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D-022 4:16: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1906

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Preliminary notes by transcriber:

Davis Campus Origins

January-April

On Wed 10 Jan. Pierce was still working for the establishment of the State Farm in Davis - mailed maps to Pres. Wheeler and Secretary Henderson on subject, talked with others. On 10 Feb. Wickson made report to State Farm Commissioners in Sacramento, and all but Davisville, Woodland, Suisun, & Contra Costa sites were eliminated. Working intensely for Davis site in Feb. seeing Gov. Pardee, etc., having meetings. On 16 Feb. got contract for water right for State Farm. On 19th Feb. collecting subscriptions for State Farm project. On Feb. 26 the Commission visited various sites in Yolo, including Davis. The decision is going to be soon Gov., Lieut. Gov., etc.) The great victory came on Thursday 5 April, 1906 when, as Pierce notes in his diary, the State University Site Commission decided on Davisville at about 11.45 p.m. Pierce busy collecting subscription for water rights the next day, the 6th. Still more on State farm, 16th, etc. On 20th Pierce took abstracts of State Farm land titles to Governor's office: two abstracts of Sparks' lands, two of Wrights and one of Hamels'. Abstract of title for 10 acre State Farm parcel in Solano County, 25th Apr.

May

On 1 May Pierce reports trouble with Sparks trying to pull out of promise concerning State Farm land, setting tough conditions. (Purchase price for Sparks land was to be \$91250.) On 3 May Pierce got a new option from him, but a "fearfully tough" one. On 2 May had seen Gov. Pardee in Oakland on State Farm matters, also U. S. Attorney General, Webb, in San Francisco. Mentions seeing Judge Shields about Farm matters, Mon. 7 May. More work with Attorney General in San Francisco on Farm abstracts, 8 May. On 10 May Pierce signed Sparks's option, agreeing to pay him interest on purchase price for State Farm, and on 31st Pierce saw about abstracts for State Farm in Davis.

June

On June 1 he went to Davis to see Armstrong about State Farm Titles. June 5th dealt with abstract titles in Suisun, 6th in San Francisco got Attorney General Webb's opinion of titles, 7th saw Ashley in Woodland about land descriptions, 8th saw Governor Pardee in Sacramento, 9th had deed written out and sent to Attorney General, 18th, saw Governor again on the matter, 21st Sparks promised to sign deeds for State Farm lands, which Sparks and Oren H. Wright did the next day, the 22nd.

On June 25th Pierce got the last of the State Farm deeds signed (Hamel's) at 12.01 p.m. (a major moment for the University of California, Davis Campus) and delivered deeds to the Governor almost immediately afterward on the same day. On June 26th got transcript of satisfaction of Wrights mortgage to Yolo Co. Savings Bank, 27th went to Sacramento with State Farm papers.

July

On 5 July conferred with Gov. Pardee on State Farm matters. On 17th met with State Farm Commission in Governor's office, on the 23rd went to Woodland to have State Farm Water Right revised. On July 24th he got the water right and sent it to Prof. Wickson for approval, and on 25th Wickson sent a telegram approving it, whereupon Pierce went to Woodland and paid for it and sent it to W. S. Webb the Attorney General in San Francisco as per instructions. On the 25th also Prof. Major and two others came to inspect University buildings on Sparks place. Now the University has the property and the water right.

August

On August 1st Pierce telephoned and on August 2nd wrote the Attorney General about the State Farm. Pierce was intensely involved in closing the State Farm matter in August, involved in getting abstracts, having them continued and expressed to Attorney General [4th], sent copy of Attorney General's letter to Governor and talks late in evening with Mr. Sparks [5th], got abstract continued in Suisun [6th], took last abstract to Attorney General's office in San Francisco on 7th, found deeds to State Farm property had not been returned to Sacramento and telephoned for them to be sent by express [8th], was upbraided by Hamel over delays who demanded return of deeds and abstract [10th], notified on the 11th by Sec. J. A. Elston that papers were ready to close up State Farm transaction and so went to Sparks and Hamel to get them to go to Woodland to close the matter. Only Sparks went. On same day [11th] A. J. Plant met Elston to make change in Wright deed. Pierce at the same time went to Woodland and closed the deal by advancing Hamel's tax money himself!! This was the critical day of the 11th of August. He certainly was central to this operation, even at his own financial risk. On the 13th he went with Oren Wright to collect Wright's State Farm warrant. On August 28th he attended a sale at the Sparks' old farm that was now the State Farm place.

September -December

On Sept 22 Pierce was active again on State Farm matter, meeting Prof. Major. Sparks came to Davis, collecting his interest, which he seems to have paid to Prof. Major? He may thus have become the 15th subscriber to \$607.50 for State Farm, it seems in some connection. Says "Returned water stock." Pierce reported the last meeting of the State Farm Committee met on the 17th of October. On 19 October Pierce met Newton of Newton Stanford Co., bidders for contract for State Farm buildings. Pierce discussed State Farm matter with Regent Fosley in Oakland on 20th November. [For the past couple of months Pierce seems to have been campaigning for position of secretary of the Board of Regents, seeing the Governor about it trying to get support.] On 11 Dec Pierce met with Prof. Wickson at Berkeley and then attended meeting of Board of Regents, helping get through measure supporting the building of a creamery and pavillion at the Davis Campus to cost \$31,406.38, \$8700+ for the one and \$19,000+ for the other.

On 17 December Pierce met with architect Howard, Mr. Plowman, Prof Major and Mr. Newton about the location of State Farm buildings. On 26th December Newton and Plowman came to locate building site for first State Farm building

San Francisco Earthquake

Noted on Wed 18 Apr. with indication of how serious it was. More about earthquake in subsequent days. Davis people pitch in to feed hand help refugees and send food. On 2 May Pierce went to San Francisco and commented: "San Francisco's destruction is well nigh complete. It presents a stupendous field of desolation & destruction." May 8th, Pierce was in San Francisco and describes trying to get around there.

Yen

Yen, the faithful Chinese servant and cook of the Pierce's for seventeen years, left for China on November 2nd. Pierce wrote he claimed he would be back in June of the next year.

Mon 1 Jan 1906

Heavy north wind and weather fearfully cold.

Am plowing a piece for alfalfa -

Tues 2 Jan 1906

Very cold. Still somewhat windy

Went to Davis for mail -

Wed 3 Jan 1906

Tinkered in a.m.

In p. m. took Sue to Mrs. LaRue's and later to Davis - she going to San Francisco on Glen Alpine business.

Thurs 4 Jan 1906

Put sheep into Hext field -

Gardner & I went to Woodland in p.m. in auto - got G's bicycle - put in claim on accident policy -

Collected road warrant for new east side road -

Fri 5 Jan 1906

Put cows on creek on Hext land -

Went to see P N. Ashley at Mrs. Greene's -

then to town - Engaged Ashley to come and survey ditch on Diggs tract -

Paid Hoag & Scott.

Only one Jap, K. worked this p.m. - others having a spree -

Sat 6 Jan 1906

Went to Davis early. Met M. Diggs

brought him to Hext place where we met C. T. Bidwell. We examined and graded the Hext lands. The gentlemen lunched with me - took Diggs to 4 p.m. train.

Went home and returned to 7.15 train for Sue and Miss Kittie Chandler and all went to 500 club meeting at Mrs. Ellsworth's. Home about 1.30 a.m.

Sun 7 Jan 1906 [Inserted.]

No one went to town today -

Mon 8 Jan 1906 [No entry.]

Tues 9 Jan 1906

[Entry misplaced in 8 Jan space.] Put fence around straw stack in Hext field -

Went to Davis - called at LaRue's. Jean is sick -

Rained a little in a.m. -

Wed 10 Jan 1906

Straw stack in Hext field toppled over. Had Dan & K fix and fence it.

Went to LaRue's early to meet Dr Bates and Jean on State Farm Business -

Went later to 4 p.m. train to mail maps & letters to Pres. Wheeler and Secretary Henderson relating to State Farm - Sue & Kittie went & called on Lulu Roos -

Paid bill of Walter G Read \$1.95

Thurs 11 Jan 1906

Tinkered in a.m.

Intended to take Sue & Kittie to Mrs. Wilbur's to a Ladies Aid meeting but was notified after 12 M. that Mr. Ashley would be on the Hext land to run ditch lines after dinner so went over there. It began raining soon after I got there so but little was done. Sue & Kittie went with Prince.

- Kittie went no farther than Mothers -

Fri 12 Jan 1906

Rained about 2 inches last night- and at intervals today

Dan & I took wire fence out of creek at packing house and Dan did a lot of growling - later gave notice that he was going to quit -

Took Kittie to 4 p.m train in surrey

- rained hard while going - Sue & Dix went - Sue & I attended installation at Rebeckah's -

Sat 13 Jan 1906

Rained last night & today at intervals.

Got home about noon -

Charley is working at harness -

Paid Dr Bates \$65.00 for treatment of hand -

Sun 14 Jan 1906 [No entry.]

Mon 15 Jan 1906

Rained. Took Gardner to school in wagon. Though of going to Sacramento to meet Oregon excursionists but it rained too much -

New choreman, Tony Joe Hanson came -

Charley worked on harness -

Tues 16 Jan 1906

Went to Davis for Sue in auto in p.m. Dan went with me -

Lulu Roos came out -

Wed 17 Jan 1906

Rained all day - Sue had Ladies' Whist Club - good attendance -

Thurs 18 Jan 1906

Sue, Dix & I went to Sacramento on 12 M. train -

Got \$1000 of D. O. Mills - The Oroville train was unable to make its trips and did not get to Davisville until 10.20 p.m. There was a fearful wind & rain -

Stayed at Mother's.

Fri 19 Jan 1906

Home at noon. Fixed auto tire - Turned water into orchard from ditch -

Japs give notice that they are going to quit -

Sat 20 Jan 1906

C. W. Thomas telephoned for me to come to Davisville & I went in p.m.

We entertained the "500 club" this evening - had 26 guests.

Sun 21 Jan 1906 [Inserted.]

Took Dixwell to Sunday School -

George Sanders came out and we roughly measured his nursery ground -

He paid the rent for one year \$200.00

Mon 22 Jan 1906 [Entry in Tuesday space.]

