

EDWARD E. PRINCE

1908 DIARY

[The entries from 1908-1910 are in a single volume. Inside front cover reads: I got this book on Dec. 25, 1907 / Edward E. Prince / Boulder Creek, / Santa Cruz Co., / California / We moved to Santa Cruz on / June 21, 1910 / to 30 Blaine St. / From Swanton (Mill Creek) / We moved from Santa Cruz / to San Pedro Dec. 16, 1911.]

[In this first journal, Edward is eleven years old, and his younger brother Leslie is seven years old. He describes his daily life in Boulder Creek, attending school, swimming and fishing in the river, hunting, and skating. He notes visits with friends and family members, and attends many local baseball games. His mother is ill in the beginning of the year, and his father travels to Santa Cruz and surrounding areas on business several times a week.]

January 1908

- 1 We worked on the house in the other lot.
- 2 Leslie and I got some overhauls [sic] and shoes. Papa went to Santa Cruz and came back.
- 3 We finished the foundation of the house. It rained.
- 4 I went to Sloans. Papa went to lodge. Mrs. [text obscured] came to see Mama and brought some persimmons.
- 5 Mama got up and laid down on the lounge. Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. Newman, Mary Smith and Mrs. Gibson came to see mama.
- 6 Mrs. Peery came to see mama. I got grandpa a rule.
- 7 Mama came out on the lounge again. Grandma went up town. Papa went to lodge. I cut my thumb. Mrs. Baumgardner came to see mama.
- 8 Mrs. Franklin came to the house. Some more lumber came for the house. Papa had to go up to the mill.
- 9 I went up to the ranch with pa.
- 10 I went up town.
- 11 Papa wore his red gown to the Druids lodge. Some more lumber came for the house.
- 12 The last day of vacation.
- 13 The first day of school. It rained. Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 14 Papa came home from Santa Cruz.
- 15 Papa went to Santa Cruz again to the Building Trades Council.
- 16 I went to school. Mrs. Gibson and Gladys Gibson came to see mama.
- 17 I staid [sic] home from school. Papa came home. It rained.
- 18 It rained. Leslie got sick.

- 19 I got sick. Mrs. Dool and Mrs. Wood came to see mama.
- 20 It rained. I staid [sic] out of school.
- 21 Mrs. Goercke came to see mama.
- 22 I was sick.
- 23 I was sick.
- 24 They came from Maccabe's stable and got some pickets grapstakes [sic].
- 25 It rained. Ethel's birthday. Papa went to lodge.
- 26 The officers were after a man that killed another man. I went outside.
- 27 I went to school in the morning and staid [sic] out in the afternoon.
- 28 I went to school.
- 29 I went to school.
- 30 Papa made me a pair of stilts.
- 31 Dr. Ceaser came to see Grandma.

February 1908

- 1 It rained. The water was away up at the river and big logs were floating down.
- 2 I went to school.
- 3 I went to school.
- 4 I went to school.
- 5 Uncle Jessies birthday.
- 6 I went to school. It rained.
- 7 Papa went to Tom Rodreugize's [sic] funeral. Mrs. Mann came to see mama.
- 8 Mama went to the hospital with papa.
- 9 It rained. John came.
- 10 John came again. Mrs. Georcke came. I staid [sic] out of school.
- 11 Grandma and Grandpa and Leslie and I went to Santa Cruz. Papa came up to Santa Cruz and met us. We came up to Boulder C. and papa went back to Watsonville.
- 12 I went to school. We had a half holiday Lincolns birthday. Mr. Miller went crazy. Mrs. Mann came to see Grandma. Mrs. Sloan came to see Grandma. I bought an agate and a plumper.
- 13 I went to school.
- 14 Valentines day.
- 15 I went down to the fish-hatchery with papa. I wrote to mama.

