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D-022 4:20: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1909

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Preliminary notes by transcriber:

Diary format

In this volume Pierce uses the alphabetized pages at the beginning of the volume for some of his ranch accounts, particularly his accounts with his Sikh employees Monshee & Bogosingh [or (rarely) BogaSingh]. Earlier, in 1908, and in the body of the diary for 1909, he still spells the name "Bogosin."

Pierce Tries to Get Liquor Suppression at Davis.

See Jan 26th and 27th entries. Talked with Governor about it and asked Judge Peter Shields to draw up bill for liquor suppression (27th). On 1 Feb. and Judge Shields in Sacramento and got liquor-limit bill for Davis drawn up. It seems from Feb 5th entry that this liquor prohibition bill had to do with the University Farm. On 10 Feb. Pierce saw several legislators about this bill. On 11th Feb. Pierce finally got bill fathered by Sen. Black of Santa Clara. Feb. 16th Sue saw Sen. Boynton about State Farm anti-saloon bill. Pierce lobbied for it on the 23rd. On Mar 10 Pierce saw Sen. Boynton again on the matter of Davis saloon bill.

University Farm (UC Davis)

On Saturday April 3 Pierce describes a field trip of six students from University Farm to the Pierce ranch, along with Dr. LeRoy Anderson and Dr. Farrar. The Pierces showed them all parts of the ranch and gave them treats. The boys ate a picnic lunch there and swam in the creek. Dix played the piano for them, and Pierce took them back to Davis in the auto. Pierce gave a speech on the University Farm to a large group at the meeting of the Sacramento Valley Development Association in Willows on April 17th.

On 16 May Pierce was preparing speech for University Farm. Saturday 22 May, Pierce describes an early Picnic Day with attendance of 2000, during which he gave a speech on the "education of a Farm Boy." Twenty autos from Winters came. There was a band. Pierce gave a copy of the speech to the *Davis Enterprise* and Home Alliance on 27 May. Sue and Geo. Pierce apparently spoke on Farm Life at the University Farm, 27 Oct. On 29 Oct they attended State Farm Institute and also a reception at new dormitory. On 11 November Pierce accompanied the Senate Committee on Irrigation on their visit to the State Farm. He took them on a tour of farm in his auto.

Opening of Davis Bank, Bank of Yolo

Pierce on 1 June records he was the first depositor.

Davis Fire

Terrible Fire in Davis, August 20th, burning down several commercial buildings and dwellings.

Tractors

The entry of 31 of October has, possibly, the first mention of hiring someone to harrow with a tractor - a Johnson tractor. This was a gas tractor, and Pierce reports it worked well. On 24 Dec. Pierce ordered a gasoline traction engine to be delivered 1 April 1910 -- 40 H.P. \$4000.

Above the calendar pasted on the inside of the front cover of this volume of the diary Pierce has the following notation:

May 12 - shipped 11 bags wool 2792.

On the titlepage Pierce wrote the following notations:

U.?

S. Kino

Box H

Woodland Cal

Japanese Beet Sugar Contractor.

S. R. Shelford

sheep buyer.

U. M Slater Inc

Stockyards

Cal -

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Davis Almond Growers Ass'n.

To balance on sacks 1.30

Paid

Sept 14 to telegram 25

OHP Shaffer 6 sx Paid. 1.10 [crossed out] Paid

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U. Kino - Jap beet contractor.

Cash Cr. 200.

" " 90.

Dr 2 sks barley

1 bale hay

Plowing, harrow & rolling

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Monshee & Bogosingh

1908

Dec.	23	ww flour 1.65	sugar 1.00	2.65	
		cabbage 20	onions 25		.45
	24	Repairing shoes			.50
	29	1 roll store butter		.55	

1909

Jan	2	Sugar		1.00	
	7	6 cans milk 60	1 lb tea 50		1.10
		4 " tomato 40,	stamps 20	.60	
		currey powder 60		.60	
	8	1 hog 140#	8c	11.20	
	6	5 lbs lard		.75	
	9	1 roll butter		.50	
	11	Exchange on watch		1.50	
	25	10 lb can lard		1.40	
Feb	8	Stamps		.50	
	13	Postage due BuggaSingh		.10	
	20	"		.05	
	24	6 cans milk		.60	
	25	Potatoes		.25	
Mch	4	Butter		.40	
	"	soap		.15	
		Butter 40	5# lard 75	1.15	
	6	1 doz eggs		.25	
	8	1/2 doz milk 60.	onions 15	.75	
		Coal oil		.10	
	26th	5# lard		.75	
		1 doz eggs		.15	
				27.90	

Paid

Bland Page O

1909		Monshee & BoggaSingh	
Apr	24	5# can lard	.75
	25	1 roll butter	.40
		Postage due Monshee	.10
	30	" " Bogga	.10
May	4	1 doz eggs	.20
	6	1 roll butter	.40
	21	1 can lard 5#	.75
	25	bycycle (sic) inner tube 1.25 glue 10	1.35
	27	1 doz eggs	.20
	28	2 pair shoes hob nailed	.15
June	1	Dr Gallion for BoggaSingh	2.50
	8	Two Poll tax receipts	4.00
	12	Bottle Sloans liniment	.50
	11	Roll butter	.40
	19	" " Cabbage & Milk	.40
	24	5# Lard	.75
July		1 doz eggs 25 Lard 75	1.00
Aug	3	20 lbs potatoes 30 roll butter 40	.70
		Butter 5 rolls -----	2.00
		Eggs - 3 doz-----	.75
		Lard - 3 cans	2.25
		Rice	.10
		Cash	20.00

13	4 rolls butter	2.00
16	bottle ink	.10
18	6 rolls butter	3.00
19	2 " "	1.00
26	1 can lard	.75
28	3 rolls butter	1.50
		48.10

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[Aug]		
25	3 rolls butter	1.50
	Amt brot ford	48.10
30	postage due	.08
31	3 rolls butter	1.50
Sept 1	3 " "	1.50
" 6th	Postage due	.20
14	Cash	80.00
17	Stamps	.50
17	Roll butter	.50
Oct 29	mutton (shop)	.50
30	8 rolls butter	4.80
Nov 8	mutton Yen	.50
25	tablet	.10
Dec 4	Mutton	.50
7	1 hog 116# @ 10c	11.60
10	Postage due	.10

sk sugar at Hoag's	151.98
sk flour "	
cabbage "	

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Yuen acct with Monshee -

Aug	11th	1 doz eggs	
		20# spuds	.30
	13	4 roll butter	2.00
	19	10# spuds	.15
	20	8 roll butter	4.00
	23	2 doz eggs	.50
	24	3 rolls butter	1.50
	26	5 lard [?] butter	.75
	28	3 roll butter	1.50
	31	" " " M.	1.50
Sept	1	" " "	1.50
	12	1 doz egg	.25
	14	1 butter	.50
	24	1 "	.50
	30	1 "	.50
	"	5# lard	.75
Oct	13	1 butter	.50
	24	1 "	.60
	29	5# lard	.75
	31	8 butter	4.00
Nov	6	4# mutton [?]	.50

7	2	butter	1.20
13	2	"	1.20
14	1	"	.60
19	1	"	.60
27	1	"	.60

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Jan	1	5# lard	.75
	2	10# lard	1.50

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Dec	3 -	1 butter	.60
		5 lard	.75
	10	1 butter	.60
	16	1 "	.60
	30	1 "	.60

Monshee & Bogga Singh

Total credit	426 days 1 1/2		639
			242.66
Book acct	148.53	Bal	396.34
Paid Cash [word?]	94.13		
	242.66		

Fri 1 Jan 1909

It rained last night and at intervals throughout the day.

In afternoon Frankie and I rode to town for the mail and it rained hard most of time we were gone -

Sat 2 Jan 1909

Sprinkled at intervals -

Went to Sacramento on 7.25 a.m. train. Took in inner tube for vulcanizing and sample of prunes.

Got Monshe[e]'s watch.

With a committee from the Sacramento Valley Development Association consisting of M. Diggs, O. H. Miller, E Hale D. Carmichael, B. F. Rush - Kearth, myself and two or three other gentlemen called at the Governors mansion, by appointment, to see the Governor regarding the proposed Broderick-Swingle Station road - The Governor gave us the go-by - taking a trip down town at the appointed hour

We waited his return. On returning Gov. Gillett sat on our proposition saying every effort should be expended in securing the \$18,000,000 bond issue for road building - Out on 3.50 train which was an hour late -

Hunted up Dr. Gallion and got new medicine for Pierce.

Sun 3 Jan 1909

Tramp staid over night -

Dr. Gallion came out early this a.m.

Creek is up.

High returned -

Took walk to nursery and around field -

Mon 4 Jan 1909

Went to Davis early -

Got the Weste mortgage and went to Woodland and had it recorded.

Dr. Gallion rode over with me

The boys plowed in the afternoon, notwithstanding it rained some -

Hugh and I got hogs from west Hext field -

Tues 5 Jan 1909

Took Sue to 10.30 train en-route to Sacramento for a cook -

Fred went to town with span of mules and spring wagon, taking empty gasoline tank box eggs and two boxes for W. L. Porter

Shipped two boxes, soap canned goods and lard to Porter.

Home at 1.30

Rose Kohl is cooking.

Returned at 4.30 for Sue who got Corean cook, Frank by name - who looks good.

Sue returned at 5.50 [?] with Corean cook -

Wed 6 Jan 1909

Fixed No. 6 Douglas pump in a.m.

Fred and I took it to old windmill site in west Hext field and put in well but got no water.

We also built a manger for feeding stock while plowing there -

Drove down lot stakes in avenue as we went home

also fixed gate at creek fence

Thurs 7 Jan 1909

Butchered 7 hogs -

It sprinkled some during the day -

Hindoos worked on casings and sacks in p.m.

Jim helped butcher -

Sue, Frankie and I went to town in evening for mail -

Fri 8 Jan 1909

Cut up meat and made 65 lbs sausage -

It rained considerable last night and at intervals throughout the day -

Toward evening we had two very heavy showers.

Wind is in south & s. e. and strong -

Dixwell went to Davis in rain for Gardner, but Gardner did not come

The creek rose until about 3. p.m., then receded (sic) a little. It got up to the pump at packing house -

Hindoos helped as sausage and are mending sacks -

Sat 9 Jan 1909

Made sausage, salted meat etc

Went to Davis in p.m.

Frankie and Rose going - got mail, notified Mrs. Geo. Sanders that we would not attend 500 club at her house this evening -

Ran over and killed a lamb on my way home.

Played 5 handed 500 at home.

Gardner came just before noon.

Sun 10 Jan 1909

Took Frankie, Pierce Mildred and Rose to Oregon 9.15 train. Train was late and it was 10.30 before it left -

Very cold and frosty

thermometer 32 degrees this a.m.

Two extra Hindoos came last night.

Mon 11 Jan 1909

Two teams plowed in east field -

Thermometer 32 degrees -

Boys finished plowing last land in east 320 acre field north of canal -

Went to Sacramento - at 10.30 to attend General Committee of Sac Valley Development Ass'n.

Was appointed member of committee on Legislation and chairman of Committee to inquire into Napa Chamber of Commerce proposal to build bridge across Carquinez Straits - at South Vallejo -

Was at Capitol -

Got clock for Frank and watch for Monshee -

Geo. Sanders paid \$200 rent -

Bot 100 rods 934 America fencing of Hoag - Paid him bill to Dec 1st 08 also Mother's
-

Monshee has fever -

Tue 12 Jan 1909

Went to Woodland in auto. Sue going too

Sold 1908 crop of wheat and barley to Balfour & Garette at \$1.57 1/2 and \$1.30 per
cwt respectively.

Home by way of Davis and got Dix

Rained hard -

Wed 13 Jan 1909

Rained

Tinkered.

Took Sue to Mrs. Wilbur's to a card party - It rained hard -

Staid at Wilbur's until party was over -

Sue won second prize -

Thurs 14 Jan 1909

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 train - out at 3.30

Train was held up 45 minutes at bridge, Broderick on going in and about same on
coming out for repairs on bridge.

It rained very hard today -

Fri 15 Jan 1909

Dix drove to school -

Brought Gardner home in evening -

Sprinkled and rained much of day.

Water is very high in tule

Oroville train does not run at all. 160 ft of American River bridge east of Sacramento is out -

Am not feeling well today -

Sat 16 Jan 1909

Drove Lady to town to settle with Hillman for Barley sold at 1.30 84050 lbs
\$1092.71

Took box eggs got 50c

Got chain for auto grip sack flour, mush etc

Put sausage in smoke house. Hugh and Fred drained vineyard on knoll -

Gardner & I fixed telephone wire along LaRue place, opened up water drains at Lot I and in home place -

Drove along west Hext place.

Sun 17 Jan 1909

Wrote in a.m.

Fixed chain tire grips in p.m. and took Gardner to 5.35 train.