Tinkered in shop in a.m. -

Stretched telephone wire in p.m. Am putting in an insulated line to LaRues -

Hauled baled hay to sheep -

Japs are pruning Hext vineyard -

Tues 23 Jan 1906

Worked on phone line -

Took Yen to 12 M. train for Chinese New Year - he drew \$30.00

Wed 24 Jan 1906

Got up one team for plowing -

Thurs 25 Jan 1906

Got up 8 mule team for plowing

- got started in p.m. in middle field -

Worked on phone -

Ashley ran ditch line in Hext field -

Fri 26 Jan 1906

Finished insulating phone line to LaRue's

Had Tony drive surveyor's stakes down in Hext fields -

Went to Davis in p.m. saw M. Diggs, Tried to get drivers of teams but failed -

Japs finished pruning - Are cutting brush -

Sat 27 Jan 1906

Got harness ready for work -

Went to Davis in p.m. and got two teamsters. Went to Odd Fellow's lodge in evening. Installation and initiation. Staid at Mother.

Sun 28 Jan 1906

Met M. Diggs, J. Maeir, and Mr & Mrs. V Hale & Mr & Mrs [name not recorded] of Broderick.

Took them to see Hext tract but had trouble with auto. Capt. Tuttle took the Ladies.

Had Charley haul me home from Davis -

Mon 29 Jan 1906

My smoke house burned last night about 1 a.m. It had about 30 hams & shoulders in it - There was not much wind at the time and nothing else burned -

Sue, Dix & I went to Woodland in p.m. with surrey, to hear Sam Jones lecture on "Get there & stay there"

Staid at C. W. Thomas -

Tues 30 Jan 1906

Did business about town and got home at night -

Wed 31 Jan 1906

Two men wanted to quit this a.m. but staid until I could get others.

J. E. LaRue is very sick. Sue and I went there this p.m.

Went to Davis - got our new teamsters.

Got harrows into field -

Sue staid over night at LaRue's

Eugene died at about 9.30 p.m.

Thurs 1 Feb 1906

Started new teamster.

Went to town in a.m. Ordered funeral notices of Eugene's funeral -

Got another dinner - home about 1 p.m.

Let teamster go - fixed fence about hog lot -

Fri 2 Feb 1906

Sue & I attended Eugene's funeral.

I was a pall bearer. We went to Sacramento to interment -

Sue came out on 3.30, I on 6.45 train - I saw Gov. Pardee -

Sat 3 Feb 1906

Sue called at LaRue's

Moved fence for Garden-

Sun 4 Feb 1906 [Inserted.]

Worked on auto -

Paid Japs for January - Jap man & wife left for LaRue's- K came back -

Mon 5 Feb 1906

Drove to Woodland Saw people about State Farm and got 600# alfalfa seed @ 14c per lb.

Tues 6 Feb 1906

Got ready for leaning wheat -

Wed 7 Feb 1906

Went with Dr Bates to Woodland with living rig - started on bicycle & chain broke - walked to 10 mile corner

Mr. J. Craig was not in his office and we hired an automobile and went to the Jury ranch near Madison - back to Woodland about noon - saw other directors of Ditch Co - home at 5 p.m.

Boys finished plowing 140 acre field -

Thurs 8 Feb 1906

Bluestoned wheat in a.m. Went to Sacramento in p.m.

Fri 9 Feb 1906

Sowed wheat in 140 acre middle field -

Sat 10 Feb 1906

Charley sowed in a.m. It rained in p.m. and boys had to quit about 3 p.m

Went to Sacramento to attend meeting of State Farm Commissioners.

Prof Wickson's report was presented

69 proposed sites were offered - all but the Davisville Woodland Suisun & Contra Costa sites were eliminate

Sun 11 Feb 1906 [Inserted.]

Worked on auto.

Mon 12 Feb 1906

Took K and went to Woodland hauling auto to Faulkner's shop where Bart Peart is to overhaul it -

Saw Joe Craig - got copy of Judge Gaddis' decree in Moore vs Capay Ditch Co -

Home via Davis - where we held a State Farm meeting - Sue came after me.

It began raining at 3.15 p.m.

Boys did not get quite through harrowing in wheat -

Tues 13 Feb 1906

Went to see Mr. Sparks and then to Sacramento to see Mr. Holman, Gov. Pardee & Lt Gov - Alden Anderson.

It rained a little today

Wed 14 Feb 1906

Rained almost all day

Cleaned up in packing house and got ready to grind barley & saw wood.

Thurs 15 Feb 1906 [No entry.]

Fri 16 Feb 1906

Started three teams plowing in east creek field.

Japs began sawing wood.

Went to Woodland on train.

Got contract for water right for State Farm.

Rained about 3.15

Sat 17 Feb 1906

Rained last night and this a.m.

Tony took me to town & got 10 sx barley screenings. Weden drew \$10.00 & went to Sacramento. Went to Sacto on 10.20 train to Sac. Valley Development Ass'n. - saw Gov. Pardee. Sue came to Davis and we went to W. D. Chiles' to 500 club and each[?] won first Prize.

Sun 18 Feb 1906

Had meeting of State Farm Com. & decided to buy water right - Had \$2400.00 subscribed in 3 hours - Rained most of the day -

Mon 19 Feb 1906

Went to Russell's of State Farm Subscriptions, got \$100 - to Greenes - got undecided answer - to Davis for Mrs. Chandler of San Francisco wh came on 12.05 train. Went to J. Campbells got \$50 - to Hamel's - was offered \$50 and declined it -

Took dinner with Dr Bates. Was called on phone by J. Craig -

Tues 20 Feb 1906

Went to Woodland on 12 M train -

- met Esparto men and a few Woodland men on State Farm business -

It rained most of afternoon.

Wed 21 Feb 1906

Went to Davisville. lunched with Dr Bates - held State Farm meeting.

Thurs 22 Feb 1906

Went to Winters. put team in stable and went on train, to Citrona. Took lunch with Mr. Geo. W.Scott whom I had gone to see on State Farm matters.

It was a beautiful day, but got cloudy toward night -

Japs sawed wood -

Fri 23 Feb 1906

Rained hard during night and much of forenoon -

Went to Davis in p.m.

Sat 24 Feb 1906

Staid at home - am not feeling very well.

Sun 25 Feb 1906 [Inserted.]

Went out but little. Folks went to church.

State Farm Commission telephones that it will visit Yolo tomorrow.

Mon 26 Feb 1906

State Farm Commission visited Suisun, Davisville and Woodland proposed sites. They missed the 11.15 at Suisun and came on 12.05 which was 25 minutes late. All lunched at Greive's hotel. Saw Sparks site and left via automobile for Woodland 2.45 p.m.

Gov. Pardee & Lieut. Gov. Anderson returned to Sacto on 7.15 train.

Boys plowed today.

Tues 27 Feb 1906

Began raining about 5.45 a.m.

Boys harnessed but did not go out -

Got remaining sheep out of big field.

Fixed fence at Russell line -

Rained a little at noon -

Sue & Mrs. Chandler went to Davis -

Wed 28 Feb 1906

Boys plowed today, began on last land of 62 acres -

Went to meet M. Diggs at 11.45 train. We met a lady who came to see Hext land - She wants to buy the S. E. Cor of east field - took the matter under advisement -

Thurs 1 Mar 1906

Finished sowing wheat in middle field about 15 acres - boys got back to plowing before noon.

Had Tony herd sheep on land boys are plowing - Put sheep in orchard at night -

Sue & Mrs. Chandler went to Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Anderson's -

Fri 2 Mar 1906

Cloudy -

Marked lambs, about 225 in a.m. Put sheep on creek -

Sue took Mrs. Chandler to 4 p.m train for San Francisco -

Went to see Sander's nursery -

Sat 3 Mar 1906

Rained last night & today.

Sent check to E D N. Lehe for meter.

Attended meeting of Percheron Horse Ass'n. at Davis. - was elected President. Ordered posters.

Sue & I attended 500 club meet. at Plants -

Staid at Mothers -

Sun 4 Mar 1906 [Inserted.]

Home at 2 p.m Peart had company -

Mon 5 Mar 1906

Started plow teams again

they finished plowing in east nursery field.

Dixwell & I went to Woodland with little team.

Tues 6 Mar 1906

Started three harrows -

Wed 7 Mar 1906

Began sowing barley this a.m.

Put gate in fence at Sander's nursery -

Thurs 8 Mar 1906

Finished sowing at noon -

Weden drew \$10.00 and went to Sacramento at noon -

Boys finished harrowing barley - in nursery field.

Had Japs work on fence along road at N. E. corner of place -

Went to see land on Hext place about plowing - pretty wet -

Moved one plow onto Hext place -

Tony, choreman gave notice of quitting -

Fri 9 Mar 1906

Took two plow teams to N. E. corner of Hext ranch but found it too wet and quite going to Guili 80 -

Weden came out on 3.30 train

Sue went to 3.30 train for Mrs. Geo B. Lorenz and boy who came from Marysville for a visit. Saw men who were getting subscribers to Orchard & Farm. I subscribed \$50.00 to help advertise this section.

Sat 10 Mar 1906

Daisy mule died last night -

Had 3 team plowing on Hext place -

Japs & I fixed fence along east creek field in a.m. Went to 3.30 p.m. train for Geo. B. Lorenz & Frank Tade.

Sun 11 Mar 1906 [Inserted.]

Rained at intervals - Took Tade & Lorenz to 4.30 train and missed it.

Mon 12 Mar 1906

Rained considerable last night.

Am not well today.

Joe Miller quit today.

Chas Weden gave notice of quitting

Went to town in p.m. took Joe Miller & got new choreman -

Brought tank coal oil -

Tue 13 Mar 1906

New choreman quit before beginning.

Tony Johanson and Chas Weden quit

Took them to Davis about 11 a.m.

It rained and blew fearfully on my return -

Japs built fence on canal bank in east field -

Hoag sent a man out as choreman -

It rained at intervals throughout the day -

Wed 14 Mar 1906

New choreman partially cleaned out cow barn -

Rained at intervals.

Thurs 15 Mar 1906

Japs worked on creek fence near break on levee in east field -

The Red Cross Employment Office sent a choreman on Friday. I went to train after him but did not find him.

Fri 16 Mar 1906

Went to Sacramento. Saw Alfred Holman

- gave him a State Farm article for the Union. Saw Gov. Pardee -

Sat 17 Mar 1906

Japs worked on fence.

Put sheep in plowed alfalfa field -

Fred & I got our plow home from Hext place.

Sue & I went to Mrs. Weise's to 500 Club meeting.

Sun 18 Mar 1906 [Inserted.]

Sue & children went to Sunday school - Went to meet M. Diggs & Coffee Bros. to see Hext land.

