

March '33.

Tuesday 20. Cloudy and windy morning.

Went to attend the session of the Council.

John E. McCoy commenced today surveying the 14th and 15th sections. Commenced at the mouth of the Kansas. The Council adjourned to meet again this day two weeks. Good home hungry.

A hot, tempestuous day, the wind blowing a perfect hurricane and continuing till night.

Wed 21. Cloudy and the wind still blowing a perfect gale. Finished Schoolcraft's magazine and the birds. Home on language, at Wyandott.

John T. Blair came today for his baggage.

Thurs 22. Rain last night, but clear this morning.

I am now more afflicted with the Rheumatism than I have been for a long time. I have been flattering myself with the idea of a fair prospect of getting well; but alas! here I am as bad as ever.

D. Wright called today and Sam. Cross Hawk called and requested me to write a letter to the W.P. of the Sons of Temperance, asking a letter dismission from the Division at K. Mr. Armstrong's youngest child died last night. Sent a letter to R. P. D. addressed to C. Stevenson, Louisville, enclosing \$5. Clear and beautiful night.

Friday 23. Clear and frosty morning. Got me some French Rice.

Went to see Maj. Mosely about till evening.

Fair weather.

Sat 24. Frosty morning. At 10 o'clock the wind rose and blew in the N.W. blowing it hot.

Rode out into the upper settlement. Called upon Sam. Pigher and then upon that venerable pair Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and dined with them.

Warm, warm day. Got no mail today.

Windy night.

March '33

Sunday 25. Had a stormy last night. Cold and cloudy.

Went from the N.W.

Russell, Lemell took my mail. News from Ohio!

On the 18th inst. on the 28th Ballot Benjamin Elwood of Ashland County was elected U.S. Senator having 2424 votes out of 311. Good!

Mon 26. Frosty morning. Went to Maj. Mosely's to have some business documents signed.

I have taken a most delicious cold. No mail today.

I suppose the Blue is up again. To meet for nothing!

Tues 27. All frosty day.

Attended the session of the Legislative Committee.

Came home late. Cold day. Taking manuscript down to night. Disappointed!

Wed 28. Cold and chilly morning. Took Dr. Frost's new Anger dose when, aghast, a new one in the N.W. and the girls went to Kansas.

Thurs 29. Windy and day. Went to attend the session of the Legislative Committee. Rec'd my mail, among which was a letter from J. M. Carter from Washington and one to the Council.

Friday 30. Cloudy and windy and a strong prospect of rain. Went to Mr. Harry G. Smith and ordered to have some papers in relation to our land sold.

Sat 31. Attended the meeting of the Committee. Passed land bills and Resolutions.

Maj. Mosely gone to St. Louis.

Sun 6. O'Connell's moved! He's a hot tubbing and R. H. Frost has done the deed for the first time for the year of 1857.

At 12 o'clock I set out for Independence. Went to John E. McCoy's and staid all night.

Monday 7. Cloudy and misting. Rain. Went in com-

April 27

- Sunday 23. Cold frosty morning.
 Missed the vision of the Crucifix. I left my friend
 who made a Report in part of their business, desiring a
 special report till his Colleague, Walker arrives.
 Remained at home till next day.
- Wed 24. Cloudy morning and cold. Dry, dry weather.
 Thurs 25. Wind & rain. Spent a day very pleasantly.
 Friday 26. Came home. No news.
- Sat 27. Clear and pleasant. Dry and warm.
 Cold and dry, dry. Oh for gentle showers!
 Sun 28. Clear and cool. Dry, dry, as a lettuce from
 one's fingers going down, but can hear of none coming up.
 I dislike Mr. Dewey and threatening rain.
 But alas! the sun went down with not so much as a sprinkle!
 During the night it calmed. Cloudy and the wind from the N.W.
 Dry clouds, but no rain.
- Mon 29. No rain, nor even so much as a dew to moisten vegetation.
 The sky clearing off, so. Good bye rain.
 Wed 30. E.W. Rogers, by Russell Chap. the boy, to let Hamilton leave
 the Store House for 10 months for 5 months to keep a Grocery.
 Both days no company.
 3 o'clock Mr. Cummings raining and continued till 5
 Cloud, this the night with but little rain.
- Tues 29. At 7 rain again.
 At 2 o'clock 9 had motion of hail. Wind from the North as
 usual - Cold. Spent 11 a snow storm. Foggy and desolation!
 what is to come next? In the evening cleared up
 O 30. A most severe biting frost. Farewell frost!
 C.B. Garrett, M.R. Walker and myself having been appointed
 by the Hon. Executive Council, School Examiners, we examined
 one applicant, Miss R. Garrett, and pronounced her competent.
- Thurs May 1. { Cheers! Joyous Voices!! What a Frost!

May 1887

- The front totally destroyed.
 Today Henry Norton and Hannah Dick were formally
 united in the state of matrimony by Rev Mr. Shaler. They were
 married without the license required by law. The marriage
 is clearly illegal.
 Went to town and called upon Mrs. M... No news.
- Friday 2. Cloudy and cold, and threatening rain.
 Just rec'd a line from Mr. Mosley announcing his arrival
 that evening - and forthwith the annuity must be paid
 ready or not ready - Tally Ho!
 Gentle showers all day this morn. Special session of the Council
 appointed for tomorrow.
- Sat 3. Clear and beautiful morning. Must attend the Council.
 The Council found on Wednesday the 7th of the visit is the
 day for his Commencement of the Semi-annuity payment.
 Let my family store, from house this evening.
- Sun 4. Clear windy and cold. Dry weather.
 Wrote letters, one to Mr. Bailey, St. Louis, and one to
 J.H. Winford, New Bedford.
- Mon 5. Clear and pleasant. Went to town hired with Mr.
 Mosley. Met with E. Graham. Came home and found
 a Mr. Winford, who is an applicant for the Post of Peconic
 paper. He seems to have some knowledge of the art of teach-
 ing the young "idea how to shoot". "Refined heart to"
 John Smith, School Director.
- Tues 6. Beautiful morning. Council today. Closed up the
 business of the Council, and ready for the payment
 on tomorrow. Mr. Graham and Ed. Charles stood
 all right.
- Wed 7. Clear and cool. Examined Pascal Garret
 a Candidate for School Director
 Commenced paying out the annuity and paid out
 all I dislike Mr. and adjourned for the day.

May 1851

Came home. Raining. Good.

Rain continued till nightfall and stopped, though laid the dew.

Thurs 1. Beautiful clear morning. All nature has put on her gayest attire of verdant green.

At 10 the Assembly adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Friday 9. The Council in session. Gov. M. Preble from St. Louis in interview with the Council upon the subject of the M. Preble's claim upon the nation for all home. The Council adjourned till next Sunday.

Sat 10. Clear and beautiful morning.

A stormy breeze all day. Mr. Preble called and staid all day.

Sun 11. Clear and warm, but still a heavy cloud. No rain. Very dry. I fear we are doomed to have a famine. Brown & Co. are to say in the streets of St. Louis 10 o'clock at night raining furiously. Glory enough for one night!

Mon 12. Dark and cloudy. Mr. W. and Sophia went to Kansas but my mail.

Hygiene

Tue 13. Clear for a part of the day, but cool.

Wed 14. Cloudy and threatening rain.

Thurs 15. Clear and fine. Nothing of interest.

Mon 16. Cloudy and some rain. Made some calculations upon planting corn, but deferred it.

Tue 17. Supt of Cass County called and spent some time in local chat.

Wed 18. Clear but as usual windy. Went out into the upper settlement. Called upon various persons. Went to town to call upon Major Mosley but found he had gone to visit the Delawares.

Thurs 19. Beautiful morning, but warm.

At 10 at 9 o'clock the wind rose and is now blowing a "hurricane" and in all probability will find in a heavy rain.

Thurs 20. We had most furious rain last night.

Cloudy this morning and threatening more.

Corn planted no corn today.

The Missouri and Kansas rivers both up tomorrow. The water is now over the bottom below the ferry. Respect of more rain.

Friday 20. Clear and beautiful morning.

Rain which lasted some half an hour. Then warm and sunny. We can get no mail, owing to higher water below.

Sat 21. Cloudy and high winds, as usual. Sophia started for Kansas, but owing to blowing a perfect hurricane she could not cross the ferry. I came home and gave it up.

Got up Cato. He is a brood of hoveed.

Sun 22. Cloudy and sprinkling rain. Continued cloudy all day but with but little rain.

Mon 23. Finished a written report and argument against the claims of J. W. Doty against the Wyandott nation. Went to attend the Council and there learned that Isaac Zane was in confinement in the jail for having stabbed James B. Smith on Saturday evening. Went to see the wounded man and my prediction is, he will die, or I regard the wound mortal.

Made out the pay roll for the distribution of the Commutation money. Whole number entitled to receive 609. Rained last night most furiously.

Tue 24. Cloudy and threatening more rain.

Attended a called session of the Legislative Committee. Mr. H. Walker and Harriet set out for St. Charles. They went toward the Ypsilanti in company with Mr. A. Thompson, J. Walker and Sam. Drummond to Kansas, intending from thence to take the steamer S. P. Paul.

June 1857

The Council and Committee both adjourned at 5 o'clock. Both rain, rising rapidly.

Heavy rain but no matter.

Wed 4. Raining most furiously. Dark dreary weather. Foggy all day. Light Cloud meeting.

M.R.W. came over and spent an hour with us. Night came on dark and dreary, with much thunder and no rain.

Thurs 5. Raining in torrents, and so thick are the clouds, that I can scarcely read at this window.

5 o'clock P.M. The windows of Heaven are opened and the great sea in the north is spilling out. The Ashes are hung in the livery of mourning - the dark and stormy clouds are festooned with crests and the drooping of wind.

At about 12 o'clock the rain partially ceased and I availed myself of the occasion to pay a visit to the river, and found them still rising, especially the Missouri.

Sun Sat. The rain has ceased. A quiet and still night.

Sunday 6. Calm and still morning, but somewhat cloudy. Set out in company with M.R.W. for St. Louis, but when arrived at the Ferry, alas! there was a bark. The ferry man refused to ferry us over, stating that it was dangerous to attempt to take over the flat with the force he then had, as the current was stronger than usual. So, we gave it up and came home.

We have had no rain to day.

Sat 7. Clear and cool night. Drank my Coffee too strong. Could not sleep till after 11 o'clock.

Pleasantly clear and cool morning. The rain I hope is over. In gear these weeks with but little intermission we have had heavy rains. My corn not planted yet. Oh too bad! Special Session of the Council to day

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and also of the Legislative Committee.

Reports to the Council their answer to the claim of West Valley as presented by Gov. M. Bentley. It was read and with some slight amendments, adopted.

Clear and warm day.

