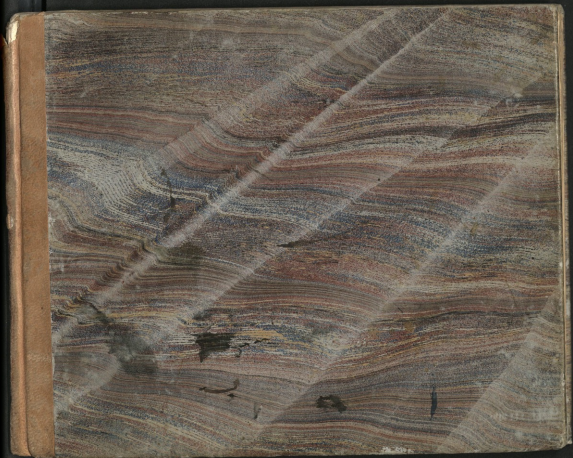
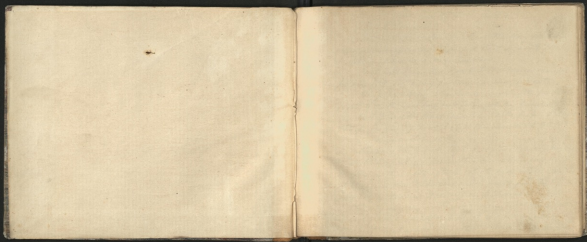








Thursday 19th August 1855.

Went to Scunthorpe

Went with Mr. Malton to look at the Mary Whiting
land which offered to him for just what I wanted \$700.00
he will give me an answer tomorrow.

Went with James and Jacob to the field we had for
beetles but only a very few were ripe enough to eat.

George washed my straw bonnet - making the fourth or
fifth time the water has been taken out this season.

Box of ~~hickory~~ ~~Worcestershire~~ soap 50 lbs. box - 20 lbs. at
Nagsale 70¢ per lb. and 27 lbs. at 6¢ per lb. amounting to \$2.21.

or a box matches 10¢

Richard M. Clark took away two Canary birds
which he had both of them but then said was to pay her five
dollars for them, but after he got the birds he told Mrs. G.
that I owed him ten dollars and he would pay the birds
pay half of the debt - I do not see how we can get except
in this way or if my mother-in-law owes him ten dollars but
he could not be compelled to pay it and he requested us as a
favor that I would stop that amount of the man's

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Wages, which I agreed to do and to which the men were
but on account did not get here in a situation to justify
the payment and I did not feel myself under obligation
to make the payment. This sort of hindrance stops him
as a man full and I predict his career will not be
successful.

Friday 20th

A busy but respectable day. I went to Providence
to C. M. Chapin's, and R. L. Thompson, Rogers & Lowell
and Mr. Mather. Nothing of importance.

Mr. Mather gave me no answer about the land we
went to see yesterday.

Have received a severe criticism on the head by falling
from a swing.

Also written and first number of the Christian
Advocate published at Providence. The first number
is dated July 7th 1858.

Rec'd a letter from Barbara Brown Esq. of Lafayette
Ind. enclosing freight bill of last machine & bill for

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for the balance on the 11th August 1858

Saturday 21st

Went over to S. L. Jones in the morning to get him to
cut out the area between R. L. and R. L. Jones. He
came of my farm and to give me permission to open the road
on a line with R. L. Jones on the East side of my farm, but he
would give me no certain answer with the proposition.

Was at home most of the day, reading a little in the
papers but to avoid a general by the contemplation of my
personal involvement I enjoy anything.

In the evening I went to the river with a Mr. S. L.
who says he is Postmaster at Blanford, Cheshire County, of
the River. He came to look at some pigs Mr. S. L. had left
with me a year and a half ago. He did not see the pigs -
he stays in the neighborhood till morning. He wanted to
stay with me, but had had my day of hotel keeping
there left him, that of freedom from the fixing of the
Twenty to within a year and now yet not a word
from one of them, and now there are both where

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doors are open to the tenants and he ought not
to trouble himself upon private families.

Sunday 22nd " "

A gentle gentle shower of rain most of the day
but not sufficient to lay the dust down, it is the only rain
within four weeks.

At home all day but though gentle the passing
embarrassments in which I have been placed by the
false dealing of Robinson and his confederates, oppress
and deprive me of all real enjoyment, for these
difficulties are now recurring to my mind.

George went to Richmond to visit a letter this
father is home, and promised to be back early in the
evening but not coming I suspected the cause and
went to a large house where I found him play-
ing cards and already drunk. I got him home
however, knowing if I did not I should no see
him again for some days. He is an excellent

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faithful man when sober, but, but his voracious
drinking its secondary all moral principles, and casts
into oblivion all promises and all duties. I have no
confidence in any drunkard's word.

Monday 23rd " "

A dark day with a light shower of rain.

Went to Richmond three times and to My and set my
mind.

I have been harassed and perplexed beyond description
with a demand of the English for £100, or what I had
borrowed and was to have paid when called for the same
in a second loan with any promise, this money I have made every
effort in my power both in My and it and Richmond and
finally had to submit to the humiliation of giving a
mortgage upon the land and house I had of Peter Delany
to Mr. John S. P. Nichols of Richmond together with
my note for £100, or with interest at the rate of
3 per cent a month, payable in three months.

Paid H. English the £100 towards an above stated

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but he said not to say any more with him, but said he would hand them to me. Then I should count his cash the money was handed to him as I came out of Mr. Nichols' door.

Mr. Ede who called here on Saturday last stopped again today and says he will come in ten days for Amey's dogs. I also gave him a bill against Amy for corn sold to him a year ago last April. The dogs were left with me at the same time on condition that I should have half the money. I suppose of course that they will be here but a short time. As soon as the first litter of pigs was large enough to take away the sow had mine, he sent me a note for five of the best that being the half of mine, this was accordingly taken and then the four were claimed by a neighbor. He said he had been much troubled with the dogs for I could not keep them up. Mr. S. would send for the old dogs and his part of the money, but sends me no money. My share will probably pay for raising pigs for feeding

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from eight to ten dogs two winters. The corn has been selling at one dollar a bushel - and I shall probably get nothing for the corn I sold amounting to \$42.32 which will probably be offered as an offset for two of the dogs, ~~one of which~~ is said to have been killed in Quindara and the other strayed away. And so on. I forwarded for a recommendation

Paid \$4.00 to some man who presented an order from H. H. Booth, of Parkville for painting two guide boards for each side of my farm where the old road used to be.

Has told me I. C. Davis says that my trial with black for my charges is to take place on the 4th Sept.

Stopped a few minutes at Mr. Sherbats (George Clark farm) to look at his garden. He says the population of his garden is in the fall and promises to bring me some with the apple.

Tuesday 24th

Mr. Nathan Forward \$1.00 of his mother to pay to Partridge.

Went to Quindara.

Wrote to Maria in Tucker about children's work.

Tuesday 24th August, 1853.

Gave Mr. English my own bill for \$113. 74
payable the 1st of Nov. on receipt with interest at the
rate of ten per cent per date and if not paid when
due I am to pay at the rate of three per cent a month
from that time until paid. This debt was for groceries
for myself and others when I had given orders, and
\$26.15 of it is the interest on the notes I paid
yesterday and which he advanced to me to day. He
charged me three per cent a month on the money.

Wednesday 25th

Wrote to Jacob Lybick

A. Leckner, of Mendota, Ill. This
was in answer to a letter to Mr. English asking infor-
mation about surveying business about Lindens, Ill.
I handed me the letter and requested me to answer it.

Wrote to Madam Trach about children's clothes.

Wrote to L. L. Meredith of Indianapolis. Had
a severe storm of rain, wind, thunder & lightning

Thursday 26th August, 1853

Wrote to Misses Will, Williamsburgh about journey.

Yesterday evening and last night there fell more
rain than I ever knew for the same length of time, it caught
away the street clean to the curb and in some cases and carried
by undermining and softening the foundation of bld. The
curbstone to within six or seven feet of the curb, and the curb
not being large enough to carry away the water it descended
so as to put the water of the street and back street to the street
and down the hundred dollars worth of property in the street
was destroyed.

Wrote a letter to Mr. Jones, Ashland, Ill. for
\$10.00 per. which I gave him to pay in 60 days.
He is in a bad way and has a lot of things full of debt but
don't know the amount of the debt but I will have to see him out
the week of the 1st of Sept. or so.

Friday 27th

An idler day and a little, but the Post
offices are so crowded about here.

James Todd stood with us last night and

Friday 27th August 1858

Sarah Amisworth stays with us tonight

Saturday 28th

Donovan six dollars of George.

Paid Ward one dollar

Wife and children went they and it city to
see a show, George took them in the wagon

A Professor "Smith" of Weston Mass. calls
to solicit patronage for his school at that place. But
I have not formerly expressed by him, and the school
not if I would send my children for the want of money

Sunday 29th

Went to John B. Davis's but he was not at home.

Called to see John Solomon who is sick

Went to L. Post Office

Miss Guthrie is quite sick tonight of cholera-
morbus; called in Dr. Amisworth

Monday 30th

Went to Haverhill City and to the S. M. Co's lot
The boys were not at home

Monday 30th August 1858

Bought a pair of boots of L. Grant, on credit for \$4.25

" 1 box sardines " for 50 cts paid

Trunkage 60 cts.

May and brother married at Black Church
yesterday at Haverhill City and came off to see him.

Bought the beef 35 cts Tuesday 31st

Mr. Guthrie's bill the beef at 80 cts per lb

Ordered 9 two quart cans peaches. They were from
the store taken out and stored with the sugar.

Bought the tea 50 cts

Thursday September 1st 1858

Went to see Allen C. Davis at his house but he had not returned from Leavenworth.

There was landed this morning on the bank of Leavenworth a little machine which I had agreed to receive in trust for Barker Brown & Co of Lafayette Indiana, and to be used by Pelly baswell on certain conditions, but as the freight was not paid it could not be delivered to me unless I should pay the freight. Which I am not able or willing to do I have therefore left it to be disposed of by the steamerboat, "The Pilgrim" for the freight \$50.00 unless baswell can get the freight paid. This transaction has given me a great deal of trouble and as I agreed to receive the machine on my own account of accommodation without any interest in it the embarrassment and trouble were perhaps a little more than I anticipated and I am sorry I have not to be put off again in a similar way.

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and I am determined hereafter to sign no paper involving the responsibility for one dollar without a full receipt except an act for Davis & Co for \$100.00 towards my share of the purchase of the machine! May and Gordon's business is not yet settled.

