

# Kansas Memory



## Samuel Reader's diary, volume 15

### Section 23, Pages 661 - 690

The last volume of Samuel James Reader's diary. Reader gives a daily account of the weather, activities, and his failing health. Reader describes the May 1903 flooding that affected Soldier Creek. Some pages have newspaper clippings of personal interest attached and illustrations drawn by hand. Two cyanotype photographs of Reader are attached to the April 10, 1907 and October 16, 1907 entries.

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Nov. 2. 1910

Wed. 2. ☼ Cloudy. Head pain. Ate little. Smoked some. Read maga. about Bonds (u.b.) & too much gold. & renters & don't want to sell if possible. Blue. At 10 1/2 16. Nice dinner. Ate little. P.M. Didn't sleep. Read & worried (no cause?) B off at 3. c 1/2 16 + Cleared off nice. Reinked a little. B got nice sweet pickles. Soupe. Ate well. Read maga. etc. x 11 x

Thursd. 3. I waked at 5 1/2 & worried without cause till 7. up. Clear. S. Pleasant. B. busy. 9 1/2 c 1/2 16 + Wrote. I am quite well. By good appetite & strong. But depressed. Reinked. Ate big dinner & slept 20 m. Warner S. Clear. 1/2 16 + Reloc fast. Reinked. B. got \$15 from Bank & over river with her watch etc. I counted money. We have \$1150 in bank instead of \$950 as I thought. A big gain on paper. With the mort. nearly \$4000. Now don't be blue. Enjoy what you have. Expect to lose by renters, anyway. T Paper. Billy Prussell dead at last. 82 yrs. B. back feeling better. Ate well. Read to her. To bed 11 62 6 x

Friid. 4. Pension day. ☼ Quite well x c 1/2 + Cloudy. Warm. I shaved. At 11 I to Lukens & had Pension dinner 25 m. 25. I to 8th St. Haley & Steele & Billy Prussell funeral. Mr. Hamilton read & prayed. I gave Steele. Blue print of Indianapolis. Lane & Whipple & Little stated. I home 3 1/2 Mr. Bainbridge bro's a nice lot wood for me. Cloudy. Mr. Still. At lunch. B. gave 2 girls \$1. for Christian building. I read. Wrote card to C. Hig. c 1/2 16 + x Soupe. & read Geology to B. 11/2 16 + Read papers. Slept x New moon left

Sat. 5. ☼ 7 1/2. I up first. Clear. 7. 34° at 8 + still. x Ate well. c 1/2 16 + B. ironing. Excit. Reinked & ironed a pillow case. Battage for dinner. Not so good. P.M. Clear still. Pleasant. c 1/2 16 + Ate walnuts. They are getting good. And there are not too many. Fixed B's window up stairs & may be fogged my plates? Lane at 4. Clear. Mr. Still nice. Reinked. Mrs. Arnold here & away. Mr. Kimball drove his partners off. B. lane & nice supper. I read to B. Drowsy, all. Clear still up 1/2 x.

Sund. 6. ☼ Some clouds. 4° x Still x c 1/2 + Smoked. Ate well. Wrote. Reinked. B. to u.s.h. & back. P.M. Clear mostly. Warner c 1/2 16 + Read. B. to telephone Geo. R & Skinner. I worry some. T. Wrote. To T. Reader & read Willard's sent for \$5.25. x v a c r j #5.25 etc. soupe. Read to B.. Ate pickles. To bed late + x slept well.

Mon. 7. ☼ Clear still - x c 1/2 16 + Wrote. May be Frank Hale would do as a renter? Guess not. No. Reinked. Got our first haircut. P.M. c 1/2 16 + Clear. Warm. Still. Drowsy. Reinked etc. B. to Argonauts & Read papers. B. came early. To bed 11 +

Tuesd. 8. Election day. ☼ Haze, but cleared. Still 45° Ate little. Billy Shepherd here in auto with carpet sweeper. c 1/2 16 + Reinked. Mrs. Hale helped B sweep etc. Boiled dinner. P.M. Clear. I helped sweep under the zinc. Done at 2 1/2 & they to Mrs. Hale's. Very warm. c 1/2 16 + gas fire & ink stand leaked. Reinked. B. got through at Hale's. Had supper. Young Mr. Shepherd no come & we used cleaner on carpet again. Read etc. Sleepy. To bed first 10 1/2. A mosquito on my face to warm his feet. Up at 4. Slept well.

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Nov. 9. 1910.

Wed. 9. Clear, got hazy. Ate too much  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Slept in Bainbridge bed & more wood taken home. B. off & got her hat. Found her lost thimble & remixed July 1882 at all clear. Warm. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Remixed. B. cleaned up stairs. Mr. Wiener lost. Den's game a lot. I am not sorry. Rev. Pearson here & looked at my pictures etc. Soupe. NW Blouded Colder. Read to B. to bed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x

U.S. Bond int.

$\sim$  Dr. \$18.50.

Thursd. 10. Clear mostly. Dreamed of clearing up my old claim in hazel brush etc. Slow renters etc. Ate & slept first time in kitchen on lounge. B. away to Miss Parkhurst Bandos at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  ~ - x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Wrote. Hooke in the oven. Kind of depressed. No cause to be at all. Ate walnuts. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs B. came 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ . ate pretty well. P.M. Clear Pleasant. Cook. B. for U. Ch. sewing I remixed. B. home with \$18.50 bond int. She got at Bk of Topeka. Boston Brown Bread & Library book etc. Had nice supper. Ws to U. Ch. & Mr. Dole lectured etc. He is a big "Who's who." I gave Mr. Jones a tr velox "Lane & Whipple". He introduced me to Mr. Dole as a fine statesman. Abolitionist indicted for treason in 1856. The talkative Mr. Wood there. We home. Before 10. Beautiful still, moonlight night. Cool, I read book & ate lunch till 2 p.m. Bramble at day light.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Rent.

Frid. 11. Clear still. Cool. 28 x ~ - to x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Wrote check for Mr. Hale \$1.8. I feel very well, indeed. Will outline the "Iniquitous Inheritance Law", as they call it, yet. Remixed. Boy bro't "sours", cheese, steak & cranberries. Had nice dinner Lucy bro't turnips. We sent 1/2 to Mrs. Hale. P.M. Fine day. B. fixing for Mrs. Curtis Reception, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Wrote. She went & had a grand time, with Mrs. Nicholson & others. T 9 remixed etc. Ate & to Blue Post. EGGLESTON. - 9 + Dept. Com. Harmon Pat Daney, Miller, Rev. Waldron & others spoke. Lots of soldiers there. Had a lunch. Coffee, Fried cake Banana, & pickle. Home nearly 11. Tired. Ate & warmed. Read. To bed 1 a.m. Slept well. Some cramps.

Sat. 12. Clear mostly. 30° still S.E. ~ - x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs B. cleaning Virginia & little girl here. Our gas stove went out. Mr. Skinner here about fence & says don't need contact. That its \$5 or \$6 per acre etc. I think its all right. Mr. Robt. B. Steele came. Mr. Stamford don't pay him int. T all away. P.M. Clear. Some haze. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Wrote. Remixed a little only. Soupe 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Young Shepherd got sweater at 8. To bed 11. 5 x

Sund. 13. Clear some haze. Ate well. Slept on lounge till 10. B off to U. Ch. I ate nuts. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Wrote. Steele say Mrs. Adams is bedfast & Mr. Skinner says his brother in law is helpless, too. So I am not so bad off. as some. No. B. back. Mange. P.M. (At 11 Mr. Manning here. Will bring milk.) 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Remixed. Miss Jane Woodward here & away. Looked at my journals. B. hair took fire from the gas stove. It leaks & burns. I nailed boxes up on back porch for the milk etc. Mrs. Hale gave B. a nice large tin coffee box. I mended it, other day. Soupe. Blouded. B. to hear Rev. Archibald at Pres. Ch. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs in kitchen. Read to B. some. To bed early 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  + slept in occasions.

Mond. 14. Clear 35°. N. chilly. Ate well. Helped iron. Mr. Bainbridge bro't 3 d ld. wood & we won't freeze. At 10 to 10 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs B ironing. Nice letters from Frank & By. Higgin. I remixed. Had cabbage slaw & bacon sliced thin as card board, etc. P.M. Clear & nice. At 2 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Frank says in substance that Herzog is well to do, & good business man. etc. Has mission money to build a Hospital in China. I by trade a carpenter. Remixed. Mr. Hale looked at gas stove & says to not use it. Soupe. B. took walk. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs I read Mammoth Cave to her. To bed 11 o'clock

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Nov. 15 1910.

Tuesday 15. ☼ Cloudy 30°. Milk from Mr. Manner first time. Ate well & c/16+ Wrote. B. to iron, I helped. Reinked. Men here & looked at stove. Gas all right. I ate little. P.M. Cleared & clouded. c/16 16++ B. washed hair etc. No still. I drew or copied a hopper & Reinked. Soupe. We in front room & I read papers etc. Gas gave but little heat. To bed 10 1/2

Wednesday 16. ☼ Clear. Still. Cold. 28°. V R c/16 + 630. Wrote. B says we go to Fis. I slept. Reinked very little 830. Still. Clear Cool. At 11 we off & to Fis, on Fillmore st No. 115. Strange sounding. I slept. c/16 530 16++ At 4 B. for home on foot; I took car & to Bacey. Rested. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Stover. He had congestive chill. Unconscious 12 hours. On home after 5. pretty tired, but better. We fried steak & had sweet pickles etc. We in front room & read, but no heat until 9. Clear. Still. Cool. At 6 1/2 saw total ECLIPSE of the moon, plainly. I wrote in journal. Feel pretty well. Saw Mr. Bardoley & son. Dolmen on 6<sup>th</sup> st. while waiting for a car! B off & up later & read. Slept warm & well. Mosquitos yet. Come up 50 K.C. Was 46

Thursday 17. ☼ Hazy. Clearing. Still 30° & I have soaked my raw hide for shoe soles. c/16 16++ \* Edit. Reinked. I nailed on a rawhide sole, all right. P.M. Clear. Nice B. to Chanda. I put on other sole & heels. Nice job. I reinked c/16 16++ Sewed soles on other slippers & T. B. back. Nice time. Soupe. Read etc &c. 1

Friday 18. ☼ Cloudy. Still. N. Chilly. V - & c/16 16+. Wrote. My slipper soles are too hard & slippery, maybe. Pain in head. Reinked & I finished sewing slippers. Beau. Clear. Pickles etc P.M. partly clear. c/16 16++ Still. Pleasant. Reinked. Soupe. c/16 16++ I read Chap. V. Geology to B. Elle au lit. I read of "Rivers" 12+ & got homing.

Saturday 19. up late. at 8 nearly. Clear. Still 24°. Ate good breakfast. V - & c/16 16++ Edit. B. cleaning up. Read. Pasted scrap book. P.M. Pleasant. Pasted. Law c/16 16++ Laey sent c. 100. Warm. Come 50 K.C. 45 here & New 42. Read to B. Au lit tard 2+

Sunday 20. ☼ Sprinkly. 40° Still. Ate well. V R & Wrote. B. to u. ch. & then to B. I reinked. Got nice dinner, ate but little. P.M. Cleared at 10 & for rest of day. Pleasant c/16 16++ Reinked. At 5 Miss Parkhurst here & looked at journal 1856 etc. 3 away. B came. Nice sermon. Good supper. I hanker for pickles. c/16 16++ I read Magazine to B. I up till after 1. & slept soundly. Warmer.

Monday 21. ☼ Clear. Still 30° V - & c/16 16++ B. making pies. Reinked. Drowsy. slept till 11+. P.M. Clear Pleasant c/16 16++ Wrote. B. to Library. I ate 6 walnuts & yes. R. same with two squirrels. He thinks I had better crib my corn as it is only 40 sto. at mill. Away 4 1/2 & edit. Soupe. Read B to the Argonauts. I read etc. To bed late

Tuesday 22. Clear & pleasant c/16 16++ Slept on lounge a very little. Helped iron. P.M. I patched my vest. c/16 16++ Not much appetite. Read to B. & to bed after 10 Big soup tosoi dead 82 1/2.

Wednesday 23. ☼ Troubles dreams. of big corn, selling farm etc. c/16 16+ Wrote. Waterbrush. Smoked. B. ironed I helped. Reinked P.M. Pleasant. B. up town c/16 16++ Soupe 19

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PLATE NO 397.

Central Bk  
Shawna Bk

PLATE  
NO 398.  
10/24/10

Nov. 24, 1910

Thursd. 24 Thanksgiving. Wrote & ate little 9/16/10 +  
Clear. Still 35°. Pleasant. Some haze. Unity books here by express.  
At 9:45 I took rear view of this house. 3/16. A 2 sec. Sun, light, some  
breeze. B. making pies & 9/30 16 cooking cranberries etc. Reinked. Nice  
dinner of course. Dutch cheese bacon thin as pasteboard. Ate better. Clear.  
P.M. NW. Pleasant. 1/16 + Wrote. Reinked. B. took walk. This P.M.  
Mr. Kimball left maga. with criticism of Villard's John Brown & I  
read it to B in eve. I up susque au deux heures le matin IT

Friid 25. I up first - 7 1/2. Clear 30°. still. Pleasant. Ate alone &  
well. B an lit. I bought of darky Smith. Potatoes 2 kinds 25 &  
cabbage 5 9/16 16 + 16 Rainked. B down 11 & we had big dinner P.M.  
9/16 16 + Wrote. Feel first-rate. I put new plate in holder last night.  
B to go to U.S. with 13 lbs express books. She went & back. T I  
reinked. I read maga to B & to bed 10 1/2. Slept well. till 5 1/2.

Sat. 26. p. & b.C. Chilly 50°. Cloudy. Ate well. Smoked 9/16 16 +  
Wrote. B. cleaning up. Reinked Nov. 1882. <sup>LAW</sup> Bon din. P.M. S.W.  
Warm & windy. 9/16 6 - Cleaning. Schmitz papers. "Sunday N.Y. World"  
Always two of other & clippings. B. late. Reinked & am 4/3 this vol. 10.  
B. to Kimballs. Very warm & W. windy. B back soupe. B to Kimballs  
again & he back with her & a Cyclopedie. I read to B. she to bed  
after 10. Je me resto debout jusque au trois heures m. <sup>Intest.</sup> Slept well.  
— \$5.25.

Sund. 27. up at 8. Cloudy but cleared NW breezy. Warm.  
35°. I am well. 9/16 16 + B. to U.S. & took 2 letters to banks  
to renew etc. I worked at my rest. Mr. Mausay here with  
very nice speckled Geese & milk T. Clear at 12 Reinked.  
B in late, after 1. Good meeting. Bon din. P.M. Clear. Windy N.W.  
9/16 6 + Wrote. Reinked. Ate alone. Read to B. Jean Birn h. T +

Monday 28. up alone almost 8. Mostly Clear. Still 23° Ate  
alone 9/16 16 + Pain in head. B. also. Took hot iron. Read &  
wrote. Ate alone & very little. P.M. Still clear 9/16 16 + At 2 +  
I photo'd from S.W. of house. 3/16 2 sec. So clear. I don't  
feel well. B. still in bed. I got negatives to enlarge.  
I reinked very little. Ate supper & read all alone & to bed 11 + T C X

Tuesd. 29. I up first 8:10. Ate alone. B. up first time. Spots of  
snow & 25°. Still. 9/16 16 + Slept on lounge till 11 & feel better. B.  
is better to & eats nothing. Jenny bro't rabbit & eggs & No jack.  
Had stew for dinner P.M. Party clear. cut up rabbit & put to bake.  
It is a nice one. Good jack. Cat eats trimmings & is fat &  
good natured. But is not nice as "Whiskers," yet. Slept 9/16 16 +  
What lots of money I raked in during 1882 etc. "Lucky Sam."  
Reinked. After supper read to B. in maga. Au lit de la denre. Doanie been.  
Mrs. Hathaway was here, <sup>etc</sup> Mrs. Ellen Parkhurst,

Wed. 30. p. 7 + Clear still. NW 20° ~ - x Ate better. 9/16 6 + 1 x  
I sent 1 qt. jug with darky Smith for cider 25°. I reinked. Clear. Breezy N.W.  
Both better. Granneting are juicy & good. I scape them & turnips. & eat six  
walnuts at a time. B. \$200 certificate came & \$4.50 int. I ate better  
dinner. Had both sweet & sour pickles. A.M. Colvin here to photo'd  
no take. P.M. Clear. Cold. N.W. Breeze 9/16 16 + Read. Wrote. etc  
Reinked. Better. The gas light too dim to use & fire low. We  
in kitchen & read till 10 1/2. B. to bed I in front room IX  
read & reinked till 2 A.M. Pulled bed to door. Left foot  
frozen at little toe. Slept well. Put fire out at 4. Clear still.

