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D-022 5:8: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1916

This transcription from the original diary contains language contemporaneous of the time and is being presented as part of a historical record. Please note that the transcription has not been reviewed for final editing.

Preliminary notes by transcriber:

In the "Notes for 1917", "Cash Accounts", and "Bills Payable" sections at the end of this volume are accounts mostly having to do with Pierce's Sikh employees for this year.

Davis Arch

On 18 Feb. Pierce went to an entertainment at the State Farm for the "Arch fund" intended to finance the building of an arch advertising Davis, the Farm and vicinity.

University Farm

All through this diary and earlier ones are references to visits to, tours of, visitors from, members of, and occasions at the State Farm. Use the finder to locate them. November: mention of a Short Course there; Pierce delivered cream there that month.

Picnic Day

Mentioned April 21 (preparations) and 22 (the actual event). Great success.

Yolo Causeway Opening and Celebration

Pierce mentions the plans for the celebration of the opening of the Yolo Causeway on 18 Mar, 12, 13, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28 Apr. Matter of getting a "bride" (from Woodland) and "bridesmaids". In May more the Causeway parade, Pierce apparently being in charge of a good share of it. The great parade is described in entry for Saturday May 13th.

On the Titlepage of this volume of the diary are the following notations by Pierce:

C. L. Best Cas [?] tractor Co

Phone Elmhurst 130

Mr Iono extra dept -

after

5 p.m. Elmhurst 1043

O. N. Nelson, 2110 L St Sacramento

writes for 500 almond trees Peerless & Ne Plus -

Sat 1 Jan 1916

We awoke this morning to find snow covering the ground. It had snowed about four (4) inches during the night -

Indar patched grain bags

About 11 a.m. took car and went to Davis for mail and extra for tractor -

Our tractor is tied up because of the breaking of a clamp near pump, that holds shafting together - It broke when Gardner attempted to start the engine - on Friday morning. It had been an unusually cold night and notwithstanding he had drained the water off, probably a little remained and froze -

Sun 2 Jan 1916

Snow mostly disappeared befor[e] rain set in about 11 a.m. In p.m. heavy wind and rain -

Gardner & Harriet took Lila Brigden to 1.38 train en route to Berkeley -

Rained very hard, and had heavy wind early night -

Mon 3 Jan 1916

It rained all night - The creek came up and into slough - It began falling about 8 a.m.

Looked over sheep in a.m.

Indar patched grain bags

Sue & I started about 11.30 to go to Woodland to attend meeting of Board of Supervisors. We got to bridge at Willow slough - found slough out of banks and men at work on culvert at Merrills - We retraced our steps returning home via Davis - There is much water all over the country -

Gardner & Fred fixed culvert at hog shed -

Tues 4 Jan 1916

Hindus cut brush -

Indar & Fred fixed washed-out creek fences and bridge across irrigating ditch.

Sue, Dix & I went to Sacramento on 9.30 train -

Got suit and rain-coat at Mark Harrison's, for Dix 22.50 & 17.50

Got salmon for house.

Out at 3.15 - It rained while we were on our way home -

Wed 5 Jan 1916

Helped Fred & Indar fix fences across slough at creek barn in a.m. went up to Glide line and found that they fixed the fence and left gate open.

It began raining before noon and rained most of afternoon -

Dix and I went out to see about draining water off land before dinner -

In p.m. Gardner pruned family orchard, I soldered out lamp and bucket handle -

Fred & Indar took hay to sheep -

Dix and Sue went to Davis to see a woman whom Sue engaged to cook.

Thurs 6 Jan 1916

Fred, Indar, Herbert and I fixed two culverts on road to county road -

Sandy Sanders came and started tractor engine which had gotten water in cylinder, by injecting oil into cylinder -

Gardner brought engine to shop and spent rest of day cleaning it up -

Fred and Indar fixed fence on creek in p.m. I sold[er]ed pail, made hog hook and 3/4 grip link for grubbing -

Dix went to town in p.m. and got Mrs. Littlefield to cook. He also brough[t] out Mr. Kramer a Junior in the University who is at the U. F. S this semester -

It sprinkled several times this p.m.

Fri 7 Jan 1916

Dix took me to 8.30 train enroute to San Francisco to attend meeting of Board of Directors of Almond Exchange

" " " met at 1 p.m. adjourned at 5 -

Sales have progressed favorably have sold probably 90% of our crop -

2 cars sold today -

Stopped at Stewart 454 -

Attended Orpheum.

Sat 8 Jan 1916

It rained last night and most of today

Went out to Exposition Grounds and back this a.m. Bought prizes for 500 club rain-coat, gloves, socks etc.

Left on 2.46 boat - arrived at Davis at 6.15 P.m. Dix and Ronald Foster came after me.

Sun 9 Jan 1916

Gardner & Harriet took Ronald Foster to 8.30 train -

G & H gathered mushrooms -

Took Dix to 3.38 train -

Rained at intervals all day -

Jaginder Singh left - walking to town -

Mon 10 Jan 1916

Indar trimmed orchard prunings - other Hindus came back about 11 a.m. and worked in p.m. - Kartar & 2 others -

Gardner worked on engine taking off transmission & differential cases -

C. A. Covell came to look for mutton - I sold him the bunch of culls 55 throwing in 5 head - @ 4.00

Fred drove the bunch to town in p.m.

Took Sue & Harriet to an Improvement Club meeting in Davis -

Tues 11 Jan 1916

Very heavy frost -

Took in orchard - helped on engine

Took Sue to 10.12 train enroute to funeral of Cal Crocker - back home to lunch -

Took Harriet to Leisure Hour Club at Mrs. Fizzells - took 26# cream to Creamery -

Went to Woodland to dentist - had a big perdermic [?] treatment for teeth - got 30 ft 5/8 wire cable and 200# stock salt -

Home via Davis - Sue came on 6.35 motor, which was late, bringing Galt Atwood - The Atwood's have moved to Sacramento.

Wed 12 Jan 1916

Fixed cable for stump-pulling - put new helve in ax and sharpened ax -

In p.m. took Sue & Harriet to Ladies Card Club at Mrs. G. W. Sander's

Went to Woodland, Galt Atwood going with me - Had treatment at dentist

Got Galt overshoes, sweater, gloves & candy.

Home via Davis - Met the new cook, Miss Peters, at depot, rode about U. C. Farm while waiting for ladies.

It sprinkled enroute home -

Unusually heavy frost last night

Fred cut wood

Paid Indersingh [Indar Singh] A & R grocery bill \$11.50

Thurs 13 Jan 1916

Rained hard much of last night and most of today -

Lost a dozen lambs last night -

Gardner brought in half a dozen

In p.m. took Sue Harriet & Miss Peters to Ladies Aid at church -

Galt & I went to Woodland - Had treatment of Dr. Miller -

Bought iron wagon of R. Cranston

Heavy rain & wind - G- moved sheep to West orchard -

Fri 14 Jan 1916

Rained at interval in a.m. and sprinkled at times in p.m.

Indar fixed panel and sacks in a.m.

Hindus cut brush in p.m.

Fred & I worked on clothes dryer (sic)-

Gardner & Harriet went to Davis

Got Mr. Sanchez, Harriet's aunt -

Sat 15 Jan 1916

Fred hauled bacon to smoke house and cleaned up yard in a.m.

Worked on clothes drier.

Hindus worked in a.m. - they started out after dinner but as it began to rain they came in -

Sprinkled at intervals throughout afternoon -

Took Mrs. Sanchez to 3.38 train

Got sheet iron, rivets meat etc.

Fred Smith & Sandy Wilson worked on tractor

- took shaft to town to have pinion[?] put on -

Sue, Harriet, Gardner & I went to 500 meet at G. W. Sanders home -

Sun 16 Jan 1916

Sprinkled a little this a.m.

Tramped over place -

Hindus bot a pig of Jeff Donnenwirth and killed it -

Gardner & Herbert took Galt Atwood to the 3.16 Sacramento train -

Mon 17 Jan 1916

Rained from the north most of the night -

Gardner & Herbert took foxtails out of eyes of cattle -

Painted Merry-go-round clothes dryer (sic) -

Looked over lambs -

Indar patched sacks in a.m.

Went to Woodland to dentist in p.m.

Fred fixed bolt rack in shop -

Tues 18 Jan 1916

Fred Smith and Sandy Wilson came and bobbitted box on main shaft of tractor.

Found bolts for box defective and sent for more -

Went to Woodland to dentist.

Fred fixed box posts

In p.m. went to Davis - got steel wagon from Cranston and Fireless cooker from Michigan Johnson Slocum Co. Cairo.

Wed 19 Jan 1916

In a.m. prepared data for banquet tonight at Woodland.

Sue & I went to Woodland -

looked over Studebaker car -

Dr. Miller finished work on teeth - tying up front loose one and giving last pyorea treatment

Saw John Fitzgerald relative to renting Woodland lots -

Staid at Julia Hotel

Attended banquet and reception of Farm & Town Club at Julian Hotel, given to P. P I E Commission [?]

Thurs 20 Jan 1916

Got doubletree & knife at Cranston's - meat at Nordyke's

Saw J. Reith - Left for home at 12 M.

Took Sue & Harriet to Davis to Mrs. Fries to party -

Took eggs & cream.

Paid Davis Garage, Davis Hardware

Weinstock Lubin & Co and sent \$4.08 for auto extras -

Hindus finished cutting brush -

Got extra bolts for tractor -

Fri 21 Jan 1916

Took Harriet & Miss Peter to 10.15 train enroute to Sacramento.

Gardner went to Davis for girls -

Fred and I put up harvester gate bet[.] alfalfa and old orchard land

- took down fence

Moved brush burner to shop -

Sat 22 Jan 1916

Rained nearly all day -

Blacksmithed and tinkered in shop - fixed singletrees, brush burner back action [?]
rod, gate hinges etc.

Sun 23 Jan 1916

Rained at intervals

Gardner, Harriet, Herbert & Martine went for the mail -

Mon 24 Jan 1916

Rained most of forenoon -

Went to Davis - took cream

Got butter, cheese, bread, meat yeast etc. also pair shoes for Miss Peter and 350 shakes and 50c nails.

In p.m. put new roof on Hindus house and changed rear tires on auto to the National Casing -

Tues 25 Jan 1916

Sue and I went to Davis en route to Sacramento on 12.10 train

Harriet went to Leisure hour club stopping at Mrs. Fizzell's.

Saw M. Diggs relative to Gardner's policy - Had Myers fix glasses -

Home on 6.10 motor -

Hindus worked in p.m.

Wed 26 Jan 1916

Cool and cloudy -

Worked in shop in a.m.

Took Sue to 10.10 train en route to Mrs. Thomas' to a Shakespeare meeting -

Herbert and I set up the new Merry-go-round clothes line -

Went to Davis and met Sue at the 6.15 train -

Thurs 27 Jan 1916

It began snowing last night and snowed at intervals most of the day -

Gardner overhauled the Underwood typewriter

Cleared out back closet - putting many things down in basement

Went to town in even and got mail - groceries and meat -

Fri 28 Jan 1916 [No entry.]

Sat 29 Jan 1916

Nice day -

Fixed road to county road -

Went to town in p.m.

met Mr & Mrs T. C. Atwood and Loren and Miss Hummel -

Entertained the 500 club at our home - 6 tables - fine time -

Sun 30 Jan 1916

Atwood and I took in place -

Took Atwoods & Miss Hummel to 3.45 train - train was late - Loren staid with us -

Rode down State Highway to contractors camp below Webster -

Mon 31 Jan 1916

Hindus worked at grubbing

One went in p.m. for hog to Schnitter's - took team and put in

p.m. They killed pig at night -

Blacksmithed - made gate etc.

In p.m. Fred hung gate at alfalfa field - I helped him -

Sue and I went to town for mail -

Tues 1 Feb 1916

Finished gate and sent it to creek barn.

Butchered large red barrow this a.m.

Gardner started tractor at stump pulling this p.m.

Two ladies called selling lace

A man came selling aluminum ware -

Del Grieve & Geo. Gallion came -

sold Grieve a span of black mares for \$225.00 -

Sue and I went to Davis for mail - got auto extras etc -

Wed 2 Feb 1916

Gardner fixed carburettor (sic) to tractor and got started about 11 a.m.

Sue was to have gone to a Shakespeare meeting at Mrs. Thomas' but Mrs. T's aunt died and meeting was postponed -

Went to Davis - took cream - got butter -

Gardner lent his Royal typewriter to Dixwell - I sent Dix check for \$50.00

Am not well today - worked with boys stump pulling (sic) a while - they pulled the line of stumps used for a fence -

Sue, Miss Peters & I went to Davis where I addressed the Agriculture Club of the U. C. Farm on cooperation among farmers -

Thurs 3 Feb 1916

It rained most of last night and at intervals this a.m. - Indar hauled manure all day - other Hindus worked on fence row of stumps in p.m.

Fred moved sheep racks and put hay in them from stack -

Moved sheep from orchard to creed -

Gardner took Sue & Harriet to Ladies Aid at church -

Am writing biographical sketch for Sacramento Union also Yolo Basin Highway article for boost edition of Sac. Union.

Fri 4 Feb 1916

It began raining again last night and rained hard at breakfast time - and at intervals all day.

Did not go after mail today -

Made Sausage and gate hinges -

Sat 5 Feb 1916

Fred & I hung two gates at sheep corral on creek at southeast corner of barn.

Miss Peters is sick today -

Hindus worked from 9 a.m.

Indar & Kartar burned brush in afternoon

I went to town in p. m., Harriet and Lorin going with me -

Fredrico Kreiger, an Argentine Republic native, came from the U. C. Farm to visit Herbert Brigden

U. C Room 286 West Dormitory

Sun 6 Feb 1916

Looks rainy-

Gardner & I went to nursery and looked over ground and also buildings - Met Geo. Sanders there -

Mr & Mrs. Irwin called -

Gardner, Sue, Harriet & Herbert went to U. C. Farm evening meeting and to take Mr. Kreiger home -

Mon 7 Feb 1916

Two Hindus burned brush

" " grubbed stumps -

Fred worked on sheep chute corral - we put in a big lifting gate and small gate at south end - and fixed fence -

Gardner & Herbert pruned orchard trees -

I went to Woodland to joint meeting of Supervisors, Board of Trade & Exposition Commissioners -

Home via Davis -

Sold 7 bull calves to Del Grieve @ \$60.00 each.

Tues 8 Feb 1916

Two Hindus burned brush

" " grubbed stumps -

Fred fed sheep and pruned in a.m.

Gardner took engine out in p.m. - We pulled some prune trees on way out -

It rained toward evening - we staid out however and hauled the stump-puller part way in -

Took Sue to 10.15 train en-route to Woodland - missed train - Sue came back -

In p.m. Sue & Harriet went to Davis to Leisure Hour Club - Sue went to Woodland on 4 p.m. train -

Thurs 10 Feb 1916

Too wet this morning to take engine out this morning -

Fred & Herb trimmed prune trees we pulled yesterday

Gardner pruned trees

Blacksmithed

Mr. Geo. C. Roeding came out with Shorty Thomas and McPherson -

I bought the old buildings and windmill pump etc on nursery ground for \$600, payable Oct. 1st next without interest.

Went to nursery to look over buildings

Went to Davis - met Sue on return from Woodland, also Harriet who went down with the Schmeiser girls -

Boys hung berry vines on fence on south side.

