

Friday 6

Crossed the river at Parkers and went down about five miles and crossed back again then wrote a letter to Mr. Johnson and took it up to M. Frenchy.

Saturday 7

Started down the river to Harpers band but my horse got lame and I had to come back. Looked among the cattle some and spent the rest of the day braiding and reading.

Sunday 8

I like to have spent the day at meeting as I did last Sabbath. Spent the most of the day reading and meditating. Made a short call at Mr. Fosters. Wrote a letter to W. H. H. Wade.

Monday 9

Went among the cattle below got a cat of Parker. Ate my dinner at Mr. Flints. Spent the afternoon reading and writing.

Tuesday 10

Went above, crossed the river at Frenches, went down and crossed back again at Parkers. Wrote a letter home to the children and sent it away.

Wednesday 11

Piloted Nick across the river. Went below again, saw most of the cattle. Very smoky and warm weather.

Thursday 12

Went up the river as far as the Gap, came back cut a road on to an island. Went up to Frenches in the evening afoot.

Friday 13

Went down the river about 20 miles to Harpers band. Examined it thoroughly, found none of my cattle. Got back about 9 o'clock at night.

Saturday 14

Went up to Frenches in the morning, got four letters, two from home. Hired a horse and bought some leggings. Went down to the lower bottom and drove some cattle back.

Sunday 15

Had a precious time at prayer this morning. Oh how good and merciful is God. Wrote four letters, two home. Took dinner at Mr. Fosters.

Monday 16

Went up the river to the mouth of the Atanum (Ahtanum). Crossed and went down to Parkers and crossed back. Bought some berries of an Indian.

Tuesday 17

Helped raise a house for Battees Harris. Took dinner with me. Spent

Wednesday 18

Went below in the morning, gathered some frulu (pulu) for a pillow. Bought a dog. Commenced mending my boots, perplexing work.

Thursday 19

Went back down to Parkers who went with across the river. In the evening, I went up the river about 10 miles.

Friday 20

Helped Mr. Foster raise his house, carried up one corner of the building, It seems old fashion to be at a raising again.

Saturday 21

Slouteer was here in the morning and I sent a letter by him to Printis. Went below a the cattle. An Indian gave me a sage hen. Went to Frenches in the evening.

Sunday 22

Received a copy of the minutes of the conference, also an Advocate by an Indian. Sent two letters home. Spent the day reading.

Monday 23

Went across the river below, came back at Parkers. Got a sack of potatoes. Made a pillow out of pulu.

Tuesday 24

Spent the forenoon fishing, in the afternoon went up to Frenches and got a horse. Killed a chicken.

Wednesday 25

Went up in Thorps valley after cattle, found 12. Took dinner at E. Thorpes, got home at dark.

Thursday 26

Went below through the brush. Took dinner at Flints, in the afternoon went above.

Friday 27

Went above in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon reading.

Saturday 28

Went below again. Shot a bird. In the evening went up to Frenches and took the horse home.

Sunday 29

Spent the day at home reading. Received a letter from Mary (His sister who later marries Wm.) How anxious I am for the time to come when I can go home.

Monday 30

Helped Flint raise a house. Drove some cattle out on the hills. Brought some books home.

Tuesday 1 (October)

Went above, took dinner at Frenches. Johnson came in the evening, bring two letters from home.

Wednesday 2

Sent a letter home, went below. Johnson started back. In the afternoon done some cooking, made a pie, washing and shod a horse.

Thursday 3

Crossed the river, went down and crossed back at Parkers. Spent the afternoon mending my boot and reading.

Friday 4

Went up to Thorpes, as I came back down about 75 head of cattle from the gap.....P.M. Got ready to go to Simcoe. Went up to Frenches in the evening. Got me letters.

Saturday 5

Started early and went up to Simcoe. Found the folks all well. (Prentiss and Martha). Spent the evening very pleasantly.

Sunday 6

Went to this morning, heard Mr. Farnsworth preach. Took dinner with him. Wrote a letter to mother and deposited it.

Monday 7

Got my load of grub and started for home where I arrived in good time. Set things to rights in the house. Went to Fosters in the evening.

Tuesday 8

Went below about 10 miles then came back. Got my dinner, spent the afternoon reading and studying music. Bought 50. worth of cranberries off Indians. (His Great Grandfather, James Brown, who came West with them in 1852 had studied at the School of Music in Boston.)

Wednesday 9

Went above, in the morning, found a man building a house on my place. In the evening cut some house logs.

