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Copy of the pocket diary of Joel Palmer for the year 1861, from the original book, which was written in the camp, on the march, or at the Palmer home in Dayton. Where the words were unreadable, the supposed word is followed by a question mark, or the omission marked. This copy was made August 12, 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 family home was at Lowville, New York. In a paper written for his children shortly before his death, he states 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.

All the children of this large family seem to have been parceled out among relatives and neighbors. At twelve or thirteen years old, the boy Joel started out in life for himself. 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 in 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, moving to the donation land claim at the mouth of Palmer Creek in 1850. Later, 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 native city 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 when the various Indian tribes were placed upon 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 town of Dayton.

POCKET DIARY for 1861.

FEBRUARY.

Tuesday 26.

This day I start for British Columbia, accompanied by my brother, Ephraim. We go by steamer to Portland, to there await the arrival of the Santa Cruz.

Wednesday 27.

Spent the day in settling up old accounts. Steamer Oregon came in from Victoria. Received a letter from D. C. Kelly, dated Jany. 9th.

Thursday 28.

Steamer Oregon left for San Francisco. Received letter from Meroenatho(?) by way of home, with a few lines from wife. The winter on Bonaparte has been pleasant & cattle have done well.

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MARCH.

Friday 1.

Am waiting with great impatience the arrival of steamer. Slight showers of rain. Wrote letter to Post(?) George Berry, of Brookville in reference to my absconding friend, Woodbury; and also to Mrs. Palmer.

Saturday 2.

No news of steamer--still remain in Portland. In the evening went to theater. Wrote a letter to Mr. Pratt, the Supt. Woolen factory at Salem, upon the subject of amount due them. Visited the shops where the convicts are employed. In general appearance the prisoners were a healthy company, and all appear to perform their labor cheerfully. I doubt whether the moral influence around them is calculated to reform them.

Sunday 3.

This morning the steamer Santa Cruz came to the wharf from Victoria; no news of importance. Went to church; wrote a letter to Cris Taylor, directed to Laurel, I. T. The stage brings us additional news. Cession is making great progress in the south, and yet there is hopes of an amicable adjustment, but not by any concession on the part of the southern fanatics. How humiliating the thought that we have a government so imbecile and weak to be thus trampled upon, and without an effort to enforce the laws.

Monday 4.

This day I went to Oregon City; engaged Dutch Pete to go to my place and trim grape vines, and take several varieties to set out. Advised him to continue and finish trimming Cris Taylor's orchard. Wrote a letter to my wife to be sent by Clinton. At a little before 4 P.M. started on return to Portland. As this is the day on which the President of the United States is to be inaugurated, one's mind is naturally thrown back to our past history; which by contrast with the present, gives us gloomy hopes for the future. Rebellion and treason go unrepressed. Our imbecile old President gives place to one who it is hoped, will execute the laws.

Tuesday 5.

Steamer Pacific came in from San Francisco. Wrote letter home & to J. W. Nesmith. Wrote also to Cris Taylor.

Wednesday 6.

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| Bill at Saviers & Co. | 170.16 |
| Pocket flags | 10.00 |
| Smith & Davis | 13.00 |
| Allen & Lewis Cash | 50.00 |
| " " 3 pieces flag | 18.00 |

Santa Cruz left for Victoria at six P.M. Ephraim & myself took passage--twenty dollars each.

Thursday 7.

Last night we went as far as Astoria. This morning we crossed the Columbia bar about 10 A.M. There is a heavy sea. I have been quite sick. Number of passengers on board for Caraboo.

Friday 8.

This morning at half past nine, we rounded Cape Flattery. I have been very sick during the entire passage. A heavy sea during the night, and our little porpeller pitches about in a horrible manner. We arrived at Victoria at 3 P.M. No opportunity to reach Westminster before Tuesday next. Victoria is still improving. There is a rapid advancement in everything. So far has outward appearance of a healthy and progressive city, which is destined to outrival any city on this coast north of San Francisco.

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MARCH (Continued.)

Saturday 9.

The weather has cleared off beautiful. I visited Mr. Robinson's assay office, where I found a specimen of gold quartz obtained from a chinaman who got it of an Indian at or near Williams Lake on a mountain called in Indian Kolumuitze. Mr. Robinson gave me the specimen. I may by this means find rich quartz veins. I wrote a letter to Mrs. Dupuis in reference to her husband E. Dupuis. Went to the ---- and saw Mr. Jones.

Sunday 10.

Paid hotel bill 8.25

" for carrying baggage .75

Steamer Caledonia left at half past eight in the morning for New Westminster. Passage \$6.00 each. In crossing the Gulf of Georgia, the wind raised and by the time we reached the outward buoy, we had a rough sea.

Monday 11.

This day we remained at New Westminster as no boats are going up the river. Went to the barracks, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant. Paid duty on goods--10 per cent. Two boats came down from Yale; upon one of them came Lady Franklin of England. She had visited Forts Hope & Yale.

Tuesday 12.

This morning at half past 8 we took passage on steamer Flying Dutchman for Fort Yale. Passage 5\$ each and one dollar per meal. We got within eight miles of Fort Hope when night came on too dark to run. There are no beds or blankets on board the boat, and we have none, so we must sit up all night.

Wednesday 13.

At about 7 this morning we reached Fort Hope. It is situated on the left bank of the Fraser at a big bend, and in the Cascade Mountains. There are probably one hundred huts or shanties with a few buildings that may be called houses. Heretofore it has been regarded the head of steamboat navigation, but now they run to Yale. Its prestige, therefore, has vanished, for that was its only Hope. A trail turns off here to Simlkene.

Thursday 14.

Charles Stansbury, Bu-----at Fort Yale. Refer to Cook & Kimble. Direct to Sampson at Yale. Today we traveled eight miles above Boston Bar. The new trail is open, except about four miles of a section in the canyon. Distance traveled from Fort Yale to ferry 12 miles thence to Boston bar, 22 miles; thence to Felix Flat 8

Friday 15.

Today we reached The Forks. During the summer months grass may be had for animals as low as 8 miles above Boston Bar. Below that, there is no grass.

Saturday 16.

Cook & Kimble Dr. to cash. This is left to pay for transportation of trunks, box & 2 beef ---- At this point Lytton on forks, I have a cabin or depot for mining stores. During the spring, goods are brought up in boats--price now from Yale is six cents per lb. There is a very good prospect for butchering here. I offered my cattle at 12 cents, provided they took all. We traveled up Thompson as far as the ferry, two miles below Nickolus River distance about 28 miles.

Sunday 17.