The Railroad service is badly crippled by floods -

the track is out to Sacramento -

Water is up to Swingle's house -

Mon 18 Jan 1909

Sent Fred to town and got load:

120 rods 934 American fencing

1 roll barb wire

1 Keg staples

2 sx flour

1 Dust spray machine and Dixwell's bicycle -

Went to Woodland on train

Paid Diggs & Pierce interest and taxes \$1320.87 at Yolo County Savings Bank.

- got auto battery -

Train was 2 hours 10 m late on return - Dix rode out with Kivell[?] Kivett [?].
Thomas (Shorty) rode out with me -

Hindoos finished NePlus in east orchard -

Fred & Jim work on fence in west Hext field in p.m.

Tues 19 Jan 1909

Dix sick and did not get to school - he got suddenly better and was in fine condition later.

Fred & Jim worked on fence in west Hext field putting in temporary fence in a.m. Fred and I went up - finished all but nailing on a few pieces near pump. Brought the pump in for a new leather.

In p.m. went to work on east fence of 40 acre cow pasture, but it rained before night, commencing about 3.30.

I came in intending to go to Davis but rain prevented.

Hindoos pruned trees in house lot -

G. K. Swingle is looking for sheep pasture.

Wed 20 Jan 1909

Rained - took Dix to school and it rained so hard I staid there all day -

On returning home we had the rain of the season and a frightful wind -

Thurs 21 Jan 1909 [No entry.]

Fri 22 Jan 1909

Fair today

Took Sue to Davis school in p.m. where she was a visitor and addressed pupils -

Waited until near 6 p.m for train from north for Gardner and he did not come.

Tonight was joint-installation of Odd Fellows and Rebeckah's

we did not go -

Sat 23 Jan 1909

Fair day -

Fred, Jim & self worked in Hext knoll field draining water off land.

I did not go out in p.m.

Hindoos pruned and burned brush in yards -

Sue, Gardner and I attended 500 meeting at Dr. Bates'

Gardner came from Woodland this a.m.

Sun 24 Jan 1909

Fred drew 35.00 and went to Davis -

Rained most of day.

Sue, Dix and I took Gardner to train.

Fred rode home with us -

Mon 25 Jan 1909

Left on 7.25 train for San Francisco.

Went to Berkely (sic) at 11.00 a.m.

It began to rain and rained very hard with wind.

Called Pres. Wheeler's office but did not meet him. saw Dr. Wickson

Went to Cousin Frankie's about 5 p.m.

It rained hard tonight

We played 500 -

Tue 26 Jan 1909

Went at 7.25 to Berkeley

Saw Dr. Wheeler about liquor interests at Davis -

Went to City at 11 a.m.

Attended luncheon at California Promotion Committee and spoke regarding suspension bridge at Carquinez -

Left at 5.40 via Stockton, owing to washouts. Arrived at Sacramento at about 12 o'clock midnight -

Stayed at State House -

At home culvert at sheep shed went out and Fred & Jim put it in in p.m.

Wed 27 Jan 1909

Called on Governor with Miller, Lindley and Clive Bull, regarding River work also saw Governor about liquor at Davis -

Had Judge Shields draw bill for liquor suppression -

Saw Otis of Assembly regarding bill - Wilson not wishing to introduce it -

Boynton "shied" at it too -

Attended Islais creek water front bill, before Committee also Oakland's Consolidation bill -

Staid at Capital Hotel Annex -

Fred took Sue to Davis to Ladies Club -

Thurs 28 Jan 1909

Left at 8.20 for Davis via Stockton and Benicia -

Wm Cobb and friend going same train -

Lunched at Tracy and spent three hours at Benicia

Home at 7 p.m.

Fri 29 Jan 1909

Boys finished fence at east of cow pasture in forenoon.

In p.m., they fixed fence along county road on Diggs field -

Sue and I went to Davis in p.m.

Gardner had no work at school today and came down on early train -

Gardner and I washed the automobile this p.m.

Sat 30 Jan 1909

Rained last night and considerable today -

Fred worked in shop at truck reconstruction

Sue & I put down sausage in a.m.

Salted meat, fixed churn pan etc in p.m.

Looks rainy

Sun 31 Jan 1909

Looks rainy -

Sue, Dix & I went to Davis - they to church -

Tried to locate Chas Dodge

Gardner went on wheel to 5.30 train -

Mon Feb 1 1909

Went to Sacramento today via Swingle -

The track is very shakey and is barely passable. There were several brakes (sic) in grade, the worst one in Swingle's field.

The track was washed out for a mile or more.

Saw Judge Shields and got liquor-limit law bill for Davis drawn up -

Took Dix to school and return.

Tue 2 Feb 1909

Dix went on his wheel.

Sue went to town in p.m and bought groceries and sewer pipe -

It rained at night -

Wed 3 Feb 1909

Dix drove Lady today -

Fred and I put in road - crossing sewer pipe on knoll -

Eli Snyder, U. Kino and K Inbe, Japs came and rented 100 acres beet land in creek for raising beets, paying \$10.00 per acre rent -

I am to have the proceeds from the beets as they are delivered at Hamilton until I get my rent money.

I am to plow, harrow, and roll the ground for:
plowing \$2.00 two harrowings 70c, one rolling 25c total 2.95 per acre.

It rained at intervals.

Thurs 4 Feb 1909

Fixed saw and rigging for action. Enlarge drive wheel to get more motion.

Mr. W. H. Fried and friend called looking for pasture.

Took Sue to Ladies' Aid meeting at Mrs. Campbell's -

Fri 5 Feb 1909

Started Hindoos to sawing wood -

Took Sue to town to meeting at Mrs. Carter's relative to having her got to the County Hospital.

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 train.

Saw [name not recorded] at Golden Eagle, relative to liquor prohibition at Davis -

Went at request of Gregor of Yolo Co. Com. [?] Water Company to go before Ways and Means Committee to hear plan for lowering and draining Char Lake -

Also saw Wilson Johnson and Otis relative to State Farm liquor matter.

The 5.05 trains was annulled so came on 6.10 -

Sat 6 Feb 1909

Fred & I drained water off north east corner of beet land and went around place to Winters road and fixed roads and water drain -

Gardner came home via Davis

Hindoos sawed wood in a.m. In p.m. it rained

Rained at intervals and wind blew hard -

Sue & I went to Jennie Reed's to 500 club -

Sue won first prize -

I had 3450 less 940 -

Sun 7 Feb 1909

Frank drew \$10.00 and went to Sacramento Gardner taking him to 10.20 train

I got dinner and took Gardner to 5.30 train and got Frank

It rained considerable this a.m. and very hard last night.

Mon 8 Feb 1909

Rained at intervals

Dix did not go to school today

Hugh got sheep out of Diggs field into windmill lot.

Fred and I worked in shop and packing house - fixed trucks and made gate for beet field fence.

Henry Oeste called looking for a bull

Went to town in p.m. for mail and plow extras. It rained hard most of time a trip -

The railroad is again out to Sacramento one of the trestles having given away - 12 miles of track near Santa Barbara was covered by slide - 7 miles near Oceana was washed out -

It rained 3 inches in 36 hours in Los Angeles -

Tues 9 Feb 1909

Moved sheep from north field to creek. Got woven wire fence from sheep shed out north -

Fred and I took new gate to point near Fisk place and hung it.

Wed 10 Feb 1909

Fred opened up water drain opposite Fisk's -

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 train. Saw several members about introducing the non-saloon bill for Davis and State Farm

Dined with Geo. W. Scott it roomed [?] at Sentinel 9th J. & K.

Attended meeting of Finance Com for consideration of University bills.

Foster, Crocker, Brittain Stock and Henderson were there -

It rained all the p.m. and all night -

Thurs 11 Feb 1909

Rained all day -

Finally got no-saloon bill fathered by Senator Black of Santa Clara -

Had L. Wilson, Assemblyman [?] and H. L. Scott lunch with me at Rex.

To Davis on 3.30 train - Water is high and road bed shaky.

Fri 12 Feb 1909

Rained all the forenoon and some in p.m.

Fred went to town in buggy and got Gardner -

Sue and I had intended to go to the Rebecca's Lincoln evening, when I was down for an address, but it rained roads are bad and night dark, so we gave it up -

Sat 13 Feb 1909

Beautiful day.

Hindoos sawed wood

We fixed wire fence around flood gate at S. W. corner orchard at Hext line -

Boys raised wire on creek fence to hold sheep -

Rowe and Wire came and fixed windmill that had cut standard pipe in two -

Sue, Dix & I went to town. Sue went to see Mr. Gran, Cecil, Dix took music lesson.

Took 15 doz eggs 30c 3 rolls butter 40c -

- got drum syrup oysters etc.

Ora Wright paid for wood and rent to 26th

Sun 14 Feb 1909

Foggy

Cloudy all day -

Sue and I took Gardner to 5.35 train and got 3 peach trees and 1 citrus tree

Mon 16 Feb 1909

Rained last night about 6 a.m.

Fred and I worked at shop. Soldered harvester tank and put dust spray machine on wagon -

Went to town late in evening for mail etc -

Hindoos sawed wood in afternoon

Hindoo Charly came this p.m.

Tues 16 Feb 1909

Sue went to Sacramento going and coming with Dix - She saw Senator Boynton regarding State Farm anti-saloon bill - and got Senate History -

She bought 9 x 12 rug for sitting room.

James went to Davis

Fred and I worked in shop fixed sulphur spray machine and made cleaves for harrow -

It began raining about 12.15 p.m. and sprinkled heavily for a half hour or so -

Hindoos sawed until rain began.

Wed 17 Feb 1909

See opposite - [Pierce misplaced the entry belonging here on the next page.] Rained early this a.m. Dix did not get to school today.

Fred went to town in p.m. with wagon taking empty gasoline tank to D. C.[?] S. and getting tank gasoline and 150# Sal Bordeaux & sk spuds of Hong. 1 windmill of Rowe and Wire and 2 pcs 2 x 8 24 ft long for ties at creek barn.

Fred brought his plow out to N. W. cor east field -

Sue and I went to Davis took 15 doz eggs 25c and 3 rolls butter 40c.

got fish, meat and groceries

Thurs 18 Feb 1909

Fred and I took harrow into east field and gathered up trash to Sojei's old camp -

Took long wood from pile to saw -

Fred & Jim plowed in p.m. on the triangular piece opposite Fiskes in p.m.

Fri 19 Feb 1909

Both teams plowed -

Jim finished triangular piece and hitched to Columbian gang -

Fred plowed one round with Bonanza then took Columbian gang - latter did not scour well and we worked on it all to try to make it scour.

Gardner did not come home tonight as we phoned him to stay and go to the concert given by the W. C. Glee Club -

Sat 20 Feb 1909

Fred went to town for Gardner, who came in on Oregon train -

Rained at intervals and had some hard showers in p.m.

This evening Sue, Gardner and I went to 500 Club meet at Mrs. Chiles'

I won first prize on about 2250. Prize Madonna & Child -

Gardner was second and Sue was second on ladies' list.

Mrs. Read and Mrs. Winer went with us to W. D. Chiles'.

Sun 21 Feb 1909

Strong north wind -

Sue and I ran over Donnenwirth's this even, but he was not at home -

Mon 22 Feb 1909

Strong north wind -

Hindoos did not work in a.m.

In p.m. Monshee began pruning vineyard on knoll - Bogonsingh cut brush in east orchard.

Boys plowed beet land.

Engaged plow team of Jeff - team to come tomorrow p.m.

Tues 23 Feb 1909

Went to Sacramento today to Legislature to see about bill

- exchanged music for Dix

- tried on suit, sent pen to Crocker's for repair etc.

Jeff's team came after dinner -

Got new man Harry for teamster

Wed 24 Feb 1909

Rained last night

Fred hauled hams and shoulders to kettle and put them in brine -

- took two doors to barn in middle of ranch and brought in wheat - took grape vine cuttings to washout on road -

Began plowing after dinner -

Hindoos worked in p.m. only -

Harry hauled manure &c in p.m. and got team ready -

Mr. Thos Pecha called this p.m.

Worked in shop - fixed lever on dust spray, singletree etc.

Thurs 25 Feb 1909

Started Harry with harrow on beet ground -

Had Hindoos haul barley to packing house to be ground and load of wood back.

Monshee finished pruning vines on knoll and help me fix "Dust sprayer" In p.m. helped Mrs. Pierce and planted 4 trees.

Bobosingh burned brush

Moved sheep to creek -

Two Japs are stopping at middle barn -

Sue & I went to Davis, took 30 doz eggs and 2 rolls butter.