Thursday 10

Received two letters from home. Went to Parkers in the morning and in the evening went up to the Atanum and back on the other side of the river. Bought the house on my place for \$20. (This would place his claim up the river from Wm's.)

Friday 11

Went above in the morning on the other side, came back and went down and crossed the river at Parkers, then came up again. Received four head of Steers Co W of French and branded them.

Saturday 12

Went across the river in the morning, found two of Parkers cattle which I drove back. In the evening went up to Frenches and got 15 lbs. beef.

Sunday 13

How blessed is the Sabbath, the which God hath blessed. Wrote three letters and spent the rest of the day reading.

Monday 14

Went across the river below. River is rising. In the evening took my letters up to French, sent two home.

Tuesday 15

Went below, found one dead yearling. In the evening hauled some wood with Mr. Foster's team.

Wednesday 16

Spent the day getting up bulls and castrating them. Tended to four of them without help.

Thursday 17

Got up two more bulls today. Spent the afternoon reading.

Friday 18

Went above as far as the gap. In the evening washed a shirt.

Saturday 19

Started early in the morning for Simcoe where I arrived at noon. Folks all well.

Sunday 20

Went to meeting. Partook of the Sacrament. Learned a tune on the fluteena in the evening.

Monday 21

Came home in the forenoon. Went up to Frenches in the evening. Received three letters from home fuetena

Tuesday 22

Went over to the Topnish where I found eight head of cattle, got home just at dark.

Wednesday 23

Got up a fresh horse which pulled and got home with the

Thursday 24

Went above as far as the gap. Came back and went down to Fosters where I got dinner. Built a fence around the hay.

Friday 25

Some rain during the night. Went across the plain and over to Thorp valley. In the evening wrote a letter and took it up to Frenches.

Saturday 26

Went below. Still rains a little. Spent the evening reading in the Arctic explorations.

Sunday 27

I should like to spent today at Clear Creek "but". Spent the day reading and writing.

Monday 28

Went over to Thorps valley. No cattle gone over. Sent away four letter, one home. Mended my pants.

Tuesday 29

Went all around, looking at the cattle. Branded and castrated a calf. Weather very cold.

Wednesday 30

Went above as far as Frenches. Shot a chicken in the afternoon topped all the hay stacks.

Thursday 31

Went over to Thorps valley and after hunting all over found two yearlings which I drove back. Got home a dark.

Friday 1 (November)

Went below all the cattle in the forenoon P.M. Separated some cattle that crossed the river occasionally.

Saturday 2

Eight months from home. Still after the river cattle. Went down as far as Flints where I borrowed Greely History. Spent the evening reading. High wind. ✓

Sunday 3

Wrote a letter to mother. Spent the rest of the day reading. The Indians got back from B.C. today. Wm. was well.

Monday 4

Sent a letter home. Went over the hill and drove over some cattle then drove a cow down to the lower bottom. Geo. and N.M. got here this evening. (N.M. could be Newt. Mattoon, cousin of Prentice.)

Tuesday 5

Had a general sociable time with the boys in the forenoon. In the afternoon put them in the Simcoe road bot. a Pr. of blankets at \$3.00.

Wednesday 6

Went over to Thorps valley after some horses. Shot two rabbits. Heavy rain in the afternoon.

Thursday 7

Went up to Frenches. Traded my ox for clothes plus \$30.00. Came back and spent the rest of the day throwing dirt on the roof. L

FRiday 8

Mail day and no letter. Went below as far as Flints and came back. Went across the river, found some cattle. Drove them down to Splauns.

Saturday 9

Went below. Spent the day separating cattle. Bought a fish for .50. Did not get back till dark.

Sunday 10

Got up late. After breakfast washed all over, changed and went up to Frenches. Wrote a letter home in the evening. L

Monday 11

Went down about 12 miles and drove back some cattle. Did not get back till dark. Weather quite warm and pleasant.

Tuesday 12

Went over the hill to Thorps valley. Found and drove back four head of cattle. Got up a fresh horse in the evening.

Wednesday 13

Went below in the forenoon. In the evening killed a calf for beef. Went down Mr. Fosters a little while.

Thursday 14

Very foggy. Went up to Frenches in the morning with some beef, Then caught a horse and washed his back. Went down to Flints in the evening.

Friday 15

Put some more dirt on the roof. Received ten sacks of oat from Slouteen. Put a new back in my vest. Very cloudy. Cleaned up the house.