Fri 11 Feb 1916

Sent Fred with 2 sows weighing 560# to Covell's - Took Sue to Davis to 10.10 train en-route to Sacramento.

Put sheep into 134 acre field -

Went with Fred to nursery - got 41 joints 8 inch pipe (surface irrigation)

Met Dean & Mrs. Van Norman Flossfeder & ---- [name not recorded] The Schmeiser Girls, Mrs J. Read Geo. Sander, & Oliver Parkes

- Union Oil wagon came with gas & coal oil -

Returned home and went to Davis for Sue -

Got 20 - 1 x 8 boards 16 - 1 x 4 - 16 ft 6 - 4 x 4 - 10 -

Gardner ran engine in p.m. on stumps.

Sat 12 Feb 1916

Pulled stump[s]

Was at nursery - helped lay out fence on levee and set some posts -

Sue & I went to W. D Chiles' to a 500 meeting -

Sun 13 Feb 1916

Mr. Peters, father of our maid called - He went with me to nursery where I started boys at post setting -

Gardner took Peters and self to train at 3.30 I went to Berkeley

stopped at Hotel Shattuck

Dixwell came to hotel to see me - after I had returned -

Mon 14 Feb 1916

Left Berkeley about 8.20 a.m.

Spent day at Almond Exchange

Stopped at Stewart 442

Went to Alcazar tonight - "On trial"

Tue 15 Feb 1916

Got plants & seed and got aboard 9 a.m. train at Oakland Mole [?] when all passengers for points between Benicia and Sacramento were told they must wait until 12 M on account of the ferry boat at Benicia being out of commission -

Returned to city - bought anvil punch, looked up gas engine business etc. and took 11.40 train out.

Met Lee LaRue on boat - At Davis got Jake Stihl to take me home -

Sue & Harriet were in Davis at ladies meeting -

Wed 16 Feb 1916

Boys are spraying - nozzle went wrong and I phoned for extras -

Was nursery twice -

Had Mr. Burr bring out couch from Breuners - sent Indar for same to nursery -

Laid off tractor today to do the spraying which is pressing as buds are rapidly swelling - some in tops of NePlus trees are already opening -

Thurs 17 Feb 1916

Went to town in a.m. and got Billy Schmitt to run tractor

He Began on the almond stumps - did well.

Boys are spraying -

Indar Singh drew \$200 - and went to San Francisco

Pulled stump puller into lane - from orchard -

Fri 18 Feb 1916

Took Sue to 9.50 train enroute to Sacramento -

Pulled almond roots and sprayed -

In evening all went to Davis to attend entertainment at U. C. Farm for benefit of Davis "Arch fund" It being proposed to build an arch to advertise Davis, the Farm and vicinity.

The entertainment was a great success.

Sat 19 Feb 1916

Fred hauled out cow that died in alfalfa field -

Billy Schmitt and Fred took engine into east field and got started at plowing - it is pretty wet yet -

Went to Davis took cream.

Got final returns for almonds \$960.83

Called at nursery -

Indar Singh returned - shorn and minus turban

Gardner & Herbert finished spraying -

Sun 20 Feb 1916

Looks rainy - went to nursery this a.m.

Cleaned up auto

Gardner & Harriet went to Davis for Dr. Woll and family - They called at the Schmeisers - took dinner with us - Gardner & Harriet took them home about 7 p.m.

Fred walked into town to get hair cut -

Billy Schmitt came out with Gardner -

Mon 21 Feb 1916

About 2 a.m. we had a terrific thunderstorm - very heavy thunder and lightning followed by rain

It rained at intervals this a.m.

Hindus cut wood (trimmed prune trees) in p.m.

Fred cleaned stables etc in a.m.

In p.m. he took 4 empty "Buggo" barrels and 1 empty "Rex" shipped same

- got 3 bbls Standard Oil Co's road oil -

Took Sue & Harriet to Improvement meet

Paid Hoag \$84.24 balance - got meat groceries etc. -

Herbert went to Davis for hair cut -

Tue 22 Feb 1916

Tinkered - was at nursery

Gardner & I fixed harrow outfit

W. Ellis from Governor's office called to have me got to San Francisco next Saturday -

Sue & Harriet went to club meet in Davis -

Wed 23 Feb 1916

Went to Sacramento on 10.10 train

Sat at Bushnells for photo for the L. E. Bontz Co.

Visited shelling plant looking up lot that it is proposed to buy -

Called on Gov. Johnson in re meeting of Republicans in San Francisco on Saturday next -

Out on 3.20 train - Got fish paper, letter file, hardware etc.

Sue & Harriet went to club meet at Mrs. Russell's -

Thurs 24 Feb 1916

Indar laid off today as he has a friend here from Nevada -

another Hindu did the same -

Peter ---- [name not given] a Greek who is renting and the Fiske place came and rented the old Roeding house from Mch 15th at \$15.00 cash in advance per month -

Soaked and hung up shoulders.

Took Harriet to Domestic Science Club at Sanders' -

Received check \$64.87 for almond meats.

Watson, horse buyer was here -

Fred began spring tothing alfalfa -

Fri 25 Feb 1916

Gardner took me to the 8.39 train en-route to city - It began raining about 12.30 in San Fran. Spent afternoon at Board meeting of Directors of Almond Ex -

Stopped at Stewart 243 - went to Orpheum -

Dix came over and staid over night at Stewart -

Billy Schmitt & Geo. Genete ran tractor plowing in east field in p.m.

Sat 26 Feb 1916

Spend two hours in Almond office with Tucker & Wrangham.

Went with Dix to get pair of shoes

Attended meeting at Italian room of the St Francis Hotel. Had afternoon meeting - They nominated 26 men as delegates to next National Republican Convention at Chicago - The regular Republicans wanted to join in - but were given little opportunity It rained most of the day -

At home boys had to quit plowing, began again on prune trees but rain drove them in about 11 a.m.

Billy drew 5.00 and he and Genete went to Davis.

Hindus did not work in p.m.

Sun 27 Feb 1916

Sprinkled at intervals throughout a.m. and rained at 7.30 p.m.

Went out to Ocean on Sutter & Clement line - ret. on Haight St line -

Got some drugs etc and left on 12 M boat for home - detoured via South Vallejo

Fred Wilgers funeral was held today - remains taken to Sacramento.

Sue, Gardner & Harriet were in Davis -

Mon 28 Feb 1916

Fred pruned in knoll vineyard -

3 Hindus work straightening up the fence along county road -

Herbert & I did some leveling to ascertain grades looking toward drawing water from road side -

Went to nursery in a.m. - They are shipping a car load of trees - Herbert Lorain and I went again in p.m. and got some demijohns and jugs -

Took Sue to Robson's and went for mail & meat - got meat for Hindus

Kartar did not work - he went to Davis with a visitor at noon -

Tues 29 Feb 1916

Hindus burned brush and trimmed prune trees -

It rained last night quite hard -

Moved tank that was rear of packing house to north windmill field - also pump to blacksmith shop -

Two Hindus finished pruning knoll vineyard.

All except Loran [Lorain?] & I went to chicken dinner at the church at Davis at 7 p.m.

Wed 1 Mar 1916

Fred & Herbert took down old tank platform at packing house -

In p.m. boys got ready to dip irrigation pipe -

Took cream to town - got butter -

Sue & I dined at T. S. Glides - there were present Mr. & Mrs. Blair of Sacramento Mr & Mrs W. O Russell, Mr & Mrs Frank Chiles -

The old Greive Livery stable burned last night about 7 p.m.

Thurs 2 Mar 1916

Fred plowed potato ground - It was so wet we could not plant potatoes after getting it plowed -

Boys dipped about 21 pieces of pipe -

Hindus finished brush cutting & burning in orchard - began about yard and on creek

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Started Fred with disk harrow in alfalfa at noon.

Gardner & Herbert took engine and got sulphur house and chicken house from nursery - left them in lane near house

Took Sue & Harriet to Ladies Aid at church -

Fri 3 Mar 1916

Placed sulphur house and chicken house in place. Boys dipped irrigation pipe in road oil -

Hindus finished brush burning here and moved to knoll vineyard.

Began digging drain to water hole at north east corner of west orchard.

Marked lambs - 148 ewes -

Two men from Modoc called looking for young bulls -

Sat 4 Mar 1916

Took Sue & Lorain Atwood to 9.30 train

Herbert went to town for a ton of sulphur and some lumber taking 3 empty road oil barrels -

Gardner and 3 Hindus began work in yard. It began sprinkling about 9 a.m. Al quit about 10 a.m. It rained almost continuously until near midnight -

The Davis Odd Fellows had intended going to Woodland for degree work but gave it up. I was to have taken quite a load -

Got box of apples and one of oranges -

Sun 5 Mar 1916

Very bright and clear this morning

Sue phoned from Sacramento that she would not be out until tomorrow -

Herbert and I strolled over the place -

Miss Peters went with me for the mail -

Indar and I settled up our account to Jan. 1st 1916 - Paid him balance due \$252.23 by check -

Mon 6 Mar 1916

Fred took gate and tools to east barn -

then removed large flat rack and hauled pruning wood to saw --

Indar and Isher hauled wood -

Gardner had Indar No. 2 & Kartar taking up sewer pipe outlet to septic tank and laying 7 inch tarred irrigation pipe.

Painted equalizers - Put hams to soaking - Gardner hung them up in meat house.

Took Harriet to Domestic Science meeting at Odd Fellows Hall - got locks light lamps
- Coffee meat vegetables etc.

Expected Sue on 4 p.m. train but she did not come until 6.35

Tues 7 Mar 1916

Mr. A. M. Robson died this a.m.

Sue called -

Took Sue & Harriet to Catholic Ladies Aid meet at Mrs. Frank Chiles -

Gardner is laying 8 inch irrigation pipe to irrigate house lot -

Indar Singh is sick

Wed 8 Mar 1916

Mr. McPherson and the Fancher Creek auditor Mr. Moehler called to finish up the rental business on the nursery land - Went down to nursery - Bought stove and water heater for \$20.00

Herbert and I went to Woodland

Attended meeting of the Directors of the S. V. E. R. R. at A. C. Hustons office.

Paid \$650 interest & \$10.00 for continuing abstract at Bank of Yolo -

Insured nursery house, barn and wagon shed for \$700, \$400, & \$100 respectively -

Home via Davis -

Thurs 9 Mar 1916

Got out Columbia gang plows this a.m. Gardner finished laying the 8 inch irrigation pipe -

Indar Singh worked today -

Sue and I went to funeral of Mrs. A. M. Robson at 9.30

Gardner started tractor in p.m. on land recently grubbed -

Sue & Harriet went to Davis to Domestic Science Club -

Chas. Johnson came with Del Grieve and contracted a car load of lambs about 140 @ \$5.50 to be taken about May 1st

advanced \$100.00

Fri 10 Mar 1916

Started tractor in east field -

Planted potatoes, cultivated garden plowed orchard -

Dix came on 10.10 p.m. train

Sue & I went to meet Dix - called at Van Norman's and telephone office

Took Harriet to 9.30 train - en-route to Berkeley -

Sat 11 Mar 1916

Started Fred on east side of slough with spring tooth harrow.

Went to nursery - got 6 mulberry, 8 peach and 2 chestnut trees -

Kartar & I set out six mulberry trees at north windmill & 8 peach in old orchard.

Gardner finished in east field before noon.

-ran into 134 acre field -

Dix went to town - got mouldboards etc - took cream. Put on one mouldboard and a 4th plow - later we took last plow off -

- broke chain on engine steer [?] - Billy Schmitt came also Geo. with Percy Hoag - Billy went back and got chain fixed - Ran tractor tonight for first time this season. Miss Peters met her sister at 3.30 train - Sue & Dix went to Woodland -

Sun 12 Mar 1916

Kartar, Inder No. II, and Isher Singh left.

Dix and Miss Peters left at 3.30

Kalla and I moved sheep back into orchard -

Gardner plowed 3 cornered piece near old barn and began on north west corner -

Sue, Miss Peters and I ran to nursery on way home -

Mon 13 Mar 1916

Strong north wind -

Sowed and tried to harrow 20 acres wheat opposite Jeffs - Stuck tractor in mud several times -

Mr. Rose came and put on the "Wonder valve" supposed to be a distillate saver. While harrowing some very rough land we broke a hook and then a 4 x 6 draw bar. Moved harrow up to 134 acre field near creek and boys put rig together as far as they could -

Went to town in p.m., 5 p.m. took eggs - got meat, groceries & plow extra - and a 4 x 6 x 16 timber

Tues 14 Mar 1916

Boys had fine nights run -

Fred and I put harrow together

Then Fred took a Columbia gang to plow with in stump ground -

Gardner finished up corners there hitched to harrow -

Sue drove to town, taking cream -

Wed 15 Mar 1916

Boys finished plowing in 134 acre field

Thurs 16 Mar 1916

Boys began replowing in east field - Sue and I went to Davis, late and back by way of the plowing -

Fri 17 Mar 1916

Gardner finished cross-harrowing in 134 acre field -

Sat 18 Mar 1916

[Inserted just above the Saturday space in the diary:]

"Saturday

Gardner finished reploting east field -"

Took Billy and Geo. tractor men to town - Sue went to aid in "Davis-Day" clean up work.

Took a half dozen Farm boys to triangle at Woodland road where they are to plant a palm and Lippia.

Home and took boys to dinner -

Went to nursery. Sue phoned that Davis was going to send a large auto delegation across the new Yolo-Basin causeway, the first to make the trip - took the boys, Gardner and Herbert, Miss Peters, cook, Sue Mrs Fizzell Senior and Junior. Two Farm boys rode on running board - It rained hard, beginning before we left Davis. Breuner met us with truck for our band.

We were entertain at Hotel Sacramento. W. O Russell and myself spoke from balcony
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Sun 19 Mar 1916

Mrs. Fizzell and daughter-in law called with Mr. & Mrs ---- [name not given] of Sacramento -

Billy Schmitt & Geo Genete came out late in automobile -

Mon 20 Mar 1916

Looked rainy this a.m. and did sprinkle -

Billy and boys moved harrow into east field - Indar and I sowed the field and the boys harrowed it twice up to 6 p.m. - Took plows up to shop -

Fred ran springtooth harrow on the small piece in S. E. corner -

Tues 21 Mar 1916

Boys finished harrowing in east field and move harrow to newly grubbed land next to Glide's -

Fred began plowing west orchard -

Sue, Herbert and I went to Sacramento on 10.12 train -

Sue got dress 45.00 Got Herbert suit 22.85 underwear & tie 4.50 - I got suit 20.00 pants 3.50 auto accessories

Out at 6.10 - got meat - also box oranges for Indar - Ex - 73c -

Wed 22 Mar 1916

Fred broke Columbia gang - put in new extra -

Boys broke one plow and I repaired it - broke another and Herbert took it to Davis - and got 3 bbls Richmond road oil & 10 [?] sx cement -

Gardner & Indar sowed orchard land and boys nearly finished harrowing it when they ran out of distillate. Took team out with Distillate and got engine in -

Thurs 23 Mar 1916

Boys cross-harrowed and re-harrowed grubbed land - took to shop the plows and harrows -

In p.m. they moved plow rig to nursery field and made two rounds.

It rained a hard shower about 3. p.m.

