The Diary of James R. Stewart, Pioneer of Osage County

APRIL, 1855-APRIL, 1857; MAY, 1858-NOVEMBER, 1860
PART THREE: MAY, 1858-JULY, 1859

BURLINGAME
[May, 1858]

SAT 22
Windy but warm & clear. Went in the morning with Judge [Phillip C.] Schuyler & [George] Bratton to run the line between the town site & [Isaac B.] Titus' claim. In the afternoon went up with Mr. [Joseph] McDonald to his claim and planted some melons—cucumbers & radishes back to town — wrote a letter to A L Hazen, called at [Abel] Polly's in the evening with Judge Schuyler & examined the Squatters register,— had pleasant sing at Bratton's in the evening.

SUN 23
Cloudy but pleasant—stiff south breeze. Dressed up this morning—and started with several others to Lecompton As witness on trial between town Co & I B Titus.88 Traveled all day and stopped at Big spring and stayed there all night.

LECOMPTON

MON 24
Clouds & Sun alternate.—sultry. Left big spring and reached Lecompton about 9 oClock.— Loafed round till noon. Stopped at the Nelson house,—our trial commenced afternoon, two witnesses were examined— played Eucher in the evening.

TUE 25.
Rain with some hail in the morning, beautiful through the day. Was examined this morning as witness on behalf of town Co. occupied the stand 3 hours,— Loafed round in the afternoon.— Spalding & Rogers circus was in Lecompton to day— the first I saw in Kansas.90

88. P. C. Schuyler later informed the Herald of Freedom, probably with reference to this case, that the Burlingame townsite had been preempted and that eighty acres was contested. The land office ultimately decided the controversy in favor of the town company.
—The Kansas Herald of Freedom, Lawrence, December 11, 1858.
89. The Nelson House, operated by R. B. Nelson, was located at the corner of Isnack and Woodson avenues, south of the U. S. land office.—Advertisement in the Kansas National Democrat, Lecompton, May 20, 1855.
90. Spalding and Rogers' New Orleans Circus, advertised as "the largest traveling show in the world," with 109 persons and 113 horses, three sets of performers, clowns and ring horses, was a combination of the North American Circus, the Floating Palace Circus, and the Railroad Circus. It had played in Lawrence on May 22. Topeka on the 24th, and moved on to Osawatomie on the 26th and Leavenworth on the 27th.—Ibid.
Wed 26
Very hot & Sultry. Attended the trial all day.

Thurs 27
Very warm through the day,— rain, thunder & lightning at night. Attended the trial all day,— was witness for town Co. again— Left Lecompton in the evening for home— traveled all night, had Keg Lager beer with us & good time over it.

[Burlingame]

Fri 28.
Very fine all day. Reached home this morning about 6 oClock, eat breakfast— went to bed & slept nearly all day,— had invitation to party at Mr. [William] Lords in the evening,— attended and had Good time,— got to bed about 1 oClock.

Sat 29.
Warm & pleasant. good breeze. Loafed round— read wrote a letter to Coz Will [Stewart]. Called at Mrs. Boyee's in the evening with Martha Philips— went thence with her to Titus'.

SUNDAY 30.
Warm in forenoon— cool in afternoon. Attended Church in forenoon— went Straw berring in afternoon, got lots of them, read and Loafed & talked in the evening.

Mon 31.
Beautiful all day— cool at night. Read Medicine all day. Played few games chess & made bargain with Dr [E. P.] Sheldon to undertake an enterprise which the future may develope and may not. at present we are resolved to make the attempt, win or Lose. more anon.

JUNE [1858]

TUES 1
Stiff breeze but warm. Read Medicine all day.

Wed 2 [2]
Stiff breeze all day— but very warm. Read in forepart the day— attended celebration of sunday school in afternoon — good time— played ball in the evening and Eucher after dark.

Thurs 4 [3].
Warm & windy in forenoon— heavy rain in the afternoon. Read all day— played few games chess.
Fri 5 [4].
Cool—moderately so all day. Read—wrote letters—went straw berring—received a long letter from Mrs Glendinen.
Sat 6 [5].
Warm & windy—cool evening. Read principally all day.
Sun 7 [6].
Fine and warm,—good breeze. Read and Loafed round all day.
Mon 8 [7].
Very fine—most too warm—good breeze. Read nearly all day,—had a trial in the evening of Brewster for trying to kill Young Curtis. 91
Tues 9 [8]
Warm—strong breeze. Brewsters trial continued all day—sentenced to 39 Lashes & fine of $50,00 & to Leave the Territory. Attended the trial and witnessed the punishment. Read some—played some Eucher—fiddled.
Wed 9.
Tremendous rain—mudy. Read & Lay round all day.
Thurs 10.
Cool—little rain—fire comfortable. Read—played chess & Eucher. Intended to start for Kansas [City] but did not.
SantaFe Road
Fri 11
Cool & disagreeable all day—some rain. Started this morning for Kansas City with Jim Bothel—traveled all day—reached willow springs and camped there—slept in waggon.
Sat 12.
Clouds—rain & sun alternate. Traveled on all day,—camped at night on prairie two miles east of Olathe. 92

[Kansas City]

91. In a letter of June 8 to Geo. W. Brown, editor of the Herald of Freedom, P. C. Schuyler wrote that there was great excitement at Burlingame. One of the citizens had been attacked on the Santa Fe road east of town, the object of his assailant being murder and robbery, and a "People's Court" was examining the case. The prisoner, who had proved to be one of a gang which had been committing depredations for some time, had confessed, and a vigilance committee had been appointed to carry out the sentence of the court.—Herald of Freedom, June 12, 1858.
92. While Stewart was traveling on private business other citizens of Burlingame were concerned with public affairs. On the evening of June 12, "suspecting that a whisky shop had been opened in our midst ...", they held a public meeting which adopted a resolution serving notice that intoxicating liquors were not to be sold there without written order from a physician. P. C. Schuyler was chairman of the meeting and Ithiel Street was secretary. The committee to draw up the resolution consisted of S. A. Fairchild, Daniel Grawold and Hiram D. Preston.—Ibid., July 16, 1858. Preston was a delegate to the Wyandotte constitutional convention in 1859, where he introduced a resolution to include prohibition of liquor in the constitution.
SUN 13
Pleasant most the day—some rain. Reached Kansas City in the evening—camped on shore of Missouri river.

[SANTA FE ROAD]

MON 14.
Very warm & fine. Run round over the town buying pill boxes —violes—drugs &C. through the forenoon. Loaded up and left for the Territory about three oClock in afternoon—stopped short time in Westport. Camped about 2 miles West of Westport, on farm of Mrs Mcgee.

TUES 15
Good breeze in the morning—warm in the evening. Got good early start this morning—traveled on—made good days travel. Camped near the Mathers[?] house.

WED 16.
Very warm & sultry in forenoon—Good south breeze in the afternoon. Traveled on steadily—camped on prairie 7 mile West of Willow Springs.

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THURS 17.
Warm— but good breeze. Started early—got home about three OClock in the afternoon.

FRI 18
Heavy rain—mudy. Read all day, recieved Magazine from W D Clark.

SAT 19
Rainy & Mudy. Wrote letters one to O G Hazen—D G Uhl[?], Mary Jack & W D Clark.

SUN 20
Very warm with good south breeze. Took a walk with Mr Mcdonald to his farm—thence to John Denisons—and saw the old cabin in which William died, and where I shook nearly all to peices with the Ague.—thence went over to Wrights—and saw the house & claim I used to own—thence down town—got diner—read—slept—& loaefed in the afternoon.

MON 21
Very warm—but good south breeze. Read most the day—went up to Howards with Row Bothel—thence to Mcdonalds claim—got load of wood and home—got some Mulberries on the way,—attended young mens critic association in the 17—7079
evening at the School house— debated some on the question, resolved that all men are created free and equal— spoke on negative— got to bed about 11 o'Clock.

TUES 22.
Very warm & sultry. Read—wrote a letter to Sam Devlin.

WED 23.
Warm in forenoon—heavy rain in afternoon. Read—wrote a letter to John Wood.

TUES 24.
Warm through the day, heavy rain after night. Read,—wrote a letter to Bob Gibson. went to the woods with Dr. Sheldon and got good mess mulberries.