Saturday 16

Went down to Bronsons and came back killed a chicken. In the evening fixed my pants. Weather web foot fashion, very misting.

Sunday 17

Wrote two letters, one home. Went to Mr. Fosters where I took dinner. Spent the evening reading. Still cloudy and cold.

Monday 18

Went down as far as Flints, then came back and went up to Frenches. Got up a fresh horse. Still cloudy.

Tuesday 19

Rained all day. Went up to Frenches to get an awl. Mended my boot.

Wednesday 20

Went below. All the cattle. Came back and borrowed 8 lbs. of salt of Foster. Cut up and salted some beef, Tried out some tallow.

Thursday 21

Mended my boot and then went above. Still cloudy and foggy. Very disagreeable. Have not seen the sun for a week.

Friday 22

Spent the forenoon tanning another skin. Went above in the evening, < bought a ball of candle wick at .25. Fair day.

Saturday 23

Went below. Cattle all right. Beautiful day. Did not get back till dark.

Sunday 24

Received six letters, three from home. Wrote four, one home. Cold & and cloudy. Sunday without meeting is not complete.

Monday 25

Went over to Thorps valley. Found one animal which I drove back. Cold and cloudy.

Tuesday 26

Clear and warm. Went below, killed a bagger which I skinned.

Wednesday 27

Done my washing and got up some wood, then went up the bottom. Killed a muskrat. Still clear.

Thursday 28

Rained a little. Went below, crossed the river, came up on the other side and recrossed. Killed a caieta. (cōyote)

Friday 29

Cool and cloudy. Tanned a bagger and muskrat skin. Went down to Parkers where I took dinner.

Saturday 30

Went below to the steep gulch and went up to Frenches and had a scare about the house being on fire. No letters.

Sunday 1 (December)

Slouteer stayed here last night. Mr. Pervine took dinner here. Wrote a letter to Mary. Cold and cloudy.

Monday 2

Went over to Thorps, drove back 10 head of cattle. Got the mail. Got home at sundown. Still cloudy.

Tuesday 3

Went down to the steep gulch. Killed a wolf. Took dinner at J. Allens. Quite cool.

Wednesday 4

Tanned a wolf skin. Went up to Frenches and got a yoke of oxen. Hauled some wood. High wind and quite warm.

Thursday 5

Hauled wood all day. In the evening took the oxen home. Cold and windy.

Friday 6

Went below. In the morning got up a horse and washed his sore back. Received five letters from home.

Saturday 7

Went below as far as the steep gulch. (Down from Outlook.) Shot a rabbit. Cold and cloudy.

Sunday 8

Wrote a letter home. Went down to Mr. Fosters a while in the evening. Still cold with a little hail and rain.

Monday 9

Went down below Brunsons hunting for a yearling. Got belated and stopped at Brunsons. Very foggy with rain.

Tuesday 10

Very foggy and cloudy. Came back home late. Cleaned out the stable. Fixed the door. After dark found the cattle was in the hay. Saddled a horse and drove them out.

Wednesday 11

Rained hard all day. Spent the forenoon fixing the fence around the hay. Went down to Foster a while in the evening.

Thursday 12

Went above in the forenoon and P.M. Pitched up some hay the cattle had scattered. Clear and pleasant.

Friday 13

Made a pair of mittons. Snowed hard all day and lays about an inch deep. Went down to Fosters a while. Spent the most of the day reading and mending.

Saturday 14

Received a letter from home. Very rainy. Went below A.M. P.M. went up to Frenches and traded an Otter skin for a pair of over hauls.

Sunday 15

Wrote a letter home. On getting up found that the river had broke out of its banks to a great depth. I first went below on foot looking for cattle on islands, then went above horseback. Rain has stopped.

Monday 16

Went below. Had some trouble ~~crossing~~ slough of water. Went to Parkers and hollered myself hoarse to an Indian across the river without success.

Tuesday 17

Stayed at Flints last night, came home and went over to Thorps valley and back. During the night snow fell to the depth of an inch. Made a wolf skin cap in the morning.

Wednesday 18

More snow during the night. Went below as far as the steep gulch. Shot a wolf in the morning. Spent the evening reading.

Thursday 19

Went down to Parkers and got some potatoes. Took dinner at Pervines. At last Wm. has arrived.

Friday 20

Hunted my horses and started down the river on the way to web foot. Got to the ferry at dark. Could not cross the horses. Snow from 2-4 inches.

