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Monday 4.

At daylight, Great Caesar! What a snow storm. The elements in the wildest commotion. Flakes of snow whirling as large as leather aprons. Stormed all day and snow and sleet. Kept close quarters all day.

Tuesday 5.

Sleet, sleet. Cloudy and dreary. Surely winter is now upon us. At 1 o'clock the misty sleet continues. No mail. My mal-dictions upon the mail contractors.

Wednesday 6.

Cold, cloudy morning. Attended the session of the legislative committee. Sleet all day. Came home after nightfall.

Thursday 7.

Fury and snakes! At daylight, snow, sleet and rain! When is this horrible tempest to come to an end. The sun has fled, and blackness, darkness, and storms are running their wild career to the utter dismay of all upper Missouri. Attended the session of the legislative committee. In the evening the weather cleared up and at night the moon shone with unusual brilliancy. Clear and very cold.

Friday 8.

At daylight thermometer stood 5 degrees below zero. Out and hauled wood all day, being clear and pleasant, though cold.

Saturday 9.

Storm, storm again. Snow and sleet. Went to town, ^{and} called upon Dr. H. Came home. Chopped wood for Sunday. Sleet again.

Sunday 10.

Staid at home. Wrote for Dr. H. a reply to Dr. Simpson's editorial. Went down in the evening. Came home at 10 o'clock at night. A severe night. Every creek or spring run frozen up.

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Monday 11.

Thermometer
At daylight [^]13 degrees below *0* zero. Sophia set out for Independence. A cold ride. Staid at home all day and made fires. That and chopping kept me constantly employed.

Tuesday 12.

At daylight thermometer 10 degrees below zero. Went to F. A. Hicks and had a chat. Selected Little Chief as my adjunct voter, this being the day appointed by law for the election of ferryman. At 2 o'clock the joint meeting proceeded to ballot for a ferryman. After several ballots all the candidates were dropped except D. Young and Tall Charles, and the final ballot on these two stood thus: D. Young, 16; Tall Charles, 7. Majority 9 votes Adjourned.

Wednesday 13.

Weather moderated. Mrs. W. and Harriet gone to Kansas on foot Little Thunder chopping wood for me. C.B.G. slaughtered ^{meat} hogs today. Bought a hog from him, and at candle lighting I cut it up and salted it away.

Thursday 14.

At daylight thermometer 10 degrees above *0* zero. Staid at home. Wrote a long letter for Adam Brown to Col. Price ^{of} M.P. Canada.

Friday 15.

At daylight, thermometer 10 degrees above *0* Prospect of a pleasant day. This evening quarterly meeting commences in Wyandotte. Staid at home all day.

Saturday 16.

Weather moderating. Went to church and heard Mr. Stateler preach. Attended church at night.

Sunday 17.

Went to church again. At night E.F.P. and Mr. Russell came

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home and staid all night

Monday 18.

Settled^d with E.T.P. and gave him an order on J. W. and Co. Wares^{after}
day and a general thaw. Attended church ~~last~~ night.

Tuesday 19.

Cut and hauled some wood. Went to the Council. Dr. H. recommended to the president for an appointment in California. Came home. The trustees of the church meet to-night in the basement story.

Wednesday 20.

Thermometer 10 degrees above *0*. Cloudy and prospect of
more snow. Cold, cold winter. At 5 p.m. it commenced sleeting^{fast}
and continued all night mixed with snow.

Thursday 21.

Horrible! Sleet and snow in all its fury. Thermometer 2
degrees below *0*. 3 o'clock snowing with an horrible tempest.
During the whole of this day ~~snowing~~ the snowstorm continued
in all its fury without abatement. Legislative committee in
session.

Friday 22.

At daylight thermometer 20 degrees below zero. Clear, cold
all day. Staid at home.

Saturday 23.

At daylight thermometer stood 29 degrees below zero:

Sunday 24.

Cold and freezing weather.

Monday 25.

A merry Christmas! Off in a tangent.

Hyatus. Holiday week, close of the year. Warm time, horrible
weather.

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Sunday, January 1.

A happy new year to ye all!

Tuesday 2.

Stormy weather, horrible

Wednesday 3.

Cold. Put up hogs to fatten. Then went over the Missouri to buy some pork, but found frozen, took none.

Thursday 4.

Staid at home all day. Made fires, etc.

Friday 5.

Thermometer 8 degrees below 0° Clear but cold all day.
 Staid at home all day and attended to my stock. my horse
 Dragon gave me the slip and ran off.

Saturday 6.

Thermometer 6 degrees below 0° Cloudy all day. At 1 o'clock mercury rose to 15 degrees. At four commenced snowing and continued till 10 at night.

Sunday 7.

Snowing still. Mercury 25 degrees. 11 o'clock, growing warm,
rain perhaps. Went to church and heard a sermon from Rev. Mr.
Harburt. A good one. Mr. Peercy then by request announced ^{at} ~~next~~
an appointment for Rev. Mr. Gurley for 3 o'clock. Well, he
preached about houses in the Bullrushes.

Monday 8.

Thermometer 40° Cloudy. Such a winter for Missouri: In north latitude 38 degrees, and west longitude 17 degrees. Snow and sleet for a month. The snow now on the ground though solid and compact, is two feet deep. At 3 o'clock p.m. snow again and continued till 9 o'clock.