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 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>. Clear. Sharp 15° still. N. Vp - c/16 16+ B. off early to Chandes at Andersons, & took my music to Mrs Parkhurst. I reinked. We got nice dinner. P.M. Jack came. Will husk for me Monday. We drew late. I gained 2, & he 1. Will have wood all night. c/16 16+ Clear. Sharp. Still. Reinked I sent \$200 cert. to Shawnee Bk. & another letter explaining. B. took them to P.O. & she to Library & back. Soupe. I front room at 8 & it cold for a time. Read of Davis. To bed late still Warmer. Dunning.

Fri 2. & Hazy. Cleared still. I slept till after 9. v c/16 16+ Wrote. Reinked. Had steak. Ate little. P.M. Clear 40° & still. B. to U. ch. Only 3 there. I reinked c/16 16+ At 4 I to wood house & threw light wood to front. Read Geology Chap vi to B. She off. Clear still Warmer Read T Dunning & 80. In lit room 6° C x

Sat 3. & Sun & cloudy. Chilly 35° Ate better slept till 9 c/16 16+<sup>3</sup> Wrote. Shawnee Bk sent me my pass book & two checks. Reinked. Not much appetite. Late. P.M. Clear. N.W. Breeze c/16 16+ Wrote. B. cleaning up. I am drowsy today. Reinked. T. sent Mrs. Hale to have B. go to the phone. & it was nothing but to not let me forget the Old Setters Meeting Monday! B. made pies. Ate better Read wa

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1/17 79. TAX (Ex 8)

Monday 5. & Snowing. N. 29° Not well. Can't go to Old Setters. Very chilly. Don't feel B cooking & reading (like a Reader, of course). Ate pretty well. P.M. Sleeked. Some sunshine early. c/16 16+<sup>3</sup> I in front room. Warmer. I 6 onto & scraped apples. Dr. R. says I must be Cloudy again. B. came at 5. Ate more soup at Meeting. B. called her, she not well. My man a speaker to day, or S. J. Reader. I read & took 16

AM I AN ORATOR?  
It beats the Dutch!

Tuesday 6. & Cloudy 23° still v - c/16 16+ Reinked. P.M. Party clear 32° still. Put on soup with cabbage & onions. c/16 16+ Wrote. B. at her paper or Davis etc. I sewed brown trousers & soles on old slippers in A.M. I feel better. Reinked Soupe c/16 16+ B off to Argonauts. 11 there only. Gas very low till 10. Pipe broken. I in kitchen. Reinked & ate lot of Cabbage soup while I had an appetite. v v v v New moon. Right

Wednesday 7. & slept well. Clear Sharp still 12°. B. ironed. I helped. Slept a lot. P.M. Clear. Still. Gas low again. Our old clock runs fast-state. I reinked till 3/4. Clear. Still. Bold enough, I'm not well. Soupe. We in front room & heard of Unity Convention in Berlin. Dry. I reinked & 1027 1024 V IT-FIV anjordhui. Trop. A lot longer. I sewed together journal from March 31, 1903 to Aug. 21, 1908. 540 4 m/s 22 days.

Thursday 8. & Clear sharp. cool 12°, still. v. Ate well. Slept till 10 16+ v. Wrote. I sewed this journal together. B. made squash pie. Ate well. P.M. Slept till 1 1/2 Clear 25° still. B. off to U. ch. I in front room c/16 16+ Read T Reinked. B back. Dr. S.E. Martin died yesterday at 4 1/2 p.m. Soupe c/16 16+ Read papers & Dens & down later. To bed 11 1/2 Slept well

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early to Charles at Andersons, & took my music to Miss Parkhouse.  
I reinked. We got nice dinner. P.M. Jack came. Will hunt for me  
Mond. We drew late. I gained 2, & he 1. Will have wood all  
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Frid 2. & Hazy. Cleared still. I slept till after 9. Up at 16+. Wrote. Remarked. Had steak. At little P.M. Clear 40° b2 still <sup>SHAVED</sup>. Remarked only 3 times. I shaved off 16+ At 4 I to wood house B. to N. ch. Only 3 times. I shaved off 16+ At 4 I to wood house & threw light wood to front. Read Geology Chap VI to B. She off. Clear still Warner Read. T Durin & b30. In his account, 67 C x

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Wond 5. F. Snowing - N. 29° Not well. I slept till 10.  
Cant go to Old Setters. Very chilly. Dont feel well. 9/16 16 3 Whole  
B cooking & reading (like a Reader, of course) got 10 g hominy.  
Ate pretty well. P.M. Slacked. Some sunshine. I cant go. B. off  
early. 9/16 16 3 I in front room. Warmer. Reinked at 3 T I ate  
6 onto & scraped apples. Dr. R says I must have calomel to night.  
Cloudy again. B. came at 5. ate more supper. F. was not  
at Meeting. B. called her. She not well. My name in the paper as  
a speaker to day, or 89 Reader. I read & took 10 calomel tablets. 10 g  
hominy.

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Tuesday 6. J. Cloudy 2° Still V - 4/16 10+ Reinked. slept a little. Steak.  
P.M. Partly clear 32° still. Put on soup with cabbage & onions. 4/16 10+  
Wrote. B. at her paper our Games etc. I sewed brown trousers & soles on  
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Fri'd 9. I put out gas at 4. Got cool. up at 7 A.M. pretty well. c/16 16+ Mr. Bainbridge here with wood & we were getting low. I feel better now. I'll beat the "Improbable Inheritance Tax" yet. Poor Dr. Martin had no such worry.?

Old Hylt is crazy as a bed — Thinks the lawyers are trying to get his property away. He has \$2000 & his wife has \$10000 real estate. We had a grand dinner & a good appetite. Pork steak, sour kraut, strained cranberry sauce that Mrs. Hale gave us, squash pie etc. P.M. got cloudy 4° thaw. Chilly. In A.M. Mr. Bainbridge bro't. 4th lb. wood. Rose, B. cleaned house & read papers. I ate nuts & apples. Mrs. Bissell here. Old man is well. B. to walk 20 after 4. + down at dinner. Souper Read to B in U. book. I to bed late 6:30. + 16° F.

Sat. 10. Slept warm. No gas. Not good dreams. up 7 1/2 A.M. pretty well - slept till 9 1/2 c/16 16+ Read. Don't feel well at all + V. Beans & good dinner cooking. Lave' Jack bro't wine & apples & eggs & will get wood. We ate. P.M. Clear. Not much snow - still N.W. c/16 16+ B. to dressmaker. + I got \$10 or Eugene frame & nailed "Far West" in it. Mangeroupe. I ate well. c/16 16+ Read U. book to B. very late. (It's now 12:30 a.m.) still. Not cold. Bob McMaster here. Vice Com'r. Reinked a day he was 6° F.

Sund. 11. Up after 8. Good sleep. Fast don't hurt. Ate good breakfast. Misty 32°. Still V - x c/16 16+ Wrote Smoked de top. Reinked a lot B to U. ch at 11. + I drank hard cider "spiked" with gin. Mist 35° x B. came. Splendid dinner & I ate lots of it. Partly clear. P.M. 4°. Cloudy. c/16 16+ I - x Reinked McR. 1883. Dr Ashmore back & Prescott shot ate soupe. I ate well. I read Carlyle Hero's to B. I read till 12 & 1° x

Mon. 12. V + cloudy 25° Chilly still. V - Pretty well c/16 16° I wrote check \$1.00 Clearing. Reinked. B. up town & back. Lucy here awhile. I slept. Ate well. P.M. Better. & some cloudy. At 2:25 I walked to Petros & changed his "Kidney Cure" for Brand. \$21 x 100 80¢. I saw Dr. Plummer on St. 9 to Hayden. He alone & talked a lot. He 6 mos & days older than I am. I to barber Lux & had hair cut 25¢. A little short. Mr. Hale bro't me home in buggy at 5. no Jack with wood. Read. Feel splendid. Not sweating. Not tired. Will beat the "Improbable Inheritance Tax" yet. Ate big & good supper. c/16 16+ Read Carlyle to B. I up 12 Reinking. To bed & not sleepy. "Too many old codgers" saw me, I suppose. No cramps. T

Tuesd. 13. Up early. V - x Ate well. Clear cold. still 20°. I slept till 10 to 10 x c/16 16+ A card from Salmon Brown. B. making apple pies. I feel well in mind & body, now. The kitten likes to sit on my shoulder. It's very honest and cleanly. B calls her "Betty". Reinked. P.M. Still Clear c/16 16+ Wrote. Reinked. Got nuts from closet. Mrs. Hale bro't sweet cider. Jack bro't big lb. wood. Fine soupe. c/16 16+ I read Carlyle's "Presto." Clear still. Moonlight not cold. I turned meat T. Feel well. now 11:11 p.m. Read 2 1/2

Wed. 14. V - x Clear 30°. Still. S. Pleasant. c/16 16+ Wrote. Soup de cabbage etc. Slept till 10. Reinked. Clear still. I ate a lot of nuts. I ate pretty well. P.M. Clear Reinked.

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Dec. 15, 1910.

Saturday 13 (cont'd.)  
 & W. Wright in Topeka  
 Kansas Co.  
 yesterday I hung the Eugene picture "Fair West"  
 on the W. wall. Looks well. I wrote to L.W.H. 2 pages  
 & sent photo blue print of Indiana. To Salmon Brown  
 & Sent Parsons picture of John Brown's spirit at Osawatomie  
 & a blue print of myself at 50 yrs. Card for circular. I  
 took all to P.O. box. Saw Geo. R. & Mrs. Nicholson. We  
 had fine supper. Read papers c/16/10 till Clear still Warm.  
 I wrote here, now at 10:38 p.m. I feel well enough.  
 I read & reinked till 12:20. T No gas. Warm still. Slept well.

Thursday 15. My sister Eliza is 77 years old today &  
 we have sent no Post cards. Sorry. Clear by c/16/10  
 Wrote. I am quite well, but had a little water brush.  
 Reinked. Dine P.M. Very pleasant. At 1½ B & I over  
 the river & to Lincoln Post. & had grand time. I sat  
 up close. Maj. Gen. Caldwell came & shook hands and  
 I gave him bromide print of Big Blue, & Dr. Roby  
 asked for prints & I gave him blue ones of "Caisson"  
 & Big Blue. He recited poem of "Resaca" Sharpshooting  
 under Jas. Hooker. Gen. S. & Hammon D.C. spoke &  
 Fuller sang. (He said "It was sang.") & Doney & others spoke.  
 I to Stans fields & Mr. Hughs sold me stock now 130 at 15cts. It  
 is only 10¢ I think. No trade more? Mr. auto Boutelle do m. 85-  
 I on horse & B. came from Chardos & U.C. A boy br'd  
 my Hist. Vol II to Mrs. Hale. It's nice. I read, to her & at  
 10¾ to bed first. Up at 2 with cramp & lit fire. Put out 4.

Frid. 16. > 30°. Still Clear. Ate well. Slept till 10. c/16/10  
 Wrote. B. made pies. I am quite well. I wrote a page  
 over habit des armes, to Dr. Roby about his fine superb poem.  
 & sent two mounted solo Big Blues of 1865 & of 1897 to  
 copy at P.M. Clear 52°. Still Beautiful day. c/16/10 Wrote  
 Before 5 B. to U.C. with my letter. I read & ate early supper &  
 c/16/10 10th home 44½ K.S. 838 hrs. Way Green's Branch of Prairie sent  
 in full blast for 3 days. Still Clear. Moon. I am well & no chills.  
 Mr. Barnett came & talked. He don't like Mr. C. Holman. B. came  
 & Mr. B away at 9. Dr. & Mrs. Roby were there. Had supper 35¢  
 B. had a lot to eat. She to bed. I ate lot & lit another.

Sat. 17. > 25°. Clear still 25°. c. Slept till 10½ hrs.  
 Wrote nice day. Lunched P.M. 40° Clear. Reinked very little c/16/10  
 Mrs. Wm. Owen & his sister here till sunset & talked. I am  
 not well. Ate & better at 7. c/16/10 Clear so bed 11½ Slept 8 hrs.  
 Jack don't live rooster & eggs.

Sund. 18. I up first nearly 8. Dreamed of trying to farm &  
 under disadvantages. Clear 30° still. Ate well. c/16/10 Wrote.  
 Fed & watered rooster. B. to U.C. I reinked & B. back & Lucy  
 Parks came & ate with us P.M. Clear & W. cooler. She away. Katie  
 here with Maggs. Away at 5. Feel well. B. & I had supper c/16/10  
 I read chapter of Geology. The rains wash all the land in the ocean  
 & then it lifts up & the sea covers the land & we then have  
 the rich mud to farm with for a few million years again. &c.

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Dec. 19. 1910.

Samuel J Readers Journal. N. Topeka Kansas.

Monday, 19, up at 7. Clouds. Not cold. Wrote well. I killed the big rooster. B & I plucked it dry for the first time. A great success. Cleaning at 9. c/16/16 + Wrote B cut-up chicken & boiled it. I reinked. Had late dinner. Ate little. P.M. Clear w/ 40° Cold. c/16/16 B. to Bank & got \$28.14 All of it & \$1.00 more. I reinked - ate nuts. Soupe 11/16 B. to Agardants. I ate nuts & wrote. Read. Quite well. B. back. Mrs. Dolvin pays Mrs. Mc Carter on accts. Boarcamp. Trop.

Tuesd. 20. ☀ Clouds. Ate chicken, not relished. Wrote c/16/16 + I am well. B writing note to Mrs. Mc C. about Mrs. Dolvin. She over river. I reinked & ate nuts. B. back. We ate P.M. Clear. Pleasant - c/16/16 + Read maga. Reinked. Soupe. Read of Liver & trial to B. To bed at 11/16

Wed. 21. Shortest day, ☀ W on to Clear 20°. Wrote. Droned. I helped. Reinked of doleful Apr. 1883. Mired cows etc. A nice dinner. Soupe & sweet pickles chicken etc. I ate little P.M. Wrote 42 & E. Haze. B. took my negatives "Slaked" & "Big Blue" to Carter, & she to dress maker. I reinked. Snowing, but melted. I ate nuts. Ate good supper. Read Liver to B. Clear 82. c/16/16 + trois fois. Trop. Warmer plus cloud. Better. To bed 11/16. Slept well. Waked up laughing out loud.

