

This is a copy of the pocket diary of Joel Palmer for the year 1860, from the original books, which were written in the camp, on the march, or at the Palmer home in Dayton. Where the original words are unreadable, the supposed word is followed by a question mark, or the omission marked. This copy was made June 3, 1939, by Gertrude Sarah Palmer, granddaughter of Joel Palmer.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Joel Palmer was the third of the twelve children of Hannah Phelps Palmer and Ephraim Palmer. He was born at Elizabeth, Canada, February 4, 1810, while the family were living there temporarily. The American home was at Lowville, New York. In a paper written for his children shortly before his death, it is stated that the families of his grandparents, the Palmer, Phelps, Osborne, and Loveland lines, all came from Connecticut. The generations from Walter Palmer, who came from London, England, to Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1629, are as follows: Walter 1, Gershom 2, Gershom 3, John 4, Fenner 5, Peter 6, Ephraim 7, Joel 8.

At an early age he was put out with a farmer, and at twelve or thirteen years old, becoming dissatisfied with his situation, ran away. There is no available record of his life from that time until, at nineteen, he married Catherine Caffey. Left a widower with two small girls, in 1836 he was a construction foreman on the Pennsylvania Canal. January 21, 1836, Sarah Ann Derbyshire and Joel Palmer were married by John Binns, Justice of the Peace, or Alderman, of the City of Philadelphia. Sarah Derbyshire was one of five orphans, children of Elizabeth Asby Derbyshire and Alexander Derbyshire, who made their home with three maiden aunts at the Derbyshire homestead north of Philadelphia.

The young couple soon settled in the frontier town of Laurel, Indiana. Here four children were born. Following the overland trail in 1847, they came to Oregon City, later moving to the donation land claim at the mouth of Palmer Creek. In 1850, on this land, and on the claim of their son-in-law, Andrew Smith, the town of Dayton was laid out. It was named for the home town of Christopher Taylor, who had crossed the plains with the Palmer's, and had accompanied them to their new home.

Commissioned by state and federal governments to several military and civil positions, in 1847 he was Commissary General of the expedition that went to the Palouse Country to rescue the captive women and children of the Whitman Massacre. In the difficult years of treaty making, and of moving the Indian tribes to the various reservations, was Superintendent of Indian Affairs. In the Civil War period, Brigadier General of the Oregon Volunteers. In the seventies, Indian Agent at Siletz. He died in Dayton June 9, 1881, and is buried in the pioneer cemetery which he had previously donated to the Dayton community.

POCKET DIARY OF JOEL PALMER for the Year 1860,
relating the incidents of an expedition to British Columbia and
other matters. Copied by his granddaughter, Gertrude Palmer,
February 18, 1938.

JANUARY.

Thursday 5.

This day at 5 P.M. the steamer Northwestern, Cpt. Dall, with 36
passengers and crew, was lost twelve miles south of Humbolt Bay. A-
mong the number was my friend, Cpt. Switzer. The vessel was a total
wreck. She struck a sunken rock about 2 miles below Blunts Reef.

Thursday 12.

Purchased this book of John Fleming .75
90 Tickets of merit for Dayton School at 15 & 20
5 Primers at 15
1 book for boy Oregon City

Friday 13.

Today I returned home from Oregon City on Steamer Clinton. Weather
quite mild.

Saturday 14.

Bill Greek presented bill as balance for driving cattle. Paid him \$17.
Parrish presented bill of \$25 for bacon got last year. I believe it
was previously paid. Gave orders to C. Jacobs to pay amt. & charge
me. Gave bond for deed to Lot No. 262.

Wednesday 25.

Rented 3 rooms in house to Dwite boys for 7.50 per month.

Thursday 26.

Paid J. Y. Todd on cattle note	\$1200.00
Same as interest on former note	40.00
Same on Heppern & Gaston note	350.00
Paid Porter Holdredge in full	238.00
" J. C. Davidson on note	266.92
" Williams & Lippencott for ----	31.25
" W. Clements	50.00
" Chris Ketchum	40.50
" Lorenzo Palmer	150.00
" Williams (farmer)	40.00
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Friday 27.

Paid Hawley for yoke of oxen	95.00
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Saturday 28.

Paid Fletcher on account of School house subscription	100.00
Paid on Crawford's note	100.00
Paid G. Dorsey	100.00
Paid E. Palmer	60.00
Paid E. Hadaway	40.00
Gave Mrs. Palmer	100.00
Paid passage E. and Self	5.00
Passage to Portland	2.00
	<hr/> 507.00

Sunday 29.

Paid interest on Sadel's note
Paid interest on Newell's note up to middle of February

	825.00
	254.00
lifted note	<hr/> 1079.00

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Monday 30.

Paid E. Palmer 20.00

Directed Sarah to pay Lewis (old note) to pay Vaughn to pay Beck

Paid ---- bill 25.90

Started for Dalles, reached Cascades where we remained over night.
Wind high and weather cold.

Tuesday 31.

Paid bill at Cascades

2.00

" passage to Dalles

5.00

" Doosenberg Blankets

9.00

" Tinnors

6.50

" Fitzgerald bill

33.75

56.25

Reached The Dalles at 3½ P.M.

FEBRUARY.

Wednesday 1.

Remained at The Dalles. Paid Jew old bill for Blankets 24.75

Paid for a horse 40.00

Engaged a band of 70 horses at 20\$ each if they suit. Start for Walla
Walla tomorrow to see them. Can purchase 10 mules with arapahoes at
100\$ each.