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Tuesday 9.

Clear, thermometer +0°. The sun has shown her face once more. Attended the National meeting. Read and proclaimed the new code of laws. Then proceeded to the election of a sheriff, in the place of J. P. Long, resigned. Thomas Pipe elected.

Wednesday 10.

~~At daylight thermometer 23 degrees below +0°:~~
At daylight thermometer 23 degrees below +0°: Hauled wood and potted about the house. Clear and cold all day. Thermometer standing all day at zero.

Thursday 11.

Thermometer 10 degrees below +0°: At sunrise the wind from S.E. At 12 o'clock the weather began to moderate, and continued warm all the afternoon and thawed during the night.

Friday 12.

Thermometer 38 degrees. Cloudy. A thaw. In the afternoon rain. Rained till late in the night. Went to Kansas and mailed one letter to Col. ^{M. N.} Kirby and one to the P.M. at Branch.

Saturday 13.

Thermometer +0° ~~and snowing~~ and snowing. Well, well. This is wild winter. Cloudy all day and thermometer +0°. To-day Mr. Jackson of Kansas, who died yesterday, was buried with masonic honors. In the evening Mr. G. of Independence came. A meeting of the officinary of the church south met at Mr. P's after candle light. This morning Dan Patch was found frozen to death near the grave yard.

Sunday 14.

Thermometer 10 degrees below +0°. Cloudy. Thermometer stood at zero all day. Harriet and Mr. G. went to church. I staid at home. At one o'clock sleet, harrid. This weather will kill our live stock. Thermometer at +0° still.

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There will be an eclipse of the moon on the 8th of March and
an eclipse of the sun on the 12th of August.

At 5 o'clock p.m. slept again and continued till late in the night.

Monday 13.

Thermometer 5 degrees below *0* Clear. Cut and hauled some wood. Clear all day but cold. Mrs. W. went to Kansas. Mr. Ross came and spent the evening.

Tuesday 14.

Thermometer 10 degrees below *0* Cloudy. Have a severe pain under my left shoulder. Something like pleurisy. Attended the National meeting. Gave notice of a meeting next Friday of a meeting of such Wyandottes as are not members of the church. Hired John Big Sine and came home.

Wednesday 15.

Thermometer 5 degrees below *0* Clear. Pleasant and uncloudy but rather cold all day. John Big Sine and I cut and hauled wood and corn fodder.

Thursday 16.

At daylight 11 degrees below *0* Clear. Went to Kansas and got a pile of newspapers. Came home and perused them.

Friday 17

At daylight thermometer 7 degrees below *0*

Saturday 20.

Went to Kansas. Came home at 1 o'clock p.m. A general thaw. Mr. Porter and Sophia called at our house. She staid and he went "to sun."

Sunday 21.

Thermometer 5 degrees below *0* Clear. Some prospect of a warm day, but proved rather cold. In the afternoon Sophia re-

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turned with Mr. J. Porter to Independence.

Monday 22.

Thermometer 5 degrees below *0* Have taken a most villainous cold. Sick, sick; Rev. John T. Peery ^{and 5 lady} dined with us to-day.

Tuesday 23.

Thermometer *0* Cloudy. In regard to weather "we know not what a day may bring forth." Dreary winter continues to sway his frigid and chilling scepter over us poor Missourians. Council meets to-day, but thank my stars I have nothing to do with it. They may hold a court of inquiry over George ² Cate and wife, charged with the murder of the late Daniel Punch. In the afternoon John Big Sineu, and John Coon Cripple came to work. In the evening rain--rained all night.

Wednesday 24.

Rain, a general thaw. I am sick. Sent for Matthew R.W. to ascertain whether he had any medicines, having none myself. He went home and sent me some group syrup.

Thursday 25.

Snow nearly gone. Foggy and warm. Rested better last night. Begin to expectorate. My boys left this morning. At 11 ^{o'clock} the wind from the N.W. and getting colder and spitting snow again. Well, well, what weather.

*Arriere ceux dont la bouche

Souffle le froid et le chaud.

Sent Theodore to Kansas for our mail. No mail came to Kansas, because as usual the "Blue is up." The contractor ought to be drowned in the Blue! Burning cold.

Friday 26.

Thermometer 8 degrees. Clear. Mrs. W. gone to S. A's. His wife ^{being} ~~is~~ very sick. Wrote a long epistle to Esau at Cincinnati and dated it the 26th through mistake and fairly warm through

the day.

Saturday 27.

Thermometer 10 degrees. Cloudy. Sent Esau's letters. Went over to C. R. Garret's and got my pup Carlo Junior and brought him home. Cloudy and warm. I want my mail. I hope "the Big" is not "up again." Mrs. Armstrong, it is said, is still very sick.

Froze all night. Warm this morning and cloudy. Looks very much like rain. Cloudy and wet all day.

Sunday 28.

Went to church. Came home and found Dr. Hewitt in possession of ~~the~~ ^{the} house, waiting our return. We chatted about various matters. Dined and he went home. Cloudy and misting all day.

Monday 29.

Cloudy and wet. Sleet, sleet, is there to be no end to sleet. Went over to M.R.W.'s and spent the afternoon. All night it snowed.

Tuesday 30.