Tues 8. The weather has to all appearance become settled. It is a beautiful calm and clear morning.

Mr. Griffith called and spent the day with us. In the evening, M.R.W. M. Gray Esq. and Mr. C. Brown

came called and stood a couple of hours. I have heard that there are some cases of Cholera in Kansas. May a Riot pervade delirious as possible change.

Wed 9. To day it is intended by the Council to bring over the National money from Kansas and I will avail myself of the opportunity of getting some provisions brought over. Went over and made some purchases, got my mail and came home. Fine weather. Both rivers falling rapidly.

Thurs 10. Clear and cool morning.

This day the deliberation of the "Constitutional money" commenced. Left before 11 o'clock.

Thurs 10. The payment commenced at 11 o'clock.

M.R.W. and I proceeded very quietly and early.

Council adjourned this afternoon till tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Cloudy at night and threatening another rain.

Wed 11. Cool and cloudy, but had no rain last night.

The payment will be resumed this morning.

At about 10 o'clock today, it commenced raining with some gust of wind, thunder and lightning - "an ironish tempest" and till 5 o'clock P.M.

Thurs 12. Cloudy and threatening more rain.

Mr. C. Graham staid all night with us.

Hired a "Hulle mahoy" named Boline that look

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Sunday 22 Clear and beautiful morning. Wind from the East. Atmosphere in a more southerly direction than yesterday. Cool and pleasant all day. The sick folks getting a little better. Mr. M. Garrett stood all night. Express gone to Kansas. Mr. Maynard's letter from Missouri. Hester's person in his carriage from Kansas on her return from Lexington where she had been paying a visit to her friends.

Monday 23 Cloudy and damp vapors. My sick folks improving. Dr. Wright called and administered some medicine.

Tuesday 24 Went to Kansas for some little necessities for the lady. Warren. The sick improving.

Wednesday 25 Clear and warm. At 2 o'clock P.M. the mercury stood 96°. In the evening clearing up. Thunder at a distance. Midnight, a shower of rain.

Thursday 26 Mr. John Massey, we just heard of the death of John H. Cat. He is said to have died this morning of Cholera. Heavy clouds, somewhat windy and pleasant.

Friday 27 Cloudy and cool. Friends arriving become better. Hester's day of rest. Saturday. In the evening the wind rose and a steady breeze from the north.

Saturday 28 Cloudy and damp. At day break rain, and continued to rain till 12 o'clock P.M. So much has been the day, that no one has ventured to go to town for the mail. So we have no news. Went to Kansas Mr. Knight of Delmont Co. Mo. Another shower last night.

Sunday 29 Clear and cool morning. M.R.W. called and took us on mail, but no letters. John Willigan, son of Dr. D. Williams, was committed to prison yesterday for an assault on one of the twin boys, who died from his wounds. A bad fix for John. Went down to make a call upon Major Massey. Spent a couple of hours with him in general chat.

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Mon 30 Clear and cool, not only cool, but really cold. I put on my heavy winter coat and as an auxiliary to heating up the stove and turned over, took a horse of course. Went to Kansas. Mr. Dowell at work on the old store, laying the floors. Warm afternoon.

Tuesday 1. Rain, rain! Went to town to see what the Hon. Executive Council was doing. Two members being missing and they being the oldest, James Rankin and James Ashington, the Council adjourned till Thursday. The Missouri river calling.

Wed 2

Thurs 3

Friday 4 The glorious 4th spent in Kansas amongst very good company.

Sat 5 Missouri still calling. Warm weather.

Nothing of interest

Thurs 10 Mr. Massey called and spent the day.

Friday 11 Warm - nothing. Weathered to

Sat 12 Cholera still raging in Independence. Martha went to Kansas. Got our mail.

Sun 13 Clear and warm. Mr. Safford stood all day. We dined and read. The evening shades coming on I prevailed on him to stay all night. At 2 o'clock P.M. the thermometer stood 96°.

Mon 14 Clear and warm all day. At 3 P.M. the thermometer stood 96°. Deputy Major Massey who has gone up to Delaware to day. He will have a washing time of day. The ferry returned from Combsford to day. Have no further case of Cholera.

May it take French leave of us.

July 1857

Tues 15 Has sufferings come but slight, intangible from the heat. Clear this morning, but not here before in the prospect of another warm day.

To say John William will leave his trial, if a jury can be reached and the witnesses be had.

Went to town and called upon Major Morley who has just returned from a Delaware Council.

From reports from Independence the scourge is performing deadly work in that place, big more deaths on Saturday.

Went up to the Council House to witness the trial of John William and Tyson Big Snake. I was unfortunately forced upon the jury. In the want of witnesses they were acquitted.

In the evening we had a shower of rain.

Wed 16 Cloudy, but warm and sultry.

Wrote a long letter to W. Gilmore.

Adam Brown and Peter Bearskin called upon me to do some writing for them.

By them I learn that Charles Graham has died of Cholera probably the 14th inst. Just as I predicted and repeatedly told him. For Charles he fell as an

a victim to the god Marmion.

The particulars of his death have not transpired. I have since learned that he was attacked in the forenoon and died that evening. Mr. Guthrie went to see him on business, but when he reached there, found him in the agonies of death and died a short time afterwards.

I have also heard of the death of Fonder.

He died yesterday of the flux.

Thurs 17 Heavy shower at 2 o'clock this morning.

Exceedingly warm. At 2 P.M. the Therm 98°

Wrote to Col. J. Gordon, informing him of E. J.'s death.

July 1857

May 18 Has an afternoon thunder storm with a hurricane which threw down the lofty trees in every direction. Among these say fine trees which stood at the River.

Mr. W. went to Kansas and made some purchases of friendly goods. Learned that the Cholera was abating in Independence.

Not quite so warm to day. Therm 94°

I have been in deep reflection. I am to cease no soon this year. All owing to the want of operations. I could not procure any laboring hands, but one offer wages over so high.

Sat 19 Clear and cool morning. The air is pure and bracing.

Sun 20 Cool and pleasant

Therm 88°

Mon 21 Breeze - - - - -

Tuesday 22 Rain at a most rate at midnight.

Wed 23 Clear and pleasant - Warm

Thurs 24 Warm to excess. At 2 P.M. the Therm at 101°

Gathered Black berries and were completely exhausted on our return home. Thrilled with an attack of the Bilious Fever.

Friday 25 Staid at home all day. Warm warm, the very Atmosphere of Mr. Vescovaz when in full blast, is upon us.

Sat 26 Went over to see Uncle James Rankin who has been sick for several days. Found him quite a promising convalescent. Mr. J. Walke and a Mr. H. A. Walter called upon us and spent some time. Several cases of cholera in Kansas.

Got no mail to day.

Sun 27 Clear, but warm. The sun rises with a fiery and lurid glow. Went up to see Uncle Sam and staid till 1 o'clock P.M. Found him apparently free from disease but much weaker than he was on yesterday.

Bro. W. Scarratt presents to day. After meeting he and his lady came and dined with us. I then called on Mr. Anders and found him improving. Therm 98°

July 1851

Monday 28 Clear and a fine prospect of a warm day.

Went over to see Uncle Sam, and found him much better. Major Morley and Abel Bricker went up to attend a Council of the Delawares. I went to the Blacksmith's shop and got my knife ground. At 2 P.M. Thorne's men got

Tuesday 29 Clear and pleasant this day, having a fine breeze from the S.W. Attempted to cut my little meadows, but owing to my lameness could make but little head way.

Wed 30 Clear morning. Continued clear all day. I resumed my hay making. Owing to my lameness in my ankle, I made but little head way in morning. The day was pleasant & a little cooler than usual.

In the evening rec'd a note from Major Morley regarding the loan of my horse. Heard nothing from Kansas.

Thurs 31 Clear and cool morning. This is the last day of July and with this month may terminate our successive warm weather. This has truly been a dull monotonous day; not a soul has come near us up to this hour 5 o'clock P.M.

Half of the Wyandott nation might be dead and the unconscious of the calamity. Well, well, ignorance is bliss. Within 20 minutes of 8 o'clock P.M. while I was sitting in the passage looking out upon the green, all of a sudden the gold in front became illuminated, supposing upon the instant that a lighted candle was being put in from the kitchen, but after looking up a dash of brilliant illumination of a mixture of purple, silver and yellow was forming most magnificently in the depths of air as I can recollect, about 25° above the horizon. The illumination lasted about 5 seconds and suddenly disappeared. Whether this was an Alcora or not, I am unable to tell. About a minute after a distant rumbling like thunder was heard in the same direction which lasted a half minute and gradually died away. I am certain it was not

Aug 1851

Thunder as at the time, the sky was clear and the stars twinkled all over the heavens - not a cloud was to be seen. Clear and cool and beautiful morning.

1. Resumed my hay making and finished harvesting in the evening. Upon the whole it has been quite a pleasant day. A little while before day we had a heavy shower of rain. Continued cloudy and showery all day.

2. At 10 P.M. for our mail, but got no letters but some newspapers, but they contain nothing very interesting. Wrote a letter and sent to the P.O. for Mr. Green.

3. Cool and cloudy. At 2 o'clock the girls set out for church, but I fear they will be caught in a shower either going or returning. Colonel and the atmosphere reports. In the evening Mr. Drifflinger called upon me and spent an hour in quite agreeable chat. Cool and cloudy evening.

4. Cool and cloudy. After Mr. R. Walker just returned from I have called upon us.

Finished a letter to J. M. Byrnes. Finished reading Dickens' latest production "David Copperfield, the Gargery".

Cool and cloudy all day with an occasional sprinkling of rain. Major Morley called to day and spent an hour in social chat.

Learned by him that Mr. Clinton's negro Walter, died of cholera yesterday - a truly great loss to that family. 5 o'clock P.M. Cloudy and cool.

5. Cloudy and cool as usual. No change in the weather.

6. Mr. H. and Harriet gone to Kansas "shopping". To day the Council meets and I must attend, this I feel well. This I attribute to my indulging in too much green corn. Was to attend the session of the Council. Major Morley has gone over to the Shawnee territory.

The Council was engaged chiefly in State business. At 4 P.M. I came home and put up the remainder of my hay.

Aug 1857

Sat 16. Don't talk about weather. I am sick of it.

Went to Westport to attend a suit. Judgment was rendered by default. I appeared to the Circuit Court.

Sun 17. Cool and pleasant day. Nothing of interest to say. Rained all night.

Mon 18. Cold and cloudy. My villainous skin broke out in spots and made their escape and Draygon followed them. I set out in pursuit of the horse, but failed in finding him. Came home wet and chilled. Next took on a violent cold and an acute Rheumatism in my spine, kept me all night.

Dr Wright called and gave me some medicine.