- 16 Grandma and papa and Leslie went to the show.
- 17 I was sick and staid [sic] out of school. I got my hair cut. Papa pruned the apple trees and raspberry vines.
- 18 Papa went up to the ranch.
- 19 I went to school. Papa went to Watsonville.
- 20 I went to school.
- 21 I went to Watsonville with pa and Leslie.
- 22 I was in Watsonville and came back.
- 23 Grandma got sick and we got Alice Camel to come and stay to do the work.
- 24 Papa came up and went back to Watsonville. He began work in Santa Cruz.
- 25 I went to school.
- 26 Papa came home with a bad cold.
- 27 Papa went back to Santa Cruz. Alice Camel went away. They took Mr. and Mrs. Miller to the Insane Asylum.
- 28 I staid [sic] home from school. Leslie was sick.
- 29 It rained. Papa went to Watsonville.

March 1908

- 1 Mama came home from the hospital.
- 2 Papa began the assessments in Boulder Creek.
- 3 I got a pair of overalls.
- 4 It snowed. I staid [sic] out of school. The smallpox broke out.
- 5 Mama's and papa's wedding anniversary [sic]. It snowed. Ethel came up.
- 6 I staid [sic] out to school.
- 7 Ethel went away with grandpa and grandma.
- 8 Mrs. Skelton came to see mama. Mrs. Mann came.
- 9 I went to school. Papa went out to the park with some Native Sons from Watsonville.
- 10 Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 11 Papa came back from Santa Cruz.
- 12 Grandma and grandpa came back from Santa Cruz. Papa ran for Town Trustee.
- 13 I went to school. Papa went to Santa Cruz and came back. Mrs. Georcke and Mrs. Clifford came up to see ma.
- 14 Papa went to Ben Lomend [sic]. I went to the show.

- 15 I staid [sic] home.
- 16 Papa went to ~~the State~~ Forest Park.
- 17 St. Patrick's day. Pa went up to Sequoia. I got a new pair of shoes. Leslie got some suspenders.
- 18 Papa went up the San Lorenzo.
- 19 Mrs. Peery died and grandma went down there.
- 20 Edie Sagner came up came up from Santa Cruz.
- 21 I slept out in the cabin ~~to sleep~~ I went to the show.
- 22 Edie Sagner went in swimming. He went home. They buried Mrs. Peery. Papa's birthday.
- 23 I got a pair of tennis slippers.
- 24 I went to school.
- 25 I went to school. The cow came home. Mama and grandma went to the lecture. Mrs. Dodd had a baby.
- 26 Papa went up on the summit.
- 27 Vacation. Mrs. Clifford was up.
- 28 Papa came back from the summit. I made a kite and I bought a ball of string. Leslie bought a baseball. Papa went to lodge. Mama took a walk.
- 29 Mama, Papa, and grandma went to the lecture. I went to the ball game.
- 30 Grandpa took the cow back to the ranch. I went to the lecture.
- 31 Nothing stirring.

April 1908

- 1 April fools day. Papa went up to doughtre's [sic] Orrin Sloan, Leslie and I went down to the creek and caught water dogs. Alice went away.
- 2 Papa went up towbar [sic] creek. I went to the show.
- 3 Papa went to Santa Cruz. I went down to Sloans.
- 4 Papa came back from S.C. I went to the show.
- 5 I went to the ball game. Edie Sagner came up from Santa Cruz. I went to the lecture.
- 6 I went to school.
- 7 We quit taking milk from Cliffords. Papa went up Deer creek where a fire burnt up Mr. McPhersons wood.
- 8 Edie Sagner went back home. Leslie got a pair of tennis shoes. Grandpa went to Santa Cruz. Mama and grandma went to the ladies aid society.
- 9 I went to school.