Fri 26 Feb 1909

Monshee went to Marysville - another Hindoo took his place - Had Hindoos sack about 40 sx barley - they then burned brush

Had boys plow road across 130 acre field as they came up at night -

Sat 27 Feb 1909

Dix and I went to Sacramento -

Got shoes for Dix and music, saw set etc

Out on 6.10 train -

Beautiful day -

Sun 28 Feb 1909

Frank drew \$6.00 and went to Sacramento

Took him to 10.20 train and went after him to 5.40 train. He brought a Corean to take his place, but as old Soon is expected back next Sunday I would not like the man out -

Mon 1 Mar 1909

Began sowing barley in north east corner of east field - have two harrows -

Jeff team finished up the harrowing in beet field and then plowed -

Chas Dodge says his teams will be here tomorrow -

Tues 2 Mar 1909

Heavy fog -

Finished sowing about 80 acres east of slough at noon -

Started third harrow at cross-harrowing - Boys finished first time over about 4 p.m.

Thos Peche and Jap were here about beet land -

Chas Dodge came and brought 4 horses - His two teams came tonight -

Sue and I went to Davis - took 15 doz eggs & 29 squares honey -

Got three bags Hydrated lime 1 sk sulphur, meat, vegetables etc -

Hindoos hauled wood out of east orchard.

Wed 3 Mar 1909

It rained a little last night beginning about 10.20 p.m.

3 teams cross-harrowed

Dodges teams began plowing in Jap 10 acre piece

One team was short a span. Dodge got out here with a harrow between 9 & 10 oclock.

Fixed sulphur and lime mixing barrel and put new tongue into roller

Went to town in p.m. and got 3 sx lime 1 sk sulphur, meat and groceries -

Thurs 4 Mar 1909

Started sulphur spray in east orchard -

Hugh and Harry sowed in east field - south east corner

Fixed dust spray rig & tongue to roller.

Started Hindoos to staking vineyard -

Sowed in p.m.

Washed buggy for Sue who is going to Ladies' Aid at Mrs. J. B. Anderson's.

Peaches was here again today

Had hard shower at 12.15 today and sprinkles at different times.

Fri 5 Mar 1909

Had Sharp hitch a Dodge team on harrow - Other Dodge team on his small harrow -

Sat 6 Mar 1909

Finished sowing in east field at noon -

Got a harrow of Jeff and ran 4 in p.m.

Went to town late in p.m.

Both Dodge teams are harrowing -

Sun 7 Mar 1909

Fixed roller etc this a.m.

Took Miss Chandler to 3.58 train -

Also took Frank the Corean cook to Davis and got Ah Soon.

Mon 8 Mar 1909

Finished harrowing in 320 acre field in a.m. and two boys moved to cross harrowing beet land -

Tried to harrow 60 acre piece

Started Dodge's two teams plowing at noon -

Hindoos broke fan to dust blower - telephoned for new ones -

Dix did not go to school today as Sue is confined to bed -

Went to Davis in p.m. got fans for dust spray meat etc.

Sowed triangular piece opposite Fiskes -

Tues 9 Mar 1909

Frightful north wind

Started Fred with disc harrow on 60 acre piece.

Miss Tramley [?] of Oakland came to see Sue who is better today

Dodge's teams did not quite finish plowing in beet land.

Wed 10 Mar 1909

Dodge's teams left this a.m.

Strong north wind -

Went to Sacramento on 10.20

Took Dix to school.

Got 2 sx sulphur and sk sugar, meat etc -

Got suit clothes of Heilman prizes for 500 Club a picture for Sue and a piece of music for Dixwell -

Saw Senator Boynton about Davis Saloon bill -

Expect to come out on 3.30 train but owing to a collision at Cannon there was not train until 6.30

James finished harrowing on beet ground -

Thurs 11 Mar 1909
North wind again

Started James harrowing on alfalfa land -

Fri 12 Mar 1909

Sowed 60 acre piece to barley - Hugh and Harry did most of sowing as I expected G. W. Hitchings who did not come -

Had phone from Dike to meet him at 3.30 train and went down but failed to meet him -

Fixed windmill at Davis house -

Sue and Mis Tramley went driving -

Sat 13 Mar 1909

Had frost and ice this a.m

G. W. Hutchins came and engaged job stump pulling.

Marked about 450 lambs -

Sun 14 Mar 1909

Fred Shaffer drew \$10.00 and went to Sacramento to see a baseball game -

Jim went to town -

Went to town about 11 a.m. Sue and Fred going with me

- got fan for sulphur machine

After dinner Sue, Miss Tramley, Dix and I drove to Winters

On return met 8 Winters autos returning from a run to Knight's Landing -

Mon 15 Mar 1909

Went to Sacramento on 10.20 train to see about Legislative bills -

Miss Tramley went home -

One of Fitzgeralds teams came at noon -

Harry finished rolling about 9 a.m. and began harrowing alfalfa land -

Boys finished crossharrowing 60 acre piece and moved to alfalfa land.

Tues 16 Mar 1909
4 teams on alfalfa land.

Wed 17 Mar 1909
Fred drove young filly in a.m. on gang plow and started Don at noon and got hurt on third round, the horse striking him in head.

J. A Harby came to look after cattle for beef and I sold him a few at 8c a pound.

Went to town for extras and to make trade for a new dust sprayer

Thurs 18 Mar 1909
Fearful north wind

Boys finished plowing alfalfa before noon.

began harrowing -

Sent load of wood to Mrs. Carter indigent in Davis -

Bogga Singh went with wagon - got 2 sx cement, 1 sk lime 1000# alfalfa seed and spool of barb wire.

Got man to take Fred's team

Fri 19 Mar 1909
Started be man at plowing orchard - found ground too dry for orchard plow. Took Bonanza and the fellow sprung bream fearfully.

Gave him the disc plow in the afternoon.

Boys finished cross-harrowing alfalfa ground before noon -

Started Jim to plowing vineyard

Fitzgerald came at noon with another team. Put both his teams plowing on west side of slough in N. W. Hext field - plows rough and dry.

Sat 20 Mar 1909
Sue gave "St Patrick night" 500 Club meet this eve -

It rained from about 7 p.m and wind blew hard -

Attendance was small but everything was fine -

Went to town before noon for supplies

Cleaned up auto and helped Sue prepare for Club.

Otis Wilbur won 1st Club prize

Mrs. J. D. Read " " " "

Jack Weise " booby "

Forest Plant " consolation "

Mrs. Weise " "

Sun 21 Mar 1909

Garden and I ran to Winters expecting to join the Winters Auto Club in run to Guinda, but trip was postponed on account of weather

We returned in time to go to church with Sue & Dix to attend missionary meeting.

Gardner's wheel went wrong and I had to take both to 5.35 train.

It rained about .75 of an inch last night.

There was much snow on the Coast range this a.m.

Mon 22 Mar 1909

Began sowing alfalfa on 40 acre piece adjoining new vineyard

Sowed small piece of land to barl[e]y in vineyard lot -

J. A. Harby came and got 9 head of beef.

Put man in west orchard with disc plow.

Went to town in p.m. with Sue - had 2 shares ground for Fitzgerald - they broke one and I bought a new one.

Harby paid me \$290.00 for beefs

Mrs. S. Montgomery \$20.0 and S. Lillard \$35.20 for hay -

North wind -

Tues 23 Mar 1909

Was in field alfalfa seeding and plowing until about 10.30

Laid out lands at north end of knoll.

Fred Shaffer came back this a.m.

South wind - cloudy.

About 4 p.m. there was a hard thunderstorm - rain and hail - I was out near Russell corner with auto without top up and got a full benefit -

Wed 24 Mar 1909

Young bay mare colt -

Fred Shaffer went to town in p.m. with large wagon - took plow to Luft to have beam set -

Got tank coal oil from Hoag -

Teams did not work today -

Monshe[e] helped clean auto and in p.m. he and Bogga Singh sawed wood.

Thurs 25 Mar 1909

Teams plowed - Fred Shaffer began again.

Harry & I took two Bonanza plows to field - had Jim change to Bonanza.

Fri 26 Mar 1909

Fitzgeralds teams finished knoll land about 9.30 and moved across slough up to avenue.

Marked out lands with Fred -

Jim finished little piece near gate.

Harry finished with disc plow in west orchard, finished sowing alfalfa and began harrowing orchard.

Saw Jeff Donnenwirth about coming to plow a little and engaged him and team to work on harvester this season.

Filed the circular saw this eve -

The Club foot mare had a colt and it will not suckle - we fed it several times this p.m.

Sat 27 Mar 1909

It began raining about 8 a.m. - team came in by 9 o'clock or thereabouts

Janus Hendricks quit -

Harry Kier [?] took Jim's team.

Hindoos sawed wood.

Fred hauled 70 sks barley to packing house for grinding.

Sue, Dix, Gardner & I left with auto for Woodland via Davis after tea -

Gardner paid Mrs. Fulton [?] last months board bill -

All stayed at Julian (39) and attended presentation of Merchant of Venice at Opera House by Fred'k De Grasse -

The performance was good -

Harry drew \$15.00 and left for Sacramento.

Sun 28 Mar 1909

Left Woodland after 10 o'clock for Knight's Landing to see flood effects -

Home via Yolo at 1 o'clock -

It sprinkled a little twice on way.

Gardner went to Davis on the wheel for mail and it rained hard while he was away

Hugh Lamont came back.

Mon 29 Mar 1909

Had Gardner & Fred put ties in creek barn in a.m. and sack wheat in packing house in p.m.

Jasper cut wood in p.m.

Harry & I put cement into head gate at canal foot bridge

Tues 30 Mar 1909

Four teams plowed on Hext piece adobe -

Gardner and Jasper took 85 sx wheat to town also old dust spray machine and got new dust spray machine and tank gasoline --

Sue & I went to town

- took 15 doz eggs - got meat groceries etc. Forgot a horse collar and went back for it -

Wed 31 Mar 1909

Gardner and I went to Davis at 9.15 to meet Bro. Moore and Miss Shelton. We took them to and about the Farm buildings then home to dinner.

About 4 p.m we started for Winters - ran though the town, down on Solano side, had tea at home and took them to 6.25 p.m. train.

Jasper took 2 loads, 120 sx, wheat to Davis. He got stuck in morning and Monshee helped him over the knoll. He hung up again at noon

Bobosingh did not work today -

The Hindoos gave notice that they are going away -

Hugh took two mares with colts, club foot and Mary to Carey Montgomerys.

Thurs 1 Apr 1909

Hindoos left - took them to Davis -

Woodson finished harrowing west orchard and began plowing in east with six animals.

Fitzgerald sent another team at noon - team and man to board at home -

Took Sue and Mrs. Fiske to Mrs. Wilbur's to a Ladies Aid meeting.

Ran down to Hyde place -

Stopped for 5.35 train expecting a man from Sacramento but he did not come -

2 Apr 1909

Ran to town in the a.m. and got a man from the Red Cross Employment office - a teamster -

Settled with Fred Shaffer at noon -

Sue in bed today.

Cleaned up granary and packing house a little.

Boys finished plowing the flat land in north Hext piece

Fitzgeralds teams moved to knoll and my teams to small triangular piece between sloughs -

Met M. Diggs at train

He saw Dick Sparks about selling 442 acre piece to - [name not recorded.]

Sue loaned K. A. Chandler \$100 to be repaid the 20th inst.

Sat 3 Apr 1909

Moved my teams to little knoll where they finished the land Jim was on -

Fitzgerald's teams finished one land on edge of north knoll and began on second.

Dr. LeRoy Anderson of the State Farm, Dr. Farrar and six students came out to look over ranch

They looked over dairy herd orchards barns packing houses storehouses etc.

We gave them cake, oranges and almonds. Dix played piano for them. The boys brought lunch, went swimming and picnicked on creek. Later I took them to Davis in auto.

This evening Sue & I went to 500 Club at Smith's.

Sunday 4 Apr 1909

Moved sheep from west Diggs field to east orchard.

Cloudy -

Mon 5 Apr 1909

Boys finished next to last land on west of avenue in north Diggs field

Put one team on small piece bet. sloughs and marked out last lands in south east corner.

Jasper broke pulling iron on disc plow -

Did not feel well today

Wrote all afternoon -

Finished Cal. Promotion Com report on United Pacific States and wrote some on Capay Decoration Day speech.

Strong north wind -

Tues 6 Apr 1909

North wind -

Was in plow field early and marked out last lands.

Got broken piece off disc plow and took it to town. Had repairs made and three shares ground.

Had cover for auto top fitted. Ordered 3000 more San Quentin grain bags.

Got meat and groceries -

Sam Lillard wanted lambs at 3.00

An agent of the Equitable Life Ins. Co. called me up this p.m. and wanted me to come to town. Sue and I ran in. Man had plans of settlement, but as they did not tally with my policy we did not do any business -

Jasper & Hugh spaded in berry patch.

Jasper plowed in p.m.

Hugh and I had wild goose chase after saddle mare - I had loaned to Chris -

Wed 7 Apr 1909

North wind

Sue & I went to Sacramento on 10.25 train - out at 3.30

Drew \$300 - and deposited \$275 with D. C. S [?]- to pay Fitzgerald -

Paid Pacific Mutual \$341.50 annual premium.

