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D-022 4:15: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1905

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Preliminary notes by transcriber:

Working to Establish Davis Campus

On the 24th of March, Pierce saw Mr. Sparks [local landholder] about locating the Agricultural (State) Farm [University Farm, now UC Davis] in Davisville. Saw Governor Pardee about it on the 25th. Saw the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor on same matter on the 28th. On the 30th he went to Woodland to discuss the matter. Meeting of committee on the subject at Plant's office on 1 April, discussion at Board of Supervisors in Woodland, 5 April, saw Governor and Lieutenant Governor, 8 April, and had meeting later of State Farm Committee. More intense work, presenting the Davisville site to the State Farm Commission, getting out circulars, April 27th and 28th. More May 6, 9. On 17th saw Pres. Wheeler of the University, the Governor, and others about State Farm Commission in Berkeley. More activity on the 19th and 20th of May, with a commission coming on the 20th, including Pres. Wheeler to look at various sites. There are several other entries about this project in this volume of the diary. On Monday 27th of November Pierce actually offered his own place as the site of the State Farm at a Sacramento meeting of the State Farm Commission! On 22 December Pierce saw V. Sparks and got option on his land for State Farm. That was a big step in getting the site for Davis campus. On Sunday Dec 24 Prof. Wickson came up from Berkeley, soil expert, to look at the propose site for State Farm, showed the Sparks site.

Sun 1 Jan 1905 [Inserted.]

Shot and dressed turkey before breakfast -

Took children to Sunday school in automobile, Yen going too -home at 12 M.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur & Mr & Mrs Ed Marden of Fresno came to dinner -

Took Mr & Mrs Marden & Mrs. Wilbur for a ride to Winters - going in 35 minutes -

The day is clear and cold there being ice this a.m.

We have had about twelve inches of rain todate (sic) and crops look unusually well.

Feed has been & is good -

My alfalfa field, sown in the fall has a heavy growth of burr clover on it.

Mon 2 Jan 1905

Very cold. Sent Fred with a load of wood and tools for plowing and seeding to Mother's
- Plowed front and hen yards and sowed barley in hen yard - Began pumping water
from cistern -

Tues 3 Jan 1905

Sue Dix & I went to Sacramento - Sue to get dress re-fitted - I to see Senator Diggs &
Sheriff Rees about Cereal improvement Association bill before the Legislature.

Wed 4 Jan 1905

Sawed wood - literally and truly.

Thurs 5 Jan 1905

Went to San Francisco to attend the River Improvement Association Meeting and also the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cereal Improvement Association.
Home at 11 p.m.

Sue & Dix went to Sacramento and staid over night.

Fri 6 Jan 1905

Sawed wood in a.m. Took Japs to Davis in p.m. taking in load of wood - bringing out 2 tanks gasoline

Cleaned out Mother's cistern

Sue & Dix came home - Georgie Merrill came home with Dix -

Foggy

Sat 7 Jan 1905

Sawed wood in a.m. Took 4 Japs to work in Mother's yard in p.m.

Cut out dead tree in S. E. corner of lot -

Foggy -

Rained a little.

C. E. Greene brought Marion Atwood out from town - she comes on a visit -

Sun 8 Jan 1905 [No entry.]

Mon 9 Jan 1905

Sawed wood in a.m. while Joe washed -

Tues 10 Jan 1905

Sawed wood in a.m. until 10.20

then went to Sacramento to attend the Legislature at the time of nominating candidates for U. S. Senators.

Home on 3.30 train.

Sue, Marion & I went to Woodland in automobile to attend lecture of Rev. C. R. Brown of Oakland - on American Humorists. Went over in 50 minutes - back in about 60.

Wed 11 Jan 1905

Sawed and tinkered in a.m.

Took Sue & Marion to Frank Chile's to Ladies Whist in p.m.

Thurs 12 Jan 1905

Sawed - got hams to soaking etc.

Dick Wright quit at noon -

Took Sue to town for things for a Reception she wants to give to Marion.

Fri 13 Jan 1905

Rained last night and sprinkled at intervals throughout day -

Sue had card party for Marion.

It rained all night - 13 people came

Fred Pierson quit this a.m. and went to town in rain and got horse & buggy to take his things to town.

Got up sheep & horses -

Sat 14 Jan 1905

Sawed wood in a.m. and attended meeting of Percheron Horse Assn and also Cemetery Trustees. Eugene La Rue went to town with me -

Sun 15 Jan 1905 [Inserted.]

Marion left for home. Yesterday I lost a nut off the rear axle to auto. Went to town on horse back to find it but failed. My Japs however found it. Ordered another nut -

Sprinkled at intervals throughout day -

Mon 16 Jan 1905

Rained hard last night -

Sawed wood in afternoon.

Sick today

Tues 17 Jan 1905

Sawed wood - 2 Japs hauled wood.

Went with auto to Mrs. Wilbur's to a "500" party taking Sue, Mr & Mrs LaRue.

Home at 2 p.m. Did not sleep at all -

Wed 18 Jan 1905

Joe washed in a.m.

Sawed wood

Thurs 19 Jan 1905

Sick today

Fri 20 Jan 1905

There was a joint Odd Fellow and Rebeka Installation last night, but as I was sick we did not go -

Sue went to school house this p.m. and Dix and I went to Davis for mail -

Sat 21 Jan 1905

Rained hard last night and at intervals during day - began sawing wood but soon had to quit. Went to Sacramento on 10.30 train to attend meeting of Sac. Valley Development Ass'n. at Pioneer Hall. Staid at Mother's and attended Odd Fellow's lodge. Conferred 1st degree.

Sun 22 Jan 1905 [Inserted.]

Home at 8 a.m. - Fixed windmill - cleaned auto. Had "freak lamb" dropped had 8 legs, 2 tails 4 ears, 1 eye, 1 head without mouth or nostrils

Rained much of day - Creek nearly bank full tonight

Mon 23 Jan 1905

Sawed wood - 2 Japs -

New choreman came about 3.30 p.m. - Henry Bell.

Tues 24 Jan 1905

Sawed wood until about 11 a.m. when it rained so hard we had to quit -

Went to Davis in p.m. - took Yen - got gasoline etc -

Wanatanabe came with his brother, sister and little baby -

Wed 25 Jan 1905

Sawed wood - fine day.

Sue went to town -

Thurs 26 Jan 1905

Tinkered about place in a.m.

Went with Sue & Dixwell to Woodland in auto to attend lecture of President Benj Ide Wheeler of the University of California -

Staid at home of C. W. Thomas -

Two extra Japs went to work at grubbing at noon.

Fri 27 Jan 1905

Got home from Woodland about 2.30 p.m.

The two extra Japs did not work in p.m.

Washed auto. Roads in vicinity of Woodland are very muddy -

Sat 28 Jan 1905

Sawed wood - hauled brush & two men grubbed & filled up tree holes -

Washed buggy - Changed sheep into N. W. pasture field - put loose horses into center pasture -

Sue attended Mrs. Kincaid's funeral -

Sun 29 Jan 1905 [Inserted.]

Gardy & Yen went to town -

All took short ride to Mr. Clark's place in auto -

Mon 30 Jan 1905

Sawed wood fixed fence, put in new gate at east barn, fixed gate on knoll etc. -
Russell's Japs sent word that some of our hogs are at their place and I went up to see about it, but could do nothing with them as there was no interpreter present.

Tues 31 Jan 1905

Went to Russell's for the hogs - gave the Japs \$10.00 for damages done to their hot bed -

Fixed creek fence along west orchard -

Sue, Dix & I went to Davis in auto -

It began raining before we got home -

Wed 1 Feb 1905

Rained most of night and much of the day - Was among sheep and cattle in a.m.

Sue & I attended the "500 Club" meeting at Mr & Mrs Hine's. I won first prize - a safety razor -

Thurs 2 Feb 1905

Yen drew \$50.00 and started to celebrate China New Years. He & I went to Davis for morning train but missed it as the time has been changed from 7.25 to 6.55 a.m.

Got nut to auto axle, steak fish etc. Fixed telephone on way out.

Had sheep moved into north field

Fixed gasoline tank etc.

Sprinkled at intervals in p.m.

Fri 3 Feb 1905

Joe started saw again this a.m.

Started two Japs at wood-hauling in p.m.

Mr & Mrs. Ed. Bullard were here this a.m. looking after signers for A. M.? Elston as county sheep inspector.

Geo. Dalton came in p.m. looking for yearling ewes -

Dixie & I went out north with the auto.

Have not felt well today.

Sat 4 Feb 1905

Joe Stein left, a Jap taking him to town also an empty gasoline tank and getting a tank of gasoline and some lumber.

3 Japs pruned - Went to town in p.m to attend Percheron Horse Annual meeting -

The first almond blossoms appeared -

Sun 5 Feb 1905 [Inserted.]

Rained last night and some this a.m.

Mon 6 Feb 1905

Henry Bell, choreman left sometime in the night, so I had to be choreman as well as cook and boss -

Telephoned for another choreman.

Japs sawed wood -

Took dirt out of west side of cellar that caved in and began putting new underpinning under the house.

Sue & Dix went to town, brought Yen home -

Tues 7 Feb 1905

Japs sawed and hauled wood -

Went to Woodland in auto with J. E. LaRue. Met Supervisor Ormsby and agreed on a price for team for opening a road from the county road at north east corner of the place to the creek. Am to get \$1.00 per rod for new fence and \$23.00 for moving old one.