- 10 I went in swimming for the first time. Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 11 I went in swimming. Papa and grandpa came back from Santa Cruz. Papa bought Leslie a catcher's glove and he bought a ball for us both. He bought a necktie for me.
- 12 Josie went home. I went to the lecture. We went up to Georcke's. Mama had to play the organ at the Episcopal church. Papa went up to the state park.
- 13 Election day in Boulder Creek. The saloons were voted out. Aram Cleland, Stagg and Hubbs were elected town trustees. Tom Ladd was elected Town Marshall. Mr. Mann was elected town clerk. Aram got 160 votes, Cleland 171, D. Hartman 54, W. Horseman 59, Stagg 141, M.L. Booth 71, Hubbs 125, J. Arnot 57, O.T. Ladd 93, O'Brien 70, Mann 128, D.H. Trout 82, Saloon 103, No Saloon 115.
- 14 Grandpa went back to Santa Cruz. We set a hen. I went to school Leslie was sick and staid [sic] out of school. Papa went to Ben Lomend [sic].
- 15 Papa went to Bear Creek. It rained a little. Orrin Sloan and I went down to the river and got some five fingered ferns. Leslie is sick today. Mama went down to Cliffords.
- 16 Papa went to Felton. We went down to the skating rink at Powells. Papa gave me two bits to skate with but I saved It.
- 17 Papa went to Felton and then to Santa Cruz. Mama, Leslie, Mrs. Clifford and I went to the skating rink.
- 18 I went to Santa Cruz and got a new suit of clothes and a new hat. I saw Harold down there and the steamer Casco came in. Leslie went to the skating rink and skated on his head.
- 19 Easter Sunday. I went to church with papa.
- 20 I went to the skating rink and skated. Papa was sworn in Deputy Marshall in Boulder Creek.
- 21 Papa got a star and some handcuffs. I was sick.
- 22 I got some crayons. It rained. Mrs. Orr came up to see mama.
- 23 I went up to the skating rink.
- 24 Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 25 Papa came back. I went to the rink and fell twice. There were two earthquakes.
- 26 I went in swimming. Grandma went to Santa Cruz.
- 27 Papa went to Eccles and Felton to collect taxes and came back.
- 28 Papa and mama went to Santa Cruz. Mama got a new hat and a pattern for her dress.
- 29 There were 7 earthquakes.
- 30 I went to school.

May 1908

- 1 I went fishing and caught 17 fish. I got a pair of fine shoes and pair of socks. We had Nellie Blanchard come and help us with the work. I got three fly hooks. Mama had her dress made.
- 2 I went to Santa Cruz to see the fleet. Grandma Bacon came.
- 3 I was in Santa Cruz. I went out to Sams.
- 4 I went out on the battle ship Vermont.
- 5 We came home from Santa Cruz. I went fishing and caught a big sucker and 3 small trout.
- 6 I went to school and had examination in Arithmetic.
- 7 I had examination in History. Grandma Bacon went away. I went fishing with Ralph Hagerman and caught *3 fish.
*I lost all my hooks.
- 8 I had examination in Grammar. I went fishing up Bear Creek with Ralph Hagerman and I caught 13 fish. Papa and mama went to Santa Cruz in a buggy.
- 9 I went swimming. I went fishing and caught three fish. Mama and Papa came back.
- 10 I went fishing.
- 11 Leslie's birthday.
- 12 Papa went over on the coast.
- 13 They put in the telephone.
- 14 I skated at the skating rink.
- 15 I went up to the skating rink. Went to school.
- 16 Papa came back from the coast. Went in swimming. Went to the show. The name of it was the Deacon.
- 17 I went to the ball game. Boulder Creek baseball team number 9 beat the Santa Cruz Northern baseball team 10 to 5.
- 18 Grandma went up to the city (San Francisco). Grandpa went to Santa Cruz. Papa went to Santa Cruz. I skated at the rink.
- 19 Papa came back from Santa Cruz. He got Leslie a post card album.
- 20 Grandpa came back from Santa Cruz.
- 21 Skating rink closed up.
- 22 Papa went up to the park with some other men in an automobile. Mrs. Van Dusen came around selling perfume and stuff.
- 23 I went in swimming.
- 24 Mama and papa went down to see the ball game at Ben Lomond. Boulder Creek beat Ben Lomond 13 to 10. I went in swimming with Leslie.
- 25 Papa went to Santa Cruz and came back. I went to school. ~~I skated at the skating rink.~~

- 26 I skated at the skating rink. I went to school.
- 27 I was honorary [sic] promoted into eighth grade. Louise Hesse and Verne Clifford were honorary [sic] promoted out of the eighth grade in to high school Ralph Hagerman was honorary [sic] promoted into the eighth grade. Lucy Bloom, Esther Dool, Glen Clifford, Willie Dodd and Jessie Scott were honorary [sic] [promoted] into the seventh grade.
- 28 I went in swimming. We went up to Van Dusens and heard the phonograph.
- 29 George Gragery and I went down to [the] river and went in swimming.
- 30 I skated at the rink.
- 31 I went to the ball game. Boulder Creek beat North Santa Cruz 13 to 12.