Tue 19. Clear and pleasant. Major Mackay sent a dispatch to me requiring my attendance at the Council and in a few minutes Charles James Mackay sent for me to come over and see his sick family, his daughter being considered dangerous. I rushed to the calls of humanity in preference to business and official calls.

Wed 20. Writing some letters of Recommendation. Geo Steel called and spent the day. It was a happy day. Then 90°

Very night. Mr Walker brot over our mail.

Thurs 21. Cloudy and damp morning.

At 10 o'clock drove up to Hunter's place and got him home. In the evening Thos Brockbank called upon me and spent some time in social chat. Afterwards I saw Rankin called and from him we learned that his family were yet quite sick.

Well we had no rain to day. Cool evening.

Friday 22. Clear and cool morning with heavy dew. Pleasant day. Mary Rankin a promising Convert.

Sat 23. Clear morning. Forepart of a warm day.

Went to Westport and made the necessary arrangements for my appeal to the Circuit Court.

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Sunday 24. Clear and warm. Feeling unwell staid at home. Pleasant day. Read and wrote.

Mon 25. Went to Kansas and got some mail. Cloudy and cool.

Tues 26. Cloudy and cool. Thirsty with a chill.

Wed 27. Clear.

Thurs 28. Clear and warm. Sick and uneasy. Sickly and uneasy.

Friday 29. Mr W. returned this evening from St. Charles and has been high & healthy since. Sophia has passed on into some friends to Kentucky. In a pleasant way. Is just as usual & enjoying life very much.

Sat 30. Weather. Changes, weather and the people take it. In the evening it cleared up & brightly and the night was clear and the stars of the first term shone out.

Sun 31. Clear and warm. Mr Scarritt called a few minutes intending to officiate in the Church to day.

9 o'clock duty. There being a slight breeze and the day somewhat pleasant.

Today a number of our folks set out, some for Ohio & some for Canada, viz. - R. Garrett Mr M. Garrett Robert Garrett, M. M. Garrett and several others.

Warm and pleasant evening.

Monday Sept 1. Clear and beautiful morning. There is now some appearance of better weather. In the indication of returning sanity in the elements, thank many thanks!

Went down to visit the sick. Uncle James Rankin looking very fast with the consumption.

Tues 2. Beautiful morning. Rode out to John Hicks. Then visited the sick. Rode up to John Hicks and got some Beef and a Buck of fine Placks. Warm day Therm 94°

Scarcely a family to be found in the whole without some one sick.

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Wed 2 Clear and cool. Heavy dew. We are all getting well—
Thanks to the salutary influence of good weather.
Legal marriage licenses to authorize the marriage
of Mrs. B. Corby, dead to Miss Matilda Clark.
Excellent warm. Therm 96°.

Thurs 3 Clear and a fair prospect of a warm day.
At 10 o'clock a slight breeze blew up from the SW
neutralizing in some degree the heat.
Mr. W. and I went to Kansas to purchase various
family stores and while doing so purchased my self
a suit of clothes. What I have not done for years.
Reached home at 2 o'clock P.M. Therm 94°.

Friday 4 Clear and warm. Went over to see Uncle James.
He appears to maintain his strength and vigor in
a remarkable degree.
In the evening I was called upon to visit Saml Rankin
who is also getting down. I sought over and found him
in a high fever. Staid with him till after midnight.
Unusually warm night.

Sat 6 Clear and sultry. Went up to E. Jones and bot
some beef and salt of John Hicks and took
a barrel of Peaches. Another warm day. Therm 95°.
Went over in the evening to see Uncle James and family.
Found Saml some better.

Mr. R. Ogden had a son born to him to day, over
which he doubtless rejoices greatly.
Martha taken sick. The day Truly a sickly one!

At night sultry and warm—oppressively so.
Sun 7 Clear and warm. Martha James took a bad night
having a high fever all night.

In the evening went to pay a visit to Major Medley.
Found Dr. Ridge & Mr. Goodrich & lady there. Staid till sun
set and came home Therm 98°. Married sick.
What to be done?

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Monday 8 Clear and a little cool.
2 o'clock P.M. Therm 95°.

Tuesday 9 Warm not only warm but hot 98°.

Wed 10 Warm warm

Thurs 11 Cool and pleasant. Went to Kansas for some
medicine. Received word from Dr. Wright.

Friday 12 Suffering with a Rheumatism in my back.
Camp meeting commenced to day. An ingenious
arrangement considering how hotly our people are.

Sat 13 Clear and pleasant. Feeling quite unwell.
Camp meeting going on. Visited Mr. W. Walker
in family and himself being sick.

Sun 14 Cloudy and misty rain. Went to Camp meeting
Held a sermon from L. P. Statler and one from
Mr. Scarratt. Fainted out to be a pleasant day.
Dined with Mr. Doffmeyer. Came home in the eve-
ning.

Mon 15 Clear and pleasant. Went to Meeting again.
Sister Armstrong not appearing. I entertained for Mr.
Scarratt his 11 o'clock sermon.

Tues 16 Warm day. Visited Mr. R. and family. Found them
improving. Then visited Uncle James. Found him still
declining. Nothing startling transpired to day, except
the call of Dr. Doyle who wishes to be employed
as Physician for the nation, and also a call by a
Mr. Rucker who wishes to open a Female Seminary
in Kansas. Subscribed one session for Harriet.

Wed 17 Cloudy and a prospect for rain.
Mr. W. goes to Kansas. Left 1 P.M. still cloudy.
We have had no visitors to day. Lonesome.
Hear yesterday that that Buckamer Peck & Lopez have
been captured by the Indians and executed.
It is to be hoped that the legal fictions of the law

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and enabled for intercourse with the affairs of foreign governments will teach Americans to stay at home and attend to their own business. It has been seen but too clearly and recently too, that the oppressed Cubans do not thank Americans for their sympathy, least of all for their invasion of their soil for the ostensible purpose of delivering them from oppression. Verily, the Americans shall have been caught upon their soil have had their reward!

Mr. W. returns from Kansas, but took no mail.

Major Mosley returned from Potteryville.

Thurs 18. Clear and beautiful morning this forenoon. Went to pay a visit to Maj Mosley. Found him much fatigued and indisposed. Saw a letter etc of the Republican which confirms the reported capture and execution of Lopez, the Brigand.

Went up to L. H. Hicks and found Wm L. D. Stetler and Lady there. Had a long conversation with him on the prospects of the Aborigine race counselled with the policy of the Government towards them. Assume that the Circuit Court will adjourn next Saturday.

Friday 19. Clear and pleasant morning with the prospect of a warm day. Went to Independence to attend the session of the Circuit Court. Had my case continue till next day.

Sat 20. Spent my time in looking about town and chatting with acquaintances and spending some time in book writing etc. proceeding.

Sun 21. Spent the day in the Board of the Health of Judge M. E. H. of L. H.

Mon 22. Came home and found Mr. Adams has returned from Cincinnati.

Sept 1857

Tue 23. Sick.

Sat 27. Warm and pleasant day. Major Mosley continues sick. Hunted my fugitive etc. but could not find him.

Sun 28. Clear and beautiful weather.

Went to Church. While there Mr. Kelley and Mr. Lusk the former from Wayne City and the latter from Jefferson City, came in. They came on to visit. They dined with us and were compelled to return the same evening. Uncle James sent for me. I found him in bed and about winding up his earthly career. I with C. F. Barrett and Henry Barrett stood with him till he expired at 2 p.m. to Mr. Lusk and Henry closed his eyes. Thus terminated the career of James Barker in the 76th year of his age.

Mon 29. Arrangements made for the funeral to take place tomorrow under the direction of the Council. At a special session of the Council it was agreed that at 11 o'clock A.M. the corpse be taken to the Church, where an oration is to be delivered by John Hicks who from thence to the burying ground and after the burial the company to disperse.

Tue 30. Beautiful day. The funeral solemnities were performed in accordance with the above programme. Edna home fatigued and worn out.

Wed 1. Clear and beautiful morning. Went over in the evening to see my widowed sister's family. Found them very happy.

Thurs 2. Clear and cool morning. Mr. Walker called and informed me that the Council would meet 4 days. After some time we went down to call upon Major Mosley who has been sick and I received a

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a severe coughing from him for not paying more attention to him. The animal rejected Dr. Doyle's application.

Friday 3. Mr. W. and I signed the deed conveying our Sonora County lands. We both went to pay a visit to Major Mosley. I much him improving, but a more obstinate ill tempered, fractious and troublesome man I never saw.

Sat 4. Clear and beautiful morning. Commenced chopping some wood in the pasture. Brog over some cows from Aunt K. Antine to keep a few weeks while the family was sick and unable to attend to them.

Went over to Greely Miner's. Took him my saddle and bridle. Cut some wood and spoke in a my horse to the stable. This is outrageous for me to become a pack mule! -- Harriet came home.

In the evening Mr. W. was taken with a chill - a relapse - high fever ensued. Sick all night.

Sun 5. Foggy morning. Mr. W. took an emetic. Considerably improved this the day.

Taken with a high fever myself. Sick all night.

Mon 6. Bump and foggy morning. Russia came to Cornsmeles cutting up corn. Mr. W. taken again with the chill - Very sick. Wrote out a Biographical Sketch of Uncle Sam for publication.

Learned by Mr. Ed. Alker that Major Mosley is worse. When is our sickness to terminate?

In the evening my fever came on lasted nearly all night. Mr. H. confined to his bed.

Lois Sampson, one of the Sisters, called and notified me to attend a National Convention, for what purpose he did not inform me. It is rather problematical what I shall attend or not.

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Thurs 7. Clear and cool morning with an unusually heavy dew. I feel better this morning. I must avail myself of my good condition by going to Kansas to procure some family stores medicines &c.

This morning a Brood in passing of ground upon the bar, and there she lays.

Went to Kansas and purchased some medicines. Came home and as usual had a chill which prevented me from attending the National Convention. Mr. W. very sick all night.

We are still favored with fine weather.

Wed 8. Somewhat cloudy, but the sun is rising, and as red as a boiled Lobster. Remained somewhat cloudy all day. In the afternoon Mr. Z. Armstrong called to see us, and shortly after Mr. M. Stok called. From her we learned that our son of the Emerald Lake of potatoes smothering manure, John, is such as, married in Co. County to a Miss Susan Dale. Very Miss Susan must have wanted a husband distressingly!

In the evening the clouds became thicker - distant thunder accompanied with vivid lightning and at 7 o'clock commenced a deluge of rain.

We both passed a restless night. I underwent a most profuse sweat, and Mr. W. suffered a severe head ache.

Thurs 9. Cloudy morning. A considerable rain fell last night. I feel very weak. Went down to see Maya Mosley found him very feebly but free from disease. He is being solivated. Mr. Clarkson is also sick. Came home in the afternoon. Rain.