Thursday 2.

Paid for Dragoon coat

8.00

" " Saddle

30.00

" " Bridle

4.00

" " Pair Blankets

8.00

Start for Walla Walla with Mr. Bigbee.

Left with R. R. Thompson until my return

\$500.00

Put up at Deshoots

2.75

Paid for one shoe and rope

Paid bill at Deshoots

4.00

Reached John Day's River 6 miles of snow & ice.

Poor meals for

1.00

Paid bill at Day's

3.50

Saturday 4.

Paid bill at John Day's

3.50

Reached Button (or Butter?) Creek.

Sunday 5.

Pd. bill at Butter Creek

4.00

Reached Umatilla Saturday the 11th.

Monday 6.

Paid bill at Umatilla 4.00. Reached Bunting's.

Tuesday 7.

Paid bill at Bunting's 2.00. Reached Wallawalla.

Wednesday 8.

Bill at Wallawalla 2.50. Horse feed 1.00. Went to Lafay's. Returned
to Wallawalla. Bill at ---- 2.50. Horse feed 1.50. Went to Simm----

Friday 10.

Started on return home. Reached Umatilla. Engaged Lafay's pack train
to pack 4000 lbs. freight to Fort Alexandrine, and a French horse train
to pack 2000 lbs. at 22¢ per lb.

Saturday 11.

Bill at Umatilla 4.00.

Sunday 12.

Paid bill at Umatilla instead of yesterday. 4.00. Reached Button Creek.

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Monday 13.

Paid bill at Button Creek 4.00. Reached Courtney. Paid bill at Willow Creek. Thomas G. Richmond 2.00. A. H. Whitley lives near Corvallis--has on Willow Creek six yoke cattle--about 100 head-5 & 6 year old cattle. Caleb(?) Groner has about 30 head.

Wednesday 15.

Paid bill at John Day's River to Cushman 3.50. Gave Indian for hunting horse that had strayed .50. Bought today Dobson & McKay pack train of mules, numbering 72 packs and 10 riding animals, with 2 bell animals; tents, camp equipage thrown in at 120\$ cash.

Thursday 16.

Paid for bacon and sugar got last year at Priest Rapids	4.80
Bill at Deshoots	3.75
Reached Dalles at noon. Paid Tervet & Nixon on note	140.00
Paid at Deshoots Thompson's note & interest	472.00
Paid for underclothes	3.50
	<hr/> 624.05

Friday 17.

Bill at Dalles 1.50. Paid passage from Dalles to Portland 8.00. Reached Portland in the evening.

Saturday 18.

Paid bill at Portland	1.50
Paid passage to O. City	1.00
Beck's note	154.62
S---& Co.	116.00
Thompson & Co.	360.00
Allen & Lewis	1140.00
Vaughn note	241.25
" acct.	496.71
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Sunday 19.

Remained at Oregon City.

Monday 20.

Paid passage to Dayton. 2.00. Meal .50. Went with Mrs. Palmer to James McDonald's.

Wednesday 22.

Returned home.

Thursday 23.

Paid ---- note with interest 117.87. Went to Mr. Whitley's. Went to Polk County.

Friday 24.

Paid E. Cluff's bill 10.00. Returned home.

Saturday 25.

Remained at home.

Monday 27.

Worked at pruning trees.

Tuesday 28.

Started for Portland to make arrangements for Fraser River trip. Paid up freight bills on Steamer Hoosier	16.75
Passage and meal	2.00
Paid McSwayn on note	276.39

MARCH.

Wednesday 14.

Today I went to Salem & returned home by 12 at night.

Thursday 15.

This day I started for Frasier River. Reached Oregon City. Ordered

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flour and camp equipage.

Friday 16.
Left Oregon City on ----. Reached Portland at noon. Commenced making purchases.

Sunday 18.
Went to church. 30 head cattle & 40 mules came in to be shipt tomorrow.

Monday 19.
The cattle and mules were shipt on Mountain Briska. I remained at Portland.

Tuesday 20.
Remained at Portland perfecting arrangements for the expedition. Melissa went home. Cyrus went home.

Wednesday 21.
Left Portland on Carry Ladd for Dalles. Took on 2 yoke cattle and wagon at S---y. Wind too high for vessel to start; will remain for the night.

Thursday 22.
Today at one P.M. the steamer is able to start up the river. The weather is windy and quite cold. There is considerable snow along the river bluffs. Reached Dalles after dark.

Friday 23.
Spent the day in storing goods and did not finish. Wrote to Dobson & McKy to proceed with pack mules to Priest Rapids, as we would ship goods to that point by steamer.

Saturday 24.
Completed storing the goods delivered.

Sunday 25.
Remained at the Dalles. Learned that freight cannot go up the river until the 3d of April. Made arrangements to have road train start out on Tuesday and portage of goods made to deshoots by 2d of April.

Monday 26.
This morning I returned to Portland and will go to Dayton for a few articles that were forgotten in my outfit. Dispatched messenger to Dobson & McKay directing them to remain until they heard from me again.

Tuesday 27.
Went to Dayton from Portland on horseback--on arriving, found the letter designed for Dobson & McKay in my memorandum book. Bought a few articles and ordered them up to the Dalles by tomorrow's boat.

Wednesday 28.
Remained at home making garden.