Thurs 8 Apr 1909

Ran to town early and saw Mr. Cotè regarding my Equitable policy -

James Harby came out to look at Falrose mares - did not buy -

Helped put bolt in Disc plow -

Hugh let sheep into lanes about barns -

Was in west Diggs field when teams finished up last lands summerfallowing at noon. Fitzgerald's teams left after dinner -

Went into field to show boys about plowing corners

They brought in one plow at night.

Took Sue to Davis to express flowers to San Francisco and El Dorado -

Fri 9 Apr 1909

A. H. Baker, the new driver quit without warning -

Harry finished up summerfallow plowing and began on vineyard before noon.

Jasper finished straight plowing in orchard and began plowing near trees about 9 a.m.

Sue and I went to town in p.m. took case eggs - got meat and groceries -

John Maier brought roller home -

Gardner came in from Woodland about 6.30 p.m.

Sat 10 Apr 1909

Do not feel well today.

Harry is sick. He finished the vineyard plowing at noon and did not work in p.m.

Hugh and I worked at mower in a.m.

Hugh harrowed in vineyard in p.m.

Sue and Gardner worked in flower beds

Went to town in p.m. - took counter [?] shaft on mower to shop -

Got case Bartlett water.

Hired a man

Sun 11 Apr 1909

Easter.

Sue, Dix & I went to Davis to Sunday school.

Dix spoke a piece and did it very nicely -

J. A. Harby came out and bought two Falrose mares paying \$300 for them -

Mon 12 April 1909

Started new man at harrowing in vineyard.

He and Hugh fixed sheep fence at Russel[l] line on creek.

Geo. Sanders sent two Japs who hoed around vines -

Started roller for Kino -

Jasper finished plowing in east orchard -

G. W Hutchins crew of stump pullers came.

Went to Sacramento intending to go to Chico to meeting of Sacramento Valley Development Association but was sick and returned home.

Tues 13 Apr 1909

Was sum[m]oned as trial juror and went to Woodland this a.m.

Was not drawn and was excused until next Tuesday.

Sue went with me-

We had Gardner for lunch with us at Julian.

We called on Mr. Dopking who is sick and the Balfours -

Returned via Davis expecting to meet representative of Equitable Life Ins. Co. but he had gone to Sacramento.

Hutchins was not here today.

Alex Snider was for a time -

Wed 14 Apr 1909

Hutchin's men make slow progress on derrick.

Wilcox came to say Hutchins was sick -

Man finished harrowing knoll vineyard and began plowing family vineyard and orchard.

Sue went to Ladies' Whist Club at Mrs. Anderson's -

Harry Kerr gave notice that he wants to quit -

Thurs 15 Apr 1909

Met the Misses Bleewers [?] and Mrs. Thomas at 9.15 train and took them about State Farm.

Called for Mrs. LeRoy Anderson and all spent day at Edgewood -

Took company to 6.35 train

Mrs. Anderson returned and staid over night -

Fri 16 Apr 1909

Met M. Diggs & [first name not recorded] Krider at 7.25 train - took them to Woodland to see Mr. Bush of the Bank of Yolo relative to the establishment of a bank at Davis - Returned for 12.15 train.

Met Messrs Cotè & McLean [?] of the Equitable Life Insurance Company in an attempt to settle my policy with the company -

Sue & Mrs. Anderson drove in. Dix went with them as he did not go to school today.

Sue staid - dined at Mrs Wrights

Dix and I later went down to Ladie's Aid entertainment at Silva's Hall -

Sat 17 Apr 1909

Jasper began rolling in east orchard.

Hoag sent two men at noon. One helped haul manure, the other cut mustard in Diggs field -

Found a staple through one auto tire and had a fright of a time getting it off -

Gardner went with me to Davis in auto. I took train for Willows to attend meeting of Sacramento Valley Development Association. Stopped at Crawford House #56.

Meeting was held at Court House in p.m. Rode about Willows in auto.

Red Bluff sent train of 150 people to evening meeting in Star Hall.

I spoke on the "State Farm"

Sun 18 Apr 1909

The south bound train was late and I left Willows at 7.55 arriving in Davis at 10.20

Rode out to gate with Jake Steele [?] - Sue and Gardner met me with auto and we took ride via Plainfield and Hell's Half Acre -

Bought two boxes of strawberries at Hell's Half Acre @ 25c each -

Hugh went to Suisun this a.m. and came back this p.m.

S. Kino, Jap, got two mules Doc & Mack for cultivating beets also 4 sx barley and 3 bales hay -

Mon 19 Apr 1909

Was over much of place -

Sanders Japs did not come today -

Tues 20 Apr 1909

Started new "Dust blowing" machine in east orchard -

It works fine -

Went to Woodland on jury duty and held on case of McGriff v.s. Hennigan.

Came back as far as Oeste corner with Harry Lytle.

Wed 21 Apr 1909

Fearful north wind -

Took Dix to Davis -

Took Cal Covell, Geo. Hoag and Henry Lytle to Woodland -

Jury got case about 5.30 and found verdict for plaintiff in short time.

Ran to Davis where were Dix and Sue and all attended W. C. T. U. silver medal speaking -

Dix staid at Mrs. Wrights

Sue & I went home.

Nearly ran over a burro in edge of town breaking glass in both acetylene lamps -

Hugh and man fixed fence - got in plow & harrow from summerfallow

Thurs 22 Apr 1909

Took Sue to 10.20 train with the doors to head lights - She got new lights at garage 12th & J. Sts -

She came home with Dix -

Tinkered about place -

Fri 23 Apr 1909

Sue took John to cemetery today to help clean up - There was only a moderate crowd there -

Gardner came in about 6 p.m.

Rode about fields - worked on small roller frame -

Boys finished hauling manure from horse barn and began cow barn -

Sue & Gardner went to Rebecka open meeting at Davis - The had "500" music and dancing.

Monshe[e] came back -

Sat 23 Apr 1909

Jasper ran dust spray for a time -

Monshe[e] and I tried to locate skunk under house and found silver teaspoon

Quite strong north wind -

Sun 24 Apr 1909

Sue, Dix, Gardner and I left at 9.45 for Capay - Stopped at Mr. Geo. W. Scott's for a call -

Lunched in front of Marder place. Ran into Capay about 1.15. Went to Cemetery near Armfield's place. Delivered the Decoration Day Oration for Capay Lodge of Odd Fellows -

Later we ran up to and beyond Guinda.

We stopped a "the slide" below Guinda where Cache creek was encroached upon -

Bagga Singh came back. [This is the same as "Bogasingh" and BogoSingh" earlier.]

Mon 26 Apr 1909

Let Sanders Japs go -

Hindoos suckered in east orchard -

Boys finished hauling manure at noon -

Jim then hauled wood

Jack began mowing at noon -

Jasper sprayed and then rolled - finished rolling -

Kino got load of wood and six bales hay -

Sue and I went to Davis and met Mrs. King of Moorland -

Quite warm today -

Tues 27 Apr 1909

Hindoos finished east orchard and I set them to hoeing around the suckering knoll vineyard -

Diggs telephoned out for me to come to Davis.

Sue & Mrs. King went in with me. Met Mr. Lombard & Son of Berkeley & Kansas City Mr. Breiling & Mr. Wright of Cincinnati (sic), investment bankers. We took them in three autos to Winters the Wolfskill place, lunched at Winters then ran to Capay and Woodland.

Mrs. King took train for Sacramento.

Mr. Bush shown [showed?] company through Bank of Yolo then took the visitors riding through northern Yolo -

Subscribed for ten shares of Bank of Yolo stock @ \$150. per share. to establish a branch bank at Davis -

Wed 28 Apr 1909

Fixed hay carrier and fork tines -

Took head of fork to shop for new timber

Mower knife broke - took it to Davis for repairs -

Jasper began raking hay

- rake did not work well and we took it to shop for repairs - began again after dinner.

Jim and John began cocking hay at noon.

Hindoos came in afternoon -

Thurs 29 Apr 1909

Hugh took Larney Queen and mate to Carey Montgomerys

Monshee & I took 3 - 2 year olds to Wm. Lillard's to breed to Jack at \$15.00 each insured -

Took Lady to Sam Lillard's

- had shoe renailed -

Returned empty gasoline tank and Bartlett water case -

Got tank gasoline and tank Bartlett water, sk spuds, tea, coffee mush etc. and sack hydrated lime -

Home about 2.30 found mower broken down -

A second mower knife was broken later and I took them to Davis after 4 p.m. got new heads and had them repaired.

Brought Dix and his wheel home in car -

got 100 ft cable for hay work. [?]

Had one hay wagon hauled up to shop -

Fri 30 Apr 1909
Strong north wind -

Put hay rack on wagon and took it to shop -

Finished mowing alfalfa about 4.30. Finished raking.

Sat 1 May 1909
Hindoos moved meat down cellar - then worked in orchard.

Fixed mowing machine and John mowed little 3 cornered piece at knoll in alfalfa field - then mowed fox tail in cow pasture.

Jasper finished spraying the [word missing]

finished fixing canal ditch on Hext line - raked etc -

John & Jim finished shocking and hauled wood -

Gardner staid to "Ilex" [?] benefit last night and came home this a.m.

All went to picnic at Dixon - large crowd - met Hershey's - Home at 5 p.m.

Sue & I went to "500" meet at Mrs. J. W. Anderson's -

Sue won booby with about 100 - I won first with 3000. In the last eight hands I made 2200 points in last four with Mrs. Smith 1150 and preceeding (sic) four with Mrs. Read 1050.

Sun 2 May 1909
Sue got message from Krons' that Mrs. Kron is dying - Took Sue to 9.15 train en Route to Santa Inez -

Later had letter from Lillian saying that Mrs. Kron died Friday, would have funeral services Saturday and take body to San Francisco Sunday for cremation.

Mon 3 May 1909

Began sheep shearing and hay hauling - ran three teams. Filled cow barn and built stack to west of barn -

Tues 4 May 1909

Moved sheep shearing plant to cow corral and began hauling hay into creek barn -

Went to Davis this a.m. To empty case Bartell bottles, 15 doz eggs 2 roll butter & 19 squares honey. Got coffee, mush, oranges, bananas etc -

Hindoos got flour potatoes, milk & matches -

Chas Dodge gave me Robt Armstrongs check for \$50.00 on hay account -

Wed 5 May 1909

After teams had gone into field for hay a fearful north wind came up

- had to stop hauling -

Soon washed Hindoos sacked wool -

John Braker [?] quit -

Jack quit after dinner -

Thurs 6 May 1909

Boys hauled alfalfa

Fri 7 May 1909

Left at 9.15 for Del Monte and meeting of Cal. Promotion Committee meeting -

Left San Francisco at 3 p.m. arrived at Del Monte about 7 p.m.

Had room 218

Jasper mowed road in west Hext field.

Sat 8 May 1909

Meeting held in art gallery

Was on Committee of Resolutions.

Meeting a fine one -

Woolsey, Stearns, self and - [name not given] walked to Monterey.

Had banquet at hotel -

Sun 9 May 1909

Jasper Woodson went home.

Took 17 Mile ride in auto with Woolsey and daughter of Berkeley - other guests were Mr. Fox of Arkansas, Stearns of Oakland and Mrs. _ [name not recorded] of Berkeley

At 1.30 had a mussel bake at Pacific Grove - The wind blew a gale -

Later took street car to Del Monte and took 4.30 train for city - changed cars at San Jose. Stopped at Fruitvale station. Took 14th St car and went to Frankie Porter's.

Arrived after 10 p.m. Frankie had gone to bed - Will was up -

Mon 10 May 1909

Left Frankie's about 11.30 Lunched with Will at 117 California St -

Went to Thos. B. Jeffery's

Expected to take 3.20 train but took 6.20 - got home after 10 p.m.

Tues 11 May 1909

Boys shocked hay in Hext field -

Wed 12 May 1909

Monshee took 11 sx wool to Davis, shipped it to Century Mercantile Co - Berkeley 2790#

Bought new Deering Ideal mower of Hoag - 5 foot for \$60.00

Hugh mowed in west Hext field -

Thurs 13 May 1909

Ran mower in morning until Hugh came out -

Jeff Logan mowing in Hext field - had 3 mowers.

Boys hauled some hay to creek barn -

Fri 14 May 1909

Hugh mowed around 120 acre summerfallow barley field at Greene corner.

Took Sue and Marion for ride to Greene corner Guilis and Davis -

Sue & Marion went to Mrs Greenes in p.m.

Raked hay about 130 acre barley field -

Sat 15 May 1909

Monshee raked 120 acre barley field at Greene corner -

Jim & Bogosin shocked hay at 130 acre field - all at 120 a field and east canal

Hugh started with Nellie mare and colt for Montgomery's and colt got scared at Jim Campbell and ran against telephone post and was seriously hurt -

Took Marion & Galt to 10.20 train

Got mare and colt to town barn

Went to Sacramento on 12.15 out at 3.30

Met T. Atwood at Sac -

Marion returned with me.

Sue, Marion, Gardner & I attended a 500 meeting given by Dr Chiapella [?] at Mrs. Wilbur's

I got booby prize with 530 -

Sun 16 May 1909

Beautiful day

Did not got out at all.