At ten o'clock commenced raining, and thus the night with thunder and vivid lightning.

We both spent a very sick night.

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Friday 10. Cloudy. At 10 o'clock the same came out as many gloomish. Cool and pleasant. Mr. W. still very sick.

Got round my apples. Harvest is high. What next? A great loss of apples? Insects at work. These pests of pestilence and disease beyond cool in the evening.

Sat 11. A sharp morning, but no frost. Mr. W. improving. I went to Kansas and got my mail. There I learned that Col. Cheyenne had been on Major Morley's property. Dined with Mr. Boyd at the "Union" restaurant. The dinner nothing to brag of.

A rain and cool day. Russia and I got in some wood.

Sun 12. Cold morning but no frost yet. In the afternoon I paid a visit to Major Morley and found him recovering, but Oh! what an ill tempered cocked old dinner. Having a very sore mouth and unable to talk only by signs, but when in a gust of passion he will swear like a pirate. His son John arrived on Saturday. Just heard that Mr. Long is not expected to live. We both passed a very uncomfortable night. Wrote a communication for the Ledger.

Mon 13. Clear and cool morning, but no frost. Wrote to Mr. Thomas Shipley of Cass County. Mr. John Morley called this morning and spent an hour with us.

Addressed a note to Mr. Telegraph man demanding satisfaction of money paid for dispatches sent when there were none. One hour just before the death of Mr. Long. Went to Kansas for some family stores. Came home in the evening. Cool evening.

Tue 14. Wrote to Sophia enclosing \$32 to her at Hannsburg. Wrote also to Randolph, at St. Charles, enclosing \$600. Also to Dr. Keegan, enclosing \$1000.

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We had some sprinkling of snow this morning. I must go to Kansas to mail my letter.

Returned from Kansas in the afternoon somewhat fatigued. Had a sick night of it. ~~So long and last evening~~

Wed 15. Frosty morning. Went to Kansas again to mail some important letters. Got home (Smith, etc.) and came home.

Thurs 16. Frost again! Went down to see Major Morley. Spent some evening ground.

Then there went up to the Council; think till they adjourned. Dr. Fitch, the oculist, came over from Westport and had taken up his lodgings at Fishhook. Clear and beautiful evening.

Mr. W. not at all day.

Friday 17. Thanks to my patron star, I escape the chill the fever and the night sweat and this morning I feel much better. We both feel encouraged with the prospect of regaining our health. Cloudy, some appearance of rain.

Sat 18. Still it continues cloudy yet we have no rain yet. At the hour I feel an unpleasant feeling in my head; this I attribute to the cold of the evening. So I think I shall stop taking it for a season at any rate.

Mr. W. is up today. He is improving. I dined at home all day. Andrew leaves for falling.

At night Hall Mr. Dufflonger and Lucy returned from St. Louis. Russia finished cutting up my Goddard.

Sat 19. Whew! what a demonstration of cold frost has made this morning. Went to Kansas to get my mail and purchase some family stores.

A detachment of Sioux Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Kiowas and Snake Indians headed by Major Fitzpatrick were at the Union Hotel waiting for a boat. They are on a visit by special invitation to Washington.

While there the Clara came down and they took her home.

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Sunday 19. Clear and frosty morning. We are regaining our health. A most beautiful and warm day. Old Hankins preached today, but I staid at home, being an invalid, and waiting to obey the divine command and lithurgy. I made it a day of rest. As on the seventh day I rested.

Mr Hoffmeyer went up to preach to the Delawarees.

18-19. not so well this evening

Mon 20. Cool and cloudy, having today appearance of a cold and terminal rain. I took full my respect to Major Mersley this morning. Went at 10 o'clock and wrote in the Agents file. The Major paying off the employees in his Agency then went to the Council. The new Constitution was adopted and a poor thing - a piece of Hocky, the product of a bill of lops hands, and a happy concern it is.

Not heard of the death of David Young. Died of consumption. James Tharion elected to supply the vacancy in the Council caused by the death of Henry Hankins. Cold and misty night.

Tues 21. A very hard frost. Cold and cloudy.

Went to Nantux and got some marketing. Mailed a letter for Mr. Hannah Borritt. Paid off some small debt. Come home late. Encountered some difficulty in crossing at the ferry owing to the low water.

Wed 22. A cold and severe morning. 2° below freezing point. Waiting for Russia to come and commence his job of chopping Cord woods.

Heard yesterday that the Steamer Hermann went sank and her cargo, part belonging to Waldo Boyd & Chick lost and damaged.

Mr. Gilmore and Worthen gone up to Fish Hooks to see Dr. Fisk the Doctor.

This day put away my last Dutch Potatoes in a Box packed away for dry season.

Dr. Fisk pronounced Mr. Gilmore's eye incurable.

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Thurs 23. A very severe frost. Therm at day light 28°

The operations upon Russia. The trifling scamp has not come yet to commence his job of chopping Cord woods. If he does not come this forenoon, I will contend with some boys also and he may go to Drury Long's Luck.

I raked up my Otter and hitched them to my Waggon and proceeded to the "Punch" as the Yan Kees would say, and loaded it up with dry wood.

This has been a warm and pleasant day.

Friday 24. Warm & pleasant morning. Something like Indian summer. Russia made his appearance this morning, and commenced on his job of chopping Cord woods. Chopped a little over a Cord, and went home in the evening. It has been a warm and pleasant day.

Sat 25. We had a tempestuous and windy night. Cloudy this morning. Dry weather. The grass is parched up.

It is in this country. Every thing is parched. When we have rain it is a general deluge and that over then a drought follows, and therefore of the earth is a dry as the desert of Joharav. The more I see and feel of this climate, the more I am satisfied with it.

A. I have taken a course told the winds is now blowing from the North and very cold. I have a severe pain in my breast, with some difficulty of breathing.

Sunday 26. A severe morning. Therm 20°. I feel unwell. Have something resembling the Piles. Mr. Sturgell preached here but I am too much indisposed to attend church.

Went down in the afternoon to visit Major Mersley. He is ailing & getting worse and intends making the Anniversary of the 100th day here.

Mon 27. A beautiful morning, but little frost. A fair prospect of having a pleasant day. Harried with Cord woods and staid up fresh some marketing and got our mail. Just heard that Mr. Mersley

That Mr. Maria Farrell was in Concord and was sick.
 Nathan at work in chopping oak wood. Sam still in invalid bed and
 fruit in bed with a severe soreness in my throat.
 It has been this day been unusually warm and a strong probability
 of rain to night.
 A heavy south wind this the night, but no rain.
 Tues 28. A warm morning and some hot cloudy. I suppose the Green
 at will meet today and make out the Pay Roll. Preparatory
 to the payment of the Semi Annuity. I must go down and see
 them and make out for the day.
 At 10 o'clock I went to the Evening. Found the Manager and
 the two clerks in attendance, but no Committee. I will wait a long
 or, having waited two hours, I came home, and they may get along
 as best they can, the long stamp.
 In the evening distant thunder was heard and at dark with light-
 ning. At 10 o'clock a heavy shower came on which lasted till 11
 o'clock.
 Wed 29. Cool and clear morning somewhat cloudy.
 Went down to see Major Mosely. But he has flown from his
 "Boring" and taken passage in Mr. Dafflon's carriage for
 Agassiz. Henry & William passed in his way to East Ferry.
 Called home, then went to Mr. R. R. R. and left some fine
 beef. Cloudy and threatening some rain. Had a beautiful
 night and I was getting. Mr. W. but of Mr. Dafflon's horse
 I have been suffering for a week past with a severe headache.
 I have tried the usual remedies in such cases, but as today when
 I do, I feel very ill, I believe from the same cause, but all to no pur-
 pose - no relief afforded. What shall I do, and? No, what?
 Left town this the night. Had a small sprinkle of rain.
 Thurs 30. Clear and cool morning. Mr. W. and myself rode down
 to Kansas and made some purchases and came home
 at 3 o'clock P.M. Got my night, but no news.
 It has been a pleasant day. Somewhat fatigued.

Friday 1st. Warm and pleasant morning.
 Commenced making out triplicate Pay Roll, for the annuity.
 Warm and pleasant day.
 Feel very unwell. Feels and weak.
 Sat 2nd. Warm and breezy, went to Kansas and got my
 mail. Dafflon and Ohio gone for the morning.
 Rec'd a letter from Dr. Rogers of Illinois acknowledging
 the receipt of \$100. Working at the pay roll.
 Harriet returned to school. Failed making a contract for
 my winter's supply of Potatoes. To come for Potatoes being
 asked, and will not gratify an extortioner.
 Sun 3. Frosty morning. Went in company with Martha to the
 Northern Quarterly meeting. Heard a few sermons from the
 Presiding Elder. Rev. J. B. Stetler presided at the North Church
 in the evening. Mr. Henry Longman called and stood all
 night.
 Mon 4. Severe frosty morning. Pleasant this the day.
 Rec'd an invitation to a social at Mr. Rankin's.
 The happy couple were Ash Pipe and Miss Nancy Rankin.
 They were by Rev. Mr. Dafflon. Then a beautiful
 supper. Came home at 10 o'clock in the evening.
 Tues 5. Frosty morning. Finished the triplicate pay roll.
 Mr. W. gone to Kansas. Called upon Major Mosely.
 He intends making the payment of the Annuity on Wed-
 nesday next. Last evening Mr. Maria Farrell returned from the
 West.
 Wed 6. Cool and windy morning. Engaged in copying
 public documents for Major Mosely.
 Henry Longman returned to his place.
 Went to pay a visit to Major Mosely and returned before
 it has been a cool day.
 Thurs 7. Severe morning. Ther'm 20°. Clear and perfect of a few
 days. Went over to see Mr. Farrell and E. Farrell Esq.
 Winter is coming on with rapid strides.

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Nov 2. Spent 2 P.M. at school, arrived with our box of produce brought in Kansas. Potatoes and Apples.

Edmond Lovell and Mary Lovell called and took tea with us, and spent an hour in social chat.

Mary a pleasant day.

Friday 7. Splendid morning! She is emphatically "Indian Summer".

We have had no rain for four weeks and the earth is parched up and the grass is dry as floss.

Went to Adams and Count Eggers called formerly had lunch the evening before, and I suppose calculate upon becoming residents of Missouri.

Pharoah took marketing and came home in the evening.

Sat 8. Cloudy and windy. Cold.

Today (Wed) made the Annuity payment.

Spent the semi-annual day at Scales & R.R. at \$1300 per capita. Agreed Sunday Day selected in the future.

Wind from the S.E.

8 o'clock at night sleeping.

Sun 9. A fine morning. The ground covered with snow a cold wind from the N.E. North weather on line struck.