Thursd. 22. ☀ Clear still 35°. Warmer. S.E. Worried that Mr. Skinner dont pay, or come, & I fear Mr. Stanford being slow. c/16/16 + B. to iron & fixed time I had congestive chill. I helped iron pillow cases sheet etc. P.M. Blended up. N.W. B off at 2. to u. ch. etc. I have a nice letter from Luke Parsons & clippings. Wrote. c/16/16 + I answered in 4 pages & met Willard book too high. B. back with headache & ate nothing. I read of "Shiloh" battle to her in vol. II. Hot'l. I to bed 12 c. Slept well. No gas. Old Eric Nyström dead 60 yrs only.

Friid. 23. I up & ate alone 22° still Clear. W. Ate well & V - A card from Hastings & I answered card. I made paste & fixed his Antiquity book. Wrote at 11+ Pleasant. I am well. I pulled through all right. P.M. I made a card on blue "Buffalo" & sent to John Evans & a card to Capt. Miles with "Slaked" pasted on it, etc. B. came down at 4 & ate nothing till 8nd. I ate big supper. Read to B. Colder. Clear. Gas all night. To bed 11.

Sat. 24. Up alone 7 1/2. Good sleep. Haze. Still 20° Cold. I ate alone & B. down 8 1/2. V - c/16/16 + B. drinks hot water, she wants to take a 5 days course for her health. Reinked & read vol. II. Ate alone. Beefsteak etc. P.M. Clear & E. 35°. We washed dishes. c/16/16 + Wrote. Reinked a little supper alone. Read to B & to bed 11. F. was here. & saw FAR WEST. Likes it.

Sunday 25 Christmas. I up first - after 8 & ate alone. B eats nothing. Haze. Slept till 10 c/16/16 + 30. I fixed his book. Wrote. Lame. I don't feel well at all. I got & ate dinner alone. P.M. Clear 45° x c/16/16 + Reinked. At 3. F. & Grace came with presents. I got some fog pudding from E. Mrs. Rev. Jones sent me fruit in basket. F. gave me Pooh prose stories. E. is very well. Clouds. Away, I got & ate early supper. Better appetite. B. eats nothing. Now three days & a half. To Read Joe Water's "Wyandot" paper. B. off 10 1/2. Wrote. I reinked. Puis trois des tis trop, au contraire. Au lit. B. Drove home.

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~ \$3. Int. Dec. 26 1910.

Mon. 26. I up alone near 8, & ate  $\frac{1}{2}$  x Clear 21°  
still. Pleasant.  $\frac{1}{2}$  30- $\frac{1}{2}$  16 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  16 x B up but ate nothing. Schulte  
2 Sunday Worlds came & cards from Kate Morgan now Mrs.  
McKenney & Margery. I slept on lounge till 11:10. Ground  
coffee. B. took hot water & sick at stomach. Washed dishes.  
I feel better. She took  $\frac{1}{2}$  tumbler of "see it all" after 12. 4 days  
starved. I sent Cert. #200 to Central BK & \$3 int due. & to  
make new Cert. for B. I took it to box. I am weak & had  
late dinner. Ate little. & rest of 8 x "Bag-pudding" c/16 16 + Read.  
At 3:20 B. took more of the liquid food. Says her digestion is  
better for it. Cheaper than Doctors too. T. S. Warm 50°. Clear.  
Soupe. Read of taxation rascality. Read mega. Trois. top. Au lit 12+

~ \$4.50 Int.  
Tuesd 27. I up before 8 first. Chilly - 32° Got-hazy. Still 8:20  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  x B. up & had gruel but no solid food today. I shaved c/16 16 #.  
At 10:10 I walked to Shawnee BK & renewed Cert. & got \$4.50  
more interest. I got 10x jar sweet pickles & envelopes & cards at  
P.O. 79cts. Mr. Barnbridge bro't me home after 11 nice as a  
pin. Cloudy. I rested & cooked krount & cabbage. & B had her  
gruel. M. Warren cloudy. Sprinkle at 3 & some rain. I read  
c/16 16. Ate nuts. Rested. Supper & ate well. c/16 16 + Read mega-  
ine to B. She ate gruel & off. I ate meat pickle etc. Trois ~ 11:10  
Mrs. Paul Antier. Reinked a little.

1/3. 50

Wed. 28. D up at 2 & lit gas & to bed. B up first & ate dried  
bread, first solid food for nearly 6 days. I ate little & slept  
till nearly 10. c/16 16 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  30. Got-hazing & horseradish Clear.  
Still 35° & 40° + B on lounge. I wrote P.M. Got-cloudy. c/16 16  
Reinked. Warm. Col. Hale here & we had a nice talk. B. to Mrs  
Antier & got the black plush cloak all made over \$3.50. Col. left.  
He has kidney trouble, like Dr. Davis. The cannon found in Barry  
Co. not likely ours. I read Ate nuts & supper. B. had gruel alone.  
Mrs. Bissell bro't me some krount. I read to B & early to bed 10 + c/16 16

F

Thursd. 29. p Cloudy. 30° N. Getting colder. V R. Slept till 10  
c/16 16 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  30. Wrote. B. eats gruel only. Stomach weak; yet  
x. EUCF x B. on lounge with cat. Reinked. Had dinner. Krount etc. I  
ate little. Clear. B. feels better & off c/16 16 + Read "Carney" pamphlet;  
vauuen. At 4 Mr. Campbell came & took my "Big Blue" & escape book,  
& drank glass of hard cider. T + I am better. I gave him a 2 pint blue  
photo' of Indian. B. back late from Mrs. McDavid's. Ate well. c/16 16 +  
Read some. Bolder. Ni Clear. To bed early. Deux tab. Bon x 2 R. Front:

$\leftarrow$  (84 do. EGGS TO DATE)

Friid 30. B. up first. Gas low all night. Quite well but weak c/16 16 +  
Clear 21° & 8 still. B. some headache. Mrs. Hale says they will take  
out telephone as he has a store over the river. Slept a little. Wrote  
Reinked + Got nice dinner. Krount & Porterhouse steak & B. ate  
a little of it, rare done, gruel, raw egg etc. P.M. Clear. S. breeze  
42°. All better. c/16 16 + Wrote. Col. V. & John Carter, bad  
kidney trouble. Campbell has insomnia. Reinked. B. to Lacey's  
& sent \$1. for Post wine & got medicine food for \$1. Got home & bottle only  
1/2 full. Telephoned & a boy bro't another & Read papers. Supper &  
B. had bad headache. I pressed it. She to bed. Gas all night ~ 1:20  
Mr. Barrett here an hour. Down on Waters. Trois. T. S. +

An article in journal about me & the cannon.

Sat. 31. B. up first better, all V - x c/16 16 + Clear S. breeze 39° + Ate well.  
Reinked. P.M. Hazy. S. breeze. Mr. Burr got pay 10¢ for journal c/16 16 + Reinked  
ge one line. Et B assin. Ate good supper. Cloudy. I read to  
B. in Particular. She's better. I to bed at 11:20 slept well Trois. Non  
de gaz chand.

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Jan. 1. / 911, New Year.

Samuel J. Readers journal. North Topeka Kansas.

Sund. 1. B. up at 8. first. A racket at midnight last night. Some rain last night cloudy. Warm 40° Clearing off. Both better. 4/16 16+ Wrote. V P x Reinked. Clouded up at 10 1/2 & NW colder. B. to N. ch. & back so there. We got good dinner. P. N. Cold & snowing some. 4/16 16+ Wrote, Ate better. So is B. She ate soup & solid food but no kraut. Soupe. Mr. Hale is sick. I read Poe's "Gold Bug" to B. She is well & to bed. I at 12 1/2 trois. Dommé bien.

Mond. 2. ☀ Gas all night. Sharp. 1° or zero. NW. Clouds. No snow V x Ate well, both. 9 ai trois cent tab juge au maintien. B. to make squash pie. Today is called NEW YEARS, 4/16 16+ Reinked 6° about P.M. Clear N. cold. Gas got low. Reinked. 4/16. We ate supper & in the kitchen till 9. Gas better but light will not burn. I read "Gold Bug" to B. I reinked till 1. Clear still. Sharp. Trois. Slept well & warm. Gas strong.

In \$6. u.s. int.

Tuesd. 3. B up at 7+ first. 6° below zero. Still. Clear. N. V - x Ate well. 4/16 16+ Mrs. int. came & Express card to call for wine. The rascals. B telephoned them & Lacy. Mr. H. is better & off to his grocery store. Reinked. We got a fine dinner. Good Kraut etc. P.M. Clear Pleasant 3° still 4/16 16+ I fittered the old vinegar. B. is baking bread. I am well. Gas burns low. I have only one big basket of walnuts. Not a quarter of them. Jack had sense to send so many. Reinked. Mr. Kimball returned books & will go to Authors Club maybe. Soupe. Read in kitchen till 10 to B. Poe's stories. Gas then good. I up an unmit-passé. Trois t. Gas all night.

Wed. 4. ☀ Clear. 16° still warmer. V - 4/16 16+ Wrote. B better. Nice day. Reinked till 10 1/2 & slept 1 h. B. cleaned up stairs. Fine dinner. P.M. Clear W. 36°. Some breeze, shamed 4/16 16+ Pretty well. I reinked. Soupe. B. got my blue clothes & said I must go to Club. (Authors.) Put ring on little finger left. Saw new moon Sept. At 8 off & to Mr. Moorehouse's late. Many there. Connelly read 2 Mrs. Barr & Mrs. McDarter & John S. Dawson spoke. Mrs. Roby read a child's story. Almost 11, broke up. Home very late but gas good. Clear still. Not cold at all. I to bed & almost trois plus.

Gas.

1 \$1.45

Thurs 5. ☀ V x Cloudy slept 1 1/2 h. Ground. I helped. Horning & squash pie, beef etc. P.M. 4/16 16+ B. over the river. to pay gas, box rent & may be Express. Clear warm SW. breeze 50° x Wrote. I ground this steel pen on whet stone to smooth it. No good. This now is B's gold pen. Reinked. Read. B. in late with wine. Pd. gas 1.45. Deposit box \$3. to John R. Mulvane. Got 1 qt wine. Had to pay 40cts. The prohibition law is made to be odious odious. Ate. & read Poe to B. & to bed early & slept well & no gas. Warmer still trois t x clear.

Frid. 6. ☀ Clear. 25 still. Pleasant. V 10 4/16 16+ 1/20. I ironed sheet & pillow cases. Slept. Lot of fat beef sent. I ate little. P.M. 48° Clear V x 4/16 16+ Slept little. Reinked. B. over river & got 3 coats for me, to try on & strings for herself & back at dark. John McNamee here till 5 T Soupe. & read & B to Mrs. Bissell with kraut-pail. Mrs. Davis is sick. Mrs. Woodward better. I tried on coats. \$5. each etc. I read till 11. Doux demie. Slept well.

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Sat. 7. ☀ Clear 3°. Still. ~ - Have soup & vegetables in it.  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$ . & plenty papers. I read. Burned out a hypo needle. B. cleaning up front rooms. She is better. So am I. I am almost 75 yrs young. P.M. Warm. 45° W. Reinked c/16 16+ Soupe. Jack her with 3 doz eggs. Skinner has not made his fence yet. My corn almost finished. He away. I read Geology for B. & I up late reading now.

Sund. 8. ☀ Warm. 3°. Clear still. All well  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  30. Slept till 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . B. to U. ch T Wrote. NW breeze 45°. Reinked. I wrote to Skinner about fixing his fence & to see me et. Also to Wm. Stanford if he could pay  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.}$  Feb 1 instead of Feb 15. & a card in French to Fr to bring clippings. Finished Knott P.M. N.W. cooler. Reinked etc c/16 16+ Nice supper as usual. I read about Saxons to B.  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  30 16+ Trois to bed 11+ & Cx.

Mon. 9. B. up very early at her bread. No gas in night. I slept 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  A nice letter from Salmon Brown. He got my picture of when I was 50. & said: You were a fine looking man at 50. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  Clear B. 28° & up 40° B making pies. P.M. Clear. 50. S.E.  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  Reinked. Skinned Soupe. B. over river to Argonaut at Kelleys. I read Rob. Stone 21 votes for Speaker. Other chaps 35. Gov. Stubbs down on Stone for promising members, positions. Perdub. Trois et deux. B home later. I ate lunch. Read till after 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  & I. No gas. In  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.}$  Skinner out  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.}$  coat.

Tuesday 10. ☀ Hazy. SE breeze. Warm 40° ~ - x 16+ Wrote. We are well. Reinked. B. washed windows. I slept. Mr. Skinner here & gave check  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.}$  Will measure land. Is very nice. Own pay? His brother in law helpless. P.M. Clear. SE breeze warm.  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  50°. I walked to the bank & got best. 6 mo 3 pt. st. saw lot of old comrades. King Danbee, Gurnett, & blacksmith Paisley 78, at Heydens. I got 1/2 codeine, starch, & pano 55. Up at Easter. No prints yet. Home with Mission. Sweaty. Rested. Better. Soupe. Read of the Saxons to B. I to bed 11+ Deux deus. Slept too warm. still. Boy came for coat. Pd. him  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.}$  chick.

Wed. 11. up 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hazy. N.W. 2°. Cold. ~ - x  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  Wrote. & rented & slept 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . P.M. for  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  20° Clear partly NW. Very cold. I wrote Connally about Salmon Brown & Vileads book. Reinked. Bon soupe. I checked all Central Bk Balance 7.50 to Mr. Hale & sent 50¢. I read Eng. histy to B. Wind down clear. Not so cold. I read till almost 1 a.m. I gas all night. Deux deus. Dernier. 2x dinner.

Thurs. 12. ☀ some haze. Clear. Still 18°. Cold enough. Slept till 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  ~ - x  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$  bone. But pretty well. Reinked. Steak & trout. I am not hungry. P.M. Clear but some haze. B. for Chando at Haynes.  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.} +$   $\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb.}$  Wrote. Drowsy. B. off. I read Vol. II Hist. of Kans. It is cloudy. Not cold. Reinked after 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 3 bills to repeal inheritance tax. B. back. Nice time. Soupe. Read till 11. I to bed at 12. Trois.

Today being Friday, the 13th, the court of Topeka is not busy. Judge Garver made an unsuccessful attempt this morning to get four colored cases before the court but no colored man or woman could be found in the county jail who would stand for it. The judge says there is no superstition prevalent among the colored race so dispensed as Friday, the 13th.

Reinked. B. off with pies to U. ch G. & C. here a minute. B. off with pies to U. ch G. & C. freezing NE. still. Cold. ~ - Slept till 11. Apple pies. Reinked. P.M. Sleeting. Dark 22°. R. here a minute. B. off with pies to U. ch G. & C. As all night up till 1 a.m. Mawais never rather. Warm.

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His brother William helpless. P.M. Clear. B.W. breeze warm. 9/16 + 50°.  
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comrades. King Danbee, Squirter, & Blacksmith Posley 78, 81, Heydens.  
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Saxons to B. I to bed 11 + Deux demis. Slept too warm. Still.  
Boy came for coat. Pd. him \$5 chick.