Mon 19 Mar 1906

My choreman went to town yesterday and did not return -

Fred harrowed on alfalfa ground -

Owen, from Winters came with 4 horse team to rent water-melon land on Hext place -

Tues 20 Mar 1906

Began raining at about 5 a.m. and rained all day -

Gardy did not go to school today -

Put sheep on creek -

Red Cross sent a choreman -

Wed 21 Mar 1906

Took Gardy to school and got new choreman. CB Cooper

also 200# flour & barb wire -

Red Cross sent teamster [name unclear] Codris[?] and I returned in p.m. and brought him out -

Thurs 22 Mar 1906

Went to Sacramento

Fri 23 Mar - Sun 25 Mar 1906 [No entries.]

Mon 26 Mar 1906

Sue went to San Francisco on Glen Alpine business - took her to 4 p.m. train.

Tues 27 Mar 1906

Opened up drains for water about fields -

Wed 28 Mar 1906 [registered in Thurs day space.]

Went to Woodland for the automobile that has been overhauled by Bart Peart -

Took my two drivers with me, also Gardy's wheel & left it with Mr. Jefferson, and had the big jack fixed - Got pansies for Dixwell & Gardy but G did not want them -

Thurs 29 Mar 1906 [Displaced in Thursday space.]

Sprinkled a little this a.m.

Fred harrowed with 8 mule team in p.m. & Tom ran buck scraper in windmill lot -

Lee LaRue & [name omitted] called to discuss life insurance.

Went to Davis in auto to meet Sue who came on 7.15 p.m. train from San Francisco.

Began raining toward evening.

Fri 30 Mar 1906 [Displace in Saturday space.]

Rained all night and most of today -

Sat 31 Mar 1906

North wind. Sue & I went to Pel Montgomery's to 500 party in auto -

Had bad time with auto & tires, lost glasses and retraced steps to Davis looking for them in vain. Home at 4.15 a.m.

Sun 1 Apr 1906 [Inserted.]

North wind. Telephoned for glasses and Pel found them Gardner alone went to Sunday school - got glasses -

Mon 2 Apr 1906

Strong north wind -

Went to Sacramento to see Alden Anderson & F. J. Kirk.

Sent load of wood to Mother and had her lot plowed -

North wind

Tues 3 Apr 1906

Got in harrows & plows from own & Hext fields -

Began levelling windmill alfalfa field -

North wind -

Wed 4 Apr 1906

North wind -

Thurs 5 May 1906

Went to Sacramento on 12.10 train -

took delayed overland for Stockton at 3.15. Reached Stockton at 4.45 p.m

Stopped at Yosemite hotel - Called John Budd up and he came to see me and we went to the rooms of the Yosemite Club to talk University of California matters -

Left Stockton at 10.30 p.m. reaching Sacramento about 11.45 p.m. The State Farm Site Commission decided in favor of Davisville tonight at about 11.45 p.m.

Fri 6 Apr 1906

Went to Davis on 7.25 a.m. train.

Got the collection of subscriptions started for water right - also looked up abstract business.

Home after dinner -

Sue & I went to town in auto to see fire works etc. - had bad luck with tires. -

Sat 7 Apr 1906

Went to town in p.m. and staid to Lodge -

Sun 8 Apr 1906 [Inserted.]

Yen drew \$30.00 and went to Sacramento -

Sue did not go to church.

Mon 9 Apr 1906

Rained in a.m.

Went to town in a.m.

Men worked in p.m. -

K began sowing alfalfa

Tues 10 Apr 1906

Went to San Francisco on 7.25 a.m. train. Hoped to meet my friends on Board of Regents but failed to find them

Staid at Grand Hotel. Met Gen. Martine and talked gravel mine

Rained until about 9 a.m.

Wed 11 Apr 1906

Went to Davis on 8 a.m. train

Met Messrs Fortier & Barber of Berkeley -

Thurs 12 Apr 1906

Fred finished harrowing in melon field & plowed for drainage ditches in east fields

K. finished harrowing alfalfa and began planting water melons

Sue went to Ladies Aid

Julius Steinhart called and I sent in application for a \$5000 policy in the Pacific Mutual.

Put sheep into east field -

Received Draft for \$172.50 from Accident insurance comp

Fri 13 Apr 1906

J. A Harby came and I sold him 10 hogs & two cows - each at 6c per. lb -

Dr Bates came and examined me [men?] for Pacific Mutual policy.

Sat 14 Apr 1906

Sent 10 hogs to Harby by K.

Sue, Dix & I went to Woodland. Paid taxes, & Lawhead [?] Fairchild

Attended Fairfield Ditch meeting at Davis

Saw Senator Diggs. Got groceries meat etc and lost meat while going home. Gardner & I went back to Davis for it - did not find it -

Sun 15 Apr 1906 [Inserted.]

Went to church -

Mon 16 Apr 1906

Boys finished first plowing in east orchard at noon.

Went to town to see about State farm abstracts.

A. J. Plant sold 160 acres of the Hext ranch to "Shorty" Thomas for \$12000

Began plowing in west orchard in p.m.

Harby paid me for hogs & cows -

M. Diggs sold 40 acres to Schlegel of Minnesota and gave options on 80 more

Tues 17 Apr 1906

Went to Sacramento with Sue.

Saw the Governor.

Sold spring clip of wool to I Haines for 26c per lb.

Wed 18 Apr 1906

Went to Davis. Met M. Diggs

Ran to Woodland & back.

Raised price of 6 lots.

Had fearful earthquake to 5:12 a.m this morning. San Francisco is reported to be in ruins and burning with water supply shut off -

Tom Collins driver quit today

Thurs 19 Apr 1906

San Francisco is in flames -

Sheep shearers came -

Fri 20 Apr 1906

Went to Sacramento on 7.25 out at 10.45.

Took abstracts of State Farm Land titles [letters?] to Governors' office. Two abstracts of Sparks' lands, two of Wrights and one of Hamels'.

Davisville people are to feed the needy refugees at depot & also send supplies to city.

Went home for supplies - Miss Campbell going with me. Returned at once Sue & Dixwell going - All staid until after the local trains passed, feeding many -

Sat 21 Apr 1906

Marked 17 pigs and [number not given] calves.

Fred finished plowing in orchard and is going to quit -

Went to Davis to Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Gardner went to Woodland -

Sun 22 Apr 1906 [Inserted.]

Prince is lame - took folks to town in auto.

Ladies provided free food to refugees from San Francisco fire, at depot -

Mon 23 Apr 1906

Rained last night and this forenoon.

Sacked 11 sx wool. Had Cooper herd sheep along creek.

Dutch Fred got on high horse and I fired him.

Went to town for another driver that Hoag engaged and also got a choreman sent from Red Cross -

Auto did not run well.

Tues 24 Apr 1906

Started team reploting summerfallow

very dry and hard.

Took Cooper to town. Sparks got the R B Armstrong abstract from Losh at Fairfield -

Wed 25 Apr 1906

Went to Sacramento on 7.25 a.m train with the abstract of title to the 10 acre piece of State Farm site in Solano County. Our at noon.

Saw Sparks & Wright about a continuum [?]

James T. Hartigan, of Fresno, called at ranch today -

The Davis merchants have put customers on short rations - refusing to sell except in limited retail way -

Thurs 26 Apr 1906

Marked second lot of lambs - 31 head -

Killed a mutton. Put sheep into east field.

With choreman took 4 mares to Montgomery's to breed to Forturey [?]

K is plowing potatoes.

Fri 27 Apr 1906

Rained in forenoon - had hard shower just at night.

Man plowed in p.m. K & Fred hauled dead cow out of water hole & put one strand of barb wire on fence west from Mother's barn.

Went to Hext place with Donnenwirth & measured land plowed & sowed by him for Diggs & Pierce.

Sat 28 Apr 1906

Took stud colt to LaRue's for veterinary -

Sent K with load of wool 3230# to Woodland for acc't I Haines. He paid me \$20 on acct. - he had paid me \$500 before leaving him \$319.80 in debt to me. Gardner & I took the automobile back to Bart Peart for adjustment

- got wet on return trip -

Sun 29 Apr 1906 [Inserted.]

Gardner & Yen went to town -

Got colt from LaRue's - pulled mustard -

Mon 30 Apr 1906

K. began putting ditches in order

cloudy -

Tues 1 May 1906

Went to Davisville to see Mr. Sparks who is trying to back out on the State Farm project. Could do but little with him. He finally gave me an option, or said he would give one at old prices provided we would repay him his \$500 contribution and pay him interest on the purchase price, \$91250.

Wed 2 May 1906

Went to Oakland to see Governor Pardee about State Farm matters

then went to San Francisco to see the Attorney General U.S. - Webb at 2319 California St.

San Francisco's destruction is well nigh complete. It presents a stupendous field of desolation & destruction.

Home on 3.40 train reaching home about 10.30 p.m. M. Diggs was at Hext ranch.

Thurs 3 May 1906

Went to Woodland at 9 a.m. to meet Mr. V. Sparks to get a new option on his place for State Farm purposes. Got one but it is a fearfully tough one - Home by way of Davis -

Fri 4 May 1906 [No entry.]

Sat 5 May 1906

M. Diggs came out. We sold the hay ground in west field to W. O. Russell & Robt Schmeiser for \$2.00 per acre. Also that in Guili quarter to Wm. Oeste of \$1.00 and J. F. Dunningwirth is to cut what is north of slough in east field & stack it for one half - Sue, Gardner & I drove to Woodland. Got agreement to pay interest from Hawkins - Got auto, it did not run well -

Sun 6 May 1906

Fixed auto. Geo W Lorenz, wife & Mrs. E. Humphrey came.

Mon 7 May 1906

Took Lorenz's & Mrs. Humphrey to 10.20 train & went to Sacramento

Saw Judge Shields about Farm Matters

Alden Anderson Supt. Kirk about the Secretaryship of Board of Regents.

Went to Suisun & saw Senator Rush about Secretaryship -

K took load of wood to Mother -

Tues 8 May 1906

Went to San Francisco on 7.25

Saw Attorney General Webb & Mr. Powers about Farm abstracts.

Walked down California Street to Kearny. Was forced to go up to Washington

Climbed debris to Battery, back to Washington and finally to ferry -

Rapid progress is being made in clearing up. Board of Regents held meeting but did not take up the Secretaryship & other matters because of the noise in Fosters office in Ferry building

home on 3.40 train

Wed 9 May 1906

Sue's new man began hoeing potatoes.

Grace Rogers came out tonight with Jack Cecil - Grace stayed over night -

Thurs 10 May 1906

Sue, Grace Rogers, Dixwell and I went to Woodland in auto -

Dr. Grant was sick and Sue did not get her work done -

she attended W. C. T. U. meeting -

I signed the Sparks option in which we agree to pay him interest on his purchase price for State Farm.