Worked on State Farm speech

Gardner hunted tadpoles and got off or school late -

Mon 17 May 1909

Took Marion Atwood and Son to 10.20 train

Brought out Mr. Culler (?) to tune piano - Took him back in evening

Tues 18 May 1909

Hugh took sheep pelts (19) to Davis and we shipped them to Sawyer Tanning Co. Napa.

Got two men for hay-hauling.

Jim O' - left at noon.

Got a boar of Harby for 12.50

Hauled hay with two wagons

Finished filling west side of sheep barn

Cleaned out driveway at horse barn and put in fork.

Wed 19 May 1909

Marked two bull calves -

Sue went to Mrs. Miner's to Whist Club meet -

Sat 22 May 1909

Decorated auto with blue and gold trimmings

All went to State Farm picnic [First Picnic Day] taking Mr. Troutman [?] who played baritone in band.

Was on program for an address on "the education of the Farm Boy."

There was a very large attendance estimated at near 2000 people.

Winters came in 20 or more automobiles.

Sun 23 May 1909

Ah Soon quit -

Mon 24 May 1909

Sue went to Woodland - took her to 10.35 train

Took man Mr-- [name not recorded] from Spokan[e] to see land -

Took Ah Yen out after dinner -

Took Ah Soon to town.

The Hindoos had an accident with a load of hay and fell off. Bogosin was run over and had his leg hurt -

took him to Dr. Gallion -

Tues 25 May 1909

Sue and I went to Woodland in p.m. Sue saw Mr. Hawkins about Glen Alpine contract submitted by Edward Galt and turned same down.

Received rebate \$16.85 from A J Plant on hay insurance.

also 9..25 from Sawyer Tanning Co. for pelts. Also 259.14 from Century Mercantile Co - for wool -

Saw C. W. Bush regarding Davis Bank Stock-

- left storage battery with Dahler

- got sack and wool twine -

Home via Davis - Sue stopped at Cecil's

Wed 26 May 1909

Began mowing second crop alfalfa at noon -

Had a run away with mower but did not hurt much

Finished clipping grape vines -

Sulphured family vineyard

Thurs 27 May 1909

Sue and Dix went to Melrose on 9.14 train

Gave copy of State Farm speech to Davis Enterprise and Home Alliance -

Began raking alfalfa.

Fri 28 May 1909

Finished cutting alfalfa about 10 a.m. Began mowing weeds etc in new alfalfa ground

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Man broke knife in old mower. Took knife and box of eggs to Davis - got 22 1/2 for eggs -

Got two pieces lumber 1/2 x 1/2 for reel [?] slats -

My two hobo men want to quit

Gardner came in from Woodland.

Sat 29 May 1909

Sawed out reel slats and later found that they are not 16 feel long but 15-3 -

Sun 30 May 1909

Hugh drew 5.00 and went to see his aunt -

I milked in a.m. and got Monshee to milk at night -

Mon 31 May 1909 [No entry.]

Tue 1 June 1909

Hugh cut around east field -

Monshee went to Davis took empty gasoline tank and sawed 1/2 x 2 x 15-3 sawed by mistake as it was too short for reel[?] on harvester -

Got 7 bales S. Q. grain bags, 10 gallons Extra Castor Machine oil, two trace chains etc.

Hindoos began hauling hay in p.m. - alfalfa - second crop and putting in in [repeated word] vineyard lot on knoll.

The Davis branch of the Bank of Yolo opened today and I was the first depositor depositing \$500.

Wed 2 June 1909

Fixed reel and painted it -

Got up sheep for buyer S. R. Shellford

Started out sheep and lambs in afternoon

It was hot -

Sue went to Whist meeting at Mrs. Weise's.

Thurs 3 June 1909

Hugh and I drove sheep to town 432 sold at 3.00 per head:

Hugh went to Montgomery's for mares but did not get any -

Sue went to Ladies Aid at Mrs. Bert Miller's.

Jeff Donnenwirth began in afternoon to repair harvester.

Fri 4 June 1909

Hindoos and self shocked hay in east 320 field -

Was out to summerfallow barley -

Sue & I went to Davis

Engaged man for sack sewer got man for Jeff -

Hindoos hauled hay in p.m.

Fixed harness.

Sat 5 June 1909

Fixed truck for header.

Jeff late both morning and noon.

Sue and I went to Davis expecting to get sack sewer, but he wanted to go to a baseball game Sunday and did not come -

We saw a heavy smoke and ran across creek to find section men burning along track.

Sun 6 June 1909

Bad north wind.

Gardner irrigated yards orchards and corn -

Yen drew \$8.00 and went to Sacramento -

Sue & I went through grain fields after dinner.

Mon 7 June 1909

"A gentleman" from Sacramento came for Nellie the saddle horse for Glen Alpine -

Jeff is not here this a.m. to work on harvester.

Sue took Nellie to Davis -

Saw Japs & Pecha about water and mules -

Tues 8 June 1909

Got team from Kino.

Hugh took team to Davis taking Bartlett Case of empty bottles. Got 5 bales S. Q. bags
2 sx, 50#, flour.

We went in auto to Greg [?] Grey[?] Montgomery's and got six mares - Dined at Buena Vista

Went to Frank Konnitzer's to notify him to come with team tomorrow to begin harvest - Mrs John Luft and child went with me.

Wed 9 June 1909

Took Sue to 7.25 train en-route to Sacramento to buy wedding present for Marie Roos -

Went to Woodland with shaft for harvester to have it straightened.

Back at 10.10

Konnitzer came about 1.15

Got machine into field and ran one around field -

Hugh went with Lady to north get [person not named.] She did not come as expected but came with Robt Schmeiser.

Poll tax collected

Waughtell was here -

got three [?]

Thurs 10 June 1909

Got King and Beauty for Kino, but they would not work - so put them on harvester and took out Mack and Dock -

Tinkered, ground barley etc

Went to Davis in p.m.

-got meat, coffee, cabbage two boxes cherries, case Bartlett water etc.

Had intended to go to Woodland to the Dungan and Mixon funerals at 6 p.m. but was too late. Met a team of 2 gray mules and they broke tongue out of wagon

Fri 11 June 1909

Sue and I went to Davis in p.m. and Lulu Roos came home with us -

Sat 12 June 1909

Cleaned up packing house -

tinkered about shop

Gardner took Lulu Roos home.

Cousin Frankie Porter and Doctor Smith of Melrose came up in auto -

Sun 13 June 1909

All went to church in a.m. and about State Farm

Sue, Frankie, Doctor Smith and self drove to Woodland -

Moxie was here and bought sorrel mare for 85.00

Mon 14 June 1909

Doctor Smith and Frankie left about 7.10

Went to Davis with the two Percheron mares to have them shod - took sorrel filley (sic) to Moxie - case eggs -

Got tank gasoline, 200# flour meat etc -

Mrs Grand found and returned to me my policy in Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company - I lost it last Thursday.

Home at 1.45

Hugh and I got load of hay in east field and I took it to John Meyer's place for lunch feeding -

Oren Wright paid me 47.50 cash and voucher for sewer. This pays rent to May 20th -

Got halters, haim strips and lace leather -

Tues 15 June 1909

Cool day -

Began irrigating alfalfa.

Helped Jeff lace belt at noon -

Took 2000 sacks over to Myer's for Dr P. summerfallow barley -

Went to town with Sue

One front tire went nearly flat -

Dixwell with Mildred and Pierce Porter came on 5.30 train -

Got shaft & "B. 8." of Davis Hardware Co. and part of "hitch" from Schmeiser.

Wed 16 June 1909

Boys finished harvesting in 130 acre field about 10.00

Took machine apart and hauled to knoll -

After dinner went to 120 acre summerfallow field of Diggs and Pierce.

Thurs 17 June 1909

Went to Davis in time for 12.08 train

Took 1.45 Northern Electric railroad for Chico.

It sprinkled in Chico this p.m.

Stayed at Park Hotel -

Fri 18 June 1909

Mr. Dargitz of Christian Colony Acampo and self rode in hack to Butte County railroad depot -

Met Prof. Wickson there and all went to Orloff or Paradise leaving at 5.45 in rain -

Arrived at Orloff at 7 a.m.

Breakfasted at Orloff hotel -

Mr. Kimball took us in one horse rig to Sierra Polytechnic Institute where we each spoke on various subjects.

My subject was "the education of the farm boy."

We lunched at the Institute and later drove about country -

Everything is primitive -

Took train at 4 p.m.

Wickson went north. Dargitz and I took 5.45 Northern Electric for Sacramento - arrived at 8.45 Staid at Western -

Sat 19 June 1909

Was called at 3.40

Took 4.20 train.

Got home in time for breakfast -

Got folks up and Sue, Dix, Gardner Pierce and Mildred Porter and self left for Colusa to attend meeting of Sac. Valley Development Association and water carnival -

Went via Woodland and got battery.

Left home at 9 a.m.

Stopped 20 minutes at Woodland and 25 at school house north of Arbuckle for lunch and reached Colusa at 1.30 distance 71 miles -

Saw boat races, balloon ascension etc.

Stopped at Mr. Kirkpatrick's and Dr Poage's

Had supper at Ladies' Aid booth.

Sun 20 June 1909

Ate breakfast at "Diamond Palace" restaurant

Left Colusa at 9.20

Gardner drove and reached home at about 2.15

We ran home via Williams distance 71 miles -

The harvester crew is at loggerheads - Went over to see Jeff -

Mon 21 June 1909

Monshee irrigated alfalfa today

Went to harvester took Bogosin who stood sacks on end to dry -

Made screen to run weeds out.

Machine broke down about 10 a.m. Took dinner over - Jeff and I took screen to Eugene and had new piece made

- ate on way - got things together and had to go after men and teams and get them out about 3.30

Took dishes home and got some extras -

Sue and I took extras to machine at unhitching time.

Tues 22 June 1909

Boys finished Diggs & Pierce barley cutting and moved up to Myers place -

Took down fence for harvester

Mrs. Greene sent of extras for harvester.

Chas Nelson, J. Ruth [?] and J. I. McConnell came looking up land values

Bob Lawson was with them -

Wed 23 June 1909

Boys threshed in John Myers grain today - finishing about 4 p.m.

North wind blew a gale -

Took A. Granville Miner [?] [Munier?] to town.

Monshee went to town with team - got 4 bales grain bags and the three young mares I had breeding at Wm Lillard's

Stopped at harvester about 1 p.m on way home.

Thurs 24 June 1909

Monshee took tank of water to harvester then set up sacks - and hauled hay wagon to east barn -

Went to Davis - got extras for harvester -

Sue, Dix, Pierce and Mildred went to Woodland to attend High School Commencement exercises.

Judge H. A. Melvin delivered the commencement address -

- it was a weak [?] affair

Home about 12.10 a.m.

The acetylene lamps did not work

Fri 25 June 1909

Sue and I attended the Rebecca meeting

Mrs. Zane & Miss Medler were initiated.

Sat 26 June 1909 [No entry.]

Sun 27 June 1909
Sue and children went to church

Mon 28 June 1909
Boys finished harvesting Jeff's barley about 10.30

moved into northeast corner of east field then got dinner at Jeff's.

Shorty Thomas and man and Pierce Porter and self worked on telephone line in p.m.

Pierce got something in eye and I had Dr. Gallion take it out.

Went to town in a.m. and got meat etc.

Tues 29 June 1909
Went to harvester early

Frank Fiske had turned water in and not looked after it and it had about flooded me - some barley being afloat

Changed harvester to wheat cutting

Sue got dispatch from Placerville that her aunt Mrs. Katie [name not recorded] died last night.

Sue and Mildred left on 3.55 train for Placerville

Berryessa and his crew came at about 9 p.m.

The little Glen Alpine gray mare died today

Wed 30 June 1909
Had boys help get up sheep early for lamb shearing.

Had Hindoos haul gray mare out -

Gardner picked cherry plumes [?] and pruned walnut trees.

Gardner and I went to Chapman's and Gutherie's to try to hire gas traction engine.

Thurs 1 July 1909
Went to Davis, Dixon and Woodland looking for stock for harvester

Fri 2 July 1909

Saw Mrs. Green[e] regarding stock and went there this evening and a.m. to have stock on Monday -

Sat 3 July 1909 [No entry.]

Sun 4 July 1909

Sue and children went to church -

Frank Konnitzer left with his team.

Mon 5 July 1909

John Maier on driver's seat on harvester today -

Had six mules of Mrs. Greene & 4 of Jeff -

Tues 6 July 1909

Mildred and Pierce Porter went home on 9.15 train

Sue, Gardner and I ran to Masts harvester and gasoline traction engine on Stephens place near Madison in p.m.

Returned via Woodland and Davis -

Wed 7 July 1909

Went to Davis in a.m. and again in p.m. to get team for harvester but failed -

Went to Mrs. Greene's LaRue's, Brackin's and Campers.

