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If thy neighbor should sin, No corporal sin,
Nun, never, unmerciful be!

I remember it is, by the way of G. L.
 There are not as wicked as he —
 They have not their last meal.

My horse made their last battle,
 Or cattle shall assemble to discuss again
 Like the last year and so on
 With your precious jewel in her hand &c

Shakespeare
"Your glowing eye balls blacked with milk, reveal
From Death's secrets how heurled his fates upon."

Bright

So, nightly, dead night; and vacancy - & time - has
so fast as if the room were to rise,
Shew broken, & yet to hard at night, pale now,
As nothing, & go back to the silent moon,
Nor say, the ghosts that glide with horror,
To view the Carving where their bodies lie.

Lee's Henselians

And some have questioned thrust upon them
 "We resign ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~rights~~ ^{rights} our natural right of self defense only
 in return that the ordinances of law shall protect us."
 "A generous gentleman to be grafted with whole blossoms" - Bonnet

Like the bangles / fabric of a vision
Left not a wrack behind

Barry Hyatt from Sept 22 '94 till
 1873. This day I received the book on which I am now
 writing, which was kindly lent to me by Brother Joel
 from N. H. Louis.

Rev Thomas A. Green from Ohio arrived here on the
20th inst, who is travelling for his health.
Fine warm and beautiful day. Mr Co and I started
west to Kansas to do some "Shopping".
Assisted by Mr Green, I set out some choice apple
gifts. M. R. Walker spent the evening with us.

Dec 9. Cold frosty morning, a little cloudy.
 10 Green set out with Rev B.H. Russell to Platte
 21 Went to Rangas. A Wyom^{an} manufacturer arrived
 having 975 of the Corn in his possession. He was agent
 of such characters generally, and was much
 Hyatt.

Dec 12. Rented my Store House to a Mr. Burch of New
Haven at \$12. p. month. Possession to be given
when certain repairs are made.

Nov. 18. Made arrangements for the repairs and ^{removal of the boat} moved
 home. Put the infernal within and he. more in form of that King's dwelling
 Friday 19. Got my provisions across the River.

Sat. 15. Staid at home, attending to my "last sheet"

16. Thome 5th below Jons. Went to Church.

Mon 17. Stay at home.
Tue 18. Mass Convention of the W. P. C. S.

Dec 19. Commenced slaughtering the hogs and got three
of the best. All the hogs were killed.

Thurs 20 Cut up the pork and salted it away and went
to the B. & O. R. R. and saw the

Friday 21. Cloudy and warm. I was at home and tinkered about my presser. Chas at night.
Laurie ^{and} ~~and~~ commenced to night.

December

- Sat 22. Attended Church at night and hear a sermon from Rev. M. Cummings.
- Sun 23. Went to Church. Sermon by Mr. Foster. He and his lady with Mr. Scarlett came home with our boys.
- Mon 24. Employ John Bigelow out his horse to catch. Secured license for the marriage of Samuel Bigelow to a Miss Clara Chapman.
- Tues 25. Merry Christmas to ye all! Council met and transacted a variety of business adjourned. Hyattsville.
- Mon 31. Harriet and I set out for Independence to spend New Year.
- Tues 1. 1850. Busy bustling time in Independence. Read Jacob's message.
- Thurs 17. Mr. and Mrs. Williams arrived with the intention of remaining till he recovers his health.
- Fri 18. Warm and thawing. Hauled corn and fodder.
- Sat 19. Cloudy and warm. I staid at home all day.
- Sun 20. Rain all day. Mud, mud. At night the wind dropped round from the north, cold and some snow.
- Mon 21. 10° above zero. Hired John Weypole. Rather a raw day. Clear and cold night.
- Tues 22. Therm 15° above zero. Clear and beautiful morning. Council met today. Read a letter received from our delegates at Washington, asking further instructions. The principal Chief Justice approved the bill of the Legislative Committee regulating the ferry for 1850.

January 1850

- Wed 23. Hauled wood all day and at night went to Capt. Bull Head. Corns home in the rain.
- Thurs 24. Cloudy, rainy and sleety day.
- Friday 25. Cloudy, warm. Wrote all day. At evening the snow fell.
- Sat 26. Wrote all day. Made up my dispatch for Washington. John Weypole completed his work and left. In the evening paid a visit to C. Graham, who is sick.
- Sun 27. Went to Church and interrupted the service. Dark and cloudy. The National Assembly Meeting going on.
- Mon 28. Attended a night session of the Council and made the necessary preparation for the National Convention which would meet the next day.
- Tues 29. The National Convention met and I was requested to act as Chairman. The day was devoted by the Legislative Committee in a pro-claiming - the appropriation bill for this year was reported. The question of our emigration to Minnesota was submitted and after a warm discussion the vote was taken and resulted in emigration to Minn. April 1850. The question of dissolving the fund from which we draw our annuity was next submitted and warmly debated till late at night, when, on motion of Gay, George Rogers it was postponed till next Sunday. The Convention adjourned.
- Wed 30. Staid at home all day, done up some chores. Wrote some and read some.
- Thurs 31. Cold and cloudy. My villainous horse, ran away. I searched in pursuit of him, but could not find him. Came home and destroyed some excursions upon them, but when they came home I withheld from them their supper. I had my revenge.
- Friday Feb 1. Therm 10° above zero. Cloudy & falling snow.

February 1850

- Friday 1. Mr W. went to Kansas. I went to town to meet James Washington and Mr Foster. The newly appointed ferryman, but they not appearing, I returned home. Mr W. came home, but alas! no mail. Had a short, Oh! how's weather! this is what destroys the fruit in the country. Spent my evening at John Wheeler's.
- Sat 2. A snow six inches deep and cold. Cold all day, the wind continuing from the North. No crossing at the ferry.
- Sun 3. All day light. Therm 11° below zero! No mail! Chills. A severe cold day. Staid at home. Our Chaggy man busy about attending a protracted meeting in Kansas; none of the family went to Church. Answered Rev Ed Davis's letter. The young women alone, spent the day with us.
- Mon 4. Therm 21° below zero! Better, better, however! James E. Moor, of Independence, arrived this morning on a visit to see Mr Eaton. Middle of the day, getting cloudy. Went to town to meet the Council at early candle light; but none appeared. I waited till near 8 o'clock, then came home.
- Tues 5. All day light the Therm stood at 10° above zero. Cloudy, but rather temperate all day. Attended the National Convention, which adjourned at Sun set.
- Wed 6. Warm and cloudy. Rained in the evening. Went to town no crossing at the ferry.
- Thurs 7. A general thaw - the ice breaking up. Staid at home all day, and a dull day.
- Friday 8. Clear and frosty morning. A warm spring day. Wrote to S. W. Alder. Attended the special session of the Council. Discharged Geo Coker from jail, having served out his limited months imprisonment. The Council addressed a com^o to the Deputation at Washington. After doing up sundry things, adjourned. I came home "an hungry" and dined.

February 1850

- Sat 9. Clear frosty morning. Cloudy all day. Assisted in putting the roof on the new School House.
- Sun 10. Clear frosty morning. Spring weather. Went to the Synagogue and heard a good sermon by the Chaggyman in charge. John Wheeler called. No dinner with us.
- Mon 11. Cloudy threatening snow. 9 o'clock AM snowing. Continued snowing till night. Cold night.
- Tues 12. Cold raw day, wind from the North. Wrote again to S. Alder upon the subject of John Wheeler's claim.
- Wed 13. Cold threatening weather. Went to town and got some mail. A letter from C. Clark and one from M. M. For and some newspapers, but all at this old year. Mayor Bradley requested me to convene the Council on tomorrow in order to lay before it a letter from the Delaware upon the subject of the conveyance. Went to notify S. Washington, the acting principal Chief. Mr W. went to Kansas.
- Thurs 14. Went to attend the Council called by the Agent. Came home. Weather cloudy and unpleasant. Mr W. returned - got no mail.
- Friday 15. Cold - wind from the North as usual. Hunted a load of corn and fodder from Mr W. and hauled home wood. Commenced a letter to E. C.
- Sat 16. Clear frosty morning. Warm and pleasant day. Hunted a load of corn. Got no mail. Mr W. got them from his horse, he having run away with him. The wood considerably hurt. I therefore put the horse in wood.
- Sun 17. Cloudy and cold. At noon saw some snow and rain. Muddy. Staid at home all day, finished my letter to S. W. Alder. Damp atmosphere. Spent an hour at Mr W.'s in chit chat.