It rained at intervals through p.m.

Grace went home with Mrs. Smith.

Fri 11 May 1906

Wrote to Governor and Att'y General - Went to Davis in a.m.

Rained in town but not here -

Mrs. H. M. LaRue and Mrs. Eugene LaRue were here for lunch. Sue Dixwell & I took them for an auto ride up though Winters. Called at Col. Taylor's

back by way of Mrs. Summer's place -

It sprinkled a little - Roads were fine and there was no dust -

Sat 12 May 1906

Went to Davis in a.m.

Sue & I attended 500 club meet at Mr & Mrs. Brewsters. I won first prize -

Sun 13 May 1906 [Inserted.]

Took folks to town

Mon 14 May 1906

Went to town in p.m.

Got ready to go to Colusa.

Tues 15 May 1906

Sue, Dixwell & I went to Woodland in auto. Sue & Dix had sittings with Dr. Grant, dentist.

At 2 p.m we started for Colusa county. Reached Everett Gallup's place about 6 p.m. Got gasoline at Dunigan

Looked over Gallup's place with view of sending him a purchaser -

Wed 16 May 1906

Left at 9 a.m. for Arbuckle returning via College City - got on wrong road & lost about 1/2 hour

Got to Woodland about 12.30

Saw M. Diggs. I Haines paid balance due on wool \$139.80. Got blue print of P. N. Ashley. Ran to Mrs O B. Wilbur's for Sue to attend Ladies Whist Club

The Larney mare had a colt at the Montgomery pasture and lost it -

Thurs 17 May 1906

Went to Davisville to meet M. Diggs

- took him to Hext place and returned for 10.20 a.m. train

Sent \$150.00 coin to the Equitable Life Insurance Co. San Francisco.

Fri 18 May 1906

All attended the Woman's Improvement Club picnic at Armstrongs Grove.

Staid until about 1 p.m. It was a very cool night -

Sold last of hay on Hext place to Sam Lillard for \$2.00 per acre.

Sat 19 May 1906

Took Dixwell to Sunday School picnic at Armstrong Grove - went after him in evening

Went to Hext place to see about hay -

Began mowing -

Sun 20 May 1906 [Inserted.]

Went to early train to meet M. Diggs, W H Browning & Mr Brown & son of Sacramento. Took them to Hext place & returned to 10.20 train -

Mon 21 May 1906

Very cool - wind north - foggy

Began mowing in alfalfa field

- hay is very heavy -

Tues 22 May 1906

Took Crown rake to town for repairs - got another man for haying.

Wed 23 May 1906

Began raking hay

Thurs 24 May 1906

Sprinkled in p.m.

Fri 25 May 1906

Rained most all day -

Sat 26 May 1906

Rained at intervals

Sun 27 May 1906 [Inserted.]

Rained hard most of day - Gardner went to Davis in buggy and got Miss Sullivan -

Mon 28 May 1906

Went to Davis in a.m.

Took Miss Sullivan to Winters in afternoon -

Tues 29 May 1906

Had two men fix irrigating canal at S. E. cor. east orchard.

Wed 30 May 1906

Boys worked in hay in p.m.

Strong north wind

Dixwell & I went to Arbuckle on auto run. Our car broke main cross piece in frame. -
towed to Dunnigan - got it fixed - had blow out and considerable trouble - on return.

back about 10.30 p.m.

Thurs 31 May 1906

Went to Davis to see about abstracts of State Farm.

All of us went to Winters to the Literary exercise of the High School -

Fri 1 June 1906

Miss K. Chandler came at 12.05. Sue went after her.

Fixed wagon beds. put new tire on auto.

Went to Davis to meet Robt Armstrong to see about State Farm Titles -

Met M. Diggs - took him to Hext Ranch & return -

Had invitation to go to Oroville, Chico and Orland to irrigation meeting -

Sat 2 June 1906

Sue & Miss Chandler went to Sacto -

Gardner & I went to Woodland thence to Davisville to Almond Growers meeting.

Sue & Kitty returned on late train.

Sun 3 June 1906 [Inserted.]

Rained last night and this a.m. Went to Davis to early train - met W. H. Brown & wife of 823 6th St. Sacramento - showed them the Hext place, took them to my place and back at 12 p.m train.

Mon 4 June 1906

Miss Chandler left for Glen Alpine on 12 M. train. Clifford Howell came.

Tues 5 June 1906

Dixwell & I went to Suisun with R. B. Armstrong to get abstract of titles to State Farm land right.

It rained heavily while we were at Suisun - left for San Francisco at 5 p.m. Staid at Mrs. Chandler's 113 Duncan St. -

Wed 6 June 1906

Was at Attorney General Webb's office 2319 California St to get opinion on titles modified.

Sue and Gardner came on morning train. Lunched with Georgie Trowbridge 2004 Bush St - Took in ruins and left for home on 7 p.m. train

- home at 12 P. M.

Thurs 7 June 1906

Began hauling hay -

Went to Woodland in p.m. to see Mr. P. N. Ashley about land descriptions on State Farm.

Took Sue to Davis and got her on return -

Got \$23.30 for cement gravel for road purposes -

Fri 8 June 1906

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 a.m train to see Governor about State Farm matters

- home at 8 p.m.

Sat 9 June 1906

Took Sk spuds to Hoag 20# @ 1c.

tried to get [sentence not completed.]

Had State Farm deeds written out and sent to the Attorney General

Howard, hay hand quit -

Sun 10 June 1906 [Inserted. No entry.]

Mon 11 June 1906

K not here today -

Hugh shocked hay in a.m.

Got three men and ran two wagons in p.m.

Got two more men in p.m.

Tues 12 June 1906

Staid with the hay hauling

K came back - put him to shocking hay -

Wed 13 June 1906

Haying.

Thurs 14 June 1906

Haying.

Fri 15 June 1906

Finished putting hay into horse barn

It sprinkled at intervals throughout the afternoon.

Moved hay rigging to creek barn

Sat 16 June 1906

Boys did not work - rained last night -

Went to Napa and 7.25 a.m. train changing at Suisun & Napa Junction, arriving at Napa about 10 a.m. California Promotion Committee held meeting in Masonic Hall, fine lunch in armory [?] - dinner at Napa Soda Spring, reception in evening -

Sun 17 June 1906 [Inserted.]

Trip to Calistoga by stage, baths lunch & drive through valley to St. Helena.

Cars to Napa - 4 p.m. train for home -

Davis at 7.20 p.m. - fine time.

Mon 18 June 1906

Hauled hay into creek barn -

Went to Sacramento to see Gov. Pardee regarding State Farm matters.

Jeff Donnenwirth got my harvester moved to Hext place -

Tues 19 June 1906

Finished hay hauling -

Wed 20 June 1906

Gardner took 3 hay hands to town - also 2 sx spuds to Anderson.

- got sk flour.

Got up mules of harvester

- went to help Jeff about harvester

Went to town for extras -

Thurs 21 June 1906

Started to take Sue & Dixwell to 10.20 a.m. train. Broke exhaust valve on auto - was hauled to our N. E. corner by wagon, then got Job. horse, and was towed home -

Started my harvester on Diggs place

same is run by Jeff. C. Donnenworth.

Mr V. Sparks is sick and sent for me. He promised to sign deeds tomorrow for State Farm lands - Gardner went to Woodland via Davis taking 2 sx spuds -

Fri 22 June 1906

Sue & Gardner went to Sacramento on 12.05 train. Gardner goes to Placerville to meet wagons for Glen Alpine -

Took 2 sx spuds to Anderson - in p.m.

Got Oren H. Wright and Mr. V. Sparks to sign deeds for their lands for State Farm purposes -

Separated mutton weathers from flock and put them in field by themselves -

Sat 23 June 1906

Strong north wind - Drove to Woodland to get auto valve fixed - back to Davis in time for Almond Grower's meeting -

DA G. [Davis Almond Growers] appointed J. K Armsby Co selling agents @ 7 1/2 percent commission. Simpson of Castle Bros. offered (sic) 15 c for Nonpareil 14. IXL 13 NeP. 11 1/2 Drake 11 Long -

We expelled W. O. Russell, J. Henley & J Clark -

Held Percheron Horse Assn. meeting - levied an assessment of \$25.00 per share. Got 2 mares & colts from Montgomery's -

Sun 24 June 1906

South wind.

Mr & Mrs. D. Balfour and Miss [name not registered] called. J. Steinhart brought policy in Pacific Mutual.

Mon 25 June 1906

Got last of State Farm deeds signed (Hamel's) at 12.01 p.m.

Took 12.07 train for Sacramento to deliver deeds to Governor -

Tues 26 June 1906

Tinkered in a.m.

In p.m. went to Woodland got transcript of satisfaction of Oren H. Wright's Mortgage to Yolo Co. Savings Bank -

Wed 27 June 1906

Worked about place in a.m.

At noon went to Sacramento with State Farm papers -

Shopped for Sue -

Thurs 28 June 1906

Mowed hay into creek barn.

Irrigated small alfalfa field near windmill.

Fri 29 June 1906

Finished putting hay in creek barn at noon.

Sole some cattle & 170 sheep to J. A. Harby, he paying \$700 on acct -

Took Dixwell to have hip & leg examined by Dr's Lawhead & Fairchild.

Paid Dr J. T. Grant's dentist bill to date s\$199.50 chiefly for Gardner's rectifying work
-

Mildred Wright went to Woodland and Davis with us -

Fixed Sue's trunk -

Sat 30 June 1906

Dig 3 sx spuds - Fred took spuds, gasoline tank & Sue's trunk to Davis -

Sue, Dixwell & Miss Elsie Sullivan left of 12 M. train for Glen Alpine - Went to Sacramento to settle with M. Diggs on Hext ranch acct - He paid me \$537.80

He still owes me \$100.00 and I owe him for 500 new sacks & 180 old ones -

Sun 1 July 1906 [Inserted.]

Went to Winters to see Wolfskill about ditch water, then to Davis to meet Gibbons and Kimball to see Hext tract

a very warm day -

Mon 2 July 1906

Took Fred Brotze [?] to town in p.m.

Got 180 2nd hand and 500 new sacks from M. Diggs

Tues 3 July 1906

Went to Woodland to have dental work done by Dr Grant

- fee 7.50

Wed 4 July 1906

Turned water into ditch to irrigate alfalfa, but it flooded so badly we turned it off again

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Went to town in evening -

took 3 sx spuds. Attended the dance of the Woman's Improvement Club in Dodge's barn -

Thurs 5 July 1906

Rebuilt some of the ditches.