Thermometer 10 degrees above zero. Snow on the ground. Sleet again. Went to attend the session of the Council in order to report the result of the meeting on the 15th of the non-professing members, who decided that both missionaries should be expelled from the nation. Made my report, and closed with a speech, defining our position, and closed with a solemn warning to the northern faction. Came home. Found John Big Sineu and Smith Nichols had returned to go to work.

Wednesday 31.

Sleet, sleet; Oh, glorious weather! Maria Monk had a calf last night, but it was frozen to death. 9 o'clock, sleet, sleet, sleet. Go it. 10 o'clock. Getting warmer. Raining, raining. At 7 o'clock at night it cleared up and the moon and stars shone as brilliant as geysers.

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February 1.

Clear and cold. Thermometer 10 degrees above *0* Prospect of a pleasant day, but how long. Went to Kansas. The mail came in but the papers were all *a dog's age old.* Done some shopping and came home. Discharged my hands.

Friday 2.

Clear. Thermometer 10 degrees above *0* At 8 o'clock cloudy. Mr. W. and Martha went to Kansas to stay all night. Went to town and found it deserted. All gone to K. Heard that James Monture had murdered his wife. Pleasant day.

Saturday 3.

Thermometer *0* Clear and beautiful morning. Finished a document for Deacon E.T.P. Warm and pleasant day. Mrs. W. and Martha return.

Sunday 4.

Cloudy morning. Thermometer 20 degrees above *0* More snow or sleet perhaps. Went to church. More depredations committed upon it by the disciples of the northern church. Warm and pleasant all day.

Monday 5.

At sunrise thermometer 5 degrees ^{below} ~~above~~ *0* Clear. Pleasant day. Went to Kansas and settled up various accounts. Paid off some of my bills.

Tuesday 6.

Came home. At night guarded the *synagogue* till midnight from the incendiaries brand. After we came away the work of destruction was renewed.

Wednesday 7.

Thermometer 5 degrees below *0* Warm and pleasant.

Thursday 8.

Thermometer 10 degrees above *0*

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Friday, 9.

Wrote a con. for Mrs. H. G. to A. G. and after that, glad to get rid of her.

Saturday, 10.

Warm and pleasant day, a general thaw. In the evening, Rev. Mr. Russell called and staid till bed time. Today is the time appointed for the Northern Q.M. But will it be held?

Sunday, 11.

Thermometer 8 degrees above 0°. Went to church ~~and staid~~ and heard Mr. Russell preach. Came home, then went to Dr. Hewitt's and staid an hour. Then called on Mr. Cotter.

Monday 12.

Thermometer 0°. At daylight cloudy. Went to town. Little or no news. Got my iron kettle home and prepared for butchering my swine. Employed John Big Siney and John Coon, jr.

Tuesday 13.

Thermometer 10 degrees above 0°. Commenced operations on my swine. Raw and cold all day.

Wednesday 14.

Thermometer 3 below 0°. Cloudy. Cut up and salted away my pork, then rested the remainder of the day. Cloudy and cold all day. Killed a crow with my "double barrel", by way of variety.

Thursday 15.

Thermometer 5 degrees below 0°. Clear. Clear, but cold all day. Sent by J. T. Peckay for my mail. Peter Warpole died last night.

Friday 16.

Thermometer 0°. Went in company with Dr. Hewitt and paid a visit to Deacon Peery. Came home in the evening.

Saturday 17.

Phonous: Wind blowing and snow flying. Thermometer at 0°.

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At sunrise a large luminary appeared near the sun, called a sun-dog. Cold, cloudy, and windy all day. Severe weather.

Sunday 18.

Thermometer 10 degrees below *0* Clear. Went to church and heard a sermon from J. T. Peery. Came home and took my seat by a comfortable family fire. ~~Rekittatus~~ Felicitatus! Cold^d cold, ~~hars~~ horrid cold. But look out to-night. Whew!

Monday 19.

Thermometer 10 degrees below *0* Clear. Sky red at sunrise. Prospect of a warm and pleasant day. Went to town. J. W. removing his goods to Kansas. Dr. H. absent. Came home. Wind from the south, warm.

Tuesday 20.

Thermometer *freezing point* Cloudy. Two o'clock p.m. a general thaw. Came home from town.

Wednesday 21.

Raining at daylight. It is probable we shall now have a general ^{a.}
break up and deluge. 3 o'clock. Cloudy, hazy, and misting. Our sleighing is now over, and I am not sorry.

Thursday 22.

Cloudy and still thawing. This is Washington's birthday. A ball to come off in Kansas. Hauled some wood in the mud. ~~I, J.~~ Colman Esq. called and I rented him my lot in Kansas till the 1st of September next for \$10.00. My exasperations upon John Big Sinew for not coming according to promise to chop for me.

Friday 23.

Weather ditto. Thawing. Foggy, etc. Cloudy, sometimes clear, warm. All the little ravines in a roar. The river must rise and no doubt but the *Blue is up.* as the mail carrier says. Smith Nichols and John Monture chopping.

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Saturday 24.

Clear morning. "Freezing Point." Last night Miss Peewee Blossom gave out the slip. This morning I hunted for her and after a long search found her, she having given birth to a splendid young bull.

Wrote again to Dr. Latta for his paper, but when it will go is hard to tell, as we get no mail these days.

Sunday 25.