February 1850.

- Mon 11. Beautiful clear frosty morning. The forest looks as tho it was hung with silver spangles, glittering brilliantly in the rising sun. Spring weather.
Went to town. Called upon the Agent. Blacksmiths shop closed. Came home.
- Tues 19. Attended the Council. Came home after dark.
Warm weather. Wind from the South.
Getting the dove eyes again. High wind thro the night - warm.
- Wed 20. The first Steam Boat up, "the Highland Mary".
Have a gang of "Log rollers" making rails for one to day.
Major Morley set out to day for Liberty to attend Court.
My Log rollers got this their work out at 5 o'clock.
I don't want them any more; they are unprofitable hands.
- Thurs 21. Clear frosty morning. Tough White came to work.
Went to town and got some work done at the Shop.
Called at Major Morley's; had just returned from Liberty. Mr. Elwell had my mail over. Put no letters for me.
- Friday 22. Clear and cold morning. Mr. W. went to K.
Mr. McArthur called to day. He reports that great preparations are making at the "Dutch Reformed Church", i.e. the Union Hotel to celebrate the advent of the future of his country by a "Birth night Ball." "Vive la Requette!"
Mr. C. Bushaw came and staid till had term.
- Sat 23. The penance man! I am again visited with the pest of this Country, sore eyes. It is nearly a year ago since I was first attacked and was blind for three months and recovered, and now here I have it again in full fruition.
Sore and Itch. Stop my weather. Pencks are all killed. Oh! the Dog's foot. Curse the Missouri climate! it is not fit for Explaning to live in.

February 1850

- Sun 24. Warm morning, wind from the South. Spring is at hand. Spring birds make the forest vocal with their melody. Mr. Simpson officiated at Church.
- Mon 25. Beautiful spring morning. Went to town and staid till evening. Transacted some public business. Found that the United States State some Big trees were.
- Tues 26. Frosty morning. My eyes very sore.
"Soured some Timothy seed."
Company to day. Mr. Russell, Mr. Fall, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Correll Jr. Clouds prospect of rain.
We have heard of the failure of the great Birth night Ball at the "Dutch Reformed Church". It appears to have been a failure. The Ladies having taken umbrage at the arrogant conduct of the Managers, refused to honor them with their presence. Thereupon, the Ladies and Managers got drunk - most royally so, in order to be avenged in the refractory ladies. The Ladies went to show the judges explan, made a perfect mess of the supper table and ate the good things that were placed thereon. Even the "Gentle Giant" was not spared. It is supposed the dear kind lady, was troubled of wrath and cabbage at the conduct of her hopeful husband, boxed his ears and sent him to bed. After dark it commenced raining and rained all night.
- Wed 27. Cloudy foggy and misting. This rain came very opportunely for my Timothy seed sowed yesterday & arrived in my Orchard. Went to town.
Dr. Edgington and had commenced boarding.
Misting at dark. Frost going out of the ground.
Spring is upon us. No Boat up.

March 30.

Thurs 28. High winds and warm. Set out some young apple scions; then wrote and read them, & will have my larger trees.

Friday

March 1. Cold morning. Cloudy. I suppose March will come in like a lion and go out like the Devil.

Sat 2. Cloudy, threatening falling weather.

At 11 o'clock P.M. commenced snowing and continued all night.

Sun 3. Snow 14 inches deep.

Mon 4. Threw at Geo. Quibb! John Lynch hauling corn and fodder.

Tues 5. All hail my birth day! This evening I enter my fiftieth year. A general thaw. Attended the Council.

No news from our Washington departure.

Wed 6. Cloudy and warm - the snow going off. D. Edgington and his band returned in the evening. Cleared up night.

Thurs 7. Clear frosty morning. Warm day. I am anxious to get my mail; but what good will it do me when I am so nearly blind as to be unable to read? By the way, I have made an important discovery, and that is, I will get the girls to read for me.

Friday 8. Warm morning. Continued warm all day. Planted two grape vines near my corn crib.

Sat 9. Wind from the North. Cold, but clear. Sent by D. M. and for my mail, but got nothing but an old hat sent. Too bad!

Sun 10. Clear and beautiful morning. Major Mosley called and staid till noon. Mr. Chubb of the Dependence called.

March 30

Mon 11. Bright frosty morning. Mr. Mosley came to work at my place. Went to T. H. Wicks and took home Harriett's call-bird house, "Cale". He is a snatcher.

Mr. Mosley came and spent the day.

Steamers are now passing up and down the river.

Tues 12. We had a fair specimen of a Missouri Squall last night.

"The wind blew as 'twere blown her last;

"The rolling shore rose on the blast;

"The speedy gleam the darkness swallow'd;

"Saw, deep and long the thunder bellow'd;

"That night, a chieft might understand,

"The diabolical business in his hand."

Cloudy, but pleasant. Today the Council meets to attend to the important affairs of State.

Came home from the Council after dark, hungry and fatigued after having heard of various important State affairs and sent a fellow to the Colaborer for 24 hours for disturbing a religious meeting.

Wed 13. High winds all night. Bright and clear morning. The same dull monotony of life. The enervating influence of winer are upon me.

Went to town to bring home a runaway cow; but oh! the trouble and vexation I encountered! After much tribulation I succeeded in getting her home. She was so poor and squatted that the leading of the line were not heard by the neighbors living on the road. This is the first D. A. Cowitt rode at \$25. She is, hardly worth as many cents.

Warm and pleasant day, but windy. Rec'd no mail from the East. A great dearth of news. We know no more of the doings of our wise and patriotic Congress than if they were in seclusion in the palace of Chang Chaufu, in China.

March 30

Thurs. 14. Beautiful spring morning. Mr. Walker about this morning to Cass County. Mr. W. gone to Kansas. Hope to get some mail. John Lynch "overhauling" the Colfax, trying to make it Rat proof. C. Graham came and spent the evening with us and remained till a late hour.

Friday 15 Last night Miss Maria Elwell came in glad possession of an interesting little Mollusk. The count had been looked for with much interest. It is a beautiful specimen of the house brand, having upon its body all the varied colors of the House brand. Mr. Elwell's father of this young thing may be, it is hard to conjecture; and Maria positively refuses to tell. All the while, she like her great namesake of which she is now more considered as a child in a nest. Enlarged my meadow and hauled some more wood.

Sat 16. Clear frosty morning. Quaintly illustrating consequences to day. John Lynch humping fodder. Beautiful day! Found Cole to the saddle. He rides well and promises to make a great cowboy. Hannah came home from her visit to Kansas. Little Ann paid us a visit. She is one of those grown home from whom in the final reckoning, little little words will be required, as little "person" little "intimate" little "given". He is a --- with more mind.

Sun 17. "Saturday day in the morning". Cloudy and cold. Went to church and heard a sermon from Rev W. Samson. A good performance. Went to church in the evening and interpreted a sermon for Mr. Stecher.

Mon 18. Clear, cold and frosty morning. Prospect of a warm and pleasant day. Went to Kansas. Learned that our Missouri boys are doing well in "Refining" the gold; but at the same time discourage them from the "Experiment" of digging.

March 30.

Tue 19. Cold and cloudy morning. Prospect of "falling weather".

Wed 20. Cloudy and chilly weather. Hyattsville. Having been absent from home.

Went to Westport in search of a "hens head". Found lots of my shoes, but I could not give them this time (further later). Found to get some Golden seeds, but got none.

April 1. From this day till Saturday 6th it has been one continual storm of wind and rain, cold and chilly. Sat 6. The rain ceased but still cloudy and threatening more rain. Sun 7. Clear and frosty morning. Prospect of a pleasant day. Mon 8. Cloudy and unsettled weather.

The morning Miss Pearl Blayney was made happy in the birth of a mammoth hippo. Sent to the P.O. a letter for Mr. Elwell and one to Geo. Dickerson Esq. of Wolf Town. Bred my fruit trees, and traded some of them. Mr. W. gone to Kansas. Chelona at St. Joseph, Mo. it seems and one to be visited with the remains of the human race, against the season.

Tue 9. With the assistance of John Lynch worked all day at rearing my fences. Pleasant day.

Wed 10. Continued at my fences. Nothing of interest. Pleasant weather. ~~Went to church and heard a sermon from Rev W. Samson.~~

Thurs 11. Cold frosty morning. Finished my experiments in budding fruit trees, leaving out 40 buds all of the 3A type. Ploughed my potatoe patch. One of the standing stones burned to death last night.