Herbert went to Davis with team and got plow and disks -

Boys broke one mouldboard and I went to Davis and got one -

It turned very cold this evening -

Fri 24 Mar 1916

There was a heavy white frost this morning and some ice was found -

Put on new mouldboard -

Herbert and I gathered up brush in nursery land - Got Burr to do same.

Garner set out trees

Went to Davis in p.m. took cream and eggs - got groceries meat etc. and meant for Hindus

Boys ran out of distillate and did not reach their supply wagon

U. C. Glee Club at Farm tonight.

Sat 25 Mar 1916

Worked about place in a.m.

In p.m. went with Sue and Gardner to Woodland - Sue to a meeting of the Shakespeare Club -

I saw Thomas & Huston on R. R. mattes & others -

Took 3.30 train (electric) for Sacramento - staid at "Land"

Attended banquet to Sac. Valley Editors -

-responded to toast -

Sun 26 Mar 1916

Went with editors to Davis to U. C. Farm -

Sue & Gardner met me at Davis, having with them Dorothy Thomas of Woodland -

On reaching home we found old Mr. Peters and his daughter Elsie who had come out from Sacramento with Mr. Schneider -

All save Gardner attended the Sunset meeting at the Farm auditorium -

Mrs. Royles of Woodland talked on Forestry -

Elsie Peters stopped at Prof. ---- [name not given] where she is to work -

Mrs. Peters went to Sacramento - Miss Thomas went to Woodland with the Schmeiser girls who took Mrs. Royles home -

Mon 27 Mar 1916

Moved meat to basement -

Called at Mrs. Greene's - to see about plowing -

Went to Davis in p.m. got letter from Maddox relative to Home Products Banquet at Woodland on Apr. 4 -

Tues 28 Mar 1916

Tractor finished plowing nursery land and was pulled into shed -

Sue had Leisure Hour Club meet - about 24 present -

Went to Davis in p.m. - made arrangement for transporting U. C. Farm Orchestra to banquet next Tuesday at Woodland -

Fred & I rolled house orchard lot in a.m.

Wed 29 Mar 1916

For last two nights it has looked like rain. This morning quite a strong north wind came up -

Billy Schmitt and Geo. Genete went to Davis -

Gardner, Herbert and Indar worked in yard -

Thurs 30 Mar 1916

Heavy north wind

Gardner, Herbert and I went to Glide's

fixed harvester gate near Robson's Then went to Davis - Each of the boys got a pair of shoes -

In p.m. all hauled gravel for cement headgates -

Fri 31 Mar 1916

Boys hauled rock for sewer and sand for yard walks -

Brot hams from smokehouse to basement -

Gardner went to Davis in p.m.

Harriet came home from Berkeley -

Light north wind today -

Harriet returned from Berkeley -

Sat 1 Apr 1916

Took cream to Davis -

Sue and I attended 500 meet at Jennie Read's -

Attended S. V. E R R. meeting at Woodland - was appointed on committee to attend a suit brot by creditors of the Company -

Gardner, Harriet, & Herbert spent evening at University House

Herbert had gone down on wheel and had blow out -

Sun 2 Apr 1916 [No entry.]

Mon 3 Apr 1916

Went to Woodland via Davis taking B. F. Newby of Dixon with me - met Chas Donoho of Willows in Conference on suit of creditors of S. V. E R. R.

Back via Davis and to Sacramento with auto - took suit to Elkus to exchange - got another - (ordered)

Tues 4 Apr 1916

Sue had Mrs. Miner and other lady friends here today

All of us went to Woodland in evening to attend booster banquet of Home Products League

Acted as toastmaster Home at 1 p.m. - Nearly 400 in attendance -

Wed 5 Apr 1916

Went to Woodland via Davis with cream & eggs -

Saw Jas. Scarlett - fixed up matters relative to railroad subscription -

Got new auto top 28.00

Thurs 6 Apr 1916

Strong north wind -

Gardner took mail to Davis early - then he and Harriet drove to Winters with Herbert Brigden who goes to Mr. Henry's at Rumsey -

Looked after plowing - sheep etc

Fixed sheep-shearing place in creek barn -

Took Sue & Harriet to Ladies Aid at church -

Fri 7 Apr 1916

Went to San Francisco on 8.30 train

Stopped at Stewart

Spent afternoon at Almond office -

Saw Louis Jeans in p.m.

Went to Orpheum.

Sat 8 Apr 1916

Saw Louis Jeans early then went to almond office -

In p.m. tried to call on Asher Myerstein & McNutt and the Mascot people but each office was closed -

Went to Tivoli in evening -

Sun 9 Apr 1916

Waited for Dix until 10.30 Then went to Cliff House via Sutter & Clement -

Left for 3 p.m. train and met Dix at Ferry - He rode to University Avenue -

Gardner had not expected me until 7.45 so was late in coming -

He came to train with Miss Selma Siller Isaacson and friend of Berkeley - guests of Harriet - The friend left on train.

Mon 10 Apr and Tues 11 Apr 1916 [No entry.]

Wed 12 Apr 1916

Went to Woodland in a.m. and Sacramento in p.m. in auto -

Held meeting of Causeway Committee at Dean Van Norman's -

Finished harrowing east orchard first time -

Thurs 13 Apr 1916

Was in Woodland

Paid 2d Installment Taxes \$673.02

Helped Gardner build cement gate at family orchard

Saw Maddox who had just been to Sacramento to make the fight for a juvenile bride at Causeway Celebration.

Berreyessa and one man came to shear sheep -

Fri 14 Apr 1916

Gardner & Indar are building foundation for tank at north wind mill -

Took cream to town -

Began shearing sheep -

Had a blow out on front tire - went to Davis to get another - could not do so and ordered one for tomorrow morning -

Sat 15 Apr 1916

Went with auto to help U. C. Farm boys on their boosting trip to advertise their picnic - Went to Dixon, Winters, Madison, where they borrowed an elephant belonging to a circus, Esparto, Yolo and Woodland.

At Woodland we were met by other Farm boys and together they entertained the crowd at "trade day."

The boys put on Villa the Mexican outlaw and chased him through the streets -

Sue & I went to Mrs. Read's to a "500" meet - I won 2d prize.

Got new Michelin plain casing -

Sun 16 Apr 1916

Put sheep in lane and watched them -

Fred & Berreyessa took Sue's horse and buggy and went to Davis.

Started one mower on alfalfa

Mon 17 Apr 1916

Finished plowing orchard 2d time

Tues 18 Apr 1916

Mowed alfalfa

Wed 19 Apr 1916

Finished mowing alfalfa.

Boys shocked alfalfa

Was in Woodland on Causeway celebration -

W. O. Russell went with me to Winters to causeway meeting with Winters people -

Thurs 20 Apr 1916

Gardner & Indar sacked wool -

Shearers finished sheep 560 head -

I went to Woodland in p.m. -

Saw Hecke and Maddox - Woodland is to furnish the bride for the Causeway celebration.

Fri 21 Apr 1916

Indar and I took wool to town and shipped it to Hough & Kearns Stockton

9 1/4 Sx 2336 @ 25c per pound -

Took saddle horse and coly [colt?] to town for shoeing -

We cleaned auto up for the picnic tomorrow.

Harriet and I went to town in evening and met Dixwell and Eric Reynolds (sic) [Reynolds], Dixwell's classmate and housemate from Berkeley and Miss ---- [name not given] also of Berkeley, a friend of Harriet's who has recently been at Colfax with a sick friend.

They all came to attend the U. C. F. picnic tomorrow -

Sat 22 Apr 1916

Fred, Martin & Indar shocked alfalfa

Nine of us went in auto to U. C. Farm picnic

Sue and myself, Gardner, Harriet, Alice Brigden, Dixwell, Eric Reynolds, Miss ---- & Martine Peters.

We staid until the close of the dancing at 12 p.m. The picnic was a great success -

By actual count the[y]? claimed 14152 people in attendance - Governor Johnson and President Wheeler were speakers -

It was a beautiful day.

Sun 23 Apr 1916

A perfect day - Elsie Peters came out for a while - she is sick -

Gardner took Dix, Alice Brigden and Erric (sic) Reynolds to 7.30 train -

Two agents for the Edison Phonograph called

Mon 24 Apr 1916

Gardner, Fred & I took "forms" from cement headgate in canal and I went to town with two cans cream - & box of eggs, 16 cement sx and headgate iron for cutting -

Indar & Martin finished shocking hay and began hauling fox tail into field to burn, when they fell out and near had a fight - Gardner took Indar in p.m. & Fred & Martin each took a wagon -

Sue & I went to Jas. Scarlett's on R. R. and Causeway business - Later attended meeting of Woodland Promotion Club where I asked that Woodland furnish the bride for Causeway celebration - they accepted - Got presto tank [?] at Electric garage

Sent \$100 to India for Indar - Home at 10.30

Tues 25 Apr 1916

Went to Winters with Sue to W. C. T. U. meet - thence to Esparto and Guinda on Causeway business -

All parties wanted at Guinda had gone to Woodland to attend funeral of boy who was accidentally killed -

Went with Mrs. Everell to call on Mr. Gladney -

Almond crop is light to south of Guinda -

Wed 26 Apr 1916 [No entry.]

Thurs 27 Apr 1916

Sue, Harriet and Mrs Van Norman and I drove to Sacramento to meet prospective bride Miss Bernice Worley, for Causeway Celebration -

Got \$150.00 donated for dresses and selected 6 or 8 -

Home about 7.30

Fri 28 Apr 1916

Took cream to Davis -

Called at Mrs. Anderson's and got consent of Cecil to act as bridesmaid at Causeway parade.

Dean & Mrs. Van Norman, Mrs. Frank and son, Mr. Tavinette and Miss Smith came to dinner and spent evening -

My typewriter broke down and I took work to Farm and got letters written by Miss Smith -

started teams in orchards - 1 - six with clod-crusher - 1 two & 4 with spring tooth & roller -

Sat 29 Apr 1916

North wind blew a gale -

Mother, Gardner, Harriet and I drove to Madison to the Rice Festival - Was among the speakers -

Returned via Davis for mail -

Roller ran in west orchard.

Sun 30 Apr 1916

Gardner took me to 9.40 train for Oakland -

North wind blew hard -

It was hot in bay regions

Went to Frankie's

Mon 1 May 1916

Went to city with Will & Pierce - they are working at Industrial Appliance Co. -

Attended meeting of Almond Exchange both in a.m. & p.m. Called at Mascot office -
Left at 4.40 for Davis -

Gardner, Harriet & Sue met me -

Colt came this a.m.

Tues 2 May 1916

John Drummond came, bred Nellie

Gardner & " went to Davis to vote at Presidential primary -

Sue, Harriet & I left at 12.10 for Sacramento via Davis - all voted -

Mrs. H. E. Van Norman & Cecil Anderson joined us. Had flat tire near highway camp
at west end of Causeway -

Met all bridesmaids, flower girls, ring-bearer and bride elect at W. L & Cos for dress
fittings and also had photos taken -

Out home at dusk -

Wed 3 May 1916

Fixed hay yard in horse corral -

Took wire and posts to fix fence for sheep in N. W. pasture field to reserve a small piece of barley - Had Martin help in p.m. Took Sue to town to Whist Club at Frank Chiles -

Got pipe cut, ice groceries etc

Thurs 4 May 1916

Fred Barnett quit - took him to Davis -

Got Howe red inner tube for auto -

Went to Woodland on Causeway Parade business - Saw Archer of Madison, Still, Edson, Lineberger, Madox & others -

Saw C. W. Thomas about proposes suit for auto damage.

Fri 5 May 1916

Cloudy this a.m. look rainy -

Gardner & Indar are working in yard -

Went to Davis in a.m. Appointed John Rogers assistant marshal for Causeway day - home at 12.41.

Sue & I went to Sacramento - Saw Highway engineer Mr. Krull relative to Causeway parade going new route -

Got wands for ceremony.

Sat 6 May 1916

It sprinkled for a few minutes about 9 a.m.

This is Dixon picnic day - none of us went -

Went to Davis in p.m. with cream.

Sun 7 May 1916

Cleaned up car -

C. A. Lowe called here in evening with Kane & Trainor of Sacramento and bargained for 10 head of horses for \$1600, depositing \$600 on bargain - deliver[y] of stock to be made on Wednesday next

Sue, Harriet & Gardner went to Sunset meeting at Farm. I had intended to go and was already in rig when above mentioned gentlemen drove up -

Mon 8 May 1916

Martin & I put tank in position after finishing floor at north windmill.

In p.m. took Sue to Van Norman's on her way with Mrs Van to Shakespeare club in Woodland.

Attended Forrest Plant's hearing before Mr Bancroft of Railroad Commission for permit to raise warehouse rates from 50c to 1.00 per ton per season -

Went to Woodland - saw Maddox Hecke F. Bullard J I McConnell and others about Causeway parade -

Home via Davis -

Gardner took Coaly horse to town for shoeing

Tues 9 May 1916

Strong north wind -

Gardner, Indar & I worked on north windmill plant - got out pump, put in pipes - set trough etc in a.m. Gardner also went to Davis and voted on Court House Bonds -

In p.m. took Sue and Harriet to Leisure Hour Club at Stanley Rogers place - All voted on bonds -

Mr. Fletcher Engineer to Highway Commission called me up and came out to make arrangements for policing the Highway on Saturday

Got 7 or 8 to send in notice to decorate cars for Causeway parade.

Wed 10 May 1916

North wind

Abe Low [e], Kane & Trainor and Duncan came and closed horse trade - taking 10
head @ \$160. 2 @ \$125.00, 1 @ \$100 and a cripple at 25.00

Thurs 11 May 1916

Went to Sacramento in p.m. -- took Sue, Harriet & Mrs. Van Norman - they met
Bride, Bridesmaids, Groom, ushers etc and practiced at State Capitol

Out at dusk.

Fri 12 May 1916

Took 10 head horses to Davis -

Sent man home - left Gardner to superintend loading which was not accomplished
until 3.30 p.m. - we got into town at 8 a.m.

Train was late -

Arranged parade matter -

Went to Sacramento in p.m with W. O. Russell - Saw Supervisor Lineberger -

Drove buggy down - had Gardner take it home - I borrowed on old Hudson from Davis
Garage to go home with -

Dixwell came on 7.50 train - Grandfather Brigden came with him -

Martin finished cutting around barley fields -

Sat 13 May 1916

Men raked and shocked hay - Martin & Indar had row -

Dix and I went to Davis at 7.45 in old car - leaving others decorating ours.

Parade for Causeway completion Celebration left Davis somewhat late -

Met Governor & Highway Commission near Springles - Were held up at subway in Broderick because of water in subway and abandoned route going by N. E. bridge

Parade was 4 1/2 miles long. Davis Philomenian Club took first auto prize & W Scarlett of Yolo 1st float prize - had to shake up Woodland. Launched at Hotel Sacramento. Misses Worley & Maddox got left by their auto. Yardley got one to take them and 2 boys to Davis

When we got there they were swamped & I got Wm Balcer[?] to take them to Woodland- North wind blew hard -

Sun 14 May 1916

Nice day -

Sue, Mr. Brigden and I went to the Sunset meeting at the Farm. The Boys gave a vocal music number -

Mon 15 May 1916

Martin ran roller in east orchard

Indar hauled hay in a.m.

- Del Greive called up about 11.30 that he would be here for the lambs this p.m.