Saturday 31.
Started for the Dalles again on steamer Clinton. Reached Portland in the evening. Left two --- fox skins, one Linx, three Beaver ---- rat skins with Savia(?) and Bursides to be sold. Passage \$3.50.

APRIL.
Sunday 1.
Attended church.

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Monday 2.

Started on Carry Ladd for The Dalles at 7 A.M. Hotel bill 3.00.
Reached Dalles in the evening.

Tuesday 3.

Went to Deshoots. Fare on steamer 3.00. Returned to Dalles. Fare on stage 1.50. Meals at Deshoots .75. Steamer took part of our goods. balance to be loaded on sail boat.

Wednesday 4.

Sent up to Deshoots balance of goods. In the evening four of our teams crossed the river. Sent one load up by Thompson's team rated at one ton.

Thursday 5.

This afternoon the other four teams returned from Deshoots. Wind too high to cross. At dusk, wind abated; loaded and crossed the river in the night, completing about 2 in the morning.

Friday 6.

Remained at Dalles, settling up accounts. Cold and blustery.

Saturday 7.

Wrote to Mr. Graham and to Cpt. Ingels to secure transportation of freight from Priest Rapids to boundary line. Wrote, also, to Cyrus Jacobs.

Sunday 8.

Went to church. Mr. Wilber preached. Settled tavern bill 6.00.

Tuesday 10.

Took stage for Deshoots. Fare on stage 3.00. Breakfast .50. At Deshoots took steamer for Priest Rapids at 10 A.M. Laid up at dark near Willow Creek. Weather windy & cold.

Wednesday 11.

Morning pleasant but cold. We reached Wallawalla at 5 P.M. and discharged the freight for this point and loaded up such as go to Priest Rapids. Packers are camped three miles from this.

Thursday 12.

This morning we started up the river, but could only go 6 miles on account of low water. At this distance, that is, half way between Wallawalla and mouth of Snake River, is a rapid, which at low water cannot be ascended, too many rocks. We returned and discharged freight & shall pack Alexandrine freight from here.

Friday 13.

Packers came in & commenced arranging packs.

Saturday 14.

Two trains started, to wit, Mr. Smith & Lafay & Boshnia(?). Dobson & McKay & Cameron remain until tomorrow. I started for New ----, but the stage broke down & I returned. We obtained a horse and Richard started for the fort.

Sunday 15.

This morning McKay & Dobson left with their train; went up the Snake River, where they found the other trains. All crossed by McKay's train. The ferry is a poor one. We swam the mules. I remained at Wallawalla. 4 P.M. Richard returned & I started.

Monday 16.

This morning several of the mules were not found until 9 A.M. We then finished crossing and traveled about 10 miles. I walked.

Tuesday 17.

4 mules of Dobson's train could not be found. All the other parties went ahead some 15 miles and camped. George & myself had but one horse between us. I rode a little, but preferred walking, as the horse was poor. At dark Dobson came up, but had not found the mules.

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Wednesday 18.

McKay went back with Dobson to hunt for mules. His train remains till all can come up. The other three trains go on by the Grand Coulee trail. George & myself take one mule, with trunk & mess chest and go ahead. We camp about 15 miles below the rapid.

Thursday 19.

At 2 P.M. we reach the rapids. Teams & Ballard's train were camped ten miles on the trail towards Simpcocoe ----- . We leave mule and horse, cross the river and to their camp.

Friday 20.

We spend the day packing and arranging loads for teams to haul to Wallawalla; for if our other goods cannot come up the river by boat for 3 or 4 weeks, we can't wait here. So we send them to Wallawalla and abandon going to Simelkanene with teams.

Saturday 21.

Today the teams start for Walla Walla and the train for the rapids. Ballard declines to make up full cargoes from our bulky goods. We take 4000 lbs. flour in the care of Thompson & Co., and send messenger directing Mr. Jacobs to turn over same quantity at Wallawalla.

Sunday 22.

This morning train starts and goes up and crosses river above point of rocks where Mr. Davis has a ferry. Train crosses. Here we found Norris with the wagon and 2 mules waiting for a load for use of road. I swapt Roan for a horse & got badly cheated.

Monday 23.

As we need several horses, I purchase another from Mr. Davis and one from an Indian. For the former I gave \$50, and for the latter \$30. We start and travel about 15 miles. Ballard's cook attempted to build a fire-- wind blew, when it communicated with the cargo and burned and destroyed about 5 hundred lbs. flour, 100 beans blankets.

Tuesday 24.

This morning we start the teams a little after 7 A.M. The train travels to the bluff and camps. George, Dwite and myself go on to Willow Springs, taking three pack animals, which we reach late in the day. The wagon remains with Ballard's train.

Wednesday 25.

We start at 8 A.M. & travel to Big Spring in Coulee. Here we meet three returning miners. Nothing of importance to communicate. Men are making from 2 to 5 dollars per day; from 40 to 50 at work. The great bulk of miners have gone on to Quesnel River. Beef is selling at Similkiane at 20 & 25¢ per lb.

Thursday 26.

Today we travel to Cottonwood Grove, where we overtake McKay & Dobson's and Lafay & --oshine and Barron & Dupuy's train. The latter have 12 head cattle. My party, according to my directions, had called upon the Indians Mose and the Okanogan chief to obtain the two horses previously left in their country. The road party had made good road from Lakes.

Friday 27.

