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

APRIL, 1855-APRIL, 1857; MAY, 1858-NOVEMBER, 1860
PART FOUR: AUGUST, 1859-NOVEMBER, 1860

BURLINGAME
AUGUST [1859]

MON 1
Beautiful all day— Read Obstetrics all day. A show—The Meyers family—exhibited in Burlingame to-night, I attended— was not much— took Mrs Denison to the show.

TUES 2
Showery— roads muddy. Read nearly all day.

WED 3
Fine all day— few drops of rain. Read some— made lot of pills— Called to see few sick folks— took a ride over to Rice— bought some onions— stoped to see Perrills,120— home again— bought a town Lot from Nick Schuyler for fifty dollars— Commenced Baching this evening, traded off my shot gun— wrote this days diary.

THUR 4
Fine & warm. Read— wrote— & Loafed.

FRI 5
Fine all day. Worked short time in morning at cattle shed— Loafed— read &C.

[SANTA FE ROAD]

SAT 6
Very warm— good breeze. Fixed up this morning to start down to Kansas city. Started after dinner— traveled on till nearly midnight— had passenger with me.

SUN 7
Very warm. Rolled on all day— reached Marian.121

120. John Perrill and his three sons, John (or Joseph) Price, George W. and Nathan Auvil, at this time lived on their claim on Dragoon creek. John and John Price Perrill had come to Kansas in the spring of 1860, and the other two sons joined them in April, 1858. Price, the oldest son, surveyed the original townsite of Burlingame for P. C. Schuyler and S. R. Camiff.—Reminiscences of George W. and Nathan A. Perrill, in Early Days in Kansas
. . . C. R. Green’s Historical Series (Oskaloosa, 1913) v. 3, pp. 155, 56).

121. Marion was originally called Washington, and in the 1880’s the name was changed to Globe. It was located on the Santa Fe trail in southwest Douglas county, ten miles west of Baldwin and 17 miles south of Lecompton.
MON 8
Still warm. Reached Union town 122 to-day.

TEUS 9
Warm— warm, reached the old Quaker mission 123

[KANSAS CITY]

WED 10
Very hot & sultry. Reached Kansas City & Looked once more upon the banks & waters of the old Missouri. got my Load & turned homewards— came out about 6 or 8 miles.

[SANTA FE ROAD]

THURS 11
Still very warm. Reached Cedar Creek— camped on west side of same.

FRI 12
Warm— threatning rain. reached Black Jack to-day.

SAT 13
Hard rain Last night,— Cloudy this forenoon— Clear & very warm in the afternoon. Reached Marian to-day.

SUN 14
Clouds & Sun alternate. Reached Burlingame late in the even-

BURLINGAME

MON 15
Very warm & sultry. Loafed round— read &C.

TEUS 16
Still warm. Read— Loafed &C.

WED 17
Still very warm. Read— attended store for Mc[Donald] & Rowe [Bothel]. Bought a house & Lot from Antone Sutter gave in payment my team & Lot.

THURS 18
Warm as usual. Lay round doing but Little.

FRI 19
More pleasant. cool evening. Took a walk in morning up to Wrights— stopped to see Carri[e] Paddock on the way.— home again. read in afternoon.

122. The Uniontown referred to was in the southwest corner of Johnson county, about a mile north and east of present Edgerton, where the Santa Fe trail crossed Bull creek.

123. The Quaker mission to the Shawnee Indians of Kansas was established near the Methodist mission near present Kansas City. Buildings were erected in 1836 and a school was opened in 1837.
SAT 20
Clouds & sun alternate. Worked a little to-day making hay.
Read some—made pills &c.

SUN 21
Very warm—few drops of rain. Took a ride in morning up
to McDonalds Claim—back again Read—wrote—slept
&c ballance the day.

MON 22
Stiff breeze. Worked for Mc & Rowe helping get up hay.

TUES 23
Good breeze from north. Worked at hay in forenoon. Loafed
during the afternoon.

WED 24
Fine day. Read all forenoon. went up to Howards in after-
noon with Bratton & [D.] Griswold to appraise some stray
Stock, received a letter from O G Hazen, answered it.

THURS 25
Fine & warm. Took a notion this morning to turn my attention
to the Study of Law. Consequently went up to Rogers's—
got Blackstone 124—came back & commenced reading.

FRI 26
Stiff breeze through the day—some rain in evening—
& heavy rain after night. Read Blackstone all day.

SAT 27
Very muddy—cool. Read Law all day. attended meeting in
evening to organize Republican Club was appointed on com-
mittee to make constitution for same

SUN 28
Cloudy all day. Read Blackstone.

MON 29
A fine warm day. Read Blackstone all day.

TUES 30
Fine all day. Read Blackstone all day.

WED 31
Rainy all day. Read Blackstone. Set up at night with Mill-
lissa Deming who Died about 4 OClock P M. "Tis a fearful
thing to see a human soul take flight in any shape." Another
Dear one is gone,—one more memento that all are mortal.

published in four volumes, 1765-1769.
SEPTEMBER [1859]

THURS 1
Fine all day. Slept in fournoon. Read in afternoon.

FRI 2
Fine and warm. Read all day. The funeral of Millisa Deming took place to-day.

SAT 3
Cool in morning, warm in day. Read Blackstone.

SUN 4
Cold & raw all day. Raining. Slowly in the evening.

MON 5
Cloudy & sun alternate, little cool. Read all day. Law, went up to Featherly[s]

TUES 6

WED 7
Fine pleasant weather to-day. Read Blackstone — played checkers — & at night heard a speech from Judge Wakefield.

THURS 8
Stiff breeze — pleasant. Read Law — played stiff game of Eucher in the evening with Medougal — Mitchel & Fred Schuyler.

FRI 9
Stiff South Wind all day. Read Law — heard an adress from Jim Lane in afternoon.\(^{125}\) and one from A L Winins [Alfred L. Winans] after night, bought some apples to day and have eaten too many of them — feel rather badly.

SAT 10
Fine and warm but high wind. Read Law all day. Heavy Storm & rain after night. a little hail.

SUN 11
Fine all day. cool in evening. Read some — slept heap.

\(^{125}\) At this time Jim Lane and his law partner, James Christian, had offices in the Duncan building in Lawrence and were advertising their services. "The Kansas struggles being over, Mr. Lane will devote himself exclusively to the practice, and trusts by strict attention to business, to receive a portion of the business of the people of Kansas." The italics are his own. However, the same editor who was paid for the advertising had this to say of Lane's legal career: "A short time since, Jim Lane retired from politics to private life. Since his return from the East, he has taken up political agitation and is once more a target for editorial criticism. We had no confidence that he was in earnest, then, and we are no less sure that he defends the villainous apportionment of the Wyandotte Constitution, because he hopes to reach the U. S. Senate. The Constitution must have been in a desperate condition to require Lane to bid good-by to private life." — The Kansas Herald of Freedom, Lawrence, August 20, 1859.
Mon 12  
Fine all day. Read faithfully all day.

Tues 13  
Cloudy but warm. Read all day. attended Democratic at night—dident occur.

Wed 14  
Warm & fine. Read all day—played big Game of Eucher at night at Mcdougals.

Thurs 15  
Cloudy in fournoon—clear & very fine in the afternoon. Read faithfully all day.

Fri 16  
Very warm—but good breeze. Read Law through the day.  
attended Republican club in evening.

Sat 17  
Warm with stiff breeze. Was sick through the day. better  
at night, went to primary of Republicans to appoint delegates  
to County Convention, was chosen as one of them.

Sun 18  
Cloudy & some rain at night. Not well. Lay in bed most  
the day.

Mon 19  
Rather Cool. Did but little.