Today we started at $7\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. crossed the river and traveled until $6\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. distance thirty-three miles, reaching the ranch at that hour. found Newman(?) & Clements. Kelly and Bennett had been down and started up four days ago with twenty-five head cattle. Winter has been mild. Stock did well. Not one animal lost, except a bull killed by Indians.

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MARCH(Continued.)

Monday 18.

Today remained at the ranch. In the evening a Frenchman who butchers at the Forks came up to purchase cattle but he is unwilling to give what they are worth.

Tuesday 19.

This morning Mr. Tilton came up to purchase cattle, & after breakfast, we all went out about six miles to see the cattle. I proposed selling fifty head at 68\$ and the remaining 23 head at 55\$ cash. The Frenchman wants but 25 head, which I offered his choice at 72\$ each. He offers one hundred ounces, which is twelve & a half less.

Wednesday 20.

Today I sold 25 head cattle to the Frenchman at 68\$ each, amounting to 1700\$, to be paid at The Forks, and eleven head to Mr. Tilton for 65\$ each, amounting to 715\$. total 2415.00 The latter is to be paid in two months. I sent a man with them to Kirkpatrick's ferry. Six head of company cattle were taken to make up the number. There is now 37 head left. 12 of those belong to Wright.

Thursday 21.

Today is blustery and cold. I walked up to Mr. McLane's ranch, six miles and back. The weather is colder than I have seen this winter. Mr. Fitzpatrick came up in the evening to purchase cattle. Pack trains are returning from Canoe Creek.

Friday 22.

Today we started out to hunt for cattle, but could not find them. Weather continued cold; froze very hard. Wolves have killed several calves.

Saturday 23.

Today we found the cattle, but did not get them in time to drive them to the river. Fitzpatrick went home; is to return as soon as the weather is pleasant. In the evening, W. H. Wright arrived from The Dalles. Left his cattle at the foot of the Lake(Kamloops.)

Sunday 24.

Weather still cold, but fair. Remained indoors. Boys got up the mules and put on arapahoes. Any person desiring to establish a grazing ranch, containing about 24 square miles, to combine agricultural advantages, would do well to select the following tract. Commencing on Bonaparte River, at the mouth of Lacash Creek, a short distance above our cabin; thence following down Bonaparte River to Thompson River, to the mouth of a branch being the first creek on the trail from Bonaparte to Kamloops, thence up that branch, crossing the trail to the bluff. Thence following round the bluff to Lacash Creek, thence down creek.

Monday 25.

This morning I went on foot for cattle. Found them about noon, or 20 of them. Boys got in with the mules about the same time. In the afternoon, the other cattle were found. We selected out Wright's cattle, and Kirkpatrick took the balance. In the evening, Mr. Thompson from the Liliuit came up to purchase cattle. Mr. Runnels of Pavilion came with him in search of a cow that had strayed last summer. We did not start the mules for The Forks and turned them out again. I learn that the Frenchman and Tilton have lost their cattle.

Tuesday 26.

The night has been quite cold, but is clear. The morning is pleasant. A good deal of de--- in finding the mules. We got off a little after noon and camped on a little branch opposite Kirkpatrick's upper trail. The night is very cold. Mountains all round covered with deep snow. I went to the ferry to ascertain whether the Frenchman & Tilton had found their cattle. Was informed they had not---returned to camp. There could be a body of two or three thousand acres of excellent grazing land in this vicinity, by taking from our ranch, down Bonaparte, and between the mountains and Thompson River, and as many more north of -----

MARCH(Continued.)

Wednesday 27.

This morning we packed up at seven. Ephraim and myself went to assist in finding the lost cattle, but was informed at the ferry that they had all been found, but two had fallen over the bluff and were killed. The men had started on with them. We returned and traveled with the train until about half past two, making about 18 miles, camping on Thompson River about 2 miles above Nickolas River. Met several trains going up. A man overtook us who came direct from the forks of Quesnelle River. The trail is open and good to Williams Lake. From there no animals had passed this season. Snow was 4¹/₂ ft. deep beyond Beaver Lake.

Thursday 28.

The morning is fair, but the night has been cold. Yesterday we passed over a ridge and through a high valley which had considerable snow. The lakes were frozen and everything had a wintry appearance. But where we came on to the river banks, the grass was two inches high, and there were flowers in bloom. Traveling 4 miles brought us to the ferry; we crossed the river, paying seventy-five cents to the animal; traveled to Nickowemen(?) making about twenty miles. From the ferry down there is but little grass. I sold one horse, known as Old Roan, to Charley Kendle for one hundred dollars, riding saddle thrown in. Tilton and the Frenchman caught up with us.

Friday 29.

Today we reached Lytton. Grazing is very poor. I called upon the justice or local judge in reference to the lot upon which I had paid in monthly instalments since the fall of '48, over one hundred & twenty dollars. but only 8 instalments were expressed in the receipts as directly applicable to this lot. The others only expressed a general trading license but was understood as being applicable to the payment of the Lot No. 4, Block A, in Lytton. Sixty dollars is applied, and forty more would have perfected the title. I was told that it was forfeited.

Saturday 30.

Remained at Lytton. Collected money for cattle. Tomorrow Ephraim & myself start for Liliuit on foot. Had a few unpleasant words with Officer Hill in regard to the rent of my house. It seems that Wright had requested him to look after it or act as agent, but he has collected only twenty dollars, but says there is seventy-five dollars yet due from Mr. Ballard. He has allowed a man with a family to occupy it all winter gratuitously and talked of charging me five of the twenty dollars for collecting that amount.

Sunday 31.

Today collected the money for my cattle of the Frenchman. Find him to be a difficult man to do business with. He is small in small things, and withal is, I am satisfied, a dishonest man. Bought a lot of camp equipage. Read ----- for yesterday. We, Ephraim & myself, start for Liliuit in the morning. I sold my mules & one horse, and nine arapahoes and rigging. Took a note, payable 1st June. We reached ----- Bar.

APRIL.

Monday 1.

Today at noon we reached the Liliuit or Cayoosh. Paid Wright & Nelson the amount of bills due there for goods ordered by Kelly \$848.41, and for goods got by Newman(?) & Clements

To amount got by Wright of Jesup at Westminster

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| 493.29 |
| 1341.70 |
| 54.00 |
| 1395.70 |

Paid also Hutchinson & Son 192.75 to be applied on a duebill they hold against Palmer & Kelly. Note is sent up country to whoever gave me an order for the duebill.

Tuesday 2.

Today we traveled to Runnel's ranch on Pavilion Creek, 25 miles. Stopt at The Fountain and took dinner. Grass is good as below Cayoosh. Considerable ice & snow along the margin of the river. No white people working along this part of the river. Runnel's expects to sow two thousands lbs. barley.