Went to annual meeting of the Davis Almond Growers Assn -

Elected officers - all old ones re-elected -

Boys got up sheep and separated buck lambs - Gardner, Dix and I took (drove) 142 to Davis - sold @ %5.50 each. Home very late -

Tues 16 May 1916

Dix took me to 8.37 a.m. train en route to City. Mrs. J. W Campbell had a lady friend from Berkeley who went on same train -

Attended annual meeting of the Almond Growers Exchange

Was reelected President -

Got box of cherries, some candy etc.

Dix met me at 7.45 at Davis

Gardner started two mowing machines on alfalfa at noon.

Wed 17 May 1916

In p.m. Sue and I drove to Sacramento. Did some shopping

- got my repaired typewriter -

dined at Quaker Cafeteria and attended Causeway moving picture presentation at the Empress Theater - met Geo. Lorenz and family and the Washburns - All had refreshments - home at 11.30

Thurs 18 May 1916

Worked on windmill pump in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. and met Mrs. Geo W Lorenz who came for a visit-

Rained quite a shower, lasting 15 minutes or so - about 8 p.m.

Fri 19 May 1916

Attended commencement exercises at U. C. Farm -

Worked on pump in a.m.

Martin worked with Gardner on head gates for a time - then shocked hay -

In late p.m. he hauled one load of hay from east field.

Sat 20 May 1916

Put first load of hay in horse barn -

Gardner Indar & I put pump in at north windmill - Indar then hauled hay from knoll field - Martin from east field - they got in nine loads today -

Harriet went to some club meet at Davis -

I took Sue & Mrs. Lorenz to Davis - Mrs L - went to Sacramento -

I am almost, if not quite sick abed with severe cold -

Gardner & Harriet spent evening at the Chiles -

Sun 21 May 1916

Dix took Miss Peters to Davis enroute to San Fran -

Ted Atwood and family and Mary Vaughn drove out from Sacramento -

Gardner, Harriet and Grandpa Brigden left at 12.10 for Rumsey -

Mon 22 May 1916

Am confined to house with very bad cold -

Tues 23 May 1916

Still in house with grip -

Greeks finished with water

Wed 24 May 1916

Gardner had work on roller today as one side broke out-

Thurs 25 May 1916

Martin finished rolling and began mowing wheat hay in N. E. field -

Took Harriet to Domestic Science Club meet at Sykes'

Got tables & trays of R. W. Weise, Mrs. Fred Smith, & Mrs Brewster -

Fri 26 May 1916

Martin mowed around wheat in N. E. field - in a.m. raked and shocked hay.

Dix and I took cream to town

- got 50# ice, Aermoter mill extra, 30 folding chairs from U. C. Farm etc. -

In p.m. Gardner & I went to fix mill at Nursery and got bell left by Roeding.

Dix went to Davis for Marie & Galt Atwood -

Sue has tables fixed for her 500 meet tomorrow -

Sat 27 May 1916

Martin finished shocking hay - then hauled some for stock

Went to town and got Ice Cream, cakes, meat, butter, crackers etc -

John Drummond was here bred 2 mares -

Sun 28 May 1916

Dix & Sue went to Woodland to church.

The Woll's came for Elsie Peters

Gardner & Harriet took tables & tray to Weises & Chiles and spent evening at Earl Chile's -

Mon 29 May 1916

Got irrigation water about 12.30 p.m.

Dix got all but 3 checks of first field done by 6 p.m.

Indar took night shift -

Martin hauled hay from wheat field to home barn.

Dix & I took chairs & freezer back to farm.

Took Sue to W. D. Chiles to card party

" tables & trays to Mrs. Smiths -

Had a blow out on rear tire

Tues 30 May 1916

Took Sue & Harriet to W. C. T. U. meet at Mrs. Fiskes -

Paid Hoag & Davis Hardware bills.

Hoag has sold out his store -

Wed 31 May 1916

Mowed hay in a.m.

Took Sue to Card party at Mrs Shroff's -

Went to Woodland - got Carbon bisulphide - asbestos etc -

Paid Hoffman 7.25 for Howe inner tube.

Irrigation water is coming in such small quantities that we can do but little - 3 to 4 checks in 12 hours -

Martin finished hauling hay -

Thurs 1 June 1916

Martin poisoned squirrels in east orchard -

Gardner took me to 8.30 train en-route to San Fran - Stopped at Steward 607 -
Called at Yolo Water & Power Cos' office - saw Roy M. Pike - Called at Office of Asher,
Myerstein & McNutt - Asher was hurt at Sunol - ribs & leg broken etc -

Went to Columbia to hear "Oh I Say" Comic Opera - Saw McDonald and Mrs. Grand on their wedding tour

Fri 2 June 1916

Spent day at Almond office

Went to Tivoli a while in evening -

It is cold and windy -

Sat 3 June 1916

Very cold and windy - very moist atmosphere -

Went to old Exposition Grounds in a.m. Called at some automobile offices on Van Ness -

Went to Cliff House - too cold for comfort - Returned to City and did some shopping -

Went to Alcazar - saw "Along Came Ruth."

Sun 4 June 1916

Went to end of Valensia (sic) street car line, 29th and Noe Sts.

Left ferry at 11.40 Reached Davis at 3.30 Dix came for me. Mr. Peters rode out with us.

Mr & Mrs Earl Chiles are visiting Gardner & Harriet

Mrs. Woll brot Elsie Peters to stay over night -

Mon 5 June 1916

Got out harvester this a.m.

In p.m. took Sue & Harriet to Mrs. Hayes to a farewell to Miss Mayberry -

Tues 6 June 1916

Gardner & Harriet went to Sacramento in the afternoon. On their return trip about 9 p.m. they collided with another car on the State Highway about a quarter of a mile east of our north east corner.

Neither car was so injured it could not go. The children came home with their crippled car.

Wed 7 June 1916

Sue sent for Dr. Schoff who came about 9.30 and prescribed for me -

Am pretty bad off today -

Gardner, Harriet & Dix drove back early to look for lost parts at point of accident last night - Dix later drove to Davis with cream taking car to garage - Hoag, anxious to sell new Oakland six brought Dix out

Our car has a front axle sprung, a hub broken to hub caps lost a running board smashed a fender badly bent, some rods broken etc. -

Thurs 8 June 1916

Fever a trifle lower but feel pretty bad - off all day -

This was the day for the hearing of the Railway crossing at Davis -

Mr. Greene of the Farm, who lives at Dr. Schoffs called soliciting subscriptions for papers -

The sacksewer sent out by Breslau came

Harriet went to town for mail -

Fri 9 June 1916

Saw Lillard come out from Hoag's Garage with his "Oakland Six" for me -

Took cream in to Farm -

Sue went in with me -

Made a trade with Hoag on cars. He is to take old 64 Rambler in its present damaged condition less the new tire just ordered for which he absorbs charge, allowing \$225.00 for car, also to allow \$25.00 for old Knox. He is to equip new car with bumper, snubbers, clock & watermeter

I put on search light - extra casing & tube he to supply cover - I to pay 645.00 plus my extras

Sue & I went to Sacramento with Hoag in Concicao's [?] car

Got new one and out to Davis about 8 p.m. home by 9 p.m.

Sat 10 June 1916

Took cream to Davis - Hoag was to have taken my care to Sacramento to have top adjusted but could not do it - I went to Woodland - got 2 bales twine, 4 ply, at \$7.00 per bale - 2# tacks & box rivets. Paid Leithold \$6.25 for BiSul-Carbon -

Saw Fred Thomas, he offered \$1.15 for barley

Home via Davis - got groceries, ice, koveralls (sic?) etc -

The boy[s] got the harvester out into north field and have header coupled up - They had a hot cylinder cap from rubbing -

Dix went to Davis to meet Geo. Peters, of Berkeley, a classmate at the U. C.

Sun 11 June 1916

Beautiful day -

Boys & I went out to the harvester and took one end of cylinder cap off and brought it to the shop -

Gardner, Harriet, Mr. Peters & Dix went to nursery in p.m.

Harriet & Martine Peters drove to Davis -

Elsie Peters came home with them -

After dinner Dix, Mother, Elsie Peters and Mr. Peters drove to Davis - Gardner, Harriet and Martine went wading.

Put up nursery bell at dairy house.

Mon 12 June 1916

Started harvester in north west corner of west knoll field -

Tues 13 June 1916 [No entry.]

Wed 14 June 1916

Boys finished harvesting corner piece of N. W. knoll field - Began on east knoll field - First field yielded 255 sx

They moved about 10 a.m. into nursery field, but had so much trouble that they were late to dinner before making a round -

Thurs 15 June 1916

Indar began hauling barley from west knoll field to granary -

The Schmeiser girls and Dr. Liebfried spent evening here.

Fri 16 June 1916

Took road oil from granary to water trough outside as barrels are leaking badly -

Geo. ---- [name not given] of Berkeley went home

Sat 17 June 1916

Boys finished nursery field 538 sx -

Sue and I went to Davis - picked up Dr. Liebfried and drove into Sacramento - Sue went to Marions 9.15 - 30th St.

Lunched at Sutter Club -

Bought pair shoe[s], drugs & vegetables -

Had back curtain to auto top fixed -

Hiss Hall rode to Davis with us and Lorn Atwood came out home with us -

Beautiful day -

Gardner and Harriet took Al Fisher sack sewer to Davis to train

Sun 18 June 1916

Fixed dust sprayer on wagon -

Gardner tinkered on tractor for several hours -

Miss Peters drove to Davis - Brought her sister back -

Mon 19 June 1916

Boys got 135 sx on knoll field -

Tues 20 June 1916

Heavy north wind - Harvester bothered and wind was so bad we quit after going on west side only -

Martin began mowing alfalfa

Dix began and noon -

Al piled sacks 261 in knoll field -

In p.m. he hauled wood to house.

Gardner worked on engine -

Indar cultivated and hoed around orchard trees.

Wed 21 June 1916

Gardner & I took hay carrier from horse barn and put it up in creek barn.

Indar started raking alfalfa about 10.30

Al and Calla hauled load of hay to cows. In p.m. Al & Gardner hauled one to horses -

Took Sue & Harriet to party at Mrs. Reads -

Al shocked alfalfa rest of day -

Gardner took engine to knoll field -

Heavy north wind -

2 heifers got into Glides field -

Thurs 22 June 1916

Boys finished mowing about 9 a.m.

Went to Henry Oestes and contracted for two sh[er]opshire bucks for \$25.00

Went to Nursery hous[e] and fixed pump -

Opened stubble field to the 12 heifers in north wind mill field -

Boys shocked alfalfa - did not quite finish east field -

Gardner fixed engine & harvester.

Fri 23 June 1916

Started harvester - It ran well -

Indar & I went to Henry Oeste's and got two bucks for \$25.00

Hired a man to work in hay but he was a failure and left -

Went to Davis - got ice cream, 2 gals. ice, cakes & groceries - Sent \$2.00 to Sacramento for Miss Peters -

Sent for two men to Sacramento for haying -

Sue had gathering of ladies to meet Mrs. Brigden -

Sat 24 June 1916

Started new men shocking alfalfa which they finished before noon -

They then hauled hay to cows and horses -

Indar began sulphuring orchard

In p.m. Sue and I went to election

- the second vote on county Court House bonds -

The boys had a fire on the harvester this p.m. which they fortunately conquered - feeder got on fire -

Sun 25 June 1916

Gardner, the girls & I went to nursery

- we fixed windmill a little -

Dix and others went for mail toward evening -

Mon 26 June 1916

Extra men hauled hay to cows and horses -

Took Sue, Mrs. Brigden, Harriet and Lila to Sacramento to lunch at Marians -

Had pump of car fixed at Don Le's [?] -

shopped some - home just before boys quit harvester -

Tues 27 June 1916

Very strong south wind - very damp -

Harvester laid off today on account of weather -

Ran two hay wagons - two pitchers & two in barn - Hauled all but three loads of the alfalfa - put it in creek barn -

Gardner cut thistles in a.m. and worked on harvester in p.m. - re-lined return elevator -

Went to Davis for extras - Mrs Brigden and Lila going too -

W. B. Brinker Vice President of the Clinton Construction Co. of 140 Townsend St. S. F. whose company is to erect bridge at Highway crossing Putah called and rented nursery buildings for use of crew. Rent \$25.00 per month - paid one month from July 5th next -

Wed 28 June 1916

Started harvester again

Boys fixed head gates for irrigating -

and hauled barley in knoll field -

Fixed header knife and sent out wheat screens -

Sheep shearers phone they are coming - Berreyessa and Smith -

came this p.m.

Thurs 29 June 1916

Water came in canal tonight and I got up and turned it into the alfalfa at 2 a.m. Indar took the water at 6 a.m. and I again at 12 M - Indar taking it at night - Got to elder bush before night -

Sue, Mrs B & Harriet drove to Davis -

Water started with 15 feet about 11 a.m.

it ran down to 10 ft

It sprinkled this p.m.

Boys cut wheat north of north ditch

got 104 sks -

Fri 30 June 1916

This morning water ran down about 4 feet, about 3.15 p.m. it came in at about 10 ft - about 5.30 volume of ran [water?] ran down to 7 or 8 ft -

Sprinkled this a.m. Gardner & Martin went to harvester for draper and belts -

Martin hauled in temporary fence in N. W. field - then got ready to haul grain to town - Took cream and Al, the sacksewer who is quitting -

Took Mrs. Brigden to 4.15 train enroute home - Sue to Mrs. Hayes to H. P. Mallory's temperance talk - Harriet & Lila to Mrs. Fizzell's -

Sat 1 July 1916

Started Martin hauling barley to Davis with 6 animals took 129 sx first load -

Martin got mad at scales and left but afterward came back.

Finished irrigating clover at 3.30 a.m.

Gardner, Indar & I fixed mill at nursery and put up fence around buildings.

Shearers finished at noon 205 lambs, 8 bucks.

In turning sheep into field, owing to stupidity of Sparks who was working on his bees , the sheep ran into the bee hives and the bees setting on the old saddle horse, Billy, stung him so that he died after going half mile

Harriet went to club at Davis with buggy and brought Elsie Peters out -

Sun 2 July 1916

Martin Peters went to Sacramento

- drew \$26.00

Dix & Sue went to Woodland then to Davis to church -

Mon 3 July 1916

Gardner & I loaded wagons, then oiled windmill & cut thistle in north field -

Blacksmithed etc -

In p.m. went to Davis with butter and eggs - got flour groceries Light house cleaner etc -

There are but about 90 sx left in knoll field -

Got lumber for new drying ground track also cement -

Tues 4 July 1916

Gardner hauled in scantling and cement left by team at north gate -

Dix & I levelled and set new sulphur house in a.m.

In p.m. Mr & Mrs. Tom King of Stockton came in from Winters where they have been visiting. They came on jitney and walke[d] in from gate -

Both Hindus went to Sacramento - drew \$40.00 Dix took and got them

Sue & I took the Kings through the U. C. F.

Gardner, Harriet & Lila went to Woodland to fireworks -

Martin finished hauling from knoll field and took 36 sx for nursery field -

Wed 5 July 1916

Straightened up new sulfur house -

Indar cleaned up granaries -

Sue & I took the Kings of Stockton to Sacramento leaving here about 12.30

Called at Mrs. Rodgers place - Mrs. R died last night of hemorage(sic) -

We drove out to Marion's, but she was not at home - then to Ross Pierce's with cream & flowers

Took the Kings over city - Sutter Club Sutter Fort, Trusts etc and took them to the 3.15 traction train - for Stockton-

Gussie Weise rode out with us - home about 7 p.m.