April 30

near Kansas is a dream of a life.

Major Mosley returned from S. Louis today.

Friday 12. Cold, cloudy and windy. It turns out that it is the youngest Standingsone who was married to death near Kansas. Went into the upper settlement in pursuit of his father. Got three bushels of wheat.

Sat 13. Call upon Major Mosley and had a long confab. Cold, windy morning - wind from the North.

Went to Kansas. He attended to some business, even to the "Storm" of the West. Landed with Indians with California emigrants; all intent upon their pursuit of "fettered lives" - strange as it may appear, yet it is now truer than that, notwithstanding the admonition of the great Apache to beware of this "West of all evil," yet Saint and heaven are angry and that fact is part of it. Alas! for the degeneracy of the times!

Sunday 14. Cold and windy morning. Saddled up Cate and rode out a half mile and back.

I have been so often perplexed, when speaking of the Southampton instruction, to recollect the name of the shadow that I now record his name, Dr. Turner. He was a preacher. A superstitious, enthusiastic.

Cats all day.

Mon 15. Severe frost. San Diego under a cloud.

Stations in motion on the river. This is their harvest. Commenced to dig in morning garden. The ground still cold. Sliced some onions. Had a visit from John Standingsone upon the subject of the death of his son. He believes he was murdered.

San sat cloudy and cold throughout rain or snow.

Thurs 16. Jupiter Stator! Rain with the wind from the North; a real Labradorian morning. At High tower came to work. The Wyandott Sankhedra met to day.

April 30

Attended the session. Took measures for taking the annual census there to visit every house in the nation in order to make perfect accuracy. Rained all day.

Wed 17. Dark cloudy morning. Weather settled. At High tower got my orchard and corn fields. Still cloudy and cold.

Thurs 18. Cloudy as usual and some sprinkling of rain. At High clearing the meadow. Hunted and found my runaway hags. The Missouri on the river.

Commenced taking the census of the Wyandott nation. Cloudy all day.

Friday 19. Rain, rain. Mr. M. and I branched all day taking the census in the Wyandott nation. Come home in the evening tired and hungry.

Sat 20. Cloudy and misting. Staid at home. Croft's and I had some forest trees. Some thorns entered James Hawthorn and Mr. W's corn fields and carried off some 15 or 20 bushels of corn from each and about 100 bush of corn from the lot.

Sun 21. Raining. Got no work today.

1 o'clock P.M. Hava O' Good! give our thanks! We have just caught a glimpse of the sun's disc. Welcome Old Sol to these rejoicing eyes! We had greatly feared some erratic Comet had, in his hurry, brushed over you with hisling whistling tail and whirling disk, forever. But thanks, eye deep gratitude burst forth from our swelling bosoms to see that thou still holdst thy abiding place to cheer us here below. At 5 o'clock called upon to day.

I Walker just returned from Washington, after an absence of five months.

Mon 22. Weather improving, the white cold and chilly. Resumed taking the census. At 11 o'clock to Kansas. It is much better, we must go without, never. See Walker called this evening and it's all but time. Intending to go away clear moon light night. Frost, frost, no more bread. Sack Frost, we should then to hold the house.

April - '50.

Sunday 20. Clear frosty morning. Ploughed the garden and a good two-
hplough for it is the first time for years.

Attended the Council. A considerable amount of business
was done. Clear and pleasant day.

Wed 21. Clear frosty morning. Made the day taking the Census.
Came home at evening and fatigued. Warm day.

Thursday 22. Recurred my ride. Warm and pleasant day.
Came home fatigued and hungry.

Friday 23. Spent at home, worked in my garden. Lower my passages.
Wrote early letters. In the evening (cloudy) started them.
d. Rained a little in the night.

Saturday 24. Cloudy morning. Made all day engaged in that most tedious
and perplexing of all employment, planning again some a happy but
of family matters. Came home fatigued and hungry.

Sunday 25. Raining, and a fair prospect of it continuing all day.
Windy and drying weather.

Monday 26. Fine weather. Recurred my ride, this the second. Some
have completed my task, but unfortunately none of them.
The Council met today with little to do in judgment on
Mr C. who stands charged with an assault and battery
upon his sister in law. The case is very quiet, and ought
to be settled upon a trial. I must attend as a witness in
another case.

Tuesday 27. Attended Council. Had two trials. Letter to the first for an
assault and battery upon his father-in-law, Mr Williams
Mr Nancy Garrett arrived from Ohio on a visit.

Wednesday 28. Finished taking the Census. The new treaty was read to the Council.

May 1. Mr. Hightower commenced to day, working by the month.

Thursday 2. Friday Major Massey is ordered to repair to 5 hours for the
Bogardell Assembly.
Mr. R. L. ploughed my orchard. Rained. Mr. N. Garrett
paid us a social visit.

Friday 3. Copied the Bogardell Treaty for D. D. Mitchell. Spent day at office.

May - '50.

David Wilson, one of my old neighbors, called to see me. Glad to
see him. He had been returned from Savannah to pay us a
visit. His health is much improved.

Sat 4. Clear and cloudy morning. Major Massey set out for St. Louis
local to Kansas then came back - having got over his hurry.
Old winter storm unwilling to yield to cold upon us. Cold.
Cold.

Sun 5. Cold and cloudy. At 10 o'clock it cleared up, but still
cold and chilly. Major Massey called and afterwards
the patriarch of the Big Turtles called in - a general
chat ensued upon various matters.

Wrote to Leonard Bonelley. Went to church and heard
a long tedious prayer sermon from Mr. H. Green; attended
my in third base tourists' gathering from scripture and
commonplace ideas which have been worn out in their
earring and expiated by misapplication, with a total absence
of originality.

Mon 6. Finished ploughing. Cloudy in the evening and some prospect
of rain. Midnight storm.

Tue 7. Raining and snowing.
Attended the national Convention to which body the First
was read by myself and explained in our true vernacular.
An animated discussion ensued and the question was
put upon bill today a vote and adjourned.
Came home hungry and weary.

Wed 8. Warm and pleasant day. Mr. Thos. A. Green
returned to his Circuit. Mr. L. H. Hark repaid
our clock and to "ganging" after a long and
tedious delay of nearly a calendar year.
J. Walker called over and informed us that Mr. H. H. Hark
had hunted in Kansas on their return from Glasgow.
Planted some garden "truck" in the evening.

Thursday

May '50

- Thursday 9. Made the necessary arrangements for bringing Mr. Williams from Kansas home. Mr. W. made his usual home.
- Beautiful and pleasant day. Warm and genial for all agreeable weather.
- Friday 10. Cloudy and threatening rain. Mr. Nightingale commenced fanning out the corn ground.
- Mr. Ch. Corvill spent the day with us.
- Worked upon my Kansas tables. Quite cool in the evening.
- Saturday 11. A hard frost this morning. So, it would seem we are doomed to have frost all summer.
- Ride out to employ hands to aid me in planting corn; got Little Chief. At 10 o'clock commenced and at 4 o'clock I was finished.
- Sunday 12. Jack Frost held on with a death grip. Clear and cold. Went to Church.
- Warm day.
- Monday 13. Beautiful day. Wrote all day for the Sub Agency.
- Burning brush occasionally and working in the garden.
- Warm day.
- Tuesday 14. This is the day the Wyandott Convention adjourned to. At 12 o'clock noon, the president called the Convention to order and the discussion was resumed and continued with much animation till five o'clock when the vote was called for leave. Mr. Ch. Corvill and John Armstrong were appointed tellers. The vote stood for the treaty 63. Against it 25. Seven or eight not voting. Corned.
- Wed 15. Warm day. Worked with Mr. Nightingale in the evening. "Therm 90" in the shade.
- This day Mr. Sheldahl, Putnam and Company set for California. Health and success attend them.