Settled with Water Co. for the stock subscribed for - have 13 shares @ 55.00 per share -

New choreman came. went to town after supper for his trunk with auto.

Wed 8 Feb 1905

Ed & I got the 3 bucks still in the flock out and put sheep into middle field - also sorted mares from mules and put them in middle field (knoll) & got bulls back into their field.

Japs put extra posts into fence at east side of windmill sheep pasture -

Sue & Dix went to Whist Club at Mrs. Plants.

Thurs 9 Feb 1905

Finished up cellar underpinning

Sue went to Ladies Aid at Mrs. Merrill's -

Went to Mrs. Greene's to see some new fence material -

Fri 10 Feb 1905

Put in flood gate across canal in front of house.

Went to Sacramento on 10.45 a.m. train and out on 3.30 p.m. But little doing in the Legislature. The Boodle Senators have been arrested.

Got 3 sx spuds for seed.

Georgie Merrill came out home with me -

Sat 11 Feb 1905

Had fence removed in front of house.

Ground barley - plowed potato land.

Went to Woodland in p.m. to auto meeting and anti drainage meeting - Sue going too -

Home at 6 p.m. - at 7.45 left of "500" Club meeting at Mrs Reed's - Very strong, cold north wind -

Sun 12 Feb 1905

North wind - cold - Georgie Merrill went home -

Japanese woman with husband & child went to Mr. LaRue's to work, also young Jap -

Mon 13 Feb 1905

Got ready for plowing -

Two Japs oiled harness in p.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. for drivers

- only got one. Another had come and left again. Telephoned for another - Got V. Wallace -

Tues 14 Feb 1905

Started Wallace at plowing at Charley Greene's.

- Went to town for another driver - got H. Sampson - and started him plowing at C. Greene's at noon.

Cut seed potatoes.

Gardy & I went to see Mrs Greene's U. S. fence

Sue & Dix went to Valentine W. C. T. U. party at Mrs. Filberts.

Wed 15 Feb 1905

Worked in shop in a.m. -

Went to Davis in p.m. looking for doctor to help deliver a calf. did not get one - sent by phone to Woodland to Dr. S. Odle, who got here about 7.30

Delivered calf, had supper and left about 10.30 p.m.

Thurs 16 Feb 1905

Rained last night and at intervals today - No men worked.

Went to Sacramento on 10.45 a.m. train

Appeared before Ways & Means Committee of Assembly in favor of Cereal Improvement bill also Liege Exhibition bill -

- Got pad for writing desk.

Rained hard at night and I staid at Mothers.

Fri 17 Feb 1905

Home in a.m.

Sent Charley Jap to Davis with load of wood to Mother - Dix & I went in auto. - got 5 - 2x4 - 24 ft for gravel rack.

3 telephone poles & 4 pieces - also tank of gasoline, box apples 200# salt etc -

Saw Mr. Hamel about right of way for canal -

Sold 900 fleeces more or less wool to Dickins & Kearn for 20c per lb -

Sat 18 Feb 1905

"Charley" Jap finished hauling brush from west orchard and then burned brush in east orchard.

Gardner & I went to Woodland to attend the Farmer's Institute and dentist

Addressed Institute on Good roads & Canal improvement.

Sun 19 Feb 1905 [Inserted.]

Rained in a.m. Went to Hine's before breakfast and measured wagon axles for new wheels.

Went to Davis with Sue & Yen. Yen went to Sacramento.

Mon 20 Feb 1905

Took Sue to 1.025 a.m. train

Ordered iron wheels through Schmeiser.

Saw Shropshire bucks at Harbys

Went for Sue at 7 p.m. train.

Tues 21 Feb 1905

Started Vincent with orchard plow but had to quit - too wet -

Vincent & I cleaned up automobile -

Homer plowed out canal ditches.

Wed 22 Feb 1905

Went to Davis early -

Went with all family to Woodland to join in automobile run of Yolo Club -

We ran to Capay for dinner, thence to Winters and home - Had a charming day and a delightful run.

Vincent did not work - his brother came and went to Sacramento for his blankets.

Mr. Williams & helper Mr. Elder came to hang paper & do painting -

Thurs 23 Feb 1905

Sawamura & I went to Davis - got wall paper, matting & furniture.

Went to town at noon for paint & plaster paris.

Sent two teams to Davis for fence posts ordered from Siskiyou - got 283 - unloaded one load along LaRue line.

Vincent ran orchard plow -

Wm. helped move sheep and assisted Sue -

Fri 24 Feb 1905

Sent Sawamura for last load of posts and put them along line -

Men went to Charley Greene's - plowing -

Wm started orchard plowing -

Finished brush burning

Plowed canal banks & lot in front of house -

The paper hangers finished and went home -

Sat 25 Feb 1905

Worked about place in a.m. - laid out fence along line of new fence on east side of ranch for new road in p.m.

Sue & I went to 500 club at LaRue's and I won first prize -

Sun 26 Feb 1905 [Inserted.]

Sue sick. Gardner & Yen went to Davis.

Dix & I went to Winters in p.m.

Homer & Ed. went to town & got drunk

Mon 27 Feb 1905

Teams harrowing for C. Greene.

Moved Sue down stairs -

Went for Dr. Lawhead in p.m. and then took him to Davis -

Sawamura hauled 1 mile wire fencing from town (2 trips) hauled wood to Mother -

Very warm.

Got vegetables, meat & stump pulling jack of Joe Murray -

Tues 28 Feb 1905

Sawamura hauled manure -

Wm Wallace broke down orchard plow - took pieces to Davis for repairs - went with Prince as my battery would not work. Took butter & eggs - got supplies & 2 brown leghorn roosters.

Wed 1 Mar 1905

Went to Davisville in auto and got new driver - Let Homer go at noon -

Sawamura and I scattered posts and laid out some holes in 30 acre field -

Sawa dug some holes

Thurs 2 Mar 1905

Marked lambs - had 200 ewes and 194 bucks - Watanabe lost his watch -

Boys got done at Greene's and brought tools home just at night -

Teams have worked 8 for one & 7 1/2 days for other. 15 1/2 days -

Fri 3 Mar 1905

Began plowing in west orchard with two teams

Went to Davis in p.m.

Sue is up today -

Gardner and I laid out fence along Miller line up to within 1/2 mile of the Davis & Winters road.

Sat 4 Mar 1905

Watanabe went to Sacramento in p.m.

Gardner & I went to Woodland in p.m.

G. to see the dentists, I to attend to various things.

Wm Wallace finished plowing with orchard plow in east orchard at noon and began harrowing in west -

Sun 5 Mar 1905

Yen drew \$30.00 & went to Sacto.

Took Dix & Yen to Davis, and J. J. Gallagher riding to Marden's Swingle's etc. Saw Tom Brown about some carpenter work -

Mon 6 Mar 1905

North wind fairly heavy -

Two Japs began tearing down fence along road from bridge east -

Sawamura digging holes on east side -

Mr. Hine came for span of mules to work on creek lands for G. B. Hoag & Jap -
[Probably means "Jack" here, cf. 13 April 1905.]

Tues 7 Mar 1905

Strong north wind -

Sue, Dix & I started for Sacto - late.

A tire blew out and we did not get the train. Tire blew out a second time in Davis -

Sue & Dix staid at Mother's

I came back and finished laying out fence -

Pumped water. Marked 3 lambs -

Wed 8 Mar 1905

Sue & Dix went to Sacramento as did I on 7 a.m. train - Out at 3.30 -

Saw Governor on business and was before Ways & Means Committee etc.

Thurs 9 Mar 1905 [No entry.]

Fri 10 Mar 1905

Finished sowing alfalfa in west orchard.

Sat 11 Mar 1905

Sue entertained the "500 Club" - 16 present - looks like rain -

Went to Davis and got Pearl Rogers -

Sun 12 Mar 1905 [Inserted.]

Dix, Pearl & I went to Davis -

Rained about 10.30 a.m. very hard -

Mon 13 Mar 1905

Rained most of day -

Painted & varnished auto -

Tues 14 Mar 1905

Sprinkled in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. with Prince.

- had him shod behind -

Took eggs & butter - got meat groceries etc.

Wed 15 Mar 1905

Rained much last night and most of day

Turned work mules into creek barns -

Took trip around ranch looking up phone line etc

Thurs 16 Mar 1905

Sue went to Mrs LaRue's to spend the afternoon -

Mrs John LaRue is there.

Tinkered on auto -

Fri 17 Mar 1905

Sue went in p.m. to Mrs Wilbur's going with Mrs. LaRue - Ed took her to LaRue's - I was not well in p.m. and Gardner went for her.

Sue was sick when she got home

Sat 18 Mar 1905

Rained last night most of day -

Took Gardner to 1.10 Woodland train

- back at 4 p.m. G - took a bicycle wheel and brought mine back - Took eggs & butter

- got vegetables, groceries meat &c.

Vincent drew \$5.00

Sun 18 Mar 1905

rained early in a.m. - clear rest of day -

Mon 19 Mar 1905

Japs & I worked on fence along county line in a.m.

Sprinkled at 1 [?] a.m. They did not get out in p.m.