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APRIL(Continued.)

Wednesday 3.

Today we reached our ranch on Bonaparte River, traveling about 30 miles. I went by the way of McLane's to purchase a horse. Did not do it. In the evening C. Weldin and Tow--- came in. They were driving one hundred cattle sold Tow--- for Liliuit market. They remain with us all night. It is fortunate, for we have no blankets, and they furnished us a pair. Nights are quite cold.

Thursday 4.

We remained at the ranch awaiting the arrival of the train with our baggage. In the evening Newman came up, leaving the train ten miles below. Walden purchased of this morning

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| 100 lbs. flour | 18.00 |
| 42 lbs. beans | 8.40 |
| 4 lbs. tea | 4.00 |
| 8 bars soap | 3.00 |

I leave for him & Wright

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| one tent worth \$15.00 | 15.00 |
| | <hr/> 48.00 |

Friday 5.

The train came up in the afternoon as did also Haskel with a band of horses from the Wallawalla. His prices are too high for me to purchase McLane and McDonald are plowing preparatory to sowing barley. The ground seems in good order. I have seen several persons making gardens.

Saturday 6.

Cook & Kimble, who are packing a few articles for me to the Quesnelle River, came up today. Ephraim went up to McLane's and brought down a horse for own use. Newman bought a horse of Haskel for \$87.50. I advanced him the money.

Sunday 7.

We packed up this morning and started for Quesnelle River, taking a number of articles and leaving with McLane to be sold a list of which is in another book. Took one package to John Cluskstum(?) to be packed up. I got another mare of McLane, for which he charges 75\$ cash. The price is too high. We went up as far as Charley Kimble's house, about fifteen miles, and as it rained, we put up for the night.

Monday 8.

We were on the road by 7 A.M. Followed up the river trail to the Bluffs and stopped for lunch, and to bait our horses. The grass was old and dry and the horses would not eat. We got off again at half past twelve making the flat bench $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below the upper crossing of Bonaparte River by 4 P.M., having made about 28 miles. We overtook two men going to Alexandrine who camped with us. Day is cloudy, but it thawed a little. A good deal of snow & ice along the river shores and south side of mountain.

Tuesday 9.

During the night our horses took back on the trail. I went up the mountain about half past five and followed along its slope. Finally struck down to the trail and found they had gone back, although two of them were hobbled. Ephraim & Newman followed on. I returned to camp, reaching it at half past seven. The horses belonging to our two friends were near camp. They started on at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. We occasionally see a flock of grouse. We have also Red Robins and ground birds and see a few geese. Birds are not as plenty as in Oregon. We finally found horses and reached Green Lake. This lake, as well as ponds, is covered with ice. A good deal of snow along the trail.

Wednesday 10.

We made today about 20 miles. The snow is generally about one foot deep, tho it is melted off in some places. The trail is very slippery. My mare fell, which nearly crippled me. I suffered great pain through the night. In the evening it commenced snowing, and continued until 10 at night.

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APRIL (Continued.)

Thursday 11.

We traveled about 30 miles. Met one train returning, and passed one going up. The snow has nearly disappeared through these valleys. The lakes are yet frozen over. We see a good many grouse, some ducks and geese, and a few sand hill cranes. The stream we are following down is the outlet of Lake Lakash and empties into Williams Lake, then into Fraser River.

Friday 12.

Seven o'clock we were on the trail & at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ we stopt at Williams Lake to noon. We passed a cayuse train belonging to Louis Campbell, Packing for a company of miners, about thirty in number, who are footing it along, bound for the Caraboo, being chiefly English and Irishmen. We reached Mr. Davidson's ranch at half past three. Here we leave our horses, as we are told that the snow will not permit traveling with horses beyond Beaver Lake, and there is no grass there to keep them. Left two mares with Davidson to break.

Saturday 13.

We remained here until nearly 10 A.M., then employed an Indian to carry our grub and blankets & started. It appears that seven head of my cattle which were lost last fall came to Davidson's ranch during the fall, and that he has slaughtered them--allowing me 15¢ per lb. for what they needed. I had left 4 head with him, with privilege to purchase at sixty dollars per head, and he slaughtered any that came in at 15 cts. per lbs. He has bought an ox of Kelly. We traveled about twenty miles and camped in the snow over a ft. deep, cutting pine brush to sleep on. My boots are new and hurt my feet.

Sunday 14.

We got a late start. Met Mr. Hutchens and three other trains. Walking is bad. Our Indian packer detains us by his slow gait. This stretch, from Davidson's to Beaver Lake is a worthless country, except the bottom of Deep Creek, upon which might be located several farms between this and the lower trail, which is about ten miles. After uniting with the Mud Lake trail, there is considerable grass. The snow is from 12 to 14 inches deep. We reached Beaver Lake at 4 P.M. Found 2 men in charge of 19 head of cattle, waiting for the snow to melt.

Monday 15.

I had intended to start some cattle into the Forks this morning, preceding them with a couple of horses to break the trail. The cattle could not be found. We waited till one P.M., then started with the horses, taking shovels to clear the trail where necessary. For five miles the snow had melted. As soon as we ascended the mountain, it was from one to two feet deep. We only made about ten miles. Following the old trail, we got along real well. Camped in the snow and green timber. E. Hutchens gave 50 lbs. oats & one axeman. Morehead furnished an Indian to lead the forward horse. We expect to have a ----trail tomorrow.

Tuesday 16.

Today we made the Forks. Our two horses were very much fatigued. We had to shovel snow through the drifts. Did not attempt coming further than the Little Lake with the horses. The cattle were started from Beaver Lake this morning. Reached the Forks before sunset. I bought a pair of moccasins at Beaver Lake for five dollars and could walk quite well, a hard day's walk. The cattle, 4 head, came in late in the day.

Wednesday 17.

Business is rather dull, as the snow is too deep to mine, except along the North & South Forks of Quesnelle River below the lakes, are the only parts that can be worked. The cattle were butchered. They have fallen off very much since leaving Bonaparte. If Indians could be employed to carry it, one beef ---- two or three days could be sold in the Caraboo Country. It sells here for 35 & fifty cents per lb.

APRIL (Continued.)

Thursday 18.

Being desirous of getting in my camp equipment and goods as soon as they come up, I started out to Beaver Lake in the afternoon, but got only to the Little Lake, as it is too much of a walk for one day to Beaver Lake in the present condition of the road. It is uncertain whether pack trains will come beyond that point for one week or more. The snow is melting away very fast.

Friday 19.

I reached the lake at noon; the train had not yet arrived. I met 21 Chinamen. There are about 50 here.