Tues 20  
Pleasant but cool. Read some, Loafed round some.

Wed 21  
Very fine all day. Delegate convention met to-day. attended  
it as Delegate. a spirited meeting at school house in the eve-  
ning, was chairman of same.

Thurs 22  
Fine all day. Loafed round—read &C

Fri 23  
Beautiful all day—Read the Statutes of Kansas

Sat 24  
Very fine all day. Read Statutes Laws of Kansas.

Sun 25  
A fine shower. Very sick with fever all day.

Mon 26  
Warm—clouds & sun alternate Better today—read some.

Tues 27  
Fine all day with good breeze. Read mostly all day.
Wed 28
Fine with good breeze. Did but little of any thing. Wrote some after night.

Thur 29
Fine through the day fine Shower at night. Read Law all day.

Fri 30
A little muddy this morn. beautiful and drying all day. Read some— Loafed round some, played checkers— and, after night, had a big game of Eucher of one hundred points, with Medougal— Mitch & Fred Schuyler. received some mail from New Castle.

October [1859]

Sat 1
Fine and warm. Read— Loafed— played Checkeras, &C.

Sun 2
A most beautiful day. Read some wrote a letter to O. G. Hazen.

Mon 3
Beautiful weather Read &C day.

Tues 4
Beautiful all day. Sat as Inspector of election. Received a letter from O. G. Hazen.

Wed 5
Little cool this morning, north wind all day, pleasant in evening. Had chill to-day, sick in bed.

Thurs 6
Fine fall weather. Did but little of any thing.

Fri 7
Very fine weather. Read,— played checkeras &C

Sat 8
Rather Cool. Read all day.

Sun 9
Pretty hard frost this morning. Cool through the day. Sat by fire all day & read Wrote a letter to O G Hazen.

Mon 10
Pleasant all day. Worked at cleaning out my cellar. attended school meeting at night.

126. The Wyandotte constitution was ratified on this date by a vote of 10,421 to 5,530. A section safeguarding homesteads against alienation or forced sale, except for taxes and certain other obligations, was adopted by a separate vote, 8,788 to 4,772.—Kansas Constitutional Convention, A Reprint of the Proceedings and Debates of the Convention Which Framed the Constitution of Kansas at Wyandotte in July, 1859 . . . (Topeka, 1920), pp. 645, 671; “Proclamation” of Gov. Samuel Medary, November 1, 1859, in Herald of Freedom, November 5, 1859.
Teus 11

Fine smoky weather. Read newspapers— Loafed round &C.

Wed 12

Stiff south breeze— threatening rain Read history— "Willards"— played Eucher at night.

Thurs 13

A Very fine day. Read— attended store— Loafed &C.

Fri 14

Fine fall weather. Read history— Willards.

Sat 15

South wind— threatening a change Read all day, papers— history &C.

Sun 16

Quite Cool. Strong wind. Sat by fire all day, & read.

Mon 17

Still very cool. Sick, sat by fire.

Thurs [Tues.] 18

Pleasant— but still little cool. Democratick convention met here to day— Judge Schuyler accepted the nomination for Councilman horrible— attended Convention as spectator.127

Wed 19

Cool wind but pleasant Moved s[t]ove et cetera into my house, preparatory to living there. Commenced with Mc[Donald] & Rowe to keep house at home.

Thurs 20

Pleasant. Fixed up about the house, and read some. was very sick in afternoon. went after Load of wood with Rowe.

Fri 21

Fine & warm. Went over to Henry smiths after Load of wood, got it and returned— attend a most interesting meeting at night to hear Anson Burlingame speak, was most delighted with him.—Lik[e] him fine.128 Read some in testimony of the rocks.129

Sat 22

Beautiful all day. Sat in house nearly all day reading newspapers &C. received a letter from Molly Jack.

127. Schuyler was defeated by his Republican opponent, Chester Thomas, at the election on November 8 by a vote of 996 to 288.—D. W. Wilder, The Annals of Kansas (1886), p. 283.

128. "Hon. Anson Burlingame, of Mass., is in Kansas and will take the stump for Marcus J. Parrott [Republican candidate for delegate in congress who was elected on November 8]. Even his aid will not save the bastard Republicanism of Kansas."—Harold of Freedom, October 8, 1859.

129. The Testimony of the Rocks; or Geology in Its Bearings on the Two Theologies, Natural and Revealed . . . (Edinburgh and Boston, 1857), by Hugh Miller (1802-1856), Scottish geologist and author. The book dealt with the borderland between science and religion.—Dictionary of National Biography, v. 87, pp. 409-410.
SUN 23
Beautiful day. Fixed up for buffalo hunt.

MON 24
Beautiful all day. Lay round waiting for a start to the plains.

[SANTA FE ROAD]

TUES 25
Beautiful all day. Started out this morning on a Buffalo hunt with Antone Sutter. traveled on Santeese road—west. Camped for the night on elm Creek 130—overtook and traveled with several others on a like excursion—from our own neighborhood.

WED 26
Cold & high north wind. Moved on—reached big John creek.131 Camped there over night.

THURS 27
Very Cold & windy. Started on—took chill, vomited severely—was very sick all day. reached Elm Creek 8 miles west of Council Grove. Lay up balance of the day & night.

FRI 28
Still quite cool but moderating. Feel better to-day—traveled on—passed Diamond Springs, & camped on prairie.

SAT 29
Quite pleasant. Rolled on all day—reached Cotton wood. Stopped here & camped over night, had some Buffalo meat for supper.

SUN 30
Pleasant. Traveled on—reached Running turkey 132

MON 31
Fine with S[t]iff breeze. Rolled on west-ward all day. reached a place called “big muddy” made a big fire of Buffalo Chips. & camped over night.
“A little nonsense now & then, is relished by the best of men.”

KANSAS PLAINS
NOVEMBER [1859]

TUES 1
Beautiful day. Started out early—reached the Little Arkansas—Stopped for breakfast—then on to Jarvis Creek 133— Saw Buffalo to-day— one of our party killed a Bull.

130. In Waterloo township, present northeastern Lyon county.
131. Big John creek is in Morris county, about a mile east of Council Grove.
132. Running Turkey creek, in McPherson county, flows southwest and joins Dry Turkey creek about three miles southwest of Elsia. These two streams thus form the main body of Turkey creek, which in turn is a tributary of the Little Arkansas river.
133. Jarvis creek, in Rice county, about four miles east of Lyons, flows south to join Cow creek, which heads in northeast Barton county.
Wed 2
Fine all day. Traveled north west from Sautahee road— towards the head of Cow Creek— Camped on prairie & hunted Buffalo, saw numbers of them— killed one.

Thurs 3
Pleasant all day. Killed a Bull to-day— left camp towards evening and moved on till we reached the timber on Cow Creek. Camped here over night— not succeeding very well in our hunt— so far—

Fri 4
Beautiful day this Took a north west course this morning,— traveled 6 or 8 miles met some Kaw Indians— got them to kill us some Buffalo dressed & loaded up our meat. turned in the direction of home— went short distance— Camped on east side of Cow Creek.

Sat 5
Cold wind from the North. Traveled on— reached Sautahee road about noon— stoped at Jarvis creek and got dinner— then on to Little Arkansas— camped here.

[Santa Fe Road]

Sun 6
Very high wind from south. Rolled on all day— camped on the Prairie between the two Turkey Creeks.

Mon 7
High wind all day Rolled on as fast as we could. Crossed Cottonwood— and made about 8 miles on east side of it.

Tues 8
Pleasant but a little cool. Moved on— reached west elm creek & camped there.