Thursday 9th September

Went to Barker Brown & Co of Lafayette Indiana in relation to a little machine which I had agreed to receive from Barker Brown & Co and became the custodian of the little machine while Pelly baswell was to have the use of it and pay six hundred dollars for it at the time of installation of one hundred dollars a month and when paid for the machine to be his; but it was so far from satisfactory that I was not to be responsible for the money nor for any injury done the machine. Under this arrangement the machine was forwarded and the bill of charges amounted to \$70.00 which baswell cannot

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pay, and I will not as I did not agree to pay the freight nor expenses of any kind whatever. The machine will probably be sold by the lot to pay the freight, and for a while I was afraid this might make me liable for the six hundred dollars, but the lawyers say not, and I am unwilling to pay the freight and have by letter written today appraise Barker, Brown &c of the nature of affairs: In future I shall certainly be far more careful about doing dishonest acts of decommitment.

Mr. Kent has to write a letter for a girl who lies at the point of death in the house. Let her write, but when I arrived she was without voice and of course I left without writing anything for her.

Judge Wright is to try to get a free negro out of jail who has been kidnapped in the country and carried within

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on the pretext that he was a runaway slave! Accused by the institution and its advocates that encourage and perpetrate such outrages!

Harvard's yellow jackets in 2 great cans.

George made four between-meadow corn and hauled a load of hams for Alfred Gray.

Friday 3^d in in

Went to Hy and it by the way of St. Louis & back at what have my trial with James Clark will commence; it will be at 9 o'clock. As the tomorrow and I expect the names of those I wish a deep friend as return with Ogen, Mr. Matt, there are John Wilson, George Clark, Mary Ann Goodwin, George and J. M. B. Barry.

Called at C. N. Garrison's to inquire about a book that had a paper from me & then I met Alfred P. Hall who proposed opening a road in continuation of Kansas Avenue. I said yes, to the House since we thought his which he says will be at the point to have the Hy and it city people are erecting a bridge. I am in favor of the project.

Friday 3^d September 1858

Went to Providence

Mr. H. Chapin's the day to hear that
Judge Perkins and Mr. Davis will be in Providence
tomorrow to investigate the affairs of the Providence Co.

Went to Mr. Wilson to notify him of my
trial tomorrow as I want him for a witness

Saturday 4th

Went to Providence city to attend a trial in
which I was defendant. A jury of six men were summoned.
These jurors were selected on a request of the Superintendent
of Providence and Portland, and without assigning the
merits of the case decided against me; he stating that
this injustice that my attorney advised me to appeal
saying if he did not have this decision reversed he would
pay all the costs himself. I have accordingly appealed
the case; but he has been the attorney, the loss of
time and expense that I shall stand nothing more
than to keep out of business in the future. Both

Saturday 4th S. L. Plimber, 1858

I have thought on supper than to pay to others that we have not
of. Men may seem to be just in and under justice in accordance
with the facts, it is in our investigation yet a latent prejudice
against our party. A different personal object is arising arising
from him, the sympathy, predilection with the direct point of
controversy, pass in favor of the other will often bias the
judgment and shadow the conclusion of every and produce
the most unexpected and unjust decisions. After all that
Sheldon had in his right reason in the doubtful justice of
"Charles" and in fact the present wrong upon the already
injustice party.

In the evening attended a public meeting held in
the Providence House to organize the Friends of the Cause.
It passed off in good spirit. This is the first step in Providence towards
the Friends of the Cause.
Sunday 5th

Went to the Court Office, at home the rest of the
day. A great pleasant day. Read in the last testament, St. John's
history and the newspapers. Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnson
lent to get books of the Bible Society, or Mr. R. B. Smith's

Sunday 5th September 1850
favour but hearing he sold them at 100 to a dealer they
returned without buying.

Monday 6th "

This evening I am very sad and distressed
The times were more harder with me, there is no money
in circulation, business is prostrate, there are wants to be
satisfied and on every side are gloom and embarrassment.
Today I tried to borrow fifty dollars for Mr. James
Todd who wishes to start this in business, but I could
not get it nor some few dollars which I attempted
to borrow to pay a part of the costs of the suit I had
on Saturday. But I am not without hope, but my
confidence is in God. As in many the way are
mistaken often through weak and doubtful prospects
but working glorious results.

But to try and do it to get, securing myself
in taking my appeal in the case decided against me on
Saturday. I said Mr. Maden to come my friend. The

Monday 8th September 1850
costs this for amount to \$1665 - \$1.75 of which I am to pay
on Saturday next to begin Mr. Maden before whom the trial
took place. The remainder of the costs are not to be paid until
the case is decided in the Superior Court.

Tuesday 9th "

Sent by Alfred Gray, Esq. the transcript from
the docket of Superior Court of the case of James Black
against me which was this a Saturday last, to be filed in the
County Clerk's office or signed by him in case of appeal as
it is absolutely necessary that it should be filed today. Mr. P.
gave me the strongest assurances that he would do it, and
I gave him 50 cts to pay the docket fee.

My horse went away yesterday morning and has
not yet returned this morning, I have therefore been hunting
them all day though the rain and wind without success
when a few moments after my return in the dusk of the
evening they were found with their appearance.

Large number being what place in about a week
afternoon my net.

Tuesday 7th September, 1858

Adam Brown has been very sick to day Dr. Birdington has been twice to see, the symptoms seem to be those of Cholera.

Frank Colton and George B. Jones have each a horse stolen night before last, theirs not yet caught.

Wednesday 8th.

At home most of the day, in the afternoon I walked down to George Wright and went with him thence to the white river place to look at a field of corn which he talks of buying out of a poor field of corn burned in the winter with perhaps 500 dollars for seed yet the owner asks his three dollars per acre.

George Wright will decline taking the Guaridians mill property as per agreement unless the agreement was not fully prepared when he went to Pittsburg a week ago and since his return he will not sign it. The glowing prospect

Wednesday 8th September 1858.

of Guaridians are probably the cause, but he says the owner than he asked to money it on his ship. The matter of Guaridians' accounts and great discouraging. When it was first suggested, as a town site, was the only place on the Missouri river within the territory where a fine state main could land or embark with safety, and as soon as it was known that such a point was in the hands of poor state owner, the hat money the territory placed better to get property and houses and I had yielded the management of the enterprise to Mr. Robinson and his associates and then insulted and drove away by their dishonesty and arrogance the very men who could have put that thing upon complete success with the enterprise. Since that a series of bad management, tricking, and dishonesty have nothing changed the prospects of Guaridians, and now for the first time my confidence in its triumphant success is destroyed. I dropped the best location property on the Missouri river, the landing its geographical position its timber and other building materials and the richness

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and beauty of the country around it give it this distinction. And yet it has become a byword and a reproach in the land. But no enterprise men have not possessing and unshifting opposition as Amidas. But feel generally defeat the object of Amidas and his enterprise alone can save him from failure and obliquity.

Adam Brown is still sick and I am setting up to give him a day's packing at 90 cents. I was up most the whole of last night waiting for him.

A similar day with some rain.

Thursday 9th

Went to the election in Laramie. The election was for township officers, the township being just organizing and receiving Laramie township.

George went to Amidas to get a copy of his paper but got drunk and has not returned. I went directly after him past.

Thursday 9th September 1858

Wick
Wick chopped stave-wood for me these hours at 15 cts per hour.

Wrote to I had done by all

Friday 10th Sept.

George
George is still away drinking.

Wick
Gave Wick an order on Messrs. The Smiths for meal and flour and stating that he would be paid out of the wood. I sold to him to be paid from the wood.

At home all day - very lame with a hematoma in the hip.

Saturday 11th

At home all day - afflicted as yesterday.

Wick
Wick returned at the usual hour yesterday, saying Messrs. Smith & his boy came with me. In this he told a false story but I was pleased that he reported the boys and so I came on with my boots and would have done better by selling it to the steam boat week ago but he insisted on having it.

Also, I think I got to Laramie at 10 o'clock, I am the 11th.

Saturday 11th September 1854.

Butcher brought 13 lbs beef.

George is still skinning.

Sunday 12th

At home all day. Suffered much with rheumatism, attended to my little chores with difficulty and pain.

Went for John Brown back and he agrees to stay for six ten weeks provided George does not return.

George still away.

Alfred Gray call this evening and it appears the major suppurative granulation will injure the pulsat part of the tumour.

Get home a little corn to dry for meal.

Monday 13th

George returned this morning but much reluctant to go to work assigning as a reason that he was "too much ashamed". So long as a man will feel ashamed of being drunk there is hope for him, it is only when he knows he is wrong by the breast that he does not care.

Tuesday 14th September 1854

that we have seen him in this great and despair.

John Brown back and what and ploughed it in for me today. Engraved fatherly corn. in the garden lot.

I have much better and had better about a good deal to day.

Wish I could see to help my corn. I did commenced this morning but soon quit saying the corn was so high that he could not reach them without breaking them down.

Thomas Russell calls. George "can neither" and cannot return it to me now. Mr. Gray is preparing a press to grind his sugar cane.

I skinned a little over three bushels of corn and laid it in the sun to dry for meal. Without selecting the corn without improving the size of the ears it took but 75 ears to make three and a half bushels but it is not yet dry and of course will shrink some.

Wednesday 15th

George

Ploughed

George out of the corn in garden lot

John Brown back and ploughed in what

Tuesday 14th September 1858

At home all day - still suffering from rheumatism or something like it.

Norman and Lina both the old brown man to Post Office and got my mail matter, Norman also had the museum of his foot taken by the doctors to get a pair of shoes made. The first business these children ever attempted to do.

Wednesday 15th

Still suffering from the rheumatism in the hip. Went to the office and attended the "Fruitful" County Convention a delegate from the Union. The convention was conducted with harmony and good feeling, but it was no declaration of principle on either side as far as party. The chief object of the meeting to be held as far as possible the anti-slavery element in the county, and the control of the territorial legislation but without reference to any line of party divisions for the public good. It was put on the agenda to elect a platform and resolutions expressing the views and desires of the

Wednesday 15th September 1858

convention and it was decided to have principles announced in support of which would be permanently, but it was contended that if we took decisive ground upon the great questions of the day we would divide off the moderate men of the democratic party who would otherwise support nominations made solely on the question of party. How hard it is to say a prejudiced opinion has gained everything! And how often does temporary victory triumph over and trample down truth, justice and wise policy! This convention was composed of an intelligent and fine looking men as I ever said assembled on a like occasion, yet I never before saw a little display of independence and independence truth and such studied evasion and twisting, and all apparent politeness with the intention in still they had hid their heads in the sand. But for all this I laugh at their simplicity and admit they are simple with gravity and abstinence!

This is the first nominating convention I have attended in the Territory, and after expending a thousand dollars in

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obtaining a government for the Territory and without
any efforts there would have been no territorial organizing
and opening the country to white settlement. I had not
money enough to buy myself a carriage and so passed per-
suuming till my return home at night. The humiliation
of such poverty was more painful than the want of food
and more painful still it has been brought upon me by the
neglect and dishonesty of men who owe to me all
they are worth.