Saturday 20.

This morning the first herdsman & myself started to look for the cattle. After tracking nearly all day could only find five head. We returned, but walking in moccasins bruised my feet so as to nearly cripple me. The cattle seem determined not to stay here. There is about 2 inches of snow this morning. It had melted in the valleys by noon.

Sunday 21.

The Frenchman spent the day in hunting cattle, but was unable to find any of them. My feet were too sore to travel much. The Indians reported a white mare dead. I went to examine; it had been cut up and carried away; I could not tell whether it is mine or not.

Monday 22.

Today I went out with the herdsman. We found the cattle about twelve miles towards Horsefly Creek. We reached camp at 4 P.M. Bennett the butcher came in but does not expect to take in cattle until Friday.

Tuesday 23.

I started this morning for Alexandrine; reached it at half past eight in the evening, distance about forty-five miles. About ten miles of the trail is very bad walking, owing to snow & logs. No persons have been this Mud Lake trail since last fall. It can be traveled very well now. There is comparatively no business doing at Alexandrine. I fear there is little prospect of collecting the amount due me. Laroque is absent.

Wednesday 24.

Laroque came in at 2 P.M. Having credited out the greater portion of his winter's trade, he is unable to pay me much money. He had collected sixty-five dollars of my debts, with what articles he sold belonging to me. He pays me 375¢ on his note. Stephen also pays me \$25 on an old debt. Mr. Sanders takes the three cows that I left with him at sixty dollars each--but can't pay until Mr. Ogden comes down. The wind blows a gale the entire day. I remain at Alexandrine.

Thursday 25.

It is still very windy. The air is filled with dust to almost stifle a person. Weather is cool. I still remain at Alexandrine. Barron and party arrived from Fort George, bringing down furs to trade for provisions. They sold the furs to Mr. Sanders for the following rates. Large Beaver, Marten, red fox and lynx at one dollar each. Otter, two dollars. I offered 1.25 for marten, but he could not sell his other furs without the marten.

Friday 26.

Still at Alexandrine. Will start out tomorrow. Barron starts up the river today. I am beginning to get over my lameness a little; feet swollen considerable yet. I got two pairs of moccasins from Laroque and one pair of blankets.

Saturday 27.

I start for Beaver Lake at 8½ A.M. Get only to the Indian Rancharee(?) Took provisions that answers for supper & breakfast; that is, bread and grouse. It makes considerable difference whether a man carries one or two pairs of blankets--in going out I had one; now I have two.

Sunday 28.

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APRIL(Continued.)

Sunday 28.

Today I reached the lake quite early, say noon. Cattle are again lost, not been seen since I left. Bennet got a horse and rode out today; returned without finding them. The Frenchman and an Indian have gone to horsefly, as an Indian says he saw cattle there a few days since whilst hunting. I was anxious to go on to The Forks, but will stay to hunt cattle.

Monday 29.

Started with Bennet on foot early this morning to hunt cattle. Could not strike the trail until nearly noon, then followed until nearly 3 P.M. As we had no provisions or blankets, we returned. The Frenchman & an Indian are on the trail. Traveling in moccasins has so lamed my feet that it is with difficulty that I can travel at all. It commenced raining at 5 in the evening. We were unable to find horses.

Tuesday 30.

During the night it snowed & this morning it is two inches deep. We hired a horse of Hutchinson when Bennet started to follow on the trail. In the afternoon the Frenchman came in with eight head out of the forks. He found where two had been killed by Indians. Hired two Indians to watch the cattle during the night, as it is too late to go on today.

MAY.

Wednesday 1.

This morning the cattle had broke from the Indians and by daylight I was on their trail. Found them about five miles in the mountains. Drove back and started them for The Forks, reaching it at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Slaughtered one and put balance in the corral. Ephraim & Newman had returned from Antlers(?) Creek. They found a good prospect & came down for provisions, walking down in one day.

Thursday 2.

This morning all the cattle had taken the back trail, having broken down the corral. Kelly, Ephraim and Newman started after them. I am too much broken down to travel on such a trip. Kelly returned at noon, and the other boys with Bennet and the cattle at 3 P.M. The cattle were found at Beaver Lake. They have thus traveled 85 miles in 36 hours and no feed for 4 days.

Friday 3.

The balance of the cattle were slaughtered. They have fallen off 150 lbs. each, at least. We have occasional showers of rain, hail and snow. business is dull. Men coming down from Antler report the snow six feet deep. They say the diggings are good--scarcity of provisions. Indians can't be hired to pack up. One man offered thirty six dollars to have one hundred lbs. packed up. The snow is melting and so soft that men break through with loads.

Saturday 4.

Remained at The Forks. Nothing transpired worthy of notice.

Sunday 5.

Trade has not been as good as usual today, tho some hundred dollars has been taken in.

Monday 6.

Made sale of my interest in the store and stock to Kelly. Took an invoice with a view of selling to other parties, rating almost everything much less than cost. When Kelly concluded to take the stock, provided I would put in my half at a discount--about 20%, I finally concluded to do so.

Tuesday 7.

Continued to perfect the arrangements about sale of goods by making up accounts, found a good deal of trouble in doing so, as no regular books of invoices or sales were kept, but accounts were on memorandums in half dozen little books in a general blind manner. Believing that I am constantly losing money by continuing in the business, I am resolved to close

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close out at any sacrifice.

Wednesday 8.

We finally came to an understanding. Mr. Kelly --- the ---- of the store, and proceeded to make out accounts against men for collection.

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| Capital put in | | \$12963.92 |
| Kelly put in | 3458.50 | 6917.00 |
| I put in equal | 3458.50 | |
| Surplus put in by Palmer | | 6046.92 |

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| plus saw | 5.00 |
| half butcher tools | 5.00 |
| half beef on hand at 25 | 256.50 |
| " " at Davidson's | 250.00 |
| My half stock on hand | 1250.00 |
| my share put in before | 3458.50 |
| Cash to Indians | 10.00 |
| Bill at Bonaparte | 32.50 |
| | <u>11314.42</u> |

Thursday 9.

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| Brought from opposite page | 11314.42 |
| Half of wood | 33.75 |
| Half of Baker's bill | 5.00 |
| Half of per cent of Davidson | 83.00 |
| Shovel to Clements | 8.00 |
| Mires(?) account | 50.00 |
| Undercharge on flags | 5.00 |
| | <u>11499.17</u> |
| Charges against me | 641.91 |
| | <u>10857.26</u> |
| Cash on hand | 10857.26 |
| | <u>6787.25</u> |
| | 4070.01 |

flags

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| | 5. |
| | <u>4065.01</u> |
| | 14.85 |
| | <u>200.14</u> |
| | 4289.00 |

Amount to be paid Cane

By cash 800
by note 3448

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| | 32. |
| | <u>4248.00</u> |
| | <u>4248.00</u> |

Friday 10.