This morning I rode on to ferry, which is about 5 miles above the fort, in advance of the train, to make arrangements about ferrying. Ephraim had viewed out a new route for wagon road to avoid the ---- canyon, which saves a large amount of labor. The road party crossed the river before my arrival. We crossed one half of the train.

Saturday 28.

McKay's & Smith's & Lafay's train start on. This morning Dobson's train remain until Ballard comes up, so as to exchange packs. Windy, but sun shines very warm. The entire party have crossed the river. We overtook Ephraim's road party. Miners are still returning. River is rising slowly.

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Sunday 29.

Not hearing from Ballard's train or the ---- wagon, I crossed the river and went back to Cottonwood Grove, expecting to meet them. Here I met an Indian with a note from Newman(?), saying that Norris mules were lost and that Norris was back hunting them. Soon after, Ballard's train, and Newman with wagon came up and camped at the Grove. I remained with them, sending back the horse by an Indian.

Monday 30.

At dark last evening, Norris came up, but didn't find the mules. He tracked them to where he thinks they crossed the Columbia, near the foot of Sand Hill, 10 miles above the point of rocks ----- We went to the ferry & crossed the Columbia. Arranged the packs.

MAY.

Tuesday 1.

This morning we started late and traveled about 15 miles. Camped above the sand hills in bend of Okanogan, having passed Ballard's train five miles.

Wednesday 2.

This morning Ephraim, George, Skene(?) & myself went ahead & camped at the foot of Kanihine(?). The road team goes up near Battle Creek, where it crossed the river.

Thursday 3.

We started early and made the Similkameen at little after noon. We forded the Okanogan near the forks and camped on the banks of Similkameen. We then took the river trail. Saw several of our Yamhill friends. About 50 men are at work along this river, averaging about 3 to 5 per day.

Friday 4.

Today we overtook McKay's Smith & Lafay's train & camped near H. B. Co.'s force. In the evening it rained & was quite cold and blustery. We did not deem the inducement sufficient in merit establishing a trading post.

Saturday 5.

This morning it is snowing and of course, quite cold. We, however, packed up and traveled about 16 miles. In the evening, Wm. Clements arrived from Alexandrine with a letter from Mr. Kelley. The day continued blustery, and snowed nearly all day.

Sunday 6.

Today we made about 17 miles. The trail is very stony. I observed considerable ice along the south bank of the river. We met nine or ten men on foot from the post from Fort Hope to the Similkameen mines. They had been fourteen days out & were out of provisions.

Monday 7.

Today we passed up the river about 10 or 12 miles and turned to the right up the creek; made altogether, about fifteen miles. The trail very stony. I am satisfied the Okanogan trail is the best route.

Tuesday 8.

We camped in the timber near the west end of the 3d lake. It is too early for good grass. We have a little snow at various points along the trail. We made about 12 miles. Traveling about 15 miles brought us out of the timber and to the Fort Hope trail. We camped about 2 miles from the forks of the trail. Grass is poor. Snowed nearly all day, but melted as it fell.

Thursday 10.

This day we reached the big creek which enters into Nicholas Lake. We made about 18 miles. Grass is good. Cold and showers of snow & hail.

Friday 11.

This day we traveled about 20 miles, which brought us to Snag Lake, about 20 miles south of Fort Thompson. We found at Perony's near Nicholas Lake, one of my oxen; two ~~had~~ of my cattle had been killed by Indians.

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Saturday 12.

Today my mess proceeded to Fort Thompson. The train remained at a little creek 7 miles back. We here met E. Cooper & party, who came by way of the big Okanogan Lake. Nine day's travel from Similkene.

Sunday 13.

Today we remained in camp. Several trains of Magues(?) came in. The demands made by Mr. Cox, the collector, although apparently in good ---- and within the limits of his instructions, is really onerous and an imposition, amounting in all to 979.60.

Monday 14.

In the afternoon, Lafay, Smith, Cameron & Dobson came up. All but the latter cross Thompson River at this place and take the brigade trail. My two trains go down and cross at the foot of the Lake. McKay proceeded with the train.

Tuesday 15.

This morning settled with Mr. Cox, the collector, and found that, with my equipment, duties, tonnage, Foosing(?) fine, &c, it amounted to 979.60. Dobson's train and my mess travel to the creek, 3 miles above the ferry. Here we found Bo---& Baker with their cattle.

Wednesday 16.

Today we packed up & went to the ferry. Crossed and went on to the creek 3 miles from the ferry. In looking over my bills which were left with Mr. Cox to arrange his papers by, I miss one bill. Whether I failed to give it to him, or he has mislaid it, I cannot say. I went with McKay's train as far as Antrim's(?), on Bonaparte. Here we found the mules that I left last fall. All the horses have been taken away by Wright.

Friday 18.

McKay started this morning. Clements & two others left with 10 mules for The Fountain. Ephraim and three others went to collect cattle. Dobson's train came up in the evening.

Saturday 19.

It has been a steady knights rain, and continues through the day--returned last evening from Lilik--miners, he says, are returning from ---- The boys returned with a part of the cattle.

Sunday 20.

All the day has been spent in handling cattle. In the evening, the boys came in with a few others. Rained all day. Train did not start.

Monday 21.

Today we started the cattle and went about 3 miles. We lack fifteen head of having our complement, but Wright slaughtered a few head. Read Tuesday for today.

Tuesday 22.

Today we drove the cattle to and up Loon Lake about two miles. George and myself went on to the head of Loon Lake. McKay left this camp this morning, having laid up on account of rain. The other trains are said to be two miles above us. This day we overtook McKay's train at the corral.

