and baby in evening and I got 5 doves-

Wed 2 Nov 1892

Set Ed to cleaning out sheep barn.

Mike piles wood and fixes fence.

Sue baby and I went to town

- took 7 rolls butter to B. F. L @ 50c. and supplies to Mother. Inquired about wheat market - very dull about 1.20

Thurs 3 Nov 1892

Began papering parlor

Fri 4 Nov 1892

Worked on parlor

Sat 5 Nov 1892

Finished parlor

Eddie Leavitt came.

Sue baby and I went to Davis to attend meeting of Republican candidates acted as chairman.

Sun 6 Nov 1892 [Inserted.]

Sue went to church. Yen came in & all went home in afternoon.

Mon 7 Nov 1892

Papered little bedroom of parlor

Tues 8 Nov 1892

Put down parlor carpet and took things out of bedroom up stairs

Went to election. took turkey cake jelly &c to ladies' dinner

Ed & Mike came in spring wagon

got sugar Extra dry granulated @5 1/2 beans rice &c and started Mike home with them.

Went home about dusk found no Mike [In short diary at end of this volume Pierce writes that Mike got drunk and had trouble with the team.]

Did chores and went to Davis to look for team - heard of them at Miner's.

Wed 9 Nov 1892

Ed went town found Mike and team

They came back together

Sue and I went to town in buggy

Ed on foot - got team at Miner's went to town got more boards to replace lost ones

Settled with Mike - mad[e] him [word?] a new top to wagon and shoes &c he took of
Ed's - top \$15.00 boards 70 shoes & 4.45

Ed took team home. Am not feeling well - had chill & high fever tonight.

Thurs 10 Nov 1892

Got up today - have very sore throat

Fri 11 Nov 1892

Feel better this morning

North wind

Sat 12 Nov 1892

Strong north wind.

am getting better. - was up and dressed today.

Eddie Leavitt came out this evening.

Sun 13 Nov 1892 [Inserted.]

Wind blew in forenoon -

Was out to meals today.

Yen went to house with Eddie this eve -

Mr. Currey called - he goes to San Francisco today.

Mon 14 Nov 1892 [Pierce entered this in space for Mon 21 Nov., as he noted, while he put the entry for the 21st in the space for the 14th.]

Beautiful morning-

North wind came up later and blew very hard.

The pump at windmill got out of order and we took it up - the valves had come in two. Cleaned out tank. Ed hauled manure from sheep barn.

Am feeling very much better.

[Pierce's note]: "For 21st see Monday Nov. 14th"

Tues 15 Nov 1892

Went to Sacramento on 11 a.m. train

got wall paper for up stairs bed room

Drew \$600. paid Sac'to Bank \$500 on principal

Out at 3.05 - Sue baby and I staid at Mother's.

Wed 16 Nov 1892

Took 6.40 a.m. train for Port Costa

- arrived at 8.30 - waited until 10.30 and took train for Byron, arrived soon after 12 M. - had room 14.

Took bath, hot salt in room 2 -

There are 40 or 50 people here at present.

Had cot put in room for baby

Thurs 17 Nov 1892

Took bath in forenoon. Sue in afternoon

Had cot taken out of room - as baby would not sleep on it-

Fri 18 Nov 1892

Bathed in forenoon Sue in afternoon

Played croquet in afternoon

Played four hand euchre this evening in parlor.

Sat 19 Nov 1892

Sue took mud bath in forenoon and I bathed in hot salt in afternoon -

Played euchre and whist this evening.

Sun 20 Nov 1892 [Inserted.]

Sue took hot mud in forenoon

I hot salt in afternoon

Mr. Mead & Mr. Fillmore of C. P. R. R. came tonight

Mon 21 Nov 1892

Left Byron at 11 a.m. Went by way of Lathrop to Sacramento., Train was 20 minutes late. There is no depot at Lathrop now.

Went to the Western. Got a bed chair and other things for baby. Most sick. Went to bed until 7.30. Attended Prof Moses' lecture at Congregational church then to Alumni reception to Prof Moses at Restaurant De France. About 10 grads

Moses, Weinstock, Smith Woodson & Raymond -

Had Toast The University.