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- Thursday 16. Rolled logs and set them on fire.
- Friday 17. Cook and company set out for California.
- Saturday 18. Clear and warm morning. Mr. Nightingale asked leave of absence for a few days to visit his friends and acquaintances in Clay County. Set out to day.
- Sunday 19. Warm and pleasant day. Mr. W. went to Kansas and took home a pile of newspapers, early and some late and some antiquated and obsolete. Major Mosley landed.
- Monday 20. Staid at home and read wrote and chatted with C. G. In the evening visited Major W.
- Tuesday 21. Day light raining. O'Connell and I went refreshing showers. Cloudy all day.
- Wrote to the Agents office. Rec'd my quarterly pay. \$75.
- Wednesday 22. Attended the session of the Council made out the pay roll. Confirmed the right of H. M. Kettling to citizenship. Mr. H. H. Jones of this and Mr. Harry Corvill were admitted. George Wright and Lewis Clark's names were placed upon the pay roll, but with the understanding that they are not by this act acknowledged as having equal rights with the others. Their relative position to be defined when the treaty goes into effect.
- Wed 23. Rode out to see F. A. Hicks and had a conversation upon the approaching annuity payment.
- Then called upon Major Mosley and assisted him in arranging the pay rolls. Credited the money.
- Thurs 24. Cloudy showering. Looked to the rain.
- Commenced paying the semi annuity.
- Friday 25. Resumed paying and continued till 5 o'clock.
- Unusually warm day.
- Sat 26. Excceedingly warm. Agreed the annuity payment to day. Glad of it. Festive and profiting.
- This may be the last semi annuity we will receive.

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from the United States, for if the present and Senate should confirm our treaty it will certainly be the last. As after that event the Marylanders will become citizens of the United States. A wholly new era in the history of the Maryland nation.

June 26. Cloudy and at short intervals scattering drops of rain.

The air pure and bracing. Made a drive to Governor's house upon the subject of a stamp of an alien holding the office of Justice of the Peace in Cal. County.

June 27. Clear morning. The ground dry and parched. Prospect of a warm day.

Monday 28. Went to Cal. settled up some business. At night came home.

Wednesday 29. Made drive. Warm and dry. No rain.

Thursday 30. Dry and dry. Went out to hunt my strays, but could not find them till late in the afternoon: too late to use them to day. Warm and dry. Crops suffering.

Friday 31. Made a quick mistake. I was to day I wanted my cattle to graze upon the ground upon the fence. As I found some corn, the villainous-looking pulch of a poor portion of it.

Sat June 1st. Cool morning, but dry. No rain: what shall we do? Why debate to it calmly and philosophically and hope for the best. This is the first day of June now. May it prove to be a fruitful one. Answer. Mr. Colburn of Logan County, Cal. upon us and fight with us to day.

Wrote home board among my corn.

Outrunk themselves, & pray for bound? too much in my ear, but should it be no precursor of rain, dry, in that case - the bound - it is of no consequence. No chance about it.

The sun set clear. No prospect of rain. Cool.

June '50

Monday 2. Cool and cloudy. No dew. Dry day and wind.

C. Graham and Henry Norton called upon us. He later goes with the gang to Sunday School.

Just heard of the death of Robert Lathrop in California.

What poor fellow? I am not done with the games of chance. It is no longer the deal in them that turned up the lost trump, and it is justly to be feared that had been covered at last. Oh Doyle! one of thy devils has "bluffed off the mail card." At 2 past 12 PM. cloudy - hope it may rain but it is hope against fact.

Monday 3. Thanks a thousand thanks for the shower with which we were favored last night. In pity send a little more. Squeeze out a few more drops.

Mr. High town commenced harvesting the corn.

Cloudy all day, but no rain.

June 4. Failed to raise enough of corn to last me from Corn harvesting till Corn harvesting again. 'Tis too late to be without it in the summer. It creates strong suspicion that I am not exactly the prototype of "Farmer Thrifty."

Friday 5. Had a slight shower between midnight and day light. Cloudy and sultry.

Just heard of an onslaught by the Pauceness upon the Cotton-rollers in which the latter repulsed their assailants, with the death of three hoaxes. It will not have time will be more of it hereafter.

At mail the usual course, the Blue is up. You and I go looking fresh; but horsemen and pedestrians can pass and repass without let or hindrance. But the Blue is up, and the mail contractor on dry land. He is terribly diseased with the Hydrophobia, and has a great dread of the water, of the Blue. I wish he were like himself and in the midst of the business thrown into the Blue.

June '50.

Truly fair prospect of some more rain. Let it come and welcome. I'll be blessing 'not in August,' but in its proper season. Attended the session of the Council. A beautiful shower came on. Cased home churches. All right. A little more of the same kind. Mr. Hightower finished homing the cows, and ploughed the early potatoes.

Wed 5. Raining, very cloudy. Gathered up my teams for tomorrow's operations.

Thurs 6. Cloudy and cool. Ploughed my new grounds and a second lot it was.

Friday 7. Raining gloriously. "Thanks to thee Jupiter Stork" from ancient preserver of Rome for this manifestation of thy favor.

• Windy, the raining moderately. Availed myself of the opportunity of transcribing Burt, Colby and Tomah's plot.

and learned that Capt. Hethum, the Chief of the Delaware, had informed me that a band of Pawnee, had attacked the Fort Worth and were defeated and that they had been captured and his scalps had been found in his possession supposed to have been taken from some California immigrants.

Sat 8. Foggy morning. Now life seems to be infused into the vegetable world. The struggling can be seen clearly, protrude the misty clouds of fog. Near door Wood is hauled and made various passages. Got some newspapers, but no letters. Grass dead. Clouds.

Sunday 9. Clear and warm. I. Chick and ~~John~~ Pol K. come on on a Sunday's visit. Took a regular bath in the Mission now.

Mon 10. Plaster pumpkin blacked for, beans potatoes &c.

Mr. Moreley calls upon us and informed us of the rising action of Oklauda Brown, Com of Indian Affairs.

June '50

Monday 11. Cold foggy morning - heavy dew. Mr. Hightower commenced ploughing the cows.

Attended Council. A Committee appointed by a meeting of the people called upon the Council suggesting a Convention to consider whether the Wyandotte coming from Ohio was to be received as equal participants in the provisions of the late treaty. The Council agreed to the request and fixed upon next Tuesday as the day of meeting.

Wed 12. Mr. Amos Carroll leaves today on his return to Ohio. Mr. J. M. Collock calls again and stands a few minutes. The girls returned from a Strawberry frolic over the river in company with Maria Chick and Susan.

Thurs 13. At daylight raining - thankfully raining and gratefully remembered. Mrs. Moreley sent word that she intended to pay us a visit, but the weather appears rather forbidding. At 1 o'clock P.M. Rains in earnest and continues till 4 o'clock accompanied with heavy thunder and vivid lightning.

Friday 14. Cloudy, but warm and balmy. A sitting of interest transpired. Told of about dinner. Mr. Hightower left on a visit to his friends in Clay County.

Sat 15. Cloudy. Attended a National Council called by the Chief upon the claim of several Ohio Wyandottes. After an exciting discussion the whole matter was adjourned till after the ratification of the treaty. Mr. J. M. Collock, one of the claimants, being much disappointed at the result. He called in the evening at my house and asked the loan of the treaty in order to copy some portions of it, but I refused him to the Council. The principal thing and J. M. did refused it, on the ground that it would be a violation of the injunction of secrecy, the President and Senate not having acted upon it yet. So, Mr. Collock left disappointed and mortified.

June 30.

Sunday 16. Cloudy and cool, threatening rain.

5 P.M. Harve. E. Graham calls and reads with me. Having no presents, perform divine services to day as stated above. Read wrote and collected.

Monday 7. Cloudy, windy and warm. Sold 38 bush of Sweet Potatoes. Planted some Brown Corn and Herring Corn.

Set down the new fence, and added in the meadow.

Tuesday 18. Mr. Nightow's returned to his work.

Clear, windy and cooling. Went to town. Came home with 6 bush Washington for some less Herring Corn and early yellow. Warm and sultry.

Wed 19. Planted yellow and Herring Corn.

At 8 o'clock after a heavy and violent rain, which lasts two hours, accompanied with thunder and lightning. Set out some Sweet Potatoes plants.

Thurs 20. Warm and sultry morning. This day is the usual againing. At 12 o'clock Mr. a violent thunder shower came on which lasts nearly two hours.

Friday 21. Beautiful morning.

Went with the St. Albans to Kansas for a load of provisions. "hicks" as the Clappers, would say, they had been sent over to Wyandott and left at Major. Mealy's; but on our return, mentioned they were not there; they had been taken to Smithburg. Well, I was ~~correct~~. Found them after much tribulation. Came home. Hauled some lumber from town.

The atmosphere not enough to melt Monsieur Chantrel, the Fox King.

Mr. J. W. Dawson and family from Logan County, O. landed, intending to become a denizens of this latitude and longitude.

Sat 22. Hauling lumber from town.

Quarterly meeting commenced today.