Went to Mrs. Greene's and to Davis in p.m.

Tues 20 Mar 1905

Rained last night

Phoned for Dr. Lawhead who came at about 11 a.m. He performed an operation on Sue and left at about 2.15 p.m.

Wed 21 Mar 1905

Japs digging up fence on Miller line

Had Vincent got to town for 9 bales 1041 wire - 200# flour and rest of Encyclopedia Brittanica (sic) -

Charley went with Vince and drew \$5.00

Thurs 23 Mar 1905

Vincent & Charley hauled gravel at north gate. Wm ran scraper at canal in W orchard.

Ed & I took Falrose to Sam Hoy's -

Japs are taking up Miller line fence -

Began raining about 6 p.m.

Fri 24 Mar 1905

Boys finished gravelling at gate -

Went to Davis - saw Mr Sparks about locating the Agricultural (State) Farm at Davisville.

Mrs. Rogers, Smith & Gasteiger and Misses Flaa & Schmeiser called -

Sat 25 Mar 1905

Went to Sacramento on 10.45 out 3.40

Saw Governor Pardee on State Farm.

Went in evening to Dr Bate's 500 party -

won Booby prize

Boys gravelled at auto house -

Jack had mules today.

Sun 26 Mar 1905

Gardy & Yen went to town.

Mon 27 Mar 1905

Began again plowing east orchard.

Sawamura not here this a.m. -

Set gate post at N. E. corner of ranch -

Went to Davis in p.m.

Jack had mules today

Tues 28 Mar 1905

Looks rainy -

Went to Sacramento to see the Governor and Lieut Gov. on State Farm matters.

It sprinkled a little at times -

Hung gate at N. E. corner of ranch and began stretching wire and tearing down remainder of line fence

Wed 29 Mar 1905

Rained considerable last night -

Boys did not work.

Sheep shearers came and I set 2 Japs for 3/4 day cleaning out shearing barn.

Went to Davis to mail letter to Chamber of Commerce in Woodland -

Thurs 30 Mar 1905

Frost this a.m. Hard frost - pleasant in a.m. and again toward night -

Boys plowed again. Commenced harrowing east orchard -

Ed. harrowed family orchards & vineyards. Got up sheep. John Reardon sheared, rest of shearers came back at night drunk -

Went to Woodland in p.m. on State Farm matters.

Fri 31 Mar 1905

Cold north wind - some frost -

Went to Davis in p.m.

Sat 1 Apr 1905

Fixed telephone line that has been out for some days -

Attended meeting of committee on State Farm at Plant's office. Staid at Odd Fellow's meeting - 2 candidates were initiated, Geo. Sanders & Jake Snyder Jr -

- home at 1 a.m.

Sun 2 Apr 1905 [Inserted.]

Took Yen and Dix to town -

Took Mrs. Rodgers & her friend Mrs. [no name given] of Vacaville for a ride - South Putah & Fremont.

Mon 3 Apr 1905

Started two 8 mule teams plowing for Hoag & Jack on Russell place -

Sacked wool and went to town in p.m. for new choreman -

Tues 4 Apr 1905

New choreman left early -

Went to town to order another, but picked up a man from Texas. Had him sack wool in p.m.

Went to east fence building operations.

Wed 5 Apr 1905

Went to Woodland in auto taking J. E. LaRue and Capt B. B. Tuttle

The State Farm was under discussion before Supervisors and we of Davis got left.
Had trouble with auto tire -

Thurs 6 Apr 1905

Creek pump out of order.

Sent 50 sx barley to B. C. French.

Sheep shearers got through -

Marked 45 ewe & 27 buck lambs -

Sue went to Davis -

Charley Wegan went to Sac. at noon drew \$10.00

Fri 7 Apr 1905

Sent 51 sx barley to B. C. French

- got 3 bales wire -

Marked 32 pigs - 9 calves

Put Steve at harrowing, 1 team for Jack.

Sent 19 bales wool 4834# to Davis, sold at 20c.

- got some lumber for almond sleds

- and axle grease etc

Fixed creek pump -

Sat 8 Apr 1905

Took Ed Bryans to 10.45 train. Went to Sacramento - saw Gov. Pardee & Lieut Gov. Anderson. Out at 4 p.m. Held meeting of State Farm Committee.

New choreman came -

Sun 9 Apr 1905 [Inserted.]

Took family to town.

Joe Stein came back -

Fixed creek pump -

Mon 10 Apr 1905

Joe Stein began work -

Took Sue to 2.10 a.m. [p.m.?] to go to Woodland to Russian lecture -

Took two mares to Carey Montgomery

Worked in Mother's yard.

8 [?] mule team harrowed for "Jack" in p.m.

Tues 11 Apr 1905

Helped "K" put fence across slough at county bridge.

Sent Joe and Sawamura to fix up Mother's yard.

William began plowing orchard at noon -

Dixie & I went to Woodland in p.m. - stopped at C. W. Thomas' and all attended Virgie Calhoun's "Ramone?" at Woodland Theater

Team harrowed 1/2 day then Disced [?]

Wed 12 Apr 1905

Got wool sx, squirrel poison, meat etc. Home at 11 a.m. -

- fixed telephone, killed mults [?] etc

Team disced - got my disc at noon.

Thurs 13 Apr 1905

Moved sheep from 95 acre field to east knoll field and put hogs in 95 acre field -

Poisoned squirrels -

Team finished work for Hoag & Jack -

Started disc in orchard -

Prepared melon ground -

Took Sue & Mrs. LaRue to Ladies Aid meeting - Had Bond for deed from Sparks made out

Jake Schultz's wife came to Mother's -

Fri 14 Apr 1905

Tinkered about place

Planted water melon seeds -

Went to Sacramento on 4.25 p.m. train Met M. Diggs about land sales. Attended Sacramento Valley Development Association meeting - staid at Lorenz's -

Sat 15 Apr 1905

Home on 6.30 a.m. train

Wrote out Sparks bond -

It rained early and in p.m. at times

Went to 6.30 p.m. train for the Lorenz's. Men did not work in p.m.

Sun 16 Apr 1905 [Inserted.]

Beautiful day -

Took Mr & Mrs Lorenz, Sue & Dixwell to Pleasant Valley - Called at Mr. Russell's.
Saw Falrose. Home at 5 p.m. Took Lorenz to 6.30 p.m train -

Walter Gilmore, Sue's cousin, a barber of Woodland called

Mon 17 Apr 1905

Sent two eight mule teams to work for Hine's

Jack got one span mules -

Took Sue to 10.45 Sacto train

Got up Daisy & Beck -

Put in hydrant in garage

Built fence south of vineyard -

Went to see Sparks about Bond for deed - got it later - Went to east fence took wire -
Went for Sue at 6.30 got bale of wire

Tues 18 Apr 1905

Rained - men did not work

Went to Woodland in p.m. with the boys & Yen to circus

- rained on way home

Wed 19 Apr 1905

Men did not work in a.m. but went to town.

Met Alfred Holman at 1.15 p.m. train - took him to John Henley's place - home to lunch thence to Winters, Col. Taylor's Madison Woodland and to Mrs. Greene's for dinner -

Thurs 20 Apr 1905

Fixed new telephone line -

Two men are V'ing [?] ditch in orchard.

Teams came home from Hine's at noon -

Joe & I went to town-

Got 4 iron (Havanna) wagon wheels freight etc. -

Fri 21 Apr 1905

Fixed phone line -

Went to Woodland with Gardner in p.m. attended Dr. Jordan lecture - home at 11 p.m.

Japs are fixing fence about yard east of barn

Sue sick -

Sat 22 Apr 1905

Went to Davis in a.m. To Winters with Dix to "Easter Egg Hunt" at Col Taylors

Went to "500 Club" at Weise's with LaRue's

Sue sick -

Sun 23 Apr 1905 [Inserted.]

Took Yen & Dix to Davis.

Dix spoke at Easter exercises

Charley drew 5.00. Settled with Wallace Bros.

S. A. Brown came to repair harvester.

Mon 24 Apr 1905

Boys finished making ditch in orchards with V -

Took lumber to upper water gate -

hauled gravel at north gate -

Took Sue to La Rue's - went to town

- got bale of barb wire

Brown worked on harvester -

Tues 25 Apr 1905

Joe took "V" to LaRue's -

Charley is running disk in east orchard

Steve is shoveling ditch -

Brown on harvester -

Cloudy -

Brown got through and went to Sacramen (sic)

Wed 26 Apr 1905

Went to 10.45 a.m. train to meet H. P. Stabler who wants me to go to Portland for the Sacramento Valley Development Assn at Lewis & Clark Fair

Sue, Dix & I went to Woodland to attend Odd Fellows celebration, laying corner stone etc. Sue staid at Dr. Lawhead's

Thurs 27 Apr 1905

Was at Odd Fellows team work contest all night. Walter Read rode with me to Davisville in a.m.

J. E. LaRue and I attended the meeting of the State Farm Commission and presented the Davisville site -

Home on 3.40 train - met Sue & Dix in Davis -

Fri 28 Apr 1905

Began mowing oats in alfalfa field -

Went to Davis in p.m. Farm meeting and to LaRue's in evening to help get out another circular letter.

Sat 29 Apr 1905

Mower knife broke. Went for repairs to Davis.