Wed 9

Thurs 10
A little cool. Struck out this morning on foot in advance of the teams— padled on to Wilmington Stopped and got dinner— rested Short time— then home— reached home about sundown quite satisfied with Buffalo hunting

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Fri 11
Pleasant day but stormy night. Sat by fire— reading newspapers.
Sat 12
A Skiff of snow on the ground this morning & still snowing. The Coldest day we have had this fall. Sat by fire—most all day. did few Chores about the house.

Sun 13
Moderating, Little windy yet Read some—wrote a petition for Postmaster—Hubbel, mended Pants &C—

Mon 14
Fine all day. Had a severe chill, very sick.

Tues 15
A pleasant day. Not very well. Commenced to read Woods practice of medicine.

Wed 16
Stiff south breeze. Read some—attended Store in the afternoon for Mc[donald] & Rowe [Bothel].

Thurs 17
Rather a fine day. Read medicine, attended a meeting after night to listen to Col. Vaughn & M. F. Conway talking a while. Liked Vaughn first rate. 134

Fri 18
Still pleasant. Read & Cut wood alternately. received a letter from O G Hazen.

Sat 19
Moderate. Bought a winter Coat this morning & some socks—Read Wood through the day—heard Gov—Medary make a speech at night—& shake his old head.

Sun 20
Damp—rained some Last night. Read & Sat by fire all day.

Mon 21
Fine & rather warm. Read—Started a petition for having Judge Schuyler appointed Post-master—received a letter from O G Hazen—attended political meeting at night—heard John Martin & Mr Hawkins. 135

Tues 22
Read all day— took a walk up to Dodges in the evening.

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134. Martin F. Conway was the Republican candidate for representative in congress under the state organization established by the Wyandotte constitution. He defeated the Democratic nominee, J. A. Haldeman, at the election on December 6 by a vote of 7,674 to 5,567. Col. John C. Vaughn, lawyer and newspaper editor, was a lifelong opponent of slavery, though a native of South Carolina. With his son, Champion, he had come to Kansas in 1857, and purchased the Leavenworth Times, which was supporting Conway’s candidacy. Vaughn, Conway, B. F. Simpson and J. P. Hatterscheidt were scheduled to speak at several points in Breckinridge and Shawnee counties, and at Superior, Osage county, November 15-19.—Leavenworth Daily Times, November 16, 1859.

135. John Martin, Topeka lawyer, was the Democratic candidate for representative from Shawnee county. H. C. Hawkins, co-editor of the Topeka Tribune, was stumping the territory with him.—Topeka Tribune, November 26, 1859.
Wed 23
Quite warm— rained at night. Read all day.

Thurs 24
South wind— warm— cloudy. Read— attended political meeting at night.

Fri 25
Windy but still pretty good. Went after a Load of Wood in forenoon.—Wrote a letter to Molly Jack & read in the afternoon.

Sat 26
Fine all day. Went after a Load of Wood in morning— attended Demings Auction in the afternoon, wrote & read after night.

Sun 27
Fine fall weather— Read Some— attended church— hear Rev. Brant talk— also heard him at night.

Mon 28
Beautiful day. Loaied round some— read Law— attended Lyceum after night. received a note from Carrie Paddock.

Tues 29
A very fine warm day. Read Law some— Loaied round some — got possession of the Post-office, & settled up with Deming — attended to Post-office Went up to Dodgers with Carrie Paddock & back again—

Wed 30
Warm with strong South wind— Some sign of rain. Spent some time in the morning settling the Post-office affairs with Deming—and attending to the duties of the office— then read Law some— and New York Tribune, was busy nearly all day.

[December, 1859]

Thurs 1
Exceedingly Cold & windy. Sat by the fire & read Law all day.

Fri 2
Colder than ever— the Coldest day this fall. Sat by fire and read Law.

Sat 3
Cold & frosty but sunny— and moderating a little. In the Post-office most of the day— read newspapers some— Attended a Caucus in the evening and was nominated as candidate for Squire— also a meeting of Bachelors to take measures for a festival on New Years— was appointed on thier committees.
Sun 4
Cold & frosty. In the house reading Law all day.

Mon 5
Freezing very hard— the coldest day and night we have had. In the house all day.

Tues 6
Very Cold & frosty— This is election day to Elect a full board of officers under the Wyandotte Constitution— I was elected Justice of the Peace.

Wed 7
Moderating but still cool— Read Law & Loafed all day.

Thurs 8
Sunny & pleasant but cool wind. Went after a Load of wood to-day Choped some— read &C— wrote in the evening—

Fri 9
A most beautiful day. Had a light chill to day.

Sat 10
A most beautiful day. Read newspapers & cut wood. attended of course to my Post-office duties.

Sun 11
Fine clear & sunny— Atended Price Periills funeral.

Mon 12
A most beautiful day. Atended to Post-office & Read &c.

Tues 13
Fine but growing cooler— Read— attended Post-office & Store.

Wed 14
A fine sunny day. Paid the school a visit— Read Post Laws— Cut wood attended store &C—

Thurs 15
Fine warm weather. Read Post-offices Laws, & cut wood—

Fri 16
Still very good weather— Cook— Copie— Stephens— & others— the Harpers ferry insurrectioners are to be hung to-day— Read— cut wood— attended Post-office— & also a meeting at the school house in the evening.

136. John (or Joseph) Price Perrill, eldest son of John Perrill, was killed while returning from a buffalo hunt. He was looking for his strayed oxen when he was shot in the back, by whom it was never known. He was 24 years old.—Reminiscences by George W. and Nathan A. Perrill, in Green, op. cit., p. [45]; James Rogers, “History of Osage County, Kansas,” in An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Osage County, Kansas (Philadelphia, 1879), p. 10.

137. John E. Cook, Edwin Coppoc, Shields Green and John Copeland, Jr., were executed on December 16, 1860, for their part in John Brown's raid on the U. S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry. Two other members of the group, Aaron Dwight Stevens and Albert Hazlett, were hanged March 16, 1860.—Oswald Garrison Villard, John Brown, 1809-1859, A Biography Fifty Years After (Boston and New York, 1910), pp. 570, 580. Cook had been a clerk in the Herald of Freedom office at Lawrence in the winter of 1856-1857.—Herald of Freedom, November 26, 1859.
Sat 17
Pleasant— but growing cool— Read papers & Post Laws all day.

Sun 18
Cold & windy— freezing. Read & sat by fire all day.

Mon 19
Very Cold— Read & attended to Post-office.

Tues 20
Cold as ever. Read & attended Post-office.

Wed 21
Cold— Cold— Read & loafed &C—

Thurs 22
Still cold but moderating. Commenced fixing up my house for a Post-office— had Nick Schuyler helping me—

Fri 23
Moderating— Still working at Post-office

Sat 24
Pleasant— sunny Received 2 letters— worked at Post-office— Moved it to-day to my new room.

Sun 25
Christmass A Very fine day. Read & attended Post-office.—

Mon 26
Fine all day, getting a litt[l]e cool in even. Read and in Post-office.

Tues 27
A pleasant sunny day. Attended the Office & read newspapers

Wed 28
Still pleasant Atended the office— Read

Thurs 29
Growing Cold— In the Office all day.

Fri 30
Cold as blazes. In the office— attended Bachelors festival at night— had big time.

Sat 31
Cold all day. Attended office all day.

January 1860

Sun 1
Cold & Windy. Sat by the fire reading newspapers.

Mon 2
Moderating— south wind. Worked at making out Quarterly returns of Post office
Wed 3
Rather pleasant— Read some— & made up the returns of Post-Office.

Wed 4
Still somewhat pleasant. hard frost at night. Read Life of Sheakspear.

Thurs 5
Growing colder very fast. Read Sheakspear— The Tempest & attended Post-office. Mrs C D Bush was buried to-day.