Got up Beauty and Jim.

Mrs. Greene's team went home.

Thurs 8 July 1909

Jeff brought in 4 head stock and I put in Beauty and Jim on harvester. Jeff drove and I ran harvester -

Finished on east side of slough in 320 acre field -

Sue went to Mrs. Read's to card party and brought home man to drive harvester.

Fri 9 July 1909

New driver, Miller started on harvester -

Counted sks barley in east field -

Hugh and Hindoos haying in alfalfa.

Sat 10 July 1909
Finished harvesting

Dix and I went to Woodland and had auto tinkered on.

Paid assessment on Yolo Co. Water stock -

Sun 11 July 1909
Miller & Yenn [?] went to town. Miller went for bed etc. then backed out and Bill Montgomery came for him and took him away as he said his wife had phoned for him from San Francisco.

Mon 12 July 1909
Started one six mule team hauling barley to Davis - Dutch Pete, river

Joker & Jim horses and one mule were sick this a.m. Joker and mule died before noon

Went to Foster's & Palmers in afternoon to see about almonds -

Drove Beauty in cart -

Tues 13 July 1909
Was in Davis this a.m.

Ordered an almond grower's meeting for Friday next -

Heard from Thos. B. Jeffery & Co.

They are to send machinist this evening -

Gardner went to Davis and got Jeffery's man - Man looked over car and located difficulty.

Wed 14 July 1909
We worked on car - then ran to Woodland - got battery new tube for acetylene etc.

Lunched at Julian - home about 1.40 Met Sue and Gardner. Jeffery man took them to Davis. I drove down with Lady - met Gardner at LaRues -

At 5.45 started with Sue, Bertha and Myrtle Rowe, Alice Lillard and Vivian Yates for Capay to attend Rebecka installation. Back to Davis at 3.40 a.m.

Home at 4.15 -

Acetylene lights worked badly on return -

Thurs 15 July 1909

Saw John Maier and he is to haul grain for me.

Fri 16 July 1909

Attended Almond growers meeting at 2 p.m.

We decided to sell at will this season.

About 6 p.m. took Bertha Rowe, Marian Patterson Alice Lillard and Mrs. P - to ranch had tea and at 8.30 left for Madison to attend the Rebecca installation.

Arrived at 9.30. Returning left about 1.30 home at 3 a.m.

John Maier began hauling grain with three wagons and six mules -

Sat 17 July 1909

Feeling sleepy.

Yen drew \$30x and went to Sacramento on 6.30 train

Sun 18 July 1909

Yen came home early -

Gardner and I went to Davis - Gardner attended Sunday school - later we ran to Dixon, saw the Aultman [?] Taylor steam traction engine - Called at Fountains on way home -

Mon 19 July 1909 [No entry.]

Tues 20 July 1909

Went to Sacramento to attend meeting of Sacramento Valley Development Association.

The Oroville train met with an accident at Honcut [?] and did not come -

We, Sue, the boys and self went on the 10.25 - one half hour late.

Attended S. V. D. Ass'n meet at Pioneer hall. - hot - time

Got an new "Recycle" bicycle for Gardner for \$60.00. Got Dix's wheel repaired - Sue got clothing etc for boys -

Boys got fishing tackle etc.

Our 6.00 p.m. train was late and left at 8.45

Wed 21 July 1909

Went to Davis - got warehouse receipt for Lot A. Barley - went to Woodland got check in bank

- got draft on Sacramento and returned home.

Mrs. Rogers, Grace Cecil and cousin spend day here -

Attended Almond meeting at Davis - Some half dozen met and sold to Guggenheim & [Co]

Nonpareils @ 13.10 I. X. L. 12.40 Ne Plus 12.40 Drakes & Peerless 9.06

Mr. Newbauer acted as agent -

Thurs 22 July 1909

Dodge's hay balers came this p.m. and set at alfalfa stack in vineyard lot -

Fri 23 July 1909

Sue, the boys and I went to Sacramento on 10.25 train.

Completed equipment of boys and started them on 12.50 train for Truckee to have a vacation at Glen Alpine.

Sue shopped - I called at the Lorenz's -

Very warm.

Sat 24 July 1909

Hay balers moved into west Diggs field - had about 36 tons alfalfa.

Went on wheel to north mill - to barley field etc.

Boys were very late getting back from town - They loaded from Diggs tract summerfallow at noon - took lunch to the at Maier's place.

Sold Jim horse to Moxie for \$100 -

Jeff and Shorty took Jim with theirs to town -

Mrs. Thomas paid for wheat -

Went to town for Mr. J. F. Culler piano tuner - took him out to put brace in place and took him to 6.20 train -

Sue went with me last trip.

Got warehouse receipts for Lot "C" and also for Jeff's west field

Sun 25 July 1909

John Warner came here early.

I sold him my old gas engine and almond huller for \$125.00

Mon 26 July 1909

Put Hindoos at hauling baled alfalfa hay -

Began irrigating again but water failed -

Sue and I went to Davis

got warehouse receipts and went to Woodland -

Collected about \$4000.

Tues 27 July 1909

John Warner came and got gas engine and old almond huller for which he is to pay \$125.00

Took Sue to Davis to Mrs. Saunder's to Ladies Whist Club.

Wed 28 July 1909

Helped stow away baled alfalfa hay in a.m.

Larney mare sick

Settled with Jeff Donnenwirth

Dutchman broke his wagon rack today - borrowed Jeff's Went to Maier' and helped Dutchman load up then got broken wagon took it to Luft's.

Called at auntie Mastin's by request and she gave me an elegant silk quilt -

Finished hauling today -

Took Jeff's wagon home after supper.

Sue went to a "general shower" at Alice Lillard's.

Thurs 29 July 1909

Took dutchman to town

Got warehouse receipts and went to Woodland -

returned via Davis and deposited Check -

Fri 30 July 1909

Sue and I left for Bartlett Springs in auto about 8.05 Ran to Williams a little before noon - Got oil and gasoline - Ran out a few miles to a shade and lunched - When near the oil well about 12 miles from Williams, I hit a rock in middle of road and, hitting flywheel sprung crank shaft -

We turned around and ran back to Williams and into Sweet's garage for repairs.

Stopped at Williams Hotel.

Sat 31 July 1909

Sue left on 1.57 train for Davis as we learned that Paul Gilmore and family were to be at Davis today -

Sue rode out with Winters stage

Sun 1 Aug 1909

Sweet got young fellow to help on auto -

Got shaft out of engine and straightened

Mon 2 Aug 1909

Very hot day -

Worked on auto -

Tues 3 Aug 1909

Ben, the helper on auto went to work for another man today, leaving Sweet and myself to work on rig -

Got it together about 6 p.m. Bill \$53.00

Hotel bill \$10.00

Left Williams at 6.30

Things went badly before reaching Arbuckle -

Stopped and compound into gear case and transmission -

Ran to College City where I stopped again and greased more A few mile further the car began to run better. It stopped on railroad track at Dunnigan. Stopped at Blacks and put oil in tank

Home at 11.30 p.m with one flat tire - puncture

distance run 148 miles

Wed 4 Aug and Thurs 5 Aug 1909 [No entries.]

Fri 6 Aug 1909

Worked on almond machine

Monshee went to look up almond help at noon.

Sat 7 Aug 1909

Was in Woodland with Sue had Peart's man work on auto valve -

Bogosin hauled manure.

Seven Hindoos came.

Sun 8 Aug 1909 [No entry.]

Mon 9 Aug 1909

Began gathering almonds -

Monshee got back with three more men -

Tue 10 Aug 1909

Got ready to hull almonds and ran out some this afternoon

Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Woodland and son Charley drove over late this p.m.

Went to see John Maier about cutting alfalfa.

Wed 11 Aug 1909

Began cutting alfalfa with two mowers -

Charley Thomas went home in a.m.

Sue and Mrs. Thomas went to Davis to Whist at Mrs. Campbell's. They brought the buggy home from shop -

Thurs 12 Aug 1909

Boys finished cutting alfalfa at noon.

Hugh took John and his mower home after dinner -

Went back home and took Mrs. C. W. Thomas to 6.30 train.

Started 5 Hindoos at shocking alfalfa at noon.

Mrs. Rogers and daughter Grace Cecil came for alderberries and staid until evening

Fri 13 Aug 1909

Dodge finished baling hay in west Diggs field - Went to press in a.m.

Boys finished raking and shocking alfalfa in a.m.

Began hulling almonds about 9.30 and continued until about 5 p.m. when we caught up with pickers -

Ran out 25 trays -

Sat 14 Aug 1909

Sol Sometair [?] was here trying to sell me a gasoline traction engine -

Went to Davis and Woodland - Saw Hecke regarding State Fair exhibit -

Took up Davis Almond Ass'n collection from Bag Co of San Fran \$166.30

Took car to Peart but he did nothing

Went to Armstrong and Alge sale just as it closed.

To Woodland, paid water bill \$42.50

To Davis - got almond bags 1000, and put them in Plant's warehouse

Took 175 bags home also sheet iron and groceries -

Sun 15 Aug 1909

Went to see Chas Dodge at press at Russell's - he had gone to Davis - Saw Jeff then went to Davis and saw Dodge. Also saw Plant regarding extra almond sx -

Went to John Warner's to help start gas engine - his battery was a failure -

Had a bad night and slept but little last night -

Mon 16 Aug 1909

Remodeled almond machine in a.m. and ran it in p.m.

Sue went to Davis in p.m.

Warm day and night -

Tues 17 Aug 1909

Ran almond machine until 3 p.m.

Put in large mesh grader and it did better than before.

Kino, Jap, came and borrowed span of mules for opening up furrows

Mr. View from the almond orchard on the McMahan ranch was here looking for
Hindoos -

Put first batch of almonds through the sulphur.

Cool south breeze this p.m.

Wed 18 Aug 1909

Took Sue to 10.25 train enroute to Truckee and Glen Alpine.

She forgot her half fare permit when near Jeffs house. We turned around and went
back after it -

Home about 3 p.m.

Thurs 19 Aug 1909

Sacked and sulphured almonds in a.m.

Wired Monshee's and Sham's sleds into west orchard about 3 p.m.

Went to town in p.m.

Fri 20 Aug 1909

There was a fire in Davis last night or early this morning.

It burned fro "the old" corner Dietrich's to the Hoffman house burning the old Hunt livery stable Silva's dwelling, the hardware storeroom, a pino house, the bank, a vacant store room and A. J. Tuft's storeroom and poultry shed -

Sacked and sulphured almonds - ran machine got out 32 trays -

One man, a Mohammed man quit, wages \$16.50

Cool and cloudy today -

Sat 21 Aug 1909

Went to Davis in a.m.

- got stuff for Hindoos and for house.

At 2.10 p.m. left for Davis in auto. Went to Maine pra[i?]rie with Covell-Tuft party - fished until dusk had fair luck.

Slept in old warehouse.

My roadometer recorded the distance at about 19 miles from Davis -

Sun 22 Aug 1909

All hands fished before breakfast - not much doing.

Went in boats down stream caught but little -

Left for home at 5 p.m. made Davis in 65 minutes.

Roads are dusty.

Mon 23 Aug 1909

Ran almond machine in p.m.

Got ready to haul alfalfa hay -

Went to see Chas Dodge at F Weir's place regarding the D [Diggs?] & P [Pierce?] hay - Dodge is to haul it beginning next Monday - and put it in warehouse for \$1.25 per ton.

Met Mrs. & Mrs. Arthur of Sacramento who want to buy land - took them to see Ashley's -

Tues 24 Aug 1909

Ran 3 wagons at hauling alfalfa hay - put it in horse barn and after built stacks at horse barn and cow barn -

Ran one almond sled -

Wed 25 Aug 1909

Changed almond sled from west to east orchard -

Finished hauling hay in a.m.

All hands 13 at almonds I.X.1. & Nonpareils

Went to Davis in p.m. for meat and supplies - got sheet iron for dump -

Thurs 26 Aug 1909

Got ready for almond hulling in a.m. and ran machine in p.m.

Gardner got home this a.m. Coming to Davis on 4.25 [from Glen Alpine.]

The Whitney House in Truckee burned last night -

Finished the Nonpareils and began on I. X.L.s -

Fri 27 Aug 1909

Gardner went to Sacramento to get his glasses adjusted then to Woodland to look up a boarding place - He is to stop at Mr. C. W Thoma's.

Worked at packing house in a.m. Went to Davis and took short trip -

Sent money order for Hindoo, for \$150.00

Sat 28 Aug 1909

Tinkered in a.m. and ran huller on Ne Plus in p.m. Ran out 23 trays -

Gardner helped in p.m.

Did not quite finish what almonds we had hauled in.

Hugh drew \$5.00 to go to see his aunt -

Sun 28 Aug 1909

Finished up the 30 sx left over last night and sulphured the I.X.L.