FRI 25.
Rainy in forenoon, cloudy but pleasant in afternoon, very muddy. Read—wrote a letter to J. N Emery, played chess some,— also some Eucher.

SAT 26.
Rainy some— very warm. Read—went over to Hoovers in the evening—back.

SUN 27.
Small shower—pleasant generally. Read some—attended Church.

MON 28.
Good South breeze. Read all day—attended Critic association in the evening.

TUES 29.
Very warm. Read all day, had singing Club at my house in the evening.

WED 30.
Very warm but good breeze. Read in forenoon—hoed potatoes on Mcdonalds farm in the afternoon, played Eucher in the evening.

JULY [1858]

THURS 1.
Warm—few drops of rain in the forenoon—very warm in afternoon. Read in the forenoon—hoed few potatoes in the afternoon, took first-rate batch in Mcdonalds run, played Eucher in the evening, played fiddle some. my thoughts have been wandering back to Newcastle very much today. wish I could only make it convenient to live there instead of this—(to me)
unattractive place. I hope time will make me feel more comfortable.

FRI 2
Read—Very warm—some breeze.

SAT 3
Very warm. Dressed up and took a ride down to Dr Kerrs where there was to be a picnic heard on the way that Naomi Drew had been drowned in Dragoon Creek. Mr Canniff & I were together—so we hastened on down to the place and found the party in much distress at the sad occurrence.—Naomi was indeed drowned. The party—after vainly trying to restore her—organized in procession and returned with the corps to town—left it at her fathers—and dispersed—much vexed and disappointed.—The remainder of the day I read some,—and thought much on the uncertainty of life—the transition of all things. Naomi you no longer need our sympathies—but we feel that we have sustained a very great loss in your misfortune. Torn from our midts—in the bloom of youth, when hopes are high—affections developing—and every virtue that adorns your sex presented in its most attractive form we feel your loss, and mourn your fate,—we pause and reflect in contemplating your unhappy end. farewell Dear friend.93

SUN 4
Very warm & Sultry. Went to Church in the forenoon—heard Rev Beach from Cincinnati preach. Attended the funeral of Naomi Drew in the afternoon—heard some good remarks from Rev [G. W. or John?] Paddock on the occasion—was one of the Pall-bearers. The scene today has awakened many strong sympathetic feelings in me—unpleasant reminiscences have crossed my mind, and a renewed sense of my lonely and unhappy circumstances has been forced upon me. After the funeral, we returned to our home to ponder over the unpleasant scenes of the day.

93. The death of Naomi Drew, aged 16, was reported as follows: "...The citizens of Burlington and Superior were assembling in a grove on the south side of Dragoon Creek, to hold a celebration. An ox team, containing most of the family of Mr. John Drew, was crossing the creek at the usual ford, when the oxen, without any apparent cause, suddenly turned and ran into deep water. The wagon-body immediately floated off and overturned, precipitating all in it into the water. Every possible assistance was promptly rendered by the numerous bystanders, and with some difficulty all were rescued, except Miss Drew. She sank immediately, and all efforts to find and rescue her seemed baffled as if by fatality. Her body was recovered at the end of perhaps fifteen minutes, but the most patient and persevering efforts failed to recall any signs of life. All further thought of a celebration was at an end, and the multitude assembled sadly followed the remains to the home of the bereaved family."—Herald of Freedom, July 24, 1858.
Monday 5
Very warm— South breeze. Read Anatomy all day attended critic association in the evening.

Tuesday 6
Warm and dry. Read, fiddled &C.

Wednesday 7
Warm— good breeze. Received 4 letters this morning— one from Coz Molly Thorn— and from Olive, was much pleased. read my letters, and several newspapers,— wrote two letters.

Thursday 8
Shower of rain this morning. Read— played Chess— checkers, &C.

[Lawrence]

Friday 9
Cloudy in forenoon— sunny & very hot in the afternoon. Got up very early.— washed— dressed— eat breakfast and started, on horseback, for Lawrence,— rode on at good speed as far as Bloomington— took dinner— then on to Lawrence, arrived there between three & four OClock. Went to the Republican office— made Contract for the printing of a lot of Circulars— Lables— bills— & blanks, for receipts. then to some of the stores, made some purchases— then started for home. Got out six miles, stopped at [William] Yates’ on the banks of the Wakarusa. stayed all night.

Saturday 10.
Cloudy but pleasant. Terrible storm Last night of wind & rain. Started on for home this morning, made good progress, reached one hundred & ten about one oClock,— met Dr Kerr & Hays there— stopped and waited an hour on them,— after which we all started for home— reached home about four OClock. rested & played seven-up ballance of the evening. feel very tired and sore this evening, but have some good prospects ahead think that my trip to Lawrence will result in profit to me after while.

Burlingame

Sunday 11
Scattered Clouds— warm. Read Anatomy for some time in the morning took a walk up to Mcdonalds farm— got some black berries— thence to Howards— found them away from home, then down to town, wrote a letter to Eb Sankey— read &C.
MON 12
Very heavy shower this morning early, also one about 10 OClock.— muddy. Made pills all day. attended critic association in the evening— was chose President, for the next term.

TUES 13.
Fine day, with good breeze. Made Pills all day.

WED 14.
High breeze from the south. Worked at preparing Ague medicine all day, played Eucher some, read Anatomy some.

THUR 15
Fine day,— good breeze. Read— wrote a letter— No 5 to O G Hazen. received bundle of public documents by santaee mail.

FRI 16
Fine— heavy rain at night. Read— & made three dozen bottles Ague medicine. received, by the Lawrence mail the printing I had bought a week ago.

SAT 17.
Heavy rain last night,— muddy to-day. The water tremendous high. Made medicine & put on Labels all day.

SUNDAY 18.
Beautiful— good breeze. Finished reading Anatomy & commenced Physiology,— Drapers. wrote some.

MON 19.
Fine breeze but warm. Mixed Ague medicine & read.

TUES 20.
Thermometer 102 no air, horrible. Read some— worked some at my Ague medicine— and Lay round in pain with sore mouth & jaw.

WED 21
Good breeze— heavy shower of rain in eve. Read all day.

THURS 22.
Streams very high— muddy. little rain in forenoon. Read some— attended political meeting in afternoon— heard two Mr. Thachers speak. received four letters— one from

94. John William Draper, M.D. (1811-1882), published many treatises on chemistry, physiology and mathematics. Stewart probably read his Human Physiology, Statical and Dynamical; or The Conditions and Course of the Life of Man (New York, 1855).

95. The two Thachers, both prominent Free-State men and residents of Lawrence, were distantly related. Timothy Dwight Thacher (1831-1894) came to Kansas in 1857 and became one of the editors and proprietors of the Lawrence Republican. He was a delegate to the Leavenworth constitutional convention in 1857-1858, a member of the state legislature and served three terms as state printer. Solon O. Thacher (1830-1895) came to Kansas in 1858, joined Timothy Dwight in editing the Republican and was a member of the Wyandotte constitutional convention in 1859. He was a successful lawyer and for several years a member of the state senate.
O G Hazen— A L Hazen— J H Bushnell & Mary E Jack, also bundle of papers, spent the evening reading my letters & papers.

Fri 23.
Fine day.—good breeze. Read some— wrote 5 letters.

Sat 24
Warm. raind hard Last night. Read faithfully all day.

Sun 25.
Good Cool breeze, rain in evening. Read all day.

Mon 26
Warm— Read— made some Ague medicine. got pretty well boozed on Lager, the saloon opened to-day.

Tues 27
Pleasant— rain in the evening. Read— played chess— & Eucher.

Wed 28
Rain this morning— also in the eve. Read some— wrote a letter to O G Hazen, recibed one from W D Clark. had sulky ride to day.