This morning Kelly & self started for Antler Creek and went as far as Keithley's(?) Creek. The trail this far from The Forks is a bad one. A considerable portion of the time we traveled along the rocky stones of the river, sometimes on the snow & ice, then on the rocky beach. A considerable portion of the way through the timber. The snow is often two feet deep. Along Keithley's Creek it is a mass of snow and ice. At a few points where claims were established and fl---- and sluices arranged in the fall, they have been successfully working.

Saturday 11.

Today we reached Antler Creek at half past two P.M. From appearances there is two hundred and fifty men on this creek. There is probably not one half of them at work, the snow is too deep; unless it be such claims as are conveniently situated for water. 4 or 5 claims are paying heavy--for instance paid yesterday, with 4 men working, with a ton--five hundred and eighty dollars. Others are paying from forty to fifty dollars. This is where they have sluices and ----- The gold is generally course. Pans from one to -----ounces.

Sunday 12.

Boen Rose(?) & Co.
by 16 oz. gold dust
" " "

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| Cr. | |
| 256.00 | |
| 26. | |
| <u>282.00</u> | |

JOEL PALMER DIARY for 1861.

MAY(Continued.)

Sunday 12(Continued.)

Give Mr. Cain 32.00. This is paid to Kelly. In coin for two oz. dust for Kelly I change \$30 for dust. We spent the day in traveling up and down the creek, examining the different claims where they are at work. At all points where flovins(?) and sluices are put in they make from 20 to 37 oz. per day to each set of men.

Monday 13.

Having satisfied myself that the mines at Antler and vicinity are good, approximating at least to the California mines of 49, Kelly and myself started on our return to The Forks, leaving Ephraim & Newman's and Clemen's cabin at sunrise, we reached Ke--- at Dan's Stone at quarter before nine. Followed down the creek to Mr. Kelly's claim, where we remained to dinner, then went on to the Forks, where we arrived at 9 P.M. A distance generally estimated at 45 miles. To Dan's the trail was good. From there down it is bad. The distance can be shortened by cutting trail.

Tuesday 14.

Settled today with D. C. Kelly having sold him all my interest in the firm of Palmer & Kelly. He gives me his note for three thousand four hundred and forty eight dollars. He also gives me an order on James McDonald for two hundred dollars which is to be deducted or indorsed on the note when paid. I start with following funds.

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | purse North Fork dust | \$3000.00 |
| 3 | " " " 1000 each | 3000.00 |
| 1 | " Antler Creek | 500.00 |
| 1 | " " Specimen | 619.00 |
| 1 | " Malgum | 1018.00 |
| 1 | " Coin | 270.00 |
| | | <hr/> 8407.00 |

Wednesday 15.

This morning at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ A.M. I started for home. Employed Harry McCarter to accompany me to Beaver Lake & also an Indian to carry my baggage. It is with serious regret that I leave this country, with results so much beneath my fondest anticipations. I had hoped that something like reasonable profits would have been realized from the investment. Instead of which, the entire proceeds of my share falls far short of the actual capital put in. In investigating the condition of business I have satisfied myself that there has been a movement --- --- ---

Thursday 16.

Harry returned to the Forks. I am unwilling to believe --- --- ---
Remained at Beaver Lake.

Friday 17.

Left Branson's note with Kelly for collection, amounting to \$275.82 with interest. Today at 9 A.M. started for Alexandrine on horseback. Reached Mud Lake at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ A.M., where I found a pack train and concluded to put up for the night. It has taken me longer to ride to this point than it did to walk it on the 23 of April. We had several quite heavy showers of rain. We have here the largest mosquitoes & a large gnat, which are very bad on man and animals. The water of the lake is always bad.

Saturday 18.

Today I reached Alexandrine at 12 M. Found three men living in the town; two women are all that properly reside here. Mr. Laroque had collected for me to be applied on his note 275\$, I also credited 25, which Kelly says was put in with my funds last fall, belonging to Laroque. Mr. Ogden had been here during my absence, and given orders on the Co. for McKenzie's account of 201.58 and Sanders, 180.00 but leaves the old account of over four hundred dollars unprovided for.

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MAY(Continued.)

Sunday 19.

This morning I made arrangements with Laroque to go with me as far as Davidson's. We divided our loading and started $\frac{1}{4}$ past nine A.M. Reached Soda Creek at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 P.M. Going a little on, we stopt an hour for baiting our animals; arrived at Davidson's at dark. Here we met W. H. Wright with band of cattle. Met also several trains who were campd on Deep Creek. The grass is very good in this vicinity.

Monday 20.

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|------------------------------|--------|
| Received of Davidson in coin | 305.00 |
| In dust at 15 oz. | 195.00 |
| " " " " " | 15.00 |
| " coin | 84.00 |

Today I remained at Davidson's ranch settling with him. Settled also as far as I could with Wright. Am a good deal disappointed in not getting what is due me from Davidson. He pays only 500, and is to pay balance in sixty days.

Tuesday 21.

This morning I perfected settlement with Davidson. He paying me another hundred dollars, which with my bill when going up and now, with the ranch bill and five hundred and fifty dollars to W. H. Wright by note, makes the 1185.00. This sum is made up from the following items.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| One yoke of oxen last fall | 275.00 |
| four head of cattle left on ranch | 240.00 |
| Seven head strays which came to his ranch & killed by him | 505.00 |
| one ox by Kelly | <u>165.00</u> |

The amount of 550 he assumes to pay Wright which is to be applied on difference in our settlement with Wright. but there is still coming to me half of ----- note 325\$ half of Cooper account 200\$ half of notes & accounts at Carraboo half of Henry account --- --- half of 75 at ---- half of amount paid Melone for finding company cattle.

Wednesday 22.

Today we travel to and campd on the bank of Lake Lakash. At the Indian ranch, met two trains and a number of miners. Yesterday met about twenty, and today ten. I might travel faster and further, but do not deem it prudent travel by myself. I am compelled to hobble my horses every knight to keep them from going back. It appears that the news of the Antler Creek diggings has reached the lower country, for we are meeting them, and all appear in high expectations. Whilst at Alexandrine, I purchased a mosquito bar and made it up; now find it indispensable every night.

Thursday 23.