Began irrigating after dinner

Went to Sacramento to see Governor Pardee on State Farm matters

Took 3 sx spuds to Davis and shipped with others to Glen Alpine -

Fri 6 July 1906

Tended irrigating water most of day - Put outer covering on auto tires in p.m.

Boys finished digging spuds today -

Sat 7 July 1906

Took 2 sx spuds to town. Auto tire blew out - sent to Woodland for other and it too blew out. Roped wheel & went home. Put on old tire & went to Mrs Wilbur's to party on lawn. Was very late.

Sun 8 July 1906 [Inserted.]

K. tended water. Separated 5 steers & 3 calves for butcher & Fred Roos & helper got them.

Mon 9 July 1906

Finished irrigating

Went to Davis in p.m.

Tues 10 July 1906

K. took wood to Mother. Went to town and sent out 100 Calcutta grain bags.

Wed 11 July 1906

K took second load of wood to Mothers -

Went to town in evening and ordered 250 shakes for almond trays -

Thurs 12 July 1906

Went to Woodland - brought car load of hay - alfalfa & wheat for Glen Alpine. Back to Davis

- had tire trouble - Went to Ed. Donnenwirth's place, the old Joseph Ranch to see it as it is offered for sale -

K took 3d load of wood to Mother's.

Fri 13 July 1906

Plowed irrigating ditch in alfalfa field - Went to harvester. took up fences for harvester gaps -

Patched sacks. Went to Jeff Donnenwirth's place and to town late in evening -

LaRue's folks riding in with me

Sat 14 July 1906

Harvester came to place in afternoon and started on barley in east field -

Sun 15 July 1906 [No entry.]

Mon 16 July 1906

Finished irrigating alfalfa -

Tues 17 July 1906 [Transposed with Wed entry.]

State Farm Commission met today at Governors office and I attended - in on 10.20 - out at 6.35

Wed 18 July 1906 [Transposed with Tues entry.]

Went to Oestes, Schmeiser's & Russells to settle (& collect)] hay ground rentals.

M. Diggs came out in p.m. Shorty Thomas brought him out & I took him back.

Thurs 19 July 1906

Boys finished cutting barley

got 2121 sacks from 100 acres -

Fri 20 July 1906

Left on 12.10 p.m train for Sacramento en route for Chico.

Wrote letters in depot while waiting for Chico train at 3.30. -

Arrived in Chico about 7 p.m. Stopped in Room 46 Park Hotel.

There was a band concert in the park this evening -

Sat 21 July 1906

Went to Hamilton, the new beet sugar section, in Mr. Jas Fennell's Stevens Duryea auto with Judge N. P. Chipman & Judge McLaughlin. in a.m. Attended Sac Valley Development Ass'n meeting in p.m. & went to Oroville in new trolley line. Spoke at evening meeting in the theater.

Sun 22 July 1906 [Inserted.]

Left on 6.35 a.m. train for Sacramento - arrived at Davis at 11.25 -

Mon 23 July 1906

Went to Woodland early to have State Farm Water Right revised. Home via Davis late in evening.

Tues 24 July 1906

Got up sheep to separate mutton for Sam Got out 145 lambs and 71 ewes - sold lambs for \$2.50 ewes \$3.25. Went to Woodland in p.m. for sheep inspector Elston whom I brought to band and took to Davis 7.15 train.

Hugh & K drove sheep to town in p.m. loaded them at about 9 p.m.

Got water right and sent it to Prof. Wickson for approval -

Wed 25 July 1906

Tinkered about auto and went to Davis to meet Prof. Major Mr [name left out] and Mr. [name left out] who came to inspect University buildings on Sparks place.

Had telegram from Prof. Wickson approving water right - Went to Woodland, paid for water right and sent same to W. S. Webb Attorney General in San Francisco as per instructions.

Thurs 26 July 1906

Tinkered about. Boys finished hauling barley - Fenced barley pile in east field and plowed about it -

Turned part of hogs into barley stubble - 43 -

Fri 27 July 1906

Turned 22 hogs into barley field -

Sat 28 July 1906

Little's sheep in Hext field are bothering grain piles & hay stacks.

Sun 29 July 1906 [Inserted.]

Jeff, Maer & I fenced stacks and grain piles in Hext field -

Mon 30 July 1906

Finished harvesting on home place

Wheat turned out 19 sacks to the acre.

Went to Davis in p.m.

Sue writes she is sick -

Tues 31 July 1906

Harvester moved in Jeff Dunnenwirths barley on Hext place -

Put up fence after harvester -

Got up 16 hogs for market -

Went to town in evening hoping to hear from Sue

Wed 1 Aug 1906

K took 16 hogs to Davis. They weighed 2840 and @ 6.75 brought \$191.70

Telephoned Att'y Gen'l Webb about State Farm

Got case strawberries

Hugh watered front yard -

Thurs 2 Aug 1906

Wrote to Attorney General regarding State Farm

Fri 3 Aug 1906

Went to Berkeley to see Secretary Henderson - he was not there -

Called at Prof. Wicksons - he was out of town -

Went to see Atty General Webb -

Home of (sic) 3.40 train.

Sat 4 Aug 1906

Went to Sacramento on 7 a.m.

Got State Farm abstracts - out to Woodland on 10.55 Had abstracts continued - back to Davis on 3.45. Expressed abstracts to Att'y General. -

Sun 5 Aug 1906 [Inserted.]

Yen went to Sacramento. - Put sheep into middle field - Got copy of letter of Att'y Gen'l to Governor -

Went late in evening to see Mr. Sparks -

Mon 6 Aug 1906

Went to Suisun to have abstract continued - (State Farm)

Had some trouble locating it - got it however. Left on 4.55 train for San Francisco. Stopped at Mr & Mrs. Horace Crockers 1300 12th St Oakland.

Tues 7 Aug 1906

Went to Attorney General's office with last abstract. Gen Webb not in - Mr. Power not in until after noon. Not a satisfactory meeting -

Had a demonstrating ride in an Oldsmobile Palace Touring Car 28 H. P. and also in a Buick two (2) cylinder 22 H. P.

Home on 3.40 train.

Wed 8 Aug 1906

Shipped 4 sx 872# wool to I. Haines Woodland - Got two tanks 102 gallons gasoline \$10.20 per tank - sk sugar & 4? rice

Everett Gallup spent day here - wants to sell his place in Colusa.

Thurs 9 Aug 1906

Spent day at home.

Fri 10 Aug 1906

Went to Davis in a.m. was notified that Gov. Pardee returned last night.

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 train.

Found that the deeds to State Farm property had not been returned to Sacramento.

Telephone for same to be sent by express -

Mr. Hamel ripped me up the back fearfully about slowness of State Farm transaction and demanded the return of his deed and abstract.

Men sawed wood.

Sat 11 Aug 1906

Mowed Alfalfa field near house -

Went to Davis early. Was notified by Sec. J. A. Elston that the papers were ready to close up State Farm transaction. Went to see Mr. Sparks and Mr. Hamel about going to Woodland to close matter up. Mr. Sparks alone went - had A. J. Plant meet Elston at train to make change in Wright deed. Went to Woodland on Oroville train and closed the deal by advancing Hamel's tax money myself.

Sun 12 Aug 1906 [Inserted.]

Mr. Clanton came to see about stubble on Diggs land - Bert Elston & [name not recorded] came with Alaska coal mine scheme - Charley got grain train.

Mon 13 Aug 1906

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 a.m. train with Oren Wright to collect his State Farm warrant.

Out on 3.35

Jeff Donnenwirth and Chas Weden began hauling grain from the Diggs place.

Tues 14 Aug 1906

Tinkered - was in Davis in the p.m. and got a striped bass fish weighing 10 or 12 pounds that was given me by Mr. Wright -

Republicans held their primaries today -

Wed 15 Aug 1906

Went to see Fred Gerneshausen regarding sale of his stubble -

Thurs 16 Aug 1906 [No entry.]

Fri 17 Aug 1906

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 out at 6.45

Expected E. W. Major from Berkeley to see about State Farm matters but he did not come -

The mowing machine broke down and I had to go to Davis and back before 10.20.

Sat 18 Aug 1906

Went to Donnenwirths early for can of oil left there.

Boys began hauling my wheat at noon today -

Sun 19 Aug 1906 [Inserted.]

took Yen to town -

Mon 20 Aug 1906

Went to Sacramento to see the officers of Sacto Bank regarding the renewal of Mother's loan-

- out on the new 12.30 train -

Took one Jap home for Tom -

Received check from Harlley [?] Bros. Vacaville for stubble for Donnenwirth & Diggs & Pierce -

Tues 21 Aug 1906

Looked up sheep -

Went to Woodland and was a spectator at the Republican Convention for the selection of delegates to the State Convention at Santa Cruz - Home via Davisville -

Chas Dodge began baling hay on the Diggs place.

Wed 22 Aug 1906

Left on 10.20 train for Sacramento -

Saw Mr. Diggs - Left on 12.50 train for Truckee - arrived at Truckee at about 8.30 p.m. - staid at Whitney House -

Thurs 23 Aug 1906

Left at 7.20 for Tahoe. arrived at Tallac about 12.30. The stage had a load so that I could not go up with it - Gardner came after me with "old blue" and the cart - got to Glen Alpine about 8 p.m.

Fri 24 Aug 1906

Mr. & Mrs. Faville, Sue, Dix and self spent day at Lily Lake - caught enough fish for lunch -

Sat 25 Aug 1906

Same party as above and Misses Greene - & - [name not given] spent day at Grass Lake - caught fish enough for lunch -

Sun 26 Aug 1906 [Inserted.]

The Faville's, Miss [name not given] Sue Dixwell, Gardner & self spent day at Heather & Desolation - caught 31 fish - Dr. Sampson caught 32 -

Mon 27 Aug 1906

Left at 9.30 for home -

Had dinner at Tahoe Tavern -

Left Truckee about 10 p.m.

Tues 28 Aug 1906

Arrived in Davis about 6.15 - two and one half hours late - Breakfasted at Grieve [?] House. Home about 7.30

W. Diggs telephoned for me and I returned and took Diggs and another man to see Hext place.

Later attended the M. V. Sparks sale on new State Farm place -

Wed 29 Aug 1906

Put cattle in stubble field - fixed fence -

Attended Almond Growers meeting for fixing prices - did but little -

Thurs 30 Aug 1906

Hunted up peaches for canning -

went to Agee's, Curreys, Brinks and Winters finally getting some at McMahon ranch.