June 1908

- 1 I skated at the rink with Mama and Alice. Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 2 Papa came back from Santa Cruz and brought me an album and a smaller book.
- 3 I started in to learn to play the clarinet. I had a lesson at the wild wood home. I mowed Mann's lawn for \$.25. George Gragery came to go in swimming but I couldn't go.
- 4 I went up bear creek with Norman Potts and Ted Potts they caught 20 fish. I went in swimming with Arthur Dodd and Tom and Joe Darling. Leslie was promoted into the third grade.
- 5 I went up to the Wild Wood home to practice but the Pro. was not there.
- 6 I went swimming. I skated.
- 7 Papa gave [me] .20¢ so I had enough to skate.
- 8 I went in swimming.
- 9 I went swimming. I skated.
- 10 Papa went over to the coast. Mama, Alice, Leslie, and I went down to the river and took our lunch.
- 11 Papa came back. They sold all the goods in the Alpine Hotel at auction. Jacob Hartman bid \$200 and got it. I skated.
- 12 Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 13 He came back. Papa and mama went to the dance.
- 14 Papa went to Salinas. I went to the ball game. Boulder beat the Santa Cruz Pool Sharps 4 to 2. ~~I went~~
- 15 I went in swimming. We went to the rink.
- 16 We went blackberrying [sic] and got enough for three pies.
- 17 I got a sore eye. Mrs. Mann came to see mama.
- 18 Leslie went in swimming but I couldn't because I had a sore eye.

- 19 Papa came back from Salinas.
- 20 Leslie and I skated at the rink. John borrowed the 30.30.
- 21 Mama and papa went up to the ranch.
- 22 Mama and papa went over ~~the~~ to the coast and left Alice, Leslie and I alone. I went swimming.
- 23 I skated.
- 24 Mama and papa came back. I skated. I went in swimming with Glenn Clifford.
- 25 I went blackberrying [sic] with Luther Dodd but we didn't get any berries. Papa went to Santa Cruz. Leslie skated.
- 26 I went in swimming.
- 27 They put the new floor in the rink. I went in swimming. Papa came back from Santa Cruz. Papa and Mama went to Ben Lomand [sic] to the dance. Leslie and I staid [sic] home and went to the rink.
- 28 We began taking milk from Peerys. I went in swimming. Mrs. Clifford came up to see Ma. Pa and Ma went to church.
- 29 Papa went up to Hihns Mill. Leslie and I went down to the river and rode around on the raft. I skated.
- 30 Papa went to Felton, Ben Lomond and Brookdale. I went in swimming. I went up town to get the coronet but it was broken and I left it at Dr. Murphys office. Papa went to McPhersons Mill.

July 1908

- 1 Papa went up to Van Lones. I mowed the lawn. We paid Humphreys for the milk.
- 2 I went in swimming.
- 3 We went to the hayseed dance. I checked hats and made \$2.70. Papa and Leslie and I went to Santa Cruz and got some firecrackers. Leslie got a new suit of clothes.
- 4 The glorious fourth of July. We staid [sic] home and fired our fire crackers.
- 5 Papa went to Santa Cruz to make out his report. I skated. I went in swimming. There was an automobile wreck just out side of town. A little boy got his leg broken twice and a woman was killed.
- 6 I went in swimming. Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 7 We went down to Peery's barn and killed mice. They had a race at the rink.
- 8 We went swimming. Mama and papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 9 Mama and papa came back. I went in swimming.
- 10 Leslie and I went hazelnuting [sic] and got one gallon and one quart. Mama went down to Cliffords. I got 5¢ worth of onions at Cowen [?].