Went over to Pharoah's and spent some time in social chat. News of the death of Rev. John Bates. Also heard that Albert & Cora are married to some Eastern lady.

Wet and murky weather. In the evening the weather cleared up and the moon rose in crimson majesty and the heavens were gilded with brilliant stars. A *Festivities*

Mon 10. Cold frosty morning. Wrote to Mr. Eg upon a good que chose variation. Mr. W. went to Kansas, and I to the Council. attended the Council. The chiefs attended to paying off the public liabilities and closed their business at 4 o'clock P.M.

I came home hungry and fatigued. Cold and cloudy and windy. Mr. W. returned from Kansas, and took our mail.

Found but little interesting news.

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Tues 11. Worked at it this morning and the wind was blowing a very tempest and raining furiously.

Rained all day. Avoided myself of keeping in doors and inside all day for Major's Meeting. A.

It is now night and still raining, the wind from the S.E.

Wed 12. At day light, still raining. Oh Horror!!

Went over to pay a visit to Mr. Wafflenmeyer. Spent an hour with him in social chat.

He this day discovered a large Water mallow!

Raining!! 4 o'clock P.M. raining. How much longer?

My (Hodge's) clock trembling and shaking in the storm.

Spent my last corn raised last year.

We have had no one to call upon us to day. Something unusual.

Last of this moment Fossilhardt called in; having been found out notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, to hunt for some chewing tobacco. I furnished him with a slice of the weed.

Thurs 13. The rain has ceased, but cloudy and cool. The wind from the South East. Pharoah predicts that we shall have just another winter as we had in '43 & '44. This may be so, but I doubt its salutary effect, upon such savanisms.

Sent Dorcas to Kansas to purchase some marketing and bring my mail. Mr. Egbert called upon us today. Cloudy and cold.

Friday 14. Calm frosty morning. The sun rose with a most smiling and amiable face. Prospect of a warm and pleasant day.

I must make some other arrangements about getting my own car's words. It is useless to depend upon Partha. He is, a trifling, inefficient indolent fellow, like all the rest of the Northern Methodist - of no account.

Went over to pay a passing visit to Anna Runkin and pay to her the happy-go-lucky fee. She does the Sister of Sam Runkin.

Frederic Miner and his Drick & Macken, good, having finished their job. Cloudy and cool. What said of weather we are going to have?

Geo. Doorman of Independence, called and took Mr. and

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore in his carriage to Independence where they will spend sometime on a visit.

Sat 15. Clear, cold and frosty morning. I must go to Kanna to day to purchase some family supplies, get my mail and pay some of my household debt. Return from Kanna in the evening, but no mail. No mail bearing up to the early bird's nest. Almost perfectly clear.

Paid off Mr. Moore for vegetables. Mr. Upson for advertising. Bills & Bonds, one Town bill. Mr. L. H. my quarterly check bill.

Clear and cool night. Mya Mosley returned from her journey. Must go to the Synagogue to hear Mr. Scarrill preach, this being his day to preach at the Brick Church.

Came home at 2 and 2 o'clock P.M. A rather thin congregation.

Chilly, cloudy and uncomfortable day.

At 7 o'clock at night fairly satisfied the fire we cut our last Watermelon. Part of it is now yielded to our two slaves and the domestic, and we are "a mighty good family".

Mon 17. Dark and cloudy. Hazy morning.

Went to return some public document to Mya Mosley but he had just sailed for Westport. I left the paper and came home.

Clear of my cellar windows to keep Jack Frost out.

Cloudy day. Done a variety of little jobs about the house, such as glazing my windows, mending bottles, etc. etc.

13. Dark & P.M. still cloudy, but no wind.

We have not had the honor of the company of any of our neighbors, and as we are not very numerous in society are somewhat lonesome. At night wrote a letter to Col. John Hood, my agent making inquiry about the sale of the Barrett Estate.

Tue 18. Clear and frosty morning. To day the Council met and I went present in Mr. Gilmore's name, the Calumet to the Wolf tribe then from Washington. Went to town and got our horse, John had learned that a runaway had been purchased near Westport by one Hanson for another and another had been severely tormented. Mya Mosley returned in the afternoon.

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During the session of the Council I presented Mr. Gilmore's pipe with a suitable speech.

Came home hungry and tired.

Wed 19. A beautiful clear night, the stars shining brilliantly in the firmament, but this morning also! dark and cloudy. The very heaving frozen sea now is black in the morning it is dark enough to bring candles into requisition.

At 10 o'clock raining. Went down to the Agent's office and wrote all day. Sophia returned home from Kentucky. Rained all day. Had no news today.

Thurs 20. Went to Kanna. Attended some business. Came home. No Armstrong died last night.

Friday 21. Went to Kanna. From there to E. F. P. From there to the widow Fowler where I found Mr. Graham. Took her little negro boy Henry to Reef.

Sat 22. Cloudy and blustering day. At night it rained and a the yankee said, "First it blew, then it snowed and then and then it froze". Snow on the ground.

Sun 23. Upstairs morning. A one of us went to the Synagogue the weather being unfavorable. Cloudy, chilly, hazy at other places. Good work. Called and staid all night. Received guest.

Mon 24. More snow. Cold. Thurs 25. After breakfast Mr. Mosley and I. Had a lot of corn. Cloudy. Wrote a letter to W. Gilmore.

Tue 25. Cloudy and stormy morning. Therm 12°. Fed my blooded stock, they leaving a Ken Relish for their food.

At 11 o'clock Mr. Wind came from the South and accompanied by a most furious snow storm. My stock cleared off in the woods, for the purpose of getting sheltered from the billings of the blizzard.

From present appearance it is likely to be unfavorable for a general "turn out" at the Social party at the Union Hotel. Good night.

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Wed 26. Cloudy & wind. Went over to Mr. Rantlin and got John
Sipe to assist me in butchering a beef. He cuts out throat
then with my double barreled corbine. Went home after tea
Biller, and the scamp did not return. Mr. Dafflemeyer
came over and shot him. They had to do the butchering
myself and kasha job. I avail myself of this occasion
to make "my kasha affidavit" that I will never, while
in my sane mind, attempt to butcher a beef alone
again. This much I now place on record.

Samuel Rantlin and Joseph returned from the party.

Last night we had a hard snow and rain storm.

Thurs 27. Blue morning. Cloudy and cold.

Continued cloudy and unpleasant all day and the wind
blowing from every point of the compass.

Cat and Gaudin in some wood in the evening.

Fridy 28. Clear morning. Therm 15°. Prospect of a fair day.
Went over to C. B. G's. He is butchering today.

Mr. Mosley came and called upon us. He presents a rather
disfigured face, having been caught in the autumnal forest, on
the prairie near Sarcove.

It has been a clear and pleasant day, thawing all day - the water
forming off the eaves of the houses.

Pleasant clear night. Moon light.

Sat 29. Clear, frosty morning. With a prospect of a fair day.

Today Spiritually Meeting commences at the Brick Church.
Cat and Gaudin home wood. A haze smoky day.

Rev. C. H. Percy came from Church in the evening and stood
all. Had quite an interesting and a graceful chat with him.

Sun 30. Where! know again! The ground is white.

Winter is upon us, long look out for "breakers".

Went to Church. Rev. John C. Perry preached.

Cloudy & wind. Damp humid and disagreeable weather.

Monday Dec 1st. Cloudy and windy. This is the first day

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of winter, so let winter games, this is its appropriate time.

Went to school. Received his a hopeful hint - a young ballster.

Went to Francis Bonner's crossing at the ferry.

Two steamers & a canoe arrived in port in the last trip.

Rebought a new coat.

Tues 3. Cold blustering morning. Went after Jacob Scholes to
assist me in my work. David Rantlin moved quietly
to his little upon the Wisconsin. Jacob has a load of corn.
This is a chill. This is too bad. I had supposed I was done with
the long haul for this winter, at least.

Wed 4. A day light, Therm 10°. Clear and frosty. At day
light the steamer Francis passed by.

Went to call upon Major Mosley and found him sick
and bed fast. Clear and beautiful day.

Clear and beautiful night. Visited Mr. & Mrs. Dafflemeyer.

Thurs 5. Cloudy again and the air foul and look, like snow.
A national Convention of the Wagoners is to be held
to day, but for so hot purpose, I am not advised.

I went down and called upon Major M. Found him still quite
indisposed. Attended the Meeting at the Council House.

A little over thirty persons attended, not a quorum, but they
recommended the new constitution to the farmers for certain
recommendations.

I entertain for these constitution smokers and
reformers but little respect either for their abilities or their
possessed love for the dear people. They are a set of noisy
ill-mannered - having no fixed or established principles, either
political, moral or religious.

While there, I was talked with a chill and I took French
leave.

Fridy 5. Cloudy morning, this not very cold.

Cat and Gaudin home wood. Continued cloudy and cold
all day. C. B. G. was thrown from his Wagon and
badly hurt in his side.

Sat 6. Clear morning, this not very cold.

Cat and Gaudin home wood. Continued cloudy and cold
all day. C. B. G. was thrown from his Wagon and
badly hurt in his side.

Sun 7. Clear morning, this not very cold.

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Sabb. Cloudy as usual. Being a witness in the Case of M. Wells vs. Hudson and the trial being set for to day, I went to K. The Plaintiff, however, has withdrawn the suit. Went up and dined with M. Walborn. Enquired some facts of H. M. Atkin. People on tip toe waiting to receive the President's message by the mail, but alas! no message.

Had a chill while in K. Came home sick.

Mon 7. Cloudy as usual. At 10 AM commenced raining and continued all day and night. Visited Dr. Barrett. Found him somewhat comfortable but he is badly hurt. The weather being rather laborious I kept close quarters.

Tues 8. Cloudy as usual. M. W. and I went over to see the invalid. Found him in considerable misery. Dr. Doyle, his Physician was with him. Staid a couple of hours and came home, leaving M. W. there. Had a bath afternoon - a chill - something funny. At night rain, snow, sleet - a storm made up of all the above elements. Old Ponce, could command him down all opposition and ran riot, mad and crazy throughout the night.

Wed 9. Dreadful morning! Angels and ministers of grace preserve us!! A chill with a chill. Suffers all night with a high fever. Rain all day. Snow, sleet and all sort of falling & storms.

Wed 10. Snow on the ground. Cal's and Cloudy as usual. Wrote a letter to M. Harvey Barrett. Sent for John Charles to cut and haul some wood and haul some corn and fodder. Sick all day. At night took broken doses of Calomel. Throughout the day it continued cold and cloudy.

Thurs 11. Cloudy as usual. Wrote out a fulmination against Morse's Telegraph for Phlebotomy, but concluded to lay it aside awhile and review it coolly. At a dark came night as today. Cold and unpleasant day.

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Fri 12. Cold frosty morning and cloudy as usual. Sent the Barker to Klamath.