Home at 3 p.m. then to town for sugar jars etc.

Left at 9.30 p.m. for train to go on to Boise City, Idaho trip to the 14th National Irrigation Congress

Train late. left Sacramento about 1.30 a.m.

Fri 31 Aug 1906

A landslide at or near Dunsmuir caused delay -

Sat 1 Sept 1906

Did not reach Albany until 8.30 a.m. and Portland about 1.30 Party was taken on trolley ride about Portland and entertained at Commercial Club. Left Portland at 8.30 p.m.

Sun 2 Sept 1906 [Inserted.]

Was at Pendleton about 6 a.m. Reached Boise after dark about 7 p.m. Was quartered at 207 13th St - private house -

Mon 3 Sept 1906

California delegation organized and decided to get next session for Sacramento if possible -

Tues 4 Sept 1906

W. A. Beard and self appointed committee on entertainment

Went to Natatorium [?] and Penitentiary and to view town from hills -

Wed 5 Sept 1906

Were entertained by the Congress at our rooms in Idaho Nat Bank building - Had wines, fruit lemonade & sandwiches -

Thurs 6 Sept 1906

Sacramento was chosen as the next place for holding the Congress -

Sessions closed today -

Six car loads left this evening to visit the Minindoka & Twin Falls region - 3 car loads did not get sleepers, but used day coaches -

Fri 7 Sept 1906

Visited the dam at Twin Falls.

Did not get breakfast until 11.30 a.m. at Hotel Twin Falls.

Visited Shoshone Falls, a beautiful place - The County Fair was in session at Twin Falls -

Left Twin Falls, a place of 3000 inhabitants and much thrift [?] at 6.30.

At Minindoka I left train and took Portland train about 10.30 p.m.

Sat 8 Sept 1906

Train ran late and lost time - reached Portland about 10.00 p.m. Missed the Columbia Rivers scenery -

Stopped at Hotel Portland.

Sun 9 Sept 1906 [Inserted.]

Left Portland at 8 a.m. for home -

Mon 10 Sept 1906

Arrived in Davis on time at 3.15 p.m.

Found folks all well.

Sue and Dix are still at Glen Alpine -

Tues 11 Sept 1906

Held Almond meeting - sold almonds Nonpareil 90 degrees [percent?] good at 17
1/4c below 90 degrees 14c.

Wed 12 Sept 1906

Sheep shearers came -

Thurs 13 Sept 1906

Tinkered about place -

Fri 14 Sept 1906

Were to have had a ditch (Diggs) meeting but it was postponed -

Had meeting of Odd Fellows committee to try to get Odd Fellows Home at Davisville -

Rained several showers this p.m.

Sat 15 Sept 1906

Hard north wind -

Gardner & I started for Woodland with auto, but it failed to go and we got a team and drove. had a tooth pulled. Gardner had wires fixed -

Jeff Donnenwirth finished hauling Diggs hay -

Sun 16 Sept 1906 [No entry.]

Mon 17 Sept 1906

[Entry crossed out, an error, but mentioned here and not elsewhere was the fact that the "Jap K. Watanabe quit -"]

Tues 18 Sept 1906

Drove 120 lambs & old ewes to Davis in a.m. - sold to Sam Flint for \$2.50 per head.

Attended meeting of Ditch company on Hext or Diggs tract.

Wed 19 Sept 1906

Went to Jeff Donnenwirth's to settle for harvest work.

Went to Sacramento at noon - out at 3.35.

Wrote article on Idaho trip for "Enterprise"

Thurs 20 Sept 1906

Tinkered about place

Jeff was here at lunch time

fixed wagon for hauling hogs -

Fri 21 Sept 1906

Boys finished straw stacking at noon

Settled with C. H. Weden at noon -

Fixed mower & rake for alfalfa -

Man came to hire teams for railroad work east of Davis. Also Jap from Mrs. Greene's to hire team to haul grapes from Mrs. G's to town.

M. Diggs telephoned for me to meet him tomorrow at 7.25 and got to Woodland.

Sat 22 Sept 1906

Left early to meet M Diggs. Fan belt broke on auto. Had new one made in Davis. Took M. Diggs and [name not recorded] to Woodland - Back to Davis in time for 12.05 train. Met Prof. Major. M. V. Sparks came to Davis. Collected his interest & paid it to him. There were 15 subscribers to \$607.50 - Returned water stock.

Mr. Marsh of S. P. R. R. came to see Hunt & Brown lands.

Fairfield Ditch Co. had meeting -

Sun 23 Sept 1906 [Inserted.]

First rain of season - rained quite a little bit -

Mon 24 Sept 1906

Looked up stakes for canal in Diggs tract in a.m. Quite a strong north wind.

Went to Davis late in p.m.

Gardner went to Bennett's after supper and was thrown from his wheel receiving a badly sprained ankle.

Bennett's folks telephoned to me and I went after Gardner with the auto.

Put sheep in alfalfa summerfallow field

Tues 25 Sept 1906

Jeff Donnenwirth began hauling hay into the creek barn from Diggs place.

Had sheep in field again today.

Wed 26 Sept 1906

Tried to run some water for sheep into middle field, but ditch broke -

Took Gardner to Woodland to have his ankle examined - found only a sprain.

Attended the Republican County Convention.

Hugh is mowing alfalfa.

Put sheep into wheat stubble -

Thurs 27 Sept 1906

Worked on ditch and got water into sheep pasture.

County Surveyor P. N. Ashley, in company with G. K. Swingle and others began survey for ditch commencing at S. E. cor. of my east orchard & running northerly through LaRue's place, thence easterly to Davis, Chile's, & Swingle's. I helped them until noon when they were near the watering trough on the county road - Went to Davis in evening -

Fri 28 Sept 1906 [No entry.]

Sat 29 Sept 1906

Tom Kujira took last load of almonds to Davis -

sent oil tank - Took Gardner to train to go to dentist -

Met Sue and Dixwell at Mother's. Sent their baggage out by Tom. Sue & Dix went to Sacto.

held another ditch meeting. All back at 4 o'clock train and home about sundown.

Saw John Hunt about railroad lands -

Sun 30 Sept 1906 [Inserted.]

Yen & I went to town.

Saw Hunt again and got his idea of price on land for railroad -

He asks \$3000, for the piece -

Mon 1 Oct 1906

Jeff Donnemwirth put 3 loads hay into horse barn - 5 all together.

Gardner is not able to go to school yet.

Sue and I went to Davis in p.m.

Dixwell started to school for the first time. He goes to the Fairfield school on the Henle place and rides from our gate with the teacher Miss Rhoda Grady.

Killed a mutton -

Tues 2 Oct 1906

Hugh and I cleaned up men's house.

Jeff Donnemwirth moved in with two men at noon -

Hugh finished mowing alfalfa

- put tools away - Looked up hog business and went to Hext place to look for surveyors' stakes along line of proposed ditch

- could not find them -

Wed 3 Oct 1906

Hauled alfalfa hay in forenoon. North wind blew so hard we quit at noon -

Had two men & teams of Jeff -

Took Sue to Davis to Whist Club in afternoon at Mrs. Gordons -

Thurs 4 Oct 1906

Heavy north wind -

Jeff plowed on Diggs ditch used 8 animals of his 2 of mine -

Fri 5 Oct 1906

Jeff hauled alfalfa for me this a.m. with 2 teams and 3 men. Finished about 11 a.m. and changed carrier to horse barn -

He hauled hay for himself in p.m.

Clifford Howell came bringing Nellie sadd[l]e mare from Glen Alpine -

Sue & I went to Rebeka dance

home at 3 a.m.d

Sat 6 Oct 1906

Took Gardner to Woodland to dentist.

Had Bart Peart babbitt crank shaft boxing on auto. It was late when he finished -

Sun 7 Oct 1906 [Inserted.]

M. Diggs telephoned for me and, taking Yen I went to Davis -

Yen drew \$10.00 and went to Sacramento on 12.05 & out at 4.05

Jeff & Charley went to Sacramento -

Mon 8 Oct 1906

Began using irrigating water -

Watered high places on west end of alfalfa field -

Frank Chiles and Contractor of Snider & Bell were here looking over the route for proposed ditch -

Went to town in p.m. got steak & ham and a man for Jeff -

Tues 9 Oct 1906

Attended irrigating water -

got up hog to kill but decided that weather was too hot so did not butcher -

Dixwell attended school today

Gardner went to Davis after school and got his books -

Wed 10 Oct 1906

Went to town in a.m. got spuds, meat & flour - also prune sacks for Tom.

A. F. Ruggles [?], ditch tender called and collected for present irrigation \$24.50

N. Minz [?] paid \$12.00 for 2 1/2 cords wood -

Thurs 11 Oct 1906

Went to Davis early in a.m.

Got up hogs and separated 10 head for market -

Met P. N. Ashley, county Surveyor at Hext place and ran line for canal across "Shorty Thomas" place.

Fri 12 Oct 1906

Sent 10 hogs to Davis - wt. 1895 @ 6c \$113.70

Got 110 gal gasolene (sic) - 200# flour & empty egg cases -

Strong north wind -

Went to Woodland - sold 1394 sx barley to Balfour & Garnette for 95c per cwt -

Sold Wool to I Haines for 12c down and a fighting chance in an advance -

Got prizes & napkins for 500 club -

Jeff Donnenwirth and self went to Thomas' to adjust ditch line difficulties -

Sat 13 Oct 1906

Went to Sacramento on 7.25 Got things for 500 Club -

Paid Interest at People's & Sacto banks

Had settlement to date with M. Diggs for Diggs & Pierce

Out on 12.35 Held Percheron Horse Ass'n meeting

- levied a \$35.00 assessment - Home at 4.30

Returned to 7.15 train for brick ice cream -

500 club met with us - 5 tables -

Jeff D - plowed on Fairfield Ditch.

Sun 14 Oct 1906 [Inserted.]

Sue & I called at Mrs. Taylor's and on Miss Sullivan Winters.

Mon 15 Oct 1906

Jeff D - plowed on canal -

Surveyed new ditch on Maier's and Flengel's [?] place -

Sue & I went to Greiner's to see when I could get road scraper for ditch building on Hext place -

They were finishing up when we were there - Home via Davis -

Tues 16 Oct 1906

Jeff plowed ditch in forenoon and ran scraper in p.m. with Hugh

Hugh went to Greiner's for scraper in forenoon -

W. Diggs sent for me and I went to meet him and Mr. [name not given]

Took them to see place and back to Davis - Ran grader in evening.