Wednesday 23.

Today George & myself started early and traveled $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours, which brought us to Lake LaCash. Passed Dupuy with his cattle.

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Thursday 24.

Today we met Hewitt and a party of some twenty persons returning to the Willamette. Overtaking Cooper we camped. W. Starr met us, bringing a letter from Kelly. He returned to guide a party to forks of Canoe River and take charge of a trading post.

Friday 25.

We camped last night at a creek 5 miles from the Lake. After camping, Sasons killed a bear. We traveled to Davidson's ranch.

Saturday 26.

Today we traveled to Alexandrine, reaching it at sunset. Distance about 35 miles. There is but a limited supply of provisions on hand, nor is there much demand.

Sunday 27.

Sunday is usually a day of recreation and trade among miners, but here there is no mining. The river is very high and rising. Trade is dull. Miners from the upper rivers are returning in large numbers.

Monday 28.

Today we start back to meet the train which we find at 8 mile creek. We so arrange the packs as to take back to Mud Lake and into the forks of Canoe River twenty two animals & ten forwarded to Alexandrine. I returned to town.

Tuesday 29.

This morning the ten packers came in early and after arranging the cargo and taking a few drams, they returned to Mud Lake. In the evening, I return to the Lake to await Dobson's arrival so as to divide his cargo, sending a portion to Alexandrine and remainder to forks of Canoe River.

Wednesday 30.

Dobson did not arrive, but several trains came in from the Forks, all asserting that it is the worst trail possible to conceive. Several trains came up from Liliut and forks of Thompson's River.

Thursday 31.

Dobson's train came in today. Reported cargoes and went on to Alexandrine.

JUNE.

Friday 1.

Dobson's train returned to Mud Lake to pack goods to forks. I remained at Alexandrine, arranging goods, marking, &c.

Saturday 2.

Remained at Alexandrine.

Sunday 3.

Today started for Forks of Quesnelle River. Overtook and camped with Dobson's train ten or twelve miles past Mud Lake at Muddy Creek. Here is a marsh or mire hole. Cut a new trail. Several trains were camped at this point. Nearly every train is striking for the forks.

Monday 4.

Started early and rode 6 miles past Bear(?) Lake. Here found three trains camped. There is no grass beyond this point, except a little at Small Lake, 7 miles south of forks, so I camped and spent the afternoon cutting logs out of the trail, which are abundant.

Tuesday 5.

I reached the forks at 3 P.M., having met McKay's train. On their return, sent my riding horse back to Mud Lake, and walked the last 10 miles. The trail today is a bad one, full of logs, and very miry. Several bad hills.

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Wednesday 6.

I find at the forks about 10 log and shingle or clapboard houses, consisting of stores and restaurants, and probably thirty or forty tents; being idlers, gamblers and miners; some just arriving, and others coming in from the diggings. The population is constantly changing. Prospect parties are returning from the North Fork.

Thursday 7.

Report good diggings some forty miles from this point. Gold is coarse, but there is no trail and no grass to subsist animals. Provisions and all mining paraphernalia must be packed by men. Flour is selling at 60¢ pound, but no one purchasing more than 5 or 6 lbs.

Friday 8.

I put flour at 55¢. Other parties put it down to 50 cents. Several trains came in. Front lots are nearly all claimed by speculators. I paid twenty-five dollars for the possessor's right of one lot, and commenced clearing it off. Rented a house of Mr. Love, and opened out goods. Dobson's train came in and returned to the little Lake.

Saturday 9.

Flour has fallen to 45 and 43, but very little sold at those prices. The trade here is at present a picayune concern. There is probably 300 men in those Canoe(?) diggings. Several parties returned from the North Fork and report very good prospects.

Sunday 10.

This day of the week is usually regarded in the mines as a day of trade & amusement, but we did not realize as much as anticipated. Prospecting parties fitted up and started out. In one instance flour sold as low as .35.

Monday 11.

Today our house had so far progressed as to permit me to move into it. We now have a hope of doing something better. Trade is very good on a small scale. We take from 2 to 3 hundred dollars per day. George is almost a cripple with a lame knee.

Tuesday 12.

Leaving W. Starr to attend to store, I started on foot to Alexandrine. Traveled 25 miles to Beaver Lake, carrying a pack of about 18 lbs. Here are several small pack trains, some going in and some out. Met Mr. Wm. H. Wright with cattle.

Wednesday 13.

Having procured a horse from a packer who is on his outward trip, I started early, reaching Mud Lake at 3 P.M.. As I have a little trading post here to accommodate travelers, I remained for the night. I put Clements on the way to the forks with 10 packs. Took back with me Dwite.

Thursday 14.

Today I proceeded to Alexandrine, spending the day in unbaling and arranging goods. Frasier River has fallen about 4 feet. Boats are beginning to ascend the river from this point. We look for a bright trade here in a few weeks.

Friday 15.

This morning I start for the Tiliuit, with 62 packs for a cargo of provisions. I reached Williams Lake at midnight, where I overtook the trains. Ordered men to go to the Lake and drive up all the cattle to Mud Lake. Sold 6 mules to Dupuy at 165 each.

Saturday 16.

Today we traveled to within 6 miles of Lake Lakash. Before starting, I sold Davidson(of the ranch) a cow and calf for 100\$, which he paid, less 15\$, which he alleges Clements borrowed of him whilst on his way to meet me this spring. The mosquitoes are very annoying.