July '50

Jan 23. Called upon the Majors family. Read his newspaper. In the 8th Jan. Republican an article appears over the signature of "Sen. no more" attacking the Bishop of the M.E. Church South and the Church generally - a scurrilous thing. I instantly responded on the subject of Col. John.

Mar 24. Warm day. Mr. Nightow commenced plowing the corn. A heavy shower.

Mar 25. Went to attend the session of the Council. Staid an hour and came home. Worked in the garden.

Wed 26. Staid at home all day, working in the garden and Melon patch. Warm and cloudy.

Thurs 27. Mr. W. went to see Mrs. Mealy, and perhaps from thence will go to Kansas.

Mr. High tower finished ploughing the corn.

Friday 28. Went to Kansas with the team for round fore vision. Had much difficulty in crossing Turkey Creek. One death in Kansas from cholera. Mr. Coalrads black boy Arch.

Got home safe with my freight.

Sat 29. At the dawn of day, raining, mist, foggy and continued till 9 o'clock A.M.

Set out some more Cabbage plants. At night rain again.

Sun 30. At day light raining; held up at 11 o'clock A.M. but remained cloudy all day. At 11 o'clock P.M.

raining and rained nearly all night.

Mon July 1. Clear and cool. The ground severely saturated. A perfect miracle.

Thurs 4. Some of my head here in the pasture. Clear and pleasant. At 3 o'clock P.M. a large Elm tree in the corn field, fell as it falls the oak to side no more, committing ample destruction in the corn.

July '32

- Thursday 2. Clear and beautiful morning. To day the Annual meet. and Vernal attack. Several and behold! there was no meeting of that honorable body. Came home.
- Wed 3. Warm. Therm 95° in the shade.
Wrote in the Agency office. Came home. In the evening Mr. C. Graham came and staid all night.
- Thurs 4. Glorious fourth! "Independence day!"
Went to Kansas in company with C. G. Wines at Mr. McNeal's. Got my mail. Came home in the evening. Therm 95° in the shade.
- Friday 5. Mr. Tackett came over after Mr. Russell to attend the dying moments of Dr. Talbot, who was taken with that fell destroyer, Cholera, 3 o'clock this morning. Mr. R. returned and reported the Dr. dying. Therm 96°. Died at 12 M. and was buried at 5 P.M.
- Sat 6. Prospect of another warm day. Clear. The sun looks angry and loud. Colled upon Major Shesley's family and told Mr. M. Licks prepared some medicines.
12. M. Therm 96°. The cholera has caused some of the citizens of Kansas to flee. This is folly. In the evening the sky became cloudy and cool breeze from the North, but no rain.
- Sun 7. Clear and the prospect of another warm day.
Fast 11. M. Clear and warm.
John Hynds calls. No news - dull - minus
No clergymen to perform divine service, our Council having gone up to Delaware.
- Mon 8. Continued mowing in my meadow. Lost Timothy and Herd, Bees
Warm but a gentle and cooling breeze from the N.E. Finished cutting the hay at 2 o'clock P.M.
Resumed hewing my shade trees
Therm 88°. No further signs of Cholera in Kansas.

July '32

- Tues 9. Clear and beautiful morning.
Went to town and found the Council in session. Having no business to attend to, Came home.
Therm 90°. Cured our hay by putting it up into small stacks, called "cocks". Having no other business on hand I adjourned to meet again. Thunder, prospect of rain.
- Wed 10. Clear and warm. Had no rain. Continued the operation of hewing my forest trees in the Woods pasture.
Thurs 11. None diversities about the flock.
Therm 98° at 2 o'clock P.M.
In the middle of the afternoon the sky became cloudy and some glimmering of lightning in the N.E. At 9 o'clock (best time) a most refreshing rain came on - (Fecitatus!) which lasted till nearly day light. On awaking from a sound sleep I exclaimed, Remercie-Mon & isse!
- Friday 12. Clear and bracing at morn'g.
Went to Kansas, but got but little mail. No further progress made Cholera.
- Sat 13. Starled in the day. At 2 o'clock P.M. the Therm stood 98°. Clear weather.
- Sund 14. Warm and cloudy. No church service, our dear Con. having gone to Conference.
- Mon 15. Just heard of the death of President Taylor having died of Cholera on the 18th inst. Can this be true? To day the Annual nomination for principal chief and members of the Council took place:
James Washington. Ignorance was nominated
P. A. Roth J. Choise
J. D. Brown J. M. Long Eyes
M. Mudrot D. Young
G. J. Clark was also nominated for
Principal Chief to run against S. H. Hicks. Some Ranters was

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- Sun. Thurs 22. Warm and pleasant day. Reading and sewing myself.
In the afternoon wrote 104.
- Monday 23. Wrote sandy letter upon business in Civil Court. In the evening went to town, borrowed a Lib. Republican (not having got my own mail). Came home. Windy thunder and loud thunder of rain. Pleasant night, but no rain.
- Tues 24. Cool morning. Rainy day. Got my mail but found but little interesting news.
- Wed 25. Went to Church. Mr. Shaler having interpreted Deacon Elliot, held forth in an impressive address. Cloudy and threatening rain in the evening quite chilly. No rain.
- Thurs 26. Cloudy and cool. Mr. Nighten observed instead of going to work. I'll give him a knock when he comes back.
- Friday 27. Cloudy and cool. Formed the sylva and set the old record to work. Went to the Court and heard the inaugural address of Geo. A. Clark, the principal Chief. The address was appropriate and marked with sound political principles, but there was a barrenness and jejune-ness in his language, extended 1 1/2 hours. At 11 o'clock Mr. Clary and Gov. Huntington came.
- Sat 28. Cool and cloudy. Propped of rain.
- Sun 29. Had a lecture P.M. Communion Services. It has come in good time; thy ground severely parched up with drought.
- Mon 30. Raining furiously at day light. Rained at that intervals nearly all day. At night it rained most furiously.
- Tues 31. Cloudy and cool, making a fine necessity in our room. Mr. Nighten returned from a trip in the upper settlement. Went out to meet my horse and found him in the Western bottom. Went to Samy Washington's and got some fresh beef. Dr. Webster being today at 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock.
- Wed 31. Clear and cool morning.

Sept. '50

Sunday }
Sept 1st }

My notes

- Attended the Circuit Court in Independence.
- Tues 2. Worked on the road. John Lynch cutting up Corn.
- Wed 3. Went to Kansas and on my return took some work on the road.
- Thurs 4. Went to town to call upon Major Mosely, but he has gone to Kansas. Came home. Dry weather and warm.
- Friday 5. Went to Church. There being no Church Interpreter I interpreted a sermon for Mr. Stabler.
- Sat 6. Went to work at the Camp ground. Heard of the death of Bishop Doxey. A truly great man has fallen. John Lynch and Isaac B. Smith finishing cutting up and shucking the Corn.
- Sun 7. Attended Council. Not much business on hand. Called at Major Mosely's. Rec'd a letter from William Lynch and Joe Hantz. Some fool acted as amanuensis, the letter containing no interesting news omitting all that I am most anxious to hear, a perfect fiasco of bombast. I am now as well as I was before.
- Mon 8. Stayed at home all day. Exceedingly warm. There's no Major Mosely called upon in and about awhile.
- Tues 9. Cloudy and a fair prospect of rain. But we had no rain. The weather cleared up about 1 o'clock P.M. and got warm in the afternoon.
- Wed 10. Very foggy and a heavy dew. Making preparation for Camp meeting. Major Mosely and Mr. Sanders, his daughter called and spent an hour. Took a Mazon load of planks to the Camp ground. Very dry, every thing parched up. Little my letter, not half, but fly. It is very full after

Sept. 30.