Wed 17 Oct 1906

Jeff quit grader - is going to haul hay for Bennett. Put C. H. Weden & Hugh at it - Took 12 bales wool to I Haines at Davis - Wt 2620 net 2584.

Home & to grader. Took Sue to Pel Montgomery's, also Etta's friend Mrs. Pierce -

Held final meeting of State Farm Promotion Committee. The auto broke down & Gardner came after us with surrey -

Mr & Mrs. T. F. Dopking came home with us

Thurs 18 Oct 1906

Heavy north wind. Took the Dopkings to see new canal on Hext land and across the creek from Agee's to Judge Currey's - Home to lunch at 1 p.m.

Took Dopking's to Davis in evening

Sue drove double team and hauled automobile home.

Fri 19 Oct 1906

Heaviest north wind of season.

Went to Diggs canal in a.m. and to east barn -

Hugh and I put hay wagon in shed

piled hay & got woven wire from Mr. Cooper's side of creek.

Fixed fork handle and door to carriage house -

Charley finished scraping and began plowing at noon -

Jeff Donnenswirths barn in Davis burned -

Sat 20 Oct 1906

Very heavy north wind - Team plowed on canal -

Sue & Dix went to Sacramento

Sue drove Nellie for first time -

Went to Davis to meet Mr. H. Newton of Newton Stanford Construction Co - a bidder for contract on State Farm buildings -

Sun 21 Oct 1906 [Inserted.]

Heavy north wind.

None of family went to town. Jeff and Yen went late in evening -

Mon 22 Oct 1906

Hugh and I took auto to Woodland.

Got up and drove Falrose to Davis.

- got him shod -

Paid R B Cranston's bill \$121.00

" T. P. Smith's bill \$18.40

Collected \$110.00 of I. Haines

" 14.00 H. Gernushausen

Bought 45# sk Nonpareil almonds for M. Diggs \$6.50 and sent them to him.

Let contract for constructing cement sidewalk in Woodland to Barnes - Got 40# soap grease.

Tues 23 Oct 1906

Went to Bennett place where Schmeiser is working on ditch and to our ditch on Diggs tract.

Greive Hotel burned at about 10 a.m.

Sue went to town - got a Jap to take Yen's place -

Wed 24 Oct 1906

Yen made soap -

Changed sink to west side kitchen and other changes -

Jeff helped in p.m.

Thurs 25 Oct 1906

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 a.m. train - Saw Gov. Pardee in regard to position at Berkeley.

Saw Geo. W. Lorenz for first time since his return from Europe -

Bought new single driving harness for Falrose -

Fri 26 Oct 1906

Began tearing roof off men's house -

E R. Perry of 822 M. St telephoned me from Davis to come in to see him on important business - Went in. Perry is a fraud -

Went to Brinck [?] place and got Oeste to come to Diggs tract to plow on canal -

Went to Woodland on train to Bell - Beard political meeting - staid at Julian -

Sat 27 Oct 1906

Home on early train - took plow shares to Oeste at Guili place and helped him start -

Home at 11 a.m.

J. A. McNaughton & Geo. Gordon came McN bought two horses, old John & oldest Falrose mare for \$250.00 -

Sun 28 Oct 1906 [Inserted.]

"Old Prince", Mrs. Pierce's driving horse died today. Yen drove Job to town - Went to see about canal plowing -

Mon 29 Oct 1906

Charley & Hugh worked on roof of men's house - Jeff took a mule of his and two horses of mine that were sold, to Davis.

Went to Oestes' & Schmeisers' to see about the plowing of the canal - Had dinner at Schmeisers. Was very sick at stomach in afternoon -

Tues 30 Oct 1906

Ground 60 sx barley in a.m.

Boys worked on roof in p.m.

Put implements under shelter as it looks like rain -

Wrote letter for Yolo Lodge of No. 169 I. O. O. F. to accompany offerings for site for Odd Fellow's Home -

Sue & I went to Davis in p.m. - drove Falrose.

Jeff hauled hay in p.m.

Wed 31 Oct 1906

Was very sick last night - not well at all today -

Sprinkled a little this a.m.

Began volunteering 130 acre piece -

Started 1 - 8 mule harrow at noon -

Sue went to card club at Mrs. Campbells' -

Jeff hauled hay -

Thurs 1 Nov 1906

Got up mares to wean colts and Falrose mare Rose that has been cut on near hind leg
-

M. Diggs telephoned for rig - went to town and got him and two men Mr. Johnson and
Mr. [name not recorded]

- returned them to noon trains

Charley plowed on Fairfield ditch on Diggs place in p.m. with 14 head of mules -

J. Donnenwirth left to put in grain for Brown -

Sue went to Davis -

Looks rainy -

Fri 2 Nov 1906

Sprinkled at intervals throughout day -

Put stock out of grain field - got hogs into orchard alfalfa - put up for fattening & later put another -

- have 37 in orchard

Wong Loy Yen left today preparatory to going to China after being in our house as servant for about seventeen years. I took him to Davis - he says he will be back by June -

Charley worked by 1/2 day on canal.

Sat 3 Nov 1906

Rained this a.m. hard & sprinkled at intervals throughout day - fixed up at creek barn. Boys started to work on canal but broke casting on grader and came home bringing machine - Charley & I went to Winters to meeting of Republican County candidates - I spoke chiefly for Ormsby for Supervisor -

Sun 4 Nov 1906 [Inserted.]

Heavy rain early and showers later.

Mon 5 Nov 1906

Charley took grader to Lufts for repairs and hay to Mother's and got lumber for smoke house -

Hugh & I tinkered

Tues 6 Nov 1906

Boys worked on ditch - 1/2 day on Flengel branch & 1/2 day on Flengel extension.

Wed 7 Nov 1906

Began harrowing volunteer again

Burned stubble on volunteer -

Sue went to Davis to help prepare for the wedding of Pearl Rogers. Gardner did not return from school & Dixwell went to Davis with his teacher. Went to Davis in evening - got hair cut and attended wedding - They had nice tea [?] and large company. The bride and groom left on 10.00 p.m. train for Portland -

Thurs 8 Nov 1906

I went to Sacramento on 10.20 train

Saw Gov. Pardee and Supt Kirk regarding Board of Regents secretaryship -

Hired a choreman but he failed to keep his appointments

Home on 6.45 train -

Fri 9 Nov 1906

Sue & I drove Falrose to Woodland -

Tried to sell my 1906 crop of wheat - was offered 1.10 per cental [?] for it - did not sell - borrowed \$1500 of Bank of Woodland - paid city taxes and first installment of State and county taxes -

Sat 10 Nov 1906

Started to go to Suisun to see Senator Rush but met him at train at Davis - got Falrose re-shod. Paid Mothers bill at Hoags 179.87

Got man, [name not recorded] for choreman - he and Hugh worked together in p.m.

Sue & I went to 500 club meet at Weise's -

Sun 11 Nov 1906 [Inserted.]

Gardner is 15 years old today - Hugh LaMont left -

Sue & children went to Sunday school -.

Mon 12 Nov 1906

Fixed harness in a.m.

Telephoned Alden Anderson and John Budd regarding Regents meeting tomorrow

- neither can go -

Sue & I went to Davis in p.m.

Weather hazy -

Tues 13 Nov 1906

Went to Berkeley on 7.25 a.m. train -

Saw several of the Regents. Took in Berkeley with Ellis, real estate agent

Stopped at Denver House 8th and Washington Sts Oakland.

Wed 14 Nov 1906

Went to San Francisco on 8 a.m. boat - Saw W. S. Palmer & Rufus P. Jennings

Took in San Francisco - saw F E. Mehlert

- went to Cliff House and swung around the circle - Home on 3.40 p.m. train.

Thurs 15 Nov 1906

A Portuguese tramp boy came here begging today -

Sprinkled a very little this a.m.

Put last hay wagon in shed - hauled some manure.

Charley finished harrowing volunteer ground in afternoon and began re-plowing summerfallow ground north of alfalfa -

Tried to burn weeds north of Maier's place -

Fri 16 Nov 1906

Tinkered in morning then went to Davis

- got spuds, apples, ham etc.

Hugh Lamont came back. Killed mutton sheep. Went to canal on Hext place -
Schmeiser is working there. Guili is preparing his 80 acres for alfalfa -

Sat 17 Nov 1906

Gardner went to Woodland to dentist - I drove over. Saw I. P. Diggs - got \$40.00 for
town lots -

Saw Lara Snee [?], went to see my auto -

Drove to Davis to meet Henry Newton contractor

Falrose has cold or distemper.

Sun 18 Nov 1906 [Inserted.]

strong north wind -

Mon 19 Nov 1906

Heavy north wind

Went to Davis in p.m. -

Got flour, sugar, bananas etc.

Jeff Donnenwirth, on his return from Bob Brown's hauled them out for me -

Tues 20 Nov 1906

Sprinkled a little this a.m.

Jeff helped out on plowing -

Went to San Francisco and Oakland -

Saw Mr. Newton, lunched with Mrs. Collins - saw Mr. A. W. Fosler, Regent of University of Cal. regarding State Farm matters. Called at Mobile Carriage Co's - dropped in at several auto agencies and had a ride in a "Buick" with Chas. S. Howard agent, of 404 Golden Gate Avenue. Home on 7 p.m train at 11.30 - Met Mr. Newton & Mrs. Collins at mole. [?]

Wed 21 Nov 1906

Moved second harrow into field - Boys began harrowing at noon.

Burned weeds in p.m.

Thurs 22 Nov 1906

Heavy north wind - Charley finished harrowing -

Fri 23 Nov 1906

Bluestoned wheat in a.m. and Sowed in p.m. boys both harrowed in p.m.

Sat 24 Nov 1906

Charley finished harrowing in a.m.

Gardner took me to 10.25 Woodland train.

Went to get auto - It was not done and did not get out until 5 p.m. and got out to Mr. Gist's & broke spring - went back after wiring up - Stayed at Julian -

Sun 25 Nov 1906 [Inserted.]

Mr. Faulkner welded spring and I got home about 2 p.m.

Mon 26 Nov 1906

Cold north wind -

Butchered 5 hogs in p.m.

Tues 27 Nov 1906

Cut up one hog.

Got 10 sx winter spuds -

Sue & I went to Sacramento - I got suit from Hale for 25.00 & hat for 3.50

things for kitchen 1.12 etc.

Wed 28 Nov 1906

Cut up meat and began making sausage.

North wind.

Thurs 29 Nov 1906

Fearful north wind -

Made sausage - Worked on auto -

August ran into fence post last night with buggy and broke one wheel.