Thermometer 5 degrees below "Freezing" point. Cloudy. The ice breaking up in the Missouri and Kansas rivers. Went to church. Came home and after dinner returned and heard another sermon without an interpreter. Came home at sun-set. J.M.A. set out yesterday to Kickapoo to regulate the northern church matters. "Here is some." A second Martin Luther. A real reformer. Stultus Stultorum.

Monday 26.

Thermometer 45 degrees degrees. Cloudy. Thawed all night. Warm and thawing. Snow nearly all gone. Miss Hufferd called and spent the day.

Tuesday 27.

Thermometer 45 degrees. Cloudy. Warm all day. To-day the Missouri and Kansas broke up with a crash. Attended the meeting of the legislative committee. Passed the general appropriation bill. Came home in company with James Washington and George Armstrong.

Wednesday 28.

Sleet again. Thermometer 19 degrees. Cloudy. *Cold and cloudy all day.* Went to town. Got my *Qana* repaired and came home.

Thursday March 1.

Thermometer 18 degrees above "0" Cloudy. Looks like snow.

Presidential election in 1849.

<u>Cass.</u>		<u>Faylor.</u>	
Arkansas	3	Connecticut	6
Alabama	9	Delaware	3
Indiana	12	Kentucky	12
Illinois	9	Maryland	8
Missouri	7	New York	36
Michigan	5	North Carolina	11
Virginia	17	New Jersey	7
Maine	9	Pennsylvania	26
New Hampshire	6	Rhode Island	4
Ohio	23	Tennessee	13
South Carolina	9	Vermont	6
Texas	4	Louisiana	6
Mississippi	6	Florida	3
Iowa	4	Massachusetts	12
Wisconsin	<u>4</u>	Georgia	<u>10</u>
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At 3 o'clock p.m. we have sleet again. Oh, sleet, when are we to get rid of thee.

Friday 2.

At daylight snow on the ground. Cloudy. Thermometer 20 degrees. In the afternoon M.R.W. and I went up to see G.I.C., who has a violent attack of the pneumonia. Cloudy night.

Saturday 3.

Cloudy. Thermometer 22 degrees. Sleet, sleet. No end to it! To-day closes the administration of James K. Polk. "Sic transit gloria mundi."

1 o'clock, rain and sleet. Verily March has "come in like a lion, and will probably go out like the devil."

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Went to town and called upon Dr. H. Staid an hour and came home.

Sunday 4.

Rain, rain. Bella horrida! This day the United States Republic is without a president. But what is the use of a president such weather as this? 1 o'clock p.m. Rain. Staid at home all day, the weather being too inclement to venture out of the house. 8 o'clock at night. Raining. So we ~~ago~~.

Monday 5.

My birthday. This day I complete my 48th year, and nimbly step into my forty-ninth. To-day Gen. Z. Taylor steps nimbly into the presidential chair. "Glory enough for one day."

Tuesday 6.

Thermometer freezing point. At 9 o'clock the day cleared up and the sun appeared. Wrote a long letter to John T. Walker. Went to town. Sent by Theodore to the P.O. Came home at ~~one~~ half past 2 p.m. At night Theodore returned and brought my mail - a real pile of newspapers, with a letter from Hugh Barrett. Read till a late hour in the night. Clear and moonlight night.

Wednesday 7.

Frosty morning. Clear. Warm day. Perused my newspapers and staid at home all day. Beautiful night. The moon nearly full.

Thursday 8.

Thermometer "freezing" point. Cloudy. Mrs. W. ^{gone} ~~went~~ to see G.I.C. Raining. Mrs. W. returned. G. I.C. not getting any better. Mrs. Robertelle died this morning.

Friday 9.

Foggy morning, cloudy and warm. Finished a letter to H. Barrett to go by to-morrow's mail. Went to town and learned that the steamer St. Joseph came up yesterday but owing to the ice not being broken up above here, returned. The first steamboat up

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While in town the *Abelia came up. To-day Mrs. Robertelle was buried.

Saturday 10.

Cloudy, warm, and foggy. Prospect of more rain. Went to town and staid all night day. The Kansas river still rising. The Turkey Creek bridge gone. Got no mail. The "sandan" went up to-day. Cloudy all day, but no rain. The California fever rages on the Rialto.

Sunday 11.

Foggy and cloudy. Warm, prospect of rain. Went to church. The northern fanatics have stolen our church bible. I hope they will make good use of it. This is I suppose a "pious fraud". Wrote to Jesse St^{xx}, directing him to take the necessary steps for legal partition of the Seneca county lands. Mr. Caloway and W.H. Chick called on us to-day. Sunset clear. At night clear and starlight.

Monday 13.

Thermometer 5 degrees below freezing point. Clear and pleasant. Beautiful day. Sent to the P.O. by G. B. Williams, but got nothing but a Weakly Dollar, my excreations upon Cave Johnston's mail contractors. They have ceased carrying the mail between this and St. Louis entirely.

Tuesday 18.

Cloudy and warm. Prospect of rain to-day. Went to work and hung my old gate which had broken down. The noise of steamers on the river. One half past 10 o'clock a.m., rain. Cleared up in the evening, but in a little while distant thunder was heard and it became cloudy again. At dark rain and loud thunder. Cleared up in the night.

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Wednesday 14.

Clear and frosty morning. Prospect of a fine day. 9 o'clock beautiful day. Clear and warm. Spring is upon us in all its beauties. Felicitatus. Went to town. Called at the smithshop. Dined at C.G.'s. Called at J. W's and got some turnips, then came home. Warm and beautiful day. Clear night, chilly and not cold.