Saturday 21

Crossed the river with the horses. Traveled up the Sattas all day through snow from 4-6 inches. Camped at Indian Georges. Very comfortable considering. (

Sunday 22

Started at daylight. Found the snow two feet deep on the mountain and still snowing very hard. Arrived at Alexanders about sundown. 2

Monday 23

Started early and got to the Dalles at dark. All right side up with care. Spent the evening very pleasantly at Mr. Connells. 3

Tuesday 24

Took the boat at 5 o'clock. Arrived at Portland at 4 o'clock. Got barbaled and bought some Christmas presents. Spent the evening at the Christmas tree. 7

Wednesday 25

Came up to O. City early where I hired a horse and I got home at noon. Oh! what a happy meeting with the loved ones. (At Viola)

Thursday 26

Went over to Bro. Hicinbotoms in the forenoon. Spent the rest of the day at home. 2

Friday 27

Done some little jobs of tinkering. Went down to Grandfathers in the afternoon and in the evening to meeting.

Saturday 28

Went to meeting three times and had a very pleasant time. Rained hard all day. 2

Sunday 29

Went to meeting at 9 o'clock and remained most of the day. Went again in the evening. Still raining. 2

Monday 30

Spent the day at and oh what a privilege it is. Went to meeting again in the evening.

Tuesday 31

The last day of 1867. How quickly it has passed and what changes have been made in the last year and who can tell what is in the future. Went to watch night meeting in the evening and oh what a glorious time we had. Still it is raining.

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Wednesday 1 (January)

Another year has began and who can tell how it will end or whether I shall ever see the next New Years day. The future is enshrouded in darkness and uncertainty. Early in the morning I went down to Grandfathers with the team and brought him and Grandmother back with me. (Grandfather is James Brown.) Spent the day very pleasantly visiting at home and what a privilege that is. Went to meeting in the evening.

Thursday 2

Mary (His sister two years younger) and I intended to spend the day visiting but when we got up found it was storming, hard, which continued most of the day. However in the evening we saddled our horses and went to Father Hicinbothoms and made a call at Allen Mattoons. (Father of Prentis) Went to meeting at 6 o'clock. Heard an excellent from Bro. Misner. Oh what a privilege it is to attend meetings.

Friday 3

Spent the day at home which is a privilege I think I know how to prize. Considerable snow fell through the day. I forgot that Mary and I had visited the school in the afternoon.

Saturday 4

Was at home until about 3 o'clock when Mary and I went up to Mr. Rowleys where we spent the evening. I find O. very pleasant company. (He married "O" in 1870. This is the first mention of his interest in her. "O" for Olive.) On arriving at home I mended Charley's boot. (Charley is one of his four half-brothers.) I made a picture frame.

Sunday 5

Went to meeting at 11 o'clock. After the service we went down to Clear Creek where the ordinance of Baptism was administered. In the evening I took Olive Rowley home and then brought her back again.

Monday 6

On getting up I found that the weather had turned very cold and as soon as I could get ready I started for Portland. Oh! how hard to say farewell to those we love. To my surprise it was very hard to say goodbye to Miss O. Mr. Stone went with me to O. City where I took the boat. On getting to Portland I learned that the Columbia had closed and in all probability would remain so. Went to Buchtels and had my picture taken. Also had a tooth drawn.

Tuesday 7

Woke up and looked. Got up and still looked. Went up town and down town and still looked and finally spent the day looking. I visited the O.S.N. Co's. office, the skating pond, the P.C. (Pacific Christian) Advocate office and all other places of not and finished the day by going to meeting and hearing an excellent sermon delivered by Rev. C.C. Straton on the subject of faith.

Wednesday 8

In the morning I started again for home. Arrived at O. City at 9 o'clock and immediately started home afoot and after calling at Mr. Swaffords and taking dinner at Mr. Wrights arrived safe and sound in time for a good supper and hearty welcome from the family. The weather is very cold, the thermometer standing at 20° below freezing this morning in Portland.

Thursday 9

Weather still very cold without any prospect of a sudden change. Spent the forenoon at home. In the forenoon Mother and I went over to the Parsonage leaving mother at the house I visited the school then brought mother home and went back to school and escorted Miss Olive home. Had a very pleasant time except that the walking was bad. In the evening went to prayer meeting. I shall not have such privilege long.