Wed. 11. up 7 1/2 Hazy. N.W. 28°. Cold. V - x c/16 16 + Wrote.  
& reinked & slept 1 1/2. P.M. M 16 & V 20° Clear partly NW.  
Very cold. I wrote Connally about Salmon Brown & Vileads book.  
Reinked. Bon soupe. I checked all Central Bk Balance 7.50 to  
Mr. Hale & sent 50¢. I read Eng. hist to B. Wind down still.  
Not so cold. I read till almost 1 a.m. I gas all night. Deux demis  
2x over

Thurs. 12. ☀ Some haze. Clear. Still 18°. Cold enough. Slept till 9 1/2  
V - x c/16 16 + bone. But pretty well. Reinked. Steak & trout. I  
am not hungry. P.M. Clear out some haze. B. for Chaudes at Haynes.  
c/16 16 + 9/16 Wrote. Drowsy. B. off. I read Vol. II Hist. of Kans. It  
is cloudy. Not cold. Reinked after 4 1/2. 3 bills to repeat Inheritance  
tax. B. back. Nice time. Soupe. Read till to B. I to bed at 12. Gas 6.  
E 5 V 11 x 6 6 x 6 gas bill 6.

Friday 13. ☀ Hoo-doo day. 8°  
Mid - 13°

Clear. Sleeting & freezing NE. Still. Cold. V - Slept till  
9 a.m. 10 1/2. B. made apple pies. Reinked. P.M. Sleeting. Dark 22°  
F. 12°. Wrote. Slept. Got R. here a minute. B. off with pies to & sleep to  
I read. Still cool. Reinked. B. back at 11. Ate lunch. Deux demis. Still.  
Gas all night up till 1 a.m. Mawais leaves rather. Warm.

W.E. Connally  
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1 \$10 J. Reamy.  
Hawkins

Jan 14 1911.

Sat. 14. Up late at 8. Ate well. B. bro't one of her pies home. Had 40 at the feast. I wear my ring on little finger left hand. Slept till 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  cloudy N.E. still 20° B. sweeping. P.M. Jessie Reamy, bro't wood & 2 bags of apples. I gave him a check \$10 on hawking. Away at 2. c/16 m $\frac{1}{2}$  cloudy. Still. Warmer. I feel better. Reinked. soupe. The apples (2 backs) that Jessie bro't are frozen. Wine safe. Not hurt may be. Read to B in paper c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  I to bed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ . trois soupe bien.

Sund. 15. At 8. Cloudy still 16°. Sharp N. S. Slept till 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ . B. for U.C.H. got clear. I feel pretty well. Reinked. B. in before 1 P.M. with fingers very cold. Nice dinner. I emptied the apples in boxes. Mashed some but not ruined by frost. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Wrote clear. Still 22°. Reinked. soupe. Read Hume about Alfred x 11 x Took quinine. good sleep. Deux, F V x

Mon. 16. Up late. Cloudy S. 20°. Still. Ate well. Slept 10 c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  B. making squash pie. Phil Billard killed a nigger, Smith in auto. Wrote. I reinked. Fine dinner as usual. P.M. cloudy. Chilly, 26° x c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Wrote. Je me porte bien. Mrs. Woodman's father & her son "The Count", as Leon called him, has gone home. Reinked. soupe. Mr. Barratt here & talked. The rich gypsy, Stanley gave only \$2.50 for YMCA. & Robinson who own Page farm gave \$100 check. We donne que un piaster. B. mixed bread & to bed not feeling well. I sat up & read till 20 m to 1 a.m. I Deux. Gas low all night c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Peines troubous. More quinine

Tuesd. 17. I got up at 7 & lit fire & B. up & put bread in pans. cloudy still 25°. N.W. N. S. I ate alone. 9. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x Smoked. B. on my bed. I wrote. Reinked. B. baked the bread nicely. I got myself a good dinner. P.M. Better. Cloudy. Still. Warmer. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  30 m 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Smoked. T 8 B. slept on my bed. I got in wood. Wrote. Uncle Samuel died Sept 25 1883 & about 77 yo. still. 28° cloudy. Reinked. soupe. I ate a lot c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  I read Hume. Was sleepy. To bed at 11. dormie bien Trois trop. Waterbrush bedtime

Wed. 18. I up first at 7 & made fire. B down & ate gruel. No headache. c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cloudy 26° still. N. S. I ate alone. 9. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x Reinked. Slept. Fiel soire. B. ate with me. P.M. cloudy m 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x Smoked meilleurs. Reinked. Mr. Sommolley here till 5. talked of Indians etc. His eyes trouble him. He says flames of our gas will suffocate & kill. He read Salmon Browns letter to me. soupe. I read Hume to B. & I to bed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  Deux seul. Bon. S. 7 x Gas till cleared off at 10.

Thursd. 19. B. up first. Cloudy again. 38° chilly. S. & still. N. S. x c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Wrote. Reinked. Slept till 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ . I fried bacon for B. & sweet potatoes for self. B cleared ice from walk. Thawing. P.M. Cloudy 40° about. I washed frozen apples at the well. Hands awful cold. B. colic. I in front room, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Warm. Reinked. soupe. I read Hume to B. lunch. back to bed. I read vol. II of old Black Hawk. Warum. Maus. Trois manuavis. Now 12. Reinked till 1 a.m. S. 7 x

Frid. 20. x cloudy. Snow & sleet today. 41° N. S. - x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Wrote. Still. S. B & I ironed some. Reinked. Slept. Mange. P.M. 46° Cloudy S. moist. c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x soupe. B. called on Mrs. Ellen Parkhurst. I read. T Deux demi. To bed 12 + no gas. Clear. Still.

OLD MRS. FIEDERLING DIED. 80 yrs.  
Sat. 21. x Hazy again. Still 27°. N. S. Slept till 10 c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  shoulder lame. Reinked. Deux after lunch. Prunes. Pork steak hammy etc. P.M. Cloudy N.E. 28° x c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Wrote. B. on lounge with Betty Blue, the cat. It never growls & steals et demande aller dehors la maison. soupe. Read Geology. To bed 12. Deux x Gas all night.

Sund. 22. x Chilly. Still. 26°. Cloudy N. S. - c/16 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Slept. B. to U.C.H. Party clear. Wrote. Reinked. B. back. P.M. Clear. 40°. Still 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Reinked. B took a walk. soupe. Read Hume. Au lit minuit. Deux demi. Rêve manuavis.

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Jan. 23, 1911.

Mond. 23. P. Clear. 28. Still. Frosty. 0°/16° + Wrote. Mrs. Friederling's funeral. Mrs. Francis S. Friederling of Elmont, died at her home Saturday morning. Old age was the cause. She was 80 years old. The funeral was held from the home this afternoon. The body was buried in the Halfway cemetery. Jan. 23 1911.

little appetite, & with a good dinner too. P.M. 45° S.W. Clear. B to the dentist. E.S. & Argonauts, 0°/16° +. Reinked. Mr. Henry Reiner came & we talked till 5. Got cloudy. S.E. Warm. No appetite, wrote. The Hart family took Reiner in & nursed him, I ate alone & magazine American came & read 16+. B home at 11. Ate nice frozen apples. B at 8. Ate well. & at Mrs. Curtis's, I to bed 12 1/2. Slept warm. No gas, blounds. In \$40 & 40cts. FORTY.

Tuesd. 24. P. Cloudy. Ate well. N x 48 x still. Escrit. Better. Smoky Row pays me \$40 & \$25 this year. I supposed I would have to pay on tax, this year. May get something out of it yet. 16° +. B. to Bank & got \$25. My prints not done yet. Reinked. Had good dinner. P.M. Cloudy. Still Warm 47° I washed dirty frozen apples 0°/16° +. Reinked. Today Mr. Lacy required the 40cts Express charge on wine, all right. Ate big supper & had colic & water brash. Read Hume Demy dum. To bed 10 1/2. Slept well.

THREE-FOURTHS ( $\frac{3}{4}$  yrs.) OF A CENTURY. (100 YEARS.) !!!

MY 75<sup>TH</sup>. BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY, 1911.  
"THE OLD MAN," LE VIEILLARD SENEX. Le vieillard. (VIE-YAR.)

Wed. 25. B. up early. Cloudy & misted. No chicken from Jack. Sent for steak. I slept till 9 1/2. Got horning. B. says folks are coming. 16° +. I burnt out a needle nicely. Reinked. After 11. F. came & then Grace & Kate. Bore dinner late. P.M. 45° Very warm. Cloudy. Misty. 0°/16° +. Talked. Cleaned party. All away. Mrs. Northup. Mrs. Hebbards sister dead. G. x - D. x Wrote. Soupe. Read Eng. hist. to B & to bed. "OLD AS THE HILLS" NEARLY ALMOST HARDLY. Eat 10 1/2 premiere. D. d.

Thursd. 26. P x Clear very warm. 52°. Mr. Mauney bro't a live rooster in a sack. We put him in a box. Jack misunderstood. I remarked. Jack bro't eggs. He thought it was chicken today. Some clouds 55° P.M. Very warm 0°/16° + B for Chando's Club. I rammed a big lot T.T. Cloudy 64°. S.W. or S.E. B home. soupe. Dr. Mitchell down with the "New manor hay." Will die thereof. Lizzie Downey Moran died other day. 16° +. Born 40 cts here. 40 K.C. Read Hume & to bed first 10 1/2. D. d. Thunder & a shower at 4 x

Frid 27. P 35° N. Cloudy N P x I slept till 10+ gas man came. I shaved. 0°/16° + Wrote. B. cleaning up front room etc. I'm well. I sneeze. I reinked a little. The rooster is a hen. P.M. Cloudy. 61°. 0°/16° +. Read till 4 T. Reinked. soupe. Read Hume to B. to Wm. 1st I to bed at 12. Slept well D. d. Gas all night. IN \$30. Interest.

Sat. 28. P. Cloudy. 34° still. S.E. Killed & skinned chicken. & baked it. Reinked. Lave l'au l'autre. P.M. Cloudy 40°. Still. B off to see "Caesar" played. I read till 2 3/4 0°/16° +. Reinked. I wrote Stanford. Sent receipt & blue "Tobacco?" & sent check & pass book by mail to Bank. Check by Mr. Shumate. I reinked & read. I took our journal to Hale & she bro't it back. Also today, pigs tails & pigs feet. B. home. Had good seat for 50 cts. Nice play. Ate. I read Hume. I up till 12. D. d. Slept well. \$130. 1/2. Warmer. No gas. OUT \$15 U. church.

Sund. 29. Up before 8. Cloudy Warm 50° still. Ate little 0°/16° +. B. to U. ch. & back & took my check \$15. I reinked. T good dinner. Ate little P.M. 0°/16° +. Very warm 64°. Reinked. Read. B took walk. I washed apples. S.C. N.W. cooler. 50°. Soupe 0°/16° +. B off to church & wrote. Read. She back from Methodists. Mr. Waldron preached to 150. Only 30 at U. ch. To bed 11 1/2 & no gas.

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in which do you think was the night of  
old, and building over Dottie took her  
out. I'm afraid she's still here.

Jan. 23, 1911. Mon. 23. P. Clear. 28°. Still. Frosty & x Pancakes. Slept 9 1/2.  
 c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> Wrote. Mrs. Friederlings funeral 2 PM today. Reinked &  
 little appetite, & with a good dinner too. P.M. 45° S.W. Clear. B to the  
 dentist. E & Argonauts, c 1/16 16+<sup>3</sup>. Reinked. Mr. Henry Reisner came  
 & we talked till 5. Got cloudy. S.E. Warm. No appetite, wrote. The  
 Hart family took Reisner in & nursed him. Ate alone & magazine  
 American came & read 16+. B home at 11. Ate nice frozen apples.  
 B at 8. Ate well. & at Mrs. Quitt's. To bed 12 1/2. Slept warm.  
 In \$40.840ds. ~~8~~ FORTY.

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 Smoky Row pays me \$40 ~~8~~ 8<sup>2</sup> this year. I supposed I would have to  
 pay on tax, this year. May get something out of it yet. 16+<sup>2</sup>. B. to  
 Bank & got \$2. My prints not done yet. Reinked. Had good dinner,  
 P.M. Cloudy. Still Warm 47° x I washed dirty frozen apples c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> x  
 Reinked. Today Mr. Lacy refunded the 40ds Express charge on wine, all  
 right. Ate big supper & had coffee & water brash. Read Hume Deny den  
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Wed. 25. B. up early. Cloudy & misted. No chicken from Jack.  
 Sent for steak. I slept till 9 1/2. Got hominy. B. says folks are coming.  
 16+<sup>2</sup>. I burnt out a needle nicely. Reinked. After 11. F. came & then  
 Grace & Kate. Bon dîne. late. P.M. 45° Very warm. Cloudy. Misty. 16+<sup>2</sup>  
 Talked. Cleared partly. All away. Mrs. Northup. Mrs. Hubbard's sister  
 dead. ~~W~~ x - ~~I~~ x Wrote. Soupe. Read Eng. hist. to B & to bed  
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 live rooster in a sack. We put him in a box. Jack misunderstood,  
 I remarked. Jack bro't eggs. He thought it was chicken today. Some clouds 55°  
 P.M. Very warm c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> B for Chando Club. I rammed a big lot T.T.  
 Cloudy 64°. S.W. or S.E. B home. soupe. Dr. Mitchell down with the  
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 Born 40 ds here. 40 K.C. Read Hume & to bed first 10 1/2. D. et. d.  
 Thunder & a shower at 4 x

Frid 27. P. 35° N. Cloudy & R x I slept till 10+ gas man came.  
 I shaved. c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> Wrote. B. cleaning up front-room etc. 9'm  
 well. I sneeze. I reinked a little. The rooster is a hen. P.M. Cloudy,  
 still. N. 35°. c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> Read till 4 T Reinked, soupe. Read Hume  
 to B, to Wm. 1/5 9 to bed at 12. Slept well D. et. d. Gas all night.  
 IN \$30. Interest:

Sat. 28. P. Cloudy. 34° still. S.E. Killed & skinned chicken, &  
 baked it. Reinked. Lave l'au l'autre. P.M. Cloudy 40°. Still.  
 B off to see "Caesar" played. I read till 2 3/4 c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup>. Reinked.  
 I wrote Stanford. Sent receipt & blue "Tobacco" & sent  
 check & pass book by mail to Bank. Check by Mr. Shumate.  
 I reinked & read. I took our journal to Hale & she bro't it back.  
 Also today, pigs tails & pigs feet. B. home. Had good seat-for 50 ds.  
 Nice play. At. I read Hume. I up till 9 1/2. D. et. d. Slept well. 1/30 c 1/16.  
 OUT \$15 U. church. Warm. No gas.

Sund. 29. Up before 8. Cloudy Warm 50° still. Ate little c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> x  
 B. to U. ch. & back & took my check \$15. I reinked. T Good dinner  
 ate little P.M. c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup> Very warm 64° Reinked. Read. B took  
 walk. I washed apples, 8c. N.W. Fowler. 50°. soupe c 1/16 16+<sup>2</sup>.  
 B off to church & wrote. Read. The back from Methodists.  
 Mr. Waldron preached to 150. Only 30 at U. ch. To bed 11 1/2. No gas.

J. Stanford  
Wm. Shawnee  
Bank

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Jan. 30. 1911.

Mond. 30. up  $7\frac{1}{2}$  clear  $30^{\circ}$ . Still.  $\checkmark$  x ate pretty well, B. ironed. I slept till  $9\frac{1}{2}$  & helped a little  $\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  wrote. I am weak & drowsy. Machine wearing out. 75 years. P.M.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}} 45^{\circ}$  S. clear. Some haze. I am better. I wish I were strong enough to go to Hist'l Society. Reinked. Soupe, I took calomel. Read. the play "Harold" to B. by Tennessee. I to bed  $11\frac{1}{2}$  Deux trois quarts.

Banbridge, wood,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  foot.