- 11 I went in swimming.
- 12 Leslie, Papa and I went up to the ranch.
- 13 I mowed the lawn. I turned the lumber over because it was warped.
- 14 Mama made some jelly. I went in swimming.
- 15 I went in swimming. Papa went to Santa Cruz. Mama went down to Pages.
- 16 Papa got home from Santa Cruz. He went up to McPhersons Mill. I skated.
- 17 I went in swimming. We all went to the rink.
- 18 I went in swimming. Mama got some apples and apricots from Mr. Pilger.
- 19 We took our lunch and went down to the river. Leslie and I went swimming.
- 20 Papa went to Santa Cruz in a buggy with T. Ladd.
- 21 I skated. Mama went to the show. Pa had some fun chasing a jap.
- 22 Leslie got a pair of tights. We all went to the rink. Leslie and I went in swimming.
- 23 Leslie and I went in swimming. There was a fire down in Peery's grove.
- 24 Papa went up to nowhere. We sold the ranch.
- 25 I went in swimming. I skated. I took a ride with Bob Booth up to Bracen Brae.
- 26 I went in swimming. I went up town and got some tickets for Bob booth [sic].
- 27 We went in swimming. Leslie and I went fishing and I got 4 one was 8 in. long. Mama went to Papa went to [sic] Watsonville.
- 28 Ma got a watermelon Papa came home. Leslie and I went fishing.
- 29 ~~I skated.~~ I went swimming.
- 30 Papa got a watermelon I went up to the ball ground and watched them blow out some stumps. I skated.
- 31 Leslie and Wilbert Ralston went to Brookdale on a wagon. Mama and Papa went to here [sic] Mr. Pickard lecture.

August 1908

- 1 Mrs. Clifford and mama went up to Roger's and got some fruit. I skated in the afternoon free.
- 2 We went over to the Commercial and had some ice-cream and ice cream soda. Then we went down to Linden Park and I went in swimming.
- 3 The first day of school. I started in the eighth grade. Our teacher was Mr. Millington. Grandma and grandpa came up from Salinas and stopped at Peery's.
- 4 I went to school. I went in swimming. Grandma came up to see ma.
- 5 Mama had to have the doctor. Papa went out to the mill.

- 6 They started in to finish the house.
- 7 Pa went to Santa Cruz. I wanted to go swimming but Ma would [not] let me.
- 8 I went swimming. Papa came back.
- 9 I went in swimming. Miss Wright came up to see mama.
- 10 Papa went about 20 miles north of Boulder. Mama got up and sat in a chair. Dr. Ceaser said mama had to be pretty dam still. [His mother is about 4 months pregnant with Halford.]
- 11 Mrs. Clifford and Mona came over to see ma. I went up to the rink. I went with Glenn Clifford up to Pollards.
- 12 Miss Wright came again in the afternoon. Papa went to Santa Cruz. Mrs. Clifford caned [sic] some string beans for ma. Mrs. Mann came down to see ma.
- 13 I got a badge from the school the colors are Black and Gold.
- 14 Papa came back. The High School and Grammar school played a game of ball. 10 to 7 in favor of the High School. Mrs. Sagner and her mother came up.
- 15 I went in swimming with Roy Garrette. We went up to the reading room. My birthday.
- 16 Leslie and Arthur Dodd and Luther Dodd and I went in swimming. Ma got up.
- 17 I went to school. I was elected scorer for the Grammar School Ball Team.
- 18 I was elected bell boy to ring the last bell. I killed a bat. Mrs. Clifford came up to see ma.
- 19 I went to school. We got a box of peaches and a box of pears and a box of plums and some apples.
- 20 I went to school.
- 21 The Grammar School and High School played a game of base ball the High School beat. 10 to 7.
- 22 I got a box of 22 catriges [sic] for my gun. Pa got a big watermelon.
- 23 We played ball out in front of the church.
- 24 We had examination in Grammar. Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 25 Papa came back. I had examination in Arithmetic.
- 26 I had examination in History. Mrs. Gibson came to see ma.
- 27 Leslie was sick. Mrs. Baumgardner came and mama got a lot of fruit from her.
- 28 Mama went down to Peerys to see Grandma. The High School beat the Grammar School by a score of 7 to 3.
- 29 Pa went up to Santa Cruz in a big automobile. Ethel came up and staid [sic] at Peerys with grandma.
- 30 Papa came back. I went in swimming. We all went down to Peerys for the afternoon.
- 31 I went to school. They had a box of pears and gave everybody in the school one.