- Sun Oct 28. A slight frost this morning. Preparing to move to the Camp ground. All in a hurry.
 At 2 o'clock P.M. we were bivouacked on the Concession ground. Beautiful weather this evening as blue as blue.
 The Rev Mr. Thomas of Lexington preaches an interesting discourse without an intermission.
- Tues 29. A large congregation. Mr. Thomas preaches at 11 o'clock to the Wagoners. The services were resumed at 2 o'clock as continued till day set.
- Wed 30. Still frost with fair weather. The meeting continues.
- Thurs Oct 1. At 9 o'clock the meeting was first to a close.
 At 3 past 3 P.M. we packed horses with all our camp baggage, not in the least regarding the time we spent at the Camp meeting. Not that we experienced any spiritual benefit by our attendance, but the novelty the romance of the affair the renewal of acquaintances and forming new acquaintances.
- Wed 3. Clear and beautiful morning. Stayed at home all day making preparations for sending for Mr & Mrs. Loomis. At night went to church.
- Thurs 4. Went to town and called upon Miss Moseley. Mr & Mrs. Sawyer, set for home. The girls returned from a party in the evening with Miss Miss Susan Norton.
- Friday 4. Cloudy, the sun out and pleasant. In the afternoon a heavy shower of rain fell and cleared before sun set.
 At night clear and cool.
- Sat 5. Hold! the grass all a glitter with frost! the ground frozen. This is the first frost we have had this autumn. Walker made arrangement with a Mr. Convey to bring Mr & Mrs. Loomis home from the Essex Springs. Went to church and interpreted a sermon for Mr. Shaker. Sat my mail. A good much news. Wrote a letter to W. Thompson. Clear and cool. prospect of another frost.

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- Sunday 6. A strong frost. Went to church and interpreted a sermon for Mr. Shaker. Came home and closed the box for good.
- Mon 7. Another severe frost, being the third we have had this fall. To day Miss Moseley paid one letter. She the Delaware semi-positist. A cloudy day, threatening rain. In the evening a light rain and continued till 9 o'clock.
- Tues 8. Cloudy, but no rain. To day the general election in this town took place. Wrote a long letter to answer to our answers to Mr. E. S. Bantlett. Mr. W. and Sophia went to Kyrene. Beautiful between summer days.
- Wed 9. Went to Kyrene. No mail. my occupations after the mail contractors.
- Thurs 10. Returned home.
- Friday 11.
- Sat 12. K. Anderson and John P. K. called upon us and stayed till the afternoon.
- Sun 13. Cloudy morning. At the middle of the day K. A., Mr. W. and Mr. H. Norton called and spent the afternoon.
- Mon 14. Foggy morning. Spence for good, but cleared up about "mid" and was a warm pleasant day. C. G. G. called.
- Tues 15. Went to town. Called the Black Smith Shop. The Council to meet to day, but having no spirit with that Honorable body. Came home. In the evening M. R. W. called upon us, having just returned from the Wolf den. He informed us that Mr. Loomis refused to come in the conveyance we had provided for him. His excuse was inertness. So I suppose we must provide again.
- Wed 16. Went out to hunt my Wagon and Cattle, but could hear nothing of them. Came home and went to work digging "Parities", but alas! "a poor turn out".

Thurs

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- Thurs 7. Resumed the "digging" - not for gold but for Potatoes - the "crop" is small. But we must submit to the decrees of providence, be our Potatoes great or small they must suffice for our family, be it great or small. At night rain.
- Fri 15. Clear and cool. At day light went in pursuit of my deer. Found one and captured him. Came home for breakfast then resumed my hunt for the other, but without success.
- Sat 19. Resumed my search and travelled hard all day, but all to no purpose. I greatly fear I shall lose him. Warm and beautiful weather.
- Sun 20. Mr C. Graham came over and instead of going to church we were engaged in "bargain sale and exchange". I sold him our large beaver gun and a skin and he engaged (I think) Bushel of apples and at the same time made arrangements with him to bring Mr. Gilmora home.
- Mon 21. Hunted my ox all day, but he "won't" stand. My recreation upon him. Should I not get him in my possession I opine he will be the ox that Rammitt his master, and will also recognize his master's whip and voice.
- Tue 22. Went to town. Mr W. went to Kansas and got my mail. The Wyandott Treaty dated with various amendments and alterations, but the main and vital part is there. All we wanted.
- Harriet returned home sick. Having given up her trip to Lexington. Went to town. Appointed a yoke of stray Cattle to him up by Cyrus Carroll. The Sheriff arrested Boyd Hancock for stealing goods from Mr. Wamora and committed to Jail. to be surrendered to the officers of the State.

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- Wed 23. Went to Kansas to attend to the trial of Boyd Hancock. He was committed to Jail to stand his trial at the next Circuit Court.
- Thurs 24. Went to Mr Justice Shreve to renew proceedings against Mr Ross, my refractory tenant. Trial set for Sat 3rd of Nov.
- Hygiene
- Fri 26. Mr & Mrs Gilmora returned home.
- Hygiene
- Sun 29. Found my runaway ox.
- Wed 30. Hunted woods, and while doing so got my foot mangled by one of the oxen tramping on it.
- Thurs 31. Staid at home all day, being unable to do any thing but stay in the house and read.
- Fri 1st Nov 1st. Rained money all day. It came very expected.
- Sat 2. Went to Kansas to attend a Law suit, but had no trial owing to informality in my papers. "I'll prove my flock and try again."
- Sun 3. ~~Went to Kansas but not having seen him, got no news.~~ Cloudy, but warm. The above creatures are the result of heatlessness. So let it pass for a blank.
- Mon 4. Rain - stormy. Got no mail. Visited my neighbor.
- Tue 5. Raining all day light. Wind from the north. Cold and gloomy all day. At sun set cleared up and the wind fell. Clear night.
- Wed 6. Cold frosty morning. Everything frozen tight.
- Thurs 7. Went to Kansas to ascertain the day of trial between Mr Ross and me. Got my mail but found but little news. Warm day in the afternoon in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The sea "up and down".

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- Saw Friday 8. Ice whaler 'Kor' what a frost. Cloudy.
 Saw 9. My and the are travelling off to New Madrid to hunt. The sailing parties stopping in Fort-
 for Hight's Camp and about the day north we. Sold 6
 the Lewis for my horse. Caught and made a
 highway boy John came up
 Sat 9. Rainy. Wet muddy overcast. Rained slightly
 all day. Harriet and the Ransom on a visit.
 At night, still cloudy and cool. ---
 Saw 10. Raining, cloudy foggy. Wrote a letter to Mr. Har-
 reld and my attention on the Ross Cape.
 Wed 11. Went to town with the boys. Hauled home a Cask
 and a variety of articles from Major Mosely's
 The public Shop out of Coal, as the Smiths are
 out of employment.
 Thu 12. Patched a harness. Went to town to attend the
 session of the Court. Engaged in making out
 the pay roll. Splendid Indian harness.
 Fri 13. Beautiful morning. My boy Sam shucked corn
 and in the evening hauled and cribbed it.
 Gave Uncle Sam Ransom a fine broad saw.
 Sat 14. Clear frosty morning. Returned the COTN shuck
 Fri 15. Sam's sick. Poor fellow! What the re-
 sult may be Sam unable to tell.
 Sat 16. Sam's very sick. Disease of the brain
 Sun 17. Getting worse. Sick of his head all day.
 Mon 18. Went for Dr. Ridge. Came about Sun set
 told him fairly, but still no better.
 Tue 19. The Dr. came again, pronounced his case
 hopeless. At night Judge Bayley, his usual
 driver and stood all night.
 At 35 minutes past 8 o'clock at night he died.
 The Judge returned home and Sam Johnston

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- Came and remained till the Coffin was made, which
 was not till Sun set. When Mr. R. came with
 it and they set out for the burial place on the Judge
 farm.
 Tue 21. Having taken a violent cold I am unable to do
 any thing, but set by the fire.
 About 5 o'clock PM rain which ceased about
 10 o'clock.
 Friday 22. Cold and cloudy. About 11 o'clock the sun came
 out and the weather was warm and pleasant.
 John Lewis cut and hauled us some wood.
 I am still very unwell.
 Sat 23. Clear frosty morning. Engaged in making out the
 Wyandott Pay Roll, preparatory to the annuity payment.
 Mr. James H. Foy, of Maumee Ohio, accompanied
 by John Walker, called upon me. He is direct from
 Washington. He made explanations in regard to the ratifi-
 cation of only a part of our treaty with the Govt.
 The officers of the Indian Department, and especially the
 Indian Agents and Sub Agents in the West, made a grand
 but covert and insidious attack upon it. It was "good
 and convenient" to them. "Can't you?" they said and
 better was in Government pay. For their own special
 benefit the Indian must be kept in statu quo.
 Saw 24. Mild and pleasant. No frost. Staid at home all day.
 John Lynch called upon us.
 Mon 25. Windy and dry. My lameness much worse, unable to
 get about. Finished making the Pay Roll. Rained at night.
 Tue 26. Raining like fury. Major Mosely sent word for me
 to come down, but I can't do it. Storm storm.
 Wed 27. Rain continues. Mr. J. Walker called and informed
 me that Major Mosely would commence paying out
 the annuity on tomorrow. Arrived P.M. (John letter).