Fri 6
Cold south wind & some rain in the forenoon— Cleared off in the evening very pleasant. Read Sheakspear through the day. Received & gave out a very large mail in the evening— received several letters— one from O G Hazen wrote two letters myself.

Sat 7
Cool & Very pleasant. Read "Merry Wives of Winsor." Wrote three or for letters to correspondents

Sun 8
Fine & warm. Read Laws of Kansas.

Mon 9
Very fine indeed. Read— cut some wood— attended to duties of Post-office, &C &C.

Tues 10
A most confounded cold change Read & sat by fire all day.

Wed 11
Very cold & stormy. Read Kansas Laws— attended Church at night.

Thurs 12
Moderating— much warmer. Read & attended the Office.

Fri 13
Quite pleasant. Read Laws of Kansas. received a number of letters & papers.

Sat 14
Very beautiful all day. Read newspapers all day. went up to Geo Hoovers in the evening.

Sun 15
Fine & pleasant all day. Read & Wrote letters.

Mon 16
South wind— pleasant. Read Law. attended Post-office.
Teus 17
Fine with south-west breeze. Read Law, & in the Office.
Called at Geo Hoovers in the evening and courted Agnes [Barcomb?].

Wed 18
Beautiful weather. Read & chored about the house, not well
to-day.

Thurs 19
A most beautiful day. Read & in the Office.

Fri 20
Beautiful—with south breeze. Read & in Office.

Sat 21
Beautiful— South breeze. Read Newspapers all day— in
the office Called at Geo Hoovers in the evening.

Sun 22
Lovely weather Read &C All day.

Mon 23
Very fine weather— Read Law all day, made up the mail in
the evening.

Teus 24
Change of weather— snow Read Law all day.

Wed 25
Cloudy— Sleet— snow— rain. Read all day.

Thurs 26
About one inch of snow, thawing little. Read Laws of Kansas.

Fri 27
Moderating— quite pleasant. Read & attended Post-office.

Sat 28
Thawing— roads muddy. Read Law— Newspapers &C.
Called at Geo Hoovers in the evening to see Agnes.

Sun 29
Pleasant— muddy. Read Laws of Kansas.

Mon 30
Growing Colder— Read & attended Office— at Lyceum.

Teus 31
Excessive Cold. By the fire all day.

February [1860].

Wed 1
Moderating but still cold. Read Laws of Kansas.

Thur 2
A very fine day. Read in Kansas statutes.
Fri 3
Beautiful— a little snow yet. Read & attended Post-office.

Sat 4
Cloudy in forenoon— rainy in evening. Read Newspapers all day & in the office.

Sun 5
Muddy— Read Statutes of Kansas.

Mon 6
Fine day. Read and attended Post-office.

Tues 7
Very fine day. Read & in office— attended meeting at School house in evening— object— condemn Thomas 138

Wed 8
Pleasant— Change after night. Read Laws of Kansas— attended Lyceum after night.

Thurs 9
Cold north wind. freezing. Read all day.

Fri 10
Cold all day. Read all day.

Sat 11
Quite pleasant. Read News all day.

Sun 12
Pleasant. Read & wrote letters.

Mon 13
Growing colder. Read Law.

Tues 14
Valentine day. Cold North wind. Read & in office.

Wed 15
Moderating— Rode up to Wilmington in the morning & got a lot of mail matter for Burlingame— back home— & read &C balance the day.

Thurs 16
Pleasaunt— rained after night. Read in the office— attended a Dance at night at Geo Hoovers.

138. A plan had been formulated to create a new county from the southern portion of Shawnee county and the northern part of Osage county. Also, the southern tier of townships of Jackson county was to be annexed to Shawnee county. These changes would place Topeka near the center of Shawnee county, while Burlingame would be the center and county seat of the new county. Citizens of Topeka and Burlingame of course favored the idea, but Chester Thomas of Auburn, councilman from the 7th district (Shawnee, Osage and Breckinridge counties), opposed it. Resolutions adopted at the Burlingame meeting stated that the people of the township had given him their votes upon his pledge to support the proposed changes, and called upon him to do so or resign.—Topeka Tribune, February 11, 1860. See, also, Council Journal of the Legislative Assembly of Kansas Territory (Special Session) ; ; ; , 1860, pp. 553-555. The proposed new county never came into existence, but Burlingame subsequently became a part of Osage county when the Shawnee county boundaries were shifted to the north by a bill approved by Governor Medary on February 23, 1860.—General Laws of Kansas, Special Session, 1860, ch. 46, p. 85.
Fri 17
Muddy— Went down to Superior in morning— bought a lot of Stamps from Hulbert— back— atten[d]ed Post-office.

Sat 18
Pleasant over head— muddy Attended Office

Sun 19
Fine day. Read all day— wrote Some letters.

Mon 20
Very fine— Read— made up mail. &C.

Tues 21
Beautiful in forenoon— wet in eve. Read— attended Congress at School house in the evening.

Wed 22
Cold & Blustery. Read All day.

Thurs 23
Cold but rather moderating. Read— played some Eucher.

Fri 24
Pleasant. Read Law. News of the new County of Osage, has been received to-night. ! Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! Rowe Bothel was married at 20 minutes before twelve OClock to-night to Alvira Whitney at Brattons. only 6 persons witnessed the weding.

Sat 25
Beautiful all day. Loafed round— Drank Egg-Nog. attended “Joyful” meeting at School house at night— heard Judge Schuyler tell us all about the doings of our Legislature — Rejoiced exceedingly at the event of getting a new County.

Sun 26
Fine & warm— Strong south breeze. Read &C all day.

Mon 27
Beautiful. In the office. attended Meeting to take steps towards building a Court house in Burlingame, was appointed on committee to solicit subscriptions for that purpose.

Tues 28
Little Coull. Went over to Dragoon Creek to get subscriptions for Court house. back about noon,

Wed 29
A beautiful day. Read some— attended to getting more Subscriptions for Court house. Had an accidental meeting in the office at night, which resulted in a good deal of gas from Rambo — Playford & others— No blood spilt.
THURS 1
Beautiful day Read— all day.

FRI 2
Strong South wind. Attended Law suit in forenoon. Read in afternoon. received & distributed mail at night.

SAT 3
A beautiful day. Read Newspapers & Law, all day.

SUN 4
High South wind. Read & wrote all day.

MON 5
Very beautiful, frogs singing Read— attended Law suit at Justice Drews, made up mail at night.

TUES 6
Very fine day. Read— attended Congress at night.

WED 7
Fine all day. Read & talked with [Levi] Empie on Religious subjects all day. Attended School meeting at night.

THUR 8
High Wind— not Cold. Read Law— &C all day.

FRI 9
Fine & warm. Read Statutes of Kansas.

SAT 10
Fine & warm. Read News & Law, all day.

SUN 11
Fine day— Good breeze. Read— wrote a letter to O G Hazen.

MON 12
Cold North wind. Read & Studied Law. Made up the mail at night.

TUES 13
A Very fine day. Read & Loaed.

WED 14
Beautiful all day Went up to Polly's timber and cut some wood in forenoon— Read in the afternoon.

THURS 15
Very fine & warm, Doors open. Read— attended Caucus at Judge Schuylers after night.

FRI 16
Beautiful all day. Read some— attended post-office. Received letters from Ebb Sankey & Molly Jack.
SAT 17
Fine all day. Attended Town meeting at School house to put in Nomination Town officers & Delegates to County Conventions.

SUN 18
Very Windy. Read all day.

MON 19
Beautiful Attended Delegate Convention at School house—had a very exciting time. Also Town meeting at night to nominate Candidate for Justice of peace. Got the nomination myself.