September 1908

- 1 Allie and Hazel and the boys came up and staid [sic] at Peery's.
- 2 I took a half holiday and we all went down to the river. Ethel ma and I went huckleberrying [sic] but didn't get any. Papa went to Stockton.
- 3 Allie and the folks went back to Santa Cruz.
- 4 I read a peice [sic] at school. The Grammar School beat the high school 5 to 3.
- 5 I went in swimming. Pa came back. I skated.
- 6 I went to church and Sunday school.
- 7 Papa went to Eccles. Ethel was sick and ma went down to see her.
- 8 Mama went to Santa Cruz and got a lot of stuff. She got 25¢ of candy for Leslie and I. We had a big watermelon. Ethel cooked dinner for us.
- 9 I skated. Leslie and I went swimming.
- 10 Mama went down to Ethel's in the afternoon. I got a pair of overhauled [sic] and two composition books.
- 11 Papa came back. Leslie spoke a piece [sic] in school.
- 12 I was sick all day and so was Leslie. Ethel went away.
- 13 I was sick.
- 14 I went to school.
- 15 same
- 16 I went to school.
- 17 I went to school.
- 18 We had literary exercises at school. I got a book out of the library.
- 19 Leslie and I got some hockey sticks.
- 20 I took the book back. I got a gold star and got three holidays. To get a gold star I had to be there every day and not be tardy get a hundred in deparment and stand 95% or over in your daily studies.
- 21 I sent my application for a hunting license.
- 22 I took my first holiday.
- 23 Gervase Gaffney came up and we went way up on the mountain.
- 24 Papa went to Santa Cruz.
- 25 He came back.
- 26 I got a ramrod for the twenty two and some 3 and 1 oil. I was sick all day.
- 27 Papa and Leslie and I went up in the woods and practiced shooting. Leslie got a slingshot.
- 28 I got a cap and a white shirt. Pa moved the closet.

- 29 There was a surprise party on George Washburn and I went. He was sixteen.
- 30 Leslie had a tooth pulled.

October 1908

- 1 Leslie had a tooth filled. I helped Mr. Millington fix the report cards.
- 2 We all went to the reception to Mr. Millington and the new Minister. I got my report card.
- 3 We got a musk melon and a couple of water melons. We ate one of them. We all went to the Democratic Rally and had a good time.
- 4 Mrs. Willoby came up to see Grandma. Ma and grandma and Mrs. W. went to Brookdale. Pa went to Santa Cruz.
- 5 Pa came back. Mr. Roy died he was 98 years old. We went down the river. Mrs. W. went away.
- 6 We got some peaches at Peery's. I got a book out of the library. Mama went to Mr. Roy's funeral. Grandpa was pall bearer.
- 7 Papa went to Ben Lomond. The Saloons closed in Boulder Creek.
- 8 Pa went to Ben Lomond again. He went to Santa Cruz. Mama and Leslie and I went and got some apples.
- 9 Pa got a screen door and some matting for the dining room. Ma made a lot of mince meat. Pa came back.
- 10 Pa cleaned the fish pond in the park.
- 11 We put down the matting in the dining room. I went to Sunday School. It rained a little.
- 12 I put down the matting in my bedroom. We had a bonfire. We got mama a picture. Leslie had his teeth filled.
- 13 Mama went up to see Mrs. Strawn. We played in Booths barn almost all day.
- 14 Pa got some shotgun shells. Leslie went up to get his teeth fixed but Dr. Murphy had gone hunting.
- 15 We went hunting up to the ranch. I got three quail and papa six and Leslie one and all of us covered with mud.
- 16 I killed two quail in the morning. We had some fun shooting at ground squirle [sic]. Pa and Leslie and I went hunting but we didn't see anything. Pa put up the screen door.
- 17 Leslie went up to the dentists. I killed a quail.
- 18 I staid [sic] out of Sunday school.
- 19 School began again.
- 20 I went to school.
- 21 Mr. Williams had a baby.
- 22 Leslie got a pair of shoes. I skated.