Thurs 6 July 1916

Martin finished hauling barley -

We cleaned barley from packing house and sent it in too -

Martine Peters quit and went to San Francisco to work in law office. Took to Davis - missed 4.15 p.m. train - She waited of 7.33 train -

Took Sue to Rodger's.

Mrs. Laura Rodgers died yesterday -

Fri 7 July 1916

Went to Davis - took Sue Mrs. Hoag, Yaler and Jessiu [?] Rowe to funeral of Mrs. Laura Rodgers to Vacaville -

Home for lunch -

Sent Indar to Davis with lambs wool 554# @ 20c to H & K Stockton -

also took 10 sx barley -

got 200# 1/2 round steel for track -

Sold to C. H. Cutter lot I barley 755 sx 76730# @ 1.30

Martin & Gardner hauled wheat to granary -

Martin had a rupture and went to Sacramento in the afternoon, going to Davis with me - He drew \$35.00

Sat 8 July 1916

Move and set new sulphur house.

Began grinding barley but machine did not work and Gardner worked on it all day -

Went to Davis in p.m.

To see Cutter but did not find him -

Martin came back -

[In pencil at foot of page]:

1916

Apr 3rd [marks indicating 9] Jan 3rd 1917

Pearl McGowan -

Sun 9 July 1916

Gardner, Harriet and Lila went to Rumsey to see Herbert -

Sue went to Woodland -

An automobile load came in making inquiry for Downings -

H. T. Barnes and wife of Woodland called - Barnes was looking for pay for cement work in Woodland -

Mon 10 July 1916

Gardner & Martin put cement under new sulphur house, fixed gate and worked on engine -

Dix and Indar ground barley, hauled old wheat to chicken house and fumigated

Went to town in a.m. took cream and eggs - got ice, meat, butter, grape juice etc.

Settled with Chas H. Cutter for barley bought at 1.30 755 sx -

Sue and I went to Woodland in p.m. Paid H. L. Barnes & Son \$324.20 for cement curb & gutter at Woodland lots -

Sue went to Mr. Dopkings - we took tea there

Got nails, sugar, salt, crab apples candy etc.

Tried to get carbon blocks for Bissel cleaner

Tue 11 July 1916

Took load of hay to Clinton Construction Co. 1960#

Got nursery stove -

Started harvester about 10.30 on wheat -

New sack sewer Forrest ---- [name not given] came at noon - Cut heavy wheat along slough -

Wed 12 July 1916

Took cream to Davis in a.m. got meat for dinner, ice, butter, crackers, bread, ginger schnapps etc -

In p.m. took Sue, Mrs. Henry Hamel and Mrs. Fizzell to Mrs. Weise's to a card party.

Got sticks sawed out to fix barley screens - to harvester cleaner - rounded ends of them while waiting at Weise's -

Esther Burr came and staid over night -

Thurs 13 July 1916

Finished up screens for harvester and took them out - to field -

Sue and I went to Sacramento in p.m. Drove out to new shelling plant

- got ham, pickles - sweeper, pails and kitchen hardware -

Fri 14 July 1916

Took boys out to harvester Then went to Davis en-route to San Francisco

Attended meeting of Almond Exchange at 1 p.m.

The Directors voted me \$300 in recognition of past services as President of the Exchange -

Home on 5 p.m. train -

Sat 15 July 1916

Took cream to Davis - got extras for harvester -

Boys finished cutting barley in n.e. field and moved to 134 acre field -

Hauled both wheat and barley in n. e field into piles - am taking the weedy stuff to packing house yard -

Forrest Jacobs drew \$5.00 and went home to Benicia - Gardner taking him to the 7.23 p.m. train -

Sun 16 July 1916

Sue and Dix went to church in Woodland -

Miss Dorothy Thomas came home with them -

Mr. Tavanetti & Miss Smith of the Farm spent evening here -

Gardner & I put two guard plates into header

Mon 17 July 1916

North wind -

Let new sulphur smokehouse down on cement foundation -

Boys had very poor run -

- nearly ran into fence, had to back out and take sack dump off -

Draper (header) caught and had to be taken off - finally two spokes broke out of main drive wheel -

Went to town in a.m. took two cans cream

Tues 18 July 1916

Took Harriet & Lila to 3.35 p.m. train en route to Berkeley -

Worked on new sulphur house track -

Wed 19 July 1916

Worked on new sulphur house in a.m. Took cream to Davis -

Miss Dorothy Thomas rode in with me -

Boys got about 96 sx barley today with harvester -

Dean Van Norman & wife and Mrs. Fizzell spent the evening here -

I went into Davis late to get some 5/16 - 3 1/2 bolts -

Sue is sick in bed today with sick headache -

Thurs 20 July 1916

My bolts proved to be 3 3/4 - too long

Took them back as giving them to me as they did was a fraud - got others of "Jim"

Sue & Miss Thomas went to Davis where Miss Thomas took jitney for Woodland -
Heard Still[?] Wilson's son talk on a "dry state" -

Boys finished 134 acre field at noon - moved into creek field but did not get much done

Put up door to sulphur house -

Fri 21 July 1916

Hot day. Went to town with cream. Tried to sell 595 sk lot of barley, but buyers are off -

Worked on sulphur house -

In evening Sue & I went to Fried's and Burr's hoping to get a girl to stay with Elsie while we go to Wilbur for a week.

The boys had bad luck today with the harvester - first the cleaner bothered then the header draper. They finished late -

- got 142 sks off entire creek piece -

Sat 22 July 1916

Boys brought harvester in and put same in shed -

B. F. Jacobs went home to Benicia at noon.

Sue, Elsie Peters and I drove into Sacramento - taking Mrs. John Maier with us - Sue shopped getting dresses shoes etc. Elsie went out home -

I got shock absorbers put on front springs of the Oakland Six (snubbers)

Got 2 pr pantaloons, a soft shirt, ham pickles, peaches etc.

Left for home about 6.30 p.m.

Sun 23 July 1916

Sue and I left home about 10.30 a.m. for Wilbur Springs - Went via Davis -

had water put in battery -

Lunched near Hershey's. Had refreshments at Arbuckle and Williams. Reached Wilbur at 6.15 p.m. - Day was very hot. Car ran nicely - Made big hill at a 15 mile an hour gait on intermediate

There are about 60 guests at Wilbur

We have front room in No 3 cottage -

Mon 24 July 1916

Took ride to Jones spring and up to the Wide Awake mine - Saw two fawns -

Tues 25 July through Friday 28 July 1916 [No entries.]

Sat 29 July 1916

Clean up and oiled car -

Sun 30 July 1916

The a.m. went to garage and tried to move car out but found that the electricity had all escaped -

When the stage driver came we backed the car up a slight incline and as it ran down got it started. We left the springs (Wilbur) at 5 p.m. - gave an old miner a ride to Williams where we had dinner and got gasoline -

All ran smoothly until we got to Oeste's where one spring stuck, but we got home all right at 10.45

Mon 31 July 1916

Boys have all the alfalfa shocked

Forrest Jacobs and Indar Singh are hauling to horse corral -

Tues 1 Aug 1916

Went to Woodland to meeting of the S. V. E. R. R Directors in J. Reiths office -

An annual stockholders meeting was arranged for the first Monday in September - Present at meeting Reith Schmeiser, Kelkenny, Pierce.

Home via Davis got three men to haul alfalfa hay -

Cleaned wheat in packing house.

A calf died in the alfalfa field in front of house.

Sold J. H. Cutter 595 sx barley @ 1.30

Wed 2 Aug 1916

Hauled alfalfa to cow barn

H. Marks, mule buyer came with Guy Miner and bought Jack mule for \$155.00

Got Beatrice Freid to help Sue - went after her about 6 p.m.

Thus 3 Aug 1916

Finished filling cow barn and stack

Began putting hay into creek barn -

Worked on sulphur house.

Fri 4 Aug 1916

Finished hay hauling at noon.

Got three wagons ready for hauling grain and Forrest Jacobs took first load to Davis.

Extra hay hands left at noon -

Gardner & I went to town in p.m. coming via Fried's for some medicine for Beatrice -
Later Mr & Mrs Fried came and took Beatrice home.

Sat 5 Aug 1916

Irrigation water came early this a.m. turned into 2d check at 5 a.m. - had it turned into 16th check of first field at 12 M.

Dix took water at 12.30. About 2.30 the water was wholly turned off -

Jacobs drew \$5.00 and went to Davis -

Jeff Donnenwirth and I went to Davis to installation of I. O. O. F. Frank Neff is N. G. and McDonald V. G. Mr. Mast [?] of Madison is District Deputy - had Sovereign

Sun 6 Aug 1916

Sue, Dix & I went to Isleton, via Rio Vista, to see Anokh Singh - found him at work for Golden State Asparagus Co. Mr. Phelps Manager, near Isleton -

Lunched at Rio Vista. Home via Sacramento

Picked up a lady and gentleman at Franklin

Dined at Travellers Hotel -

Home about 11 p.m. Distance 115 miles.

Elsie Peters is here - came with the Woll's expecting us to return in time to take her back.

The irrigation water came back at 8 a.m. and quit at 9 p.m. started again at 12 midnight -

Mon 7 Aug 1916

Tended irrigation water this a.m. Dix tended it in p.m. - Water nearly quit at 9 p.m. and it took Indar all night to finish what he should have finished before midnight -

Mr. Singleton, ditch tender was here today as was --- [no name given] Pike -

Sue & Dix went to Woodland to see Dr. Miller dentists -

Finished hauling grain.

[Some figures scribbled in at an angle at foot of page. Seems to have to do with calculation of irrigation water bill -- see next entry]:

13.88

4 18.50

53.53

37 37.00

92.52

40 1 2/3

Bill 69.70 [See next entry.]

Tues 8 Aug 1916

Singleton ditch tender came - tally on water - 13.88 ft 22 hours closing 10 p.m. last night - [in pencil]: later Co's bill 40 hours 1.50 hr

Mr. Merchant of Alameda sugar was here [in pencil]: acre ft \$69.70

Paid telephone & Davis Garage bill -

Gardner & Forrest working at packing house.

Wed 9 Aug 1916

Gardner & I took Dix to 8.30 a.m. train en route to Glen Alpine - Took cream

Went to Yolo to Farm Demonstrators showing at the Lewis, Gallup, Dozier, Scheuer [?] and Worley places. Trellissing Thompson Seedless and Sultana vines and spraying effects on almonds

Also Oak root rot [?] [knot?] on almond trees was shown -

Got hardware at Cranstons -

Worked on almond rig in p.m.

Thurs 10 Aug 1916

Made trip to nursery bridge - later had Forrest haul budding shed up to old bunk house yard.

Worked on almond outfit.

Started to clean up old bunk house -

Went to town in evening and got man J. McGurk, to do chores, milk etc.

Fri 11 Aug 1916

The new milker quarrelled with Kalla and quit before he had begun.

All working on almond rig -

In p.m. Indar went to Davis with the mares to get Anokh Singh and his crew - got eight men of Anokh's gang and two of his own.

They went by Robsons for some groceries They had stores there.

Got a new choreman, and a new cook, Mrs. ---- [name not given.]

Fixed sulphur house - Gardner & Forrest worked on almond rig -

Sat 12 Aug 1916

Started two sleds at almond picking

Indar and his two men & 8 men of Anokh -

Anokh and 5 other men came from Sacramento at 7.25. Gardner got them and they began work at noon -

Kalla knocked almonds in the p.m.

Gardner took Sue & me to 8.30 train Sue going to Glen Alpine by auto stage and I going to San Francisco to attend meeting of Almond Exchange -

Stopped at Stewart, Room 240 -

Sun 13 Aug 1916

Cold & cloudy - went to Cliff House

Home on 5 p.m. train -

Gardner & Harriet met me -

Mon 14 Aug 1916

It began raining last night some time and rained at intervals throughout the early forenoon.

We worked on almond outfit and hauled in 209 sx - all gathered and ran machine in p.m. - got out about 40 trays -

Took cream to town in a.m.

Tues 15 Aug 1916

Finished hulling about 8 a.m.

Ran 4 almond sleds today -

An auto-tire repairer called - bought box of pears of Gardner - G - took two boxes pears to Harvey's at old Hext place -

Gardner & I plan to fix meat grader.

Went to town for ice, meat & bread -

got 50c meat for Kalla - K got doz eggs.

Boys got 182 sx almonds today -

Wed 16 Aug 1916

Ran 4 almond sleds -

Gardner experimented with a drum to separate meats from huller

Took cream. Went to Sacramento

- looked for more help - got Hindu groceries and medicine for Indar & Anokh -

Got case mineral water Bartell, ham melon etc -

Picked up a white man at Davis @ \$1.75

Cool and windy -

Thurs 17 Aug 1916

Ran huller all day -

Fri 18 Aug 1916

Ran huller until noon.

Went to Davis early - took cream.

Was at depot when train bearing Chas. E Hughes & wife and a large party of Republican politicians stopped en route from Portland to San Francisco.

Personally met both Gov. Hughes & wife

In p.m. Gardner, Harriet Mrs Ailor and I drove to Dixon to attend the Solano County Fair -

Sat 19 Aug 1916

Ran huller and cleaned up yard all day -

Indar and one of his friends drew \$10.00 and went to Sacramento -

They were to have been back at noon - but phoned out at 7 p.m. that they were in Davis -

Went to town took cream

Dean & Mrs. Van Norman called in my absence -

Sun 20 Aug 1916

Hindus ran 4 sleds -

Dix came in early from Truckee. Went to town for him. He packed for Berkeley and we took him to the 3.33 train -

It is very warm today -

Drove down to the Highway bridge on our return -

Forrest Jacobs quit -

Mon 21 Aug 1916

Ran 4 sleds -

Went to creamery then to Sacramento

- got three men to work in almonds.

Got ham, lampblack, skin ointment and soap in Sac. - Ice meat etc at Davis -

Tues 22 Aug 1916

Sacked Nonpareil almonds -

Catchetall, peddler was here - got sk spuds of him, melons etc. Anokh got 45c worth and Indar 40c worth of stuff -

Wed 23 Aug 1916

Ran huller all day -

In p.m. took Channon Singh to see Dr. Schoof

Anokh drew \$70.00 Three of Anokh's men are to quit tonight.

Got new choreman Manuel

Thurs 24 Aug 1916

Took new choreman James McGurck to 10 a.m. train -

Ran huller until 1.30 then sent Hindus to field -

got up wagons and began loading to ship --

Fri 25 Aug 1916

Sent 77 sks Nonpareil 7340# via S. P. R. R. to Sac

Gardner & I went to Davis in a.m.

Looked after windmills [?] men and picking

Gardner ran through sticktights -

Sat 26 Aug 1916

Fixed mowing machines in a.m. also cream separated

Went to Davis in p.m. took cream

Attended auction sale of Davis Hardware Co. Bought a Dain mowing machine for \$30.00 and 4 large collar pads for 1.75

Gardner & Harriet went to Davis - H. to a shower for Mrs. Walter Lillard ne (sic) Anna Hoag, at Fiske's place -

Sun 27 Aug 1916

Very heavy south wind last night blew over clothes stand in dressing room.

- had to shut up south side of house about 1.30 p.m.

Sprinkled a little this a.m.