Thursday 16th "

Called on Arch Tuttle and got him to return
to give the deed I gave him some time ago for the land
and to I sold to him. This deed was merely a quitclaim
deed and he wanted a warrant deed which Judge Foster
tho. to happen to make out although he thought
Jesse Robinson would not sign, having declared
his unwillingness to sign any other. This refusal
could be of a piece with his usual vacillating, dishonest
and dishonorable conduct.

Thursday 16th September 1858

Was taken to Lincoln.

A bundle of my children's from the St. Charles
Convent arrived by express on but I have not
yet had money enough to pay the charges \$1.50

John Smith stood with us last night and I
brought him what to finish my pipe with, promising
to pay it next week.

A heavy but unprofitable day which leaves
my studies in the future. My God, hasten these proceedings.

Friday 17th "

The following provisions were arrived for the
State of California of State of California to the State of California
the Massachusetts and Louisiana States to the State of California
the State of California and the State of California and will stop at the
State of California.

The following provisions were arrived for the
State of California and the State of California and will stop at the
State of California.

Friday 17th September 1858

Mr. Chapin also handed me a check from my wife and wife & child for Black Ins. 9 and let me see 200 200, 200, 1000 in Black Ins. 20 in the addition to his own. The same as on board in the Antislavery and for the same already agreed to. Mr. Chapin is to be up to take the acknowledgment in the morning.

Saturday 18th

I am sick, some headache and high fever all afternoon as of yester. I set out in my garden but night the 9 o'clock and attribute to my fever my illness. I wish it a practice not to set in the open air after dark and good health has recovered my case.

James Todd stays with us to night. he is not in good health and anxious to start to Ill. and Ohio but in the morning he nor I have yet been able to get the money of 50th.

Had three fresh new corn ground and have fine meal.

Saturday 18th September 1858

Mr. Chapin took the acknowledgment of the deed he left his yesterday in favor of Anti Slavery.

Sunday 19th

I am sick, with high fever and headache - spent a very uncomfortable night.

Rode over to H. C. Davis to borrow \$50. for James Todd who wants to go to Ohio, but Mr. Davis was away, also rode to the Post office. The expedition was too much for me and I have been worse.

Monday 20th

I wish very well now.

George finished a quilt, in my closet.

Tuesday 21st

Mr. Brown has been this afternoon cash, on note on Johnson & Co. for \$15.75 and a note for \$20.00 payable on my after date for which he has the first clearing up of my business with him. Mr. Brown has delivered to him the deed for the property I sold him and took up and returned to him the deed for the same. Mr. Brown

Wednesday 21st September 1858

Mr. ~~Stow~~ the Methodist circuit preacher was here today gave me some vegetable pills which in his opinion are superior to calomel to remove bile from the system, I took the pills - they are a very slightly acid but the benefit if any was little - I have never known a vegetable pill to be of any real benefit in bilious diseases.

Liver is quite unwell of some obscure or vague type - no appetite - head aches - no appetite &c.

Wednesday 22nd

Went for Dr. Bismarck. He gave to Liver a dose of calomel and to myself two large pills three times I slept very little last night though not suffering much this morning with, without appetite and a cold vacuum in my stomach, the three masses may alter the tone of the liver when the chief difficulty probably arose.

My wife and child were here - he got a broken down

The machine given to Liver has not done well - but on discharge and that night.

Wick

Thursday 22nd September 1858

Went according to agreement, he observed with my testimony and word to J. W. Brade and the fourth of a cord to Bantles for which I am to charge him the 18.50

My health is very little better in spite of the vegetable pills of the bowels and general debility.

Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th

Saturday 25th

Sunday 26th

The last few days I was too unwell to make a visit in any way. Today I am better with few symptoms of returning health. Had I received proper medical treatment I could not have been in bed 44 hours for all I really needed was the excretion of a surplus of bile from the stomach - my condition has triumphed over the doctor's malpractice. Thank God!

My family are all at Campden in Liver's care but will return home this evening.

George

George has not returned - probably drunk again.

Monday 27th September, 1858.

Tuesday 28th "

Yesterday the fever returned upon me, and I suffered intolerably in the afternoon and night.

This morning I continued to bring guinea in a liquid form. Today I have been free from fever and have been comfortable but languid and without appetite.

Mrs. Guthrie went to Shrewsbury yesterday and returned today.

George

George returned home last night.

W. A. Elcham^{son} for Ann's pigs.

Wednesday 29th "

Will & his son got Ann's sow and 7 pig's all except one, of the best breed, (which ran away.)

My health returns slowly - should have been better but it fatigues me much.

Walked over to Alfred Grey's.

Thursday 30th "

Mr. Sandring was here to clear me for a debt I owed to pay for Frank Collier, but I have no money.

Thursday, September 30th 1858.

My health slowly improves - about - but very weak still.

Finished reading Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." A work full of philosophy and sound good sense. The most surprising thing to me in this Great History is that such a man as Gibbon, in any sane man should write it a given question whether Gibbon was more a victim or a bludge to the nation! And Gibbon stops to weigh this mine quarry while the nations are yet pushed on the pyramids of human heads which the past destroyed was so fond of creating! What moral obliquity could have given birth to such a doubt!

Mrs. Guthrie went to visit - comes to pay me money at the payment. She has the promise of six hundred dollars. Guthrie desires to ride with her and then ride behind Guthrie.

Commenced digging my early potatoes.

Friday, October, 1st 1858.

Walth better had no air, it smelt, last night
Roh. L. and Fittler, to the Post Office and Johnson's shoe
store.

Got a mail sack 28th paid.

George

George has gone to take a wagon load of iron
citizens to Hyland's city where the free state candidates for
the Legislature are to speak tonight.

Saturday 2nd

Mrs. Fothering and Johnson went to Lincoln

took a hotel near court house - paid ten cents
for grooming.

Sunday 3rd

All home all day, the weather continues, dry,
windy and warm producing headache and chills.
I feel better, but not well, nor yet well.

Adam Brown is sick again. Sent for Dr.
Bridgman & he left him some powder.

Monday 4th

A pleasant rain - and weather much colder.

Monday 4th October 1858.

Attended the election, but was too weak to stay
long on the ground. This election presented a scene which cannot
but have won confidence in the popular will. The Catholics
went in a body at the invitation of their priest, and the Whigs
held their vote for a dinner, whiskey, and some of them
probably won some small sums of money. Yet with all this
corruption on the part of the Democracy, the free state party
won 99 votes out of the 157 cast. Also, the free Whigs
despised by those who use him and despised by those who
oppose and who have been his only friends. Ungratefully injured
and unprincipled had seen all they had felt to be done.

Tuesday 5th

Went to Lincoln with the wagon and let
I barrel cider vinegar for which I am to pay \$8.00, it
belonged to Mr. Bliss but I let of Mr. Chadwick his agent.

Had wagon back repaired.

Health rather improving, but spirits low. I
don't remember ever seeing a gloomier time in debt
without the means to pay a important and urgent

Thursday 5th October 1858

creditors a security for the black Robinson to a large amount, responsible for the Luminator's cash debts - Resolute stuff (in which all my hopes and prospects centred) prostrated and almost ruined by the perfidy, the carelessness and mismanagement of Robinson who held its destiny in the palm of his hands, but who betrayed his trust. These things oppress me and overshadow in gloom the present and fear the future. But my trust is in God and he alone can deliver me from the threatening danger.

Notes to Genl. Pomeroy for the Navigation

Wednesday 6th "

News comes that the Republican ticket of this Commonwealth is elected at which all good men should rejoice for a more corrupt, dishonest set of scoundrels than the opposing candidates I never knew appeal to the people for office. The election of Andrus Wright of Quincy to the Legislature is thought to be important to the interests of the State.

Wednesday 6th October 1858.

Wingard

I gave a receipt for a note in favor of C. W. Wingard for \$100.00 for one hundred dollars which I am to try to collect, also a receipt for a note signed by Elias and R. W. Grayson in favor of C. W. Wingard for \$10.00 which am also to try to collect.

Paid to Mr. Stewart (for Geo. Black farm) 20 cts for turnip seed but some time ago.

A rumor is in circulation that the Hyacinth fight will not take place for some weeks and possibly not until next year; this act of bad faith in the Government, must produce much suffering among the Hyacinth and many others to whom they are indebted - for I have never known money so soon as a confidence is limited. I have never myself held a dollar house nor am so little shamed by hopelessly mind is filled with ceaseless apprehensions and perplexities could I but collect the money due me I could get along but this I cannot do, yet every one I know is impatient and I am even in danger of having operations issued against me. My school fund is absorbed in these difficulties.

Thursday 7th October, 1858.

This morning is the first frost of the season - it killed tomato and potato vine, &c., and other tender plants, but not what a May's farmer.

Was in Lewis's court of the day, with Judge Wright, Geo. Robinson, Mr. Henry of Albany, Mr. J. H. Gray and Mr. Chapin in conference on business relating to the interests of the town. Made in such an agreement with Mr. Bottom (who acts for Mr. Gault of Buffalo N.Y.) by which they are to establish a foundry and other mechanical branches of business in Lewis's.

Went to Hyandot city to see Mrs. Childer but she was confined & so did not go into the house.

Saw Mr. Henry from large ears of corn & carry as a sample of our productions.

At the Hyandot city landing it appears to me is entirely ruined as the bar is now above water to within two or three hundred feet of the mouth of the Hudson river.

Thompson's Brown came here this morning.

Thursday 7th October, 1858.

Mrs. Butcher went to see Lieutenant Hunt Chief and left with him for collection a note for \$100 or \$150 Half John and one for \$10 or \$15 for George. They are both in favor of O. H. being and who left them with us for collection.

Sold perhaps a "Christian Advocate" for one year 26 cents. The first no. of the "Advocate" was dated July 7th 1858.

Friday 8th ..

Was in bed most of the forenoon from an attack of cholera. Went to Lewis's with George to get a pig I have been wanting at large there but couldn't catch it.

At Judge Wright's he expressed great confidence in the success of Lewis's. God grant that he should.

Saw most of our sweet potatoes 8 or 9 bushels. Have been busy most of the day and am tired and rather contented than otherwise.

Killed a pig that weighed about 700 lbs.

Saturday 9th ..

Called on Mr. Robertson to ask if he had a chattel mortgage on any of Mr. Gault's property. He says he has not.

Saturday 9th October 1858

Put on boots & hat in small pile preparing
to hunting and tracking.

Went to Providence

Went this morning.

The day has past heavily by. A little before
occasionally gleams upon my mind yet dark and fears
of pain are. My heart is laid quiet to the future all is peace.