- 23 We went to the hollow'en [sic] social at the odd fellows hall. I was elected president of the L. T. L. We com. [sic] taking milk from H.
- 24 We all went to the Democratic Rally at the Firemens Hall. They had a big bonfire.
- 25 I went to Sunday School. Ma and pa went to church.
- 26 Mama went down to Grandmas. I went to the rink but it wasn't open.
- 27 Papa went to Santa Cruz and came back. Ma baked bread and sewed.
- 28 I went to the suprise [sic] party on Bessie Millington for the Eighth Grade.
- 29 It rained. Pa cut a lot of wood and Leslie brought it in. Our payday but we didn't get payed [sic].
- 30 I commenced getting ready for hallowe'en [sic] The eighth Grade went over to the High School to hear there [sic] program. Tom Darling and I found some punkins [sic] and made goblins out of them.
- 31 Hallowe'en. [sic] I got a punkin [sic] and a rubber ball. Pa went to Felton. Ma made two pumpkin pies. Pa came back from Felton. I went out to the Republican Rally. After _ _ _ _ _? extra quart of milk.

November 1908

- 1 I went and got our buggy. We coasted down the hill in the buggy. Ma got burnt. I dropped the teakettle and I splashed on her.
- 2 We went and heard Fred P. Feliz speak at the firemans Hall. Pa went to Santa Cruz and back. He got Leslie a drum.
- 3 Election day in the United States. I got a gold star. And got three days holiday. Pa went to Ben Lomond I skated. Mrs. Mann came to see ma. Leslie skated Mr Taft was elected. Smith was elected judge (superior). Hartman supervisor. Holohan statesenator [sic] Maher assemblyman. Needham congressman.
- 4 Papa resigned the Marshal's job. I bought two pictures from Mr. Millington.
- 5 Pa went to Santa Cruz. Grandma came to see ma in the afternoon. I went down to Sloans. Orrin and I watched them making the dam at Barkers. I got ma a toaster.
- 6 Pa came back from Santa Cruz. Leslie and I went down to the dam.
- 7 I skated. Ma made a cake, 4 pies, two turn overs and some tarts. How's that.
- 8 I went to Sunday School. Leslie staid [sic] home and had to stay in the house all day.
- 9 I got a pair of overhauls [sic] I got some colors up to school. There were two new scholars came to school. One in my grade.
- 10 Pa went up on Bill Horseman's ranch and took care of some stuff that was attached. The Preacher came to see ma the first day pa was away.
- 11 I quit the job of Librarian at school. We did our own washing.
- 12 Ma went visiting. We played foot ball up at School. Orrin Sloan came up.

- 13 I spoke at school. Leslie spoke too. Edgar Miller shot himself in the leg and bled to death. Pa came home.
- 14 A jap shot Y Ito twice in the lungs and almost killed him. Pa staid [sic] out half of the night hunting for him.
- 15 I went to Sunday School. We all went to church.
- 16 Papa went to Santa Cruz. And on up the coast. Ma did some of the washing.
- 17 Pa came back. I sold some tickets for the entertainment.
- 18 I sold some more tickets Leslie found a ball up in front of Skeltons. Pa bought some more wood.
- 19 Ma went down to grandmas and trimed [sic] a hat. Gram gave her some cake and sour milk.
- 20 We practiced for the entertainment. Leslie and I went to the show for the benefit of S.S. Sloan. It rained.
- 21 It rained. Leslie and I played ball. Leslie went over to practice at Fireman's hall. Ma went down to Grandma's. I cut some wood for Mrs Iliff.
- 22 We got some apples form Mrs. Iliff. Pa went up Kings creek.
- 23 Papa went to Santa Cruz. It rained.
- 24 Pa came back from Santa Cruz. It rained. Grandma sent up some milk and apples. Ma gave a loaf of bread to make sanwiches [sic] for the W.C.T.U.
- 25 It rained. We killed a couple chickens and got them ready for thanksgiving. Ma made four punkin [sic] pies.
- 26 Thanksgiving day We ate dinner you bet and got the belly ach [sic]
- 27 We went up to the school to work at the grading of the tennis court and ball ground. We had dinner up there.
- 28 We started the A.G.F.P. and intitiated [sic] 3. Worked on the tennis court in the afternoon.
- 29 I went to Sunday School. Ma went to church Pa went up to the ranch with Tom Ladd and brought home a box of apples. Jim Manrief [?] came and made a visit.
- 30 Ma went down to grandmas and she gave her some apples. I got a book out of the Free-Library.