Sunday 17.

This day we reached the bridge, which is the dividing line between New Caledonia and Thompson River district, so designated by the H. B. Company. Here we overtook several pack trains. Ephraim and McKy sold two mules yesterday for 200 each.

Monday 18.

Today we made Green Lake, and camped early. It rained and rained nearly all day. This is at a greater altitude, and vegetation is less advanced than in the valleys. A few flowers are to be seen, peeping up as though they were afraid to be seen.

Tuesday 19.

We had a hard ride and reached Antoine's on Bonaparte, a little before sunset, having traveled about 50 miles. A few slight showers. Grass is good, but a garden that Antoine had planted early will be worthless. It is not a good location. But as there has been seasonable rains -----

Wednesday 20.

Today we reached Runnel's ranch on Pavilion Creek, having traveled only twenty-five miles on account of rains. It is cold and blustering. Runnel's garden looks prosperous. His accommodations for lodgers are of the poorest kind.

Thursday 21.

We reached Lilluit on Cayoosh Flat. But few packers are coming to the point, on account of high prices. Nelson Scott & Wright propose putting the prices down to figures that will barely justify loading.

Friday 22.

Remained at Lilluit. Packers repairing rigging after coming in. I had one tooth pulled. Another gives evidence that it is on hand, but so decayed that ---- states that it will crush in the extracting.

Saturday 23.

Engaged in loading, but a few articles are to be brought up from the Lake. Put up a portion of the packs. Two mules are very sick. Supposed to be caused by eating alkali. Experience goes to show that they will be worthless for the season.

Sunday 24.

We laid out the cargo for one train; bacon & beans yet behind. I sold two mules, one of them my work mules, for 460\$.

Monday 25.

Today I started Dobson's train. In the evening we had a tremendous gale, followed by rain. One mule that was sick died & was eaten by the Indians.

Tuesday 26.

We made up the balance of McKay's cargo, and the train started at 10 A.M. I remained till after dinner, then rode on to Dobson's camp. Reached Runnel's ranch on Pavilion. McKay camped at Fountain.

Wednesday 27.

Today I traveled on to town of Loon Lake. Was detained some time at Antoine's. Sold Davidson two cows for one hundred each. Not yet paid.

Thursday 28.

Traveled to Green Lake Cerrall, where I met Barron & Norris, with train to the Forks. Mosquitoes very bad.

Friday 29.

Today we reached Lake LaCash(?) where we met a small train returning to the valley. They kindly offered us the use of their tent. 4 miles back passed a train going up, loaded for Quesnelle River. Mosquitoes and horse flies very bad.

JUNE(Continued.)

Saturday 30.

This morning our animals could not be found so as to start before 10 A.M. Traveled in hunting them & to camp, about 15 miles on foot. Found them 6 miles from camp. My horse became so worn out that I was compelled to camp alone 2 miles from head of M--- Lake, without dinner or supper. Davidson went on.

JULY.

Sunday 1.

This morning at daylight I started and reached Davidson's ranch before they had breakfast. I left my horse and obtained one of Davidson and rode on to Mud Lake.

Monday 2.

Today I reached Alexandrine.

SEPTEMBER.

Wednesday 5.

This day I left Alexandrine for the forks of Quesnelle River. Went to Mud Lake. Having lost several mules after they were saddled, Merriam and self spent most of the day in hunting them, but on reaching the lake, found that Ephraim had driven them ahead.

Thursday 6.

Today I remained at the lake, arranging packs to be taken to the Forks. One of our company's horses died. It is a general rainy time. We have had several days of rain.

Friday 7.

Today I started for the forks; traveled as far as Beaver Lake, where I met Antoine Gregory, and put up with him. I had before learned that a part of my cattle that were lost, were on Horsefly. Mr. Dorsey informed me that eleven head are there.

Thursday 20.

This day I sold my stock of goods to D. C. Kelly & W. H. Wright, consisting of dry goods, groceries, provisions, horses, mules & cattle, and houses & tools. Those that are at Caraboo, Little Lake, Horsefly, Mud Lake, Alexandrine and Jurey orandboa(?) and those at the forks of Quesnelle River.

Friday 21.

Today Kelly & Wright take possession of the cattle, and pay all expenses from this date. They are to settle with T. Hadley, Bennet, Dougherty & Clements, charging one half of what is due them to me & the other half to Wright, up to this date. Hadley commenced on the 21st July.

Saturday 22.

Today we completed invoices of goods at the forks of Quesnelle River, aggregate amount \$4249.65. One beef, weight 420 lbs. at 15. 63.00

OCTOBER.

Saturday 13.

Read all the notes which follow up to 2nd of November one day in advance. For instance for Sunday call it Saturday, and so on to the 2nd.

Sunday 14.

Today I started from Alexandrine for home. Camped at Mud Lake. Dwight went with me to take cattle to Quesnelle River for beef.

Monday 15.

Reached Deep Creek, where the cattle have been ranched for some time.

OCTOBER(Continued.) Tuesday 16.

After separating 24 head of cattle for Dwite to drive to the forks, we started with our band of cattle, 107 head in all, for the Bonaparte. Reached Davidson's ranch.

Wednesday 17.

Sold two head yearlings & 2 oxen to Davidson. Left 2 steers, one --- cow, and a cow and calf at Davidson's, as they were lame, as also one heifer of my ----. Went ot the head of Willow Lake to camp. It rained.