TUES 20
Fine & pleasant. little Cool. Read all day.

WED 21
High wind but pleasant. Went up to Mr Polly's timber and Cut some wood—back to office—read some—Got team in the afternoon & went up to the timber and Got a Load of Wood—back home—read ballance the day.

THURS 22
North wind but pleasant. Read some—Took a ride up to see my wheat—sold it for fifteen dollars &C.

FRI 23
Fine day. Read—received the Lawrence mail & distributed. Received letter from Miss Carrie Paddock.

SAT 24
Growing Cold, still sunny. Wrote two letters. Read papers. Attended citizens meeting at the School house in the evening.

SUND 25
A little Cool. Sunny. Read all day.

MON 26
Windy—Sunny. Election day. was elected J P & C[ounty]. A[ttorney].

TUES 27
Still Cool—froze hard Last night. Read Newspapers & Law all day.

139. At this election, held after the reorganization of the county, Stewart received 162 votes for county attorney, N. P. Case seven and O. H. Braun two. Stewart was also elected justice of the peace of Burlington township for one year, and D. H. Houston was elected for two years. In reporting the result of the township election to Governor Medary, the township clerk, George J. Drew, wrote: "There is a doubt about the Justices. Justice Drew whose commission is dated in 1857 was elected for five (5) years & he contends he is not out of office Justice Streit was elected last March & he thinks he is not out of office till next spring notwithstanding this township has been detached from Shawnee County & annexed to Osage."—Kansas State Historical Society, Archives division, "Territorial Election Returns, Osage County, March 26, 1860."

Stewart's failure to file bond and take the oath of office as county attorney caused the county commission to declare the office vacant on July 3, and to appoint W. H. Theirs to fill the vacancy.—"Osage County Commissioners' Journal, 1869-1882," pp. 36, 87.
DIARY OF JAMES R. STEWART

WED 28
Pleasant. Went up to John Dodges in morning, also to Drews & got Some Law Books. Read ballance the day.

THURS 29
Fine Day. Read as usual.

FRI 30
High South wind. Read— moved my bed up from Mcs & Rows store to my office. Went down to Superior in the afternoon to see the Commissioners canvas the votes of Osage County— home again.

SAT 31
Windy— Read Newspapers— Made out my Post-office returns.

APRIL [1860]

SUN 1
Moderating, quite pleasant in evening. Wrote a long letter to O. G. Hazen. also one to Governor Medary. Read Newspapers & statutes.

MON 2

TUES 3
Exceedingly windy. Clouds of Dust. Read— handed my Bond to the Commissioners for their approval.

WED 4

THURS 5
Beautiful day. Read— made Bond for Absolem Hoover— bought Cook Stove of [E.] Timms.

FRI 6
Very beautiful. Read Blackstone— did some official business— Attended Post office.

SAT 7
Very Warm & fine. Read— Issued my first Summons as Justice of the Peace.

SUN 8
Beautiful all day. Read & wrote— Slept &C.
Mon 9
Fine—Growing Colder in the evening. Wrote nearly all day, issued summons & order of Attachment for J. T. Williams wrote Transcript of Docket for Winchell.

Tues 10
Pretty cool all [day], fire not uncomfortable Read & attended to my Post-office & Justice Business.

Wed 11
Still Cool. In the office—reading & Squiring

Thurs 12
Very fine & warm. Not very well to-day. Read some.

Fri 13
Somewhat Colder. In my office all day.

Sat 14
Beautiful all day In the office—had a Law suit Parties M Parks vs J E Cowan.

Sun 15
Very fine—Shaved and washed & Dressed up to-day, and went to Church—Densmore & Lizzy Drew were married in Church.

Mon 16
Clear & pleasant with high wind. Read Blackstone some, & attended to my official business, made up the mail after night.

Tues 17
Still windy & dusty. Clear—warm. Read &C all day. took tea at Row Bothels, had some Brandy to day, enough to make the Drunk come.

Wed 18
Very Pleasant—helped McDonald & Bothel move their store to-day, Read &C.

Thurs 19
A little rain last night—windy to-day. Read—Called to see Miss Gillet at Titus’s engaged her to go with me to a party, from which engagement she subsequently Squirmed out. Went down to Barns’s after night and had a first-rate dance. Got home about one o-C at night.

Fri 20
Cool—wind—Read & attended to the Duties of my office.

Sat 21
Cool—threatening rain, a few drops after night. Read Newspapers all day.
Sun 22
Cold & rainy all day. Read &C all day.

Mon 23
Pleasant but Cool. Read some— attended a good party at Mr Lords at night.

Tues 24
Cool— Clear— sunny. This is election day. attended to holding the election, for County seat.

Wed 25
Cool— Sunny. Read Blackstone all day.

Thurs 26
Left Newcastle two years ago to-day. Clear and pleasant— but Cool. Read— Loafed round &C all day.

Fri 27
Fine— but windy. Read in forenoon— Went down to Superior in the afternoon and attended the meeting of The Board of Commissioners, back home.

Sat 28
High Wind— Read Newspapers.

Sun 29
Little Cool. Read &C all day.

Mon 30
Pleasant— Read— had a trial before me— between E D Robison & J M Winchell.

MAY [1860]

Tus 1
Very high south wind. Made a Lounge to-day. Read.

Wed 2
High South winds, dusty Read— wrote &C.

Thurs 3
Very high south wind— warm. Read Blackstone— Called to see the Miss Schuylers after night— heard some good Piano music.

Fri 4
Very high South Wind. Warm. Read— &C. received letter from O G Hazen.

Sat 5
Very windy. threatening rain. Wrote two letters, one to O. G. Hazen, & one to C W Stewart. Read newspapers.

Sun 6
Cool & windy. Read Blackstone all day.
MON. 7
Quite Cool— A little rain after night. In the office all day reading—

TUES 8
Cool & very windy— Dust flying. Had Some Law business, Read &C.

WED 9
Windy— Growing warmer. In the office, reading &C. Bought some Lumber, & pair of pants.

THURS 10
Very fine— warm. Had Law suit to-day— Robison vs Winchell. Read &C.

FRI 11
Pleasant & warm. Read &C all day.

SAT 12
Terrible windy. dust flying. Had big Law suit to day between Wm. Cable & H[ollam] Rice, occupied all day.

SUN 13
Very Windy— Cool at night— Little frost. Read &C [all] day.

MON 14
Beautiful— Calm— Read— Went down to Aikens— Made up Mail &C.

TUES 15
Clear warm & beautiful. Read &C all day.

WED 16

THURS 17.
Cool, a few drops of rain. Law Suit of Burdocks & Rooks Continued.

FRI 18
Very fine & warm. Law Suit of Burdocks vs Rooks continued all day. Mail at night, got through with Law suit about [illegible]

SAT. 19
Very fine calm & warm. Read newspapers all day.

SUN 20
Beautiful all day. Read all day, wrote some.

MON 21
Beautiful all day Read & attended to my office duties.
TUeS 22
Beautiful through the day, Threatning rain through the night.
Had Law case to-day. Ter. of Kansas vs Julius J Wright—asualt & Battery.

WED 23
Very warm—some wind. Read and did some official buissiness

THuRS 24
Very warm, fine Shower after night. Some hail—the dust
Laid. This is election day for County Seat—Burlingame
is to be the place, was one of the Inspectors of the Election.140

FRI 25
A ligh[t] shower of rain. Read all day.

SAT 26
Very warm, Clouds Read, Studied arithmetic.

SUN 27
Very windy. Dust flying. Read,—attended Church in morning.
Heard Rev. Holliday talk flat nonsense.141

MON 28
Still very windy, threatening rain. Read, Loafed &C. attended
citizens meeting at the school house in the evening to take
steps to finish up our Court house.