Tues 22 Nov 1892

Got up late ordered 10 sks spuds of Gregory, door and signal oil at Whitter Fuller &co. Sue got a nice coat from the Nonpareil and did some other shopping

We went on 3.05 train, called at Mother's and then went home.

It looks cloudy and did sprinkle a little

Wed 23 Nov 1892

Light rain this morning -

Went to town this afternoon in buggy

Ed went with wagon and got freight, viz 10 sks spuds, 5 gal signal oil, 1 door, baby bed, chair, table, bedding, flour and wall paper.

Got cranberries and limes -

Eddie Leavitt came out -

Thurs 24 Nov 1892

Very cold last night, some of the hydrants were frozen up -

Ed wrapped hydrants and covered the citrus trees.

Helped Sue arrange furniture and pictures in bedroom and parlor.

Fri 25 Nov 1892

Rained a little last night and today.

Began papering the bedroom up stairs.

Eddie went hunting.- no game -

Sat 26 Nov 1892

Finished papering up stairs bedroom all but the border which is short as I got but 36 feet while I paid for 50. Put in furniture

Ed took fence out of creek -

Eddie hunted unsuccessfully -

Sun 27 Nov 1892 [Inserted.]

Very hard southeast wind last night. Rained hard today

Ed put horses into field barn -

Mon 28 Nov 1892

Very hard wind and rain storm last night. Eddie walked home this morn.

Some shakes were blow off shop roof

- went up to fix them on and ladder slipped and let me fall to the ground -

Ed went to drive horses from lower barn to sheep barn. Several of them got mired on creek land in barley field and old Kate could not get out - We worked on her until most night unsuccessfully and then killed her.

Tues 29 Nov 1892

Heavy wind and rain storm again -

Got sheep into barn and stock cattle into field barn.

Ed fixed stable wheelbarrow. I finished school blackboards and worked about house.

baby has a bad cold -

Wed 30 Nov 1892

Rained hard last night -

Today about 9-10 a.m. we had one of the hardest rains I ever saw, water fell in torrents and the wind blew a hurricane. The creek raised slowly from morning until 5 p.m. when water stood in slough six inches above sewer pipe.

Ed cut hole for door from bath room to stair way -

Baby seems easier -

Thurs 1 Dec 1892

Yen and I went to Sacramento to see doctors for our rheumatism -

Got medicine of Dr G - Yen of China doc

In at 11 a.m. out at 3.30 p.m.

Got currey combs brushes tacks books &c -

Drew \$40. of D. O. Mills

Stopped at Mother's. Her house leaked during the storm.

The ground had been terribly packed and washouts occurred more than ever before

fence gone in east field at culvert on county road -

Fri 2 Dec 1892

Rained much of the day some of the time very hard.

am not feeling well today and did not get out much -

Sat 3 Dec 1892

Am feeling better today

the sun shone beautifully for several hours, finally it goes cloudy and sprinkled

Ed and I fixed tub for soaking barley.

Began fixing door in small bathroom

Yen found a boat in flood wood.

Ed drew \$15.00 and went to Davisville -

Mon 5 Dec 1892

Put door into bath room.

Ed began washing harness.

Tues 6 Dec 1892

Went to Davis - took butter to B. F. L and eggs to Granger's - Got surface lumber shakes cream tartar &c

Wm Foster came home with me to work this winter.

Had very hard frost this morning.

Wed 7 Dec 1892

Butchered eight hogs, 6 before dinner, 2 after. Got through chaining casings at dark.

Hard frost this morning.

The hogs were young, fat, and very nice meat.

Thurs 8 Dec 1892

Foggy. Cut off hogs heads and put them to soaking.

Sue went to town - attended Ladies' Aid Society Meeting at Mr. Murch's.

Dennis came to work

Yen went to Mr. LaRue's on a visit.

Fri 9 Dec 1892

Cut up hogs and sausage meat -

Moved everything up to tank house

Tom Hext called today.

Dennis is tearing down fence west from blacksmith shop -

Salted meat.

Sat 10 Dec 1892

Very strong north wind. Separated young horses and took them to the field barn. -
drove cattle up.

Ground sausage meat in afternoon - finished at 8.30 106 pounds. Sue had nice dinner and present for my 42nd birthday

Sun 11 Dec 1892 [Inserted.]