Sunday 10th

Rain commenced in falling this morning about
4 O'clock and continued till 10 O'clock a drizzling, gentle
copious shower, the first with a sprinkling of in very wake.

I have been at home all day, resting for the
sorest part the side of the Apothecary.

Lodge Wright and family started to Indian
Mr. Henry of Albany, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Andrews
the Sir is going to Sidney this, on the steam boat Mrs. Talbot.

Mr. Alfred Gray brought Lodge Wright
carriage, for me to keep until the Lodge's return
with the expectation not to lend either except to Mr. Gray.

Sunday, 10th October, 1858.

Mr. Bottom, Mr. Johnson & I saw it myself a rather dark
morning.

Hook

Wrote a letter to Joseph Hook the brother John Hook
I received Alfred Gray's gun & shot partridge chickens
which just now are coming into my field in considerable flocks.

Monday 11th

Have been unwell all day, symptoms of cold
and fever no appetite but this evening I am better.

Gray was spreading in the garden.

Sam William Johnson (a lawyer) on order on
Johnson & Hook for money for which he is to pay the
Mandate got the payment from the Government. He
got 2 sacks, & 2 bottles.

I shall, however, keep the rain.

Hook

Gray's that I am returned.

Mr. Abbott of Sydney City left with me a prospectus
for a paper to be printed in Providence I have seen a hand of
Mr. A. before but at first glance don't think him worth
to publish a paper in a new town containing particulars.

Monday 11th October 1858
Let Alfred buy put a steer intended for a
bush in my calf lot; but substantially as I used the
pasture very much.

Tuesday 12th "
Went to Pichidoro twice
Group commenced hauling wood to the
river - the first load, on each, I sold to the "Indepen-
dence" inf. ferry boat for \$2.00. The boat was lying
at the Pichidoro shore taking on board Mr. Wray's
hardware store which he was removing to Kansas inf.
Purchased a bay pair with Fely Bassett for
a yoke of oxen, a log chain, and wagon for which
I gave him credit for \$140.00 the price agreed on at the
rate I held against him. The oxen, wagon, and chain
I got for Jacob Wick.

Group hauled one cord wood for Dr. Amwell &
and two cords to the river for sale to shore boats.

Handed the newspaper subscription left with
me yesterday by John Abbott to Mr. Chapin.

Tuesday 12th October 1858
Raided letter to John Wray for other things; also
Bert 100 to with indigo and paid for it.

Wednesday 13th
Have been very sick all day - still in the forenoon
and fever in the afternoon. Dr. Amwell left me a bottle liquid
peruvian to take tomorrow.

Group hauled four cords wood to the river.
A lawyer from Peoria arrived. Dr. Stillwell, Shicklin
and John Harris were here on business relating to the
old horse man which Harris claims; but are too sick to
attend to business.

Thursday 14th
Wick
Let Wick have one gallon wine for 50 cents.
Was to have gone to Madison with S. B. Jones
for apples but felt too weak and told him I would pay
half the expenses if he would go himself. He went alone.

News came this morning that Mr. Parkhouse
of Capt. Rabe, Shawnee Chief, died last night.
John H. Miller, of Peoria and wife was here to organize

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about certain Myan dot estate, administered as per
by the public Administration. It seems to be called
for certain information, on the Myan dot estate which
they refuse to give and to threaten them with the
seizure of the land but I don't believe he has any
right to make any such demands upon them.
The Council is a body organized by Law and the
landlord's duty is but a creature of the Government
and I do not think has any power to interfere with it.

Have taken 12 table-spoonfuls liquid quinine
and 35 drops sulphuric acid to stop the night sweats
from which I have suffered a good deal lately.

Rode to Linnich and to G. H. & Co. to
enquire about certain open belonging to the P. Co. and
learn that G. Robinson has sold 2 jobs and 1000
pounds the money. There is scarcely an act of this
sort but shows him to be dishonest and dishonest.

Friday 15th

Went to the shop right with my st. and

Friday 15th October 1858

Went to the shop and children with G. H. and
of Mrs. Packer, in Lady Wright's carriage. Found some

other papers was done and in fact was very
much to say to night with the note of £1000 he had
signed by me and which note is for (the note to G. Robinson
and others who are to pay for it also) and in fact of this
question because I know the business character of the man
and did not tell him whether I sell it or not that I had
no control over it but he had said and could do as he pleased.
I cannot understand why he passed this sign in question
but suppose there is some knowledge which is in the law

was at Mr. Gage and asked him what such
a question affirming answers could affect the objection
if the note but he did not appear to understand it. The
trouble and all others I have suffered the past year
from our confidence in G. Robinson who authorized
me to buy lands but leaves me to pay for them not
even coming near me but avoiding me as if he was
afraid of leaving the truth. I have now known a

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cold blooded injustice before. I have placed
unbounded confidence in him and he has shown us
treachery & disregard of honor, of truth and honesty.
Look on his affairs with Mr. Gray but
not having any papers with him we are not justified
in settlement.

Health not good to day, but no actual suffering.
Lizette is home as usual, Alfred Gray
principal in the amount of five hundred dollars, as
Agent for the State Insurance Co. This is a violation
of a solemn promise he made to myself that
I would not become account for any one. It is
true this is very different from being secured on
a note but still it is a good rule to avoid all
liabilities.

Saturday 16th

Went to Providence and in the forenoon
expecting to go to Providence on the ferry boat, but
it had been sent forward and got aground and

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did not get back till nearly 3 o'clock P.M. I was
very anxious to go to Providence to attend a railroad
meeting, a number of other gentlemen also desired to go.
Thus both public and private interests suffer to accommodate
one man who wants a bag of sand! This boat is the worst
of any boat I have had and seems only designed for the
benefit of those or few individuals who wish, even but a
very small amount of the stock in hand. How unjust
and partial in its object should any man be who
has business connections with others.

Thick and hazy in this waiting for the boat
I took Mr. Stewart of the "Myer's Boat" for a piece
of bread and butter as that was indeed my food and
in my condition of health, but he set me down a
sinner for not dining and would take no pay. Not
often of late have I dined as I must with so much to do
although I have given away thousands of quills myself
and would have thought it a degradation to have charged
but mine was a private and Mr. Stewart's a public house.

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and after all I don't think it should be considered
an act of meanness even in a private house to charge
a stranger for the trouble and expense he occasions, one
I did always think so; but I do now although I
don't think I would be any more willing to charge
my practice for habit is more powerful than opinion.

George has been thinking but not at all day.

Heck got a bushel corn - 50 cents

Sunday 17th :

A quiet, but warm and sunny day.

I have had today a severe ague, which is
carrying off the bilious matter that has kept me well
so long; it is the effect of nature which my physicians
should have anticipated by a good dose of calomel a week
ago. I was very weak but feel all right this evening.

The persons calling to-day were Mr. Colby, all four
Gung, Mr. B. Brewster, Kate, George, & Mary Tomback
stays all night having but the hour she says.

Heck was working at my corn breaking, death &c.

Monday 18th October 1858

Wrote to Rob. in L. Park of Rockwell Mr.
complaining of the management of the Rockwell and
desired our pay for the "White".

Wrote to David no time. The second time will hope
to get two pigs I have there.

Told Mr. Clapen to have the Company's 2 yoke of oxen
got up as I wished to sell them to John Jones. He promised to order.

but an unsatisfactory exhibit of the
Company's account against Susan Harris.

Spoke to Clapen about Harris's paid. made a run
of board of her team. show influence in new ones. He said
he would have it looked after immediately.

Tuesday 19th ..

Mrs. Guntlin and Abner went to the store to
buy some money. Such is the poverty of the times that I could not
have money enough to buy my winter provisions without such
humiliating effort. They return tomorrow.

Mr. M. A. and Mr. S. L. both stay with us
tonight.

Tuesday 19th October, 1858.

Got three of my pigs home from Cincinnati.

Wednesday 20th " "

Miss Jones, help

Bought of John Lane 81 lbs beef at 6 1/2 cts per lb
amounting to \$5.26 1/2 to be paid by a note & payment.

Mrs. Guthrie and Madam returned. Mrs. G.
brought \$100 of her money to be returned at the next pay.
Spent the day husking corn - shelling corn
for meal and other small "chore".

Thursday 21st "

Took one basket corn to mill.

Called to see Rev. Mr. Stivers and he agreed
to send for a fresh pair butler for me.

Paid \$1.50 express charges on children's clothes
from St. Charles.

Paid 10 cts for bird seed.

Paid 50 cts postage on passport by mail.

Paid William L. Mc. Mc. Math, Esq. \$3.00 on
the note in the case of James Blake against me.

Arrived at N. Y. at crossing, Manhattan 8.30.

Thursday 31st October 1858

Went to New York City

I left with Mr. Thomas, clerk for Mr. Grant & House
party dollars to buy 2 barrels flour & 1 lb of cornmeal and to
St. Louis for the army. They have to send to St. Louis
to get the wheat and are to send for the best quality.

Bought 1 lb candy 30 cts.

Called to see Misses Lord Walker but she had just
started to St. Louis.

Watch

Had my watch set at New York City time and it
spend a little time.

Friday 31st " "

Went to Parkville.

Bought of Geo. S. Park 1 bushel apples 75 cts per
bushel 50 cts paid.

Bought 1 bush flour (100 lbs) of Johnson & Cook for
which I paid \$3.25

Paid Geo. S. Park \$3.00 borrowed from

Had a good chat of talk with Geo. S. Park and
the brother, talked about railroad and ferry routes

Saturday 23rd October 1858

Went to Lewis & Clark

George delivered a cord of wood to M.B.

Morgan and one to Boddenburgh \$2.00 each

M. Boddenburgh's account against me is \$3.25 and I have delivered him one cord wood which reduces it to \$1.25

Got home my basket empty in which which seems to me much reduced by the toll.

It commenced raining 4 o'clock P.M. and is yet raining - 8 o'clock P.M.

Sunday 24th

Rain has been falling for throughout hours, concentrating much of the time in torrents.

Spent most of the day - in the evening went to Alfred Gray's and around my garden, called at T. H. Gray's but was not admitted, probably my knocking was not heard.

Monday 25th

Went with M. H. of Hamilton to town

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for a horse belonging W. P. M. having left it but could not find him. At 10 o'clock I was taken with a chill which continued for a couple of hours, after I returned home followed by a slight fever for two or three hours. The day has been a very dark, stormy, and rather cold one which may have caused the chill.

Put at the Wagon it of Post Office with postage stamps

Tuesday 26th

Went to Rockville

Travels 10 cts pair

Put one pair Collier's book, for self - 40 cts pair

Looked a good deal for my White-faced raven - Thomson's - which has not been seen since Thursday last - as she was fat I suspect it may now be killed here.