Sue went to Sacramento

Built flood gate in west orchard.

Went for Sue at 6.30 train.

Dutch Fred Schulze and wife left -

Mowed in afternoon.

Sun 30 Apr 1905 [Inserted.]

Sue & children went to church -

Met Sue at LaRue's - took dinner there -

Mon 1 May 1905

Set Steve to raking hay -

Rained about 2 p.m and haying stopped -

Tues 2 May 1905

Went to Sacramento on 10.45 -

Rained at intervals throughout day

Wed 3 May 1905

Sue had whist meeting -

Went for Mrs. Wilbur and got wet

- heavy hail storm

Thurs 4 May 1905

Steve dug ditch

Charley fixed grade at canal crossing opposite creek barn.

Joe and I took up windmill pump -

Joe hoed garden -

Sue and I went to town in p.m. for mail -

Fri 5 May 1905

Steve raked hay - Charley turned ?rows [?]. Joe cultivated vineyard and orchard and cut thistles -

Made gate for bulkhead in west orchard -

Sue & I went to town in evening for mail - took 7 doz beets - got 10c doz for them.

Had Japs in yard after dinner

Sat 6 May 1905

Looks rainy - Boys shocked hay -

Settled time of team work with "Jack"

Gardner & I went to Woodland in p.m.

Saw C. W. Thomas about State Farm matters.

Mrs. Thomas & C. W. T. Jr. came home with us -

Charley & I went to 500 club at Plants -

It rained hard all evening -

Sun 7 May 1905

Rained most of day -

Took Thomas to 7.00 p.m. train in heavy rain - Auto bothered some -

Mon 8 May 1905

Boys got up and haltered four colts - 3 Glen Alpine & Den. [?]

They drove two -

Tues 9 May 1905

Boys drove colts -

Joe cultivated and built fence -

Wed 10 May 1905

Boys worked in hay -

Jesse Rowe and force came to put up windmill - found old well out of order so that they could not use it and must bor a new one -

Spent evening at LaRue's working on State Farm papers -

Thurs 11 May 1905

Boys worked in hay until about 3.45 when a fearful thunderstorm came up. Rain & hail fell for about 3 hours -

Sue went to Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Oren Wright's.

Fri 12 May 1905

Bright & clear -

Joe is sick -

Joe & I went to Carey Montgomery's taking two mares and bringing two away -

Sue & Dix went to Sacramento -

Sat 13 May 1905

Boys drove colts today.

Went to almond meeting at 1.30 -

Rosenberg made new form offer -

Sue & Dix returned and Lulu Roos came out with them.

Sun 14 May 1905 [Inserted.]

Went to Woodland to see Ashley and Joe Craig - took Capt. Tuttle.

Mon 15 May 1905

Men began haying again

started mower again -

Tues 16 May 1905

Left for San Francisco on 7.25 train

Attended to automobile repair business etc in p.m. and attended joint class re-union of the classes of '74 & '75 at the California Hotel.

Wed 17 May 1905

Went to Oakland & Berkeley and attended Commencement exercises at the University. Saw Dr. Wheeler, Gov. Pardee, Mr Henderson and others about the trip of the State Farm Commission -

Home at 11.30. J. E. LaRue going and coming with me.

Thurs 18 May 1905

Attended meeting of Committee to show proposed State Farm Sites -

Fri 19 May 1905

Went to Woodland in a.m. Maud Crocker went with me. Auto bothered some - took it to Faulkner for some repairs -

Made some arrangements for tomorrow's program -

Sat 20 May 1905

Went to Davis early, taking Mr. LaRue.

The Commissioners for the location of the State Farm came. We had seven automobiles and took the Com. to the Davis site (Sparks place) Woodland, Yolo - Esparto & Winters. Dr. Benj. Ide Wheeler rode with me and we returned to Davis in time for 4.30 p.m. train - the others stopped at Winters. Sue & I went to Chiles to card club party.

Sun 21 May 1905 [Inserted.]

W. R. Windsor came. took him to Woodland - North wind blew hard -

Mon 22 May 1905

North wind

Took W. R. Windsor to 7.20 a.m train.

Howell the Glen Alpine drive came for Nellie the saddle mare, but I did not let her go -

Mowed about east grain field -

Tues 23 May 1905

North wind.

Went down into hay field - had hay raked in newly laid out road -

Sue & I went to Winters to see Falrose but car (auto) gave out and had to work at it until 6 p.m.

Charley got done mowing -

Wed 24 May 1905

Went to Davis with Prince -

took 2 sx spuds - sold at 1 1/2 & 1 3/4c and six rolls of butter @ 30c. Got groceries Jap rice etc.

Finished mowing alfalfa in orchard.

Thurs 25 May 1905

Cleaned out driveway in barn and got out hay wagons.

Hauled in one load of hay -

Went to town in p.m. with the little team, expecting to get two men who I had engaged through Geo. Hoag but they were not at hand -

Fri 26 May 1905

Unloaded first load of hay and it then began raining so that boys did not go out and the Japs came in -

Rained hard.

Sue & I attended Rebecka meeting and social at Davis - home at 1.30

- drove Prince

Sat 27 May 1905

Worked on auto in a.m. Boys did not work. Cold & cloudy - Mr. Blackburn & Mr. Fleishman of Gugenheim & Co. were here. Attended an almond grower's meeting at Davis in p.m.

Miss Mahr, dressmaker finished & Sue took her to town and drilled with the Rebecka's

Sun 28 May 1905 [Inserted.]

Sue and children went to town. Mr. Merritt preached his last sermon. He goes to Alhambra.

Mon 29 May 1905

Went to Sacramento on 7.25 a.m. train to get float fixed in Knox auto - went on wheel
- out at 10.55.

Float leaked again

Started two teams cultivating in orchards -

Sue & I attended Rebecka special meeting. Elmine[?] Schmeiser, Bertha Rowe and
Geo. Sanders were initiated.

Gen. W. H. Marden died at 8 a.m.

Mr. Merrill & family left for Alhambra -

Tues 30 May 1905

Red Cross Employment office sent - Pope for haying. Sent Gardner to town after him.
Steve and Pope shocked hay -

Wed 31 May 1905

Charley finished randling [using the Randall harrow] in west orchard at noon -
worked in east in p.m.

Sue & I attended funeral of Gen. Marden - acted at pall bearer -

Red Cross Office sent H. Richardson as hay hand and sack sewer.

Thurs 1 June 1905

Started two teams hauling hay -

Looks cloudy, is cold and threatens rain -

J. E. LaRue called with Mr. Blackburn of Gugenheim & Co with their attorney, A. E. Houston to have interview regarding handling of the crop of Almonds of the Davisville Almond Grower's Assn' for 1905

Fri 2 June 1905

Went to town in a.m. took 10 rolls butter 35c 3 sx spuds 1.25 per cwt. Got bale American fencing, sk sugar etc.

Started Japs to hauling damaged hay into cow barn in p.m.

J. E. LaRue called in p.m. with Messrs Woods & Porter of the K. Armsby Co. to see about almonds -

Sat 3 June 1905

Took 3 sx spud to town 1c per lb.

Almond Association held meeting and engaged the J. K. Armsby as selling agents at a commission of 7 1/2 percent.

Mr. W. H. Hampton was buried - got wreath for Mother.

Sun 4 June 1905 [No entry]

Mon 5 June 1905

Joe sick. He and I took spuds to Davisville and hauled the auto to Woodland for repairs - I ran home via Davis -

Tues 6 June 1905

Gardner drove big wagon to town with 5 sx spuds - got 3000 Calcutta grain bags and 2 bundles twine.

- Swain [?] came to run harvester

J. E. LaRue and I went to Woodland, taking Mr. A. W. Porter

Considered almond contracts -

Went before Board of Supervisors advocating a reduction of the number of saloons in Davisville -

Wed 7 June 1905

Got out harvester and Swain began overhauling it -

Thurs 8 June 1905

Boys finished hauling hay into horse and cow barns and have a stack outside at each place -

Fixed rigging in creek barn -

Took Sue to Davis - Ladie's Aid,

8 rolls butter 35c - got salt, veg. berries etc.

Tinkered harness and went after Sue in evening - got sections and units [?].

Fri 9 June 1905

Went to Sam Hoy's for Falrose -

Auto failed and I drove double team to surrey. Sue & children went. Mr. Hoy drove Fal a quarter in 32 3/4 seconds.

Home at 2.30. Tinkered auto.

Japs are stacking spoiled hay in pasture field.

Sat 10 June 1905

Fixed auto in a.m. Got harvester into pasture field and together.

Went to almond meeting in p.m

Association accepted contract of J. K. Armsby & Co. Sue & Dix went to Oakland to see Eva Gilmore off for Europe -

Gardner & I called at J. H. Henle's to get his signature to almond contract.

Sun 11 June 1905 [Inserted.]

J. A. Harby came with Fred Roos & another man and got 9 head beef cattle - 6 cows, 3 steers.

Mon 12 June 1905

Swain and I put in small bulkhead at southeast corner of West orchard in a.m.

Went to Davisville and Woodland in auto - had trouble in starting

- did not get away until 4.30 p.m.