TUeS 29
Windy—quite cool. Read some, wrote some, Loafed some.

WED 30
Very fine and warm. Read. went down to Aikens to take
acknowledgement of Deed. bought Buffalo. Got Lot of Lumber
from J B Fry.

THuRS 31
Cloudy all day, and a gentle distillation of rain, weting the
Ground sufficiently to Lay the dust. Glorious news this, we
have had no rain of Consequence for 8 or 9 Months, promising
more. Stayed in the office all day, reading, had company most
the time, talked, told yarns, sang, had some Brandy and sugar,
and a tollerably good time generally.

140. "At the late election for the permanent location of the county seat of Osage county,
the thriving town of Burlingame received a majority of over one hundred."—Topeka Tribune,
June 9, 1860.
141. Rev. James F. Holliday, a Methodist clergyman of Auburn township, Shawnee
county.
Fri 1
Rainy in the morning, clear and pleasant in the evening. Read &c. did a little Legal buissiness.

Sat 2
Very fine, South breeze. Held Court in the School house, Case, Rogers vs Rice.

Sun 3
Very fine & warm. Went to Church in forenoon. Read &c in the afternoon.

Mon 4
Very fine south breeze Read some, Married John Polley to Mary Flinn at Mrs Boyces at night.

Tues 5
Very warm & fine. Read &c all day

Wed 6
Fine— threatening rain but dident. Had Some Law buissiness to transact to-day. Read &c.

Thur 7
Very fine & warm. Had big Law suit. Terr vs Tom Russell, took all day.

Fri 8
Wind Storm & few Drops of rain last night. Read & wrote all day.

Sat 9
A little rain Last night— also some this morning— Cloudy through the day. the Dust well laid. Reed Some Letters last night. Read to-day & attended to some Legal Buissiness.

Sun 10
A Most delightfull rain, the heaviest Shower this spring. Read & wrote letters, two of them, one to O G Hazen & one to Eb Sankey.

Mon 11
A Most Lovely day, things grow. Read wrote & C, all day.

Tues 12
Fine and pleasant. Read Blackstone. had game Eucher.

Wed 13
Threatning rain in morning, Fine & pleasant through the Day. Went out with the sundy school down the Merais De ceyene on a Pick nick excursion— had pleasant time.
THURS 14
A Very fine day. Finished reading 2d vol. of Blackstone. In the office all day.

FRI 15
Very fine, Delightful Read & attended office.

SAT 16
Very Warm—fine. Commenced reading Bouviers Institutes.¹⁴²

SUN 17
A Most beautiful day Read Bouviers Institutes all day.

MON 18
Very warm— Read—wrote three or four letters.

TUS 19
Very warm & sultry. Read Bouviers Institutes faithfully.

WED 20
Very warm & fine. Read faithfully in Bouviers Institutes.

THURS 21
Fine south breeze. Read Law all day, had game of Eucher at night with [J. R. ?] Parrish, Canniff & J[udge] Schuyler

FRI 22
Very beautiful—Good breeze. Went over to 110 to Baxters to meet Committees to make arrangements for 4th of July celebration. Got home about 2 oC in afternoon.

SAT 23
Very Warm. Some breeze. Read Newspapers all day & Law.

SUN 24
Very warm. Dry & sultry. Read all day.

MON 25
Very Dry. Good south breeze. Read—made up mail at night.

TUS 26
Still intolerably dry. Read—Loafed—took tea at Bothels.

WED 27
Exceedingly warm—threatening rain. Took Bob Baird in with me to Bach. Read &C all day.

THURS 28
Very warm. Dry & dusty. Wrote all day making out my qu[arterly returns for Post-office. Bought new pair of pants $6,00

¹⁴² Institutes of American Law, by John Bouvier (1787-1851), recorder of the city of Philadelphia and associate judge of the court of criminal sessions of that city, was published in 1851.
Fri 29
A most Delightful shower. Read some— Wrote nearly all day making out my Post-office Transcripts. Distributed the mail at night.

Sat 30
Very Warm— Threatning rain. Finished making out my Quarterly returns for Post-office— Read some— went over to Mr Rices in the afternoon to meet the Fourth of July Committee to select grounds on which to celebrate the fourth. Made the selection and returned home— Read, fiddled &C through the evening.

JULY [1860]

Sun 1
Very Warm with strong south wind. Read— attended church at school house.

Mon 2
Very warm— strong south breeze. Read, made up mail in the evening.

Tues 3
Strong south breeze— few drops of rain in the evening. Read some in forenoon, went over to Rices timber in the afternoon and worked at fixing up grounds for the 4th of July celebration.

Wed 4
Very fine all day. flying Clouds, but no rain. attend the Celebration at Rices timber also had a Ball at night, took Supper at Bratton house. Took Flora Lord to the Dance.

Thur 5
The hottest day this summer Mercury up to 102. Read Boviers Institutes

Fri 6
Very Warm, nearly as warm as yesterday. Read all day.

Sat 7
A Very hot south wind— burning hot. Read in forenoon, attended an auction sale at Titus' in afternoon & evening—bought a Lamp & some books.

Sun 8
Very warm & sultry. Read all Day. Boviers Institutes.

Mon 9
Strong hot south wind. Read all day.

Tues 10
A fine & pleasant day. Dry & dusty. Read faithfully all day at Boviers.
Wed 11
Warm, promises rain. Read. Rode over to A Hoovers— took dinner there, home again. had some Law buissiness.

Thurs 12
Cool & pleasant. No rain yet. Finished Reading Bouvier— & Commenced it second time. Took a ride in Buggy up to Mail Station in the evening with Will Ryus.

Fri 13

Sat 14
A few Drops of rain Last night. Read some— had some Law buissiness, &C. received Letter from Jim Bothel and order on McDonald for some money due the post office.

Sun 15
Very warm & sultry. Rode down to Henry Morells in the morning with Bob Baird to Look at some Land. home again, read & wrote two letters— one to O G Hazen & one to T A Parrish.

Mon 16
Very hot— threatening rain. Read Law had some Law buissiness

Tues 17
Still very warm— Looks like rain. Read Bouvier.

Wed 18
Good breeze but very dry & warm. Read all day faithfully.

Thurs 19
Strong signs of rain— and dod[?] it did rain a few drops. Read all day. Got tight in the Evening up at Dock Sheldons. —damd fool

Fri 20
Intensely hot. A little shower of rain in the morning. Sick in forenoon— Read in afternoon.

Sat 21

Sun 22
Cloudy more or less all day, no rain. Read— had tooth ache some.

Mon 23
Very Dry & warm. Read Bouvier all Day.

Tues 24
Good south breeze. Read all day. Got some money.
Wed 25
Fine Shower last night. Started out this morning on the hunt of a pocket book Lost by Mr Moulton— rode 60 miles, to the Neosho crossing

Thurs 26
Very fine pleasant day. Read & wrote— took a ride down to Victor McDonalds with Mr Harris in the evening— back home again.

Fri 27
Thunder all round, and rain in other places but only a few Drops here— Read Bouviers All Day.

Sat 28
A fine south breeze— appearance of rain but none Comes. Read Boviers in forenoon. went fishing in the evening, with Net. had Good Luck.

Sun 29
Very warm. Looking like rain. Read all day.

Mon 30
Very warm & Sultry. Commenced working at fixing up my house, had Elisha Robison helping me.

Tues 31
Very warm through the day. flying Clouds, and Looking very much Like rain. Came up terrible heavy wind & rain in the evening, rained more than all put together that we have had this season, Glorious Worked at my house all day.

August [1860]

Wed 1
Very beautiful day. Worked at fixing up my house.