Thurs 29
Very warm & sultry. Fixed up and started in a sulky with Lot of Ague medicine to retail & sell, got along very well untill noon— reached Wachers— took diner— Left some medicine there & left for Kansas Center,96 passed through some fine Country,— stopped at several houses talked few minutes, passed on to Watterloo, stopped at Mickles & Slept in hay mow.97

Fri 30
Beautiful all day, but very warm. Got up bright & early & started towards Emporia— drove two miles & stopped at Duck Creek & took breakfast at Mr Phillips,98 then on — reached the Neosho settlement and commenced offering my medicine for sale traveled round from house to house all day.— found a great many sick. got upset & sulky broke crossing Dow Creek, followed Dow Creek up to near its head—

96. Kansas Center, in present northern Lyon county, was located at the junction of the Santa Fe road and 142 creek, probably at or near the site of present Allen.
97. Waterloo, present Lyon county, sometimes called Quincy, was situated in sec. 7, T. 17 S., R. 13 E., southeast of Kansas Center and about halfway between Burlington and Emporia. William H. Mickel, a trader, is listed in the 1856 census as a resident of Waterloo township, Lyon county.
then turned down and came on north side of creek two
miles. stayed all night.

**Neosho**

**Sat 31**
Warm with good breeze. Got up early & started on— made
two or three calls, stopted at side of house & eat breakfast on
bread & onion. Then on down Dow Creek to its Junction
with Neosh — then up Allen Creek. sold $5,00 worth of
medicine. stopped at a house & took diner, After which
Crossed Allen Creek & wandered up the Neosho,— Came to
Americus— stopted few minutes— then on out to Cros-
keys 99 introduced myself— talked few minutes— then on
to where I found an unoccupied cabin— went in— took pos-
sesion & slept in it all night.

**August [1858]**

**Sun 1**
Showery all day— very heavy rain in evening Left my
camping place early & drove on about three miles when it com-
menced raining— stopped at a cabin, stayed till the rain
stopted— got breakfast. then on, towards Duck Creek, made
several calls, Crossed rock Creek & went up the West side of
it.— stopted at the house of a Kentuckian & got diner of corn
soup. Left that and on to Santeafe road. Stopped at [Ingra-
ham] Baker & left some medicine there— then on west to
Council Grove, got very wet on the way— stopped at S[eth]
M Hays & stayed all night.

**[Cottonwood]**

**Mon 2**
Showery—sometimes very hot. Left the Grove & drove to
Diamond springs on Cotton wood.100 Left some medicine at Mr
Harris, took diner of buffalo toungue & crackers, drove on down
the Cotton wood, several mile— stopped all-night at a bachel-
ers cabin.

**Tues 3**
Fine— but rather too warm. On down the Cottonwood stop-
ing at houses. stopted few minutes at Toledo.101 took diner

99. Robert Croskey was a farmer living in Americus township, according to the 1860
census.
100. This was four miles north of present Diamond Springs, Morris county, which is
17 miles southwest of Council Grove. The branch of the Cottonwood referred to is now
called Diamond creek.
101. Toledo was in present northeastern Chase county, 11 miles east of Cottonwood
Falls.
with a man named Beaver. reached Empori[a] about sundown. stopped at the Emporia house. stayed all night.

**Wed 4**
Fine all day. Started for Burlingame, got to the Neosho—could not get across. Lay up all day waiting for it to fall. Slept on the ground at night & fought musquitoes.

**Thurs 5**
Fine all day. Crossed the river this morning, and home, arrived about 6 oClock.

**Fri 6**
Fine & warm, good breeze. Wrote a long account of my trip to O G Hazen, mended up my harness.

**SantaFEE roAD**

**Sat 7**
Warm but good south breeze. Started this morning for Kansas city— drove all day— got to black-jack— Camped there & fought Musquitoes all night.

**Sun 8.**
Very hot & sultry. Drove on— broke my sulky. Camped near the Baptist mission.

**Mon 9**
Hot—hot—hot.— all day. Drove on to Westport— stoped and got my sulky fixed— then on to Kansas city— bought bill of drugs, & turned back homwards— got out to Baptist mision— camped all night.

**TeUsDAY 10**
Very—very Hot, Started very early and drove to Bryants, Camped.

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**Wed 11**
Dry & hot— sultr[y]. Drove home this morning, about 10 oClock, recievned a letter from A L Hazen.

**Thurs 12.**
Warm & Sultry. Prepared medicine for starting out again. Slept in Bothels store room.102

**Fri 13**
Very warm & sultry. Prepared medicine some— wrote two letters— one to O G Hazen & one to Wm Stewart

— read some medicine, fidled over at Brattons in evening.

Sat 14
    Thunder— Lightning & little rain. Read some, was sick in forenoon.

Sun 15.
    Good breeze— pleasant. Wrote— read & slept.

Mon 16
    Very warm. Sick Last night & this fornoon, Loafed & read in afternoon.

Tusday 17
    Very warm & sultry. Prepared for starting away, read some.

Wed 18
    Very warm & sultry. Read— wrote a letter to O G Hazen — received two— one from O G Hazen & one from J. H. Bushnell.  

[Neosho]

Thurs 19
    Pleasant in the morning— very warm through the day. Left home this morning for the Neosho— stopped at Mickles for diner— then on,— reached Emporia about 6 oClock. Stopped short time— then on to Cottonwood— crossed & stopped all night at an unoccupied house,— musquitoes very bad.

Fri 20
    Very fine— good breeze all day. Recrossed the Cotton-wood and went to junction of Neosho— crossed and followed down the Neosho on north side. took diner with a settler. made number calls— stopped at an unoccupied house, wrote some to O G. H[azen] Slept there all night.

Sat 21
    Very fine day. Started out early this morning, traveled steady all day, made several calls. passed through Ottumwa— Forest Hill— & Florence.103 Stopped at the house of a man named [Henry] Fry— stayed all night.

Sunday 22
    Rainy all day. Stayed at Frys all day— read & wrote.

103. Forest Hill and Florence were in present Lyon county, seven and 10 miles respectively southeast of Emporia. Forest Hill was at the junction of the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers. Florence is present Neosho Rapids. Ottumwa is in Coffey county about six miles northwest of Burlington.
MON 23
More or less rain. Left about 10 oClock for Burlington, reached it about twelve— attended to my bussiness and turned back toward the cotton-wood. traveled all afternoon in the rain. Stoped at a house in the evening and stayed all night; set up through the night and gave medicine to a sick man; wrote some— read some
“Honi soit qui mal pense.”

TEUS 24
Clouds & sun alternate. Drove on through Emporia, crossed the Neosho at Florence and came up the South side. Stopped at Mr. Eckenberry's over night.

WED 25
Pleasant through the day, shower of rain & some hail in the evening. Passed through Plymouth— Toledo— and Diamond springs— camped on prairie.

THURS 26
Fine through the day— heavy wind storm and shower of rain in evening. Traveled on— passed Council Grove— stopped and took diner at Ingraham Bakers on Rock Creek— then on to Worthington [Withington] up [1]42 creek— stayed there all night.

[BURLINGAME]

FRI 27
Cool north wind. Drove on home this morning, recieve three letters & some papers, wrote to O G H[azen] history of my trip.

SAT 28
Cool all day. Wrote— read— loafed round &C.

SUN 29
Fine all day. Rode up to Dr. [Samuel] Shunks in the morning— talked a while with the Dr.— back home— read &C. balance of the day.

104. Honi soit qui mal y pense, "Evil be to him who thinks evil," the motto of the Order of the Garter, oldest and most illustrious of the British orders of knighthood.
106. Charles H. Withington was the oldest settler in Lyon county. He established himself at present Allen, on the Santa Fe road and 142 creek, in June, 1854, having first come to Kansas in 1846, and his store was the headquarters for all immigrants in that part of the Neosho valley.—Ibid.
MON 30
Cool breeze. Mixed medicine—made pills—read in Bedforfd's disease of weoman & children. 107

[LECOMPTON]

THUS 31
A little rain but generally pleasant through the day. Started this morning for Lecompton to attend Law suit. traveled all day—arrived at dark. Stopped at National hotel.

SEPTEMBER [1858]

WED 1
Fine and warm. Attended the Law suit between Mr Canniff & Old Polly. Left National Hotel this morning and put up at American house. Had good deal Lager to-day.

THUR 2
Cloudy & Cool. Lay round all day, attending trial.

FRI 3
Cool morning—warm afternoon. Read—Loafed &C all day.

SAT 4
Cool morning—warm day. Read & attended Law suit.