Took chains for equalizers to Schmeiser & two tires to Hawkins & Moore

Joe brought the two old mar[e]s from Montgomery's

Tues 13 June 1905

Separated 216 mutton yearling weathers out for J. A. Harby -

Drove to town in p.m. -

took 5 sx spuds - got equalizers flour etc.

Wed 14 June 1905

Joe & Swain drove 216 head mutton to Harby's -

Tinkered on auto

Thurs 15 June 1905

Swain towed auto to Woodland

Was on Reception Committee at visit of Congressional Irrigation Committee. Came home on freight train and rode out in Mr. La Rue's rig - home late.

Boys finished hauling hay excepting the old stuff that got rained on so much -

Fri 16 June 1905

Sawamura was sick this a.m. and Steve about 11 a.m.

Gardner took Mr. La Rue's rig home.

Started Charley with disk in east orchard

Began repairing almond machine.

Built fence across creek at packing house -

Gardner took 2 sx spuds to Hoag and brought Sue & Dixwell home from San Fran where they had gone to see E. Gilmore off to Europe.

Sat 17 June 1905

Worked on almond rig. boys finished creek fence and began corral about hay stacks. Gardner went to Woodland and Sue to Women's Improvement club -

Sun 18 June 1905 [Inserted.]

Went to Woodland in 11.30 a.m. train. Got my automobile from garage, tried it several times, then drove it home

Mon 19 June 1905

Worked on almond rig early -

The butcher left gate open and sheep got out in county road.

Governor Pardee telegraphed for me and I went to Sacramento on 11.10 p.m. train - out at 3.40.

Pardee wanted me to accept an appointment as a State agricultural Fair Director - I declined.

Tues 20 June 1905

Took 2 sx spuds to Tuft, in auto.

- got flour, corn, oysters etc - also water buckets

Tinkered on almond rig later

tool auto bed off and cleaned rig -

Some hogs got into wheat field.

Wed 21 June 1905

Got harvester rig ready in a.m.

- started harvester in p.m. in some very poor barley -

Sue & Dix went to Sacramento on Glen Alpine business -

The water is running in the ditch - first time this year -

Thurs 22 June 1905

Japs hauled load of hay to Mother' s barn.

Had boys quit cutting barley and began on wheat just before noon

Put one Glen Alpine horse into harvester in p.m.

Sue & I went to Davis in p.m

- got supplies for boys and ranch.

Fri 23 June 1905

Gardner & I went to Davis and ordered a header draper for harvester of F. P. Smith, then ran to Woodland.

Gardner went to Dr. Grants and I took auto to Mr. Faulkner's for repairs and got away at 5 p.m.

Got new large photo from Cook, artist Woodland.

Sue went to town and brought out June Plant to visit Dixwell.

The ditch broke on the Russell place and water is shut off - Harvester got 95 sacks wheat.

Sat 24 June 1905

Marked 15 pigs 7 sows, 8 boars and put them into east barley field -

Attended almond meeting in p.m.

Sun 25 June 1905 [Inserted.]

Went to Mother's with auto.

Sue, Dix, Mrs. Rogers and I went to Mrs. Wilbur's.

Mon 26 June 1905

Boys finished field north of west orchard at noon

Sue and I fixed dinner place at east barn in a.m.

Went to harvester in east field and while attempting to adjust the wind on shoe was caught by chain & sprocket and had left hand terribly mangled -

Mr. H. Hine took me home then started to Davisville meeting Dr. Bates who took me to town and operated on wound. The forefinger was amputated. The 2d ? & others with thumb superficially hurt -

Tues 27 June 1905

Sue & I staid at Mother's -

Had a hard night of it.

Wed 28 June 1905

Dr. Briggs was out to I. B. Hughes and called here with Dr. Bates.

Thurs 29 June 1905

My hand was not dressed today

Len Grady dislocated his thumb

Fri 30 June 1905

Mrs. Wilger dislocated her shoulder -

Sat 1 July 1905

Was out on street for first time

Had hand dressed on the Dr's office.

Sun 2 July 1905 [No entry.]

Mon 3 July 1905

Went out home about 10 a.m.

Joe is "half shot" and noisy -

Boys had a fight tonight and I got two new men.

Tues 4 July 1905

Settled with Swain & Pope and took them to town Gardner going with me -

Geo. Guysi began a harvester runner -

Japs put out railroad track in packing yard.

Wed 5 July 1905

Pretty warm. Sue took me to the Doctor. The Dr. objected to my going out to the ranch again for a while, so I staid at Mother's.

Thurs 6 July 1905

Very warm

Fri 7 July 1905

Frightfully hot 115 degrees in shade

Many teams hurt on harvesters.

Sat 8 July 1905

Still hotter 116 degrees - Harvester did not run.

Sun 9 July 1905 [Inserted.]

Guysi quit and his brother took the job.

Mon 10 July 1905

Much cooler - south breeze -

Clarissa Scott died in Sacramento.

Tues 11 July 1905

Clara Scott's body was brought out from Sac. and she was buried at 3 p.m. from home.

Wed 12 July 1905

Sue Dix and I went out home this a.m. after my hand was dressed -

Joe has too much liquor and things go cross eyed -

Thurs 13 July 1905

Gardner took me to the Doctor. The stump of forefinger is entirely healed - The Doctor put Eppersons liniment on the rest of wounds -

Mrs Frank Chiles & children called, a did Walter Gilmore.

Header tender sick at noon -

Fri 14 July through Thurs 20 July 1905 [No entries.]

Fri 21 July 1905

Sue Dix & I went to Davis in p.m. Sue & I attended the installation of the [the repeated] Rebecka's -

Sat 22 July 1905

Sue and I went to Sacto on 10.25 - a.m. train. Staid at Lorenz's

- attended Sacto valley Development meeting also memorial to W. S. Green -

Sun 23 July 1905

Called on George Lorenz's wife and baby - Went to Oak Park - home at 3.30 p.m.

Mon 24 July 1905 [No entry.]

Tues 25 July 1905

Charley finished hauling grain to town -

Wed 26 July 1905

Charley hauled seed wheat to packing house yard.

Japs & I fixed fence on east line.

Thurs 27 July 1905

Sue Dix & Yen went to Sacto.

Charley hauled last load of seed wheat -

Fri 28 July 1905

Sue, Dixwell and I left on 12.10 p.m. train for Truckee - arrived at 7.25 p.m. - staid at Whitney House

Sat 29 July 1905

Left at 7 a.m. for Tahoe

Arrived at Glen Alpine about 3.30 p.m. They have 34 guests

- took one more in a Mr Weeks -

Sun 30 July 1905 [Inserted.]

rested.

Saw Mr Tyler the reservation ranger also Mr. W W Price.

Mon 31 July 1905

Looked over the grounds and took dinner (lunch) at Camp Agassiz with Sue & Dix on invitation of Mr. Price.

Tue 1 Aug 1905

Went fishing with party on Heather Lake - altogether we caught about 20 fish -

Mr. & Mrs Price dined with us -

Wed 2 Aug 1905

I left for home - lunched on boat & dined at Farron [?].

Took Reno local at 9.15 for Davis

Boys finished hauling hay into barns.

Hay balers baled small lot of hay I had stacked.

Thurs 3 Aug 1905

Reached Davis to 4 a.m.

Gardner came for me - got home at noon -

Charley & I went to Dixon to see about motor ordered -

Fri 4 Aug 1905

Charley went to Dixon and got motor etc

Worked on separator

Sat 5 Aug 1905

Attended almond meeting in p.m.

Gardner taking me to Davis in Auto -

Sun 6 Aug 1905 [Inserted.]

Gardner, Yen, & Charley went to Davis -

Mon 7 Aug 1905

Mr. Lehe's men came to set up motor - did not get done -

Charley and I worked in packing shed -

Tues 8 Aug 1905

Lehe's men finished about noon.

Gardner & I went to Woodland and returned via Davisville with auto -

Saw Dr. Lawhead. Mr. Balfour & Supervisor Ormsby.

Could not sell wheat

Could not finish road matter -

Telephoned for Japs from Katade -

Wed 9 Aug 1905

Worked on almond pickers.

Sent Sawamura and Gardner for the Japs - They did not come -

Thurs 10 Aug 1905

Sent again for Japs - got 19 -

Finished picking sleds -

Katade took team and went to Davis for supplies -

Fri 11 Aug 1905

21 men gather almonds -

Ran 4 picking sleds and 2 [?] sheets.

Sue & Dix came to Davis from Glen Alpine at 4 a.m.

Gardner went for them in p.m.

Sue and I attended Rebecca meeting - held in honor of Miss Eggleston.

Sue made presentation speech.

Went in automobile and it would not go back - staid at Mother's -

Sat 12 Aug 1905

Jeff Donnenwirth went to ranch to help fix almond rig and we rode out with him - Got almond machine started.

Sun 13 Aug 1905 [Inserted.]

Went to Woodland to see Dr. Lawhead, but missed him -

Japs boss got home at noon from town.

Mon 14 Aug 1905

K. Watanabe went to Sacramento to Katade ran K's rig - [Not sure whether this should be: "K Watanabe went to Sacramento to [word missing]. Katade ran K's rig -"

Ka[t]ade went to town in evening with my wheel -

Started almond machine at noon. Runs well.

Tues 15 Aug 1905

Katade went to Davis for supplies and got 5 boxes of beer.