Today, I discovered other signs in burnt coal pit the wood for which must have been stolen from mine - a pretty bold theft.

Went to Lewis & Clark

Tuesday 26th Octbr, 1858

Said Blake showed the half dollar I
brought him to buy a half bushel apples a few days ago.
Wanted to look at some hogs in Parkville for
sale but at the price \$250 for head it will be cheaper to
buy the slaughterhouse hogs for it will take at least five bushels
to fit them for pork and they would not average 150 lbs
each. One father and son will probably bring a dollar
a bushel in the spring. ^{for a few days} ^{children} ^{in the fall}

As to a slight chill today we are to work to
ster about as usual as I can.

Wednesday 27th

Lick of chill and from all day and still after
noon fever.

It has been raining steadily for the last 24 hours.
Saw Mr. & Mrs. who says he is an old acquaintance
stays with us tonight. He is from Lehigh, Pa.

Took 15 drops mercury to prevent night sweats.

Let Mr. Brownback have one bushel corn.

Brownback

Thursday 28th Oct. 1858

Let Fidelity Johnson have one bushel corn for
her. ^{he is to pay me \$2.00 and wanted to buy to take the children}
^{to take the children to the fair and to the fair}

Our old brown mare died last night. We had had
her five or six years and he came a great favor with the children
for her stability. They enjoyed nothing more than a ride on the
"Old brown mare" and this morning all were in tears at the
discovery that she was the most kind of the best, and died
for hours after. So our son comforted himself with the idea
that she might come to life again and ventured to predict
that she would certainly go to heaven because she was so good.
Someone was very indignant at this display of ignorance
and recommended him to stop. The truth is the poor beast had
become quite old probably seventeen or twenty years and had
long been useless except for the children to ride - and as such
and for part services in all respects he was worthless.

Today I have been trying to keep my feet warm
but I find my feet and hands are not again healthy a
part of the blood are gone from these members and
therefore I shall have to guard as well as I can but

Thursday 28th October 1858

Of course there will be an accuracy until they
have fruit.

A wet drizzly day but no hard showers.

Shall not go on any little effort, but as shall appear.

Friday 29th

Sh. have all day better improving.

Mr. Gray told us that you know he was here
two or three times on business with Hyatt & Co. when he had
bought land, and in the afternoon went to his father's
for corn. Saw it a letter by him to Mr. McCoy in relation
to the Salt Horse land.

Sold a bushel potatoes to Richard Burtwell 75¢

Saturday 30th

George and I pulled 2 bushels corn and 2 bushels
ground. We measured the same a half bushel and also counted
them: the first three half bushels slightly heaped and
containing seventy six ears measured three shelled
one bushel, one quart and nearly a pint. The second

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three half bushels, heaped as before and containing eighty one
ears gave also just one bushel, one quart, and nearly a pint
shelled corn. The ears were of the average size taken as they
came" among of them the smallest in the pile. For some
these experiments because some say three half bushels ears
will not make a bushel shelled corn, and that it takes
four a hundred to one hundred and twenty ears to produce
a bushel shelled corn.

Paid 6¢ for 1000 inches

George hauled a cord of wood for Mr. Redding
making 2 cords I have now delivered at \$2.00 per cord. \$4.00

I rode down with him and he told him we must
have this measure taken for a pair of boots each but as
the shoemaker says he can't tell what he will charge until
he cuts them out I am sure I had better buy those boots
although perhaps not so good, in the end cheaper.

Alfred Gray and Mr. Solberg set on horse out
on this morning talking about the prospects of Canada
I confess I often feel, of late, rather indifferently as to it.

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John. But again I believe God designs it for a great city,
and for that reason I shall continue to pray and to labor for
it rather as a duty than as a pleasure. There are so many
good men interested in the success of the plan that I
feel reluctant to become the instrument of their prosperity
but God is just and makes all right in his own good time.
How mysterious but answering is his Law of Retribution!
Gibbon in his History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman
Empire's Days; Vol. 6, page 166, "I shall not, I trust be
accused of superstition; but I cannot remark, that, even
in this world, the natural order of events, will sometimes
afford the strong appearance of moral retribution". We
should strive to do right and leave vengeance to God.

Promised to let Richard Watkins borrow
his money if he could have the Navy Station cabin
for one dollar per month.

Sunday 31st

Mrs. Watkins and her children went to

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Thyanclet city to school

Shadrach Bondick and his family have been
here most of the day explaining to Alfred Gray, (son
the business they said him to settle for them they
having employed him as their attorney.

Handed Mr. Alfred Gray a list from Col. Hester
and others to me for the blood shed blood, to be
recorded, but he refused to take the money to pay for it.

Monday 1st November 1858

Wrote to Mr. Eddy of the firm of Rice, Blake
and Eddy, Chicago, Illinois for a barrel white pig.

Wrote to Capt. Geo. D. Davis, of the Steamboat
John B. Perry to buy some 10 or 20 barrels of something
apples. I visited the latter & I saw where I think he lives.

It has been raining without ceasing since
6 O'clock P.M. yesterday and is still raining 8 O'clock P.M.
making 26 hours of steady heavy rain with a strong
North wind nearly all the time. I have seldom seen a more
dreary day, and don't say how long the rain will last.

Tuesday 2nd

A sunless, dark, misty day the thermometer
most of the time at 42°.

George

Went George to the Post Office with some letters
and for my mail and to look for some freight deposited
to have lumber, and though he started about 10 O'clock
A.M. he did not get back till dark and when he returned
to bed with nothing. He says when he was there

Tuesday 3rd November 1858

Went to go to town myself to look after the accounts I had
sent him on although the state of my health forbade it.

Wednesday 4th

Went to Mr. Beck's drug store he let them send me 25 lbs
worth medicine, my order and charged to me.

But of the bookkeeping 12 light window glass 6 lbs &
2 lbs putty 10 lbs for the 20 lbs. charged to my acct.

But of Robinson & Cook 1 lb. of oil. To pay them
10 lbs. oil to my acct. I have several times lately asked for
my acct. paid at this establishment and always found myself
a good deal in debt when I supposed I had nothing. Today
the account was settled. It appears I gave Thomas Manouse an
order on this firm for \$15. payable when a packet shall come
to the said Manouse for land I let of him. This order was cashed
and it seemed was charged with the amount in my running
account when it was distinctly understood it was only to be
paid at the issuing of the packet. It now appears I have
not only paid all I owe in my regular account several

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dollar, on the order. Is this fair dealing?

Mary Whiting executed a deed in my favor for the following described land "Commencing at the S.W. corner of the block of Sec. 34 in T. 12 S. R. 24 E. thence North 95 poles, thence East 80 poles thence South 95 poles thence West 80 poles to the place of beginning containing 47 1/2 Acs. Acknowledged before Eugene A. Crossman.

Gave Mary Whiting my note for \$250.00 payable when the patent shall issue to her for the above described land.

Went to Providence, stopped to 24th down but could not make the boys look under I could see what I could get them for in the store.

Mr. Brothers and Margaret Brown went to Providence to get their and saw Mr. Tupper and they made an arrangement. Mr. B. expended \$2.00 returning \$3. of a \$5 price I handed to him.

The Mission' men have been paid for the last few days.

Wednesday 3rd November 1858
A dismal, windy, sunless, cold day. The thermometer at 40°

Thursday 4th "
Paid William Rutledge \$3.00 allowed him. Have been sick of chill and fever all day and confined to my room. Better this evening. A gloomy, sunless, cold day. Thermometer at 40°

Friday 5th "
Paid of Feltz Johnson \$11.50 for wood sold to Steamboat "Florence". The boat said there was but 5 1/2 cords. George says he hauled 10 cords and the ferry boat said it was a strange discrepancy somewhere.

Have been unwell all day but feel better this evening.

Went to Providence and had Mr. Chapin collect the interest payable to him from and one payable to George M. Hubbard, the former signed by Chapin and

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Myself; the latter by Mr. Webb and myself. I am to get orders from Mr. Chapin on the Treasurer of the Free Company for the amount of both notes.

Another gloomy day has day than yesterday 40° as yet of the day. I just hear the children say they "see Father in his room". I hail the vision as a good one, both for the mother and my own pictures; for the past year has been the most painful of my life and the last week the elements have been sadly typical of the moral year. I trust in God.

Mr. Bottom started to Ruffalo this afternoon.

Saturday 6th -

Wanted Mr. Albany who is going to Hancock. Two letters one to Mr. Stevens enquiring about the plan and cranberries he was to have ordered from St. Louis for one the other to Edmund B. M. of the Cincinnati Gazette, containing a gold dollar as subscription to the Gazette, to be mailed at Kansas City.

Went twice to Leavenworth.

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Flour

Had three barrels of flour and one barrel cranberries from St. Louis. The flour "Double Extra Family Flour" cost in St. Louis \$6.25 per barrel; the cranberries cost \$9.00 per barrel. The freight was 75 cts per hundred pounds - the whole weight 870 lbs. amounting to \$6.87 and the charges at Leavenworth \$1.00 per 75 cts, all of which is paid. Freight at St. Louis 20c.

Attempted to go to Parkville but was to sail.

Got some pills and a prescription from Dr. Beal.

Had the prescription filled by Mr. Bodenburg and he charged me with the amount.

Recalled the letter I wrote to Mr. Stevens about meeting.

The day has been as cold as usual with broken clouds and here and there a strip of blue sky visible through which the sun now and then sent down its cold pale rays; altogether a dreary day.

George killed one of our pigs weighing probably a trifle over a hundred pounds - we are at present

Sunday 7th November 1858

This morning the roofs of houses and gables were
thick with snow like frost this evening and the air was full
of flying flakes the larger part of the forenoon but they melted
as they touched the ground. A shell almost dry one day of
sunshine. The thermometer ranged from 24° to 38°

Continued using our cran berries and discovered
that one, which had been taken out - probably the
black hawk on the shore boat or the heading of the head in
my basket put in.

Mr. Chapman was here and toward 20 the floor.

Health indifferent but occupied with a pen
last night I suffered much from cold. I had to get up four
times to wipe myself dry and change shirt. I have been taking
pills today prepared by Dr. Budge's order.

Monday 8th "

Ernie Newman was here and the school
Boydell came to his account against the salary of Miss
Boydell and Mr. Standish, before him. Ernie Newman

Monday 8th November 1858

Took the account with him to deliver to Alfred Bray for collection.

The day has been cold and dark with snow and
then a flake of snow floating through the air. no ray of sunshine.

Health improving; but am confined to my room. Last
night I slept sweetly and without dream - a providential blessing
for I had prayed to God that he would grant me a sweet undisturb-
ing night sleep - and that prayer was answered, I am amazed and
transported with a gentle emotion at this unexpected change.