Friday 10

Early in the morning I went down to Able Mattoon (Uncle of Prentis. This would be Wm. Mattoon son of Able.) and got my saddle bags which Wm. brought from town. Spent the rest of the day at home. About noon Miss Rosilla Mattoon came in, stayed till night. Wm. and Ben (Ben Lewis, Step-son of James Brown) also came in awhile in the afternoon. We spent the day ver pleasantly. I ate a Philipeen with Rosy and came out first best very much to her surprise. (Rosy makes quite a bid for him but Olive wins out in the end. "Eating a Philapeen" was a guessing game.) Wrote a letter to Aunt Call. Still freezing hard. (Rosy married a Walker)

Saturday 11

This morning the boys set in for some sleds so of course I made one for each, Charley and Eddy, which occupied the forenoon and noon. Wm. Mattoon called in and took dinner. He is on his way to school across Clackamas. (Wm. taught there) In the evening Mary and I commenced a picture frame which we worked at till bed time. Oh! how glad I shall be to hear of the Columbia river opening.

Sunday 12

Clear and cold without any prospect of a thaw. Went to meeting at 11 o'clock to the church. I led in the meeting which seemed old fashion. After meeting Mary and I went down to Grandfathers. Grandmother was 70 years old today. In the evening we went down by N. Walkers and then down to Ables and then home where we arrived at dark all right side up with care.

Monday 13

While eating breakfast a deer came in sight which I shot at but missed. I then followed it some time but to no good. In the afternoon I fixed a spinning wheel and a stool. In the evening we went to singing school after which I took Olive home and got back home at 11 o'clock. Had a very pleasant time at school and especially afterwards in the going home part. Snow fell about two feet.

Tuesday 14

Started again this morning after another deer which I followed till noon. Got one shot but did not kill it. Took dinner at Grandfathers. Rode home in a sleigh with Ben. In the afternoon I rigged a sleigh and with Olive went up as far as Jack Chases and back. Mary and I then came home arriving a few minutes after 8 o'clock. Had a merry time indeed. Thawed some through the day.

Wednesday 15

Early in the morning I harnessed the horses and with mother went sleigh riding at Mr. Rowleys. Mrs. Rowley got in and we went up to Jack Chases, stopped a few minutes then came down to Henry Douboises and made another halt for a few minutes, then came back to Rowleys and got dinner, then home. In the evening Mary and I went with a party of ten in a four horse sleigh. After driving two miles the sleigh broke down then they got a wagon and all came home singing the "Stage Coach".

Thursday 16

Owing to last nights adventure we slept late. I repaired my sled some, went over to the school house and had a snowball. In the evening hitched up and Mary and I went up to Rowleys where Miss Olive and Mr. Tompkins joined our party and away we went for a jolly ride which we had going up the ridge as far as Mr. Candles. On the way we met a breakdown sled and disconsolate party. Mary and I arrived home at 11 o'clock safe and sound all right side up with care. Poor sleighing and the last night without more snow.

Friday 17

Cold and clear though thawed some in the sun. After dinner I went down to A. Mattoons a short time, then came back and went up to Jack Chases horseback. Found I had been exposed to the measles coming back. In the evening went to sinning school and afterwards escorted Miss Olive home. Got back home at 12 o'clock.

Saturday 18

The day passed without any particular adventure except that I cut out a pair of buckskin pants which occupied most of the day. In the evening I went down to Grandfathers thense to Mr. Dicksons and then to Able Mattoons where I spent a short time singing and then came home. Still cold with but little prospect of a change.

Sunday 19

After a few preliminary preparations we all went to prayre (prayer) meeting, found but few there. After singing some time I opened the meeting. Uncle Ben and Mr. Tompkins came home with us and stayed the rest of the day. How much pleasanter to spend the Sabbath with the means of grace accessible. Oh that I could always have such privileges.

Monday 20

Spent the forenoon sewing on my buckskin pants. As considerable snow fell through the day I fixed up my sleigh in the afternoon and in the evening went to singing school and then had a splendid ride and got home at 10 o'clock.

(A page has been cut out of the diary here. We have surmised that the course of true love had a rough time during these days.)

Thursday 23

This is the ninth day since I was exposed to the measles and I have been waiting all day for the result but as yet there is none. Early in the morning wrote a letter to Wm. and I should like so well to hear from him. Spent the day very unpleasantly indeed and perhaps I am foolish. Read considerable and considerable I did not read. Still cold and clear.

Friday 24

During the day the sky darkened and copious showers of rain and snow fell although it still remains cold. Mr. Stone (step-father) went to mill and mother down to Allen's Mattoons leaving Mary and I alone. Ben called in awhile in the afternoon. In the evening we went to singing school and for fear of the measles I came directly home and let others do the same.