SUN 5
High wind. Read CYClopedia of practical medicin. 108

MON 6
High wind & dusty. Read principal part of the day. Had good mess of green apples & peaches to-day.—had thoughts of going to the gold mines, 109 played Whist in the evening.

THUS 7
Windy in forenoon, rainy in the afternoon and night. Left Lecompton about noon for home. traveled on in the rain untill dark—stopped at a white house on the Prairie—but could not get Lodging—part of our party stopped in the wagon, I and two others went into the house and lay down on the floor and put over the night uncomfortably.


109. Hundreds of persons from Kansas and other states and territories were drawn to Pike's Peak and the Rocky Mountains by the "gold rush." It had developed to such proportions in 1858 that G. W. Brown, editor of the Herald of Freedom, commented on October 9: "Almost every border paper we take up, notices the departure of large companies for Pike's Peak in search of gold..." He later remarked that "not less than 1,000 persons will winter in the vicinity of Pike's Peak in the coming winter, and it is possible the number will equal 1,000 or 2,000..." The Herald of Freedom later had its own "Special Correspondent From the Gold Mines," and its columns were filled with news from the gold fields during the early months of 1859.—Herald of Freedom, Lawrence, October 9, 23, 29, 1859; January 22 et passim, 1859.
BURLINGAME

Wed 8
Cloudy & Cool all day. Started off this morning, very early, drove to Dr Woods— stopped and took breakfast— then on— reached home about noon, Read— slept — eat melon &C. bal lance of the day.

Thurs 9
Fine day.— cool morning & even. Read— Loafed &C.

Fri 10
Pleasant— Went up in the morning to Mcdonalds Claim with Row Bothel. dug some potatoes— got load of wood— returned— me[nde]d Dr Sheldons harness. Read— wrote a letter— No 13 to O. G. Hazen—

Sat 11
Fine with good breeze. Read Meigs\textsuperscript{110} all day.

Sun 12
Fine all day. Read and wrote letter to O. G. Hazen.

Mon 13
Fine & pleasant. Read Meigs all day played Eucher in the evening.

Tues 14
Pleasant through the day— heavy rain & hail storm in evening. Read all day.

Wed 15
Very fine day, muddy in morning. Read through the day— drove out to Bryants in the Sulky in the evening and got some melons.

Thurs 16

Fri 17
Fine & warm & dry. Read all day— played whist in evening.

Sat 18
Very warm but good south breeze. Read in forenoon— attended trial at Squire Lords in afternoon between Bothels & Polly. attended meeting at school house in evening to nominate Delegates to county convention— was nominated as one myself.

\textsuperscript{110} Charles D. Meigs, M. D. (1792-1869), was the author of \textit{Obstetrics: the Science and the Art} (first published in 1849), and other medical works.
Sun 19
Very fine. Read—went to the woods in the evening and got Lot of Paw paws.

Mon 20
Fine all day. Read Bedford all day.

Tues 21
Fine all day. Read all day.

Brownville

Wed 22
Beautiful all day. Dressed up this morning in my Sunday goods & started in the Sulkey for Brownsville, had fine ride. Reached it before noon, was Delegate to Convention. The Convention was Called to order before dinner, Committee on Credentials was appointed, I was Chairman, we met, received Credentials & adjourned for dinner reassembled in afternoon, wrangled and quarreled all afternoon, did not get through till midnight, started home and after a fine moon light ride of two hours arrived at home went to bed. Saw Mattie Boyce at Brownville sparked her some.

Burlingame

Thurs 23
Very fine all day. Read Bedford all day.

Fri 24
Fine. Read Bedford—wrote a letter to O G Hazen No 14. Also one to —— Sankey.

Sat 25
Fine—Read in forenoon—attended Caucus meeting at school house in the evening—had good time—thence over to Polly's—called him out of bed & groaned for him, then to Beer Saloon—got on bender—serenaded—yelled—fiddled—& played Eucher till two[?] oClock, hell of a time.

Sun 26
Stiff south breeze. Attended Church—wrote a letter to O G Hazen.

Mon 27
Fine day—Read Druit on Surgery. \[111\]

Tues 28
Warm—good south breeze. Read Druit—wrote some.

\[111\]. *The Principles and Practice of Modern Surgery*, by Robert Druitt (1814-1883), was first published in Philadelphia in 1842.
Wed 29
Fine & warm— good breeze. Read— took walk up to McDonalds back— received 2 letters in evening, one from O G Hazen & one A L H[azen].

Thur 30

October [1858]

Fri 1

Sat 2
Very warm and high wind. Read all day.

Sun 3
High wind all day— but warm Read nearly all day.

[LECOMPTON]

Mon 4
Cloudy in forenoon— clear in afternoon— This is election day— Voted for G[orge] W Holmens for Representative & Started for Lecompton to attend Law suit— traveled all day and arrived at Lecompton after dark— Stopped at Am[erican] hotel— Dr Brooke.\textsuperscript{112}

Tues 5
Windy but fine, Lay round all day reading.

Wed 6
Very windy. Lay round reading Loafing &C.

Thurs 7
A little frost on the bottoms this morn— first this fall. Loafed round— was witness before Grand Jury. Ball at Dr. Brooks this evening.

Fri 8.
Pleasant & warm. Left for home to-day without our trial having come on, arrived at home about 8 oClock at night. got letter from O G Hazen. took supper at Brattons.

BURLINGAME

Sat 9
Pleasant but windy. Mixed up medicine & made pills—

\textsuperscript{112} B. C. Brooke was proprietor of the American Hotel at Lecompton.
Sun 10
Cold & rainy. Wrote a letter— No 17 to O G Hazen. Read some.

Mon 11
Cloudy in forenoon. clear and pleasant in afternoon. Made pills and prepared for a trip down Neosho.

[COTTONWOOD]

Teus 12
Cold in forenoon— warm in afternoon Started this morning for a trip down Cotton-wood & Neosho— Stopped in the evening and Stayed all night at Withingtons on 142 creek—santafee road.

Wed 13
Cold in morning—warm in afternoon. Traveled all day and reached Middle Creek after dark and Stopped over night with Mr Boggs—an old Bachelor.

Thur 14
Clear with Strong breeze. Left Boggs & drove back as far as Harris’— stopped short time— then on down the Cotton-wood, Stopped at Toledo two or three hours— then down to Mr Eckinberries, stoped there short time, on— tried to get stopping over night at several places but failed to do so untill 10 oClock at night— then stopped at a mans house by the name of McFadden— stayed all night.

Neosho

Fri 15
Started on early— reached and stopped few minutes at Emporia. Then on to Forrest hill,— thence to Florence— thence to Ottumwa— Stopped few minutes— thence to Mr Frys. Stopped all night.

Sat 16
Very windy. Went to Burlingtong— then turned back and traveled hard all day— reached Forrest-hill Stopped at hotel all night.

Sun 17
Very Windy. Started for home this morn— Stopped for diner at Mickles of Waterloo— thence to Kansas Center— thence home, arrived about five oClock in evening.
MON 18
Pleasant to-day, but muddy. Tremendous heavy rain Last night. Worked at School house. Played Eucher in the evening.

TUES 19
Pleasant all day. Worked all day for Row & Jim Bothel.

WED 20
Very fine day. Worked in forenoon for Bothels. Recieved three letters—one from Molly Jack— & two from O G Hazen. wrote one— No 18 to Hazen.

THURS 21
Fine day. Worked for the Bothels. Read in the evening. fried some and had few glasses Lager beer.

FRI 22
Fine day. Worked some at School house in forenoon. Read & slept in afternoon.

SAT 23
Cloudy and a little rain. Read—settled with [Thomas] Playford—went up to Dr Shunks and settled with him—back home.

SUN 24
Very heavy rain Last night, rained all day to-day. Read—wrote &C.

MON 25
Cloudy and misty. Started this morning for Lecompton traveled till noon— took dinner at Dr Woods—then on till dark— stopped and stayed over night at Judge Roberts.

LECOMPTON

TUES 26
Rainy and muddy. Arrived at Lecompton this morning about 11 oClock stopped at American hotel, stayed there all day and all night. read Anatomy some.

WED 27
Mudy and rain. Started for home about one oClock—waded through water and mud until dark—arrived at Judge Roberts’ stayed there all night.