Tuesday 9th "

Health improving but still keep my room.

A cold weather day - snow has fallen this evening
to the depth of half an inch. Thermometer was 8° below 0° at 12.

George hauled one cord wood to Chapman $\$1.10$
for which he is to work.

Wrote a letter to Edw. May, Secretary, East stating that
the description given in "The Bay's" hands in America, 8th. 1,
page 157, for a sign of country in latitude 38° N 66° north or longer
 10° $24'$ 15" north from the Christiana Channel" strongly resembles the

Tuesday 9 November 1858
sold again in California and I doubt not is a good country.

Wednesday 10th "
Was ordered to attend a meeting of the
Hyandut Commission at Kansas City but was too
unwell to go but wrote letters in relation to the
assignment I am interested in and Mr. Appleby
carried them down as he had purchased lands about
which there was some dispute. Mr. J. on returning
states that the court did not decide adversely
to an claim.

Health to be troubled - very little improved
Snow disappeared and the day was clear as
usual. the clouds overhanging the earth in an unbroken
mass.

Thursday 11th "
Health hardly so good today - about but little
A day clear & day. Thermometer ranging from 74° to 58°.

Thursday 12th November 1858
Mr. Butler took me to bidder Hayes shoes and left
with the bidder but I saw no letter to me concerning his survey;
George has been digging potatoes - nearly done.
May and Owen got home but saw shoes made by James.
They are charged to my account.

Friday 13th "
Health much better probably more from absence
of I can now take care of myself but am weak
A dark cold day with a heavy snow storm & light
snow. The wind the south and as soon disappeared. This evening
a cold north west wind is blowing like a trumpet and is chilling
cold, yet the thermometer is at 54°
George is husking corn until it snowed and then he
commenced making a land mount.

Box of Mr. Butler's apples for 30 cts which I am to
bring tomorrow. The apples are very large indeed.
Herd
For then. There are other on other. Do not know for
guaranteeing that I had says amounted to 60 cts.

Friday 12th November 1852

Commenced using a new barrel of flour - one of the
three I sent to St. Louis for my winter supply

Saturday 13th

Raid Burlington 30 cts for the 6 apples I got yesterday

Went to Parkville, crossing the river at Parkville

Mailed two letters at Parkville - one to Herman
Hill of Williamsburg, Mass the other to the "Engineers of the North
Western Railroad."

Did no business in Parkville, some loaded & see
over at St. Louis and paid for things I asked to by me to light.

This morning the thermometer stood at 22° the
air felt as warm as by 10° but the sun was in a cloudless sky
the first we have seen for weeks, and though thin, old clouds
are very often visible, there is a prospect of better weather.

Went to Uniondale

Had pony shod - also got to my doctor, as usual

Sunday 14th November 1852

A dull cold disagreeable day with a little rain & a little snow
Mrs. Guthrie and children went to St. Louis at 10 o'clock
Went to bid Mr. Keagoback to look at one of the best & best
for beef, but the price \$24.00 is too much. \$20.00 would be a good price.

Monday 15th

Called to see Mr. Brown who had just to St. Louis, Mo.

Went to St. Louis at 10 o'clock to see Mr. Davis who promises to
come to see me tomorrow in relation to business, some interesting business

Today as clear as yesterday was cloudy, not a cloud
to be seen, the thermometer before sunrise at 16° falling in the
shade all day.

Tuesday 16th

Mr. Davis came to see me and I have employed
him to attend to Mrs. Guthrie's Shaver's claim and my
own a Congress for scribbles and for claim as subject.

Went to Uniondale

Got school printed - 25 cts. 10 cts. 10 cts.

Tuesday 16th November, 1858

Widow Matthews made cash for us 75^{cts} paid 19th inst.

Rec'd a letter from James Todd.

I understand Mr. Webb & family arrived

Sarah Gann and her sister Eliza stay ^{and visiting} with us tonight.

Wednesday 17th "

Went to Des Moines

Called at C. H. Clapin's house to get him to give
some orders for certain moneys in the hands of the Treasurer
of the Rockwell and Des Moines Ferry Company, for the purpose
of paying certain debt of the Des Moines Co. but he refused on
the ground that, unless he had already given had been
returned unpaid. Mr. Clapin has given of Attorney East
for Capt. Webb who is President of the Ferry Co.

Called to see Sam Gann but he was not at home.

Today the Telegraph Company are obliging both
and setting posts for the wires through Des Moines

Visit Mr. Shillbush - J. D. all I said him.

Miss Gann

Thursday 18th November 1858

Went to Highland City where Sam Gann was to meet
me to make arrangements about the payment of money due
him from Robinson or the D. Co. for which he holds my note, but
he did not come.

Got a letter from C. H. Clapin.

Attended a meeting of the citizens of Des Moines
which I understand was called with a view to consider paying
for the future support of the town, but I was disappointed from the
composition of the meeting that no good could result from its
action and therefore left it at an early hour. The meeting
was held at Alfred Gray's office. Charles Robinson it seems
to have been then shut out off as he always does when any
responsibility may be thrust upon him.

Friday 19th "

Went to Des Moines.

Paid for bond letter envelopes 10 cts.

Mr. Gann paid Widow Matthews 75^{cts} for cash
repd on the 16th inst.

Friday 19th November 1858

Paid Mrs. Storro \$10 for a packet of
100 lbs butter and there remains 50 cts yet to pay which
making in all \$30.50 etc. a 50c etc a pound Mr. Storro
was kind enough to write to an acquaintance and have
this butter put up and forwarded to me.

Paid for 1 lb boardman candy 25 cts

Heard
Gave Mrs. Clark a note on A. Little for \$20.00 but
Mr. Little said he could not pay for want of money and
the note was returned to me.

Saturday 20th

Bottom
Bot 117 feet pine flooring for partry parthen
from Mr. Bottom at the rate of \$3.00 per hundred and
paid him \$2.50; there remaining 57 cts due him.
Bot home the above lumber and a packet of
butter on which I paid the 50 cts due yesterday.

Bot of Mr. Bodinby's 1 lb green soap for children
price 35 cts which I had charged to my account.

Bot 3 skins black thread for 15 cts which I had

Saturday 20th November 1858

George
changed to my acct. but as the thread above sent to me had to return
George bot of Johnson & Co. a pair buckskin mittens
for 75 cts which was charged to my acct.

Mailed a letter to Mr. Little

Snow fell to the depth of four inches last night

Sunday 21st Nov.

At home all day suffering from an injury in the
loint received a week ago while attempting to ride under a fallen
tree which lay a few feet from the ground but which not being
high enough to give me a free passage passed over against the scull
with such force that my loint was badly lacerated and has been
painful since. What thoughts are being upon a better business!

Mr. Alfred Gaynes has writing me to agree as
a trustee of the Divin Society to release Mrs. Nichols from the
payment of five hundred dollars which she owes the Co.
on the condition that she will visit and conduct "The
Lion's Den" for one year, which it is proposed to revive.
The agreement with Mrs. Nichols is to terminate at the
end of any quarter; provided other arrangements shall

Sunday 21st Novemr. 1858

to make for the publication of the paper, in which case we are not to release her in proportion to the time she sets as a solution.

Mrs. Gutherie and the children went to Hyattsville church, and also to Sunday school in the eve, the snow still appearing to be a little clearing.

Monday 22nd " "

Signed the agreement referred to yesterday, in relation to the mineral of the land owned to be sold by Mrs. Nichols.

Have been in my room all day indisposed from a hurt in the breast and slight attack of ague.

Mr. Green

Made an agreement with Mr. M. Green to estimate the number of acres in each of the Tracts of land I am having cleared and also to measure some of my fields for which I am to pay him five bushels corn for each of which he had today.

Thomson agreed to put up my painting partition for \$2.00.

Monday 23rd Novemr 1858

Rec'd a letter from R. A. Rice of Chicago enclosing a bill for 1 bbl No 1 white fish which he paid \$5.75 also a receipt from the transportation agent for the barrel which should have arrived.

Rec'd a letter from Mr. English, telling me that the weather was pleasant, indicating a thaw, thermometer at 30°

Tuesday 23rd " "

Still

Had got two bushels corn to which add 24 has delivered bushels to get before a snow in all the fields.

Still unable to say by the injury in the breast but feel a little better.

Wrote to Mr. M. Nichols, Member of Congress relation to rail-road grant of land.

He says he and I can't get home this new boots he says he is too small and had disappointment to him.

Mrs. Gutherie and Mary this went to Sunday school and called on Mr. Bottom and Mrs. White.

Wednesday 24th November 1858

Went to Lumsden, returning Jacobs boat
seen yesterday which are too small & ordered another pair to
be made.

Bought 3 lbs 6 penny mail, 20 cts

Left \$5.00 with Mr. Chisholm for Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Chisholm gave me a receipt for the money.

Paid Robert Hooper 35 cts

Mr. Sutton & Mr. Canfield arrived, bringing with
them a steam engine and machinery for the manufacture of
sawing implements and other articles.

Weather better - day pleasant, thawing.

Thursday 25th

Went to Wyandot city with Mr. Canfield
late of Buffalo, and while standing on the bank of the
river observing its current we heard a terrible crash which
we soon discovered was occasioned by the falling in of one
of the partition walls of the row of brick warehouses now
being erected there, by this accident five men were badly

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injured, two of them mortally.

The day has been very beautiful and the snow much
disappeared, I have been very well, Mr. Canfield is
a sensible & excellent man and I hope he will stay among us.

Friday 26th

Went to Wyandot city

Went to see Matthew R. Walker about getting a
road cut from Linder branch bridge to Wyandot city on the
line dividing the lands of Judge Walker and Gov. Walker.
Judge Walker promises to have it done it is a little and
shorter route than the present one by the south.

Went to see A. L. Davis but he had gone to Lumsden
A rainy disagreeable day.

Saturday 27th

Went to Rockville on the ferry boat & attended a
council meeting. The ferry boat was hired for \$14.00 for the trip.
At Mr. A. Hooper's request I took my team and George and loaded

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with that backwheel. L. Gray said I had 25% better
to have made into flour, but the miller was out of wood and we
had to have our grain to be ground a week hence. We went with
the utmost difficulty as could get in a net of the boat with
the team on account of the bad management of the boat and
the condition of the landings. Linnage \$1.50

The railroad meeting was well attended and a good
deal of earnest confidence in the success of the enterprise
evinced. At the road (from Parkville to the Hannibal and
St. Louis Railroad) should be built as soon as it should
it will make Linnopolis the greatest city in Kansas and
Parkville the largest in North Western Missouri. The
proof is good for these results.