Saturday 25

Cleared up during the night and froze and the country is all a glare of ice. During the day learned several new tunes in Golden Wreath, made a stool and played smash generally. In the evening Ben, M.S. Chase and Olive Rowley called in a while. They are enjoying a sleigh ride.

Sunday 26

Cold and clear. Went to meeting, heard a very good sermon from Bro. Misner. Oh! what a privilege to attend the means of grace. In the evening Mr. Thompkins, Mary and I went down to N. Walkers where we spent a short time very pleasnatly. On our way back we called at Grand-fathers, found them well as usual. Arrived at home at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock.

Monday 27

Cold as ever and from present appearances will ever remain so. Spent the day knocking around and tinkering. In the evening went to singing school after which we, that is to say Mary and Mr. Thompkins, Rosilla and I, went sleigh riding and what a splendid ride we had up the ridge and down the ridge, backwards and forwards and all around at times almost lfyng and with our arms around shawls and things a merry time we had. How I love sleighing.

Tuesday 28

The first thing I done this morning was to get up and then, well, I took Rosy home. On my way back stopped a few minutes at the school house then came home and stayed alone with Mary all day. (Olive was at school.) Ben called in a short while in the afternoon. No particular adventure through the day. Among other things that I done I made a stool. Weather same as usual.

Wednesday 29

The day opened with splendid prospects, sun shining brilliantly and old winter keeping a constant repetition of "steady there" as the wind would attempt to change. During the day put new shoes on my sled and made arrangements for a splendid time. Went with Mary over to Mr. Misners where I secured the company of Olive Rowley and Rosilla Mattoon for the evening when we had another glorious sleigh ride. After surrounding the country generally, girls and I, we came home.

Thursday 30

Still clear and cold with no prospect of a change. After helping around the house a little went afoot up to father Hicinbothams. Spent the day very pleasantly, rode home with P. Lewis. (Peter and Ben Lewis were step-sons of James Bronw, his grandfather.) Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday 31

Weather the same as ever and I guess will always remain so. Sure it is we are having quite a spell of weather. Soddered a number of pans and put an ear on the milk pail. In the evening went to singing school. Did not go home with Miss O. or Miss R. or any other Miss, nevertheless I did not get the mitten for I did not ask them but they asked me and I told them no. So much for leap year.

Saturday 1 (February)

I am really getting tired of writing clear and cold. It is nearly as moninous (monotnous) as, "all quiet on the Patomac". Went over to the camp ground and got some lumber to make a stand, dressed out the legs with other small jobs passed the day. Spent the evening joking and reading.

Sunday 2

All the weather prophets and moonists are completely nonplused. The ice king reigns supreme and without a rival. We all went to meeting in the morning and again I led in meeting. In the evening we all went over to the church again where Bro. Misner preached an excellent sermon and we had a good meeting. Oh what blessed privileges are these.

Monday 3

Early in the morning went up to father Hicinbothams, got home at 11 o'clock. Spent the rest of the day tinkering, mended Mary's corset steels and Eddy's boot. In the evening went to singing school. Had a merry time with the boys "& C". (&C" etc.) Arrived at home at 10 o'clock. The sky never look less like web foot than at present and in spite of all we can do it will "freeze up".

Tuesday 4

This morning the sky looks a little different. A few stray clouds are scattered around. Through the day it thawed considerable. Went down to A. Mattoons. Made a catch to a trunk lock, borrowed some carpenter tools and got home at noon. In the afternoon made a stand. Ben called in a while in the evening, more fun aboard such glorious times.

Wednesday 5

Went down to Ables in the morning to return the tools. Did not get back till afternoon as I passed around among the young folks and gathered up all the items. Nothing of any interest, particular or general. Still thaws a little. Oh yes, made some stamps.

Thursday 6

Warm and pleasant. Mother, Mary and I went down to Grandfathers this morning, found them all quite well. Peter and I went up to Jameses old place then and cut out a belt strap. After making a pleasant visit came home. Oh what a dreadful headache I have had all day and am nearly sick. Still I made and stamped my belt which made me prespire very freely, then I took a dose of pills and went to bed.

Friday 7

Got up feeling much better. Tinkered around considerable till night. Nancy came in at noon and stayed ~~there~~ the rest of the day. We all went to singing school. At recess I came home and got the sleigh and took Olive R., Rosilla and Nancy Mattoon and Mary all sleigh riding and such a splendid ride as we did have. The moon shone brilliantly and we enjoyed first rate. Got home at eleven. Through the day a fall of snow two inches deep cleared off, pleasant in the evening.