THURS 28
Cloudy but no rain. Started on homewards, reached the Wakarusa about 2 oClock had to camp and Lay there till the river fell sufficient to let us ford it.
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BURLINGAME

FRI 29
Still Cloudy. Crossed the Wakarusa this morn took breakfast at Dr Woods. then on home—arrived about 11 oClock. wrote a Letter—No 19 to O G Hazen. recieved one from same.

SAT 30
Very fine day. Cut wood in forenoon, read & loafed in afternoon.

SUN 31
Rained hard Last night Rainy all day—very high water higher than ever known here. Read medicine up in Dr Sheldons new office.

November [1858]

MON 1
Cloudy and rany—mudy. Read Neil & Smith.113

TUES 2
Cold & Cloudy. Read all day.

WED 3
Damp & cold. Read Neil & Smith.

THURS 4
Cold north wind. Read all day.

FRI 5
Cold and raw. Read all day.

SAT 6
Rather pleasant. Read all day.

SUN 7
Cold and snow storm—first snow this fall, Read all day.

MON 8
Cold & raw. Read through the day, attended Lyceum at night.

TUES 9
Cold and raw. Read—call at Denisons in the evening and had some fun fighting cats.

WED 10
Cold and raw. Read some—wrote some.

THUR 11
Cold and disagreeable. Wrote some on debate, fidled—read

113. Drs. John Neill (1819–1889) and Francis Gurney Smith (1818–1878) collaborated in writing a series of handbooks on chemistry, materia medica and therapeutics, anatomy, surgery, obstetrics, physiology, and the practice of medicine.

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Fri 12
Cold north wind, heave [heavy] snow storm. read some — loafed by fire.

Sat 13
Clear in forenoon— cold in afternoon. Read all day.—Anatomy.

Sun 14
Rather raw. Read all day—Anatomy.

Mon 15
Cold—hard frost last night. Read as usual.

Tues 16
Clear and sunny but cool. Read as usual.

Wed 17
Real cold, but sunny. Read as usual.

Thurs 18
The coldest day since last winter. Wrote a letter—No 20 to O. G. Hazen. Read &C.

Fri 19
Some sun but still cool. Read and wrote.

Sat 20
Rather pleasant, snowing. Went out hunting in forenoon, wrote letter in afternoon. Read some.

Sun 21
Three inches snow on the ground. Soft and thawing some. Wrote letter for Miss Bell Crawford. Read in afternoon.

Mon 22
Soft—snow still on ground. Read Drapers Physiology. attended Lyceum in evening.

Tues 23
Cold—snow on the ground. Wrote some—read Physiology.

Wed 24

Thurs 25
Variable—still cool, but changing Read Physiology.

Fri 26
Little rain—south wind. Worked at laying down floor in my house—sold to Mcdonald some time ago.

Sat 27
More moderate. Read Draper’s Physiology.
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**SUN 28**
Rather cold and raw. Went up to Wilmington with three others in a wagon, stopped at Havana and got some brandy—got pretty well set-up. Got the mail for Burlingame at Wilmington, came home in the evening.

**MON 29**
Little snow—clear in afternoon. Sick in bed all day, attended Lyceum at night.

**TUES 30**
Sunny & pleasant. helped Row Bothel haul wood in fore part the day. wrote & read in afternoon & evening.

**DECEMBER [1858]**

**WED 1st**
Little rain—windy. Finished reading Physiology and Commenced Materia Medica.

**THURS 2**
Strong north wind—growing cold. Read as usual, all day.

**FRI 3**
Two or three inches snow on the ground. The coldest day this fall. Read Materia Medica.

**SAT 4**
Very Cold & windy. Snowed some this afternoon. Read all day.

**SUN 5**
Sunny—4 inches snow on ground. Read all day.

**MON 6**
Cloudy—moderating some. Read—wrote some.

**TUES 7**
Very Cold & frosty. Read all day.

**WED 8**
Murchy 13° below zero. Read—recieved a letter from O. G. Hazen—answered it—No 22.

**THUR 9**
Sunny but still cool. Read all day—

**FRI 10**
Sunny—pleasant—south breeze. Took sleigh ride with Dr Sheldon this morning down to Superior, and back—Read—had venison for dinner. Wrote some.

114. Wilmington was in the southeast corner of present Wabaunsee county. Havana was on the Santa Fe trail, about half way between Burlingame and Wilmington.
Sat 11
Sunny— thawing. Read all day.

Sun 12
Rainy this morning,—mudy. Read &C all day.

Mon 13
Cold in morning— more moderate in the afternoon. Went up to Cemetery with Rowe Bothel to dig grave for [A.] fetherlys child— did so— returned— read.

Tues 14
Moderate. Read all day— Bedford.

Wed 15
Very fine day— soft. Read faithfully all day.

Thurs 16
Very warm & fine. Read Bedford all day— had meeting at night in school house to organize night school.

Fri 17
Pleasant—. soft. Read— finished Bedford.

Sat 18
Pleasant— Read all day.

Sun 19
Cloudy. threatening change of weather. Read some. wrote some, made few calls.

[LECOMPTON]

Mon 20
Cloudy— damp. Got up this morning at three oClock, eat breakfast at Brattons. Started with Schuyler & Canniff to go to Lecompton as witness on Law suit. traveled all day in mud, arrived at destination after dark. Stoped at Dr. Brook's Am[eric]an hotel.

Tues 21.
Threatened rain thawing. Lay around all day reading papers, Love yarns &C.

Wed 22
Pleasant, muddy. The trial was commenced to-day. I attended it— was held in the Receivers office.

Thurs 23
Fine day. Loafed around— reading— list[en]ing to trial &C. all day.

Fri 24
Fine. Attended trial.
SAT 25
Christmas. Fine day. Read all day.

SUN 26
Threatened rain. didn't do it tho. Read, maid of Monterey.

MON 27
Damp. Was examined as witness this forenoon, the trial was ended to-day.

TUES 28
Cloudy—and damp Started for home early—had a hard trip. did not get home—stoped at some stranger's house on Wakarusa.

BURLINGAME

WED 29
Foggy in morning. Clear and pleasant through the day. Started on home—arrived about 9 oClock. Read—fiddled, wrote a letter to O G Hazen No 23 received one from same.

THURS 30
Pleasant—street dry. Read—fiddled &C.

FRI 31
Fine—very fine all day. Read some—wrote some—raffled some—fiddled some, slept some, attended Bachelors' festival at night, had good time, danced nearly all night.

NEW YEARS DAY [1859]

SAT 1.
Beautiful all day. Read principal part of the day.

SUN 2
A most beautiful day. Read all day.

MON 3
A most beautiful day. Read Meigs all day—attended Lyceum at night.

TUES 4
Beautiful—south breeze. Helped haul wood for our family in forenoon, attended Taffy party at Geo Hoovers in the evening. had good time.

WED 5
Pleasant through the day—North wind in evening. Read—wrote a letter to O. G. Haz[en]

THURS 6
Very cold—blustery &c and some snow. Read some—Lay round the fire.
Fri 7
Cold all day. Read— Meigs obstetrics.

Sat 8
More moderate. Went out to Mcdonalds claim and helped survey a line from one corner to another of same. Stopped few minutes at Howards. Read in afternoon.

Sun 9
Very pleasant, snow melting. Read— wrote some.

Mon 10
Fine day. Bought some lumber this morning and prepared to fix my house, read some in Druit— attended Lyceum.

Tues 11
Pleasant but threatening rain. Worked some at house— read some.

Wed 12
Stiff south breeze. Worked at house through the day— Wrote a letter No 25 to O G Hazen.

Thurs 13
Little rain— south wind. Worked at house— received letter from Wm Scott.

Fri 14
Cold north wind— little snow— some drops of rain. Read Druit on Surgery.

Sat 15
Cool in morning— more pleasant through the day— cool in evening. Worked at house, read Druit in the evening.

Sun 16
Beautiful. Read— wrote &C. all day.

Mon 17
Beautiful. Worked at my house, read some.

Tues 18
Beautiful. Loafed round doing nothing most the day, attended party at night at Dr Sheldons, had pleasant time.

Wed 19
High south wind— but clear Read— wrote some— Took a ride down to Superior— visited the school.

Thurs 20
Strong south breeze. Read all day.