John Solomon called upon me today to settle with me for some flanking he did for me last summer, but as he failed to come settle his Contract, we settled at \$5.00 in full, and paid him. Mr. Paulsen called and staid an hour. Rec'd information that H. M. Atkin had my Ark ready in Klamath. Made arrangements for getting it over tomorrow. Harris came home in a net.

In the evening the wind from the North and freezing. Cold night.

Sat 13. Therm 8°. Cloudy as usual. Dr. Haffmeyer kindly engaged to get my Ark over. Isaac Choate chopping over on in the evening. M. W. & Jack got the Ark up, delivered from cold. At night today.

Sun 14. Clear and beautiful morning with a little snow. The fire went to Church. Being so much of an invalid myself I concluded my correct course was to stay at home.

Cloudy as usual. The sun, after it rose above the horizon, maintained a stout resistance to the murky clouds but was finally overpowered and driven behind the scene. In the evening clear and calm.

Mon 15. Wind! At day light Therm 8° below 0! The sun rose clear. Cold all day. Sick all day. Dr. Haffmeyer wanted me some corn and fodder.

Tues 16. At day light Therm 5° below 0. J. Charles came in and hauled some wood. The Klamath river closed up tight. kept close quarters all day. Got no mail. Cold night.

Wed 17. Therm 2° below 0. Wind from the North. Attempted to cut up my Ark, but it was frozen so hard as an iceberg. J. Charles bore my mail with the President's message. Cold all day. People are crossing the Klamath on foot on the sled.

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Nov 18. Clear. Warm at 0. at day light.

Harriet & Sophia went on foot to Kansas. The former to her school and the latter to visit her friends.

I attempted to cut up my frozen logs. horrible job! succeeded in cutting up two and left the remainder for the morrow.

The weather is moderating. Mr Guthrie called upon us today.

Friday 19. Cloudy. Warm 26° below 0. I must resume my log cutting, and if I am fortunate enough to get three, I will then call down. The ship returned from Kansas in the afternoon, but brought no mail. So, I suppose we are doomed to have mail faster than this winter.

Called down my log this evening.

Sat 20. Clear and sharp morning. Warm 0.

Our old dog Liza, mysteriously disappeared about 2 weeks ago, and we can hear nothing as to his fate. We greatly fear that he has come to his end by some violence. If he was killed in battle, it must have been against fearful odds; for there is none of the canine that could stand a contest single handed with him. Unlike his ancient ancestor, he was no coward, he was brave and possessed great physical strength.

Feble and I saw, I undertook to chop wood enough to warm us over Sunday. Hard work. Hauled a load of corn and fodder.

Walker made me a bill of sale of his Wagon at \$400.

Edwards and Cyrus Garrett came home from the Chapel Hill Academy to spend the holidays.

Sun 21. At day light, snowing. After day - about sun rise it cleared away. Clear. We were present at day come home with our fells, and dined with us. Cold night.

Mon 22. Cloudy morning. Warm 0. Real winter weather. The holidays are approaching and I have not yet laid in my luxuries to treat my friends with.

Mr Walker and A. M. Northrup called upon us today.

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Wed 23. A blue morning. Therm 4° below 0.

Clay, Mr & Mrs Duffleslager set out for Platte County. I was not their ride on such a day as this. Went to town and called upon Major Mosely. While there the Council sent for me and notified me of my election to Office of Clerk of the Council. I informed that honorable body that I deeply appreciated the honor done me by the votes of the Wyandott nation, but unfortunately I was ineligible. I held an appointment under the U.S. in the Indian Department, that of U.S. Interpreter for the Wyandott nation, and had been sworn into office and also to support the Constitution of the U.S. and the law of the Wyandott nation required the Clerk before entering upon his duties, to take an oath of fealty to the Wyandott nation, thus requiring the same individual to serve two governments. But I would cheerfully give them as Clerk provided they would dispense with the qualifying oath. The question was postponed.

Wed 24. Clear and warm morning. Having employed Jacob Charles to accompany me to Kansas, we set out at 12 o'clock on foot. Having and clover walking. Sailed up home business. Paid up my postage for this year from home at dark tired and fatigued.

Cloudy and misting.

Thurs 25. A merry Christmas, to me all! Cloudy and damp morning. 12 o'clock, Mr Reschmutter called and had a long conversation upon the subject of the appointment of Administrators on the Estate of Rev Armstrong dec.

Cold wind from the North. Dull thin, in no company. In the evening the air became cold and the wind continued from the North. Christmas was closed without anything strong or interesting occurring about our domicile.

Friday 26. Cloudy and cold. Wind from the North and pretty strong indications of snow. Well, let it

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Come on. It is of no use to resist or to complain, as old Boreas will have these things to his own notion. Last Charles came over and altho' somewhat indisposed, yet assisted me in getting some wood.

A yan kee pedlar, peddling mags and books, called, but did not make any purchases.

In the evening it commenced raining and rained & floated all night.

Sat 27. Dark and dreary morning.

Went to a piece of gluttony at breakfast. Having a fine dish of Roast with many other luxuries, I eat more than my digestion could manage. Unpleasant digestion and some constipation in the region of the epigastrium. Took a Brandy Toddy by way of antidote.

W. R. Waller called and staid till bed time.

Sun 28. Cloudy morning. Last Charles took out mail. Sophia and Harriet went to Church. Mr. Scarratt came home with our folks and dined with us.

Warm and pleasant, but much walking.

At night clear and moon light and sparkling a little.

Mon 29. Cloudy as usual. At 9 o'clock M. clear and thawing. At night getting cold. Wind from the North. Hauls a lot of corn and fodder.

Tues 30. Clear and cold. Therm 10° above 0.

attended the Session of the Council. Came home in the evening. Mr. Waller came over and staid till bed time.

Wed 31. Clear and cold. Therm 5° above 0.

Ente came over to Kansas. Sent by them a letter to be mailed to, D. L. Robinson of S. Charles enclosing \$2.00.

Sent at the same time to H. M. Nathan a double bill on J. Corant for \$35.00 to pay for 204 lbs pork furnished me by him. Harry but a load of corn.

Beautiful and pleasant day.

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A happy new year to all my friends and acquaintances of any I have. To each of the former I send my kind greetings & the compliments of the season.

Spent a few days in Kansas partly on business and partly in social intercourse with my acquaintances and friends.
Bygones

Mon 12. Cold windy day. Taken a most severe cold.

Tues 13. Quite unwell. Taking medicines.

Wed 14. Warm, and what little snow-fall is, is fast disappearing. Continued to the bed all day.

Thurs 15. Cloudy and cold. Still taking medicines.

In the afternoon she should appear, but a strange apparition of the Weeping Philosopher in the person of the Widow Graham in her coat and tears and refusing to be comforted. It was enough to slung the countenance of a fairy, to look upon her and hear her sobbings and wailings.

Sat 16. Cold and windy. Quite unwell.

Harry Carritt came over with a bagabond hand to cut some wood. The bagabond, after cutting a few sticks, sloped. Harry went to town for some medicine for me, and came near perishing from the severity of the weather, and got none for me.

Sun 17. Cold, cold. Bygones

Mon 19. At day light Therm 24° below 0°!!

James Kitchel, commenced work at noon.

Tues 20. At day light Therm 16° below 0°

Can't stay but I cannot attend, tho' anxious to do so.

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Wed 21. At day light Therm 15° below 0°. Cold all day.
 Sent Mr. Nichols to Kansas for a supply of Cornmeal.
 Left close quarters all day.

Thurs 22. At day light Therm 13° below 0°.
 In the course of the day it became milder and was rather
 a pleasant day. Mr. Doffelmeier spent the day with us.

Friday 23. Therm at 0°. Clear and beautiful morning.

A strange incident in our neighborhood.

Samuel Draymond formerly from Belmont County Ohio, a decent
 and Black Smith in the Porter Shop, some time during the last
 week in December manifested some symptoms of obstruction of
 mind by his strange morbidness and eccentricity and a singular
 waywardness of conduct unusual for him, during which he
 suddenly disappeared. He was afterwards found by in Portville
 from thence he went in the direction of Platte City. The next
 intelligence was his calling at a house and offering all the
 money he had for lodging; but the man noticing his singular
 conduct refused. He told that "He was pursued by a gang of
 fellows from Kansas and he was trying to escape from them."
 Samuel Rankin and perhaps some others took in part of him.
 They traced him as far as Boray, where he was last seen.
 From thence he launched out into an immense horse prairie,
 where they last track of him. Poor fellow! one fear he slipped
 at once in staked down some black prairie. It is now three
 weeks since he has been wandering about "knowing not where
 or he goeth" amidst bitter Sabadarian weather.

At 12 o'clock Mr. Warren and thawing. Pleasant day.

Clear and beautiful morning night.

Sat 24. Change in the weather. At day light Therm 25° above 0°.

A fair prospect of a warm day. Thanks to a kind Providence
 my health is in some degree improving. But the what a
 time I have had of it for the last three weeks!

Satd out and paid a visit to Major Monday. Found him afflicted with

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the Influenza. Staid with him three hours and chatted upon various
 topics. Taken some a Pelagone carnation and Selt.

Warm and cloudy Wind S.W. Thawing. Snow going off
 Wind from the S. and every appearance of rain.

Sund 25. Day light raining. Stuffy weather.

At 11 AM. the sun shone out brightly, but at 11 was obscured by dense
 stormy appearance of rain a snow. Too much afflicted to attend church.
 Mr. Nichols returned from Kansas in the evening.

At night clear and star light.

Mon 26. Clear and frosty morning. Warm and thawing day.

Said Water to Kansas to purchase some family stores, but on reaching
 the river, the ferryman could not take him and the horse over, so she
 had to return. Warm and pleasant day. And Mr. Nichols to G.P. for my
 baggage - one quail wheel broken. Just like him.

Tuesday 27. Beautiful morning. To day the Council meet and I cannot
 attend, as some important matter come before the Committee body.

Called upon Major Monday on my way to the Council and found him
 still quite sick and unable to do business.

Last night the Widow Warpole departed this life. Waged at the same
 time that Captain John Buck and Miss Catherine Selanston died in
 the Seneca Country.

Another strange incident in our neighborhood.

On Thursday last Nicholas Williams crossed in Kansas and re-
 mained till late in the evening, when he set out for home. Thomas
 Cora Harrell overtook him at Turkey Creek and finding him some
 what intoxicated kept with him till they came to the crossing of the
 Kansas where Williams objected to crossing on the ice where Thomas
 intended to cross, and started off, as he said, to cross below.
 It was then dark and has never been heard of since.

Wed 28. Beautiful spring morning. Frost but little last night.