Fri 30 Nov 1906

Heavy north wind -

Went to town in auto in a.m. after adjusting spark mechanism.

Sue & I left at 6.10 p.m. for Woodland to attend Dr & Mrs. Lawhead's reception - given in N. S. G. W Hall. Staid at Julian -

Sat 1 Dec 1906

Called at Mr. Dopkings - had auto adjusted. Home about 3.20 p.m

Salted shanks & jowls -

Jeff Donnenwirth & I went to I. O. O. F. Lodge in auto -

Sun 2 Dec 1906 [Inserted.]

Very cold north wind -

Louis Chung vegetable peddler came and collected beets for 1905 & 1906 -

Mon 3 Dec 1906

Took Sue to 7.25 a.m. train

The Japs who were pruning struck and I let them go - Took them to the afternoon train as I went after Sue -

Went to Swingles to look up the road plow -

Tues 4 Dec 1906

Started Charley & Jeff plowing on canal with 12 mules -

Went to Davis to meet with Prof. G. W. Shaw & Prof. Major.

Shaw is working up the Cereal improvement matter.

Wed 5 Dec 1906

Resalted meat - Sharpened the share for ditch plow early -

Took Sue to Davis to prepare for Ladies Fair -

Fairfield Ditch Company held a meeting and elected officers as follows

Directors W. O. Russell, R. Schmeiser Geo. W. Pierce Wm Oeste. B. B. Tuttle

W. O. Russell President

R. Schmeiser Sec & Treas -

Expense to date \$763.25

Thurs 6 Dec 1906

Began building a smoke house -

got most all up except roof -

Sue went to Davis at noon to get ready for Church fair -

Jeff Donnenthirth & I went to Fair in auto -

Sue & children staid at Mothers.

Fri 7 Dec 1906

The Committee on site for Odd Fellows' Home came to Davis today and we showed them the Cecil, Snyder & Montgomery places - took them to lunch and had intended to show them the Lawhead Ashley place, but it had been raining from about 12 m. so we did not go -

Jeff & Hugh burned stubble a little this a.m. on Hext place -

Sat 8 Dec 1906

Went to Sacramento at request of M. Diggs -

Got \$500 - put up \$300 on Hext Ranch account -

Out on 3.35 train. M. Diggs & Mr. Fobs of [place not given] Placer County came to see Hext land -

The auto broke its exhaust valve near LaRues' vineyard and men walked in to Davis -

Gardner & Charley came for auto. Sue & I drove to Pel Montgomerys' to "500" club -

Sun 9 Dec 1906 [Inserted.]

Took Mr. Fobs with Falrose, to see Hext lands - Very cold south wind -

Mon 10 Dec 1906

Began raining in night -

This my 56th birthday.

August and I worked on smoke house some and on auto -

Tues 11 Dec 1906

Drove Falrose to Davis in cart -

sprinkled most of way -

Went to Berkeley. saw Prof Wickson and lunched with him -

Attended meeting of Board of Regents - assisted in getting measure through to have creamery and pavillion built on State Farm to cost \$31,406.38 \$8700+ & \$19000+

Crossed to San Francisco and went to Davis on 7 p.m. train. Stayed at Mothers.

Wed 12 Dec 1906

Mr. B. Tronton [?] [Troutan?] of Ashland Oregon was at Davis looking for land and i took him to see the Hext place,

lunched at home and took him to Davis in p.m.

Rained most of afternoon -

Thurs 13 Dec 1906

Worked on smoke house and auto - Went to Davis in p.m. and got sk beans and roll of roofing -

Charley & Hugh fixed drain in Hext field at N. E. Corner -

Fri 14 Dec, Sat 15 Dec, and Sun 16 1906 [No entries.]

Mon 17 Dec 1906

Started one plow in a.m. Jeff started one plow in p.m.

Went to Davis to meet Architect Howard, Mr. Plowman Prof Major and Mr. Newton who are here in matter of location of State Farm buildings -

Took ONeal & True to see Hext ranch -

Tues 18 Dec 1906

Very cold - got one new driver

- got comforter for him - Had three teams plowing in 170 acre field -

Butchered two hogs in p.m.

resalted meat -

Wed 19 Dec 1906

Sue went to Sacramento -

Blacksmithed, fixed plows, harness etc.

Sue did not come home as it was late and dark when she got to Davis -

Thurs 20 Dec 1906

Cut up meat and made sausage -

Foggy again

Sue came home at noon and brought a man for Jeff. Jeff started another plow, using 6 animals of his own and two of mine -

Fri 21 Dec 1906

Heavy fog -

Marked six calves, salted meat - put new inner tube in one front wheel of auto -

Sue and I went to Woodland in p.m. - had one back tooth on right side filled - We bought 20 presents for Josh Xmas tree - Got a White Lily washing machine -

Sat 22 Dec 1906

Turned sheep into field where boys are plowing -

Went to Sacramento on 12.10 train. Surrendered my safe deposit box No 577 in Cal State Bank.

Called at Lorenz' with Xmas presents - paid \$3.00 for funeral wreath for H. M. LaRue.
Saw Mrs. Humphrey

- she wants to sell her land at Marcuse.

Home at 3.35 Rained all afternoon & night -

Stayed at Mothers - Sue came down with Jeff - we went to 500 club & josh Xmas tree
at Mrs. Reeds

I got 4 autos & a champagne [?] whistle -

Sun 23 Dec 1906

Clear - Home at noon -

Mon 24 Dec 1906

Went to Davis to meet M. Diggs who passed through on 10.20 train en route to Yuba
City. Home at 1 p.m.

Had Dix practice his recitation for Xmas tree exercises

All left at 6 p.m. for Davis and it began raining about as we reached the county road
and rained very hard all the way in - Attended Xmas tree exercises in Presbyterian
Church and was Santa Claus.

staid at Mothers'

Tues 25 Dec 1906

Rained much of day - Home at 1 p.m.

Wed 26 Dec 1906

Went to Davis expecting to meet Geo. W. Lorenz and go to Tudor, but he did not come.

Mr. Plowman and H. Newton came to locate building site for first State Farm building -

Rained heavily on my return trip.

Thurs 27 Dec 1906

re-Salted meat. Hugh and I let water off grain land.

Varnished auto in p.m. - Dix and I went to nursery in evening -

Fri 28 Dec 1906

Hugh, Gardner & I worked at Mothers'.

We moved her from her bed and fixed bedstead. We fixed doors to barn and chicken yard - barn & house roof and sowed barley for chickens -

Frank Honda sent 1/2 doz roosters to S. Kubo Walnut Grove - prepaid 35c

Hugh had watch come by express C.O. D. \$6.45

Got 200# flour, 1/2 doz plow shares, 50 gal coal oil

Sat 29 Dec 1906

Men worked on brush in orchard.

Gardner & I drove to Woodland - G. had 3 teeth filled. I attended the auction of Gibson Eskle and Ashburner of shorthorn cattle and bought bull, Nevada butterfly, born Feb 2d 1906 - for \$120.00

Sun 30 Dec 1906 [Inserted]

Rained at intervals. Geo. Lorenz and I went to Marcuse to see Humphreys lands - rained - hired Dodge to take us to Humphreys - Mrs. Lorenz and Lollie went to ranch

Mon 31 Dec 1906

Home via Marysville and Sacramento.

Hard north wind - very cold -

Boys worked in orchard.

Memoranda [p. 1]

Jan 1st But about 2 inches of rain has fallen todate (sic) -

Feed has scarcely started at all

No plowing has been done -

Today the north wind blows and it is fearfully cold -

Rains were heavy later and crops good - Raised 19 1/2 sacks of wheat to the acre on 134 acres - barley averaged about 23 sx -

Memoranda [p. 6]

[Pierce and Diggs made some arrangement as agents for the Hext ranch property after the death of the two Hext brothers, and there are several entries throughout this volume of the diary about showing the property to prospective buyers, and probably rental use of parts of it by various ranchers for various purposes.]

[Pierce's title for this page]:

Hext Ranch in acct with [no name given: Diggs ?]

California State Bank Sacramento

Dr

to Note \$20,000

Cr by Cash Flengel 1200.

Yolo Co. Savings Bank Woodland -

Dr by cash 35840

to Cash D. B. Guili 6800

" John 3400

" W. W. Thomas 12000

Cash Account [p. 1]

[Continuation of figures on the Hext ranch arrangement.]

Hext Ranch Dr -

Jan	18	to P. N. Ashley - surveying	141.65
	24	" Japs - pruning	3.00
	30	" Barley @ 1.20	251.28
		" cleaning " " 1.00 per ton	10.47
Apr	14	" 1st water ditch assm't 5c per acre	454.40

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1905 [sic, meant 1906]

Fairfield ditch Co

Dr. to Geo. W. Pierce

Oct	4	To 1 man & 10 mules 1 day	7.00
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1906

"	4	" " " "	7.00
	13	" " " "	7.00

	15	"	"	"	"	7.00
	16	"	2 "	"	"	9.00
	17	"	" "	"	"	9.00
	18	"	" "	"	"	9.00
	19	"	1 1/2 "	"	"	8.00
	20	"	1 "	"	"	7.00
	22	"	1 "	"	"	7.00
	23	"	2 "	"	"	9
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	26	2 "	"	"		9
	27	2 "	"	"		9
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Nov	1	1 "	[man] 14 "	[mules] 1/2 "	[day]	4.50
	2	1 "	" "	"		4.50

6	2 "	10	1/2 "	4.50
	to repairs on scraper & rig			5.00
				140.00

[In the above figures Pierce registered one of the \$4.50 entries for the \$5.00 entry, but corrected this by a line showing the correct place for each figure.]

Dec 4 2 men 12 mule

5 2 " " "

6 2 " " "

[The meaning of these last entries without cash amounts is unclear. Perhaps Pierce anticipated there would be work on those days, but there was not. There are no indications in the diary entries for those days that he did rent out his teams.]

Obverse of Blank Endpaper

[In pencil.]

Mul[e]s

Jeff D 13

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[The diary entries of October 13, 14, and 15 indicate that Jeff Donnenthirth plowed on the Fairfield Ditch on those days.]

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72
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Reverse of Blank Endpaper

[Possibly Pierce's out-of-pocket costs for items sent to Sue Pierce up at Glen Alpine.]

Glen Alpine	Dr	1906
1 pair rubber boots		5.50
10 1/2 yards gingham		.75
Halter rope		1.00
looking glass -		
Shoe strings & glass		2.30
		9.55
June 30 Cash		50.00
		\$59.55

D. O. Mills stamp