Tuesd. 31. B up very early.  $38^{\circ}$  warmer. cloudy as usual. I ate as well as usual, not much.  $\checkmark$  to  $1 - x \frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Wrote. B. to iron & I ironed a little. Reinked. A long p. letter from Rev. Heitzog in China. Slept. P.M. Finished chicken,  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  whole  $62^{\circ}$  still S. M. Barnbridge bro't ld. of wood. B. off to see Hazel Forbes Caldwell's baby, etc. I read. T. Very warm.  $67^{\circ}$  Doors open. Fires out. Too warm. Reinked T B. back & saw young one all right. Soupe. Read. Mrs. Park came & wanted 2 acres. Will see the boys. Corn down  $2 c$  in K.C. to 43. Was 46 a week ago. Comrade Emmanuel F. Heisler, here with a note from Coe. Neale, & asked me about the cannon. He wants it ours "right or wrong". All away. I read till 1 a.m.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  Warm night.

Wednesday February 1. 1911. N. Topeka 4 hours.

Up as usual.  $\checkmark$  ate well. Still  $42^{\circ}$  x warm.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Wrote. I slept till  $10\frac{1}{2}$  & I ironed a little. Reinked first. P.M. Very warm  $67^{\circ}$ . B W & N.W. shaved.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Heisler says Col. Neale is worse off than I am physically. I wear my gold ring on my left little finger. It is my 75th birthday present from Bessie. Deux et demi piasters. Reinked. T N.W. windy at 4. Soupe. Finished. Harold. To bed  $10\frac{1}{2}$  trois.

Thursd. 2. Observation day. Fair & clear.  $28^{\circ}$  still N. ate well.  $\checkmark$   $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Negro Smith bro't cider  $25^{\circ}$ . Eat. Reinked. At 10 I walked to the bank without stop & got pass book. Have \$65. I to Petros & Mr. Grubbs told me, Dr. Mitchell is very low. Got of Petros box m. et empty capsules & styrch 430.  $\frac{1}{2} 610$ . I to Easter & got my 6 prints  $30 cts$ . Saw "Fat man". Home before 12. Still. Clear NW.  $32^{\circ}$  above. Not tired. Glad I went. P.M.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Wrote. At 3, B. to Uch, & back & she & Mrs. Doran the only ones there! I reinked & stamped photo prints. Soupe  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Read much make up to B. To bed  $11\frac{1}{2}$  trois.

Frid. 3.  $\checkmark$  clear. Ate well.  $\checkmark$   $\frac{1}{2} 6 - x \frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Wrote. Beefsoup. Reinked a lot till  $11\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. Clear, Pleasant.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Wrote. Reinked B. to dressmaker. T Corn down  $43\frac{1}{2}$  K.C. 40 here. Soupe. Read Geology. I to bed before 11. Deux seul. Dormi bien. No gas. Cooler.

Sat. 4.  $\checkmark$   $\frac{1}{2} 6$  x ate little. clear but a haze.  $28^{\circ}$  still. Slept till 9 x invitation to Authors Banquet.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Cat on my shoulder was I am writing. Reinked. Better. ate well. P.M. Haze,  $48^{\circ}$ . Still  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , wrote, B. late. At 3 p.m. clear, wrote. Reinked. Soupe. Geo R. came with popper & eggs & talked good while. Says to hold corn. I read. To bed  $10\frac{1}{2}$ . warm no gas. Deux trois quatre. Sprinkle.

Mon. 5. up late. Thunder & Sprinkle. B. S. Shilly  $38^{\circ}$ . ate well.  $\checkmark$   $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}} + 9$  put on my ring. Wrote. Dark.  $\frac{1}{2} 6$  trois cent tab.  $\frac{1}{2} 6$  et demi x Reinked. B. with parasol to U. ch. & heard Mr. Bennett. Only 2-6 there. Slowly dying. Too tame & sensible. I wrote a page of close wait to Rev. O.G.H. & told of letter to Edwin Knowles about Chinese Banks. & that he died. We had fine dinner P.M. Cleared off. Warm. B. Wrote.  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Quite well. Reinked. B. to Mrs. Bissell. Mr. Barnett here & away. B & I ate & she & Mrs. Bissell to church  $\frac{1}{2} 16\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  wrote. Reinked. a big lot. B home late. Ortho Dox ch. M.E. crowded full. I to bed at 11. slept well trois.

Henry 8.

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Jan. 6 1911.

Mond. 6. Up v - Cloudy but cleared. 28° N. chilly c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup>. Ate well. Reinked. B. up town & mailed our letter to China, (she wrote to Ella. Postage 5cts. only. It's 10¢ from there, here. Boudine P.M. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup>) Slept. At 3 o'clock to Wolcott & left 5 plates to have 8x10 prints from & mounted for \$3. Saw a Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ who looked at my photos. I saw Guild & Van Ness. I got flute pads 10¢. Whiting not in store has grip. Saw Geo. Stansfield & Jim Stewart. I took Shorey car & got 1/4 lb. Block from home after 5. I got rest of frozen apples out of cellar & ate thereof. Nice cold supper. B off to Mrs. Burton's Argument. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Read paper. Clear. Still 33° the highest today but not cold. B. back. Had a splendid time. No gas. Au lit 11. Mois.

Tuesd. 7. Up early. Clear. 25°. Still. Ate well. V - x Slept till nearly 9. A letter from Arch Kasson. Will call & see me & Reinked. Porter house steak. Ate well. P.M. Clear 40°. Pleasant. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Wrote. I wrote two pages to Kasson. I sent "G. T. & Indiana", & "Burton militant". Cornade Tiffany dead. 68 yrs. Soupe. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Daux trois quatre. B to Miss Parkhurst. I read. No gas. Lunch & to bed first 10<sup>1/2</sup>.

Wednesday. 8. Up clear 22°. Still. V p. x c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> + c/16 Wrote. & reinked. I slept 1 h. B. made apple & custard pie. P.M. Clear still 45°. Beautiful day. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup>. Quite well but feet are lame some. At 2:30 I off to Hist'l rooms, & Geo. Root showed me the Villard "John Brown." He quotes my diary where I tell of our overtaking Brown & his ox team. Then speaks of his meeting Whipple etc. I would a little rather have \$5.25 than the book. Geo P. Moorehouse there & wants to know if I take Banquet tickets. Will let him know. F. & Kate came in. Geo Root took me to G.A.R. rooms & I got 2 buttons of Adj Miller. 20¢. He thought my overcoat, new. ((B. says it's old, 20 years)) I back to Jackson St. & home after 5. Barn lower 42<sup>1/2</sup> K.D. Soupe c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Read Macbeth introduction. To bed 10 + Daux 1/4 6<sup>1/2</sup> x Author Club. No gas.

1/2

Thursd. 9. Up late. Clear still 22°. Cool V p. x Rêve de l'Amour c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Wrote. B. at lessons. I saw Bonnade Barnes at Hist'l rooms. I reinked a lot. Mc 1894. Boudine. P.M. Clear, still. Warm 45° x Mrs. Biosell here & away & then B off to Chandon. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Mr. Campbell bro't my B.B. book home but the howitzer description is lost. B. had telephoned Mrs. Moorehouse that we take two tickets. + ((A m. Hunt here at noon for affidavit.)) I reinked. B. home. She got 2 tickets to Banquet. Mr. Campbell bro't B.B. ((Reputation.)) Soupe. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> Read Hume appendix. To bed 11 + Mrs. Donin bien. Affidavit. 50¢. Clear. No gas.

Frid. 10. Up. Clear. I have the apples in the wood house to stop the rot. Careless Jack. I am quite well. B. too c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> x Wrote. Reinked. At 10 + Mr. Hunt here & paid me 50cts. for affidavit. P.M. 50° very warm. I reinked & B. wrote blank papers Soupe. NO Mr. Beighen to take care. Pain in head. No go to Post. Read Hume to B. & off late 6<sup>1/2</sup> No gas. Warm. B malade 1/2. Rent. 1/2 20. 25 Hustling.

Sat. 11. I up at 7 & ate alone. V - Cloudy. Warm & 42° x & crit. check \$8 & took to Mrs. H. Reinked P.M. Cloudy 45° S. c/16 16<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup> B. in bed yet. Jack bro't eggs. My corn is 605 but only. pd. 5cts. for hustling 30. 25 Had pd. \$10. Gave \$20. 25 checks away.

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Febr. 11, 1911.

I sorted apples & wrote. T Mange soupe sent. c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> Wrote  
I read in front room. Mr. Beegler here & I swore to offend him.  
He looked at pictures. His bear papa John Smith will come & see  
me. Away. Read paper Took 2 quinine 3 cap's. Trois +

Jan. 12. I up & ate alone. Vx sneeze. Bloody 45°. Still S.  
B. up & ate gruel. c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> I reinked. Slept. Ate small dinner P.M.  
Bloody. 52°. S.E. breeze. Vx t or c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup>. Je me lave durant-dire.  
Slept again. B. late. Put J. A. R. button on new coat. Put on ring.  
Kind of depressed, & no cause. Reinked. Kate & Eda here. Clear &  
warm. E is pretty well. B. & T Harpers maga. Read to B. &  
to bed 11. 6 warm night.

Mon. 13. To B. first. Very warm. 52° x Bloody Vx c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> x Wrote.  
I reinked, & slept 1/2 hs. I wanted to sell my WSO in Apr 1884 I see.  
P.M. 55° still. Bloody. Warm. Vx t or c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup>. Wrote. Ma never  
& le sent fort, on peculiar. La morpha? Reinked. B. wrote Valentine  
for Mr. & Mrs. Jones. Very dark. Sprinkles. S. warm. Soupe. Read to  
B. the off late. I up 15 to 1. 6 Slept like a top. Hard rain, Vx  
1/1 Hark. Bon 38 here Vx

Tuesd. 14. To clear 33°. Still. Pleasant. I am quite well. Ate egg  
etc. V - x B over river to P.O with Valentine. c 1/16 +<sup>3</sup>. Wrote, &  
reinked a lot. B. back with a rancid peach pie. P.M. Very pleasant.  
Clear. Warm. S. 50° + c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup>. Rose etc. Reinked. Washing same  
late. B & I on shorey car to AUTHORS CLUB at Commercial Hall.  
Mr. Moorehouse took me to Tom Mc Neal. saw Dr Nichols Smythe,  
Garrison, Yes. Martin & Ellison Philey. ate our Banquet feast.  
Mr. Moorehouse bro't me to the front, on an overcoat-cushion chair.  
Two ladies spoke. Then Dumont Smith. Dr. Roby, Mrs. McCarter  
Mr. Bailey. A. J. Philey & Rev. Esty closed after 11 1/2 & we missed  
our car, & to Jackson St. got hack #1 & home all right. 12:30,  
Mange, Parle. I to bed 2:15 6 \* dormie bien. Moonlight Warm.

Wed. 15. V 7 1/2 x Clear. Still. 48° Very warm. Vx c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> x  
Wrote. All better. Glad it is over with. Reinked. Slept. P.M. 72°  
Awful warm. sorry for fruit. c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> Wrote. Reinked. Clear.  
Atison J. Philey her an hour & talked. Soupe. B to store c 1/16 +<sup>3</sup>  
I read. We to bed 10 1/2 6 x warm night. Bloody.

Thursd. 16. V. Rainy. Still. Warm 45°. Vx c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> x Wrote.  
B to bake & iron. Dreary day. Reinked. Slept. Ironed some.  
P.M. Drizzly. Warm. Still. Reinked c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup>. Mr. Skinner  
here & offered \$8 per acre for ground N of orchard etc.  
It rained hard & he away. I can't have the boys all about the  
house. No sir & I read to B. Took quinine. Rainy Deux de mi & lit 11+

Fri d 17. V. Drizzly NW. Still 40°. Dark Chilly. Mean weather c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup>  
Cloudless dreams. Wrote. Reinked. No Mr. Skinner. No gallant Capt.  
Philey. Had fine pork chop & cabbage stew with egg in it. Ate better.  
P.M. 45° Rainy. c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup> Reinked. Dismal day. Reinked June 1, 1884.  
Nobody. Soupe. Came up 44 K.C. & 40 here again from 38. I wish  
I had \$20,000.00. for the farm. It ought to be worth it. At even  
2 p.m. U.S. I'd get \$400. per year & no tax. Read till 11. 6 said 11+ x

Sat 18. V. Snowing on the mud 35°. V - c 1/16 +<sup>3</sup> Wrote at 9.  
Beans. Reinked. Slept. Snowing P.M. 35° x slackened, thaw.  
c 1/16 +<sup>3</sup> - wrote. Feel well. B. made apple pies, c 1/16 +<sup>2</sup>. Mamey  
late. Soldier on out (B. late). I before dinner wind up. Reinked Read  
To bed 11 1/2 6

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Feb. 19, 1911.

Sund. 19, up late. N.W. Snowing a trifle. Cold  $28^{\circ}$   $\text{V}-\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Wrote. Wish farm sold now. Gold may be all right. Reinked. Slept. B off to U. Ch. Only 21 there. I fixed weak hypo needle with rawhide. ~~It~~ Nicely. I got a "Plumb good dinner" for B & self. Beans, bacon, slaw, pie, jellies etc. Better than the ~~\$1~~ Banquet. P.M. Clouds, but still & warmer. In front room, with Schultz N.Y. papers sent here.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}+$  I ought to be content & happy. Our  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Reinked. B. to Dr. Davis's & others. Mrs. D. & Dr. Mitchell getting better. Soupe. Read to B. To bed  $10\frac{1}{2}$  b- $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ . Gas all night  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$   $\sim \$1.50$   $\sim \$40.73$  smoky row.

Mond. 20. Clear & cold  $13^{\circ}$ . Apples in wood house are rerozen. Ate well.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  N. Still. B. evening. I helped & slept. B. made pies. P.M. Clear  $25^{\circ}$  still.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}+$  Wrote. Reinked. Soupe. B. off to a lecture of Mr. Hudson, & back late. Only 8 there. The accuse Mrs. Doran of writing the Valentine. I read till  $12\frac{1}{2}$  gas all night. I have sore throat.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Slept well. B to BK. got  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}50$ . Kate here with  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}53$  rents.

Tuesd. 21. Up later  $8^{\circ}$  Sharp. Still Clear.  $\text{V} \frac{1}{2} *$  Throat sore. Reinked. Slept. P.M. Clear still. N.  $22^{\circ}$  B. to Wolcott & E.D.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Exist. Reinked. She back. My pictures came but are not mounted & B.B. is not good. "Prisoners" 1865. too dark. Only two 50 y & 70 are good. Ate in cold kitchen. Boiled corn. My throat sore. I read a little. Sharp. Clear. Gas & lamp. b- $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ .

Wed. 22. B. up early with bread. I ate well. I sneeze & cough. I fear "NEW MOWN HAY" & the "Injurious inheritance tax."  $\text{V} - \frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Clear still  $18^{\circ}$ . Pleasant. Slept. Wrote  $9\frac{1}{4}$  &c. Reinked. P.M. Clear  $28^{\circ}$  Mrs. Biessell here & away. B. to Mrs. Barnes & collected fees, etc. Walcott will mount pictures.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}} 3$  Reinked. Read "Poe" to B. Had lots of popcorn. To bed  $11$  b- $\frac{1}{2}$  x gas.

Thursd. 23.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Clear.  $20^{\circ}$  still.  $\text{V} -$  Slept. Sneeze. My throat better, but B is sore.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}} 2$  Ate little. Reinked. P.M. Clear. B. to Charles & took my 5 prints back to Wolcott to mount. & got my Diary Vol 6. of Yes. Root. I reinked  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Had supper & read to B. & to bed  $11\frac{1}{4}$  b- $\frac{1}{2}$  x No gas.