Thurs 2
Very Warm with Strong hot wind. Worked at my house.

Fri 3
Threatening rain and a few drops fell. at my house faithfully all day.

Sat 4
Few Drops rain.—pleasant. Finished my house. got good warm room for winter. Got fine Lot fish to-day.

Sun 5
Warm & Sultry. Attended Church in forenoon. Read in the afternoon.

Mon 6
Very Strong South wind. little rain in evening. Read all day. received letter from Eb Sankey.
**Teus 7.**
A Very warm & sultry day. Read Bouvier all day.

**Wed 8**
Warm and dry— as usual— Read Law all day.

**Thurs 9**
Cool in Morning— looks like rain in eve. Had Law Case—
Davis vs Russell. Read &C.

**Fri 10**
Cool so as to be very pleasant all day. Read— had a Little
Law buissiness—

**Sat 11**
Cool in the Morning— Warm in afternoon. Read— had
some Law bussiness—

**Sun 12**
Cool all day. Read all day.

**Mon 13**
Cool morning— warm in afternoon. Read. had some Law
bussines.

**Teus 14**
Strong south wind.— warm. Read— Rode up to John
Dodges in forenoon to take acknowledgement of Mortgage—
back home— Read— was summoned as appraiser to assess
the property of J. G. Morell taken in Execution. walked down
to his farm— home— read, wrote a letter to D. S. McIntosh.

**Wed 15**
Very Warm— Looks like rain this eve— Read & in my
office all day.

**Thurs 16**
Very Warm— Little south breeze. Finished Reading Bou-
viers Institutes the second time.

**Fri 17**
Very Warm & sultry. A fine Shower after night. Good. Read
— Commenced Reading Blackstone for the second time.

**Sat 18**
Pleasant through the day. a Shower of rain after night. Read
all day.

**Sun 19**
Cloudy in morning, warm in eve. A little rain after night. Read
— took a walk up to Dubois in the evening— slept at George
Hoovers at night.
Mon 20
Fine & warm— Read in forenoon— attended store for McDonald & Bothel in the afternoon.

Tues 21
Very warm & sultry. attended Store all day.

Wed 22
Warm & sultry. In the store. Read a little

Thurs 23
Still warm & dry. In the Store.

Fri 24
Very fine day. South breeze. In the Store. Me & Row came home after night.

Sat 25
Pleasant but very dry. Read Blackstone all day in my office.

Sun 26
Very warm. Some breeze. Had visit from Joe. Guildford. Read some.

Mon 27
Good strong breeze but very warm. Read all day. Hall sued Bratton to-day.

Tues 28
Very warm & scorching dry. Read all day. some little law business

Wed 29
Still very warm & dry. Read all day— received two letters— one from O. G. Hazen & one from Mary Jack.— wrote one in return for O. G. Hazen. good news.

Thurs 30
Stiff wind spring up from the East, threatening rain, a few drops in the afternoon, A little Cool in the Evening. Read faithfully all day.

Fri 31
No rain yet. Warm. Read all day. received N. Y. Tribune.

September [1860]

Sat 1st
Cloudy with gentle distillation of Rain in forenoon— scarcely Laying the dust. Read all day.

Sun 2.
Cloudy & sun alternate, good shower in Eve. Went up to the Wakarusa to attend Camp-meeting. Stayed till evening, then home the Crowd was small, no great profit.
MON 3
Fine warm day. Cloudy in the eve. Read— Not well to day.

TUES 4
Stiff south breeze. warm— Read all day— bought a fine
gold watch to-day from Fairchild—for $100.00

WED 5
Warm South wind— very hot & dry. Read in forenoon, helped
raise bridge across Switzer Creek in afternoon.

THURS 6
Very hot and dry, hot wind from south helped at bridge in
morning. Read in the afternoon.

FRI 7
Still hot south wind. Read, rec[e]ived my first no. of N. Y.
Tribune.

SAT 8
North wind, growing cold. Read Blackstone, Newspapers, &
Tupper.

SUN 9
Cool in morning, warm in evening. Read all day.

MON 10
Warm— South Wind. Read finished Blackstone. Received
a letter from Laura Sankey. bought fine watch chain. Called
to see Halls at night. Played Eucher with him. Saw Thad
Hyatt, Arny & Gen Pomroy.143

TUES 11
Cool. Kept up a little fire all day Cloudy & a very few drops
of rain. Read the Code of Kansas all day.

WED 12
Warmer. Strong south wind. Read Statutes all day.

THURS 13
Very warm & strong south wind. Had some Law buissiness.
Read &C all day.

FRI 14
Cloudy— windy— some light showers of rain— a good
heavy shower after night. Read Laws & N. Y. Tribune.

SAT. 15
Fine day. a little muddy. Read statutes. Read Tupper some
in evening.

143. In 1860 the territory suffered from a severe drought which led to the organization of
a relief committee to raise money and supplies in the East and ship them to Kansas. Thaddeus
Hyatt of New York and W. F. M. Arny of Anderson county, who had been active sup-
porters of the Free-State movement since 1854, took leading roles in the relief work. Hyatt
secured contributions. Arny, as general shipping agent of the relief committee, forwarded
them to Kansas, and Samuel C. Pomroy, president of the committee, disbursed them from
his headquarters in Atchison.—Topeka Tribune, August 18, September 8, 15, 29, 1860; Kan-
sas Historical Collections, Topeka, v. 7, p. 203.
SUN 16
Beautiful all day. wind N. W. moderate. Took a walk over to Cabells in morning to see Jo. Gilliford, found him there, stayed all day, drank Sherry wine, had good time, home in eve.

MON 17
A fine Day, with some breeze. Read statutes all day.

TUES 18
Cold North wind. few drops of rain. Had some Law business, recd. three letters, wrote one to O. G. Hazen. Read &C &C ballance of the day.

WED 19
Cloudy & little cool. Went out to work out my Poll Tax this morning, continued at [it] all day.

THURS. 20
Warmer.— White frost this morning— not heavy but Plainly perceptible. The first we have had this fall. Read some. worked out the ballance of my road tax to-day. Commenced reading Bouviers Institutes again, had a little law business.

FRI 21
Very fine fall day. Read all day. had fine Water-melon.

SAT 22
Very beautiful calm day. Read &C all day.

SUN 23
Strong south wind. dust flying— hot. Went down to superior to attend Church in forenoon— came home in afternoon. Read &C ballance the day.

MON 24
Very fine warm & calm. Went over to Dragoon Creek with Row Bothel & wife to gather walnuts. got Lots of them, came home. Read some.

TUES 25
Very warm & dry. Took a walk up to Mr. [Peter] Kirbys in morn and borrowed Some of his Law books. Chittys Pleadings.144
Came home & commenced Reading. Read all day.

WED 26
Pleasant all day— Warm at night. Read Chittys pleadings, went down to [Victor] McDonalds in Company with Mitchell in the Evening for the purpose of setting up with him—being

Low in Consumption, found sufficient Company there, and returned home, promising to return on to-morrow night.

**THURS 27**
Very fine fall wether. Read Chittys pleadings. Went down to Victor McDonalds with Mitchell in the evening to set up as watcher. Stayed all night & returned home in morn

**FRI 28**
A few drops rain in morning, pleasant through the day. Read Some. Wrote some, had a little Law buissiness, &C.

**SAT 29**
Fine day— some clouds, and at night a good rain. Read Chitty, and New York Tribune, attended the anual school meeting at night, and Elected a new board of officers.

**SUN 30**
Cloudy and a little distillation of rain at different times through the day. Rainbow in the Evening. Read Chitty, had Company talked, and so forth all day. some more rain after night. not a moiety yet of what we ought to have in order to wet the ground thoroughly and Raise the streams.