Fri 21
Somewhat cold but pleasant Read— wrote some— attended a dance at Smiths in the evening.
SAT 22
Cold as blazes. Read all day—had a little dance at Brattons in the evening.

SUN 23
More pleasant. Read nearly all day—wrote some.

MON 24
Fine day. Sick in bed in foorennoon. Read in afternoon—attended Lyceum at night.

TUES 25
A most lovely day. Read as usual—Druit.

WED 26
Cloudy—hard rain in the night. Helped to haul wood in forenoon—Read—wrote letter in afternoon.

THUR 27
Mudy—clearing off. Read all day—attended party at [J. L.] Dodges in evening.

FRI 28
Cold and windy. Read Thayer on Infidelity.115

SAT 29
Pleasant. Cut fi[rew]ood for [W. P.?] Deming in forenoon—Read in afternoon. attended a very interesting meeting, of the Temperance League in evening.

SUN 30
Rather cold. Read Druit—finished it.

MON 31
Strong south wind. Worked all day, siding up my house. attended Lyceum in the evening—had good meeting.

FEBR[UA]RY [1859]

TUES 1
Beautiful all day. Finished house today. Read some, in “Pro & Con,” or Universalism confirmed.

WED 2
Very Cold and windy. Read all day Pro & con of universalism.

THURS 3
Pleasant all day, cold at night. Read—wrote received two letters—on[e] from O G Hazen one from M E Jack., sent one to O G Hazen.

115. Thomas Baldwin Thayer (1813-1886) was a Universalist minister. His Christianity vs. Infidelity was first published at Boston in 1838.
Fri 4
   Cold & Windy. Read Chemistry—Drapers.
Sat 5
   Cold & Windy. Read—wrote some.
Sun 6
   Cold & Windy. Read Drapers Chemistry.
Mon 7
   Rather cold, pleasant in eve. Read Chemistry, attended Lyceum in the evening, was made President.
Tues 8
   Cold raw wind. Read all day.
Wed 9
   Little more moderate. Read—wrote two letters,—one to O. G Hazen No. 27[?] & one to C F McKillip. received one from McKillip. not well to-day.
Thurs 10
   Raw & Cold. Read & wrote.
Fri 11
   Very cold—windy & snow. Sat by fire & read all day.
Sat 12
   Sunny & pleasant but rather cool. Helped haul wood in forenoon, Read in evening.
Sun 13
   Pleasant—stiff breeze. Read Woods Practice of Medicine. 116
Mon 14
   Very fine all day. Worked at piling up some Lumber in forenoon—Read in afternoon.
Tues 15
   Beautiful day. Started off this morning on horse back for the Neosho Country, Reached Waterloo at noon—took dinner at Mickles—then on to Forest hill—attended to some business there—then on down the Neosho to Florence—crossed the River and stopped at a farmers house all night.
Wed 16
   Beautiful—Cloudy & little rain in the evening & after dark. Started on early this morning—reached Ottumwa about ten oClock,—remained there untill twelve—then turned towards home—traveled eight miles—stopped at a house and got dinner & horse fed—then on across the Sac & fox re-

116. George Bacon Wood, M.D. (1797-1879), was the author of A Treatise on the Practice of Medicine, first published in 1847.
serve—traveled on until dark, got lost—wandered round an hour or two—got on the road again—reached home about 8 O'Clock at night—having rode about fifty miles, got my Supper & went to bed.

Thurs 17
Beautiful all day. Wrote four letters— one to Uncle Stewart — [one to] O G Hazen No [28?] [one to] Lizzy Harsh— [one to] Molly Jack.

Fri 18
Cloudy in forenoon but fine in after—Read some—attended Law suit between Dr Shunk & Henry Smith—Shaved my whiskers off—Attended large party at Henry Smiths at night—danced "heap"—had good time—got home about one O'Clock.

Sat 19
Cloudy & windy. Feel rather slim to-day—Read some—wrote some—slept some.

Sun 20
Beautiful day Read Woods Practice. Attended Church in the evening.

Mon 21
Fine day. Read through the day. attended Church in the evening.

Tues 22
Fine also. Read & Loafed round some.

Wed 23
Fine— but strong south wind. Sold some lumber & got some filthy lucre—Read medicine

Thurs 24
Rainy slowly all day. Read all day—played Eucher in even.

Fri 25
Clear with high wind, not bad. Read—wrote some.

Sat 26
Very fine day. Read in forenoon—went after a load of wood in afternoon. attended a lecture on Astronomy in evening—took Carrie Paddock to & home again——

Sun 27
Fine day—little cool in evening. Read—wrote some.

Mon 28
Clear with high east wind. Attended to having my house painted to-day.
TEUS 1
Warm with high south wind— rained in the night. Read &c through the day.

WED 2
Mudy— some little rain. Read & loafed— have notion of going to Pikes Peak this spring, think I must do so.117

THURS 3
Read some— went up to Lucian Fishs to look at pair of steers— with a view of buying them for the Gold mines, Back home— played Eucher in evening.

FRI 4
Beautiful day. Had my house painted— second coat — Read in evening.

SAT 5
Pleasant through the day— heavy rain at night. Read through the day— called to see Carrie Paddock at night.

SUN 6
Rainy nearly all day. In bed most the day—

MON 7
Cloudy & muddy. Read medicine— Played Eucher at night.

TEUS 8
Mudy but clear— Read all day— played Eucher in even

WED 9
Very fine— & drying. Read all day.

THURS 10
Warm with high south wind. Read some— Loafed round some, wrote some— fiddled some & thought good deal about Pikes Peak.

FRI 11
Beautiful— some wind. Loafed round good deal— strong notion of going to the Gold mines this spring. read some — attended public meeting at night, to hear report of delegates to Topeka— had heaps of fun & excitement. “Spotted” [Dr.] S A Fairchild & A Polly.

SAT 12
Beautiful all day. Worked a little in morning at bridge on Topeka street. Loafed round some— read some— attended meeting of temperance League in the evening, had good entertainment.

117. See Footnote 109.
Sun 13
Clear & sunny with strong south wind. Read—wrote some—had good deal of thinking about the Gold mines—took a walk in the afternoon up to Wrights—back home—read.

Mon 14
Tremendous wind from N. W. Calmed down in evening, beautiful at night. Read all day. At night, attended meeting of Lyceum & heard lecture on “Japan” by Rev. Cordly.\(^{118}\)

Tues 15
Calm—Clear—& pleasant. Read—& Loafed round—

Wed 16
Very pleasant, some south wind. Read some—attended Post-office, bought a Yoke of Cattle & waggon preparatory to going to Pikes-Peak.

Thurs 17
Cold north wind—little rain. Read all day.

Fri 18
Strong breeze—but clear & sunny. Cut wood in forenoon—Read in afternoon.

Sat 19
Very fine—south breeze. Read some—wrote some—Loafed round good deal.

Sun 20
Clear & sunny—high wind in the evening. Read all day—

Mon 21
Beautiful all day. Read—Loafed—fiddled &C. took “Crazy Kate over to Rice’[s] in the eve.

Tues 22
Beautiful all day, flowers begin to dot the prairies. Read—fiddled—Loafed—drank Lager—played Eucher &C all day. received a letter after night from Cousin Mollie Gailie.

Wed 23
Beautiful all day. Read—Went down to Superior in the evening to church—home about ten oClock.

Thurs 24
Very fine—some south wind. Read some—Loafed some, dressed up and went to Jim Bush’s in the evening and saw Jim Bothel & Julia Putnam get Married—took tea there. Called

\(^{118}\) Dr. Richard Cordley (1829-1904), pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence, 1857-1875 and 1884-1904.
to see the Deming family after night. Wrote letter in forenoon to Cousin Mollie Galie—bought medicine & Chest from S A Fairchild.—The boys gave Jim & Julia a great surnading—Several adventure[r]s to the gold mines passed through town today. The Deer tongues are dotting the Prairies already.

**Fri 25**
Very fine.—Calm. Read—Loafed round—&C.

**Sat 26**
Very fine—calm—warm. Read—Loafed &C. Wrote some—slept.

**Sun 27**
Rather cloudy—pleasant. Read—took a walk in the evening over to Rice’s with [F. W.?] Mitchel[1], had good time with Kate & Agnes [Barcomb?], swinging &C—came back home after dark, stope[d] at school house—and stayed for prayer meeting—then down to the Saloon—had a “fast” time for an hour or two.