Saturday 8

Today I have a bad cough. In the morning ironed of a single tree, Spent the rest of the day grunting. Went up to Wrights school house in the evening to meeting with the sleigh. Took Rosilla, Nancy and Orphelia. Had a good meeting and a good ride but sitting in the cold school house till I caught a bad cold wasn't no good. Coming home passed three teams and came out ahead of all which we appreciated muchly. Warm and pleasant.

Sunday 9

Some indications of a storm with occasionally a little snow. In the morning Mr. Stone and I went horse back up to meeting although I am hardly able to sit on a horse. The meeting was good after which I went over to Bro. Wrights and got dinner intending to stay to evening meeting but my cough got worse and I very unwell that at dark I started home. Where I arrived and prepared for a sick spell.

Monday 10

Last night I coughed more than I slept and this morning I feel very bad generally, my eyes are very weak. Surely this is a dreadful bad cold. Passed the day off as well as might be expected under the circumstances. It is not very pleasant to be sick. Cloudy but no storm.

Tuesday 11

Had a high fever all night and instead of doing as most folks do when in bed I kept up a constant barking and drank a great deal of water. This morning after getting up went out doors and spent some time, then came in, washed in cold water and then drinking a pint or more of the same ate my breakfast. After which they told me the measles were broke out on me and now I'm in for a seige so keep warm and drink cold water is my motto. During the day Ben and Bro. Misner, Olive Rowley, Ophlelia

Wednesday 12

Had rough time through the night. Oh how the water has to go it this morning. The measles are out very thick. Spent the night drinking and coughing. Not very pleasant business but the best I can do for the present. Ben, Bro. Misner, W. Humiston, James Dixsa and Arthur Misner called in during the day.

Thursday 13

The measles are doing first rate but its death on me and the water. My lungs are very sore and the cough still continues without abatement. Grandfather and Peter came this morning. Grandfather stayed till after dinner. Ben and Geo. Steward also called in. Surely the neighbors are kind. The measles seem to be dieing a little.

Friday 14

Last night I done my full share of coughing and someone else must of done the sleeping for I done but very little, however the measles are going away fast. Father Hicinbothom spent the day here. Ben also made his diurnal visit which is very welcome.

Saturday 15

Still no rest nights either to me or the water pail although I begin feel some better. The measles have mostly gone. I am so weak I cannot walk alone. Father Hicinbothom spent the day here again. Ben also called. Weather has been warm and pleasant all the week.

Sunday 16

Had a good nights sleep and oh how good it goes. The measles are all gone but have left me very weak, worn. Read a little but soon had to stop on account of my eyes. The folks all went to meeting except Mary who stayed on my account. The weather is fine. In the afternoon Mary began to complain. I guess the measles have begun.

Monday 17

I'm very weak but gaining slowly. Mary and Franky are both coming down with the measles.

Tuesday 18

This evening Charley came home sick. Mary and baby worse.

Wednesday 19

The measles are doing well but the patients not so well.

Thursday 20

Wille and Eddy taken today making five all sick at one and I not able to wait on myself. Oh what a time.

Friday 21

Mary and baby quite bad. Mary's nose bleeds very bad and she has the jumping toothache and all combined is very bad. The measles came out a little on Mary today. Mother and Mr. Stone worked all day with Aunt Melinda's assistance to bring out the measles on baby but to no good.

Saturday 22

Our case is really a bad one and were it not for our kind neighbors we might all die together but we have their help. All hand growing worse. Last night we had watchers for the first. Mary can get no rest at all. Measles are out on Frank at last but he is very sick.

Sunday 23

Went up and got Olive this morning who will stay tonight, Mary is very sick and very nervous. Franky is also very bad and growing worse. The little boys are all quite sick. Oh! what should we do without our neighbors, they are very kind and give us all the help we need which is not a little as we need watchers day and night. Getting no sleep and going constantly my strength comes very slow.

Monday 24

Last night was a hard one. Mary and baby got a great deal worse and at 1 o'clock I sent for the Doctor who arrived a little after day light. This morning for the first time in my life I took some spirits as a stimulant. As by constant anxiety together with no sleep and hard work I am become almost prostrate again. Oh that I had my own natural strength. During the night we almost despaired of Mary and baby's lives.

Tuesday 25

The baby and Mary seem hanging over the brink of the grave. God only knows what will be the end. We will try and submit to his will but this affliction seems very hard. Mary has been out of her head most of the time for three days past.