Gardner & I sewed up a few almond bags and stacked a few trays preparatory to rain -

Mon 28 Aug 1916

Indar took 29 Sx Nonpareil to Davis - ship to Sacramento wt 2775#

Took cream - got Dain mower bought at auction Saturday -

Gardner ran huller in a.m. on Nonpareil hard, bitter etc.

In p.m. all knocked save white men who cleaned up yard and ran through sticktights -

Del Greive offers \$50 for bull calves -

A man from Folsom came in looking for bulls. It sprinkled at intervals tonight forenoon and early afternoon -

Tues 29 Aug 1916

Gardner & Harriet went to town this a.m. to vote -

I went in p.m. and then to Sacramento to meet Tucker at almond plant relative to almond business - home at 8.30 -

Wed 30 Aug 1916

Started new Dain mower this a.m.

at noon put George on this rig in alfalfa in east field.

Gardner ran huller in a.m.

Thurs 31 Aug 1916

Indar did some raking today -

Went to highway bridge, windmill etc -

Gardner and men sorted and sacked almonds - got wagons in place for loading -

Went to Woodland - saw J E. Scarlett relative to S. V E. R. R. also had Dr Miller fix tooth - got extras for pitman, drill also toilet paper - home via Davis

- got sugar, peaches bread etc -

Fri 1 Sept 1916

Indar finished the mowing this a.m. then raked alfalfa -

Gardner ran huller -

Indar gave notice that he is going away to see Jaginder Singh who has met with an accident -

Sat 2 Sept 1916

Indar shocked hay in a.m. and finished marking in p.m.

Gardner ran huller all day -

Harriet & I went to Davis to meet Mr. & Mrs. Sanchez of Oakland -

Sun 3 Sept 1916

Indar went to Sacramento last night and returned about 8.30 or 9 a.m.

Set 6 men to shocking hay -

They finished about 5 p.m.

Took Gardner, Harriet and the Sanchez's to Sacramento. Located them at Mrs. McClelland's at 1930 N. St. -

Went to dedication of Del Paso County Club.

Met Sue at 4.30 as she returned on auto stage from Glen Alpine -

Mrs. Thomas, Bruton, Guthrie & Esther called -

Indar drew \$50.00. Channan Singh left order for ticket to Hongkong -

Mon 4 Sept 1916

Indar left - he held two of his crew until 9 a.m. before going to work -

Took Indar & cream to town -

Sacked about 50 NePlus and cleaned up yard -

Went to 7.30 train to meet Gardner & Harriet on return from State Fair -

The main Horticultural pavillion on Fair Grounds burned last night about 9 p.m.

Tues 5 Sept 1916

Ran almond rig all day on NePlus -

- picked at trays -

Went to town after supper -

Anokh brought his sled up from east orchard -

Wed 6 Sept 1916

Old man finished gathering NePlus at 11 a.m. and moved into west orchard - Anokh's crew in west orchard -

Finished up main knocking at 6 p.m. and Anokh's gang of 12 men went to Palmer's. Palmer came for them - I took Anokh down to Highway bridge -

Thurs 7 Sept 1916

Boys ran huller and worked in yard -

Kalla and crew knocked a few scattering almonds in p.m.

Sue & I went to State Fair - out about 8.30

Fri 8 Sept 1916

Kalla knocked almonds in a.m.

Gardner, Geo. and I moved derrick to north side of alfalfa field -

Went to Sacramento to meet Mr. T. C. Tucker at almond plant

Went to Fair in p.m. out at 7 p.m. -

Mrs. Lida Ailor, cook, went into Sacramento to meet sister and see invalid nephew -

Boys began hauling hay in p.m.

Sat 9 Sept 1916

Went to Sacramento - took Harriet -

Attended meeting of Farm Loan Board at Federal Building - lunched with Committee at Sutter Club -

In p.m. met Gardner who came in at 3 p.m. with Winters auto - we went to tractor grounds - to see tractors and plows - Met Harriet & Mrs Ailor at 6 p.m. home at 7.30

Sun 10 Sept 1916

Gardner & Harriet went to Woodland to Guthries after leaving me at Davis en route to City -

Stopped at 242 Stewart - Dix spent evening with me.

Mon 11 Sept 1916

Went to see refrigerator at Weaver's on Van Ness -

Attended meeting of Almond Directors at 10 a.m. and of Representatives at 1 p.m. in Shelden building -

We set prices (minimum) on output [?] Nonpareil 18.5 I. X. L. 17 - NePlus 16 Drake 14.

Home on 5 p.m. train

Gardner, Harriet & Esther met me -

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Wed 13 Sept 1916

Feeling better today - went to town with Gardner in p.m.

Thurs 14 Sept 1916

Went to Davis in p.m.-

Fri 15 Sept 1916

Went to Davis and to Highway bridge -

Had Gardner go to see driving of last cement pile on Solano side -

Sat 16 Sept 1916

Sue & I went to Sacramento - Sue to Marion's - I to shelling plant

Then to Fair Oaks, Orangevale & Folsom -

Back to Marion's at 6.30 had dinner there - home at 10 p.m.

Chanan Sing[h] went to Sacramento.

The Clinton Construction Co. came for Mack and Doc, mules, this a.m.

Sun 17 Sept 1916

Kalla drew \$20.00 and went to Sacramento -

Sue went to Woodland to church -

Gardner & Harriet went to Davis -

Had Oakland Six adjusted a little -

Gardner got old Rambler to use while I am away on proposed trip to almond associations -

In p.m. took Gardner to Woodland to have Dr. Lawhead see swelling on Gardner's neck.

Arrangements were made to have an operation tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. - Home at 9 p.m.

Mon 18 Sept 1916

Took Gardner to Woodland Sanitarium for operation on gland in neck. Dr. Farchild operated about 9.30.

Sue Harriet & myself lunched at the Byrnes - About 2.30 p.m started home with Gardner - who stood trip well -

Went to Davis with cream -

Tues 19 Sept 1916

Kalla phone out that he had lost his check for \$160.00 I stopped payment on same at Bank in Davis -

Went to Woodland - got 5 gals shingle stain, 5 gals Pabco paint & 3 squares of Malthaeid [?] roofing -

Hindus returned today -

Wed 20 Sept 1916

Settled with Indar, Kalla & Chanan to date and they left - took all to Davis and Kalla returned with me -

The sheep shearers came at noon today - four of them Berryessa, Bainbridge a spaniard & white -

George is painting roof of packing house and also all of sulphur house -

Harriet and I took Gardner to Woodland for Dr. Fairchild to dress wound. The Doctor was well pleased with the progress made -

Thurs 21 Sept 1916

Tinkered about place in a.m.

Sue & I left about 2.30 for Sacramento on long trip to visit almond Associations and inspect warehouses -

Bought outer casing at Dan Lee's -

Ran to Lodi, stopping at Hotel Lodi -

It began to rain before we got to Lodi.

Fri 22 Sept 1916

Rained considerable last night -

The electricity is out and the hotel is having trouble with its kitchen fire.

Visited almond house in a.m. also drove to Mr. Lascelle's place.

In p.m. Mr. Lascelle came to town and together we visited the almond plant -

Ran to Stockton, called at the Kings on West Poplar St - Then ran into Modesto stopping at Hotel Modesto.

Judge & Mrs. Hawkins called and spent the evening -

Sat 23 Sept 1916

Visited the Stanislaus County Fair in a.m.

In p.m. ran out to Oakley and saw almond orchards -

Returning to Modesto we ran to Merced - stopping at the old Hotel Merced, a relic of better times -

Sun 24 Sept 1916

Ran to Fresno in forenoon. Stopped at Hotel Hughes.

Sue called up Miss Belle Ritchie and together they called on Miss Hatch.

I got request for almond article for the Arbuckle newspaper - wrote and mailed same.

Spent evening with Sue at Miss Hatches place and at Miss Ritchies.

Mon 25 Sept 1916

Left Fresno - ran out to old Central Colony which is largely an alkali waste and to Visalia for lunch at Palace Hotel.

Ran through Exeter and Porterville country thence to Terra Bella and Delano where we sopped at a Dutch Hotel -

Tues 26 Sept 1916

Ran into Bakersfield got mail at Hotel [not named]. Sue called up an old schoolmate Mrs. [not named] with whom we lunched - At 1 p.m. started south on Tejon can[y]on road. Ran to Baileys where we turned into Antelope Valley road. Ran into Lancaster over very rough roads about 7 p.m.

Stopped at Hotel Cloud -

Wed 27 Sept 1916

Visited orchards out some dozen miles.

Saw Mr. Dickie of Fairmont who was shipping almonds.

Went to Godde, Holland & Gutman orchards - Found good looking trees and large acreage of new orchards. Water in many places is very scarce -

Went to Palmdale, then to Taugus [?] via Boquet Can[y]on - Reached Los Angeles about 7 p.m. stopped at Hayward Hotel - and Los Angeles Street Garage -

Thurs 28 Sept 1916

Left Los Angeles in p.m. and ran out to Ontario where we stopped at . . . [name not given]

Fri 29 Sept 1916

Went to Colton, saw Owen's thence to Riverside ascended Rubidoux and lunched at Riverside Inn.

Drove to Banning. It began raining before we got in. Stopped at Hotel Banning and ate at a restaurant as no meals were served at the Hotel -

Sat 30 Sept 1916

It rained last night, most of forenoon and at intervals in afternoon.

Spent much of forenoon at Almond plant with Mr Coombs and Mr. Butler.

In p.m. Sue & I with Mr. Butler rode about country.

Sun 1 Oct 1916

Owing to rains we had to abandon our proposed trip to San Diego via the "inland highway" -

We left Banning about 8.30 with weather threatening - Before we reached Beaumont it was raining hard. Stopped at garage and had shield adjusted

Lunched at Redlands at Caffeteria (sic)

- had spark plugs cleaned -

Ran to Whittier. Stopped at Cloverleaf Hotel an old fashioned affair -

During day it rained at intervals very hard several times - Ran round a stuck truck near Whittier -

Mon 2 Oct 1916

Left Whittier about 9 a.m. Ran to San Juan Capistrano. We stopped at the old mission and while there it began raining - We went to the Palm Inn and a garage - Got lunch and waited during a hard rain until 2.15 Started south and it soon began to rain -

Our glass sight feed (oil) broke soon after leaving Capistrano - A Ford car that passed while repairing was overturned a short distance down the road. - At the bridge ten miles down cars were stuck and a mule team pulled out 5 while we waited. Heavy rain followed - We got into San Diego about 7 p.m. Stopped at Hotel Cecil and Southwestern Garage -

Tues 3 Oct 1916

Rested and cleaned up in a.m.

In p.m. went to Exposition - heard vice Presidential candidate Chas T. Fairbanks speak -

Sue & I staid on grounds during evening -

Wed 4 Oct 1916

Took drive to Tia Juana. Back by way of Coronado - lunched in San Diego and went to Spreckles theater matinee -

Went out to home of Judge & Mrs Sweet to dinner - they calling for us with their Franklin car.

Thurs 5 Oct 1916

Spent day at Exposition and out to Point Loma, Ramonas Wedding Place etc.

In evening went to hear Padewreski (sic) pianist at Strand theater

It rained hard from 11 p.m. on.

Fri 6 Oct 1916

Left San Diego 8 a.m. It began raining about time we got to National City and rained fearfully hard. Bought chains at garage. Lunched at Capistrano -

Drove into Los Angeles via Long Beach

Stopped at Hayward Hotel -

Sat 7 Oct 1916

[This entry misplaced in the space for 6 October.]

Went for drive through Pasadena section

- lunched in Pasadena

Visited Busch "Sunken Gardens".

Sun 8 Oct 1916

[This entry misplaced in the space for 7 October.]

Left Los Angeles - lunched at Ventura -

Stopped at Santa Barbara a while going to the baths, the Mission and the Normal School -

Found terribly bad roads from Naples northward - the end of paved highway -

Was caught in darkness before reaching Gaviota - enquired at Associated Oil Refinery and drove on 4 miles to Las Cruces and stopped at Nichol's Inn - a Spanish Hotel -

Mon 9 Oct 1916

Left Las Cruces early as it threatened rain -

we got over the big hill however before rain began to fall -

after crossing the Santa Maria River another glass in sight oil feed broke - had to go back for another glass also an iron - It rained continuously. Broke second glass and put in galvanized iron - Ran into San Louis Obispo - got lunch - had two glasses cut

-

Highway from Arroya Grande -

Broke another glass - Drive into Paso Robles about 7 p.m. in rain -

Tues 10 Oct 1916

Spent day in town met Van Warner [?] Brooks [?]

Wed 11 Oct 1916

Left for north. But little highway still roads were fair - a few very bad places.

Ran into Salinas about 5.30

Stopped at Hotel

Had car washed -

Thurs 12 Oct 1916

Had oil pump investigated without satisfactory results - Got away about 11.45

Lunched at San Jose about 3 p.m.

Ran into Oakland about 6.30 staid at Frankie's Garaged at Piedmont Garage -

Fri 13 Oct 1916

Left Oakland about 9.30 for Oakley - having left Sue at Frankie's

Lunched at Antioch - Found John Trembath at almond plant at Oakley - Inspected place -

Returning via Concord met Harry Agler - went via the fruit section -

Left west end of tunnel at 5.30 It was very foggy - Got to garage a little before 6 p.m. -

Sat 14 Oct 1916

Sue and I left 618 Moraga St at about 10 a.m. Called at 2415 Bowditch St Berkeley for grandfather Brigden who is going home with us -

Got the 1.30 boat out of Martinez -

Lunched at Benicia - reached home about 5 p.m.

Harriet had gone to Mrs. Sniders to a party - Gardner had gone to Davis.

Took Gardner to east field where his engine was as he wanted to bring it up -

Sun 15 Oct 1916

Very foggy -

Mon 16 Oct 1916

Helped Gardner get out his rig - engine -

Mr. Brigden went with me to new bridge and helped Gardner start - then took cream to Davis, shipped fruit - paid note at Davis Branch Bank of Yolo - got groceries etc.

Lunched at Mack's - went to Swingles to see plow - then to Konitzer's to see Jack Weise's rig thence via town - home - Forgot meat - Sue & I returned and got meat -

Tues 17 Oct 1916

Went to San Francisco to see Tucker

Spent day at office - Tucker, Maugham[?] and I lunched at Peacock -

Left on 4.40 boat for Berkeley to see Dix - Took dinner at the Sigma Pi fraternity with Dix - D. had been out to a "pink tea"

Returned to San Francisco about 10 p.m. Staid at Stewart -

Wed 18 Oct 1916

Went to see the British Consul relative to Monsha Singh's returning to California -

Left on the 11.40 boat for Davis -

I had left my car at Percy's to have it adjusted but they had not finished it when I returned -

Thurs 19 Oct 1916

Took Sue & Harriet to 8.30 a.m. Sacramento train - Gardner went with me and we looked up disc plows - two kinds in Davis and Jack Weises at Konitzer's -

Gardner ran engine in p.m. and lost the water out of his radiator.

We saw Frank Campbell and gave him an option on 6 bulls @ \$75.00 each.

Went to 3.50 train for Sue and back by engine - helped Gardner to fill up his radiator - then took him home -

Frank Campbell decided to take the bulls and paid for them -

Started two mowing machines on alfalfa about 10.30 a.m.