Thursday 15.

Thermometer 'freezing' point. Somewhat cloudy. Warm and pleasant day. Hunted for my oxen but could not find them. The old rascals, they knew there was work on hand and 'sloped.' Upon comparing my cranium with Dr. Combe's system of phrenology, I cannot find a single valuable 'bump' or development, except that of 'benevolence.' Bearing this, my cranium is no better than a Baboon's. So that phrenology has laid 'all my greatness' on the shelf, and now I am no longer 'some in a bear fight.' A long farewell to all my greatness. But then I may have ^{some} ~~some~~ important bumps elsewhere that might boost me up and put me in conceit of myself again. Sent to the P.O. for my mail and as usual got nothing.

Friday 16.

Light frost. Clear. Hauled some wood out of the corn field. Warm day. Nothing strange occurred. A dull monotonous day. Afflicted with ~~annui~~. I want my mail!

Saturday 17.

Thermometer 'freezing' point. Cloudy and windy. Mr. W. went to Kansas. I went to town. Warm and pleasant day. Received some more papers from Mr. Gilmore. Mrs. W. returned and brought me a bundle of newspapers, but of old dates. My old chum, S.P. Chase, elected to the U.S. Senate. So much for ~~forerunning~~ rid-

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ing the abolition "hobby"

Sunday 18.

Clear frosty morning. Went to church. A fine congregation. An appointment for worship at the school house at 3 o'clock p.m. Pleasant, clear, and beautiful day. To-day John Porcupine died, but of what complain I have not yet learned. He was sick but a short time. Attended church in afternoon. A good congregation.

Monday 19.

Tuesday 20.

Clear and warm morning. Cloudy.

Myatus.

Friday 23.

Thomas H. Noble raised my crib and shed. Warm and pleasant day.

Saturday 24.

Put on the roof and quit for the day.

Sunday 25.

Frosty morning. Staid at home all day and read. Wind from the north all day. Chilly.

Monday 26.

Frosty morning but clear. Beautiful day. Hung up my bacon to dry and smoke. Hauled some slabs and firewood. Mr. Bowen commenced boarding this evening.

Tuesday 27.

Clear and pleasant morning. Worked all day. Moved our hen house. Repaired our spring; and rested thereon. In the evening a moderate rain.

Wednesday 28.

Cloudy and foggy. Showerry. Went to town and got my gun repaired. Planned a spring house, that is, ~~has~~ done the wind work.

Thursday 29.

Cloudy weather. Mr. Sawyer working the garden and I doing

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shocks. Just heard that that dreadful scourge, the Asiatic cholera, has reached Kansas. Well, keep cool, hold a steady hand. Commenced gardening to-day. Planted out some top onions.

Friday 30.

Cloudy morning, but no rain. Went to town, got my mail, and a "public document." Warm day. Cool in the evening. At 5 o'clock p.m. Sophia made her appearance in company with Mr. Stone of Independence.

Saturday 31

Beautiful morning. Worked in the garden. Planted some more top onions. To-day quarterly meeting commenced. I went to church and heard a sermon from Mr. Stetler. Warm day.

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Sabbath morn. Fine warm day. Went to church.

Monday 2.

Cloudy, prospect of rain. Mr. Stetler, Mr. Flint, a Shawnee preacher, and P. A. Hicks called and staid awhile in social chat. Planted some more onions. Showery.

Tuesday 3.

Dark, dark and rainy morning. Must stay in close quarters. But it is all for the best. Vegetation needs rain. This is a most fertilizing shower. At 1 o'clock a. Gloomy day. many blue devils. Rain, clouds, fog. I went my mail. Steamers roaring and snorting up the river. Still raining and the wind from the north.

Wednesday 4.

Sun obscured by clouds. But the rain has ceased. 3 o'clock cleared up, but cool. Prospect of a fair and pleasant day. Hauled corn and in the evening, hauled some wood and took up some grapevines. Clear night. J. Walker returned home.

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Thursday 5.

Frosty morning. Resumed hauling corn, and finished at 12 o'clock. Wrote to Jesse Stapp again upon the subject of the lead sale. Mrs. W. gone to Kansas. Cloudy. Looks like rain. Finished hauling corn.

Friday 6.

Cloudy morning. Went to town and called upon J. Walker and C. Graham. Came home and went to work. Mrs. Chick moved over to the parsonage.

Saturday 7.

Cloudy and cold, but no frost. Cut some timber for a trellis work for grape vines in the garden. Cleared up my little meadow. In the evening it rained and continued through the night.

Sunday 8.

This day, 25 years ago, I and Mrs. W. were married. A quarter of a century has rolled around, and still it seems but as yesterday: Wrote a letter for Mrs. Graham to her brother in Kentucky. Went to church as all good christians should do.

Monday 9.

Raining. At 11 o'clock cleared up, but windy. Ground drying up. Worked at the trellis frame. At ~~one~~ half after 5 a beautiful rainbow.

Tuesday 10.

After a windy night, we have a cold morning, the ~~same~~ wind from the north. Thermometer "freezing point." Council meets to-day, but as I have no business there I will stay where I have business—at home. Dr. Hewitt returned to-day from St. Louis.

Wednesday 11.