Butter at Parkville, 1 gal masses \$1.00 paid
" " 1 pig 15 ct paid
" " 8 lbs sugar 20 ct paid
" " 1 bushel apples \$2.00 paid
" " 3 gal white plum 20 ct paid

Saturday 27th November 1858

But of Mrs. L. Park two bushels of flour - \$6.00 which I am
to pay for at the next payment.

Sunday 28th

Walked out the farm, thinking of plans for its im-
provement and productivity.

Mrs. Lathin & family went to church in the afternoon.

Monday 29th

Went twice to Linnopolis, once for coffee and to get a
sample tea made for Mrs. Wright's carriage and once to hold back
but I have suffered exceedingly from fever and did not feel able to
attend the Railroad meeting held today which I was anxious to
attend.

But 2 lbs coffee of M. Strick 20 ct paid

Paid the first pay of the Linnopolis Study Society
dated Nov 1858 and a receipt as the following payment
to 16th May 1858 - Linn. \$1.00

But M. Annisworth stays with us tonight. We have

Monday 29th November 1888.

is a sort of turnip (already injured by the frost while turnips in the ground have not injured) and a few bits of beets.

George killed a pig weighing probably 100 lbs, and was out of meat the best he killed has then than weeks though it must have weighed over 100 lbs.

The day bright and beautiful, not freezing.

Tuesday 30th

Mr. Brothers and Annie went to Slawson in George Wright's carriage with George to deliver the. I went to town among so straitened as we that we cannot get money enough to buy our winter provisions, much of which we have to buy. These embarrassments are undeniably painful to a provident mind. But alas, why should any one be pained when almost every day pours into the cup of life some humiliating circumstance!

Reuben to Slawson with George to get his boots, but they are not done. I stuffed myself from the hills, and the

Tuesday 30th November, 1888.

most of the day lay upon my bed.

Left home and George Wright's house to Mr. A. Gray, Mr. Rottan and Mr. Banfield to go to Slawson city.

Wednesday 1st December, 1850.

Mr. Latham and Arsena returned from Shawano but took no money. Mr. L. secured the promise of some next week. They were detained one night by breaking a suspension and the very bad roads.

Scott got home his new boots, he and John & Eldridge they went to Levidans for them. He and John commenced wearing the new boots today.

Walked over to Mr. Alfred Gray's this morning to speak to him about purchasing some papers. She has cut down some of the telegraph posts.

At home the rest of the and in bed most of it - suffering very much from piles - I never had so severe a attack before, though now and then afflicted with them for many years.

Thursday 2nd "

Judge Wright and family returned from Levidans after an absence of 5 1/2 days.

Went to Wyandott city to meet John Jones a business

Thursday 3rd December, 1850.

but he could not get there yet to drink today and I came home without doing any business.

Suffered very much from piles, instantly after lunch went to Levidans.

Day cold & cloudy, with snow in the evening.

Friday 4th "

Was in Levidans this

Mr. Cook gave me three flour sacks, to put my books in that flour in - said he didn't mind them and made no charges. I don't like the prospect of a curio anything in this way.

Stop'd a few moments at Judge Wright's.

Received of Mr. Filding Johnson, Boyard Taylor's tract in the "lands of the Sacas".

Dr. Bennett of Wyandott city called to see me at my request and gave me a prescription for the piles from which I have suffered so much lately.

Had such horses shed before.

Snow fell 3 inches deep this morning - day very cold.

Monday 6th December, 1853

Went to Lewistown with Mr. & Mrs. Campfield to look at Robt. Wick's farm which he offers to sell at \$1000. Mr. & Mrs. Smith and Miss Bottom also rode with us, but Mr. Wick and wife were not at home and as Friday was slow. All parties much admired the farm and Mr. Smith seems anxious to get the farm, although I said I had already promised Mr. Campfield to buy it for him if I could. I fear some unpleasant clashings of interests or wishes may result from transaction.

Tuesday 7th

Went with Mr. & Mrs. Campfield and Mr. & Mrs. Lutz to town & John Phipps and to John Bottom to buy land but did not succeed in making a purchase. The Phipps wanted time to consider what price they should ask and Bottom in committing to the whole of his land. He shall probably hear more from them tomorrow. I interest myself in getting farms for these people because they seem one they will do business in Lewistown and settle themselves & build up the

Tuesday 7th December, 1853

The cold was severe, the mercury at sundown at 15 the day being excellent.

The game, his sister Hannah, Prudence Robert's and another girl, were here this evening on a sleighing jaunt.

I find a \$1000 bond with Robert's as securities for B. O. Gamble to enable him to draw the money, plus his services, brother John & William from the Government. A shareholder writes of my uncle and yet how could I avoid it consistent with the offering of gold mining stock? especially as there is not the least probability of loss on my part.

Went at night to see Robin black with thunder, 10.00 & a ball time 10.00 & a ball time 10.00 & a ball time 10.00

Wrote and mailed a letter to Mr. P. Ramsey for Boston. May perhaps in relation to the \$1,000 to be over here.

To Misses of the family at Weston Mass. for Mr. Thibault asking on what terms she can send her two girls one is 14 the other 13 years old.

Back

Let black hair & brush com - \$2.00

Wednesday 8th December 1858

Day cloudless & very cold. Mercury at sunrise 7° below zero; 17° colder than any morning this season.

Mr. & Mrs. Bayfield & Mr. & Mrs. Smith were here in accordance with an appointment to visit John Hicks and wife who proposed selling a part of their land but they could not make up their minds what price to put on their lands they waited another day to consider Indian bids - always afraid they will not ask enough.

Went to Sarah Ann & Thomas's reports and

Thursday 9th "

Went to John and Peter Pipes in accordance with a promise to call and learn on what terms they would sell their land, but they had changed their minds and would only sell a small portion and that at three times its actual worth. Indian bids they will expect off one and get still to another for less than real value a few days ago they offered this land at \$1000 per acre and now ask \$300!

Went to Charles Ketchum's

Thursday 9th December 1858

Went to Belknap's brooding to buy honey & beef but got neither, then to Brown's for honey but he was not at home - away "drunk" his family said. I returned home about sundown very tired as much of the road had not been travelled since the last fall and there was a thick crust on it which caused my poor pony very much.

Day very pleasant - mercury at sunrise 7° above zero

Friday 10th "

Went to John H. Potter to get a description of the land he offers for sale.

Left George with horses and sled to Allen's store with Mr. & Mrs. Bayfield, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Guthrie and Mr. May to look at the land belonging to Mr. Gray or Mr. & Mrs. Smith say they want a large farm, but it appears they want it so bad that it is very certain they will not buy in this neighborhood. On their return home the party called at Mother Allen's, where the team being left

Friday 10th December 1858

carelessly without being fastened a detached pane the sled they took flight and ran away, breaking the sled and harness, only one of the horses (the black one) was caught the other still runs at large. They doubtless were started by other horses playing around them. What large misfortune after spring from little faults!

Day delightful - Thawing.

Saturday 11th December 1858

The missing horse came up last night without harness or any part of it on him. This morning he was at the stable and George took him away to look for the harness which he found at Ralph's stable, and while talking about it the horse took off the saddle and asked George how he tells a confirmed story about the horse being claimed by some person for a bastard son of Matthew Brown's and accordingly kept the horse. I immediately got out a unit of explosion but the horse cannot be found. Is there no law to punish such a crime? If not there is

Saturday 11th December 1858

our main property safe.

Amos Butler was here and said he was to meet his brother John at Quindaro for the purpose of trying to take their land to Mr. Canfield and I gave him a note of introduction but it is reported they got abroad before delivering it and Mr. G. says he did not see either of them.

Just before the school both boys to get the flour and bran of the sack that Mr. Gray and myself took there to hanground two weeks ago, the floating ice having prevented our attending to it sooner. George has probably got drunk as he has not yet returned. ^{He should be expected to pay for sending the} volume of the ^{first} number of the Chondowan was issued today. May it flourish and become a daily in less than a year!

Alvan C. Davis, Esq. Attorney informs me that the Shawnee Indian Agent assures him that Mrs. Butler's and children shall have lands and money as Shawnees. I thank God with profound gratitude for this price of good fortune to my wife and children.

Saturday 11th December 1858.

Handed Mr. Davis some letters of introduction to Members of Congress regarding their support of my claim for mileage and for claim as delegate to Congress from Kansas (then Nebraska) Territory, and a memorandum in relation to what had been done by the last Congress. Mr. D. will present the claims.

Was in Lewis & Clark's time.

Sunday 12th "

Went to Executive and left at the D. House a letter from Mr. Guthrie to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs setting forth the grounds on which she claims land and money as a Shawnee Indian. The letter was left at the table to be handed to Mr. Davis, Atty. who will deliver it to the Board and present the claims.

Went to Mr. Guthrie and then with him to see at the house of his and his brother Amos' land. The land is probably not worth over \$10.00 per acre.

The day has been very cloudy but warm with

Sunday 12th December 1858.

Strong south winds and now at 8 o'clock the sky is clear and snow and stars are out in their brightest light and the mercury stands at 48° snow disappearing very fast. The Missouri river has been frozen over in some places so that persons on foot could cross for a few days past. But the river will probably go to summer.

Saw Mr. Schrey a lot of old boy and let. for whom estate he proposes to be appointed administrator and he will go to Leavenworth tomorrow for the purpose.

Concluded to read around the house for a little before George a day or two ago and the second who told him now say it was all a joke! Such jokes should be sent to the publisher where they would have his wit ascertain when the laugh should begin in such jokes.

Monday 13th "

Went to Executive meeting on my way Mr. Davis to show I believe a further memorandum relating to the service. I have submitted him with

Monday 13th December 1858

Have been twice harassed for money but he
can pay me and I can pay as one. I suffer the torment
of hell in these embarrassments. No one can express the
anxiety of mind they occasion me, and yet I am working
at hand and the promise of the future made and shipped out
on and so has it been the story of this distressing year.
But my trust is in God.

Charles Ketchum was here he wants to borrow
£100 to pay his expenses to Washington City when he goes as
one of a delegation of Delaware Indians to make a treaty &c.
I shall endeavor to get him the money tomorrow if I can
possibly borrow it. He talked a good deal about the terms of
the proposed treaty and I think he will favor one looking
to a railroad from Brindley's westward.

Get horse-murdered and Gage brought home on
broken sled which had been left on the road when the
horns came away on Friday last.

John and John's father went to Brindley's to try
to sell their land to Mr. Campbell but they could not agree.

Tuesday 14th December 1858

Expected Mr. A. Gray to come from Brimworth in
time this morning to help me borrow the money I yesterday
promised Mr. Ketchum, but he did not come and I could not expect
to get the money but sent word to Mr. K. that I would be out
to see him tomorrow. The only money I know of here belongs to
some acquaintances of Mr. Gray who have lately arrived and
I am unwilling to approach them on such a subject.