Kay came back with Ka[t]ade [Occasionally Pierce spells the name "Kanade".]

Sue & I drove to Davis and Woodland - Saw Dr. Lawhead - dined with him -

Wed 16 Aug 1905 [No entry.]

Thurs 17 Aug 1905

Gardner & I went to Davis with spring wagon - took butter

- got flour, meat, peaches melons oyster shells etc. and 10 ft chain for almond separator.

Machine did not run well today

Fri 18 Aug 1905

Machine did better today.

Finished up sulphur house and got it in place, - bleached first lot -

Sat 19 Aug 1905

Bleached two lots almonds - The 3 pickers around edges got done in a.m. Set them at the trays, after putting almond wagon together - Sue & I went to Davis - attended almond meeting - Dr Bates dress hand -

Sun 20 Aug 1905 [No entries.]

Mon 21 Aug 1905

Sue & I went to Woodland on 11.35 train to see Dr. Lawhead about hand - Made appointment for tomorrow.

Sold wheat crop @ 1.00 & 1.05

Paid Japs 285.00 Schmeiser Mfg. Co. H. T. Barnes & Rowe - Wire. [?]

Tues 22 Aug 1905

John drove Sue Dixwell & I to Woodland. Sue & I went to the Woodland Sanitarium. Drs. Lawhead Fairchild & Bates performed operation on my hand, cutting open 2nd finger removing some of knuckle joint and cleansing bone -

Sue went home on 4 p.m. train R. Moore taking her to train in a Cadillac auto.

Wed 23 Aug 1905

Remained in bed today.

Sue came over and spent the day -

Mrs. Lawhead, Mrs. Balfour and the Dopking's called -

Thurs 24 Aug 1905

Was up and down street

Dressing my hand is a very painful operation. The finger is not looking as well as I had hoped, and the Doctors say it must do better within 48 hours or they will be forced to amputate it -

Fri 25 Aug 1905

Wrote article for Sacto. Union on State Farm location

Hand is better today.

Sat 26 Aug 1905

Met Sue & Dix at Depot and all went to Marysville. Mr & Mrs. Walton met us and after lunch took us to Yuba City where I addressed the Board of Trade.

Staid at Mr. Waltons

Sun 27 Aug 1905 [Inserted.]

Drove to J.H. Bougins and through his place. Took dinner with the Walton's at Mrs. Smiths

Took train at "Bouge" for home. Sue and Dix going to Davis I to the sanitarium.

Dr. Lawhead came to[o] late to dress hand -

Mon 28 Aug 1905

Left Sanitarium. Hired Stewart Salander to run my auto to Davisville, hoping to meet Gardner there, not doing so I ran on out home -

Tues 29 Aug 1905

Gardner Took Sue and me to R. W. Weise's

left Sue at Club and went to see Mr. V. Sparks about op[t]ion [?] on State Farm. Sue came to Davis with buggy - hour late.

Wed 30 Aug 1905

Gardner & I went to Woodland to see the Doctor. hand looks better

Thurs 31 Aug 1905

Sue, the children & Yen went to Sacramento to the Barnum & Bailey Circus - think they were not very well pleased -

Fri 1 Sept 1905

Gardner & I went to Woodland to see the doctor - hand improves -

Sat 2 Sept 1905

Gardner & I went to Davis - attended the Almond Grower's meeting. They decided to "skim & blend at Reed's factory. Mr. Porter was there

Sun 3 Sept 1905 [Inserted.]

Sue, Dix & [repeated] Yen went to Davis.

Gardner & I went to the doctor's at Woodland - returning home via Madison & Winters.

Mon 4 Sept 1905

Tinkered about place -

Put 4 men at picking Peerless and Drake in west orchard.

Tue 5 Sept 1905

Gardner & I went to Woodland via Davis. After meeting Dr. Lawhead returned via Davis & took 3 sx rice out for Japs.

Boys cleaned up almonds in packing house and began picking or knocking in last orchard on I. X. L.'s.

Wed 6 Sept 1905 [No entry.]

Thurs 7 Sept 1905

Went to Sacramento on 7 a.m. train

Ran auto alone for first time since accident.

Saw Lieut. Gov. Anderson, Senator M. Diggs et al. Went out to new agricultural Park, the Pavillion and attended Livestock breeder's Ass'n. meeting in Capital. Got in work for State Farm.

Staid at Senator Digg's -

Fri 8 Sept 1905

Gardner & I went to Woodland to see Dr. Lawhead

Rev Dorrance and family spent day here. Took them for short auto ride -

Called on Mrs. Tuttle -

Sat 9 Sept 1905

Took family to 7.27 a.m. train for Sacramento to see Admission Day exercises.

Attended almond meeting and went to Sacramento on 4.30 p.m. train. Stayed at Lorenz's and attended Electric Carnival -

Sun 10 Sept 1905 [Inserted.]

Home at 10.55. Put new inner tube in auto tire. Sue & I went to Woodland to see the Doctor & called at the Dopking's. Mrs. D is sick -

Mon 11 Sept 1905

Dixwell's birthday

Gardner started to school at Davis -

Sheep shearers (4) came -

Sue & I went to Davis for meat and to help Gardy -

Japs finished Peerless etc in west orchard -

Tues 12 Sept 1905

Dixwell & I went to Woodland to see Dr. Lawhead.

Wed 13 Sept 1905

Sent load of I. X. L. Peerless and NePlus to Davis -

Sue & I went to telephone to San Francisco to Mr Porter, in answer to call, but missed my man.

Thurs 14 Sept 1905

Sheep shearers finished about 8.30 a.m.

Sheared 723 sheep @ 7c \$50.61

Sacked wool

Got up 30 hogs for market -

Took Sue to town for Rebecka rehearsal -

Doctor Bates looked at finger

Fri 15 Sept 1905

Took 2 wagon loads of hogs to market sold @ 5 1/8 average 169.

Finished gathering almonds at noon. Some Jap[s?] went to town Katade taking them.

John, the choreman, drew wages and went to Sacramento, agreeing to be back on early train tomorrow morning -

Sat 16 Sept 1905

Went to Woodland with Gardner -

Attended Percheron Horse meeting at Davis -

All Japs, save K & Sawa left -

Sawa took wool to Davis sold at 20c.

Sun 17 Sept 1905 [Inserted.]

Heavy north wind - went to Davis with auto -

Mon 18 Sept 1905

Charley took load of almonds to Davis 29 sks NePlus 4 Peerless 18 LaPrima & 2 shelled

shipped LaPrima's & shelled to S. F.

Ne Plus to Reeds. Peerless to Plants.

K and Sawamura came on train from a drunk - took them out in auto.

Tues 19 Sept 1905

Hauled three loads baled hay to Davis, bought 2 tons to fill car for Glen Alpine -

Wed 20 Sept 1905

Sue went to Mrs. Anderson's -

Thurs 21 Sept 1905

Sue Dixwell & I went to Sacramento on 12.10 p.m. train - out at 6.45 p.m

Saw Gov. Pardee about State Farm and Supt. Kirk.

Cooked sheep dip -

Fri 22 Sept 1905

Boys got hay into sheep barn

Sat 23 Sept 1905

Gardner & I went to Woodland - Had finger dressed - bad time. Gardner had 4 teeth filled -

Sent Charley to town with load of wood 6 sks hard shell almonds & two piece shelled & broken. He got 4 x 4 timber for cow barn, 3 rolls roofing & tank gasoline -

Looks rainy - got thing[s] under cover -

Sun 24 Sept 1905 [No entry.]

Mon 25 Sept 1905

Ground barley in a.m. Had it hauled in p.m., a sheep killed and things gotten ready for sheep dipping.

Sue and I went to Woodland to see Dr. Lawhead - My finger looks better today.

Home via Davis - tried to get a man to help dip sheep -

Tues 26 Sept 1905

Dipped sheep -

Sawamura gave notice of desire to quit -

Wed 27 Sept 1905

Took Sawamura to town.

Paid Hillman for hay, also J. C. Luft and J. W. Campbell.

Went to Woodland in p.m. to see the doctor - found a little pus in wound -

Attended funeral of T. P. Magee.

Had dust gard (sic) remodelled - Brought J. E. LaRue home -

It sprinkled a little - the first of the season.

Thurs 28 Sept 1905

Sue, Dixwell & I left with our Knox automobile at 11.45 a.m. for a trip to San Francisco Oakland & Stockton, Byron Springs etc. Took Lunch and ate it at Fountains wind mill. Called on the O'Connors at Vanden Station - found only Mrs. O'Connor home. Ran into Suisun and staid over night at Mr. Brown's

Went to Las Amigos Club.

Fri 29 Sept 1905

Left at 10.30 a.m. for Vallejo.

Took the General Frisbie ferry boat at 12.30 for City. Took Sue to Graystone hotel and auto to Leavitt & Bill's.

In evening called on Mrs. Peart and Mr & Mrs. Cobb 2100 Bush & Buchanan bet [between?] Sutter & Bush -

Sat 30 Sept 1905

Got auto out of Leavitt & Bill's and took it to Auto [name left out] Co. Gough & Golden Gate Ave to have emergency brake fixed.

Called on Georgie Shaw Trowbridge.

- all went to Cliff house to see the Alameda on rocks at fort Point.

Sun 1 Oct 1905 [Inserted.]