Clear frosty morning. Having what is called a hoar frost. We shall have a beautiful day. Kansas full of California adven-

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turers. Finished our lattice frame and raised it. Went to town. Got my gardening implements repaired. The flat boat going to Kansas to-morrow. Well, I must go too.

Thursday 12.

The boat cast off from her moorings and away we went. Landed in Kansas amidst a drenching rain. The rain continuing, we did not put our cargo on board. After a consultation we concluded to defer loading till the morrow. Secured our boat.

Friday 13.

Loaded up and commenced ~~assiduously~~ wardailing the boat up stream ~~upstream~~ against a heavy current. In the bustle I was tipped "overboard" and after a desperate struggle, by the aid of my friends I got on terra firma again, and returned to town and doused my diluted garments and put on others which accorded ^{suited} to the feelings "of flesh and blood."

Saturday 14.

Remained in town, feeling unwell.

Hyatus.

Thursday 19.

Planted some early potatoes and did various other matters about my premises.

Friday 20.

Warm and pleasant day. Our "Wendell Mining Company" in a stir making preparations for their long journey to California.

Saturday 21.

Wrote all day in the agents office and at night attended a California meeting.

Sunday 22.

Compulsory rain.

Cloudy morning. Went to church. One half of the congregation being Californians from over the river.

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Monday 23.

At daylight raining. Rained till 11 o'clock. Then cleared off. Hauled some wood. At night a gang of our neighbors, bound for California, called upon us and spent the evening.

Tuesday 24.

Went to town to write in the agent's office, but the agent was absent. Met Esau. Had a chat with him. He is destined for Santa Fe. Appointed William Linnville my substitute to represent me in the "Hyandotte Mining Company." Came home in the evening, etc.

Wednesday 25.

Went to town to write in the agent's office, but the incumbent had other business. So I attended to my own. Went.-----

Thursday 26.

Asiatic cholera broke out in K. Isaac McCoy departed this life to-day.

Friday 27.

Alarm pervades the country. Came home to enjoy the rural atmosphere and keep out of the haunts of this horrid disease.

Saturday 28.

Inflammation in my left eye.

Sunday 29.

My eye painful. Kept my bed all day.

Monday 30.

No better. Michael Frost came to work.

Tuesday May 1.

Cold and cloudy day. In the evening rained, with thunder and lightning.

Wednesday 2.

Clear and windy. Heard of the death of Mr. Bigerstaff, druggist.

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Thursday 3.

Rain all day. Cholera abating in Kansas. Judge Chaffee of Upper Kansas Sandusky landed, on his way to the "Digging." I am suffering the horrors of blindness.

Friday 4.

Rain last night, and raining this morning. Sent J. T. F. Garrett to K. for our mail, but got none. J. Chaffee called upon us.

Thursday.

This day the "Wyandotte Mining Company" set out for California. The following are the names of those that set out: J. P. Walker, Capt. Theo. F. Garrett, William B. Gwery, William Lynville, Ira Hunter, Matthew Brown, C. B. Garrett, Philip Brown, Adam Hunt, R. Palmer, Russell Garrett, E. B. Hand, physician.

June 1.

Showery unsettled weather. Mike finished ploughing.

Saturday 2.

Clear and pleasant. Had oysters for dinner, which was very "delicious to our taste."

Sunday 3.

Clear and excessively warm. About noon the mercury stood at 91. In the evening heard of the death of Miss Buffaker. The Missouri is very high and is still on the rise. Fair prospect for another overflow, so the poor French will have to desert their homes in the bottom.

Monday 4.

Very warm. The first boat went down to Kansas to-day and we sent for some more.

Tuesday 5.

Warm, cloudy, and raining.

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Wednesday 6.

Warm and rainy day. Heard of two cases of cholera on this side. Nothing of importance transpiring. Dull times, very dull.

Thursday 7.

In the morning clear and warm. In the evening clouded up prospect of another shower. Mail day, but as usual had no chance of sending for our share in the mail boat.

Friday 8.

Showery all day. No mail as yet.

Saturday 9.

Clear and warm.

Sunday 10.

~~Sunday and warm.~~

In the evening had company. Mr. Gilmore, Miss Frogman, Mr. Stone and Mr. Porter.

Monday 11.

In the ^{morning} ~~evening~~ had quite a shower with quite a high wind. In the evening cleared off. Got our mail. Dr. Walden called and staid all night.

Tuesday 12.

Clear all day for a wonder.

Wednesday 13.

Showery. Got one quilt out.

Monday 14.

Planted our corn.

Tuesday 15.

Planted the fall potatoes.

Wednesday 16.

Warm. Dr. H. called and staid an hour.

Thursday 17.

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Friday, 22.

Major Cummins arrived with the Wyandott annuity and staid all night with us.

Saturday, 23.

Cloudy, prospect of rain. Major Cummins paid the annuity.

Sunday, 24.

Rained in the forenoon.

Heard of the death of Joseph Chaffee, who died on the 23d of May last.

Monday 25.

Staid at home all day. Rain.

Tuesday, 26.

Went to town, rain. Heard of the death of J.K. Polk.

Wednesday, 27.

Staid at home. Warm. Rain as usual.

Thursday, 28.

Mrs. W. went to K. The p.m. said there was no mail. He lied, the usual.

Friday 29.