Fri 20 Oct 1916

Frank Campbell came for the bulls - Jim and I help him get them out via Robsons -

Grandpa Brigden went to town with me as I took cream - got bread, butter meat shoes, spark plugs etc -

Sue & I went to the funeral of Mrs. Judge W. A Anderson in Woodland - Mrs. A was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Blacks two weeks ago -

Gardner had trouble with his engine and did not finish leveling -

Sat 21 Oct 1916

Helped Gardner move tractor and drag from nursery field to West orchard -

- fixed rig at shop.

Took Sue to Davis as she expected to go to Woodland on jitney but failed to connect -
We went to Swingles to see plows - then to town where Sue met the Swingles and Mrs.
Greene

Finished cutting alfalfa - raked 10 acre piece in p.m.

Geo. Reid drew \$20.00 and went to Sacramento -

Sun 22 Oct 1916

Got up big mares - found suckling colt with big lump on breast - put colt in barn

Gardner, Harriet, Grandpa Brigden and Mrs Ailer drove to Woodland in evening -

Mon 23 Oct 1916

Geo. Reid and i went to Swingles and got two Sander's Disc plows - got home about
1.30. Later George shocked hay -

John raked hay -

Gardner is levelling on old orchard ground -

Tues 24 Oct 1916

Gardner finished levelling in a.m.

In p.m. he pulled into northeast field to finish plowing - He had bad luck, his engine fan belt breaking, and did not get started until about 5 p.m.

Took Sue to Swingle's to ladies Reading Club. Came back to help start plow and went to Davis for Sue who came out with Mrs. Woll -

John shocked alfalfa -

Wed 25 Oct 1916

Burned stubble in N. E. field where boys are plowing -

Took Harriet to Davis, en route to Sacramento to dress maker -

Burned stubble in evening -

Hired a man to haul hay - went to town and got another man whom Theadore Schmeiser brought out from Sacramento - Sue went with me to Davis after supper -

Got 4 sx oregon spuds and box apples -

Thurs 26 Oct 1916

Set two new men to shocking hay - one quit soon after beginning -

Went to plow to take off broken disc -

Phoned to Emigh Hardware Co for extra -

extra came on 10 a.m. train - took it to Luft for assembling - put on plow after dinner

John & I moved hay carrier - John then shocked hay until about 3.30 - then hauled two loads hay - one to horses one to cow corral

Mr. A. D. Burr hauled two loads of alfalfa

Sue and I went to Davis for Harriet

Took 15 doz eggs to Davis and 2 sx flour -

Fri 27 Oct 1916

Mr. A. D. Burr hauled two loads alfalfa making 11,000 lbs total @ 7.00 \$38.50

Boys hauled alfalfa to cow barn.

Gardner broke disc on 4th beam of rear plow -

we moved last one ahead and ran with 5 discs - order another from Sacramento

- got extra out and put it on after dinner.

On last this a.m. round boys broke casting that holds rear lever on hind plow -

Took above to Woodland and had it braized - home late - Boys broke 4th beam on rear plow -

Sat 28 Oct 1916

Tried to get a new beam from Sacramento but failed - sent to San Francisco -

Gardner & I worked on plow & harrow -

In p.m. Gardner took Harriet to Mrs. Fiske's to a ladies meeting

Helped boys haul alfalfa to horse barn. Got field clear and 4 loads from stack -

In evening Sue, Lida and I went to Davis, got Harriet & Mrs. Fissell and went to the Woman's Improvement Club entertainment for Archway fund, present All-of-a sudden, Peggy -

Sun 29 Oct 1916 [No entry.]

Mon 30 Oct 1916

Gardner harrowed in north east field

Finished hauling alfalfa hay - took derrick back to creek.

George went to Davis for Moline Orchard plow of Fred Smiths -

Tues 31 Oct 1916

Gardner & George harrowed in 134 acre field -

Other boys took the two 3 x 12 x 48 pieces from barn in middle of place to nursery for use to move buildings -

Wed 1 Nov 1916

Built trestle across irrigating canal at nursery and moved one Jap house across and started another -

Went to town for extras

Sue went with the Russells to Mrs. Swingles -

Thurs 2 Nov 1916

Gardner started the new disc plow Moline - plowed corners of 40 acre piece in pin and spring axle on one of Swingles Sander's discs -

Got second of 12 x 16 Jap bunk house across canal -

Took Sue to Mrs. Greene's - then went to town - later returning dined at Mrs. Greenes -

Had beam to Sanders disc set - got a new one (a second)

Boys got cook house nearly across the trestle at nursery -

Fri 3 Nov 1916

All hands helped get disc plows started as Swingle has called for his -

Tried to pull three plows but one would not work so took it out -

Boys brot in harrows - preparatory to sharpening and put them in shop -

George quit at noon -

Took Sue to Davis - cream to Farm - got lever welded -

Sat 4 Nov 1916

John hauled wood to basement and laundry -

It rained at intervals through[ou]t the day -

Fixed lantern, wringer etc. -

Went to Davis in p.m. - got new hub & cap for Sanders disc - home and put them on in rain and helped boys move out to knoll vineyard - leave plows and take engine home -

Sue & I attended five hundred club meet at Fred Smith's - I won first prize - military hair brushes -

Sun 5 Nov 1916

Geo Reid took Swingle plows home and got a Holt of R W Weise -

Senator Fred Leavitt of Oakland who is attending Short Course work at the Farm called -

Mon 6 Nov 1916

Sprinkled at intervals throughout first part of forenoon -

Removed scrapers on tiller wheel of tractor - Helped get Holt and Moline plows together and started in 60 acre piece in N. E. field - boys finished it about 3 p.m. -

Took cream to Davis and went to Woodland to Mr Hecke's place to a luncheon given to Supervisors Board of Trade and invited guests -

Got meat, bread, bolts and squash -

home via Davis -

Tues 7 Nov 1916

Presidential election day Wilson and Hughes candidates -

Worked about place in a.m. Went to election in p.m. with Sue -

Gardner & Harriet went early -

Wed 8 Nov 1916

Had considerable tinkering about place this a. m.

Sue and I left for Sacramento about 10 a.m. Sue went to Atwood's - She bought hat for herself and coat for Harriet -

Marian gave us a box of apples -

Loren Atwood came out with us -

Home about 7 p.m.

Gardner & Harriet rode to Woodland -

Gardner finished plowing in north field a little before noon and moved into nursery field beginning there after dinner -

Thurs 9 Nov 1916

Took Lida Ailor, cook, to 9.45 train en-route to Lincoln - Home and took lunch to boys -

Took Sue & Harriet to Mrs. Brewster's to card club -

Had engaged time for work on my car at Hoags garage - but they failed me and I took car to Hoffmans -

They were so late in getting my car out that the ladies rode out with W. O. Russell -

Loren Atwood went with me -

Fri 10 Nov 1916

John & I worked on Jap houses in a.m.

- got 3d one in place ready for tractor -

John hauled wood in p.m. I wrote some letters, blacksmithed, went to Jap houses again then to Davis -

Woodrow Wilson is reported re-elected President of the United States -

Gardner had trouble with a tract-roller this a.m. - lost most of forenoon -

Pulled a grab link out on Weise's plow -

Sat 11 Nov 1916

North wind

Boys nearly finished plowing in east field -

Sun 12 Nov 1916

Fearful north wind -

Mon 13 Nov 1916

Strong north wind -

Boys finished plowing at noon and brought plows up -

In p.m. they hooked on to the other Jap houses and brought them from Nursery to gate near our road -

Went to town about 4 p.m. with crew

found that all the west side of Olive Street from Hoags store to Odd Fellows Hall had burned since 11 a.m.

Two fire engines from Sacramento and a fire train from the S. P. too [?] came to assistance of Davis -

Tues 14 Nov 1916

Gardner took me to 7.28 train en route to Napa to attend meeting of Legislative Committee of Fruit Growers -

Reached Napa about 10.30 - was in session all day - Hotels are full - stopped at Mrs Nolan's on 3rd & Randolph Sts -

It was very cold this morning

Much damage from frost is reported from over the state, temperatures in some parts being noted as low as 18 degrees

At home thermometer stood 28 degrees -

Wed 15 Nov 1916

The 29th Fruit Growers Convention was called to order this morning at 10.30 in the Opera House - a cold barn-like building

Thurs 16 Nov 1916

I presided over the morning session

The orchard tractors here on exhibition 10 or more paraded through the street. In p.m. they gave a plowing exhibition in an orchard just west of town -

Dr. Hunt presided this afternoon.

Colonel Weinstock spoke in afternoon and aroused the Fruit Companys managers

In evening Dr. Hunt lecture and at urgent request of Mr. Hecke I made a few remarks relative to cooperation among almond growers -

Fri 17 Nov 1916

H. P. Stabler presided this a.m.

Gardner & Harriet came about 12.30

They shopped and took in tractor exhibit -

Mr. Welden presided in p.m.

I spoke relative to next place of meeting - hailed from Smith's flat, but owing to unexpected difficulties encountered, refrained from placing my town in nomination and seconded the nomination of Sacramento

Sat 18 Nov 1916

Spent forenoon with Gardner looking up tractors and plows -

We left Napa about 3 p.m. and ran to Calistoga where we remained over night - had a puncture just before reaching town -

Saw the geyser spout about 75 ft.-

Sun 19 Nov 1916

Saw the geyser spout again.

Got new U. S. chain tread casing and Lee tube \$22.00

Drove to Petrified Forest and returned to Napa at 3.15 Went via Berreyessa reached home about 7 p.m. It was very dark and the north wind blew a gale -

Mon 20 Nov 1916

North wind blew a gale

In p.m. Gardner Harriet & I went to Woodland - G saw Dr. Lawhead, he examined the wound in G's neck -

G also saw Dr. Campbell dentist -

Paid County taxes 1st inst. 88.10

Woodland City "

Called at Dr. Miller's - he was in Sacto -

Tues 21 Nov 1916

Sent George down to State Farm with Smith's Moline Orchard plow -

Went down and staid to see the tractor parade at the Farm.

Gardner and the men are working in the yard -

Wed 22 Nov 1916

Went out to ponds in north field and shot 3 Mallard drake ducks -

Took Gardner & Harriet to 10.12 train en route to Chico for a vacation

Let sheep to creek and west orchard -

Weighed Dick mule - wt 1370 lbs.

Put sheep into west orchard -

Boys worked in garden -

Bourland called selling the Smith took for cleft grafting - ordered one

Thurs 23 Nov 1916

George started hauling gravel for foundation of houses on creek -

Went to San Francisco on 3.28 train

Stopped at 741 Stewart

Fri 24 Nov 1916

Went to Almond office - meeting of Directors in p.m.

Raised Tucker's salary to \$600 per annum -

Home on 5 p.m. train -

Clinton Construction Co got 90# barley and 350# hay -

Sat 25 Nov 1916

George hauled gravel to pig pens -

John transplanted vegetable plants in garden -

In p.m. took cream to town -

It began sprinkling about noon and kept it up - raining quite hard during night

Sue & I went to 500 meet at Jennie Read's -

Graham of Suisun was here trying to sell a Sampson tractor -

Sun 26 Nov 1916

Moved sheep from west orchard to east and later put them in knoll field -

Del Grieve and Schmidt were here looking for hay and barn room -

Mon 27 Nov 1916

Worked on fence west of west orchard - got it in up to canal -

Went to town in p.m. took cream and Kalla Singh who came to settle up. He is stopping about two miles beyond Pleasant Grove -

There was heavy fog this forenoon -

Got 3 bundles empty almond sacks from C. A. G. Ex. Sacramento -

Tues 28 Nov 1916

Light north wind this morning -

Very cold - Finished fence and flood gate at west of west orchard -

Got kitchen building in place - packing yard -

Took Sue to Mrs. Frie's to Leisure Hour Club and "shower" in new home.

Got vegetables etc for Thanksgiving -

Went to Woodland to see Sieber relative to a Samson Tractor -

George hauled gravel, John cut suckers in p.m.

Wed 29 Nov 1916

Took hunting trip out north - got nothing -

Drove sheep out of windmill field -

Killed and picked a turkey for Thanksgiving.

Went to Davis to attend funeral of John Kruimer [?] - The body was to have come on 12.01 train, but did not arrive until 3 p.m. Acted as chaplain - Home at 5 p.m. -

Sue and Lorin went to Mrs. Russell's -

Heard from Gardner & Harriet at Belden Plumas County -

Thurs 20 Nov 1916

Worked on Jap houses in a.m. getting ready for cement -

Dix & Frank Lewis went to Woodland to church

Mrs. Gertrude Simpson and her daughters Mrs. Adams and Miss Lola Simpson came to dine with us -

Dix and Frank went to Woodland with the ladies. They then attended dance at Carlton Club, staying at Mrs. Simpson's.

Fri 1 Dec 1916

John Ryan drew \$35.00 and went to Sacramento -

George and I worked on Jap houses in a.m.

It began sprinkling about 5 a.m. and rainy at intervals throughout the day raining hard in p.m. and at night -

Sue, Dix, Frank & I went to Carrol Chiles' part oat Causeway Hall.

Dix and Frank went to Woodland for the Welsh girls After party the girls returned home with us -

Sat 2 Dec 1916

Rained at intervals all day -

George worked about buildings in forenoon - in afternoon he laid off -

Went to Davis with eggs & cream -

- got bread, butter, meat, oysters etc.

Took Sue to Russell's where she got a ride to Hamel's where they are giving a reception in honor of Hartman's wife - Russell brought Sue home -

Dix and Frank Lewis went to Woodland taking Welch girls - Dix went to dentist -

Got up loose cattle - put them in stock yard -

Put loose horses into creek barn.

Dix sprung an axle on Oakland auto -

Sun 3 Dec 1916

Rained at intervals most of the day -

Frank Lewis and I took in the place about barns & corrals -

Dix, Frank & I went to the Highway bridge -

Sue & I took Dix & Frank to Davis to the 3.28 train -

Mon 4 Dec 1916

George & I re-built manger in east side of sheep barn

James H. Graham & Mr. Howard of Suisun, agents for the Samson Sure Grip tractor were here and sold me one - terms \$150 with order \$1100.00 on delivery. Machine to be delivered from Suisun this week -

Sue, Loren Atwood and I went to Davis

- took cream - got meat & nails - Saw Plant relative to price of Davis lots -

Mrs. Lorenz phoned Sue to come in to attend the Tuesday Club reception tomorrow - Returned home and took Sue & Loren to 6.25 train. Gardner & Harriet came home, coming from Sacramento to place in Ford jitney -

Tues 5 Dec 1916

George & I worked at creek barn in a.m. Later George hauled gravel

Went to town in p.m. took John Ryan, who returned from Sacramento and wanted his time -

Waited until 6.45 for Sue but she did not come -

Wed 6 Dec 1916

W. O. Russell, Archie Robson & Mr. Anguin spent evening here on irrigation matters -

Gardner shot 5 ducks in north slough -

Gardner & I worked on cement forms for Jap houses in a.m.

Chris Seiber's agent for tractor called and told of many difficulties that had been "illuminated"

George hauled gravel in a.m.. and he and Gardner started cement foundations in p.m.

Got out gang plow

Took cream to Davis - waited until 6.45 train for Sue on return from Mrs. Lorenz's -

Hard north wind. Very cold - heavy freeze this a.m.