Friday 19.

This morning one half of our cattle were strayed off. They were finally found. Made but 8 miles.

Saturday 20.

Today we reached Lake Lakash(?)

Sunday 21.

We campd at the ---- where we slaughtered a calf. Our cattle rambled off but were found.

Monday 22.

We reached the bridge.

Tuesday 23.

The cow ran back to the creek. I sent an Indian after her, but she could not be driven up. We made Green Lake. Our cattle strayed, but were finally found near.

Wednesday 24.

We traveled to Bonaparte. It was cold, and made ice an inch thick.

Thursday 25.

We reached the Mound Prairie. Night cold.

Friday 26.

Today we made the crossing of Bonaparte above McArthur's ranch, where we leave the cattle for the present.

Saturday 27.

We went to a camp on Hat Creek, leaving Norris with the cattle, and such of the mules as are not routed to go to Liliuit Flat.

Sunday 28.

Today we go to Fraser above the Fountain.

Monday 29.

We make Liliuit.

Tuesday 30.

We crossed the river and started for home. Crossed the two lakes. In the morning I settled with Nekia(?) & ----- for goods previously purchased. Left Kelly's order unpaid, and arranged for Mooman to get a winter cargo.

Wednesday 31.

Today we reach Halfway house, on the 25 mile portage; the day was rainy.

NOVEMBER.

Thursday 1.

We made Pemberton, where we remained for the night. Continued raining. The steamer came up in the afternoon.

Friday 2.

We crossed Liliuit Lake and went on to the Warm Springs, where we remained all night. Reached Port Douglass. We were compelled to hire Indians to carry our heaviest baggage, carrying our own blankets, guns.

NOVEMBER(Continued.)

Saturday 3.

There is no boat going below; we are consequently compelled to wait for the arrival of a boat. The boat arrived late in the day. She left at 9½ P.M. Ran down to foot of the lake, where we laid to until daylight. Price of a passage to Westminister 7\$. Meals extry at 1\$ each.

Sunday 4.

We started at daylight. In going through the rapids, the wheel got tangled in an anchor and rope left in the fhannel, by which we were detained an hour & half. We reached Langly at 1½ P.M. The day is rainy. We reached Westminister at 4 P.M.

Monday 5.

We reached & remained at Westminister, as there are no boats going down before Wednesday. Continual rain nearly all day. We put up at the Mansion House, kept by Mrs. Lawless. Board is .50, and .50 for lodging.

Tuesday 6.

Remained at Westminister. Rained half of the day.

Wednesday 7.

Left Westminister at one P.M. on Liza Anderson for Victoria, which we reached at 10 in the evening.

Thursday 8.

As the steamer Brother Jonathan came in today & is to go direct to Portland on her return from Olympia, we concluded to go by steamer instead of by Olympia. Besides, was unable to conclude my business with the H. B. Company.

Friday 9.

We remained at Victoria. Quite showery and windy.

Saturday 10.

During the night and morning we had a tremendous gale. The steamer was expected in, and to depart at 2 P.M., but for some cause, she did not come in. We went to Squimalt to be ready when she did come.

Sunday 11.

This morning there is no steamer. Frasier seems to be throwing down her surplus China population. There is over one hundred Chinamen awaiting the steamer. They are mostly going to Crescent City.

IN BACK OF BOOK.

February 11th engaged Lafay's pack train to carry from Priest's Rapids to Alexandrine in British Columbia.

4000 lbs. freight at 22¢ per lb. or the rate agreed upon between Louis & me at Bonaparte, giving him two cents extra above the amount named.

Engaged also Frank Ashambo to pack to the same place for 22 cts. per lb. for 2000 lbs.

February 15.

Bought of Dobson & McKay train of over 80 mules and rigging at 120\$ capable of packing 21600 lbs.

Contracted for the delivery 12000 of freight at Alexandrine by Cluggage & Co.
37600

Procure a draft on Boston for \$20 payable to the order of Cyrus Jacobs & Co. Feby. 29, 1860.

Goods and wares ordered at Milwain's

1 Doz. 12-qt. tin buckets

8 " A general assortment of camp equipage B. steel balances, sad irons, Bells, brass kettles, spoons, fry pans, &c.

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Febuary 15(Continued.)

Forest note	764.00
----Lewis' eight months at ten per cent	235.00
Palmer & Jacobs	486.53
To Vaughn	393.05
Vaughn self	
Note to Jacobs for wagons six months	894.00
Allen & Lewis	
April 4 gave note to John ---- 2 yoke oxen	266.66
Bradfor & Co	678.44
---- & ----	788.69

Men employed on trip for one month

Reese Daugherty -----	40.00	Henry Dwite	40.00
John -- Read	40.00	Dug Walker	40.00
Peter Klein	40.00	George Dorsey	40.00
Chris Ketchum	40.00	Wm. Norris	30.00
Wm. Hash	40.00	Theodore Huddlestun	40.00
James Carter	40.00	Andrew Smith	40.00
Noah Robinson	40.00	Wm. Newman	40.00

June 25.

Tepee Kent commenced work at per month 80.00

Bought at Salem factory--

48 No. 1 at 7.00

60 " gray 4.50

6 pieces of flannel--quantity of blanket remnants

July 13.

Put in purse to pay collector Cox 954.68 or 54 oz. & 10 dollars

Put in another purse to take below 2258 or 141 oz. & 2--16 oz.