Foggy morning. Cloudy, more rain to-day. Wrote to the "Wyandotte Tribune," announcing J. Chaffee's death. Thunder and lightning. More rain.

Saturday 30.

Saddled up my horse and went to town, intending to ^{give} Major Cummins, but gave it up and returned home. Warm day. Mr. Gilmore came and staid all night.

Sunday July 1.

Staid at home and read and wrote. Foggy morning.

July 1. & Monday.

Went to town. Came home. Then went to John Lewis's.

Tuesday 1.

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Tuesday 3.

Cloudy, prospect of rain. Rained from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Wednesday 4.

Rained all night. At daylight rained^{very} furiously. What a day for a celebration! Rain, rain. Cholera broke out afresh this week in Kansas. Eight deaths within this week and it is reported to be raging^{with} violent^{at} in St. Louis. Rain, rain.

Thursday 5.

Cloudy and foggy. Feel quite unwell. Rain, rain.

~~Friday~~
Wednesday 6.

Clear and beautiful morning. Bathed and took my morning walk.

July 7.

Thomas Tho. Mosley lately appointed Wyandotte sub-agent, arrived last evening. I went down to see him and spent the day with him. Rain again. rain, rain. Came home.

Sunday 8.

At daylight rain, rain. At 6 o'clock an horrible tempest with wind and rain. This being quarterly meeting I went to church and heard a sermon by L.R.S.

Sunday 9.

(Monday was the 9th)

At 11^{o'clock} the rain held up. On for clear weather once more.

Zachariah Long House died last Friday night of cholera.

Monday 10.

Went in company with Major Mosely to pay a visit to Major Cermans. Staid all night.

Tuesday 11.

Came home. Warm, warm. Attended Council. Mr. Mosley reported himself to the Council.

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Wednesday 12.

Made the transfer of the effects of the sub-Agency. ~~Went to town. A thunder storm.~~

Thursday 13.

Went to town. A thunder storm. Came home and attended a ^{lc} case at the church at night.

Friday 14

Cloudy all day. Have caught a violent cold. Am sick; Dr. Still holding his fanatical quarterly meeting.

Saturday 15.

The sun rose hot and sultry. I am sick. Taking medicine. Dr. Hewitt moved today from the Wyandotte territory to give place to his successor. Sic transit gloria mundi.

Sunday 16.

Cloudy and cool. Staid at home. Major Mosley, the new sub-agent spent the day with us and staid all night.

Monday 17.

Went to the National Convention to nominate candidates for the Council, and resulted thus

J. Washington, Maj.	5	
J. F. Charloe	2	Abolitionist.
B. Young	3	"
J. Van Metre	1	"

Adjourned. Came home.

Tuesday 18.

Jacob Charloe commenced ploughing my corn. Went to town. Rain, rain.

Wednesday 19.

Cloudy. Jacob resumed his work. Rain, rain. Oh, when is our rainy season to end

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Thursday 20.

Cloudy as usual. Went to town. Wrote to L. Smalley. Dr. Ridge called and spent the afternoon. Rain rather light to-day.

Friday 21.

Cloudy. I fear we shall have the old song "Rain, rain," Clear all day for a wonder.

Saturday 21.

Clear and prospect of a warm day. For the first time for nearly three months we have had one clear day.

Sunday 22.

Rain, rain. Remained cloudy all day.

Monday 23.

At daylight raining. At sunrise cloudy. Wrote to the W. Mining Co. Rain, rain.

Tuesday 24.

Rain, rain. Wrote the Collard letter. At 2 o'clock weather cleared up. The sun set clear.

Wednesday 25.

Cloudy, and probably more rain. No rain to-day for a wonder. Warm.

Thursday 26.

Went to Kansas. Rain, rain. Came home in the evening.

Friday 27.

Rain, rain. Finished J. W's Communication to the Secretary of the Interior. At noon the weather cleared up.

Saturday 28.

Clear for a wonder. Attended a special election of ferryman, vice D. Young, resigned, and George Steel was elected.

Sunday 29.

Warm, dry, and clear till the middle of the day, then rain,

rain. So we go.

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Monday 30.

Foggy and chilly. At 9 o'clock it cleared up and a fair prospect of a clear day. Mrs. W. and Sophia went to K.

The difference. A passionate and nasty person is generally honest. It is your cool dissembling hypocrite of whom you should beware. There is no deceit about a bulldog. Its the sneaking, our ^{dog} ~~who~~ bites you when your back is turned. Beware I say of him who has ~~sent~~ in his Phiz. He's the rascal.

Joseph Charlie resumed working in the corn field. Clear all day.

Tuesday 31.

Foggy morning at sunrise. Wrote to B.D. Mitchell, superintendent of Indian Affairs, upon the subject of J. T. Walker's ~~own~~ money. Cleaned our and pruned my fruit trees in my garden. Went to town. Met with Dr. Hewitt. Clear and pleasant all day.

August 1.

It was clear all day.

Cloudy at sunrise and quite cold. Went to town to attend a meeting of a political character, but not many attending, it was adjourned.

Thursday 2.

Clear and cool. Heavy dew. 10 o'clock roasting hot. Mail day but can't go for my share of it. Rode up in the country and bought a cow of Geo. D. Williams at \$13.00.

Friday 3.

This day the president of the U.S. has recommended to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the destructive ravages of the Cholera in our land. Came home and dined. In the evening, Rev. E.T. Peerey called and spent the evening. Glad to see him.