Thurs 7 Dec 1916

Hard north wind - Gardner went after ducks - got none-

We finished concrete cement work for Jap houses this a.m. It was frightfully cold work -

In p.m. boys fixed corral fence (coco[?]) and tinkered on rig -

Sue & I went to Woodland - got lever for engine steer (stud?) braized - box apples
meat toilet paper, grease cups etc

Home via Davis -

Fri 8 Dec 1916

Heavy north wind - Fixed fence about corrals - began on cow drinking trough

George hauled gravel

In p.m. went to Davis -

Soil bacteria men were here -

Sat 9 Dec 1916

Sue and I went to Sacramento -

Attended meeting of Legislative Committee of State Fruit Growers Convention - Room
101 State Capitol -

Sue shopped - I got socks, arch supporters Iram [?] & Pape's Dispepsin in Sacto, and
stick at Davis

Took Harriet to Davis to her club meet

Home about 6.15

Sue and [I?] went to 500 meet at Bert Brewsters -

Sun 10 Dec 1916

The Burr's came with their new Oakland six and took Gardner & Harriet for ride to hills for berries and Xmas tree -

This is my birthday - I am 66 today -

Bright, clear & cold -

Mon 11 Dec 1916

Gardner worked on engine -

Worked on plows and rigging -

Tues 12 Dec 1916

Started 4 plows behind engine in nursery field - Gardner & George.

Took Mrs. Greene & Ella Jackson to Woodland that Ella might get out pension papers - took them before Judge Grant.

Got roller for engine, staples, plow bolts, bluestone vegetables salmon etc.

Wed 13 Dec 1916

George & I worked on harrows - mad one new drawbar - George took them down to old barn after dinner -

Gardner finished plowing in a.m. and moved plows on to nursery land -

Took Sue out to gate and she rode to Davis to Mrs. Smith's with Henry Hamel and returned same way -

Got harrows started on 60 acre piece -

Began fixing seeder -

Thurs 14 Dec 1916

North wind - moderate -

Fixed seed sower on wagon and then got cleaner & bluestoner ready and got 8 sks out before noon -

Gardner had slight break on engine and after fixing that helped on wheat -

George hauled one load wheat to 60 acre piece

Went to creamery and to Standard Oil plant - got 5 gals Calumet oil -

Fri 15 Dec 1916

Took Sue & Harriet to Davis - 8.30 train en-route to Sacramento shopping -

Saw Owen, agent for Alameda Sugar beet Company - He wants to rent land for beets -

Began sowing wheat and got within 4 1/2 rounds done -

Went to Davis for Sue & Harriet -

Sat 16 Dec 1916

Ran through and bluestoned 25 sx wheat -

Finished sowing 60 acre piece and sowed 5 rounds on piece south of barn before noon
- Gardner started harrowing at 11.20 He helped George finish sowing 25 acre piece -

I tried to get ready to go to Woodland to Water users' meeting but could not do so -
Got ready later and went to Woodland, via Davis. Took tractor roller to Klaier for oxy-
welding -

Attended Maddox banquet at Armory - was one of the speakers - Home at 11.36 p.m.

Sun 17 Dec 1916

Beautiful day - Went to post office and to Highway bridge - met Peterson who wanted
to leave some large timbers - He proposed have me keep a little track of them and he
would give me material for bridge across irrigation canal -

Strolled about buildings and among stock.

Mr. Owen, sugar beet agent called, but I was out at time -

Mon 18 Dec 1916

Got out disc, spring tooth harrows and horse cultivator - Got them together and after
moving his harrow down to west gate in nursery field, Gardner started cultivating on
the dry plowed piece -

Sacked some barley and George loaded two wagons and put them in sheds -

Went to town with cream -

Tues 19 Dec 1916

Sacked more barley.

Began sowing at noon - nearly finished the piece that was winter plowed -

Wed 20 Dec 1915

Sowed barley all day - finished nursery field north of canal -

In p.m. Gardner took Harriet to W. D Chiles' to a party - In evening they went to Woodland -

Thurs 21 Dec 1915

Sprinkled a trifle this a.m.

Went to town early - Sent George with wagon - got 20 - 1 x 8 - 16 fencing - The tree digger of Schmeiser and 4 cement gate posts -

Gardner nearly finished harrowing barley ground at about 2 p.m.

Gardner & I went to Davis to receive 10-20 Samson Seive Grip Tractor. Howard of Suisun came and unloaded it and went out to the ranch - I took him to the 7.55 Woodland train -

Mr. Muller of the Marks Music Store, Sacto called and left an Edison Phonograph -

Fri 22 Dec 1916

Gardner & George started to nursery with stump or tree digger - It did not work very well -

Took lot of stuff to the Burr's then to nursery -

Gardners engine failed to start and I ran to Davis and got 10 new Columbia batteries -

It rained before I got back and continued until about 2.30

Took Gardner's dinner to him late -

Went to Davis to meet Dix and Mrs. Geo W Lorenz and Miss Tade -

Dix and Miss Tade went to dance at Causeway Hall - Moreland Leithold came and went to dance -

Sat 23 Dec 1916

Rained at intervals -

George Reid settled, drew his money and went to Sacramento -

Dix took Lorenz's, George, Sue and me to 10.12 Sacramento train -

Shopped and left on Electric train at 12.30 for Woodland - Attended Water-Users meeting at City Hall - W. O. Russell brot me home -

Had "500 Club" meet and josh [?] Xmas tree Rained hard at night -

Sun 24 Dec 1916

Strolled over place -

Toward evening the children took Lida for ride to Davis after mail.

Mon 25 Dec 1916

Went to Highway bridge to see about some lumber.

Very cold - ground frozen hard.

Gardner got old Eureka plow beam out and took the Samson engine to creek and pulled over alfalfa stacks -

Dix took Gardner & Harriet to 1.35 train for Berkeley -

Dix and I fixed spring tooth harrow and disc truck

George Reid came back -

Tues 26 Dec 1916

Rained last night

George, Dix & I hauled 4 loads of lumber from Highway bridge - two loads bridge lumber & 2 for posts to machinery shed -

Went to Davis - took cream and eggs - also wheel to disc harrow, latter for repairs -

Got meat, crate of celery from Anokh and many Xmas packages -

Two Greeds from Fresno were here want to rent sheep for milking -

The chief one is Wm. Pallos, R R B 144 Fresno. They offer 1 1/2 cents per head per day -

Wed 27 Dec 1916

George and I rebuilt part of fence about corrals at sheep barn.

Two butchers from Sacramento Tom Kotilis and partner came and bought 37 lambs at \$4.00 per head.

They paid \$40.00 down, killed and took away 12 head, agreeing to be here tomorrow morning by nine o'clock, bring balance of purchase price and take rest of sheep -

They gave as address 6th & N Sts - had Chevrolet car 214869

Sue & Dix left for Woodland about 4.30 on [sentence not completed].

and wind blew very hard in night with heavy rainfall.

Thurs 28 Dec 1916

Very cold - snowed a trace -

Had 3 lambs come, put them in sheep barn -

George fixed mangers and chutes in west barn -

Fixed truck to disc harrow - put handles in blacksmith hammer, sledge and sx - soldered bowl to cream separator and also re-soldered water trough that Gardner started -

Went to creamer at 4.35 got 6 - 1 x 4 - 10 ft for gate, bolts, washers, meat, chocolate and vegetables - Kotilis & partner, butchers, came paid \$20.00 more and asked until Saturday or Monday for further time

Fri 29 Dec 1916

George & I worked on sheep barn -

Dix went to Woodland for Mrs. Simpson and her daughters Lola & Mrs. . . . [name not recorded] of Sacramento.

Gardner & Harriet returned at 4.30 from Berkeley - Dix went after them - then went for Gardner & Harriet - Later took Simpsons home.

Sat 30 Dec 1916

Gardner took the Samson out and pulled over part of hay stacks -

Dix & Gardner looked over the eyes of the cattle for fox tail in a.m. George built fence in forenoon and helped Gardner in p.m.

Built fence in p.m. on west side sheep barn -

Sun 31 Dec 1916

Dix & Harriet went to town for the mail in evening

Notes for 1917

[Pencil notations at foot of page]:

70	chick	10
40		
30	Chicken	60
	off	70

Cash Account January

Indar & Kalla Singh

Jan	5	To 8# side meat 10c	80
		" 1 chicken	60
		" Coal oil - wagon	40
		" 2 doz eggs 40c	80
	10	" Frt on groceries from Sacto	25
	12	" A & R bill for Dec	11.50
	15	" 1 chicken	60
	16	" Cash for hog bot of Jeff T. D.	6.00
	31	" " "	15.
Feb	9	" Postage due 3 letters - 2 Indar, 1 Ishar Singh	30
	11	" Freight on groceries from Sacramento	25
		coal oil	50

		cash	3.00
17	"	transferred to 1915 acct [200, but crossed out]	
24	"	Toothache crops for Hindu	15
"	"	3 chickens	1.80
		1 doz eggs	20
28	"	meat from shop	1.10
Mch 1	"	" "	1.00
4	"	1 doz eggs	20
6	"	Pork chop	1.00
7	"	Quinine	25
9	"	Pork chop	1.00
17	"	Postage due Indar S -	10
	"	chicken	[no amount registered]

18	" Register letter Jaginder S -	15
20	1 Sq. butter	75
21	" Express on box oranges	73
		48.43

Cash Account February

Mch	24	to meat at shop	50
		" Amt brot fwd -	48.43
	26	" stamped envelopes G. G.	50
	"	" Hair oil	25
Apr	3	" Postage due Kalla	10
	5	" Money order (Kalla) No 1115 to Pakho Mal	101.00
	6	" Meat 50 stamps 10 (G. G.)	60
	8	" Stamps 25 (K) register letter 15 (K)	40
		" Postage due 20c (Kartar Singh) (2)	20

	20	" " "	Indar Singh	10
	21	"	Cash in Davis	2.00
	24	"	Money order (India) for Indar & fee	101.00
	"	"	Exchange on stew pan in Davis	40
			[Sub-total in pencil]:	255.48
		"	Registering India letter	15
		"	Postage due	10
May	1	" " "	3 letters Indar & Kartar	30
	6	"	Meat at shop	25
	12	" "		50
	"		postage due Indar	10
	13	"	2 rolls butter 55 1/2[?]	1.20
	18	" 2 " "		1.20

	27	" 2 " "	1.20	
	31	" postage due - Indar		10
June	1	" " " Isher & Kartar ordered by Indar	20	
	2	" 2 squares butter	1.20	
	"	" 5 gal coal oil		50
	5	" postage due Isher Singh	10	
	10	" 2 squares butter	1.20	
	18	" meat	50	
		" Postage stamps	50	
	22	" 2 squares butter	1.20	
		[Sub-total in pencil]:	265.98	

[Number in pencil at foot of page]: "271"

[At foot of page: pencilled check mark and "83"

Cash Account March

[Amt brot fwd, in pencil]: 265.98

July	1	Anderson & Rogers Bill	34.90
	3	2 squares butter	1.20
	4	Cash to Sacramento	40.00
	7	" in town for meat	50
	10	2 squares butter	1.20
	15	Meat at shop	25
	21	2 squares butter	1.20
	26	freight charges (Sac.)	25
Aug	2	2 squares butter	1.20
	5	Meat at shop	25
	9	Postage due, Indar Singh	10
	11	2 squares butter	1.20

"	Meat	50
15	Meat 50 1 doz eggs 25 Kalla	75
16	2 squares butter	1.20
	Cough medicine	50
18	doz eggs	25
19	Cash to Indar (Sacto)	10.00
21	4 squares butter	2.40
"	Meat at shop	50
" [two pencilled "X's"] Credit Kalla by cash \$160.00 [two more "X's"]		
	Debit " " " withdrawn 160.00	
		Sept 15 - 1916
"	Chicken	60
"	Vegetables (Catchetall)	40
23	Meat 50 postage due Ishar S 10c	60

"	1 chicken	50	50
24	Meat 50c chicken	50	1.00
25	1 chicken		50
26	2 chickens 1.00 1 doz eggs	30	1.30
	4 squares butter 2.40 Meat 50 Cough drops	10	1.80
			1.20
27	1 chicken		50

[Somewhat unclear pencil figures at end of column]:

373.13	373.13
	3.10 ?
	13.12 ?

Cash Account April

[At the top of this page in pencil are the following notations]:

"1916" "Indar & Kalla"

Aug 29	Amt bro't fwd	373.13
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	"	Meat	50
30		4 squares butter	2.40
	"	2 doz eggs	30
31		2 chickens	1.00
Sept 2		1 doz eggs	30
	3	1 " "	30
	"	Cash Indar	50.00
4		3 chickens 60c	1.80
5		1 chicken	60
6		postage due, Kalla	10
5		Meat	50
	"	telephone Cannan Singh	50
8		vegetables (C)	40

"	1 doz eggs	30
11	Meat	50
"	1 doz eggs	35
Aug ² 10	Phone to Singh Sac Broderick	25
Sept 17	Cash to Sac Kalla	20.00
19	chickens	60
		453.83
		30
		454.13
	Sept 4 1 chicken	.60
	Settled Sept 20th 1916	454.73

Cash Account May

Kalla Singh

Oct 16	To postage due	20 -
	" chicken	60

Paid 80

Cash Account October

Anokh Singh

Aug	16	To 2 sx W. W. flour 40c	80
		" Sarasparilla 85 pills 25	1.10
	18	" sk cabbage from Catchetall	1.85
		" 2 doz eggs	50
	21	" Vegetables (Catchetall)	45
	23	" Cash	70.00
	25	" Vegetables "	30
	29	" Book, First lessons in English	50
Sept	1+	" Vegetables Catchetall 15c & 30c	45
	5	" "	25
		Anderson & Rogers bill -	76.20

107.50

183.70

Bills Payable October

[There a number of figures and calculations on this page which are somewhat confusing, but they may have to do with the payment of Pierce's Sikh employees.]

[At top of page]: 4/11 of 160

640

58 58 [This is the amount [58c] added to the wages of each Sikh worker listed below.]

1.75 [crossed out]

53

160

Kartar Singh

Dec 11 54.5 [number of days worked?]

1.60 [wage per day?]

Jan 13.5 327.00

545

Feb. 21 87.200

58

Mch 9 4 87.78 [amount paid Katar Singh?]

54.5 [days worked?]

Indar Singh 40.75 [erroneous calculation here?]
 Jan 10.75 160
 28500
 Feb 21. 40.75 [days worked?]
 160 [pay per day?]
 Mch 9. 4 244500
 40.75[days 4075
 worked?] 65.2000
 .58
 65.78 [amount paid Indar Singh?]

Isher

Jan 10.75

Feb 22

Mch 9 4

41.75

1.60

41.75

[The whole column below
crossed out.]

250500

31.75

4175

1.60

66.8000

190500

58

3175

67.38 [paid to Isher?] 50.8000

65.78 [" to Indar?] 58

87.78 [" to Kartar?] 51.38

220.94

23.20 [" to Jaginder? See below.]

Total \$244.14 XX [Seems to be total wages paid to the
Sikh workers named here.]

Bills Payable November

Jaginder

14.5 [days he worked?]

160 [daily pay?]

8700

145

23.200 [amount Jaginder earned?]

87.78 [amount Karter earned? See above.]

110.98 Cartar (sic) [really Kartar]

[Did Jaginder and Kartar pool wages?]

Bills Payable December

James H. Graham

Graham's Garage

Suisun

Phone - Main 56