Visited Hopkins Art Gallery in a.m.

Went to San Mateo Cemeteries [?] in p.m.

Mon 2 Oct 1905

Sue & Dix went to Oakland to Maud Crockers 1601 12th St Cor. Peralta

Got auto in p.m. and took 4.20 broadguage boat for Oakland -

Put machine in Horace Crockers barn for night and all but Dix staid at Crockers.

Found Sue at Mrs. Wilsons, Davis Bldg.

- took Dix to Tallman's for night -

Tues 3 Oct 1905

Went riding in Oakland & Berkeley with Sue Mrs. Tallman & Mrs. Crocker

- called at May Pierces, Berkeley Heights.

- Later took Maud home. Then Sue Mrs. Tallman & the children & I ran through the Lake Merritt district and East Oakland -

Put machine in 12th st garrage (sic) and staid at Mauds.

Crocker went east -

Wed 4 Oct 1905

Helped jack up Crocker's auto.

Left Oakland about 10 a.m.

Stopped at the Best factory and saw new wagons etc. Lunched at Home Restaurant in Hayward.

Had a little trouble in taking some of the Sunol hills, and got into Livermore about 4.30. Staid at Washington hotel. Attended Hawaian Orchestra concert. Met Editor Henry and Hon. Mr. Clark of Assembly 1900.

Thurs 5 Oct 1905

Left Livermore about 9 a.m.

5 miles out had trouble with "make & break" device and lost about an hour and a half
- Took hills nicely and got into Byron Springs about 1.30 p.m.

Washed up machine.

Took hot salt bath.

Fri 6 Oct 1905

Tinkered some on rig.

Took mud bath -

Took W. S. Wright and wife & Dix to Byron.

Left Byron for Clifton Court, Mr & Mrs. Thos A King's about 4 p.m.

Staid at Clifton Court -

Met Judge [name omitted] of San Jose and Mr. Hunter of Elmira -

Sat 7 Oct 1905

Took Judge & Mr & Mrs King to Byron and "Jimmy" [?] King to Hurdland depot -

Played croquet and took in the place -

Sun 8 Oct 1905 [Inserted.]

Fearful north wind -

In p.m. went with Dix up to the dredger with Mr. King, 5 miles up canal. Later Sue, Mrs. King, Hunter, the girls & boys went to Mr. Woodward's place. Home about 8 p.m.

Mon 9 Oct 1905

Left Clifton Court about 9.25 a.m. reached Stockton at 11. 45 lunched at Commercial Restaurant. Took in Stockton.

Ran to Lodi. Hunted up John Schmeidt's place and also John. "Did Lodi"

Staid at Taylor House Lodi.

Tues 10 Oct 1905

Left Lodi at 8.45 for Sacramento

Roads were poor. arrived in Sacramento 11.45 a.m. Lunched at Saddle Rock, called on the Lorenz's. Left about 2.30 for Woodland. roads fearfully dusty.

Had finger dressed - got gasoline and left for home. Hung up at Mr. H. A. Eckles Jr and staid over night -

Wed 11 Oct 1905

Got machine to going and ran back to Woodland for new batteries.

Left Mr Eckle's about 10.30 for home

Found things running smoothly -

New choreman began work today -

Had boy help take auto bed off and clean machinery

Thurs 12 Oct 1905

Worked on auto in a.m.

Sue Dix & I went to Davis in p.m.

Boys are working on cow-barn floor -

Fri 13 Oct 1905

Strong north wind -

Sat 14 Oct 1905 [No entry.]

Sun 15 Oct 1905 [No entry.]

Mon 16 Oct 1905

K. worked on barn floor -

Dan washed.

Quite strong north wind -

[Misplaced in space for 17 Oct.]: Strong north wind.

The Glen Alpine stage driver and Grace Rogers came and were here at lunch.

Frank Chiles sent for buck by John Drummond.

Tues 17 Oct 1905

Began putting Matthoid [?] roofing on kitchen etc.

Wed 18 Oct 1905

Worked on roof in a.m.

Took Sue to Mrs. Plant's in p.m.

- got hair cut & shave -

paid Rowe & Wire \$10.95 for pump repairs

- got nails etc.

Yen drew \$30.00 and went to Sacramento.

- he came back at 4 p.m.

Thurs 19 Oct 1905

Put last of roofing on kitchen etc in a.m.

Sue & I went to Woodland in p.m. Got warrant for road right of way on east line next LaRue's -

- got wall paper also watch for Dan Eustice -

Fri 20 Oct 1905

Began putting Matthoid roofing on granary - Ran short of roofing -

Mr. D. Balfour telephoned to me to come to town to meet a representative of the Alvarado Beet Sugar works who is trying to interest the farmers in the business of growing beets.

I went and saw the man, but am not very favorably impressed -

Sat 21 Oct 1905

Sue, Dixwell & I went to Sacramento on the 10.20 a.m. train. Paid Mother's interest at Sacramento Bank. Attended Sac. Valley Development Ass'n Irrigation meeting at Capital.

Spoke there in evening. Staid at Geo. Lorenz's.

Sun 22 Oct 1905 [Inserted.]

Out on 10.55 train - home at 4 p.m.

Mr. Russell's cook came looking for a job -

Mon 23 Oct 1905

Tinkered about place

Went to town in p.m. and got Dr. Bates' statement regarding my accident and his signature to same on my accident policy -

Tues 24 Oct 1905

Went to Woodland alone to attend court as juryman

Was chosen on J. Clark arson case - The court reporter was sick and court adjourned early.

Shot 4 teal ducks in north field.

Wed 25 Oct 1905

Went to Woodland on jury, taking Geo. Hoag and Supervisor Ormsby.

Clark was convicted of arson in the second degree -

Boys finished roof on granary and burned stubble north of east orchard

Thurs 26 Oct 1905

Went to Woodland as juryman

The young man, Sherman, who was to have been tried for arson plead (sic) guilty and we were dismissed until the 31st inst.

Home via Davis -

Fri 27 Oct 1905

Cleaned up auto. - had bed off -

Sue & I went to Rebecka meeting

Sat 28 Oct 1905

Fixed roofs & put new window into kitchen

Sun 29 Oct 1905 [Inserted.]

Went to church and took Mrs. Schafer & children riding

Mon 30 Oct 1905

Put new window into kitchen

A piece of bone worked out from my finger joint

Tues 31 Oct 1905

Tinkered - fixed roofs etc.

Quite strong north wind came up.

Went to Woodland in p.m.

Dr. Lawhead opened wound on my finger

Wed 1 Nov 1905

Worked about barn etc in a.m.

Took old patches off on ceiling in kitchen and put on new cloth.

Sue went to Whist Club at Mrs. Zane's and brought Lulu Roos out -

Thurs 2 Nov 1905

Lulu & I went to town in a.m. for supplies, medicine etc.

Papered kitchen in afternoon -

Japs about finished cow barn -

Fri 3 Nov 1905

Japs did not work today - K went to Sacramento.

Went to town for bread cheese etc for Sue -

Sue had the meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society. There were about thirty present -

Sat 4 Nov 1905

Heavy north wind - one of the very heaviest - Gardner & I intended to go to Woodland but gave it up -

Sue & I went to 500 club meeting at Mrs. Bremsters [?]

Sun 5 Nov 1905 [Inserted.]

Too windy to be out -

Mon 6 Nov 1905

Heavy wind. Japs finished at cow barn - hauled some gravel at creek barn.

Dan is putting wood in house.

Tues 7 Nov 1905

Tinkered in a.m.

Went to Woodland to see Dr. Lawhead in p.m. Got leather paint, battery etc.

Home via Davis - Found Gardner with flat tire and took him home -

Wed 8 Nov 1905

Am about sick today.

Got bucks out of flock and put them in west field -

Took Sue to town in evening

Paid Mrs. Rogers - got stamps.

Thurs 9 Nov 1905

Boys finished hauling manure piles in fields - cleaned up and burned weeds in packing house yard - Burned stubble in field north of orchard.

Fri 10 Nov 1905

Sue drew \$20.00 and went to Woman's Club in Sacramento

Fixed field barn and water pipe -

Chas Weden came back -

walked out and took mule & cart and went to Davis for his things -

Sat 11 Nov 1905

Gardner & I went to Woodland in p.m home via Davis -

Sun 12 Nov 1905 [Inserted.]

Dogs got after sheep -

Gardner saw them but when we went after them with a gun they had disappeared.

Mon 13 Nov 1905

Finished hauling hay into cow barn.

Started 8 mule team plowing alfalfa land north of west orchard -

Sue & I went to town in p.m.

Got message from M. Diggs [Senator M. Diggs, cf. Dec. 1 entry.]

Tues 14 Nov 1905

Went to Sacramento - to see M. Diggs - Got \$500 of D. O. Mills -

Wed 15 Nov 1905

Haltered colts and got up hogs for killing

Thurs 16 Nov 1905

Took load of wood for Mother -

got 16 sx spuds, 1 of onions and gutter trough.

Killed pig for meat in p.m. and went to Schmeisers to see about irrigation ditch prospects for the Hine place - Sue went with me -

Fri 17 Nov 1905

Went to early train to meet M. Diggs. to try to buy the Hine place - He was not successful as the Hine's were "not ready". Wheeled wood to Mr. Dorrance. Lunched at Mother's.