Harriet was taken sick on Monday with a flux and inflammation of
 the bowels. Suffered much thro the night. Gave the usual remedies but
 afforded but little relief. Sick all day and much worse at night.

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Thurs 29. Beautiful spring morning. Sent Mr. Nichol to Kansas for a Doctor to attend to Harriet; this she seems a little better this morning. At 1 o'clock PM Dr. Ridge arrived and prepared medicine for Harriet.

At intelligence of Nicholas Williams. He (late) remains a mystery. At night Fick Hicks and lady came and spent the evening with us. Cloudy and damp night.

Friday 30. Cloudy and stormy morning. Froze more this the night. Harriet much improved. Will send to pay a visit to Major Mosely. Stud all day. Commenced raining in the middle of the day and continued all day. A National Council was called but I headed it not. I am tired of these Conventions.

Got Mr. Nicholas Williams is given for gone, as no trace can be found of him.

Sat 31. Snow fell four inches deep and a feet foot of more snow or rain. Snowing at a furious rate at 12 M.

Commenced writing out the rough draught of a statement for the Council on the Walker and Wheeler Claims.

Mr. Wal. Kees called and spent an hour with us. It raining colder. Mr. Nichol, but not for Kansas and will return tomorrow.

Sunday Feb 1. Clear but cold night. Froze some. Cloudy morning. Mr. Nichol, failing to get over the River returned home and will try it again this morning. This is good news, when the friends assume the superogation of the matter. Look out ye Benedict and tighten the waist bands of your unwomanlike.

Mr. Nichol went to Kansas to bring our mail.

Mon 2. Clear cold frosty morning. Ther 10° above 0°. Prospect of a pleasant day. Heard of the death of Mr. Wilson of Kansas.

Tues 3. Clear frosty morning. Mr. Nichol returned and by him we learn that a Mr. Jackson of Kansas died of pneumonia a Saturday last. Got no mail. Change the clock of.

Today the Council meet and I must attend.

Repacked the winter stock on the Walker Claim, which was

adapted and signed, and plans in the hands of Major Mosely. The following deaths have occurred in the Wyandott nation since the first day of January: Foreman, Widow Woorpale, John Buck, Catherine Hunter, David Chordas, child, James Brown, Margaret Young's daughter, Sarah Hill, A. Williams (missing), Henry Woorpale's wife.

Wed 4. Clear frosty morning. Sophia and Harriet rode out to the upper settlement. Warm and cloudy. Some appearance of rain. Cloudy all day. In the evening the gate returned. Wind, wind!

Thurs 5. At day light raining furiously.

In the evening heard of the death of Abner's sheep's wife, who died on Tuesday evening. And also of the death of Carolyn Head's, wife. Cloudy and foggy all day. This town on a fine day. She is not dead.

Friday 6. Clear but no frost or freezing. Wind, such as I must leave in Missouri before. Heard by David Chordas that it is a mistake about Carolyn Head's wife being dead. She is in the Seneca country.

Learned from Major Mosely that the remains of Samuel Brown, man was found within two miles of Liberty, a few days ago, and that out of \$150.00 he had still on his person \$100.00 in gold.

Just heard of the death of Mr. Brown. Found Mr. Rucker, Reddington, in Indian Hill. Beautiful clear moon light night.

Sat 7. Cloudy morning. Froze some this the night.

At 11 o'clock thawing again. Cloudy.

And on receiving a letter to Mr. Thomas Hopley upon the subject of certain repairs to be made on the House and fence upon my farm in Call County. Tell the moon rose at 8 o'clock PM.

if we don't the wind from the North.

Sent Mr. Nichol to Kansas to get our mail and make some (country) purchases.

Sunday 8. Clear and beautiful morning. The mud some (what) congealed. But the hardened mud will do me some good under the rays of a warm sun.

The girl went to Church. Mr. Nichol returned from Kansas

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and took some letters one from Mr. Gilmore and one from Mr. Fleming, and one quite a choice indication.
 Sunday. Garrett and Thomas Rankin called and dined with us. Warm and pleasant day. Much drying up.
 There is between them and Mr. Kim a complete reinforcement of the family - all rising. I suppose, to bad road and high water.
 A steamer is looked for every day.

Monday. Clear and beautiful spring morning. All day light the thermometer 20° above 0°. The wind frozen hard.
 Wrote a fulmination for the Advertiser against the Independent plotters. And Mr. Sherwood spent for painting my stove.
 Monday. This afternoon our ears were filled with the puffing and blowing of a steamer accompanied with the long song of "Oh, how quarter less I am!" of heaving the lead.
 It proves to be the El Paso. Now commences the run for the sea now.

Tuesday 10. Cloudy at day light and raining which lasted a half an hour. 9 o'clock. Clear. What next?
 At 3 o'clock P.M. the wind chopped round from the North accompanied with a flurry of snow.
 Wrote to Mr. Gilmore. Finished reading a novel entitled "The Divorced" by Lady Charlotte Barry. Author of "Marriage in high life". It is no great affair. The interest excited in the narrative will not repay the reading.

Wed. 11. Wind from the North and cold. Cloudy.
 Sent Mr. Nichols to Kansas for a supply of flour and for our mail.
 At 12 o'clock Mr. Nichols returned from Kansas and took our mail. Amongst the rest a letter from Mr. W. Garrett. Sub for stamp paper.
 Wrote a letter in reply to the "quite a choice" article.
 Windy and blustering day, this is from Wrote for the Advertiser. 7 o'clock.
 Frank Manning and his band came to dig and wall up a vault.
 A party is to come off at 8 o'clock Rankin. From indications it will be rather thinly attended by the ladies.

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Thurs. 12. Clear and cold morning. Therm. 18° above 0°. Wind strong today. Lumber. Mr. K. called upon us and spent the day with us.
 Hauling stone. I greatly fear we shall have some rain.
 "Heaven for food!" Clear night, but very cold.

Friday 13. Clear pretty morning. Prospect of a warm day.
 Wrote to Mr. Nancy Garrett in reply to ^{letter} from her.
 I had the blacker to dinner for some family stores.
 Warm and thawing day, with blustering wind from the N.W.
 That ^{night} I had to day to summons me to attend a called session of the Circuit to quash a bloody quarrel between Adam Brown and Abolard Guthrie. I went down and found the two under arrest by the Sheriff.

Sat. 14. Clear and cold morning. Therm. 15° above 0°.
 Journey and his hand having completed their job, went to Kansas to pay them off.
 Remained there several days. Mentioned a most murderous affair come off. The murderer was John Kane and the murdered was John Rogers.
 The offense having been committed over the line, i.e. in Jackson County. The former was committed to prison to stand his trial at the next session of the Circuit Court.

Sunday.
 The Missouri river on the rise and full of thick ice floating down like a ^{solid} avalanche.
 No water.

Monday 15. The murder referred to, took place on the afternoon of the date and the Court of Enquiry with the judges took place the next day, Tuesday.

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Friday 20. Cloudy and misting. In the evening raining.

Sat 21. Raining and muddy.

Sun 22. Raining in the morning, but now cleared up and was a pleasant afternoon. Clear night.

Monday 23. Clear frosty morning. Mr Nichols returned from Maine early, but not for mail.

My old friend, James Washington, called upon me and spent an hour in social chat upon affairs of State. Wrote to W. Edmund.

Mr Edw Allen called over this evening and stood till late bed time.

Tue 24. Clear morning. Clear and pleasant all day. In the evening Mr Dufflesyer took over our mail lot of eggs.

Wed 25. Cloudy and cold. Chopping in the woods. Pasture - thinning out the timber. Cold raw and windy all day. Cold night.

Thurs 26. Cloudy and cool. Went to the Smiths shop and ground tools and put up Dutch knives. While so engaged my Carpenter, John Good, made his appearance bearing with him both an enormous load of tools.

Friday 27. Cloudy and threatening snow. Made preparation for butchering two fat hogs. About the middle of the day the sun broke out and the day became pleasant. Dufflesyer and Mr Dufflesyer started for Independence.

Sold and delivered one hog weighing 145 lbs to Mr Rankin at \$3.50. Evening I am tired.

Sat 28. At day light the wind from the North and very cold and driving. Therm 10° above 0°.

At 11 AM the sky showed out clear but still cold. Called down my P. O. K. Went with James Washington

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to the Agents office on public business. Capt Joseph Sack, arrived on public business also.

Henry Eaton selling his effects at public auction and going to St Johns to keep a long steamer.

Mr Nichols, gone to Kansas. Cold and windy day.

Sunday 29. The last day of winter, and real winter weather and hard. At day light the Therm stood 15° above 0°.

Cloudy and the wind SW.

Continued cloudy all day; this in the afternoon the weather moderated. I greatly fear if this state of changeable weather should continue our fruit will be destroyed again, which, my old Boreas in the plenitude of his icy kindness, forbids promising cloudy and threatening foul weather.

Monday March 1. At day light, Phattn! What a Sleet!!

Sat Mr Nichols, down to Major Massey's for Dr. E. C. to see Mr W. He not having the necessary medicines with him I sent Mr N. to Westport for them.

At 10 AM, still sleeting. Dreary weather.

The Therm here stood all the forenoon below "Freezing Point". At 1 o'clock PM, the icy fingers of Boreas, released and it commenced thawing. But what of all this? May it not be followed by a Rain? - a snow storm? or some other kind of a storm, as for instance, a storm accompanied by a change of Boulders. This is not unknown or, a rare event in this country. But let either of these come; we are not permitted to jump our chains.

There has been the most remarkable day I have seen lately for sudden change in the weather. The Therm has changed from 1° to 27° above zero, 15 minutes. This is the beginning of March!

Tuesday 2. So -

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Monday 15. A most deplorable rencontre took place in Haver-
hill between Charles Brooks and a young man named
Hilton, a discharged Clerk who had been in the employ of the
former. It appears that the Store of Mr H. had been robbed
in the early part of the winter of some near \$3000 in his
absence and Mr Hilton having charge of the Store at the
time. Upon the return of Mr H. he dismissed Mr H
and at the same time charged him with the robbery
or being accessory to it. Mr Hilton smarting under the
disgraceful imputation, sought satisfaction in various ways
but in vain. He then challenged Mr H. this 8th of March
but not accepted. He then determined upon summary
justice. Armed with two Pistols he sallied out
into the street and met Mr H. Two shots were fired
but without effect upon his opponent while he received
two horrid gashes in his abdomen penetrating the
viscera. He wounds are pronounced mortal.

Tues 16. Clear but cold and windy.

Mr Hilton still alive. Houghing of a Potato
Patch. Secies doing various other matters relating to
spring work.

Wed 17. Cold and fluctuating weather - did but little today.

Mr Nichols having a chill.

Mr Hilton still alive. Cleared up the meadow
Received a small supply of Superior grape slips, intending
to try my hand in the cultivation of the grape on a
small scale.