Frid. 24. Clear  $21^{\circ}$  still  $\text{V} -$  Slept till  $10$  & Mr. Skinner came, but no rent. He looked at my books & journals etc. I asked him to rent all my farm next year. But he may go to Okla. & buy land. Away  $10\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}+$  Wrote. Reinked. P.M.  $45^{\circ}$  Our kit very sick. B has La grippa. She to Lacey & got medicine & codeine for me. I reinked. Dorn  $45^{\circ}$  K.C. again. 40 here. We had supper & I read in Pathfinder to B. She took cat down cellar. I ate good lunch.  $\text{V} 11\frac{1}{2}$  b \*

Sat. 25. I up at 5 & lit gas, & up  $7 +$  & then B up & took gruel.  $35^{\circ}$ . B. some haze.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}} +$  The kitten is dead. It was an awful good cat, every way. Reinked. Slept. Late  $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. Ate well. Snow s. & I took cat out & Jack here with wood.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  I wrote to Dr. Lynnott for his free book & send 5 blue prints mounted Styx. Dear Big Blue. Narrow "Orderly" & stated 8 my McH. 54 dog. B. late.  $\frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Reinked. Ate. Little rain corn down 44 K.C. I read to B. She is better. I to bed  $11$  b- $\frac{1}{2}$  No gas till 5.

Dr. Lynnott  
Sun. 26. B. up  $7$ . I don't feel well. Ache. Smothe in nose.  $\text{V} - x \frac{1}{16}4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Took capsule of B. medicine. Ate least only.

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Feb 27, 1911.

Cloudy. Still N. 30° & No poor kitten. B. is better but she coughs. I sneeze. Inheritance law comes up Tuesd. I wish the farm sold. Reinked. I took 1 dose of Bo Grippe cure, of Dr. P. Sun came out & B. to U. ch. & back. 28 there & she feels better. I had nice slaw & ate better. P.M. Clear, but clouded. Still. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>2</sup> Reinked. I read in Vol 11, State Hist Report of Spaniards in Kans in 1720. Stomach not right. B. had me take calomel. Read to her. Low gas all night.

Mond. 27. B. up first. Clear 25°. NW. Still by Mange pancakes. Slept v R & at 9 c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup> My watch stopped in winding. I am better. Reinked. ate better. P.M. Clouded up. Nicrilly. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup> x Reinked. I read. ate popcorn. got in wood. No visitors. Dr. Mitchell better. Can sit up. Dr Crane was 76 when he died. Corn down 43% K.C. 1000 bu. sold from Martin farm at 40. It will be higher. Soupe c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>2</sup> I read Poe to B. "Mary Rogers". Poor thing. To bed 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Slept fine. Gas. Snowing. Cold.

Tuesd. 28. Up & ground white. Still. 23° Ate well. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>2</sup> x Iniquitous tax day. Will do nothing right. Wrote. B to iron. I did some too. Reinked. P.M. Clouds. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup> Reinked. Mr. Hunt here & asked about old Enoch Maple etc. Soupe. Read to B. Corn 42<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Inheritance fight in Senate. Harris a level head. They will do no good, nor with taxing mortgages. Au lit 1:15 a.m. b x 6. - 6 x gas.

Wednesday / March 1. 1911 S.J. Reader. Ni. Topeka Kans.

Wed. 1. P. Clear 25° Still by c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup> Eat. We ironed some. I reinked. We got nice dinner. B. made apple & custard pies P.M. 35° S. Still c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup> At 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2 I off to Lincoln Hall & heard Mr. Neal Berale Billard. I to Mr. Whiting. He is better. To Geo. Stansfield got calomel & starch. I to Walcott & got pictures & home 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Clear & w. Pleasant. Snow nearly gone. Mr. Hunt was here with affidavit. Read. soupe. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup>. Feel quite well. Read Poe to B. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> affidavit. No gas b ~ 50cts.</sub>

Thursd. 2. ~ I lit gas at 6. Clear still 25° v - c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>2</sup> Wrote 1. T. & b. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2 7 333 x ~ 7 6 x Reinked. Mr. Beiger here & I signed an affidavit of Enoch Maple & Pete Hamilton. He left me 50cts. P.M. Pleasant. 50°. Clear. B. off to Central bank with c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup>. I reinked. Mrs. Park here a long time. Mauney want to get donation. Away. Corn 43<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> K.C. B. in. Only 4 or 5 at Uch. Got hat & my watch. I read to her & to bed 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Waked at 4 & worried about having that compounded farm to bother me. 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> b 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x</sub>

Frid. 3. ~ Clear 30° still. v - x Ate well. Had short breath & dizzy. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup> Wrote. I'm glad I am so old. Wish I were 80. Yo! Goof ready. After 11. Grace & Irene & two boys here. Dine. P.M. 60° x Clear, warm still. Nice talk. E. worries over the future like I do. Do no use. B. off with them at 3. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>2</sup> + Wrote. Reinked. Corn down 42<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> K.C. Bob Stone pounded by McDermick. B. back with changed shirts 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cts. I read to B. Then Mr. Beiger & Mr. Bassett here & talked. looked at Auto. & Je couche 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A.M. No gas. still.

Sat. 4. ~ Clear 30°. v x Ate well. Am better. c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>2</sup> Eat. B. trouv un chemise grand sur mon lit. It start smell. Came on my shirts from the store, B. thinks. Reinked. Shaved. Lave. P.M. Pleasant, c<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> +<sup>3</sup>. Bob, still here. Stanford don't pay. Will have to foreclose. I am blue. Reinked soupe. B. to drug store. Geo. R. came with rooster & eggs. Talked a lot of Oh. science etc. Away. Read geology. lunch. Warm no gas b 0 I wish my business all right.

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March 5. 1911. Eggleston.

Sunday. 5. ☼ Clear. Still 30°. Cloudy at times like rain. Ate well. Worry, over business. ~ - x Slept. B. to church. 30 head only. Mr. Finch preached. Jones at Detroit & may preach there & leave us. I remixed & got dinner. Slept ate. c 1/6 16 + 2 + P.M. Clear mostly. 62° Warm. c 1/6 + 2 + Remixed. Fr. here & talked, Parti. Soupe. Read geology. B. to bed but slept poorly. I remixed after 11. Warm. b - b \* New moon Apr. 1 out \$1.75 in 50c. Affidavit.

Monday. 6. I up first before 7. B up. I worried over business and the big rooster. B. to Mrs. Hale & she will take part. I cut off head & B. took it. Good luck. Clear. Some haze 42° c 1/6 + 2 - wrote. I must live 162 days yet. (Iniquitous law.) Remixed. Mrs. H. don't 1/3 chick to us dressed. Mr. H. has sold store. I ate little. P.M. Thunder & rain. 58°. c 1/6 + 2 wrote. I wrote to Mr. S. to not let Mr. B. foreclose etc. I sent check \$1.75 to gas co. Burnt out. B. studying. I am drowsy & soupe. 3. wrote lines for Mrs. Curtis, & off to Argonauts. Sprinkled Mr. Beiger here & I signed other affidavit & pd. 50¢ more. John Smith a cough. Parti. Remixed. Fixed cider gin & sugar. B. home late. Rainy. To bed late b - b \* Warm.

Tuesday. 7. Rain last night. Cloudy. 40°. ~ c 1/6 16 + 2, weather. Depressing weather. But B. will have something to live on, I hope. Remixed. Slept. Dumplings in chicken. Little appetite. P.M. ~ b - c 1/6 + 2 Cloudy 45° still. N.E. Remixed Oct 22 1884. Soupe. Not more. Read paper to B. She sleepy & off. I wrote 11 1/2 b Clear. Not cold. I remixed 11 55 to bed 11 58. b - b \*

Wednesday. 8. ☼ Cloudy. Ate better. Poulet fort. c 1/6 16 + 2 ~ - x Dull day. Only 168 days now. Iniquitous. Remixed Slept. Read. P.M. Cloudy warm. Better appetite. c 1/6 + 2. B made pies. I made rice stew with egg & sweet vinegar. Remixed. Burn 4 1/2 KC 40 here. I read paper to B. Ate some. Au lit 11 1/2 + b I wrote to Dr. L. to send for his truck.

Thursday. 9. ☼ Foggy 40° ~ - x Ate some. c 1/6 + 2 Depressing kind of weather. Poor Mr. H. don't rent his house. Has sold store etc. Has dirty spells Mrs. H says. Remixed. After 11. B. to 8 b & Chandas. I ate alone. Little appetite. P.M. Clear M 67° c 1/6 + 2 wrote. I'm not well. Remixed. B. home early. Good time. John Smith called & talked. His throat troubles him. Is 71 yrs. old. Soupe. Better. Read to B. & to bed at 11. + b Slept well.

1 \$1. G.A.R. dues.

Friday. 10. ☼ Clear. Some haze. ~ - x c 1/6 16 + 2 x I am pretty well. (( yesterday I wrote to Pollock to assess me & sent "stay". )) Remixed. Had steak & slaw. pie etc. Ate better P.M. Clear 45° b. c 1/6 + 2 Remixed. Soupe. I to Locques & saw Dr. P. & Charley Pearce. & DeLamour. I talked French avec lui. Up stairs & Commander McBride gave me the word & I paid \$1. Only 14 there. Closed at 8 1/2 I in at Petros & got cigar. 5¢. Home. Sweat. Changed. Read paper. I think "Iniquitous law" will not hurt me. I to bed 11 1/2 b + v ~ - x

1 \$8.

Saturday. 11. I up alone & ate. ~ - x c 1/6 + 2 + Wrote \$8 check. Cloudy. Remixed. Jack don't eggs & says some of the land will not raise corn. Told him to see Wooster, if they can pasture it etc. Jack will sell my 150 bu. crib next week. I gave Mr. Hale his check. He has kidney trouble like Col. Keate et al. He says, sell not farm, but I'd better if I get \$18000. 00.

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March, 12, 1911.

9 got dinner & ate alone. P.M. Cleared & clouded again.  
B. stays in bed. Our three time pieces keep exact time. c/16 16 +  
Reinked. Ate supper alone & read. Corn 44 1/2 K.C. Inquisitions  
law in bad shape. Compounds our recalcitrant legislature. 11/2 b

1 Sun. 12. I waked at 6 & worried about farm till 7. I up &  
got & ate breakfast. ~ - x 6 ~ x 9 must quit thinking of farm  
& of too much gold, war, etc. c/16 + Clear off. A little  
rain last night. N. breeze 35°. Reinked. B up at 9.  
P.M. Clear. Reinked. Ate popcorn c/16 + Mr. Barratt here &  
say Stubbs did not veto "Inquisitions" amendment, so we are safe &  
Read to B. Lunch. c/16 + b je pense. Ate 1 1/2 b & 5 x

Mond. 13. I up first & B. soon after. 28 still clear. ~ - b - c/16 +  
I wrote. I asked Anderson who wanted to buy me out. It was  
Stanley son. I waked & worried at 3 about the farm. Better  
now, & Mr. Hale is having a tenant at least. No inheritance tax &  
Reinked. Got beef & pickles, horseradish. P.M. 52°. 0 1/2 + x Clear Pleasant.  
Slept. At 3 I up Van Buren st to car & to State Hist. & Geo. Root  
showed & copied the Reader Book of Arms. & I copied from Villard's  
life of Brown & Geo. Lent it to me 10 days. I back at 5 1/2 &  
tired. Changed. Ate good supper & began Villard & read 50 pages  
of the 600 about. c/16 + To bed late. 12 b & Slept till 5. 21 x

Tues. 14. B up early with bread & not much appetite. Slept  
till 9 1/2 c/16 + 16 + Mrs. Anderson here about club. A nice letter  
from Stamford. He will make a new loan maybe. Says to not  
worry. Mr. Hale's renter is gone again. I feel better. Clear 30° &  
S. warmer. Read P.M. B. off at 2 to 7 1/2. I read Villard c/16 16 +  
I put 100 m. tablets in 5 tubes. 65° Warm. I sent Mr. Stamford a blue  
"conscripted" & line on back. I reinked a little at 3. Felt better. I'll pull  
through some way. Mr. Hale gives us broken boards etc to burn. Jack  
here with 3 tickets of corn. Has not seen Wooster about pasture land.  
B came. Good time at 7 1/2. Corn 45 cts. K.C. at last. Gov. Stubbs vetoed  
new "Inquisitions" Old one stands I must live 155 days, ret. I'll  
do it! I've been unjustly taxed while alive, & they shall not tax me  
after I'm dead. Crazy Pete Smith is ill treated at the Asylum.  
Soupe. Read Villard. To bed 11 1/2. No gas. b - 1 b 5 x 5 1/2 x  
out \$4.60.

Wed. 15. B up first. I ate moderately. ~ - x c/16 + I ironed some.  
Clear N. breeze. 34°. Slept. B. made pie. P.M. 35°. N. cool clear.  
Jack here with other ldr. 153 bu. Paid check \$4.60 for hauling corn  
40 cts. to 40 K.C. Reinked. c/16 16 + Soupe. Read Villard to B. She  
to bed at 10%. Clear cold. Gas. Reinked. To bed 11 1/2 b - 5 x

Thursd. 16. 153 days yet. ~ x Clear 28° still. S. Ate as usual.  
c/16 + x B. to iron. Wrote. ~ - x 9 x ~ 10° 1 x But I'm weak.  
I reinked. B. finished. P.M. Clear b. warmer. c/16 + B. to 11 ch.  
festival. Reinked & read some. Corn down 45 1/2 K.C. B home. Good  
time. Read Villard to her. To bed 11 + b & 5 x

Fri. 17. St. Patrick's Day. ~ x 40° Clear. Still. Chilly. Ate well.  
~ - x c/16 + x Wrote. Reinked. Read. No sleep. Fresh pork &  
sweet pickles. P.M. Reinked. Shaved. Pasted pictures & in  
scrap book. Slept. Soupe. We to U. Chi. Mrs. Jones, Sheppard &  
myself only men. Mrs. J. read B.'s Valentine nicely. They did  
not suspect B. We home lat. I to bed 1 1/2 b x Slept well.

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March. 18 1911.

Saturday. 18 up late. Clear 28°. N.W. still. Gas all night.  
By c/16 H<sup>3</sup>. Wrote. Lumbago better. Reinked. Late. Mrs Hale sent us nice sweet cakes. P.M. Warm. Clear. S.W. c/16 H<sup>3</sup> Wrote Wilkersons nephew shot & killed at Blue Lake last night. If I had such a boy it would be worse than "farm worry"? Reinked Read. Corn lower. Soupe. Jack has 1 egg but not in. Read Geology to B. etc. & papers. To bed 11 1/2 No gas. b x

Sunday. 19. up 8. Clear. 48°. Ate smoked V - c/16 16+ & wrote Lumbago. Dant go to Ch. B off & back. Big lot out. Reinked P.M. Clear. 55° still. Read. c/16 16+ x My stomach pains. Reinked. Grace & Eda here till 5 1/2. O. worries as I do about leaving heirs to sligt for themselves. Soupe. Feel better. c/16 16+ & Wrote. B to Presby. ch. & heard Dodd, Evangelist. I read John Brown & am nearly 1/2 through. Interesting to me. To bed 12 b x 6 x Mean dreams.

Mond. 20. p. V p x Ate well. Better c/16 + & Clear 45° Still. Reinked. B. mopped up stairs. Ate well. P.M. Pasted at embangements. c/16 16+ x Read Villard. Mr. Hale will take out telephone & we'll take it April 1. Clear. Warm. 74°. Pop corn & lunch. B at Argonaut papers. & she to Mrs. Kelleys at night. c/16 16+ & Read John Brown. John Dawson says "Iniquitous" law not-veloed. I'm safe then. b 11 1/2 x 6 x

148. days only.