Hoag phoned out that there is a box of fish at the express office for me -

Gardner and I ran down and got them, also two sheets iron for run ways -

Mr. View came wanting me to hull 2 tons almonds - Could not do it -

Hugh went to Davis then to Sacramento with his aunt -

Gardner left at 5.40 for Woodland to begin work tomorrow in the Junior Year of the Woodland High School -

Mon 30 Aug 1909 [No entry.]

Tues 31 Aug 1909
Ran almond machine.

Wed 1 Sept 1909
Ran almond machine.

Thurs 2 Sept 1909
Went to Sacramento -

Fri 3 Sept 1909
Hindoos are gathering almonds in west orchard -

Sat 4 Sept 1909
Gardner went to Sacramento to State Fair and met His Mother and Dix -

They all came out on 3.36 train and hired Davis auto to take them home -

Ran almond machine

Sun 5 Sept 1909
Hindoos finished gathering almonds at noon.

Mon 6 Sept 1909
Hindoos left by team for Davis -

Sent two loads almonds to town

Got gasoline, flour etc. -

Went to Sacramento hoping to do some business but found it labor day and a holiday.

Went to Marysville on Northern Electric 4 p.m. train to attend meeting of automobile owners of Sacramento valley in attempt to organize auto caravan for Portola festival week in San Francisco.

Held meeting at Western Hotel.

Tues 7 Sept 1909

To Davis on Oroville 7.15 train.

Ran almond machine on Peerless -

Wed 8 Sept and Thurs 9 Sept 1909 [No entries.]

Fri 10 Sept 1909

Sacked wool and ran a few almonds out in a.m. Loaded two wagons with almonds and sent the to town in p.m.

Got a little lumber-

Bogosingh had run-away with Queen and Belle

Took Sue to Mrs. Charley Greene's to ladies party

- met her with Nettie Wilbur on return -

Sat 12 Sept 1909

Yen drew \$60 and went to Sacramento -

Sun 13 Sept 1909

Monshee took wool 9 bales 2242# to Dixon to D. Hamilton, sold at 16c -

Got 50 almond bags 500 shakes 250 shingles - & some but fasteners -

Home via Wilbur's, where I lunched

Called at Gordon's and saw spring tooth harrow

Put in claim against railroad Company for lost almond sacks -

Tues 14 Sept 1909

Monshee took 17 sx NePlus and 18 Peerless almonds to Davis - last of crop -

Went to Gordon's and got one section of harrow -

Back at 12.15 and took Sue to Woodland to meet Rebecca ladies

Monshee drew \$80.00

Got battery

Wed 15 Sept through Sun 19 Sept 1909 [No entries.]

Mon 20 Sept 1909

Started for San Francisco via Martinez. The car did not run well and would not take the hills. I ran back to Benicia thence to Vallejo where I staid over night at the hotel - that is well supplied with bedbugs -

Tues 21 Sept 1909

Left on 6.30 boat for San Francisco. Ran to Grand Hotel and at 11.30 got to T. B. Jeffery Co's shops -

At 7.30 attended dinner at Sarton's given by H. W. Webb of South Africa, to his fellow classmates of the class of 75 of the University of California.

There were eight present - Webb, Deering Wyatt Lang Robertson Pierce Jones D'Ancona.

Eight of the class are deceased -

Wed 22 Sept 1909

Went to Granada, spent day along coast of Half Moon bay -

Thurs 23 Sept 1909

Spent day in city

Fri 24 Sept 1909

This afternoon went to Cousin Frankie's and staid over night -

It rained during night

Sat 25 Sept 1909

Sprinkled at times 0-

Got my car out of shop at 5 p.m. and ran to Melrose in rain -

Left in hurry to attend a meeting of the "100" U. C. alumni appointed to get up a program for next Commencement -

Got back to Frankie's 12.45

It rained during night -

Hindoos went to Woodland -

Sun 26 Sept 1909

Left for home via tunnel route and met Vincent Hook near Walnut Cree - had dinner with him -

Together we went to Martinez to arrange for automobile transfer from Benicia to Martinez.

Car ran badly - clutch strips - had puncture - changed at Benicia - left Benicia at 6.30 Home at 11.30 p.m.

Mon 27 Sept 1909

Got ready to bluestone seed wheat -

Tues 28 Sept through Mon 4 Oct 1909 [No entries.]

Tues 5 Oct 1909

Sue and I went to Woodland after lunch to see parade of Grand Encampment of I. O. O. F. and staid at home of the Hershey's

I delivered an address of welcome to Opera House -

Wed 6 Oct 1909

Went to competitive drill and later left for Davis

Thurs 7 Oct 1909 [No entry.]

Fri 8 Oct 1909

Went to Davis in a.m.

We gave up going to Woodland to find function of Grand Encampment

Gardner came in late

Sat 9 Oct 1909

Monshee began sowing on volunteer on 60 acre piece in east field -

Went to Davis before noon.

Took Sue to Mrs. C. W. Thomas' to a reception - Returning in evening - taking a drum for Geo. Fissel - Had a puncture about Cecil's -

Monshee got sliver in hand and did not work this p.m.

Sun 10 Oct 1909
Hugh Lamont left -

Saw Geo. Gordon about harrowing - he agrees now to be here on Tuesday next -

Mon 11 Oct 1909
Monshee finished sowing odd spots in east barley field -

Went to Davis to see Geo. Gordon and to put papers in safe deposit -

W. R. Ellis was here to look at land

Tues 12 Oct 1909
Geo. Gordon phoned he can not get here today

Sue and I went to Sacramento on 10.25 train. Took chicken to Lorenz's - George is very sick.

Sue bought crockery and clothing and prizes for 500 club -

Wed 13 Oct 1909
O. H. Miller phoned for me to go to Davis -

Went to Davis and met Miller -

Col. J. R. Foster of the Western Hotel, Marysville came in with his Studebaker car on Portola Auto trip and insisted on my going with him to Dixon, Vacaville, Suisun Winters and return to Davis - left at 10 a.m.

Returned at 5.35

Geo. Gordons engine got in west field late in afternoon

Thurs 14 Oct 1909
Tinkered -

Gordon did but little in a.m.

Fri 15 Oct 1909
Went to Davis in a.m.

Monshee went taking empty gasoline tank getting a full one and 2 spring tooth harrows -

Got new man and started him in p.m. with sprint tooth harrow in east field

Gordons engine broke down and man went to city for extra

Sat 16 Oct 1909

Sue & boys went to Sacramento to shop - for Dix overcoat &c -

Monshee & I sowed wheat in north west Hext field on summerfallow -

Gordon's engine got started about 10 a.m.

Sue & I went to "500 Club" meet at W. D. Chiles

took Mrs. Read and Dr Bates -

They had an incipient fire at Chiles tonight -

P. S. Chiles was there and sick. I took W. D. C. in auto to town for medicine -

Sun 17 Oct 1909 [No entry.]

Mon 18 Oct 1909

Jeff Donnenwirth sowed for me this a.m. finished up the little piece about N. E corner.

Sue Dix and I went to Sacramento on 12.08 train

Col J. R. Foster called in his auto on way to Portola Festival.

Tues 19 Oct 1909

Rained this a. m.

Train [?] came in for a little while -

Am harrowing summerfallow on Hext place.

Wed 20 Oct 1909

Sue, Dix and I left in auto at 8.30 for San Francisco Portola Festival. Arrived at Vallejo about 11.45

Took steamer "Frisbee"

Ran out to 113 Duncan St. Mrs. Chandler's -

Took auto to shop -

Thurs 21 Oct 1909

Joined in the great parade "Portola day". 25,000 people said to have been in parade -

There were but five autos in line from the Sacramento valley

It was enjoyable -

We ran about the streets at night, going the length of Market St and to the Fairmont hotel.

Fri 22 Oct 1909

We joined the automobile parade. were delayed a while on Van Ness by parting of the pipe leading gas to engine

We planned to go to Granada taking Mrs. Chandler with us, but found trains did not run so that we could -

Sue, Dix & Mrs. Chandler went to Golden Gate Park.

Gardner & I went to San Leandro to see gas tractor, then went to Cousin Frankies.

Left car at Jeffery's for repairs on clutch.

Sat 23 Oct 1909

Sue and Dix came to Melrose to see auto road races - 258 miles -

15 autos started

time 3 hours 59 minutes 18 seconds. won by Pope Hartford 40 H. P. driven by Jack Fleming [?]

Gardner and I went to city on 4.25 boat to get car from J. B. Jeffery & Co.

Sue and Dix followed -

Went Mardi Gras parade taking with us Mabel and Kitty Chandler. Stood at Van Ness a while, then on Golden Gate Ave then rode around St. Francis.

Sun 24 Oct 1909

Started for home on 10.20 boat -

Went via tunnel route and San Ramon valley-

Had a blow out-

Called and Vincent Hook's -

Gardner left us at Benicia taking train for Woodland -

We had a puncture opposite Vacaville -

Reached home about 11 p.m.

Had supper on boat -

Mon 25 Oct 1909

Gordon is doing but little with his engine - He moved into 155 acre field at noon -

My man got through and started again in east field harrowing -

I ran to town in p.m.

Monshee finished sowing near John's -

Tues 26 Oct 1909

Hitched on to spring tooth again -

Monshee is raking in n. w. 40.

Wed 27 Oct 1909

Sue had paper on Farm Life at State Farm

I spoke on subject -

Thurs 28 Oct 1909

Took auto to Woodland for repairs in p.m.

Fri 29 Oct 1909

Went to State Farm Institute in p.m

It rained toward evening -

Got my batteries from San Francisco.

Sue and I attended a reception at new dormitory -

Sat 30 Oct 1909

Monshee finished sowing barley on 40 acre piece opposite Donnenwirth's -

Gardner & I went to Davis in p.m attended good roads meeting of Sacramento Valley Development Association.

Gov. Gillette was present and spoke. also Mr. Ellery State Engineer.

Got ice cream etc from Woodland -

The 500 Club met with us - 21 guests present -

Jack Weise, and Mrs. Miner got first prizes -

Otis Wilbur cam in new auto - an E. M. F.

Sun 31 Oct 1909

George Dalton called early and I engaged him to harrow with his new Johnson tractor.

Cloudy -

Mon 1 Nov 1909

Gordon's rig tried spring tooth harrows on 120 acre piece N. E. cor Diggs tract - did not work - hitched to ordinary harrows to break down weeds.

Monshee began sowing in east field on volunteer

Fixed pump at creek and pumped tank full -

Separated broken meats in huller almonds -

Geo. Dalton came with his Johnson Tractor gas engine and began in east field - made 2 3/4 rounds - It works well.

Mr. Pecha came at noon with 3 men to begin the beet harvest - Pecha took dinner with us - his men board here -

My team pulled into 60 acre piece soon after noon

Thurs 4 Nov 1909

Gordon harrowed 2d time doing fairly well - Moved at night into windmill field

Dix and I took Mother to Ladie's Aid at Mrs. Covell's -

Took up matter of shortage of almonds with Guggenheim & Co for account of R. J. Currey -

Fri 5 Nov 1909
Boys burn straw piles

Looks like rain -

Sprinkled a little -

Sat 6 Nov 1909
Monshee & I finished burning weeds in Maier summerfallow.

Gordon got through harrowing and engine with outfit left at noon -

The Johnson Tractor and team finished east 320 acre field -

I took Sue to see some pictures at Woodland High School. Had Fred at Peast's look for knock in engine - did not find it -

Home about 7.30

Swingles teams left after breakfast -

Sun 7 Nov 1909
Sue and I ran to Davis late in p.m. for mail -

Mon 8 Nov 1909
Started Jack on spring tooth out north

Monshee burned stubble near Guile place.

Took Sue to Davis - she was to have gone to Sacramento but did not go.

I was telegraphed to ["to" repeated] join Senatorial part (Committee on Irrigation) at Woodland but got dispatch too late.

Tues 9 Nov 1909
Rained last night. Beet men did not work.

Monshee went to Sacramento -

Jack & I got in harrows from east field and Jack took second spring tooth harrow out north to try running two together.

Morris Brooke & Bert Greene came with Mr. -- from Washington to look at land - went with them about Diggs tract - they stayed to lunch -

Took Sue to Temperance meeting at Mrs. Filbert's -

Got sk spuds, cabbage meat etc.

Monshee rode home with us -

Wed 10 Nov 1909

Jack tried to run spring tooth harrow and failed.

We began making drains in p.m. in east field, near Maiers and in windmill field.

It began to rain in middle of afternoon and we got pretty wet before getting in.

Thurs 11 Nov 1909

Cold and wet - heavy fog.

Went to Davis to meet the U. S. Senate Committee on Irrigation as they visited the State Farm.

Took Senator Carter, Director Newel Jas. Horsborough Jr. LeRoy Anderson and one more in my rig -

Took in farm and buildings generally.

Home at noon.

Got signatures to change of name of Davis Bank

Took Sue, Dix and Mrs Woodward to Sousa Band Concert at Woodland -

Gardner has bad cold and was out of school two day this week -

Paid 1st installment Taxes \$494.49

Saw Mr. Bush about bank name change - left auto tire with Van Zee - got auto wire soldered -

Fri 12 Nov 1909

Very cold - wind north.