Bought a calf from the butcher Duntley for \$4 which
I am to pay on the first of April next - a bad bargain as I
am convinced after the calf was brought home.

Thomson mended the open part of my party \$2.00
worked about five hours, commencing at 11 O'clock A.M.

Work George bought 2 loads wood for Wood \$4.00

Wednesday 15th

Went to Charles Ketchum to let him know that I
could not get the promised money from Mr. Gray. He said
just started from home and I did not see him but promised
Mr. Ketchum that I would see him day after tomorrow.

Wednesday 15th Decr. 1858

Went to Livermore.

John Blackall came to see me this evening and I had a full talk with him about the decision and abtinement of the beyond lands in which the Commissioners engaged in that work have now spent nearly four years when he had it should not have occupied them so many weeks. He was more than the person we met for this purpose will leave by it and if the work is not completed in this time; that confusion and dissatisfaction will result as we can tell. The Chief matter of these men has been partial, at best, and this is true.

In this evening's talk with Blackall who is now our head Chief, I pointed out that as the last payment was not made in October last as the treaty required, that the two payments of 1858 & 1859 be made at the same time, say in May 1859 which would bring the last payment as near as advance of the time fixed by the treaty as the other is in it, and the interest should be the same.

Thursday 16th Decr. 1858

Prepared a draft of a treaty which I will the Delaware land with the Government if its main features should be adopted it is some the Delaware for being supported by the hope that as for Chief & Washington in the hope of securing this of their land. I have some hope that my suggestions will have much weight with the delegates as some of them have long been my friends and neighbors.

Went to Livermore.

A proposition was made to me to consent that the towns of Livermore and beyond city and change the names. I was not present at the proposal to change the name of Livermore. It is the Indian name of the town and was given to the town because we were so badly situated to be operations and influence with the Indians for every foot of land on which the town is built. And many other are in debt of justice for all the land they own in the neighborhood. The reason assigned for the proposition was that by the consolidation and change of names ^{the} would thereby that more united to the detriment of the two places would arise and the consolidated influence of the two would cause the decrease of both. The argument is false, not on opinion and I for one, will resist the old scheme just

Thursday 16th December 1858

consider it unwell to myself and regret and regretful to
this but then one could prefer the failure of the loan to avoid
a dishonour.

In the afternoon rode out with Alfred Gray
to look at the roads leading southward from Dundee; he
being a Commissioner to locate a road in that direction.

Friday 17th December 1858

Alfred Gray brought to me £200. borrowed
of Mr. Jas. A. Whit for Charles Ketchum for which
Mr. Gray and myself agreed to become responsible.
I went to take it to Mr. Ketchum this morning but
met him on the way and he returned with me and
I paid him the money and he signed the note by
making his mark, I wrote his name and signed the
the note myself another signature for my share but
there being a great pressing post.

Went to Charles Ketchum the solicitor of a treaty
said his delegation to make in Washington. He

Friday 17th December 1858

is satisfied with the provisions and agreed to support it.

Went with Alfred Gray to Mr. Collier to get
John to go with him to Mr. Dwyer to get \$200 or \$300
said to be there in the hands of Mr. Dwyer for some days
and which belongs to the estate of Mr. Dwyer of which Gray
is Administrator.

Got 100 st. candles 30 cts paid

Saturday 18th "

Went to Mr. Gray, Joseph A. Barthe and John
Hedden here to effect an arrangement by which Mr. Gray could
get \$200.00 due him from Mr. Barthe, Barthe being security, I agreed
to get the money for Mr. Gray and, he having with me the note
signed by Barthe and Hedden, and I gave a receipt for the note
which is in the hands of Barthe to be delivered to me when he
pays the note which is dated 18th Dec. 1858 and made
payable in 60 days with three per cent interest per month until
paid. My 10th object in getting the money for Mr. Gray was
not to oblige him, as he is just starting to Washington city on

Saturday 18th December 1855

business for his people, the Delawareans

Mr. Buckworth, to whom, I owe sixty dollars came this evening for his money. He has, it appears, like ourselves had to deny himself the common comforts of life lately for the want of money. I always may have to this find some suffering for having accommodated me and I trust the pain to relieve them & the money which I have been instrumental in getting for Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Young with the post for cargo, was obtained through the assistance of a friend, from a stranger residing here with whom this find was arranged and for the purpose of promoting a great public interest. Nothing could have induced me to have made the effort for myself. But I shall seek no peace of mind until I have paid Mr. Buckworth.

Paid from L. Burnett 18 lbs for fuel and 2.50 lbs coal, in all 20 lbs to be charged to me.

Was unwell all day of chill and fever, though in good health the last two weeks.

Sunday 19th December 1855

Signed a note with Alfred Gray in favor of Rev. A. W. L. for \$60.00 payable in 60 days with then for interest per month. This is to get the money paid. Gray calls as per yesterday's arrangement Mr. Gray is to hand the note to Mr. W. and to take the money & return it.

Handed to Mr. Alfred Gray the note one week day before yesterday in favor of Samuel W. L. for \$2000 and signed by Charles Hutchinson, Alfred Gray & Richard L. L.

Met at Matthew R. Walker's and agreed to meet him on Tuesday at Council to propose to the Chiefs that they agree the Commissioners to make notice of their assignment in accordance with the instructions from the Indian Bureau. And also propose to the Chiefs that we be sent to Washington, to endeavor to have the necessary installment when the Wyandots paid at once; also to have a resolution passed by the Council explaining certain obscure features in the treaty, and to have the Wyandots assignment shall be settled and the patent issued. These things are important at this time as the Treaty expires in one year, or rather the coordinate parties shall just be to carry out its provisions.

Monday, 20th December, 1858.

Called at old man Wilke's to make some inquiries about Spybuck's suit, but he said so much of the wife had been destroyed that he had determined to pay Spybuck in cash for the suit, and keep the wife himself.

Met with him Jones to demand of him if the lawyers could devise a plan whereby Jones could attach the Quindars' property for a debt owing to him by Charles Robinson & the Quindars' company for which he holds my note - the amount is \$1200. but his lawyer was about doing nothing more.

Met to Quindars

Tuesday 21st

Went to Quindars

Made an arrangement with Mr. Bassett for meat, and tallow for which he is to be credited on the note I hold against him.

Went for gallon of oil of Mr. Peabody 60¢

2 lbs at Judge Wright's store 4¢

Called to see Mr. Kilbuck about the money I owe him.

Tuesday 21st December, 1858

Went to the Court and found the Chiefs and their friends much occupied at the lawyers for procuring to have the Administrators of Indian estates, they prefer the Responsible way, thereby they and their friends become enriched with the spoil of the arch, the ignorant, and the orphan's law for profitable as the profitable operations of just laws, to the arbitrary and irresponsible authority!

Wednesday 22nd

Went to Quindars

Rec'd a letter from bank of Norway relating to his business with him.

Went to Parkhill

Rec'd of him back the certificate of the first location of, Royal Canadian claims, for the purpose of presenting it to the Court as evidence that the claim had been located and should not have been changed.

It was a pleasant thing that in the river is broken up and the river is now believed to open to St. Louis.

Wednesday 23rd December, 1858.

Jack was so unwell to go to school - a headache, sore throat, and loss of appetite. Alas! my physician! I pay to thee to give him health!

Col. Park informs that he will advertise the letting of a portion of the Parkhill & San Juan Railroad next week - a judicious step, may the stock be speedily completed!

Thursday 24th "

Started to Kansas city but could not cross the ice it being too soft to bear a horse; yet too firm to allow the ferry boat to run.

Saw some men returning from the newly discovered gold region east of the rocky mountains, who speak well of the prospects yet state that the average yield to the land per day is from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Went to Lawrence,

But 18 ct with bird's nest paid

11 ct by express charged at M. Deedman's!

Friday 25th December 1858.

Spent most of the day in Lawrence with Alfred Gray and Mr. Canfield endeavoring to effect such arrangements as would induce Mr. Canfield to remain with us and set up his machinery, for a day or so but without any final arrangement.

But of H. Canfield & the stock 48 ct and 7 lbs. tallow at 10 ct per lb. - 70 ct

But of John & Arch R. L. Gault 100 ct paid

Wednesday 11th candy, 55 ct, 1 pint brandy 50 ct, 76 lb pepper 120 ct

Saturday 28th "

Went to Lawrence and thence to Parkhill with Mr. Miller of Myer's city, to see Col. Park about the situation of an engine on his railroad. But he does not want to employ an engine until the directors meet.

But one paper fire machine 100 ct paid

Mrs. Guthrie gave a dinner to some of her regular customers among whom were Mr. & Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Driggs & wife, Mr. & Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Bell, Gray & Mr. & Mrs. Gray.

Tuesday 28th December, 1858

Went to Wyandott city upon the old business to meet the Wyandott commissioners and Council, but then Mr. Boy did not come and no business was transacted.

Got home one barrel ^{of} fat the freight and charges on which were \$4.35 from Chicago and the original cost of the fat was \$5.75 - making the total cost \$10.10

Got 1 lb candles 30 cts paid

Ant. Hook comes this evening to work for me at a dollar a day.

Wednesday 29th "

Went to Kansas city and Thatopot

Got of H. M. Buttrick two draft on New York - one for \$5.75 payable to R. A. Price of Chicago, Ill. for a barrel of tallow fat he got from the others for \$22.00 payable to John Washburn, freight, insurance, Ohio for sundries I have ordered. Buttrick was enclosed in letters and put in the Post Office at Kansas city. Paid for exchange to the old bank at Thatopot.

Freight 50 cts paid

Got this 2 barrels of tallow at Thatopot for

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one dollar paid

Had very wet and a regular - but evidently too slow and Bill from Mr. Buttrick and others \$4.25 balance due on money advanced on bill of goods.

Got in Thatopot 1 lb candy 30 cts paid

" " 4 yerser candles 30 cts - paid

" " 5 toy candles 35 cts paid

" " 10 toy pin candles 10 cts - paid

" " 1 pig glass sides & 3 apples 30 cts - paid

Hand George handled another end of wood making in all thus far handled 12 cords from the Herby's clearing of short wood

Thursday 30th "

Went again to Thatopot to see the Shawnee Agent concerning the narrow Shawnee lands and the Kellum's claim but he was out of home, thus two days have been lost.

Got 2 "Kornum candles" for children 30 cts paid

" 2 pairs cotton socks for self - 50 cts paid

Freight 50 cts paid

Got at Wyandott city 1 coffee mill 35 cts 1 salt shaker

knives 15 cts = 50 cts paid

From Mr. Buttrick \$4.50

Got \$20.00 to Aphe. Nichol by Ant. Hook. Street fell last night 4 inches deep but today has been warm & clear.

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