Tuesd. 21. p Clear but haze. S. 50°. Back better V - c/16 + & Wrote. Reinked. I out & sawed up a lot of boards, Mr. H. threw over. Appetite is better. P.M. We always have good things to eat. B. makes splendid bread, Clouding up. Warm S. 75° x c/16 in 16+ Comrade George Ferguson buried here. Mrs. Woodman to be, on Thursd. Old folks go. 31 x 30 31 x 30 31 x 30 16 x B up town in a sprinkle. I reinked & am off the thro' Vol. 10 x 9 ate good supper. & read J.B. to B & to bed 11 1/2 b x Corn is 42 here! 44 1/2 to 148. \* 2x + Sprinkle & thunder. Cleared. No gas.

Wed. 22. V Clear N. 45°. By c/16 + & Wish I had \$100000. 00. I helped B. with patent carpet cleaner that young Shepard bro't last night. At 9 1/2. Mrs. Hale came & helped & I rested. P.M. N. Clear 58° Cool. c/16 + B. to Mrs. H. & helped her with cleaner. I reinked & read. The old man Wm. McBracken died this morn. 76 yrs. Soupe. Mr. & Mrs. Shepherd & three children here till after 9 & got cleaner, & my big Blue autobiography. Had nice talk. I up reading Villard till 1 1/2 x 6 x 6 x Cool.

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Thursd. 23. ~ x Clear. Shilly. 34° still By slept 1 h. c/16 16+ x I read Villard. Mrs. Morse here for B to go to Mrs. Woodmans funeral this. P.M. Clear 48°. B. ready. c/16 + - Mrs. Morse came & took B early to Mrs. Hathaway & to funeral & B. to Rochester, & home. Reinked and read V. Soupe. B. to Miss Parkhurst. I read V. till 12 1/2 b x 6 x 6 x

Frid. 24. ~ 34° Clear. Still. V - c/16 + & Wrote. Dr. Mitchell is up and around. I slept 1 1/2 hrs. I sawed wood. Read V. p. 518. P.M. Clear 8.8. c/16 + Lumbago. Read Villard hard & finished at 11 at night. Corn 42 here & 45 K.C. I sawed wood. Read to B. Better b x ~ 11 1/2.

Sat. 25. ~ Clear, but haze. S.E. 45°. By c/16 H<sup>3</sup>. Lumbago. I found my name frequently in Villard & ps 223 & 224. I copied some. Reinked. Nice pork chops, prunes etc. P.M. c/16 + At 3 I took Villard book to State Hist'l & talked with Miss. Francis & got Miss Mayo's address. I in Geo. Martins office & then home at 5. Soupe. Geo. R. here with eggs. I to bed 11 + b x 6 x F. here and got her picture. Wild West today.

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March 26, 1911.

Sund. 26. Up as usual. Rainy.  $\text{W} - \times$  Pretty well  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$   
Mrs. Park was here, bier. Manneys have sold out.  $\$35.00$   
 $\text{B. to u. ch. & then to S.}$  I ate alone P.M. Clear  $62^\circ$  W. Reinked  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$   
 $\text{B. came at 4. Big lot at church 40. Soupe Read to B. b } \sim 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ o'clock}$   
Gas all night N. windy.

Mond. 27.  $\text{W} - \times$  Clear. Cold. Still  $34^\circ$ .  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Reinked a lot today.  
P.M. Clear. W. breezy.  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Wrote. Ate well. Saved wood.  
Soupe.  $\text{B. to Dr. Davis & Biwell etc. I reinked. We think Billard}$   
 $\text{is nominated Mayor. B. home late. I to bed 11:30 b slept well,$   
No gas. Still.

Tuesd. 28.  $\text{W} - \times$  Hazy S.E.  $45^\circ$ ,  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$ . Mr. Dietrich here for an  
abstract, of Mrs Julia Keefer, I reinked. Glad Bowen here & took census,  
& looked at long journal, picture etc. I helped iron. Slept. P.H. steak  
etc. P.M. Bloody N.W. windy. Raw  $42^\circ$  snow. Billard had 6200 votes  
& Mc Neal  $\$600$ . I am better. Insurance law will go in the Courts, I guess.  
Reinked. Soupe. Hard snow. Read Hume to B. To bed 11:25  $b$  Gas on.

Wed. 29.  $\text{W} - \times$  Ground white  $34^\circ$ , still. N.  $\text{W} - \times$   $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Mr. Manney  
bro's last milk. B. ironed. I helped some. Reinked. Slept. P.M.  
Clear mostly today. N. breeze cool.  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Wrote. B. some paper. She  
called Dr. P. to get stuff. & off to drug store for it. & back. Reinked. It  
came. Says she has to economize. Corn 45 K.C. 42 here. Soupe. Read Hume.  
CORN: Hobbs, Warner. Reinked to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Slept well  $b$

3m #61 20d OUT \$5.05 TELEPHONE.  
Thursd. 30. Clear. Still.  $40^\circ$   $\times$  Pretty well.  $\text{W} - \times$   $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Wrote. Land is high.  
Better not sell now. Look out for war. Reinked at 10 I to Wm Hobbs  
& got  $\$61.20$ . To Lacy & got address of St. Joe druggist & codine etc 1.30  
I am trying out at various tabs no 13. Dr. Pleunner is for Billard I guess.  
I got Candy of Sanders. Home 12. P.M. Coal N. Clear  $45^\circ$ .  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  B.  
to u. ch. & confessed her St. Valentine paper, 10 there. Home 5:30 Reinked  
Soupe. My right eye smarted. I did not read to B. & we to bed early 11.  $b$  x  
Dinner. No lunch.

139 days.  
Frid. 31. TELEPHONE. 3075 WHITE  $\times$   $\text{W} - \times$  Cloudy. Still  $38^\circ$  I am  
better. Telephone men here at 7:30 & put in a new telephone that I  
paid Mr. Hammel for, yesterday.  $\text{W} - \times$   $\text{b} \times$   $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Mrs. Anderson here  
about my the Chandos. Wrote. Eyes are better. B. cleaning up etc.  
Reinked. Out & saved wood. P.M. Clear & cloudy by turns. Before dinner  
B & I talked with E by phone. Have sold Hopkins land for  $\$175$  per acre!  
We ought to have  $\$20000$ . for our 164 acres.  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Reinked. B to Mrs.  
Anderson, T Schultz papers. Soupe. Read geology to B. She talked to  
Elma Button, nicely. I took quinine. To bed 11+ Slept well  $b$   
Water break in P.M.

(138 days to Aug 10 1911).  
Saturday 1. of April 1911 N. Topeka Kans. S. J Reader's Diary.

Clear but some haze.  $40^\circ$  Still. Chilly. Hardly any appetite.  $\text{W} - \times$   $\text{c}1/6 +^2$   
Wrote. Pain in back. Reinked. Slept. P.M. Clear S.E.  $50^\circ$ . Ate little  
 $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Wrote. Stomach not right. Save. Heard our phone ring for  
the first time. It was Florence. Frank will be 49 tomorrow. I can't  
go. Shaved. Reinked. Stomach weak. Ate little. Read to B. b  $\times$   
I took 8 or 10 calomel 10 grs. To bed 11:30  $b$   $\times$

Sund. 2. I up first at 8. B later. Ate better.  $\text{W} - \times$   $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Wrote  
Clear.  $50^\circ$ . S.E. Chilly. Pain in back is bad. Reinked. Slept. B to  
u. ch.  $\times$  Clear.  $60^\circ$  breezy. Better. Reinked. Slept dinner. B back. 37  
people out. She has a book to review. P.M.  $\text{c}1/6 +^2$  Reinked etc. Blounded up.  
I look over long journal 1889 etc. B at her review. "The Century of  
the child" the book is called. Kind of socialist. Soupe. Read the  
book to B. & I up till 10 reading to clouds still. Slept well.  
No gas. Ate a little lunch.

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Apr. 3. 1911

7.60.

noon

9.95

Mond. 3. ☼ Rain in night - 40° (it was 81° yesterday.) Ate well  
by 9/16 10<sup>th</sup> + Read. Wrote. Land is getting high but poor to  
sell on account of gold production, food was etc. Reinked. Slept. Blaw.  
P.M. Mr. Hale back. Cloudy. Still. 9/16 + Wrote. Reinked. I read to B. of  
"Century Child" etc. Ate lunch. Read to bed 11<sup>th</sup> Slept well No gas b

Tuesd. 4. ☼ Rain in night - 38° N.E. Cloudy. Ate well V - c/16 10<sup>th</sup>  
City election Day. Reinked Apr. 29 in 1885. Slept. Bon dine. B. writing  
synopsis of book. She has brains. P.M. Cloudy 40°. No rain. Still 9/16 10<sup>th</sup>  
smoked. Dizzy. Reinked. Rainy. Soupe. B. to Nicholson Agonau - 8  
back late, ave dinner. I read & reinked. To bed 11. b x No gas.

Wed. 5. ☼ Cloudy. 40° Shilly. Pain in head V - x 9/16 + Wrote.  
Who is mayor? B. busy writing. I reinked May. 8. Slept. Fresh pork. Flat.  
P.M. Cleared. 9/16 in 11/6 + Head pains yet. Back better. Reinked. Soupe.  
I read Eng. Hist. to B. I read book till 12 p.m. b x No gas.  
new moon at 2pm

Thursd. 6. ☼ 7x Cloudy N. windy 37° x Shilly. Ate well V - 9/16 +  
Reinked. Slept. P.M. Beans & dried apple sauce. Slept till 1/2 Cleared.  
N. raw breeze. I sent 1.50 to gas co. & card to Smith Drug Co. & to Mr. &  
C. D. S. M. in 6<sup>th</sup> 9/16, 1/2 x B. to U. ch. At 2 cook 9/16 +. 1/2 gr ammonium.  
Wrote. Reinked. B. back from ch. & the last Chander Club &  
\$1.50 short to pay Mr. M.C. Nice supper. B. to Hale. Reinked b x 11 3/4 +

### ASSESSMENT.

\$1840.00

Frid. 7. I up first before 7. then B. by slept till 9. 9/16 +, Clear 38°  
S.E. Shilly. Quite well. Lippincott shot himself. Reinked. Slept. Mr.  
Boyd, C. Pollom here at 12 & assessed. Viz: Mort \$1000. Money. 650.  
Chickens 36. Inv. Bonds 12, Piano & other inst. 50. Gold watch 10. Silver 5.  
Plate 10. Household \$100. Books 25. Off 200. Left. \$1840. He  
looked at my pictures. & off 12 1/4 P.M. Declined to stay for dinner.  
I jack bro't lots of eggs at 11 1/2. B. not well. I shaved & got a  
late dinner. Blaw & egg. Some clouds. 9/16 + & smoked. 1/2 P.M.  
I feel better Wrote. Reinked. At 3 Mr. Jackson here till 5 1/2 getting  
items of my career & wanted me to sign for book. Only \$27.00! \$1 1/2!  
No, no. Eda phoned to me also. I got & ate supper alone. Cloudy. 9/16 +  
Dinner well. B. on my bed & I read to her from paper. She off. I to bed 11 1/2 b

2.225  
1910.

### KASSON.

Sat. 8. I up alone after 8. Ate pretty well. B. in bed. V - c/16 +  
Clear. N. breeze. Wrote. Pretty well. Reinked. T. Archibald Kasson  
came & I got dinner for him. Bonnivitz here to settle & away again.  
K. & I ate, eggs & coffee. P.M. Clear. We looked at our pictures. B.  
came at 3 x About 4 he away. Pop corn. Book. c/16 10<sup>th</sup>. Wrote. 52° x  
Corn 46 1/2 K.C. Nothing of Intelligent, law. Still. B. ate dinner. I read  
to B. She to bed. I up till 11 1/2 p. Slept well. Book. No gas.

Sund. 9. I up before 7. B then came. We ate V - 9/16 10<sup>th</sup> + wrote.  
Reinked. Law. Blaw. Beans. No lunch. P.M. S.E. Clear mostly Pleasant.  
9/16 +. Kasson has kidney trouble like Hale, Carter & others. Mr. Hale  
too. Reinked etc. At 3 or 4 Mr. Jones  
& baby here & talked & off at 6. Had supper.  
c/16 + x Feel better. B at telephone. now.  
Soupe. I read to B. I to bed 11 1/2 No gas. Slept well b x

A. M. Kasson, of Eskridge, was visiting with Samuel Reader, 216 Park avenue, Saturday. Mr. Kasson and Mr. Reader were cronies in the Civil war and had not seen each other for about fifty years.

Mon. 10. ☼ Cleared. 40° V - bon c/16 + A letter from Mort.  
Luford Co. about Steele farm & I answered it. A paper from Bonnivitz

Co.

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Sister F. Parsons

Apr 11. 1911.

Luke F. Parsons about 20 m Leemans sister. At 10 I up town. Put in my letter. Gave Mr. Petro photo (bronzed) of "Fair West" for Mrs. Petro. I to Lacey. got 500 starch pills 60¢ To Mr. Heydens & got circular for whisky. Saw Frank Higby's brother there. He's in Cal. I gave small Indianola photo to send him. I sent Mort. Co a little photo "Stated." Windy & C. Home at 12 & had ham & eggs. P.M. Clear Windy  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  slept a lot. Stomach weak. B. to Mrs. Downie. Had pop corn. Wrote to F. Parsons. Soupe.  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  sick stomach. B. up town wrote. Soupe. B. to Miss Parkhurst. I read & reinked. Corn 46  $\frac{3}{4}$  K.C. up. To bed 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  b o t x

Tuesday, 11. B up at 6 with bread. I at 7. Rain in night. Cleared.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  - C. & Rained. Helped iron T. Nice dinner. Canned pease, but not much appetite. P.M. Clear warm.  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  2:10. Wrote. Reinked at end of Vol 10, nearly. Stomach weak. Tired. Slept. Soupe. B. ready for show & off. Wrote. 74° Corn 47  $\frac{1}{2}$  K.C. I am better. Reinked on last page. Read & lunch. B. home from musical at 11. To bed 12. b T o t x clear noon.

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Rev. cash  $\frac{3}{4}$   
u.b. notes

Wed 12.

P. 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  cloudy 88. 55° N -  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  A x I paid Mr. H. \$8 in bank notes. I helped iron. Ate little. P.M. I finished reinking my journal Vol 10. Hurrah! Cleared & clouded. Hard wind  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$ . F. to go to Kansas City today. I began reinking vol 11. I found for the first time that this book will be vol. 16 instead of vol 14. as I thought. A hard shower & hail came up. Mr. or Comrade Masson & his ill brother here a few minutes & away. Blacked. Soupe. Ate little.  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  Read Geology to B. Elle an lit. I took quinine at 11. b T x lunch. Better. Clear. "Inquisitius" wins.  $\frac{1}{2}$  the bid apres 12.

Thursday, 13. P. N. cooler. Clear. Better N -  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  Ecit. Stomach not strong. Miss 1200 Adams dead. Stubbs veto stands in spite of John Dawson. Reinked a lot. Bob Steele here. He had no mind to foreclose on Stanford. He gets \$1500 loan on the place. I am glad to settle after more than 20 years. P.M. Clear N. breeze 55° B. for Unity. Reinked. Paper came. Corn 47  $\frac{1}{2}$  K.C. Tornadoes at Lawrence & Oskaridge, Hiawatha etc & 6 killed & 30 barns blown away. We had 1 in rain here. None at Holton & W. soupe. B. over river to Jone W-n. & back later. Ate lunch. Better. Wrote. Read. To bed late b o t x

Whisky man

Frid. 14. ~ 17 + Hazy. Chilly. N. E. still 48°. N -  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$ , I sent card to St Jo. for whisky statement. B. up town & collected Chandos money. I reinked. Soupe. P.M. Cloudy. Still.  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  B. to dig. I to shave. x We did so. Reinked. Soupe. I to Lacey. Saw Somedes McMasters & Schaffer & no Post. Saw Dr. P. Home at 9. Read Geology. v. 7 b x Saw Nap. Arnold.