**Mon 28**
Cold & snowey—very windy—quite a skiff of snow. Read most the day—had a Lager Beer party at Denisons after night—got home about midnight.

**Tues 29**
Clear but rather cool. Read some—sold my watch to Judge Schulyer.

**Wed 30**
Pleasant—sunny. Read—wrote—played Eucher, fiddled &C.

**Thurs 31**
Clear & pleasant. Read some—Loafed round good deal, made arrangements with Mr Wright to go to pikes peak together. determined to go. “Heap” people passing to day on their way to the Gold mines.

**April [1859]**

**Fri 1**
Pleasant—rain after night Read—finished reading Woods Practice of Medicine. Loafed round—played Eucher &C.

**Sat 2**
Little muddy—pleasant. Read some—Loafed &C.

**Sun 3**
Rather cold & cheerless. Wrote—mended Clothes—Read &C.
MON 4
Clear & pleasant— cool in evening. Loafed round in idleness all day, attended lecture of Mr Shurtleff at School house in the evening.

TUES 5
Cool wind. Loafed round all day, doing nothing. Read Pope in the evening.

WED 6
Very fine & warm with good breeze. Took walk up to Wm Curtiss', to buy some meat— did not get any— returned— stopped at Adaholts [F. W. Adenholt or W. F. Adenhold] — then on to [Moran] Beaches, stoped & took diner, sat & talked awhile, then on home— Loafed round ballance the day.

THURS 7.
Very fine, with high wind. Received letter from Uncle Stewart, traded my fine coat to Fred Schuyler— Loafed— played Eucher &C.

FRI 8
Warm & pleasant, cool in evening. Got possession of my team today. Read some, loafed &C.

SAT 9
Very warm, good breeze. Hauled load of wood, drank heap of Lager beer.

SUN 10
Warm, fine shower of rain. Read most the day, wrote some.

MON 11
Beautiful growing day. Worked a while mixing medicines in morning— Loafed, read— called on some Ladies &C in afternoon— attended Church at night.

TUES 12
Beautiful all day. Made pills nearly all day, attended Church in the evening.

WED 13
Cold & stormy, just the other extreme of what yesterday was, little snow fell. Read good deal, mixed up some medicine, received a letter from O G Hazen, answered it at night, made up the mail, for J. Bothel.

THURS 14
Clear but cold— Read some— Loafed round— attended store for Bothels— Called to see Miss Julia Rogers & Mattie
Boyce, talked Long time with them. Got out my old diary & read long time at it.— attended Church at school house at night.

FRI 15
Cool & raw, hard frost at night. Loafed good deal, got tight, like a fool. Called to see Johny Denison at night. Received a letter from Mary E. Jack.

SAT 16
Still cool & frosty. Read some— Loafed round some. The Boys had a revival at night

SUN 17
More pleasant— but still cool. Read— slept &C attended church at night.

MON 18
Most beautiful day. Loafed— read— played Eucher, drank Lager &C was at Church in evening. Had some good music to-day by a brass band on the way to Pikes Peak— Judge Schuylers family arrived to-day.

TUES 19
Beautiful all day. Read Meigs—Obstetrics. Loafed &C.

WED 20
Beautiful— threatening rain. Loafed— played Eucher &C all day.

THURS 21
Rained last night— Cold, & blustery this morning, heavy shower or Snow, cold all day. Sat by the fire reading all day.

FRI 22
Clear & pleasant but a little cool. Read most the day.

SAT 23
Very fine all day. Read some— helped Bothels shell some corn. attended meeting of Citizens to consult about the Liquor Traffic, was Chosen Chairman of same.

SUN 24
Beautiful all day. Read most all day— took a walk over to Dr Kerrs in evening— got into a job of hunting up a team to take Mrs Kerr down to Cedar Creek, run round and succeeded after a number of trials. Wrote some after night— also read in Obstetrics. took a walk over to Kerrs, home again & to bed.
Mon 25
Very fine all day. Read principally all day. Streames of people rolling through to the Pikes Peak Gold mines.

Tues 26
Very high wind— but warm. Read— Loafed round— had call from Ike Reno— Glad to see him— talked long time with him.

Wed 27
Fine all day. Read some— Loafed round some

Thurs 28
Pleasant through the day, rainy after night. Worked at making a waggon sheet.

Fri 29
Fine all day. Worked at my Waggon, fixing up &C.

Sat 30
Fine, very fine, grass growing. Worked at wagon, tended store some for Bothel.

May [1859]

Sun 1
Rainy in forenoon. Clear & fine in afternoon. Read some— Slept some, wrote some, no profits to-day.

Mon 2
Very wet— Large hailstone. Made some prepereation for starting to Missouri river with team, bought pair of boots & some other things, attended Lyceum at night.

Tues 3
Very fine and warm. Worked all day, hauling wood and getting ready to start to Kansas [City].

Wed 4
Very fine all day. Started for Kansas [City] in company of Geo. Rogers & By Fairchild, traveled on and camped over night at Rock creek.

Santa Fee Road

Thurs 5
Very fine day. Traveled on— had good time. reached Black Jack, camped there.

Fri 6.
Pleasant— little rain in even. Traveled on all day, camped on the east side Cedar Creek.
Sat 7
Some rain, but still pleasant. Pushed on & reached Kansas City about 4 oClock in evening, hastened and got Loaded up & out as far as M'Gees addition camped there— Left Fairchild.

Sun 8
Exceedingly warm, today Traveled about 16 miles to-day. Camped near Indian Creek.

Mon 9
Still very warm. Moved on, got as far as mail station east of Bull creek, sick to-day.

Tues 10
Not so warm to-day. Sick all day, moved on and reached [illegible] camped.

Wed 11
Little rain, not unpleasant. Reached Rock Creek, Camped, took supper at Walters'

[Burlingame]

Thur 12
Cool & damp. Got home about five oClock, unloaded, worked around a little, slept with Uncle Joe Mc[onald].

Fri 13
Very wet & muddy. Made a good deal of preperation for Pikes Peak.

Sat 14
Still wet & muddy. Worked at fixing up wagon cover &C for trip to the Peak. Settled up with Mcdonald & Thomas.

Sun 15
Fine day this. Painted waggon cover,— made Lot of cartridges for Sharps rifle— wrote a letter to O G Hazen, also some in diary.

Mon 16
Rainy— heavy storm, high water. Loafed round doing Choirs, in getting ready for Pikes Peak.

Tues 17
Beautiful all day but muddy. Packed up for traveling, &C.

Wed 18
Fine & warm. Loafed round writing reading &C.

Thurs 19
Pleasant— Loaded up my waggon in company with Wright to go to Pikes Peak, slept in waggon—
FRI 20
Fine day. Got every thing in readiness for the trip to the mines.

[SANTA FE ROAD]

SAT 21
Shower in morning fine through bal lance of day. Rolled out this morning for the Gold mines. made about fifteen miles— have heavy Load— took dinner at Wilmington — stopen over night at Washers[?]

SUN 22
Very fine all day. roads drying off very fast. Moved on Leasurely all day, got set in mud twice— had to unload once— traveled about fifteen miles— Camped on prairie on west side of Bluff Creek.\(^{119}\)

MON 23
Very high wind to-day. Got on as far as Council Grove — Came up with a Large company of Missourians on the way to Pikes Peak— joined there company and traveled with them till night— camped all together on west side of Neosho.

TUES 24
Rather warm— Started out with the rest— rolled on all day— camped one mile & half west of Diamond springs.

WED 25
Rainy— roads bad. One of our waggons turned back this morning— bad news from the mines— spirits Low— traveled hard all day through mud and rain— camped on prairie east of Cotton wood.

THUR 26
Cold north wind all day & very dark and gloomy in forenoon. Pressed on this morning through mud & cold— reached Cotton wood about noon, stopen there and Lay in camp ballance of the day.