We reached Bridge Creek at a little past noon. As the next camp is at Green Lake, 25 miles distant, we were compelled to camp here. Two other trains came up shortly after; one had campd here before us. We met four trains, among others, John A. Cornelius, who owed me 76\$. He had no money, but gave me his note. "One day after date, for value received, I promise to pay Joel Palmer, or order, Seventy-six dollars, \$76, with interest at two, 2, percent per month till paid." We continue to meet miners, and although there is rich diggings, they will fare poorly by not being able to get in provisions.

Friday 24.

Starting early we made Green Lake a little after noon. Here we met Walden and Solomon Jeffers with a band of cattle. The swales through the green timber today are very muddy. Indians are here fishing and selling them to miners and packers as they pass. Mosquitoes very bad. The several companies of Spanish packers going down are by no means such traveling companions as one might wish. I met Mc---who owes me 162.00. Can't get a dollar.

Saturday 25.

Having determined to push forward in advance of these packetrains

MAY(Continued.)

Saturday 25(Continued.)

I started early. Was detained some time by a packer's mules following; finally got off. A Spaniard followed on horseback--apparently watching my movements. One footman had started early, and after overtaking him, we traveled together. The Spaniard came up. Before getting to Bonaparte, others came up in advance of train. Their actions looked suspicious. We took the river trail, pushing on to Mound Prairie where we found a camp of acquaintances.

Sunday 26.

I am very well convinced that the Spaniard had some design, for I noticed a good deal of singular conduct, but whatever it was has been frustrated. Arrived at McLane's Ranch at 3 P.M., having taken up the mountains at Mound Prairie, traveling through the timber without any trail to within six miles of this place, the river being too high to cross by the regular trail. Here again, I find that I am to be disappointed in collecting money. Mc---, who owes me over eighty dollars and Mc--- 262.00, can't and don't pay me one cent.

Monday 27.

This morning my horses were not found until 10 A.M. The train, however, started, taking my fixtures and baggage, leaving me a horse to hunt mine with. When found I left three of them with McLane. Being one for Newman, one for Gideon Pilon, and one of mine to be ranched. Mr. McLane sends by me one horse to Allard of Fort Yale. It rained quite hard. I met Battentore's(?) train and several others. McLane paid me \$200 on account. Kirkpatrick is absent. Camp at Little Lake 12 M.

Tuesday 28.

Gave T. J. Kirkpatrick Bates orders on Wright & Nelson for 30.75. Today I reached The Forks at dark. Rained during the day. On my way today met Tilton, who referred me to his father for payment of his note for cattle. I found Kirkpatrick, but he has no money on hand--but hopes to make an arrangement with Operhaimer when he returns from Yale.

Wednesday 29.

I am compelled to remain at this place until money can be collected.

Thursday 30.

In the afternoon, Operhaimer returned. The only arrangement that can be made is that they give me an order on their house in Yale for twelve hundred and fifty dollars, thus losing fifty dollars.

Friday 31.

Operhaimer paid me their bill of \$1100 in dust, less 22.50 in coin, & at about 8 A.M. I started for Yale. Reached Tilton at 3 P.M. and put up for the night. These men owed me 715\$, but were unable to pay me. 270 was all they had on hand, this they gave, and one of the partners will accompany me tomorrow to Chapman's Bar to get more.

JUNE.

Saturday 1.

This morning we started & traveled to Chapman's Bar, stopping at Boston Bar for dinner. As there is but little grass here we fed horses barley. The river through those mountains at this stage of water is fearful to behold. Such a mad, foaming mass I have never before seen. Tilton's partner could get only eighty dollars, which reduces their note down to \$365, which they agree to send by express in six weeks, directed to Ladd & Tilton, Portland.

Sunday 2.

Today I got off by half past six. There is no grass. Barley is the only feed, and as my horses are Indian ponies, they have little knowledge of such feed. We did coax a little down them. Finding a patch of grass about five miles above Yale, I stopt to let horses eat $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. We reached Yale in the afternoon, soon sold my horse for 75\$ including saddle. It appears there will be no steamer before Saturday next, so must try to get a canoe. Purchased a few clothes befitting a more civilized community.

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JUNE. (Continued.)

Monday 3.

Although there are plenty of Indian canoes at this place, none could be procured to go to Fort Hope. I was therefore compelled to stay here. Spent quite a pleasant day with Mr. Allard, Justice Sanders & others. Took several rambles out of town. There is a population at Yale of about 250 souls, perhaps about an equal number of Indians. With both classes it is fluctuating. A good deal of freighting from here to The Forks is by Indians. They receive eight dollars a hundred. Quite a number of squaws are engaged in this business, carrying from 75 to 100 lbs. each.

Tuesday 4.

Started in a canoe this morning for Hope. Made the run in about one and a half hours, about 16 miles. No steamer until Thursday. Put up at a hotel called Fraser River Bakery. Annoyed a good deal by two drunken rowdies who are frequenting this house. Called upon Judge Bigley and Justice. The specimens which I bring down seems to excite the people in this lower country. They appear to have a golden dream of the importance of their country.

Wednesday 5.

This is quite a rainy day. I had almost made up my mind to send my funds down by express, and go by the way of Rock Creek, but the rain coming on induced me to abandon the idea. Having no safe place to deposit my dust, I carried it today to Mr. Charles, the person in charge of the H. B. Co. store, it being in 11 purses as shown on page 10. I---there being 11412\$ in dust and 588-50/100 in coin. The time always passes heavy when one is waiting. This town stands on quite a flat, covered with timber.

Thursday 6.

The weather is yet unsettled, tho it does not rain much. This morning wrote to my brother Ephraim Palmer at Antler Creek, B.C. and enclosed Faben(?) Cole's note for \$199, with a credit of six dollars. John Cornelius's note for \$76, K--- account for 25.57, all of which is to be sent by express. The steamboat did not arrive. Several men came in from Similkimene for provisions. They report snow on the trail for ten or twelve miles, bad traveling for thirty miles.

Friday 7.

This morning is beautiful; the people here are too lazy to enjoy it. We are compelled to lounge about until eight before we can get breakfast; then a little soup & coffee at one and dinner at four. It is not so good board at 75 meal as we get 250 miles inland for 1.25, say at Davidson's ranch. Two men joined me, hired a canoe with Indians to man it, and started at 9½ A.M. for Westminster. 6 miles down we met a steamer and within 10 miles of ----, we met another. We reached Westminster at dark.

Saturday 8.

Mornings are cool. Weather is hazy, but pleasant. We put up last night with Mrs. Lawless. Steamer starts for Victoria in the afternoon. Douglas came down at 1 P.M. We got off at 2 P.M. Deposited my dust with captain, he giving me the key of the cupboard in which the saddle bags were locked up. I however, gave him purse of specimens containing 588\$ which he put in his safe. Arrived at Victoria at eleven, P.M. Took my dust & effects. Deposited funds in Wells Fargo & Co. safe. Put up at Ringo Hotel. Left roll of blankets on boat.