Whisky man

Sat. 15. P. Clear. Cool. Still. Headache. Ate very little by  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$ . B. phoned for groceries. Reinked. Slept. Ate better. P.M. Slept Head pains  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  Clear. Cool. Late before dinner. Reinked. Jack bro't eggs. No glass broken by hail. I ate good supper  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$ . B. blotted up her hat all nice. Old coopers' wife string for divorce. Read v. 11 b x Rev. B. came. Took 2 quinines.

Whisky man

Sund. 16. Up at 7. Water brash. N.  $\frac{4}{16}^{\text{th}}$  Clear still 42°. B. late. Due to U. ch. 50 there I Reinked. I cooked a fine dinner of ham, slaw etc. Mrs. Bissell left money for Chandos. P.M. Clear. Reinked & read. Feel well. Soupe. B. to Bap. ch. to hear music. I reinked a lot. & to bed 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  b slept well. Only 4 mo's 122 days. Cool, but no frost. Mr. Barratt was here Sat. night. He don't believe in making new Bap. church, now.

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Apr. 17. 1911.

Mond. 17. up early. Clear. Some haze.  $55^{\circ}$  still.  $\text{V} - \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$   
Wrote B. put out bed clothes.  $\text{L} \times \delta$  Reinked. I cleaned flute and  
put on pads. Not good. P.M. cloudy. Still.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$ . Reinked. Mrs.  
Hale here & used telephone. Soupe. B. got yeast  $\frac{c}{16}$  Read. My stomach  
out of order. Ate little. To bed 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Water brush. some bile!

Tuesd. 18.  $\text{P}$ , light rain, I am weak.  $\text{V} - \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  I slept a lot  
Misty. Reinked. Ate little dinner P.M. Cleared mostly N.W.  
I to P.O. at 4 & sent \$1.65 for whisky & wine 1 qt each. & had  
hair cut 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Saw Forbes. Born 44 here. Saw Evans, King Hattie-  
away McNamee Page, Holman & others. Got jello of Sheetz. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  g  
home at 6. Ate better.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  smoked. Am better. B. off to  
Nicholson & back in rain. Only 5 there. I reinked a lot  $\text{L} \times \frac{c}{16} 12 +$   
 $\text{IN } \$10$  <sup>Interest due</sup> <sub>clear from</sub> Cleared off. Cool.

Wed. 19.  $\text{P}$ . Clear.  $42^{\circ}$  still.  $\text{V} - \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$ . Wrote. B. took umbrella  
home to Mr. K. early. Reinked & slept at 11. Mr Rose Barn  
& Robt Steele here & paid me check of \$1010.00 on Steele Mortgage.  
Good. I ate well. P.M. Clear. Pleasant. Shaved. Reinked etc.  
Too late for Bank. After 5 gone Woodman came & had supper  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$   
Sle away at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  Read etc. B. off at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  9 late 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  Clear.  $\text{L} \times$

Thursd. 20.  $\text{P}$  x Clear. Cool.  $52^{\circ}$ .  $\text{V}$  Ate some. Slept  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  10-  
10 I to Central Bk. & Mr. Burrow gave me \$1000. cert for Bessie.  
& \$10 cash. He showed me the way to Bonobrakes office & we talked.  
I to Snyder with 2 plates "Conscript," & "W&K club." I pd. \$2 for  
em. & he will do the work. I saw A.H. Thompson. He looks shaky.  
I talked with Geo. Stansfield. He wants to stay here long as he can,  
& have auto, shoot-ducks etc. I to A.B. Whiting & saw Vice Pres't  
Harris of Washburn. Mr. W. told of Western Kansas. I on home  
just at 12. Mange born. P.M. Clear. N.E. I slept till 2 $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$   
B. with provisions to U.C. got a U.S. Express card. I used the  
telephone first-time, & Co. will send box of booze to me. Of Parched  
corn. Wrote. Had a nice day. Reinked. B. home. Nice time. Soupe.  
I read maga. Sleepy. To bed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ . by Lane back, some. Keve meal.

Frid. 21.  $\text{P}$  Clear.  $50^{\circ}$ . Still. Ate well.  $\text{V} - \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  x cut. Reinked. B.  
phoned U.S. Express. All right. Slept. Ate very little. P.M. Clear  $74^{\circ}$  still.  
 $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$ . B. for medicine. Mr. Rankey hasn't whisky & wine & looked  
at pictures & away. T B. came. Born 48 K.C. 44 here. Canada Respiratory  
& "White Way" at Smoky Row, will pass. Mean. I took of B's medicine,  
as it helps her, too. I ate better.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  B says sell farm. Yes, "mebbe,"  
I read American Maga. to B. I to bed 12  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\text{L} \times \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  warm.  
 $\text{I took B's medicine etc.}$

Sat. 22. Up late. At 8. Ate better.  $\text{V} - \text{L} \times \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  - Sprinkling  $52^{\circ}$   
Reinked. Lane. Ate good dinner. P.M. Party clear & cool.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2 + \text{A} \times$   
B. aches yet. Reinked. No sleep today. Born 48 $\frac{1}{2}$  K.C. Good appetite  
for supper.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  Read to B. Rubbed her back. To bed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$   $\text{b} \times$

<sup>119 days.</sup>  
Sun. 23. up 7. Clear. Chilly  $\frac{c}{16}$  S.E. Breeze. Water brush. Ate little.  
smoked.  $\text{V} - \text{L} \times \frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  slept till 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . B. lane.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$ . Was afraid B. gets  
down with Rheum. acetate. etc. Reinked. Read of John Cooper. B. came  
Nice dinner. I ate better. P.M.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  Clear S.E. Chilly yet. B is well &  
Reinked. Dozed. Ate very little supper.  $\frac{c}{16} 16 + ^2$  Clear. I read to B.  
in maga. Mrs. Tarbell on tariff etc. B. to bed. I ate onion & not  
too much. Stomach better by 7 to bed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Slept & dreamed well.

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OUT DR. P. #8. Apr. 24. 1911.

Monday, 24. ☀ x Clear. 45°. Still cool. Ate well. Smoked. Reinked. Wrote. B. is better & Reinked a lot-T Nov. 1885; jack bro't lots of eggs. All is right. Nice dinner. Pieplant pies. Tomatoes. Glass. Ham. Prunes etc. I ate better. P.M. Clear. 8. 4/16 + Reinked. At 3 Rev. Mr. Jones & baby came on a wheel & had a nice talk. Boy bro't clothes from Mrs. Saunders. I ate good supper. Smoked 4/16 + - Wrote. Read to B. I up late. B. to Dr. Plummer & paid his very small bill &c. She then to Miss Parkhurst & home late. Reinked by ~12.

*Wrote to Stamford*

Tuesday, 25. ☀ x Ate little. V - 4/16 + Slept. Hazy & Chilly 45°. I ironed & slept till 10. I am better. Wrote. B. ironing. Good steak & I ate better. Sewed wood, before dinner. P.M. Clear. Some haze. 48°. 4/16 + I am weak. B. aches some. Snyder day pictures are done. Reinked. I wrote to Stamford. Nothing of Steele. Ate good supper. 4/16 + B. up town, as Irene is coming. Sun 49 K.C. Reinked. Read magazine to B. To bed 11+ & Slept first-rate. Stomach better.

Wednesday, 26. ☀. Sprinkles. 55° still. Better & slept till 9. Irene call'd on phone. No came to day. B. ironing. 4/16 + Reinked. I ironed 4 pillow cases & one sheet. Slept again. Slept pretty well. P.M. No rain. Clouds. 4/16 + Wrote. Reinked etc. To here after 4. Mrs. Dr. Davis nearly dead. Miss Lowell owes \$30 & wants more! Soups. 4/16 + Cloudy 55° x. I read to B. Ate lunch. Au lit apres un heure! ☀ 6° 6\*

Thursday, 27. Up at 7. Clear, but clouding. V 4/16 + A x Reinked T. I started to saw wood & it started to rain. Hamburg steak. Fried potato. P.M. Sprinkles. B. off to Dentist etc. at 1. I reinked. T Drawoy & quality. Slept. Better 7-8 m. Smart sprinkle. Slacked. I read. B. home at 8+ with my enlarged photo's. Had tooth cemented by Dr West. Took 3 spoons to U. ch. meeting. Was reelected Pres. of Chandes Club. We ate. 4/16 4/16 + Cloudy. Warm. Read to B. To bed 11+ & Warm. Still.

*Spent Post & Steele*

Fri. 28. ☀ Cloudy. Ate better. V - 4/16 + Party clear. Mr. Snyder made my pictures only 8 by 10 instead of 10 x 12. Pas aller encore. Reinked. Wrote on old flood stained deed for Steele & pasted blue print "Styx," "S. 1." "I. 2." "L. 3." "L. 4." "L. 5." "L. 6." "L. 7." "L. 8." "L. 9." "L. 10." "L. 11." "L. 12." "L. 13." "L. 14." "L. 15." "L. 16." P.M. Clear at times & Sprinkles & 2. breeze. Wrote card to Dr L. to send stamps. Reinked (shaved to stay). Ate good supper. B phoned about Post. Don't know. She to Lacy's c 4/16 4/16 + Sun 50 K.C. I feel well. I read Geology to B. ~11 & 6° ~ x

Sat. 29. ☀. Clear but clouded. Warm. 70° S.E. V ~ 4/16 + B says sell for \$20. yes, better. I dreamed of farm with burned fences etc. last night. Reinked a lot. Late. Bon fire. Ha'ns & eggs. & greens. P.M. 88° Very hot. 4/16 + Reinked. B cleaned up. A Beaver Valley News from Frank & Dorothy worldo. Soups. 4/16 4/16 + B for Drug store. Still clear. 82° at sunset. I reinked B. saw Mrs. Arnold. Kimball bizarre. Read Geology ~11. 6° ~ x

Sund. 30. ☀ A hard thunder shower in night. Clear. 82°. Warm. Clouding. Ate well. V - + 4/16 + B quite well. She to U. ch. T Reinked. Tired Read T. B came. 35 out. P.M. I ate better. Clear. Pleasant. 4/16 + Reinked. B. writing story. Mr. Barrett. here & talked. Mrs. A. C. Davis died yesterday at 2 p.m. Buried tomorrow at 2. Mrs. Morse here, & I with her for half an hour in Electric auto. around North & by Forbes and to Quincy St & back. Nice ride only the NW. wind was awful chilly, at least very so gentle back at 5. Cold. Clouding. Ate giblets. & nice supper. 4/16 + I read Geology to B. I ate onion etc. To bed before 11. Big sleep 86° x. Cloudy hard N. wind. Kept warm enough in bed.

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## Samuel Reader's diary, volume 15

May 1st - 1911

Samuel J. Readers journal, North Topeka Kansas.

only 103 days now,

Monday, 1. up late at 8. Cloudy. NW breezy, 48° Chilly V-  
0°/16° Wrote. Reinked a lot Mch. 1886. Slow & beans. P.M. Party clear.  
Cold breeze, c/16° I am quite well. B. for funeral & got ready & G. came  
& they off. T I reinked T I wrote to F. & R. one page T they back. Rev. Waldron  
preached sermon. We talked & I phoned 8° & away. Soupe. c/16°  
Clear. Still. V. Cold. Will freeze. Corn 49 KC. We are well. 3-11\*

B. to Miss. Parkhurst & she also likes Rev. Jones. I reinked.

Tuesday, 2. V 7° Clear. 48° Still. Ate well. V c/16° Ecrit. Reinked.  
B. up town & paid Mr. Hathaway \$1.50 Grandes money, & got things to eat.  
Clouded up. Nice dinner. P.M. c/16° B. for 8°. Smoked. I'm dizzy &  
pulse irregular. Mrs. Saunders & Miss. Ryerson here for Pension dinner funds &  
B. gave 50¢. I reinked & ground 3 knives & 2 needles on stove & Corn 50 KC.  
B. back at 6. I ate not much. 8°/30° V 7°. Clear. B. for Aspirants. I reinked.  
She back late. Nice time. Read in 3 Harpers 8° out. Sulit apres un hiver b-

Wednesday, 3. Up late at 8. Drizzle. 48°. Still Chilly. Ate well. V - c/16°  
I cont go to Miss' store to see Battle of Gettysburg. B. phoned F. that  
she cant go to F's party. I reinked. Pulse irregular. I slept Ate better.  
P.M. Drizzly. Chilly. c/16°. smoked. Reinked. No rain. Might have  
gone to picture show. Dont feel well. Quinine. Ate soupe. Better.  
c/16°. B. to drug store. 8°. Chilly 50° Read to her. Ate big lunch v/v

Thursday, 4. Up 7. Hazy. Cold 48° Still. Got clear. Ate well. V - c/16°  
F. phones she will have a party today. No go. Reinked. Slept. At 11.  
9 to Pension dinner & ate with Fred, Ward & Joshua Browning.  
P.M. 25°. I to French. He talked spirits. To Petro. m. 8°.  
99. Overpaid 9 do. To Heyden. Saw De Lormeaux & Dr. Burger.  
Home at 4 1/4. Not so tired. c/16°. B down stairs, I wrote.  
I saw Asherman & Henry Priddy. Talked Unitarian to them. Saw  
Mrs. Baudley & Mrs. Ashmore. I ate supper alone. Done called up.  
B. to bed early & I took Plummer medicine thinking it was quinine.  
I reinked. Ate lunch. Read Harpers. To bed after 12 1/2 x slept well.  
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Friday, 5. B called me at 20m. to 8. I up & ate. Feel much better.  
V c/16°. Clear. 8°. B down & ate croissants etc. I reinked & got &  
ate. P.M. Clear 8°. c/16°. B ate some & cleaned up. Ecrit. I. wrote.  
I retouched the enlarged picture of Done group, & some of the others.  
Soupe. Ate little. Smoked cigar c/16°. B wants to go to Paris in a  
month. I want two. Clear. Pleasant. Gas bill 1.25. Read little.  
Reinked some. Ate little au lit douce dinner. b V 6° 6° x 5.432

Sat. 6. B up first & at 7 1/2 V - c/16°. Cloudy 57° Chilly. Better.  
Reinked T. P. H. steak. Dried peaches. 8°. Breeze. Cleared. Lavé.  
P.M. c/16°. I wrote a card in French to Billard:

Cher ami. Rappelez-vous une carte de poste que je vous envoie  
le 30 Octobre passé, dans laquelle je vous promettre mon support  
quand ils vous nommeront pour gouverneur de l'état de Kansas ?  
Et bien, je me se tenir debout, (ou "par") ou quelque chose comme  
cela. Je ne l'a pas une hache pour aiguisez. Votre ami ami, SIR.  
I put card in nice box. B. swept up. Saw & talked with old Mr.  
Grous on street. Clouding at 8. I worked at enlargements. Soupe  
c/16°. Wrote. Warmer. Party clear. Reinked but little. Jack had  
with eggs & said Albert W. would like to use NW corner for pasture.  
I read to B. Ate. She off early. I read maga. Salut au heure

Sund. 7. Clear, but some clouds. Ate well V - Slept till 9 1/2 c/16°  
Pulse irregular. B. lavé, & to u ch. 87 there I reinked & got dinner T

Jules B. Billard