Put in the Cox purse 416 oz.

in another purse 326 oz.

Total 3954.68

All of which is given to James McKay of the firm of Dobson & McKay

112 head -----

11 head at 250 2750

July 17.

I have this day concludud with numbering 123 head upon the following terms, that is to say

112 head being 18--4 year old steers; 23--3 year old steers; 62 2-year old steers and 8 cows & heifers, the average weight of which is to be ascertained by weighing a two year old steer which has been designated--it to be driven to Alexandrine, slaughtered, and the quarters weighed when dressed and cooled ready for cutting up; this weight to be the average of all as above enumerated. Ten yearling steers and one stagg is to be rated at 250 lbs. per head--upon this I am to pay him 2500 dollars in gold dust and coin & the remaining amount to be embraced in a note payable in one year & to draw interest at 10 per cent per annum after the 15th of October next.

The price of the cattle is fixed at 15 cents per lb. meat. I get also a bull which we left at C. H. Powls, Kamloops, and for which I am to pay him \$25. After driving the cattle a short distance, I found that there was a greater number of yearlings than ten. It was finally agreed that--should be added to the class which would leave this

18--4 year old
 25--3 " "
 55--2 " "
 17--1 " " & Stagg 250
 8 cows and heifers

123

Total weight 56693, which at 15 makes \$8503.95
 1700.79
 6803.16

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July 18.

Sold Cook & Kemble of Lyton, B.C. one pack train of mules. Kimble to have choice of two trains. The McKay train of 34 mules & one bell mare for \$5150.00. The Dobson train of 32 mules & one bell horse for \$4750.00. Kimble is to decide which train he takes this evening. He pays me 1400 and is to pay the balance at Lytton, on fork of Thompson River or at Yale & is to have the privilege of paying 1000 of it in such goods as we want, provided it is obtained at as low rates as we can get elsewhere at Yale or Hope at our option. After reaching the forks, if he decided to take the other train, he is to have them at 155 per head, bell animal thrown in and to have from 30 to 60 days credit on part of the amount, but it must all be paid by the 15 of September.

July 22.

Amount received from Ephraim	\$720.00
Kelly & My---bill at Nelson	848.41
Paid ferry across Frazer at Cayoosh at Nelson	4.00
Passage over -- Lake 2\$ each	10.00
For carrying baggage	6.00
" " "	1.50
Crossing Anderson Lake	10.00
Meals on short portage	5.00
" east end Anderson	10.00
Meals at Halfway House	10.00
Meals at Pemberton	15.00
Passage over Liliuit Lake	10.00
Transporting baggage	5.00
Meals at Hot Springs	12.00
Passage over Little Lake	2.50
Paid Indians for carrying freight	13.00
For lunch on road	2.00
Meals at Douglas	15.00
passage & meals to Wesminister on Henrietta at 8.00	40.00
George at Wesminister	6.75
Whole bill	26.00
app-- bill	5.50
	<u>31.50</u>

Passage to Victoria	5.00
Starr	1.25
Bringing up freight	1.00
Meals breakfast	1.50
Dinners	1.50
Suppers	1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Theater	2.50
Lodging at Victoria	8.00
Passage to Squinolt	5.00
Supper George, M--- & self	1.50
Meals to each	2.50
For lunch	1.25
Meals for all	2.50
Lodging at Squinault	5.00
Passage on steamer, all	100.00

Nov. 17.

George Dorsey to Cash	40.00
W. Starr to cash	20.00

Nov. 18.

Matune Dr. to cash	20.00
Sariah's bill	12.00
to cash	10.00
to 3 shirts 1.75	5.25
to cash	130.00
Ephraim, to cash	21.62

Cash account--January

Date	Received	Paid
26		
27 for oxen		2336.67
28 miscellaneous		95.00
		507.00

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Cash account for January (Continued.)

	Received	Paid
29 Miscellaneous		1079.00
30 "		22.59
31 " horse &c		56.25

Cash account--February

	Received	Paid
1 horse & bill		64.75
2 expenses		52.75
3 "		7.50
4 "		2.50
5 "		4.00
6 "		4.00
7 "		2.00
8 "		4.00
9 "		4.00
10 "		4.00
11 "		4.00
12 "		4.00
13 "		2.00
14 "		4.00
15 "		624.05
16 miscellaneous express		9.50
18 miscellaneous		2511.12
20 Express		2.50
25 Received from Sheridan	3000.00	
27 Paid Lippencott		192.00
" " Jacobs on accout		400.00
" " Wright note		383.00
28 " Andrew Smith		200.00
" " J. Carey		7.50
24 " E. Cluff		10.00
28 " Passage on boat		2.50
23 " J----note		117.27
20 " for bull		20.00
Paid Hucklo		12.50

March 17.

C. Jacobs	300.00
16 "	10.00
17 Palmer & Jacobs	450.00

JUNE.

14 on hand in dust	2088.00
" " " coin	211.00
15 from Kelly coin	1579.90
" " "	15.00
F From Kelly dust	1146.50
" " "	239.50
" " clere	233.00
Cen----deposit	400.00
Shuttlewath draft	45.40
Charles "	50.00
McKenzie "	1157.00
" "	143.35
dust from Ephraim	555.50
" " "	120.00
coin " "	85.00
in dust from Davidson	85.00
in dust from Alex	87.87
	<hr/> 8154.62

10.00