Thurs 18. Cloudy at day light. Therm 15° above 0°. Continued
cold all day. Paid a visit to C. D. D. Chatted about
various matters.

Friday 19. Cloudy and cold. Mr Nichols chopping old logs
in the field. Did nothing myself.

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Sat 20. Cleared up the garden and in the afternoon Mr Nichols
went to Haverhill. Heard of the death of Joseph Williams' wife.
A clear tho rather cold day.

Sunday 21. Clear and pleasant morning. There being no services
at the Church, we all staid at home.
Mr R. Robinson of Independence called upon us. Wrote by him
to J. Rogers.

Mon 22. Clear and frosty morning. Ploughed our garden
and dug up a variety of things.

Tues 23. Clear and frosty morning. Gardening &c
Attended the Session of the Council. Rec'd from the
hands of the Council the Appropriation Bill. And such
a Bill! just like its authors. Sent Mr Nichols to
Haverhill to bring some needful articles in Mr H. W's
Wagon. He came home late in the night, but the Wagon
did not come over.

Wed 24. Cloudy morning, but about 8 o'clock the sky
cleared up. At 10 o'clock A.M. within 2° of "Summer Heat"
Planted Early Potatoes, mangle it being in the rear of the
mower. Got an additional Plough from Renss.

Thurs 25. Clear and warm morning. The temperature (60°) resem-
bles a morning in May, rather than March.

Hinton

Frday 26. An unusually warm day Therm 72°!!!

Sat 27. Hinton

Sunday 5. Got up at day light Phoenix! what a
snow!

Hinton

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- Tuesday 6 Sowed the Blue grass seed in the woods pasture.
- Wed 7 Cold & cloudy weather. Sent from Mr. Duff's to Mr. Nichols of Potatoes.
- Thurs 8. Rain, rain, and continued to this the day.
- Friday 9. Clear and pleasant. Repairing fences and doing various sorts of work.
- Sat 10. Clear and warm. Mr. Nichols went to Kansas - lost our mail. Weather getting warm. Spring may be said to be fully open.
- In the evening Riv. Mr. Barker, Mr. Scarville, success, called upon us and spent some time with us.
- Sunday 11. Frosty morning. Went to Church and heard a good sermon from Mr. B.
- Warm and pleasant day.
- Monday 12 Clear and home frost. Beautiful day.
- Loved our Cats and Terriers.
- Reported for May Monthly. The girls went to Kansas.
- Tuesday 13. Splendid morning - no frost.
- Upon looking round found our recently sown had played a "Yankee trick" by decaying.
- I hauled out and tramped over. Still and dole, then thick and bumble and finally found them at a Sugar Camp after having made four hours hard riding.
- Finished harrowing in the Cats and timothy seed.
- Planted a multitude of top Cairns.
- Wed 14 Warm and cloudy morning. I shall devote today to Gardening if it do not rain.
- We planted a large quantity of top Cairns: nearly enough to supply all Holland if they do well.
- My operation upon our new public Blacksmith for a long time lying lame. I cannot get him to any work for me. This is the first time in 35 years that I have

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- had occasion to complain seriously of our public Smiths; but this fellow, Brewster, is enough to provoke the soul of a saint. Rec'd a letter from May Monthly on Public Office.
- Thurs 15 Clear and warm morning. Mr. W. & Sophia went to R. Water to May M.
- Put out 2 dozen buds and grafts. Pears, Apples and Chas. Warm day.
- Commenced ploughing our Corn ground.
- Mr. W. and Sophia returned from R. at 12 M.
- At morn - dull - dull.
- Friday 16 We had a heavy rain last night and this morning it is cloudy and threatening more.
- Sent to Eldredford Atty. a power of attorney against the Estate of E. Graham.
- Mr. Nichols and I went to Kansas for some fomite stores with our ox team. Got home without any accident.
- Sat 17 Rain last night. Shining and stormy to catch rain and then sun shined - then hail then snow - then sun shined. At night clear and star light. A fair prospect for frost.
- Sunday 18. A Clear frosty morning. I fear for the forest. It would seem that I am doomed never to raise any Peaches - notwithstanding the great care and pain, I have taken in their culture. My labor care and pain, must go unrewarded.
- Last word of the death of John M. Thornton, who died in Mansfield Ohio, while on his way to Washington City. "Poor fellow" he was intent on no good in his journey to that City. His business was with the Commissioners of Indian Affairs. He was an agitator among the Indians, and he, heretofore created much trouble among his own people, and the surrounding tribes. He died by his fault with him.

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He died on Thursday the 15th instant and was taken to Bellefontaine and buried by the side of his Mother. Allen died last evening at the residence of her mother Mrs. Hester Sub of Waskalaw. She was first carried to the above of M. Armstrong.

What for Church and heard a sermon from W. D. Hoffmeyer. Mr. W. went over to visit the distended Wilson. A pleasant day, the thermometer cloudy.

Monday 19. Dark cloudy morning. At 2 past 7 silent. 9 AM. Raining. This is unfortunate for us as we had calculated upon an important day's work.

This has been a barren and long day and somewhat cold. Today I have grafted and banded fifty stems of Apples, cherries, plums and Peaches. Mr. Walker came over and spent the evening with me.

Tuesday 20. Cold and cloudy morning. This may truly be called a backward spring. The weather continuing so cold vegetation is left back. Today the Council met and a Major M. is to be our guest.

Attended the Council. Major Mosley came around by Muncieville and brot down with him all the leading men of the Muncieville to answer to the Wyandotte Chiefs for depredations committed by their people upon the property of the Wyandottes. They agreed to surrender the stolen property or if unable to do that, then surrender the thieves to the Wyandotte Chiefs to be dealt with according to their laws.

Continued ploughing to day and ploughed about two acres. It being a cold day, the wind from the North. Wednesday 21. Dark cloudy and cold morning. We must speed the plough while this cold weather lasts.

At 12 o'clock PM. the sun for the first time for three days made its appearance, but the air still raw and cold.

A Mr. Winford from Platte County called upon us and had some kind in social chat. Still ploughing.

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Thurs 22. Clear and frosty morning. Maximum 2° below freezing point. I greatly fear for the fruit.

The girls gone over the river and into the country to purchase some sweet potatoes and peas.

Working pretty good kind way in ploughing and shall finish 5 days. Dec. 24th

Friday 23. Cloudy morning. distant thunder. Wind from the N.E. Some little rain. Finished ploughing the corn field at 5 past 7 o'clock AM.

10 o'clock cloudy and stormy.

Made a preparation to I Armstrong for the garden Armstrong's fields - March Pumpkins, Much Melons Water Melons and Cucumbers. Also some Eggplant Peppers.

Sat 24. Cloudy and sultry. At 3 o'clock rained about a half hour - but remained cloudy all day and warm. Dropped a few more seeds.

Warm and cloudy all day. Mr. Nichols went to Kansas in search of sweet potato seeds. My Pats are coming up finely.

This being Saturday afternoon I will work no more. Beautiful clear night, though there are occasional flashes of lurid lightning in the N.E.

Sunday 25. Clear and cool morning, wind from the East - At 10 o'clock AM. became warm and pleasant.

My unruly horses gave me much trouble and I was compelled to tie them up and one of them (John) became entangled in his rope and cut his pastern joint very severely. So, he is laid up for two or three weeks.

Went to Church and heard a sermon from E. P. Carey. Thorne "Lawrence Hall."

Monday 26. Cloudy morning and cool. At 5 past 10, AM. commenced raining. Bought a 1000 pile for a cabbage bed with Sallad and Radishes. This rain comes very opportunist for Pats and blue grass pastured. Cold wind from the north. Still

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and still raining and a fair prospect of it raining all day.
Evening. Rained a little occasionally this day but this evening
the sun is setting clear and I greatly fear we shall have a
frost to night and they are fruit but we must submit.
At a meeting several has called upon us to day.

May 27. Very dry and blunderbuss! A perfect freeze. Therm 26°.
and a frost I have not seen since February. Well, this is the
first of the fruit died as a Macknail and much of the for-
dun vegetables destroyed. Without exception this is the most
detestable climate I ever knew of; and whenever I can dis-
pose of my interest in Wyandott territory, I will bid this country
an eternal farewell.

As a sample of the irregularity of the weather, on the 26th of
March the therm stood 98° and this morning 26°.
As to raising fruit in this country, it is out of the question, it
cannot be done. If the fruit escape these horrible frosts we
have in this winter, then it is sure to be destroyed by the late
severe frosts. A tin kettle was left out of doors with some water
on inside and it was frozen to the bottom this morning.
Mr. W. and Harriet gone on a visit to Schenck's.

Commenced fowling out my corn ground.

Rode out in the country and called upon several persons and
came home late in the evening. A warm and pleasant day.
Edward & Michael Carroll came over and spent the evening
with us; the former being about to return to Ohio and the
latter back to the Chapel Hill Academy.

Wednesday 28. Cool and cloudy, snowing again from the south.
At 12 o'clock all clear and warm. Therm 50° in morning.
At 2 o'clock P.M. commenced planting corn. Valley of upper
and lower clear and cloudy. At night a hail storm came
on but was of short duration, but no rain.
Clear and warm and the wind from the south.
Planting corn.

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June 29. Cloudy and warm, but no rain.
Commenced planting corn at 2 past 2 o'clock P.M.
Delayed and worn out.

July 1. Cloudy and cloudy at the same time. Cultivating
I have another severe job on hand - that of cultivating
J. Walker's field. It is full of old dead trees blown down
and scattered in the wildest disorder. It will be a Hercu-
lean task to clear it up. Wind blew from the north the night.

July 30. Warm and somewhat cloudy. No rain. The ground
is getting very dry and vegetation is suffering.
We have just now, 2 past 10 A.M. a perfect hurricane
driving the old dead trees hither and thither.
Wrote a friendly letter to my old friend S.P. Chase now in
the West. Letter.

2 past 6 P.M. the wind drove and the sky clear. I fear
another "nipping frost."

May 1. This is the first day of May 5 o'clock A.M. Clear and cool
but we escaped the dreaded "nipping frost".
We have no rain of any consequence for several days,
and the earth is quite dry. Vegetation is suffering.
Commenced to pay on our hundred pounds of Coffee. Now
we will see how long it will last.
Went to Kansas - purchased some family stores.

Sunday 2. Warm home. Warm day.

At night a thunder storm with a refreshing shower.

Monday 3. Commenced haying in J. Walker's field - des-
perate work. At night cold and cool.

Tuesday 4. Cloudy and cool - wind from the N.E.

Wrote up my tract of rain. Sent in today a petition to the

Ex. Council for calling a Convention of the people at

some suitable day not far distant.

At some hour in the night we were visited by a heavy