Strong north wind.

Ed & Foster went to town. Salted meat. Yen made head cheese -

Mon 12 Dec 1892

Got plows out. Dennis and I fixed washed places in road and put in fence washed out by rains in Mother's field.

Dennis hauled fencing from west of shop in afternoon.

Sue baby and I went in cart to lower barn to feed horses.

Tues 13 Dec 1892

Very hard north wind

Dennis and I burned stubble in east field - burns fairly well -

Boys finished oiling harness -

Miss Carlson sent for school supplies

Wed 14 Dec 1892

North wind not so strong today.

Began winter plowing - got started this forenoon on creek piece east of house -

Sue, baby, and I went to town

- got collar, pads snaps &c -

Thurs 15 Dec 1892

Cold north wind.

Salted meat today and fixed many little things.

Fri 16 Dec 1892

Very strong north wind.

Went to school house in afternoon - took last two blackboards, pens & holders.

Sat 17 Dec 1892

Very strong wind.

Got up sow and eight pigs from lower field

Sharpened harrow teeth in afternoon.

Sun 18 Dec 1892 [Inserted.]

Sue and Yen went to Davis - Staid with baby-

Foster went to Davis last night

Mon 19 Dec 1892

Sue, baby and [I] went to Sacto. on 11.10 train. Had baby's photo taken by Boysen.

Sue got a hat for herself, muff for Eva and coat for Mrs Gray -

Christmas presents.

Home on 3.00 train got cabbage candles, chocolate & cranberries

Found Ed Stone sick -

Tues 20 Dec 1892

Ed its better but did not go out this forenoon-

Put teeth into harrow and got ready to sow - Began sowing in afternoon, Ed driving for me -

The cows did not come in and I had to go for them

Cloudy in forenoon - clear in p.m.

- north wind.

[Pierce continues Tues. entry into Wed space.]

Cloudy in forenoon. Clear in afternoon Got harrows ready.

Boys finished plowing in forenoon, all but corners -

Began sowing wheat at noon and started one harrow. Dennis finished plowing corners
-

Wed 21 Dec 1892 [In space for Thursday.]

Very foggy. Bluestoned 30 sks. wheat. Sowed grain until about 2.30 when it began raining

Started Ed on two horse harrow -

- did not rain much -

Schmidt came from Sacto, Foster quit at noon and Schmidt took his team. Sue drove to town and got Mr. Levett who comes to work -

- did not quite finish sowing -

Thurs 22 Dec 1892 [In space for Friday.]

Rained considerable last night - very high wind. Mr. Levett began choring

The loose horses came up this morning -

Did a little work in shop

Finished papering stairway this afternoon

Dennis and Ed hauled a load of gravel and took down some fence about vineyard -
Sprinkled a little today - Got up sheep -

Fri 23 Dec 1892 [In space for Saturday.]

Rained most of day. Fixed stair way & painted in forenoon. Went to town with Ed to
ship Sue's presents and got couch & chair, shovels &c

- had hard ride in rain.

Sat 24 Dec 1892 [At bottom of space for Saturday this time.]

Rained hard last night and at times today. The creek got very high- highest for 3
years.

- began falling about 5.30 p.m. - took out fences across slough at Hext line to sheep
barn. Did some painting.

Sun 25 Dec 1892 [Inserted.]

Sprinkled at intervals through the day. Sue got couch for me - 'twas a failure

Gave her manicure set & yen 5.00 Had scrubby dinner -

Mon 26 Dec 1892

Foggy in morning -

Put bacon in smokehouse.

Fixed fence at sheep barn in afternoon.

Eddie Levitt and Ed Stone came out in afternoon.

Several gangs of hunters were here today.

Tues 27 Dec 1892

Fine sunshiny day.

Finished tearing down fence about vineyard and began grubbing out almond trees in preparation for almond orchard.

Had Schmidt put up the chimneys shaken down by earthquake

Sent Eddie to town to invite Mother out to dinner tomorrow also Dick and Tom Hext.

Wed 28 Dec 1892

Mother and Aunt Delia came out with me and Tom Hext joined us at dinner. Tom gave baby \$5.00 for a Christmas present.

Had a fine turkey dinner. Took folks home late in afternoon -

Got stirrups whip for buggy, soap apples & cauliflower.