December 1908

- 1 Ma went up town and visited Mrs. Smith. It started to rain. I went up to Millingtons to practice.
- 2 They had a trial in town. It rained. We had examination up at school in Composition and Mental Arithmetic Pa got a job.
- 3 I got a gold star and got two holidays. Mama and I went down to Sloans. Papa went to Santa Cruz.

- 4 It rained hard. Grandma came up and sewed on the sewing machine. I got a book out of the library.
- 5 We went up and practiced at Fireman's Hall Grandma and Eva Peery came up in the evening. Pa came back on the late train and went to lodge.
- 6 I went to Sunday School. Leslie staid [sic] out.
- 7 I went up to Millingtons to practice. Papa went to Santa Cruz. Mama washed the lace curtians [sic] to get ready to move.
- 8 We did some washing. Papa came back from Santa Cruz. It rained. There was a circus. Leslie and I went.
- 9 It rained. Papa went to Santa Cruz to see Mr. Netherton. Grandpa brought up a gallon of skimened [sic] milk.
- 10 Papa came back from Santa Cruz. Abe Reuf was found guilty of bribery. I saw the animals in Frank Adams Circus.
- 11 Norman Potts, Henry Dahl and I went up Bear Creek and got holly berries for the entertainment. Pa attached Y. Ito the jap for about \$2600.00.
- 12 Mama and papa and Leslie and I went to Santa Cruz to get a house. The entertainment for the benefit [sic] of the G.S. was given. I was in it.
- 13 I went up town and got a funny Paper. I got a present for Leslie for Christmas.
- 14 I went to school.
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- 16 I went to school and pa went to Santa Cruz.
- 17 Ma went down to Cliffords. I went there too. We played ball out in the street. I got another present for Leslie.
- 18 I got a gold star. I sang in school. The last day of school. Pa fixed the drain. I got another present.
- 19 We all got presents for each other. I got some post cards.
- 20 Pa got a funny paper. Pa went up Kings Creek. Ma made some candy.
- 21 Pa cut a Christmas tree. And we got some decorations, popcorn and oranges to put on it. Dodd's house burnt about half down. They had to move out.
- 22 It rained. Pa got some powderd [sic] sugar to make candy with. Grandpa brought up some prunes. I sent some post cards.
- 23 We got a picture from Ethel and five dollars from grandma Bacon. Pa went to S.C. Ma got some handkerchiefs from George.
- 24 Pa came back from S.C. We trimed [sic] up the tree.
- 25 Christmas Day. I got 2 books, a necktie, a game, a shot gun, 2 pair of socks and some under clothes.
- 26 We played all day I got sick from eating to [sic] much stuff.

- 27 We took a walk down towards Brookdale. I got a sunday paper.
- 28 We cut a lot of wood and did the washing. I went over town after supper with pa.
- 29 Leslie and I went down to Darlings and played hair and hounds.
- 30 I got a post card from Grandma Bacon saying that she had sent a book for me and a post card album for Leslie.
- 31 Papa went to Santa Cruz with Charlie Cousins. It rained. Mrs. Van Dusen came to see mama. New Years Eve.