Sunday 9.

Remained in Victoria. Spent the day quite pleasantly. Town is spreading over all the southern portion of the island, is taking the form of an important city. The scattering oak timber and other groves, with cottages peeping through, give a picturesque appearance, which with the foliage and pleasant odor of wild roses and other flowers, gives a charming relief compared with the sterile appearance of almost perpetual snow, of the north from which I have just emerged.

Monday 10.

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JUNE(Continued.)

Monday 10.

Today I deposited with Wells Fargo & Co. for transmission to the B. M(?) in San Francisco for coinage 270 oz. 8 pwt. of malgum dust and 406 oz. 19 pwt. of clere dust, making in all 677 oz & 7 pwt., which at 16¢ to the ounce is 10837.60, for which I take a receipt of their agent at Victoria. They are to transmit me a mint certificate to my address at Portland for which I am to pay them, with insurance, 1¼ per cent. Remained at Victoria. Wells Fargo & Co. send my dust down by an English steamer.

Tuesday 11.

I called upon the H. B. Co. agents and collected Mr. Ogden's orders amounting to 381.58 and requested them to transmit me the balance due of over four hundred dollars to my address by drafts on San Francisco when Ogden comes down and arranges the account. Started on Eliza Anderson at 7 P.M. Paid passage to Olympia 15.00. Reached San Juan at 10 o/c. From this we go to Bellingham Bay or Whatcom.

Wednesday 12.

This is a lovely morning. The sea is as smooth as a mill pond, tho this can hardly be called a sea for we are in the midst of clusters of islands, dotting up like bubbles in every direction, so that the view reaches not to exceed 5 or 6 miles in any direction in a rotated surface. The distant view to the East and reaching northerly to a great distance gives a beautiful prospect of snow covered mountains, so also to the southwest. I deposited my pocket book, with valuable papers and my purse of coin containing over nine hundred dollars and purse of specimens of 36 ounces, with the Captain of the steamer, who put them in his safe. Staid on board at Whatcom.

Thursday 13.

During the --- we stopt at Port Madison & Seattle. The points of stoppage since we left Victoria are first San Juan, Whatcom, Port Townsend, Ludlow, Gambel, Madison & Seattle. We have yet to stop at Stelacoom, then Olympia. The weather is cool. The boat runs about 4½ or 5 miles an hour. We reached Olympia at six P.M. Is raining. Put up at the Pacific restaurant kept by a colored man. Gave two purses to the landlady, one of coin, one I had of specimens.

Friday 14.

Paid passage to Monticello(?) 15\$, baggage 2\$. Six of us went in stage to Shahales(Chehalis?) or half way house. Here the mail, with two of the passengers were put into a canoe and sent by water to Davidson's or upper crossing of Shahalis, whilst the other passengers were sent on horseback. I went into the canoe, but my position was so uncomfortable that I got out and walked the last 4 miles. We reached Pumphrey's at about 2 at night over one of the worst roads ever traveled. Here we are to take canoes to Monticello.

Saturday 15.

We got about 2½ hours sleep. This morning we took passage in a canoe for Monticello, one Indian steering, and one with one oar. We reached the point at noon, where we took dinner. Steamer Cowlitz came down and we were on the way to Portland by one P.M. Passage \$5.00. Reached Vancouver little before sunset. The Columbia River is about at its highest stage. Soves(Sauvies?) Island is nearly under water. This periodic overflow of the banks must always be a great drawback to the production of this valley.

Sunday 16.

This morning I hired a horse and at ten A.M. started home, reaching Dayton at 5 P.M.

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NOTES IN FRONT OF BOOK.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------------|
| 1 | Purse | 3000.00 |
| 3 | " 1000 | 3000.00 |
| 1 | " | 1770.00 |
| 1 | " | 500.00 |
| 1 | " | 1018.00 |
| 1 | " | 336.00 |
| 1 | " | 588.00 |
| 1 | " | 1200.00 |
| 1 | " Coin | 606.50 |
| | | <hr/> 12018.50 |

Tuesday January 1, 1861

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Ladd & Tilton | 308.43 |
| Vaughn about | 850.00 |
| Ainsworth & Rinkle | 718.02 |
| Ainsworth | 577.19 |
| Thompson & Co. | 1634.58 |
| Robins account | 45.00 |
| Mead note | 58.38 |
| J. W. Cook(?) | 70.50 |
| Dunsmore & Meadoe(?) | 284.25 |
| Seller & Co. | 49.75 |
| Failing & Co. | 166.56 |
| Northrup & Co. | 267.11 |
| Francis | 403.74 |
| Lewis Johnson | 120.00 |
| Sheridan | 1520.00 |
| Harry | 860.92 |
| Mitwain | 657.25 |
| A. Frank | 114.04 |
| S. E. Smith | 495.47 |
| carried over | <hr/> 8701.19 |
| Brought over | 8701.19 |
| Sheridan | 3000.00 |
| Forest about | 900.00 |
| Williams & Lippencott | 525.00 |
| Deal | 100.00 |
| Woolen Factory about | 650.00 |
| Todd | 400.00 |
| others | 500.00 |
| | <hr/> 14776.19 |

Description of cattle turned out to Wright at the ranch

- 1 Deep red cow dulap with calf
- 1 yellow & white spotted cow dulap white face and belly
- 1 Red yearling heifer white face dulap
- 1 Red cow dulap lost her calf
- 1 Red yearling heiffer small dulap little white under her belly
- 1 Spotted yearling bull dulap
- 1 Red cow white face & belly dulap, has calf
- 1 Black line back cow and calf dulap
- 1 2-year old Spotted steer dulap
- 1 White cow red neck & red spots dulap has calf
- 1 dun cow with my brand *P*

1 spotted cow with calf, Dulap

Articles to be taken to Allen(?)

Butter, cheese, désignated vegetables, oregon socks, heavy overshirts, Salem blankets, set Smith tools, steel sledges, from 2 to 16 lbs., Steel crowbars, hoes, brace & bits, half-axes--2 Jack planes. one set sash planes 3 boxes 8 by 10 window glass--mining spoons, Picks & handles. Hahdled axes, a few augurs a set tinnners tools and stock for same. gum boots good shoes, hats, fry pans, long handled spring shovels long handled Tom shovels

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Amounts received on my way home.

May 17.