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Saturday 4.

Mailed a letter for Branch, Michigan. Warm. Thermometer 24 degrees. Delaware camp meeting going on.

Sunday 5.

Rain, rain. No meeting to-day. Cleared up and warm.

Monday 6.

At daylight, rain, rain. Finished a letter to Mr. [?] Knight. Cloudy all day, but sultry. My hands did not come. Just as I expected. My curses upon them.

Tuesday 7.

Cloudy and cool. Pleasant day. Went to town. Dined with [?] Mrs. H. Rain at night.

Wednesday 8.

Fine day. Attended a political meeting at the school house. Polled the Voters of the nation. We shall re-elect the old Board of Chiefs. Wrote a con. for the "Wyandotte Tribune."

Thursday 9.

Clear and fine morning. Went to Kansas. Got my mail. Hired Noah Lane to work a few days.

Friday 10.

J. Coon, jr. killed by Bob Cherokee. Noah and I sowed our turnip. Hot day. Bargained with Peter Ballenger for a job of clearing, \$18.00.

Saturday 11.

Cloudy. Clearing up. Warm day again. Warm and sultry day, too warm to work were I even inclined. So "I laid by."

Sunday 12

Clear and warm. The dog star rages. Went to church. J. T. Peary ^B_X held forth. Thermometer 100 degrees! At 6 o'clock p.m. it became very cloudy. At 7 rain, and rained all night. 6 a.m. Raining still.

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Monday 13.

Cleared up at 12. Warm and sultry. Attended the Council.

Tuesday 14.

Pleasant day. Election day. The struggle is over and resulted in the election of

James Washington, Southern.

J. D. Brown, ditto.

G. I. Clark, Abolitionist.

M. Webster

So we have beat the abolition party. So they may rest easy now.

Wednesday 15.

Rain, rain. So we go, no end to rain. So we have had no green corn feast this year on account of the alarm created by the ravages of the cholera. But perhaps its best. Cloudy all day. Unsettled weather. Sun set clear.

Thursday 16.

Damp and foggy morning. Went to Kansas, bought some provisions for my work hands. Peter Hallanger and Francis Tremble came to work on their job of clearing. Noah Zane commenced cutting the grass.

Friday 17.

Cut and windrowed the hay. Hot day. Thermometer 100 degrees. Tremble and Hallanger working at their job. Laid off my flannel to-night.

Saturday 18.

M. Zane and I hauled in my hay and put it up in the stable loft. Thermometer 98 degrees. Tho. H. Noble called and took dinner.

Sunday 19.

Rain, rain. Cool. 8 o'clock clearing up. Cloudy all day.

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Slightly, and occasionally a sprinkle of rain.

Monday 20

Cold damp and foggy morning. If a clear and pleasant day I must go to Kansas.

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Friday 31.

J. T. Peerey moved away, and Rev. Mr. Russell took his place.

Saturday Sept. 1.

Staid about house and read all day.

Sunday 2.

Warm but pleasant. Had Mr. Norton and Mr. Hallikan to dinner. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 3.

Cloudy day. Staid at home all day.

Tuesday 4.

Ditto, ditto

Wednesday 5.

Cloudy and a little rain. Mrs. W. and Sophia went to K. notwithstanding.

Thursday 6.

To-day the Wyandotte camp meeting commences under favorable auspices, the weather being clear and cool.

Friday 7.

Went in company with Mrs. W. to Kansas and called upon Dr. Hewitt and dined. Got various necessary family articles and came home in the evening.

Saturday 8.

Cold morning, but no frost. Went to the camp ground and heard a sermon from Rev. Thomas Johnson, decidedly the best Indian preacher I ever heard. Rainy night.

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Sunday 8.

Raining, pouring down in torrents. At 9 o'clock it cleared up
 Warm. Went to camp meeting. Heard a sermon from Mr. Johnston,
 then one from J. T. Peery and another from Mr. Searrett. Mrs. W.
 sick.

Monday 10.

Clear and beautiful morning. Pleasant all day. Mrs. W. con-
 tinues ~~sick~~ sick. Taking medicines.

Tuesday 11.

Clear and beautiful morning. Mrs. W. better. Went to K. to
 get some stoves. Mr. G. arrived to pay a visit.

Wednesday 12.

Beautiful weather, morning. Fall weather. Miss Matilda Chic
 arrived.

Thursday 13.

Warm day. Went to K. for my mail.

Friday 14.

Warm. Thermometer 85 degrees.

Saturday 15.

Cut my knee with an axe.

Sunday 16.

Staid at home. Warm day.

Monday 17.

Preparing for a party. Busy all day.

Tuesday 18.

At ~~one~~ half past 3 o'clock p.m. William Gilmore of Independence
 and Martha R. Walker were married.

Wednesday 19.

The wedding party set out for Independence. Went to Kansas.
 Came home in the evening.

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Thursday 30.

Cloudy all day. Rode out to town and country. Came home and staid at home.

Friday 31.

Cloudy. W.C.Graham paid us a visit. Warm afternoon. Thermometer 95 degrees. A shower in the night.

Saturday 22.

Clear and beautiful morning.

So ends my poor journal, this the 22d day of September, A.D., 1848. It is a brief record of my unimportant doings, showing dimly how I have spent my time.

W. Walker.