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29 Rain continues tempestuous weather. My lame foot and ankle pain me severely.

Thurs 28. This morning (on the first day of this fall) the ground was whitened with snow. So I must assist at the payment today involved as I am. Commenced paying out the Amity at 11 o'clock A.M. and continued paying till 4 o'clock. Cold and unpleasant day.

Friday 29. Clear and frosty. Received the payment at 11 o'clock and continued till about 4 P.M. adjourned. Pleasant day.

Sat 30. Warm and pleasant morning. The day was closed the Amity payment. Walter quit a quiet and a duty time of rest. Got my mail today, but had no important news.

Sunday Dec 1. Indian summer morning. Still and pleasant this day, but towards evening it became cloudy.

Mon 2. Went to the Council to meet the Agent and sign the vouchers. Having done this, the Chief, present at the signing of the public liabilities. A furious snow storm set in. While warming myself at the stove I was taken with a regular old-fashioned chill. My legs, left for some really sick. That night I had a high fever and violent head ache and ear ache. Spas myself with nauseating doses, such as Brown's Bowan, Tartaric, Anisomy and kept myself sick all night. Snowing, snowing and the wind howling.

Tues 3. Snowing yet. Very sick at my stomach. My pulse soft. Continued taking medicine all day. In the evening John Bigelow called being a little. "How come you are out?" I engaged him to stay with me to get well and do my feeding while I was sick. He agreed to come the next morning, but up to this date the 7th I had neither

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head nor seen any thing of the vagabond.

Wed 4. Snowing still. John Lynch came and done some chores for me. Still quite sick. Seems winter weather. Haven't went to Major Moseley's on a visit. At San Jose Mar 14th "blew" gas.

Thurs 5. Snowing still even a bit. John Lynch and Peter Buehler butchers Mr. Shale's boys and at the same time butchers for us. Snowing still.

Friday 6. Still snowing. Thursday night cut and hauled some wood. Wrote a letter to Mr. Nancy Barrett. Letting some better.

Sat 7. Snow ceased at day light the Therm. 5 below zero. Wrote to Charles East, Cincinnati and to Humphrey P. Thompson. A very cold day.

Sun 8. Clear and cold morning. Therm 10° above zero. Clear at 11 o'clock. At 12 Clear and getting warm. Finished a letter to W. H. Lanning. Had nothing from the Post office but had Mary - a dearth of news. This afternoon P. D. (both came and) dined with us - all the company we have had to day.

Mon 9. Clear morning. Prospect of a warm day. Mr. Hightower called this morning (on the purpose of getting his pay for last summer's work and I paid him. Sent a bundle of letters over to the P. O. by P. D. (both). D. Edgington called. The Messrs. and Kansas, rivers are bridged over with solid ice. "I wish a life to lead," to be compelled to eat in the house day after day confined by lameness. I have been thus for some months. And what is worse cannot get a horse to do my work. I cannot suffer more in mind than I do in the flesh, body as I suffer in the latter. The weather remains clear this afternoon.

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- Thurs 19. Oh! what a horrible night I passed! My well
feared bed, I could not sleep, and this morning
could not get my foot to the floor.
Made arrangements ^{with} Mr. Shaler for a work bench
to do my work: but he will succeed in getting any
a net, is extremely doubtful.
Harrist went to Mays' Mowley's and took me
some medicine. Expecting Mr. Northrup to send
me a sack of flour today according to arrangement.
MRW. informs me that he sent over a quantity
to drive persons on this side but none for me.
My career and operations upon the little Parkway!
There is dependence to be placed on him. He will have
my feet jammed and helpless.
Friday 20. Clear frosty morning. Recd of a few and pleasant
signs of a sack of flour lying in the Berry Bank.
Sent for it by David Charles, whether it was more or
not. He and Isaac Munkrat cut and hauled in a
quantity of wood. My lameness continues, distressing
Sat 21. Clear, but a few David Charles and Munkrat came and
brought a bag. Then went home.
Warm day. Nothing of interest occurred today.
Sun 22. Clear and cool, but all cold. Mr. W. and Harrist
went to Church. Warm and pleasant.
Mon 23. Cloudy, cold and windy day. Attended the meeting of
the Legislating Committee. Heard some new laws
which some fatigued and hungry.
Tues 24. Clear and frosty morning. Went to town to
meet the Council. Had no house, then left under
called upon Mays' Mowley. He said that there was to be
Christmas Ball at the Blacksmith's houses.
Thank my stars! I have got some drops for
my ears. Can now hear something of what is going on in the
world.

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- Wed 25. A very charming to go all! Friends and neighbors
were, I send you the compliments of the season. I
pray you excuse me for not tendering them in person
this. I would most cheerfully do, were I able; but alas
I am confined by bodily disability.
Tues a beautiful and pleasant day.
In the evening Mr. Henry Dwyman and Mr. Henry
Kenton Corde and I did all night.
Thurs 26. Cloudy and windy weather.
Went to attend the session of the Legislating Com-
mittee, but no Committee attended and I then
upon adjourned till Tuesday 31st and came home
Friday 27. Cold and bitter. Mr. Lynd and David Charles
came and cut and hauled some wood.
I started to go over to Ramon, but on arriving
at the ferry, found I could not get my horse for
ride over, came back and stretched myself
with staying at my own fire side.
Sat 28. The weather the same.
Hygates.
From this day till now I have been largely
afflicted with Rheumatism and Neuralgia. The
complaint in my head affecting my eyes to such
a degree as to cause almost total blindness.
This will account for the long hiatus in my
journal. Feb 8th 1851.
During all this time, I was unable to read or
write, in consequence of the Neuralgia affecting
my sight. This was hard on me - depending
upon others to read for my amusement.
I had a hard time of it. But I have now
in some degree recovered my sight.

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Sat Feb 8. Warm and breezy weather.

The nation convened to day upon the subject of sending a delegation to Washington City on business connected with our life treaty with the Govt. J. A. Clark and S. Walker are the delegates. John W. Gray, having been dropped.

Harrist returned from the Institution in company with Mr. Haffner.

Sun 9. Warm and cloudy. Our folks went to Church.

Mr. Booth called upon me. We had a long chat. Wrote to Mr. E. J. Barrett an explanatory letter, the having misunderstood a former one.

Mon 10. Clear cool and windy morning.

Mr. W. goes to Kansas.

To day by appointment our delegation for Washington. J. A. Clark and S. Walker set out, but did not.

Tues 11. The Council met and prepared the necessary official papers for the delegation to Washington.

Wed 12. By invitation we were invited to meet the city with Major Mosely and family.

Wrote Johny Blundson alias Lynch for one month at \$2. Warm and pleasant.

At 9 o'clock at night raining.

Thurs 13. Raining. Much. Cloudy all day.

No interesting news. Well there.

Friday 14. A Valentines day. A very gay Sotharous and bottom faced display and fond attachment, and loves by exchanging kiss letters and whispering soft statements in each others ears.

Effect stealing wind from the North.

Legislature Committee day, but I doubt my going out to day. being yet a little too rheumatic, determining it best to keep close quarters.

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Sat 15. Thur 2. a good day. Clear morning

Prospect of a fine day. Thawing

Mr. W. H. Hicks and I called upon us and spent the day. Got no mail.

Sun 16. Clear and Vets morning. Thaw 1. above zero. Warm and pleasant all day.

Wrote to Mr. Barrett a long epistle.

Mon 17. Clear but windy and disagreeable.

An incident. Just learned that John Biggs and his half brother, Smith Nichols, while riding at full speed, returning from the Northern meeting, both on one horse, were thrown against a tree and seriously injured.

Tues 18. Clear and calm morning. Mr. Karl Williams called this morning. I lent him my oxen.

The Kansas river has about run dry; there not being water enough to float the ferry boat and consequently no ferrying. In the evening learned that the ferry was now passable.

Wed 19. Raining at day light. No mail.

Dull, foggy and rainy day. Spencer! yes, but not till then. I will abstract some paper, and look after our brand and sheep.

Thurs 20. Cloudy and foggy. misting. Snows another in Rheumatism.

J. A. Hicks, going to Kansas with a Wagon; sent Jimmy Blundson with him to get some Corn ground. I have my fears that Jimmy "will be after taking a deep too much" while in K.