Jack and I made drainage ditches in summerfallow on Diggs place and began on road in 134 acre field - in a.m.

In p.m. took Sue and Mrs. Woodward to Davis. Mrs. W. left for home -

Sat 13 Nov 1909

Finished grading road east toward beet field in 134 acre field - Opened up drainage ditches in east field in a.m.

Got car ready for use tonight.

Sue and I went to "500" party at Mrs. Wilbur's. We took with us Jennie Read, Mrs. G. Miner and Mrs. W. D. Chiles.

Sue won 2d ladies' prize

Mrs. Read " 1st " " and I won gentlemen's consolation .

home about 1.30 a.m.

Sprinkled a little toward eve

The teams that have been plowing beets finished this a.m. and left for home after dinner.

Sun 14 Nov 1909

Sue and I went to home of Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Currey to lunch to meet Mrs. M. S. Currey
-

Gardner and Phil Bruton had started for Woodland before we returned - we met them on knoll -

Mon 15 Nov 1909

Sue and I went to Sacramento

Sue bought silver ware for table -

Tried to find M. Diggs.

Tues 16 Nov 1909 [No entry.]

Wed 17 Nov 1909

Wen to Davis with Monshee

took scraper home - returned Bartlett Water case

oil med [?] ["tank coal oil -" seems to be inserted here.] Got bbl Pankhard [?]

Sue and I went to Woodland

Sue stopped at Thoma's I saw Ephraim Weiss optician and ordered two alts [?] glasses and paid \$9.50

Ordered two inner tube reenforcements from Auburn Indiana 13.13.

Brought Gardner back with us as he has a frightful cold -

Sue went to Mrs. Gordon's Whist party - I went to State Farm saw colt judging and looked up chul [?] wheat -

Have neuralgia in face.

Thurs 18 Nov 1909

Had Monshee sow small triangular piece at north windmill in Diggs tract.

- am putting it in with spring tooth harrow -

Rowe opened up drain at n. e. cor Diggs tract.

Got up turkies for shipment

- One was caught in fence.

Fri 19 Nov 1909

Monshee and I went to Woodland with 37 turkies weight 399 1/2 @ 20c \$79.90 sold to A. M. Eaton

Had Dr. Grand work on tooth that was paining -

Got shot gun shells, drills apples etc.

Sat 20 Nov 1909

Looked up remaining turkies have 30 head -

Mr. Tully of Brooke Realty Co and Mr. [name not given] of Anderson came to see land - had lunch here

It rained in p.m.

train came in early -

Sun 21 Nov 1909

Dix, Yen & I went to town

Paid Davis Hardware Co \$61.15 for Royal fencing -

Geo. Gordon \$365 for harrowing

Geo. Dalton 112.50 " "

Got letter from Guggenheim & Co in which they agree to pay for the Currey almonds they had rejected.

Ordered Diggs & Pierce wheat and Pierce lot shipped to American Cash Store -

Mon 22 Nov 1909

Caught and dressed five turkeys

Tinkered - went to fields -

Sent 10 letters.

Tues 23 Nov 1909

Went to Davis. shipped turkeys to Geo. W. Lorenz, Cousin Frankie Porter and Mrs. F. C. Atwood.

Got vegetables for Thanksgiving.

Wed 24 Nov 1909

Cleaned out auto house.

Sue and I went to Davis.

Thurs 25 Nov 1909

Met Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Cobb 54 Commonwealth ave San Francisco on 12.09 train

Dr & Mrs. H. D. Lawhead came in auto from Woodland to have dinner with us -

After dinner we all had auto ride to Judge Currey Orange orchard and around Currey place.

Fred Lawhead and two young ladies came after the Doctor & Mrs. L --

Fri 26 Nov 1909

Went to Woodland as a viewer of road running north from Woodland across Cache creek.

P. N. Ashley and Ed Bullard went in my auto with me -

Mr. Cobb and Dixwell went along -

Sue and Edith went to Davis -

Jack began discking (sic) old alfalfa north of orchard.

Monshee began plowing beets left by Pecha.

Sat 27 Nov 1909

Very cold - Tinkered in a.m.

In p.m. took folks for ride to Pleasant valley

In evening we went to Mr. C. E. Greene's Jr. to a "500 club" party. Cobb won second prize, a pencil -

Sun 28 Nov 1909

Took Mr. & Mrs. Cobb to the 11.27 train -

Mr. Geo. Zane and his brother Mort went to see the Diggs place - went over much of it. They seem to think favorably of it -

W. H. Fried and son-in-law came before we had finished breakfast and contracted for Lot 19 in Diggs tract, to close up on Jan. 1st paying \$90 per acre for land and \$2.46 for crop -

Mon 29 Nov 1909

Was over alfalfa fields and helped Monshee plow beets in a.m. In p.m. tinkered and later Sue and I went to town for mail -

Tues 30 Nov 1909

Gardner took his Mother to 10.20 train and went for her at 4 p.m. - She did not come out staying at Mrs. Lorenz's and going to the Tuesday club.

Monshee and I used buck scraper and filled places cut in canal by Japanese.

- did not quite finish.

Strong north wind

Wed 1 Dec 1909

Went after Sue at 11.27 train -

Went to Woodland in p.m to dentist, taking Gardner's place as he is not able to go -

Rained about noon.

Team did not go out this p.m.

Boys got sheep into orchard in p.m.

Thurs 2 Dec 1909
Strong North wind -

Monshee is plowing the hard spots in beet land -

Took Dix to school and went after him in p.m.

Fri 3 Dec 1909
North wind very cold -

Dix did not get to school today.

Sue, Dix and I went to Fair given by Ladie's Aid in Schmeiser's Hall this evening.

Sat 4 Dec 1909
Monshee began sowing barley in beet ground- and, Jack started cross-harrowing it -

Went to town in p.m.

got 50c mutton for Hindoos -

Sun 5 Dec 1909
Took Gardner to 10.20 Woodland train. He starts to High School again after two weeks absence on account of bad cold -

Met M. Diggs and discussed matters pertaining to Hext lands -

Mon 6 Dec 1909
Butchered ten small hogs- in a.m.

In p.m. sent 3 doz .roosters to town by Monshee and ordered 2 sx flour and 1 sk
Liverpool salt

Sue and Yen went to town

Sue went to Mrs. W. D Chile's to a "darning party."

Jack and I took 8 mules and plow out north to 90 acre field and tried to plow - it is
not wet deep enough.

It began raining b[y] about 2 p.m. and rained harder later

Tues 7 Dec 1909
Rained last night a little-

Dix did not go to school -

Monshee and I took apart windmill pump - found plunger eaten in two - later cut up 5 hogs -

Got loose horses into creek barn.

Jack fixed plow an in p.m. took in Bonanza to have ["to have" repeated] beam set and get extra pipe for plunger.

It looked like rain but merely sprinkled a little -

Wed 8 Dec 1909

Monshee and I fixed tall wind mill pump - It sprinkled some while we were at it -

Finished cutting up hogs -

It rained most of the time throughout afternoon and from 4 p.m. on it rained hard and wind blew a gale -

Dix had rough trip home with Lady and the buggy -

Thurs 9 Dec 1909

Made sausage and salted meat -

Dix and Hindoos stuffed sausage in p.m.

Sue and I went to Davis in p.m. Sue attended Ladie's Aid at Mrs. French's.

Sent ribs and sausage to Marion and Frankie -

Took meat to Auntie Martin, Mrs. Carter and old Loui

Got rubber boots, shoes and ru[b]bers -

Collected of W. M. Smith, 60 and of Thos Pecha \$19.00

Fri 10 Dec 1909

Dix and I went to Woodland to dentist -

Sue went and called at High School -

Sat 11 Dec 1909

Started plow team in vineyard (90 acres) field. It plows well -

Sue went to Sacramento with boys.

Sun 12 Dec 1909

Got things ready for another plow team

Went to Davis and got driver - one recommended by Priester.

Had birthday dinner

Sue and boys remember me nicely -

M. Diggs telephone out to me to meet him at 4 p.m. in Davis - Went at that time

He has given Mr. Drumm [?] Al Hannum's man an option on the Hext place at \$85.00 for creek place and \$87.00 for all north of road -

Mon 13 Dec 1909

Started second team at plowing -

Worked on fence at north side of plowing -

Tues 14 Dec 1909

Fearful north wind -

Went to Fitzgerald's and Oeste's and to town looking for plow teams -

Began putting up wire fence in afternoon -

Wed 15 Dec 1909

With Hindoos fixed fence or rather built fence at north windmill in a.m.

Fixed plow lever at noon.

Took Sue to Whist Club at Mrs. Miner's

Had tire go flat changed inner tube near Wilger's. When near home the sheep tried to run over me and one jumped into an acetylene lamp breaking it badly -

Thurs 16 Dec 1909

Cold and foggy in a.m. clear later -

Tinkered - Got Hindoos to grinding barley - they ground 50 sx.

Pumped water

Went to old J. Yount place to see Campbell boys to hire teams -

did not find them - saw Mr. Goodwin about box of oranges.

Went to Davis to see Albert Hannum in evening -

Fri 17 Dec 1909

Tinkered in a.m. and went to Davis in p.m. to attend the Percheron Horse Association meeting.

We declared a \$30.00 dividend - Old officers were re-elected.

Sat 18 Dec 1909

Blue-stoned wheat in a.m.

Went with Sue to Woodland in p.m. to attend meeting of road viewers

Mr. Bullard, Engineer Ashley and myself -

Home late -

Sun 19 Dec 1909

Went to Davis about 8 a.m. to meet Mr. Paul T Bloodloe who wished to see creek lands.

He liked these and wanted about 165 acres but as an option was out on them I could not sell them - Took him back to 11.30 train.

Mon 20 Dec 1909

Rained at intervals lightly

Boys hauled plows in out of field to vineyard and corner [?] on knoll.

Went to Davis in p.m. to attend almond meeting but there were not enough there for a quorum

Monshee did not work this afternoon.

Tues 21 Dec 1909

Cloudy. Sprinkled a little at intervals.

Boys got up the three 3-year old filleys (sic) and drove them to wagon.

Blacksmithed - fixed stretchers fifth chain, tongue chains etc.

Set Monshee at replanting grape vines in missing places -

Was out over plowing lands in 90 acre field -

Dix drove to school and brought home trace chains and rock salt -

Wed 22 Dec 1909

Boys started plowing again -

Thurs 23 Dec 1909 [No entry.]

Fri 24 Dec 1909

Sue, Gardner, Dixwell and self left Davis on 9.15 train for Fruitvale to spend Xmas with Cousin Frankie Porter.

Reached Fruitvale about 1.30. After lunch Gardner and I went to San Leandro and I ordered a gasoline traction engine - a 409 H. P. for \$4000 to be delivered April 1st 1910.

Had Xmas tree at Frankies

All had enjoyable time -

Sat 25 Dec 1909

Rained in a.m. at intervals -

Will and I went riding at Mills Seminary region.

The boys seemed possessed tonight and nearly tore the house down.

Sun 26 Dec 1909

Sue and Dix went to church with Pierce and Mildred -

Gardner and I left for Davis 11.52 16th St -

Home about dusk

It rained more here than it did at Fruitvale -

The men did not work in the afternoon yesterday.

Mon 27 Dec 1909

Began plowing again and finished first land in Creek Hext field -

Gardner and I attended a "500 Club" meet and Xmas tree at Mrs. Read's. Gardner won guests first prize and I first club prize -

Tues 28 Dec 1909
Tinkered

Was in Davis in p.m.

Wed 29 Dec 1909
Began sowing barley on the beet ground

Began harrowing at noon -

Hauled out barley to finish -

Thurs 30 Dec 1909
It began raining between 3 & 4 o'clock this a.m. and continued at intervals throughout the day -

Monshee and I hauled back seed barley taken into field yesterday -

Gardner and Monshee sacked barley in a.m. and prepared to clean same in p.m.

Fri 31 Dec 1909
Rained at intervals -

Took Sue to 10.25 train for Sacramento to buy wedding present for Marian Patterson -

Dix and I went to Woodland -

Called at Mr Frieds - road was a fright -

Dix went to dentist.

I met Mr. F. E. Fried and had papers drawn for the transfer of Lot No. 19 in Diggs tract

Fried mortgaged the 40 acres to pay for the 20 he bought and insured his buildings in favor of the Bank.

We all met in Davis at the 4 o'clock train.

Monshee had Hindoo friend Stala (?) who had Hanford Bank book showing \$300 deposit which he wanted me to get for him - took it to Davis Bank.

Got sugar, flour and cabbage for Monshee at Hoag's.

Memoranda [p. 1]

Bills Receivable

Paid Stuart Montgomery	1 ton hay	20.00
Ed Glocker	1 ton hay	20.00
Sam Lillard	3 bales "	