Geo. Sanders came to see land for nursery purposes. Am to rent him 20 acres for three years at \$10.00 per acre per annum -

Sanders' horses ran away leaving Virgie Klays at top of bank at creek road -

Paid Hoags bill.

Sat 18 Nov 1905

Gardner, Yen & I went to Woodland in auto. Home about 4 p.m. Went to LaRue's to telephone to M. Diggs.

Sue and I went to Mrs. Wilbur's to 500 club. Otis Wilbur was badly hurt by gasoline engine. I got fearfully cold.

Sent load of wood to Mr. Dorrance.

Sun 19 Nov 1905 [Inserted.]

no church - minister sick -

no one out - looks rainy.

Mon 20 Nov 1905

The south wind changed to north about 9 a.m. and blew a hurricane all day. The cloudy sky of yesterday is gone -

Watanabe began pruning at noon. - first near beehives and later on NePlus in west orchard.

Tues 21 Nov 1905

North wind till continues though not so severe as yesterday

One cow got over to Marshall's - Dan got her.

Went hunting - got 8 ducks -

Dan & K fixed fence about field stucks broken down by stock -

Wed 22 Nov 1905

Went to town in a.m. Killed a pork hog in p.m.

Sue & I went to Schmeiser's to make inquiries regarding ditch for irrigation water on the Hine place -

Received letter from M. Diggs [Senator, cf. Dec. 1 entry] announcing purchase of the Hext place adjoining me 1403 acres: - Hines Bros called to get deed straightened.

Thurs 23 Nov 1905

Taking Henry Hines I went to Davis and met M. Diggs. Had Mother sign quit claim deed for 101.13 acres of High land.

Brought Hine & Diggs out to Hext place where Diggs terminated Russell & Donnen - with leases. Got Sue & Dix and with Diggs - Hine went to Davis - Diggs & Hine Bros went to Woodland to sign deeds for Hine place. Sue attended Women's Improvement Club. Mrs. L. Rogers & I went to Marden's to see Otis Wilbur who was hurt -

Fri 24 Nov 1905

Sue and I went to Sacramento on the 10.20 a.m. train which was 1 hour & 10 min late.

Lunched at Saddle Rock.

M. Diggs & I wrote up agreement regarding Hine place; Each is to have one half the net proceeds of sales of place -

Saw Alden Anderson and Gov. Pardee about State Farm matters.

Staid at Lorenz's and attended the McKinlay lecture on the Phillipines (sic).

Sat 25 Nov 1905

Went home on 10.30 train. Returned to Davis at 4 p.m. to meet M. Diggs on business and get Sue -

Sun 26 Nov 1905 [Inserted.]

Sue & children went to Sunday school & church.

Mon 27 Nov 1905

Sue and I went to Sacramento on 7.25 a.m. train. I to attend meeting of State Farm Commission -

I offered my place as a site -

Got road scraper and Charley and K began preparing alfalfa ground north of West orchard.

Tues 28 Nov 1905

Cleaned up auto & tinkered

Called at Mrs. Greene's in p.m. looking for land contracts -

Wed 29 Nov 1905

Rained - am not well -

Sue & Charley took atum (autumn?) leaves and went to Davis to decorate the hall for Improvement Club dance

Kupie (Kelpie[?]) died

Thurs 30 Nov 1905

Sue & I attended wedding at F. E. Russell's. Maud marrying J. F. Henle - the auto behaved badly. It took us 2 hours to go and we were of course late.

Sue & I attended the ball given by the improvement club for the benefit of the school house fund -

Staid at Mother's.

Fri 1 Dec 1905

Senator M. Diggs came out and went home with us for dinner later going around Hext place, calling at Mrs. Greenes and taking in the Sparks place.

Sat 2 Dec 1905

Yen went to Sacramento - Took him to Davis

Gardy and I went to Woodland -

Saw D. B. Guili [?] about land sale - GH Hecke about State Farm etc. Home 7 p.m.

Sue & I attended 500 party at Mrs. Hines -

Heavy frost -

Sun 3 Dec 1905 [Inserted.]

no chinese for kitchen

Heavy frost -

Mon 4 Dec 1905

Butchered ten hogs -

Very cold & frosty

Tues 5 Dec 1905

Cut up meat

Cold & frosty

Sue went to Mrs. LaRue's to prepare for Ladies' Fair.

Boys moved road scraper into small alfalfa field to enlarge ditch

Wed 6 Dec 1905

Made sausage -

Very cold -

Sue went to town to Fair and staid over night at Mother's -

Boys moved back to north alfalfa field to do over some of their work -

Thurs 7 Dec 1905

Salted meat. Worked on auto -

Boys finished grading in north alfalfa field and moved into east field to build ditch for irrigating nursery land etc.

Sue came home about 3 p.m.

Fri 8 Dec 1905

North wind -

Sat 9 Dec 1905

North wind. Hunted up surveying party working on "Fairfield ditch" Ran with them to Chickahominy slough -

John Schmeidt and Wife came to Davis and telephone out - went and got them -

Sun 10 Dec 1905 [Inserted.]

Took Schmeidt & wife to Davis 12 m. train. Auto bucked badly.

Mon 11 Dec 1905

Could not get auto going -

Drove to Davis to Fairfield ditch meeting. Diggs and Dr. Jackson were out -

Tues 12 Dec 1905

Worked on auto - had body off -

Wed 13 Dec 1905

Rode on wheel to Davis - took freight train for Woodland -

Carried exhaust valve and water tank for auto - Attended Fairfield ditch meeting - organized etc. Saw Diggs & Jackson - Rode home with Wm Oeste -

Thurs 14 Dec 1905

Worked on auto in a.m.

Drove little team to Davis in p.m.

- took water tank.

Sue attended funeral of Fannie Rogers -

Fri 15 Dec 1905

Had Chas Weden haul auto to Woodland early - got box of apples-

Got auto to going and stopped to do some shopping - later could not start machine. Staid over night at Julian. Dropped into the Bachelor's Club -

Sat 16 Dec 1905

Got machine to going after a fashion and Renny, an agent for Leavitt & Bill rode to Davis with me, the car running indifferently. Mr & Mrs. Walton came on train - Had Sue come with surrey -

The auto ran almost home & stopped - hauled it in with a mule -.

Sun 17 Dec 1905

Worked on auto in a.m. - took Walton's beyond Col. Taylor's for ride, and after dinner to 7.15 train. It sprinkled some on trip and later rained - Weden drew \$10.00 & went to Sacramento.

Mon 18 Dec 1905

J. E. LaRue and self went to Woodland on train to see C. W. Thomas and other about State Farm matters - back at 4.15.

Work was begun on Fairfield Water ditch

Rained in evening

Tues 19 Dec 1905

Went to Russell's in a.m.

Started a ten mule team plowing on the Fairfield ditch in p.m. -

Wed 20 Dec 1905

Sprinkled in a.m.

Sue & Dix went to Sacramento -

Thurs 21 Dec 1905

Went to Davis with team

took empty tank and got gasoline

Saw Mr. Sparks - got promise of option on land for State Farm.

Fri 22 Dec 1905

Very cold

Had Charles Weden haul auto to Woodland.

Met M. V. Sparks and got option on land for State Farm. Went to Davis on train

Sue came down and we went to Rebecka meeting - 4 candidates were initiated - Woodland officers officiating.

Sat 23 Dec 1905

Gardner & I went to Sacramento -

Rented safe deposit box - attended Ben Hur performance at Clunie -

Got two overcoats, Xmas presents etc -

Staid at Mother's -

Sun 24 Dec 1905 [Inserted.]

Prof. E. J. Wickson came as soil expert to see proposed site for State Farm.

showed him the Sparks site and he left on 4 p.m. train.

Home at 6 p.m.

Mon 25 Dec 1905

Sue invited the Greene's to dinner and they came -

Warmer today -

Tues 26 Dec 1905

Cloudy -

Wed 27 Dec 1905

Went to San Francisco and to Berkeley in p.m. to attend the State Farmer's Institute.

Was not well and went to bed early -

Lunched with Mort Smith and his sister Mrs. Edith Cobb -

Thurs 28 Dec 1905

Rained in a.m.

Had a sick night of it - was in bed much today - Went to the Academy of Sciences hall to hear Cal. Promotion Committee lectures -

Sue attended Brush? [word not clear] Boys dance helping at supper by the Development Club -

Fri 29 Dec 1905

Left for home on 8 a.m. train

Went on to Woodland and got my automobile from garage -

Sue & Dix came home bringing June Plant -

Sat 30 Dec 1905

Rained in p.m.

Charley took June home -

Sue & I went to Mr. LaRue's to a meeting of the 500 club there was a large attendance. I read "St Peter at the Gate -

Sun 31 Dec 1905 [No entry.]

Memoranda [p. 1]

Feb 4 First almond blooms appear.

Mch 23 Took Falrose to Sam Hoy's -

Mch 30 & 31 Frosts. -

Memoranda [p. 2]

Sept. 27 First rain of season - light sprinkle -

Dec. 31 There has been less than two (2) inches of rain to date.

Feed has scarcely started at all.

No plowing has been possible -

The outlook is far from an encouraging one -

Our grain crop was a failure because of rust.

Almonds were light.

Stock did well -

Prices were good -

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