Wednesday 26

At last Mary and baby seem to be a little better. The boys have been quite sick but not dangerous. I am very weak and shall have to be careful or come down again. My strength can't last much longer and I am afraid Mother's can't either. Mr. Stone is willing enough but he can't do anything. He is so blundering and absent-minded. I had rather be alone.

Thursday 27

Still all appears to be getting better but Mary and Franky are very sick. Had $\frac{1}{2}$ a nights sleep last night which I greatly needed.

Friday 28

During the night Franky got worse and has remained so all day. Mary is still gaining slowly.

Saturday 29

The baby got so bad during the night that this morning I started for the Dr. whom I met on the road got his advise and came home. In the evening he called and said that the engorgement of the lungs was what ailed the child. We sent to town this evening for medicine according to his order. The Dr. said the probability was that Franky would not get well.

Sunday 1 (March)

All night we expected Franky to draw his last breath every minute, but he is still alive. We all think he can last but a few hours longer. Mary is getting better. Oh that we could say that of the baby.

Monday 2

Poor Franky has suffered through another night. His strength must soon fail if there is no change. We surely are indebted greatly to our neighbors and especially to Olive and Ben who have been with us almost constantly and have done all they could do. They are excellent nurses and are not afraid of work.

Tuesday 3

Franky suffered dreadfully through the night but this evening to our great surprise and joy he is decidedly better. His lungs are relieved to a great extent. Although the disease seems conquered it has left him very low and will require great care to raise him. May God bless the means used.

Wednesday 4

Franky is still getting better although very slow. Being out of medicine I went to town for more. Was gone 5½ hours. Spent ½ an hour in town. I feel very weak and tired. Much different from a month ago. Got two letters for Mary. (Two letters probably from W. Hicinbotham at cabin on Yakima River.)

Thursday 5

All hands continue to get better slowly, however, I am far from being myself. This afternoon I called on Miss Olive found her rather unwell. In the evening went down and saw Nuton (Nuton Mattoon cousin of Prentiss Mattoon.) who is quite sick. Came home got supper and went to bed which is something of a privilege considering that I have not had a regular sleep for two weeks past.

Friday 6

Took care of baby most of the day which is quite a job as he is so fretful just as every baby is after having the measles. In the evening went to Ables to set up with Nuton but was not needed and came back. For several days we have had some rain. At noon Ben came. I went over to the Parsonage and changed cradles with the buggy.

Saturday 7

Rained some this morning. Helped in the house in the forenoon and in the afternoon went up to the Rowleys. Spent the evening with Olive which was more pleasant than saying goodby for so long on coming away. It is not pleasant to say goodby to friends. After coming home I packed my saddle-bags ready for my start on Monday. (Leaving for the Yakima.)

Sunday 8

Spent part of the forenoon writing. At 11 o'clock I rode over to meeting with Ben. Bro. Misner preached on the rules and regulations of the church. It is the first and probably the last time that I shall enjoy such a privilege as this. At length the time has come. This is my last evening at home. During the day I bade goodby to most of my friends, a hard task.

Monday 9

Again I must leave home. How hard it is to bid farewell to the home circle but it must be. Mr. Stone came with me to Oregon City where I took the boat and came to Portland. Put up at the Western Hotel.

Tuesday 10

At 5 o'clock started for the Dalles. (Connells farm was on Wash. side of the Dalles.) Saw Mr. Connell at Vancouver. Nothing of interest through the day. Arrived at Connells at 4 o'clock all right.

Wednesday 11

Again I realize that life is a reality and not a dream. It cannot be that I am a chance being as I happen round to the same place so often and have to leave home again. Made fence all day, rail in the forenoon and stone in the afternoon. Went over to town in the evening. Wrote a letter home and sent a money order to Mary for \$12.00.

Thursday 12

During the day some rain fell with a little snow. Spent all day making rail fence which does not agree with me very well as I am still a little weak. Spent part of the evening writing a letter to Miss O.

Friday 13

Today has been what might be termed a stormy day. The wind blew hard and considerable snow fell and with all it was quite cold. Nevertheless made fence most of the day. Went over to town in the evening and mailed my letter. Pshaw I can't talk so well in this way as face to face. It takes so long for the answers to come.

Saturday 14

All things considered it has been a pleasant day. Made fence all day. As usual owing to the wind, the sand flew thick and fast and no matter what other folks think I am not particularly fond of such fun.