FRI 27
Beautiful all day. Started on this morning. Leaving most of our company in camp— soon met a very Large train returning which threw shades over us all— prostrating high hopes, & determined us to turn back, pressed on however a few miles further to see and kill some buffalo— reached “runing

\(^{119}\) In extreme northwest of present Lyon county.
turf., stopped and shot some buffalo turned round for home, camped on running turkey.

SAT 28
Beautiful all day. Pressed on towards home this morning very much cast down, heard nothing all [day] but bad news, thousands returning from the outrageous humbug. built plans all day for the future, think I shall go to Missouri— made good days drive.

SUN 29
Wet— disagreeable, & muddy. Drove on this morning through rain and after a very uncomfortable time reached elm creek 7 miles west of Council Grove. Camped there.

MON 30
Very clear warm & fine. Roads very muddy, but drying fast. Lay up at elm creek until afternoon, started on and reached Neosho, camped one mile west of Council Grove.

TUES 31
Clear & fine— but roads bad & rivers very full. The Neosho to full to cross. Had good camping quarter[s], and thought best to stop where we were until the streams run down. Lay in camp all day, had visit from party of Kaw Indians.

JUNE [1859]

WED 1

THURS 2
Very warm & fine. Pressed on— Stopped at Wilmington for dinner— then on— stopped at Wright’s claim, took tea at Loyds, stayed there all night.

FRI 3
Fine day— cool in evening. Divided our outfit this morning. Went down to Burlingame[e]. Stopped at Uncle Mc[donald]s.

BURLINGAME

SAT 4
Very fine & warm— Lay round all day doing nothing.

SUN 5
Fine & warm. Read some, slept some &C—
MON 6
Warm & pleasant. Prepared for starting out on an adventure
— Left my flour & meat in Uncle Mc— care—

TUES 7
Sun hot— dusty— Started out this morning with my oxen
& waggon— for some other place of abode— had [D. B. ?]
Medougal, his wife, & sister-in-law Mrs. Sullivan [?] & John
Espy with me, traveled on to Rock creek— camped.

WED 8
Very warm— good breeze— Rolled on— reached Black
Jack.

[N. B. Pages 97-100 of the diary are lacking.]

[MISSOURI]

TUES 21
Very warm & sultry. Rolled on all day.

WED 22
Rained Last night. Warm but muddy to-day. Crossed the
sharidan [Chariton] on ferry boat.

THUR 23
Warm — Rolled on— passed through Bloomington— county
seat of Macon Co. and on to near Macon City—camped ½ a
mile north of town, took a walk up to the town in after-
noon— Looked round & surveyed things generally— bought
a hat & some other things— returned to my waggon— read
— fiddled &C.

FRI 24
Very hot all day. Lost my oxen, hunted for them good while,
found them in the evening, think I will go north to-morrow.

SAT 25
Damp in morning— clear & fine in eve. Took a north Course
this morn— traveled about 22 miles— Camped near La-
plata— a little town on the Line of North Mo r-r— in
north part of Macon Co— took walk into town in evening
— bought some Crackers & Lager & returned to camp— I
feel at a loss to-day to know where to go or what to do.

SUN 26
Very fine— south breeze. Lay in camp nearly all day.
Started on in evening, went about four miles— came to where
some men from Wisconsin were camped, and stopped with them.
MON 27
Threatened rain— Clear in evening. Rolled on all day— passed through Kirksville county seat of Adair County.

TUES 28
Very strong south breeze. Rolled on— passed through green top & Lancaster— County seat of Schuyler County.

WED 29
Very warm— Traveled on nearly all day— crossed the Line into Iowa— passed through Savanna.

[IOWA]

THURS 30
Warm in forenoon— Cloudy in afternoon. Moved on north— think I shall go to Ottumwa— passed through Bloomfield— County seat of Davis Co. Camped in timber.

JULY [1859]

FRI 1
Very warm & sultry. Pressed on, and about 10 O’Clock reached the Desmoine river, opposite Ottumwa, County seat of Wapello Co. Camped under a tree on the bottom. Washed up and went over the river in afternoon— Found my old friend Doctor Douglass— had a long talk with him— re-crossed the river and to my waggon.

SAT 2
Cool morning— warm in evening. Left my waggon & oxen this morn— and crossed the Desmoine— went up to Doc Douglass’— spent the forenoon with him— took a walk up on the Bluffs back of the town, drank some good Lager— over the river again to my waggon.

SUN 3
Quite Cool. Lay back— slept, read, & fiddled, had a call from Doc Douglass his brother Milt— & Uncle Sam, took a walk with them— also a call from some strangers— shot two very large white Pelicans in eve.

MON 4
Very cool this morning but warm in afternoon. Went over to town this morning & up to Douglass’s took walk, drank Lots of Lager— Went back over the Bluffs to witness sunday school celebration— returned to town— and in afternoon— crossed the river and hitched up my team and turned
towards the south west, think I shall return to Burlingame. Traveled six or eight miles and camped.

**Tues 5**
Cool morning— warm evening. Traveled on— passed through Blakesburg— Camped near Moravia— made at least 20 miles to-day.

**Wed 6**
Cool morn— but very hot day. Rolled on— passed through Centerville— County seat of Appanoose [Appanoose] Co, a very pretty town— also Bellair.

**[Missouri]**

**Thur 7**
Very hot all day. Rolled on— passed through Genoa— Crossed the Line into Missouri— Camped near St Johns.

**Fri 8**
Very warm & sultry. Rolled on— passed through St Johns— overtook a family from Illinoise moving to Kansas— traveled with them.

**Sat 9**
Very very hot. Moved on— passed through Wyreka—

**Sun 10**
Still very warm. Passed through Trenton— County seat of Grundy Co. Crossed Grand river on ferry.

**Mon 11**
Three very good showers today. Passed through Jamesport— forded the West fork of Grand river & passed through Galliton County seat of Decatur [Daviess] Co.

**Tues 12**
Fine weather, roads muddy in morn— Moved on south & reached Cameron on H[annibal] & St Jo R-R— Camped on south side of R-R. Left my company of movers to-day.

**Wed 13**
A little rain in morning— Very hot in afternoon. Rolled on south to Platteburg County seat of Clinton Co, took the road to Weston, camped near Plattsburg.

**Thurs 14**
The hottest day this summer— Traveled on slowly all day, forded Platte river at Union mills.

**Fri 15**
Hotter than ever. Rolled on— passed through Weston— Crossed Mo river on Ferry— Lay up through the heat
of the day— traveled on down through Fort Leavenworth & Leavenworth City— and three or four miles out on to the Prairie, Camped.

**KANSAS TER**

**SAT 16**
Very warm but some breeze. Traveled on towards Lawrence— stoped through the hottest part of the day— traveled after night.

**SUN 17**
Exceedingly warm— Moved on early— reached Kansas river about noon opposite Lawrence Stopped untill evening— crossed on ferry— passed through Lawrence — Camped on the way to Burlingame three or four miles out of Lawrence.

**MON 18**
Still very hot. On towards Burlingame as fast as possible, had to lay up through the day.

**TUES 19**
Hot as ever. Hurried on— got to Burlingame late in the evening, glad to get back.

**BURLINGAME**

**WED 20**
Very sultry. Made calls to-day— took diner with Bothels— comenced boarding at [J. B] Hubbels.

**THURS 21**
Warm— some breeze. Helped Uncle Mc to move a house in forenoon— Loafed in afternoon.

**FRI 22**
Warm & sultry. Wrote half the day— called to see & spend the evening with Carrie Paddock.

**SAT 23**

**SUN 24**
Rainy— Read— slept &C all day.

**MON 25**
Heavy rain— muddy. Read papers. Lay round doing nothing.

**TUES 26**
Some rain in forenoon. Did but little.
Wed 27
Fine clear day. Loafed in forenoon— went out to Mcdonalds Claim in afternoon & cut some forks & poles for Shed.

Thurs 28
Fine & warm. Went up with oxen & waggon after my forks & poles in morning. attended store in afternoon for Mc & Rowe.

Fri 29
Warm & good south breeze. Loafed some— read some — Kept Store— went up to Featherlys with Carrie Paddock in the evening.

Sat 30
Clouds & sun— bored holes for shed in morning— attended Law suit of Braton & Morse— Loafed— read &C.

Sun 31
Warm— Good breeze. Slept— wrote— read— went up to see Carrie.