*! October [1860]!*

**MON 1**
A most beautiful day. Read— wrote a letter to Eb. Sankey.

**TUES 2**
A most beautiful day. Read— and in my office all day.

**WED 3**
Very fine and warm. Read some— had some Law buissiness.

**THURS 4**
Lovely Weather. Read. Wrote a letter to Coon [or Coors?]

**FRI 5**
Still Delightful fall weather. Read all day. Victor McDonald Died to-day.

**SAT 6**
Still fine weather. Rode over to 110 with Bill Harris to take acknowledgement of Deed. got home about 2 oC— had Law suit in evening. Reed vs. Beer.

**SUN 7**
Fine— wind Changed round to the north in the evening. Had Joe Gilliford with me all day. Read in Eve.

**MON 8**
Still very fine weather. Cool nights Read some— got a tooth plugged Had heap talk with Empie about politics

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Teus 9
Delightful fall weather. Read & done some office buissiness.

Wed 10
Cool morning, fine day. Read a little, had some buissines.

Thurs 11
Cool— quite Cool— Read a little— had a crowd in the office all day, in case of the Ter. against John Albach. Put prisoner to bail until next Saturday, played few games of Eucher at night.

Fri 12
Considerable frost this morning. Cool all day— fire feels good. Read faithfully all day.

Sat 13
Frost in morning, cool day. Had a law suit between the Ter. and John Albach, all day. some excitement.

Sun 14
Cool— sat by the fire all day. Read Chittys Pleadings.

Mon 15
Still Cool— growing pleasant. Read— &C. Married Geo. W. Roe to Miss Nancy J. Roe on the Prairie by a camp fire after dark.

Teus 16
Pleasant smokey weather. Read & wrote all day, had game of Euchers in the Evening.

Wed 17
Fine pleasant day. Read &C. Read a letter from J. R. Parrish. Wrote an answer.

Thurs 18
Fine all day. Caucus in the afternoon.

Fri 19
Very beautiful. Loafed round, went down to Superior in the afternoon.

Sat 20
A most beautiful day. Count[y] Convention met at Burlingame to-day. Got Nomination for County Att. wont take it. als[o] got appointed delegate to the district Convention to meet at Ottumwa on the 24th Inst. had a meeting at School house in the evening, did nothing but fun at Mr Playfords & Canniff expense.

Sun 21
A most lovely day. Read some— slept some, walked some.
MON 22

Very beautiful all day. Read Some loafed round some, settled with Bob. Baird and parted Baching with him. attended meeting at school house in evening, had some excitement, got mad at Schuyler, blewed him up.

TUES 23

Fine and warm. Loafed round in forenoon, got ready and started in Company with [G. H.] Kent & [Lewis D.] Joy for Ottumwa to attend the Convention on the 24th as Delegates, traveled untill evening, stopped at Onion Creek,— took supper, and Started on and traveled untill we reached the Marias Des Cygnes, where we camped for the night.

WED 24

A little Cool in the morning, warm through the day. Started on early, reached Ottumway about 10 o-C. attended the Convention, put Candidates in nomination had Considerable excitement. Started for home in the evening, got as far as the Marias-Des-Cygnes— Camped there in Company with a number of others.

THURS 25

Strong south wind. Suny and warm. Started on early, traveled in smoke and dust all the way. reached home about 2 o-C. P. M. washed up and Loafed at the best ease, ballance the evening.

FRI 26

Cloudy and a fine shower of rain. Some thunder and lightning. Read, wrote & hulled Walnuts.

SAT 27

Cloudy all day— little Cool. Hullled Walnuts all day, attended a public meeting at school house in the evening, had excitement.

SUN 28

Clear & Suny— fine Read N. Y. Tribune, took a walk over to see Preston.

145. Stewart was a member of the convention's committee on permanent organization. J. M. Winchell of Osage and D. A. Hawkins of Coffey county were nominated as candidates for representatives in the legislature, and both were elected on November 6. The 'considerable excitement' mentioned by the diarist probably occurred after Stewart introduced a resolution "that this convention support no candidate for the Territorial Legislature for the session of 1861 who will not pledge himself unequivocally to the maintenance of the northern boundary of Osage county, and to the support of a bill for the change of lines in the south part of said county, and in Coffey county, similar to the one passed by the House and defeated in the Council last winter." The motion was laid on the table, and Stewart and G. H. Kent thereupon rose and left the convention.—Lawrence Republican, November 1 and 15, 1860.
MON 29
Cool very high south wind, dust flying. Went down to superior to see Mr. Winchell in Company with H. D. Preston. Spent nearly all day with him, in making political arrangements. Came home in the evening, met number gentlemen in Mr Canniff’s office for consultation, got home about 10 o-C. All things Considered, to-day has been one of unusual diplomatic experience.

TUES 30
Cool.— wind in the North. Hull’d nuts &C. Mitchell came to live with me to-day, did Some little Law buissiness.

WED 31
Hallow-een Cold North West Wind— Sat by the fire all day, read some, received a letter from O G. Hazen, and answered it. Cracked nutts heap. did Some Law buissiness between Old Rooks & Dan. had long visit and talk with Mr. Empie. Political & Social.

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THURS 1
Cold & Little fall of rain & Snow. Read Banner of Light 146 all day, and Tuppers philosophy at night.

FRI 2
Snow on the ground this morning. Cool and muddy all day, little rain. Reed number of papers and a letter from Dr. Croughton. Read papers, all day.

SAT 3
Cool ra[in]y day. Sat by fire. Read Newspapers & wrote a letter to Dr. Croughton. had meeting after night at Hughes to make town ticket.

SUN 4
Pleasant. Read, Cracked nuts, talked &C. all day. heap excitement about our Charter Election.

MON 5
Cool & Cloudy. Charter Election in Burlingame to-day Some excitement over it.

146. *Banner of Light*: An Exponent of the Spiritual Philosophy of the 19th Century, a spiritualistic periodical which was published in New York and later in Boston from 1857 to 1907. In the latter year it was advertised as “the oldest journal in the world devoted to the Spiritual Philosophy, General Psychic and Metaphysical Subjects, New Thought and Spiritual Healing.”—N. W. Ayer and Son’s *American Newspaper Annual*. (Philadelphia, 1897), p. 1256.
Teus 6
    Clear & sunny but little cool. General fall Election to-day.
    attended Polls all day as inspector. 147
Wed 7
    Wet and rainy all day. Read all day.
Thur. 8
    Cloudy and muddy, not cold. Read in my office all day. at-
    tended a meeting at school house in the eve—to take measures
    to get some Charity provisions from Atchison— was appointed
    on Committee for that purpose. 148
Fri 9
    Pleasant— drying up the roads. Read all day,— Law &
    newspapers.
Sat 10
    Pleasant and fine. Read Some— Loafed some.
Sun 11
    Beautiful all day. Took a walk up to Wrights place took din-
    ner at McDougals, thence on to Loyds— stoped few minutes
    thence up to Howards, met Rogers and family there and the
    two Prestons, took tea there— thence home.
Mon 12
    Beautiful all day. Loafed round some— Read Some— en-
    gaged to teach the school at Burlingame for the comming
    winter.
Teus 13
    Still beautiful, threatening a change. Loafed round some Read
    some. Called to see Miss Willson at Titus'. wrote a letter to
    A. H. Snyder.

147. On November 6 Stewart was again elected to the office of county attorney (see Foot-
    note 139).—Kansas State Historical Society, Archives division, “Territorial Election Returns,
    Osage County, November 6, 1860.”
148. See Footnote 143.

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    SKETCH OF STEWART SEE PAGE 4.]