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|---|---------|
| of C. Kendels Pardin after deducting Sellers bill | 8.00 |
| For 2 purses of Locke | 4.00 |
| of Laroque on note | 275.00 |
| Mr. Parden's order | 180.00 |
| " " for McKay | 201.58 |
| of Davidson in coin | 305.00 |
| in dust at 15¢ | 195.00 |
| in dust | 16.00 |
| in coin | 84.00 |
| Received of McLane | 2100.00 |
| on Bates order | 30.75 |
| Operheimer in dust | 1077.50 |
| " " coin | 22.50 |
| Tilton in dust | 258.00 |
| " " coin | 12.00 |
| Tilton in dust | 80.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 2949.33 |
| Ira of Opuku | 1200.00 |
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| | 4149.33 |

Amounts paid out on my trip home after leaving Beaver Lake May 19.

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| Paid at Dorsey's and Desheals for hunting horses &c. | 5.00 |
| to Donedre for letter | 4.50 |
| for barbering | 2.50 |
| for horse shoeing | 5.00 |
| for ferrying Thompson | 2.00 |
| for sugar & sundries | 2.00 |
| for hotel bill | 8.00 |
| for " " | 2.00 |
| " " " | 4.00 |
| Logger & ferrying | 1.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 36.25 |
| Pair boots at forks | 7.00 |
| Hotel bill at Yale | 5.00 |
| Passage to Hope | 2.00 |
| apples and carrying baggage | .50 |
| To Jany. 13th | <hr/> |
| | 50.75 |

Aggregate of accounts with Wm. H. Wright Dr.

charges 6659.18

Aggregates of accounts with Wm. H. Wright Cr.

credits 7565.71

Deduct 6659.18

balance 906.53

A pump at Davidson's 550.00

356.53June 3d memorandum of Bust & coin on hand and deposited for safety in
----- safe.

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1 Purse fine dust | 3000.00 |
| 3 " 1000 each dust | 3000.00 |
| 1 " malgum | 1770.00 |
| 1 " fine dust | 500.00 |
| 1 " malgum | 1015.00 |
| 1 " fine | 336.00 |
| 1 " malgum | 1200.00 |
| 1 " specimens | 588.00 |
| 1 " coin | 606.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 12018.50 |
| Ogden's orders | 381.58 |
| Cash in purse | 140.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 12440.08 |

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Dust obtained of McDohald belonging to Kelly

\$151-75/100

June 24.

Wright collected of company account \$225.00 one half of which is to be charged to Wright.

JULY.

Wednesday 3.

Started with wife, Willy and Emma for Portland to celebrate our national Independence on Steamer Yamhill. Reached Oregon City at 3 P.M. No afternoon boat. Remained at the Oregon House--Passage down \$4.00.

Thursday 4.

Reached Portland early in the day. Had a glorious time. No accident transpired to mar the good feeling and full enjoyment of the festivities of the day. About six or seven thousand people were in attendance. Had a good patriotic oration. In the evening a splendid display of fire works. Reached Oregon City at about half past one at night.

Monday 8.

Balance on Thom Laroque

980.86

Watts note

280.99

Interest note

16.30

Wednesday 24.

Start on horseback for Portland

Get 13 bbl sugar

" 1/2 crushed sugar

" 1 bolt unbleached muslin

" 1 " Bleached "

AUGUST.

Saturday 17.

Gave James McDonald Kelly's note of
with a credit of

\$3448.00

paid him in cash

217.27

am to give in order at Caraboo

3230.73

am to pay him

200.00

100.00

69.27

He gives me a deed for his land claim

I owe him on bill of goods

199.47

Deduct

32.50

201.97

P and Frank

15.

216.97

Due to cash

100.00

Recapitulation

Goods 216.97

Old account 69.27

286.24

Due to cash

100.00

Balance

186.24

Feb. 8, 1862.

Jasper Matheny send McDonald's beans on the Onward to Weston

Sent an order to Savier & Co to collect Feby. 23 1861.

Monday Dec. 23 1861.

Spitzenbergs

2389

Yellow Newton Pippin

899

White Ballflower

406

Bux--Rept

350

Ganatin(?)

1072

Northern Spy

53

Lady Apple

119

Virginia Greening

1510

Smith Cider

1620

Green Newton

741

Vandories

1151

Red Cheek Pippin

738

Golden Russet

483

Blue Pairmane

53

Winter Blush

165

Baldwin

258

12213

6943

Shipt

\$38312

19156

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Tuesday 28.

77--18 A 1 Pippin

Andrew Smith to assum----

C. Jacobs 30.29

Ivenho get for Green

One web saw complete with frame, saw $3/8$ wide and 14 to 16 inches long

Bulls Sarsaparilla for Stricklers

Dec. 25 Wednesday

Williams & Lippencott to potatoes 1.00

" apples 2.75

" 62 ft. timber 9.30

Saturday 28

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 77-18-59-Pippin 1 | 82-23-59- A Pippin 8 | 80-21-59- A Pippin 17 |
| 74-22-52-Baldwin 1 | 79-20-59- " 9 | 79-21-58- " 18 |
| 75-21-54-A Pippin 2 | 78-20-59- " 10 | 75-18-57- Winesap 6 |
| 71-18-53-Baldwin 3 | 73-21-52- Baldwin 12 | 80-20-60- A Pippin 19 |
| 81-21-60A Pippin 4 | 77-20-57- Wine Sap 1 | 78-20-58- " 20 |
| 80-21-59 " " 4 | 86-19-61- Romanite 1 | 76-21-55- " 21 |
| 72-19-53-Baldwin 5 | 80-20-60- " 2 | 76-21-55- " 22 |
| 78-21-57-A Pippin 6 | 82-19-63- " 3 | 75-21-54- W.W.Pairmain 1 |
| 77-21-56-Baldwin 7 | 83-23-60- " 4 | 72-20-52- " 2 |
| 73-20-53- " 8 | 77-18-59- " 11 | 76-22-54- " 3 |
| 72-22-50- " 7 | 78-23-55- Winesap 2 | 72-20-52- " 4 |
| 74-21-53- " 8 | 81-22-59- A Pippin 13 | 77-23-54- A Pippin 23 |
| 73-22-51- " 9 | 81-20-61- " 14 | 73-20-53- Baldwin 13 |
| 74-21-53- " 10 | 81-20-61- Winesap 4 | 74-21-53- " 14 |
| 74-20-54- " 11 | 79-22-57- A Pippin 15 | 70-19-51- " 15 |
| 81-22-59-A Pippin 5 | 77-21-56- " 16 | 72-20-52- " 16 |
| 77-20-57- " 6 | 74-18-56- Winesap | 77-22-55- Winesap 7 |
| 77-20-57- " 7 | 1106 | 76-18-58- " 8 |
| 990 | | 1042 |