Thurs 29 Dec 1892

Went to field barn and around fence in lower field.

Started to plow the island to sow barley for feed as the natural feed is failing

Took Sue and baby to east field

put up stake at Miller's line and fixed fence.

The weather was fine.

Fri 30 Dec 1892

Hard north wind last night, but little today.

Finished plowing island and grubbing almond and oak trees at noon -

Finished sowing winter wheat. Had Mr. Levitt plough strip between fences and road and I sowed it to wheat -

L - plowed windmill lot .- Sowed island to barley -

Nice day -

Sat 31 Dec 1892

Sowed windmill lot. Boys finished harrowing wheat at about 9 a.m. then began plowing barley ground.

Set stakes for base line for trees.

Eddie Levett went home. Mr. Levett pruned peach trees in afternoon

Worked in shop in p.m. Sue and I went hunting toward evening -

got two doves. Pleasant day.

Memoranda [p.1]

Jan. 6th Mrs. Vaughan left.

" 9 Jennie Grady came

" 11 Sarah Luddington came -

Jan 15 Sold my wheat for \$1.65.

" 18 Sold 5757# barley to Mr. Miller for seed @ \$1.10.

" 21 Sue took baby about yard for this first out door ride since coming home.

" 21 Finished sowing barley for the season.

Baby weighs about 12 1/4 lbs.

" " Sent Joseph to help Mr. Miller plow - as Miller is late.

" 23 Sent two more eight mule team to Mr. Miller's.

" 19 Sent Homer Price \$700, final payment on my note for \$3500.

" 22 Paid \$2500 on principal to the Sacramento Bank.

- " 25 Began summer fallowing.
- " 26 Rained -
- " 30 Planted potatoes
- " 31 Yen came home with presents for Sue & baby -

Memoranda [p.2]

Feb 9th Sues "Fallen Leaf" land trial began at Sacramento Land Office.

" 12 Sue went to the trial.

" 11 Baby three months old is apparently doing well. He weighs nearly fourteen (14) pounds -

" 14 Got home from Mothers.

" 16 Finished summerfallowing the 100 acre field south of hog lot.

Sold the new butchers of Davisville 5 head of sheep @ 3.50 - their first.

" 17 Began raining toward evening

" 18 Rained most of day and night.

" 19 " " " " " "

" 20 " hard last night sprinkled today.

" 22 Got material for water wheel.

" 26 Launched frame for " " and Sue christened it "Putah".

This is the fourth anniversary of our engagement.

" 24 Baby weighs 14 1/2 lbs. and is doing as well as we could ask him to.

" 27 Had lettuce and radishes from our own garden-

Memoranda [p.3]

March 1 Sent money for books and tuition in Sprague Law school of Detroit Mich.

" 4 Old roan cow had twin calves - one died.

" 5 Yolo County Worlds Fair organization begun.

" 8 Theodore Schmeiser grafted walnut trees near boys house.

" 8 Sue and I had ripe strawberries from our own vines -

" 7 Got "Rex" from C. G. Day.

" 12 World's Fair organization of Yolo was organized today. Was elected a Director and member of the executive committee.

" Baby is four months old weights fourteen and a half pounds and is cutting teeth

One tooth is out and another nearly so.

" 16 Put new sprocket wheel, 10 ft. on water wheel -

Memoranda [p.4]

March 15 Rained a little.

18 " about 1/2 inch

19 Attended World's Fair Meeting at Golden Eagle Hotel Sacramento.

21 Hauled away wheat carried over 375 Sacks -

22 Began plowing again.

25 Planted corn. Did some work for Mr. Hext. Took library books to school.

- 28 Went to San Francisco.
- 29 Bought Challenger pump.
- " Rained very hard -
- 30 Hailed and snowed.
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- April 1 Rained slowly most of the day
- 2 Showered in afternoon.
- 12 Marked lambs 158 head
- 66 bucks 92 ewes.
- 11 Began reploting -
- " Castrated three colts - two mules one horse Larue's Nevada.