Friday 21. Cold and cloudy. Should Jimmy come home in safety and bring my mail as I directed, we shall then have some news. Storm for me have had none for two weeks. Feb. 22. 23. &

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and Jerry returned today about 12 o'clock M. in
safety bringing a Bill of Sales De Ruel of Louisiana
and a variety of other things sent for, and my mail
also for news.

Feb 22. Clear and warm morning John Lynch gone
to Major Mosely's to do some work.
The Rev. R. R. Russell and Mr. Doffinger called and spent
an hour.

There is to be a celebration to day in Kansas by
the Masons, Odd Fellows and Sons of Temperance
in the evening. M. R. W. calls our slave bill bad news.

Mar 23. Clear and warm. As I best yet. What has
become of them?

Best. Ah! here they are! The Robert Campbell
has just packed up. (Attended a special session
of the Council)

Mar 24. Warm in the forenoon. Attended a special ses-
ion of the Council. Read and considered the contents of a
letter from T. W. Bailey, upon the subject of his claim
Major Mosely gone to Georgia.
Came home late.

Mar 25. Cloudy and windy. Went off to Council Bluffs
and appointed him a member of the Legislative
Cm. to supply the vacancy caused by the ab-
sence of T. W. Armstrong.
Baltimore, Rainy.

Wed 26. Wind from the North, and blustering.
Baltimore, B. R. Russell. Slept, slept, awful!
Got up the 10th and felt it away.
The mail has failed to be turned, so we have
no news.

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Thurs 27. Cold morning, wind from the North.

Weather really Labradorian.
Snow storm. Jerry "Blizzard" wonderfully
out of sorts, and in an ill humor.

Wrote a communication (dated 26th) to Ask for
the Advantages upon Remembrance of Olden times.

Friday 28. Clear and cold. There is yet to be done?
The Legislative Committee, by appointment is to
meet today. Went to meet the Committee, but
Alas! not one member appeared.
Saw, for the first time W. Linville since his
return from California.

Returned home. Warm and pleasant day.

Sat 29. Clear and pleasant morning.

March 1. Warm and pleasant all day. Spring upon us!
No mail, Death of news.

Mar 3. Frosty morning. Therm 25° above 30°.
Wrote a long letter to Mrs. Harriet Green in re-
ply to one from her announcing the death of her
husband whom a d. Green who died Jan 11th '57

Mon 3. Clear and beautiful morning.
To night at 12 o'clock Congress has to adjourn con-
tinued. I do not think wisdom and patriotism will die
with this 31st Congress. Had it matured during its
meeting some valuable laws, still there is a great
deal of off set, of fudge, such means. Most all feel-
ings of "Olden Times of Penn" and such ilk. But
they have had this day, and having had the one
which providence and the current of public affairs have
allotted them, they must now sink down to the level
that dead gods or bads has assigned them "since
vitalis moritur".

Warm and muddy.

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Tuesday 4. Last evening a party from the Institution, Messrs. Dofflinger and Haffner, Miss Maria Threlkorn and Miss Bell night. The latter gentlemen by some mishap got into the Ladies room and had the benefit of a bath.

Went to town to attend the session of the Council, but to my astonishment no one there except the Sheriff who informed me that they adjourned the 31st Congress by adjourning here did. So, I adjourned also. Some guests returned this evening.

Wed. 5. This day I complete my half century - fifty years old to day, and have lived upon my fifty first year.

Still am at relative perfect health. Wrote to Sam Walker at Washington. The Highland Home went off the river to day.

Clear frosty morning. Mr. W. in company with A. Barrett went to Lees-ess.

Mr. W. returned and a some of our acquaintances from it were going on board the Highland Mary, we set about preparing Mr. Tolson to accompany them.

H. Barrett kindly rigged up a team and hauled him and his baggage to Kansas en route for Leimnath.

Friday 7. Clear and frosty morning. Frost just of a fine day.

Mr. Gray Eye, called this morning. Sent up a note to F. Colver demanding the town Plot of Wyandott City by Dr. Cora Hawks.

Mr. W. and Sophia gone on a visit to Mr. Massey's Warm and pleasant here. There at Leimnath, at 2 P.M. of Wyandott Social House hall at the Council house to night.

Sat. 8. Clear and cold morning.

Yesterday morning Blahgus unfortunately received a severe blow of Contusion upon his foot. "Oh said he, but I am much better entirely." Screwing his face

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up most ruefully exclaimed, "Be one truth and I'm wimpy, sure and it I that am hurted."

Sun. 9. Wrote Mr. C. S. Barrett on business.

Wrote to Col. John Gooden dated 10th including to him as my agent and attorney a note on the late Sheriff Barrett due.

J. Clark and R. Pelt called and stood awhile.

Mon. 10. Clear frosty morning.

Mr. W. and Martha went to Kansas on a visit to return tomorrow - D. Wright called to see me.

Beautiful day. Wrote to W. Fleming.

Tues. 11. Went to attend the session of the Council.

Spent all day and came home in the morning and found Mr. W. and Martha had returned. They had lost my mail.

Another party at Mr. Hardy's this evening. Dislike!

Wed. 12. Beautiful day. The feathers tonight turning up their paper. Mr. D. Young called and dined with us.

Thurs. 13. Weather unusually warm and pleasant.

The girls went to town (Kansas to visit their friends, and stay all night.

Friday 14. Cloudy and warm prospect of rain.

Writing an Indian story for City Advertiser. J. A. Hicks called and requested me to make out an Account for him. The girls returned from their visit. I slept at night, raining.

Sat. 15. Daylight raining. At 8 o'clock ceased raining.

Major Massey returns home from Sarcoria. Mr. W. and the two girls gone to Mr. Hicks to demand an explanation for some gossip. They returned and report that Mr. H. is in no way concerned in the matter. When will take leave, he hurried out of society?

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Jan 16. Staid at home and wrote.

In the evening E. Graham came and staid all night. I learn that our California men intend to show up in oak grove show.

Mar 17. St Patrick's day. At day light Mr Graham set out to invite my California habitues, W. Lyndon and his son, Washington to come over to my house for a bit of a bit. At 1 o'clock they arrived.

After some conversation with them, we discovered that it was their determination to play the villain though the understanding and bargain was when they were out-fitted, that on their return they were to do with us equally, yet they would not so much as pay for their outfit, and though they come back with aprons of two thousand dollars each, yet they are rendering an account of their gains over quite of moral propriety. They were well treated down by the managers of Heaven as good Samaritans and I suppose before the Apple Peter, but surely they will have their reward.

Jan 18. We have legging to day. Cut up and salted away a quantity of Beef.

Warm and pleasant day. At night clear and cool.

Wed 19. Clear and frosty morning.

Mr W. I. Harris gone to Kansas to do some "shopping" and sundry other small matters.

Thurs 20. A thing of interest occurs in our things.

Finished my Commemorative to East. A. Houston today the days and nights of equal length.

M. R. W. came over and spent the evening.

Some sign of rain. This is much needed.

Friday 21. Warm and cloudy morning. Mr P. had your ploughing for early potatoes. Went over to call upon

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Mr C. B. G. and dined with him. Had some cold meat. Helen and Cora's home in the midst of a rain storm.

At night clear and star light.

Sat 22. At day light raining - wind S. W.

Quarterly meeting today.

To R. L. L. staid today for Cass County. Sent by him to Post office a Comm for East. A. Houston.

This afternoon Mr. D. P. Morgan and Mr. Griffin of the habitation came and put up with us intending to attend Quarterly Meeting. At night, clear and cool.

Sun 23. Clear and cool. A real bear frost. Brought a beautiful day. My family are guests going to Church.

My Mother called upon me in his way to Church and gave me the current news and among these...

"Woe be the Nation in black!" The bill granting to the Pacific Rail Road Company the right of way and each other side section, which passed the Senate was killed in the House. So goes Democracy. This may be retrograde progressiveness.

One fellow returned from Church bringing with them Mr Knight from Kansas who dined with us.

From him I learn that Henry of the Commonwealth has moved his Press from Independence to Kansas, intending to publish a neutral paper. Well, Democracy is in the wane in Jackson County.

Mon 24. Clear and beautiful morning with a clear blue sky.

with every indication of a beautiful day. Went over to Kansas for the first time for nearly five months.

Spent some time quite agreeably with my friends. Dined with Mr Knight. Called at the Post office to pick up for the S. L. House Republican at first in a Club.

Cheap though in all Continents, came home strong. I had your left for J. A. Kirk.