Memoranda [p. 5]

Apr. 12 Baby went to town to visit grandma -

" 13 Baby drank from cup -

- " 14 Rained quite a shower in afternoon.
Got fountain pen.
- " 16 Filled up slough at hog pen.
- " " Rained slight showers.
Gave in my assessment -
- 19 Hardest earthquake at 2.46 a.m. we ever experienced.
- 21 Still harder earthquake - have no chimney left.
- 20 Went to World's Fair meeting in San Francisco.
- 23 More earthquakes. Went to Winters to see ruins. Met
Mr. Wolfskill.
- 24 More earthquakes
- 25 "
- 26 "

27 "

26 Sold two harvesters to Beard Bros and Montgomery.

28 Mother came to spend the day

Memoranda [p. 6]

Apr. 29 Mr. Gilmore and Mrs. Blanchard went home -

" Rained

" Quite hard earthquake at 4 p.m.

30 Slight rain

" Sold harvester to J. H. Oeste.

We had several hard frosts this month that did considerable damage to fruit and vegetables.

May 1 Rained quite hard in showers.

2 Paid Dr. Gardner.

3 Rained

- 4 Boys began breaking colts.
- 4 Rained
- 5 "
- 7 Sold Spark's Harvester to James Ely.
- " Sold Sparks new Harvester.

Memoranda [p. 7]

- May 9th Simon Powel quit unceremoniously
- " 10 Rained.
- " 11 All went to Sacramento - had baby's photograph taken by
Boysen -
- " " Sarah Luddington left -
- " 13 Began Haying.
- 18-19-20-21 Very warm thermometer about 96 degrees each
day.

- " 24 Finished mowing
- " " Began hauling hay.
- 30 Very hard north wind - one of the very worst excessively warm
- " 31 Another day of wind -
- June 2 Very strong north wind
- This wind is unusually cool 76 degrees at noon
- " 3 Very strong cool north wind

Cash Account [p.1]

- June 3 Mr. & Mrs Heald called on their way to San Jose -
- " 6 Cloudy - cool south wind.
- " " Will Wright began harvesting.
- " " Paul brought six mares home from Liggets pasture.

" 7 Went before Board of Supervisers for World's Fair appropriation

" " School election - lively time

" 8 Resigned as School Trustee.

" " Brought home 2000 sacks

10 Finished haying

" 11 Got out harvester.

" " Ratification meeting at Davis.

Very cool weather almost a frost.

" 12 Baby gave Yen \$20.00 to send to his Mother to help pay for her home.

Mowing thistle on pasture ground on creek

" 14 Got baby a rubber chicken which pleased him wonderfully

Cash Account [p.2]

June 14 Got old notes from Sacto Bank.

- " 16 Began harvesting in afternoon
- " 17 Started Oeste's harvester
- " 18 " Spark's "
- " 23 Began cutting for Mr. Miller-
- " 28 Finished " " " "
- " 29 Began " " " Schmeiser.
- " 29 Attended Commencement exercises at Berkeley

- July 1 Very strong north wind.
- " 2 Men on harvester had a fight -
- " 1 Very large fire in Woodland
- " 4 Montgomery paid for his harvester.
- " 5 Finished cutting for Schmeiser.
- " " Began " " McMillan.

- " 6 Took trip to tule
- " 8 Geo. Soule came for a visit -
- " 9 Finished harvesting for McMillan
- " " Began cutting wheat at home -
- " 11 Began hauling wheat to Davis -
- " " Baby weighs eighteen pounds -
- " 15 Sold "Don" to San Francisco buyers.
- " " Mrs Humphries came for visit.
- " 20 The telephone company have about one half of the poles up
across the north side of the place.

Cash Account [p. 3]

- July 26 Finished harvesting
- " 26 Baird Bros. paid for harvester
- " " McMillan paid \$200# on account.

- " " Dick Price paid for raisins.
- " 28 Turned stock into stubble fields.
- " 29 Bought 3500 almond trees, 1750 Nonpareil 1750 Neplus Ultra,
of Eli Snyder for \$75 per M. [thousand]
- " 30 Finished hauling wheat to Davis. Have now stored in Liggets
warehouse

1298 Sks. Barley weighing 139374

3585 " Wheat " 481986

The barley is insured in "The Hartford" of \$966 expiring Jan
2nd '93.

The wheat is insured [in?] for \$4820 expiring Feb. 1st 93.

Cash Account [p.4]

August 1 Began hauling wood to schoolhouse [crossed out] from F. S.
Freeman's place -

" 2 Took 5 1/2 cords of wood to Mother.

" 4 Started on camping trip to Glen Alpine

- " 8 Reached Fallen Leaf -
- " 31 Started home with Yen and two Levitt boys. Left Sue and baby
at Glen Alpine.
- Sept. 3 Reached home in evening -
- " 6 Subscribed \$1000# to the new bank to be organized in
Woodland.
- " 7 Attended State Fair
- " 13 Began shearing sheep -
- " 20 Mr. Miller buried -
- " 22 Finished sheep shearing
Sheared 470 head @ 8 37.60
- " 26 Sold 5 head hogs to Mr. Schmeiser
- " 28 " 29 " " " Mohr & Yoerke
weight 6680# @ 5c.
- Got bran, groceries, iron, coal &c.

Cash Account [5]

October

- 1 Began harrowing summerfallow.
- " 6 Sprinkled at intervals - first rain of the season -
- " " Boys are cleaning wheat -
- Am having sick spell -
- " 10 Sue, baby and I went to Sacramento and returned -
- got cloak, hat & shoes for baby -
- " 11 Very strong north wind
- " 10 Borrowed some money on my wheat.
- " 13 Began sowing summerfallow.
- " 14 Had my 1st wisdom tooth pulled.
- " 15 Hailed at Davis - not at home.
- " 18 Went to San Francisco to be doctored for rheumatism

" 24 Jos. Regier, after a 21 month's stay left us for his father's home
in Canada.

" " Finished putting in summerfallow

" " Was on Grand Jury.

" 26 Attended the U. C. Club at Sacramento

" " Large sow I saved has nine nice pigs -

Cash Account [p.6]

Oct 29 Burned stubble

" 30 Rained slightly last night and today.

" 31 Put up 8 hogs to fatten

Marked 8 pigs, 5 sows 3 barrows

Have old betty with 9 pigs beside.

Krauskopf called

Nov 8 Election day.

Harrison & Reid beaten by Cleveland & Stevenson

9 Man Mike got drunk and had trouble with team.

10 Having a very sick spell.

have much strong north wind.

16 Went to Byron Springs to obtain relief from rheumatism.

23 Sprinkled

24 Very hard frost - several hydrants froze up-

25 Rained a little last night and today.

Papered bedroom up stairs

Cash Account [p.7]

27 Very hard southeast wind with hard rain - the first hard
rain of the season -

28 Old Kate died.

29 Baby has cold

30 Creek highest since 1889-90.

Dec. 1 Went to Sacramento with Yen, both for medicine for rheumatism.

" 3 Yen found boat in flood wood -

" 7 Butchered 8 hogs.

Hard frosts

9 Very hard and cold north winds.

13 " " " " " "

14 Burned stubble " "

15 " "

16 " "

17 " "

14 Began winter plowing -

- 19 Went to Sacto - Had baby's picture taken.
- 20 Began sowing winter grain -
- 21 Began raining
- 24 Creek very high.
- 25 Sprinkled at intervals
- 27 Grubbing almond trees
- " Rebuilt house chimneys.

Cash Account [p.8]

- Dec 28 Had Mother, Aunt Delia and Tom Hext to dinner.
- " 30 Plowed the island.
- " " Finished sowing wheat -
- " " Sowed island to barley -

Cash Account [p.9]

Summary -

A light rainfall - hot weather in spring - strong north wind in harvest -

Raised about 4200 sacks wheat

" " 2100 " barley.

Have eleven colts - 9 mules - 2 horses -

Began work for an almond orchard -

A year of earthquakes, high winds, frosts, hot weather out of season, proving a very trying season to both human beings and vegetation.

Cholera was bad in Europe and got a footing in America

College football was very popular

U. C's and Stanford's had an exciting game and it ended in a tie.

[On final blank page of diary Pierce has list of his grape varieties:]

Grape cuttings in lot south of house. The following are the varieties

1st row east side beginning at N. E. corner

20 Late white (tart)

22 Sweetwater

8 Catawba

Sultana to end of row.

West row.

Beginning at south end

Isabella Regia

Rose of Perse

Farisagos

Blue Malvoise

Tokay