

EDWARD E. PRINCE

1911 DIARY

[Edward continues working at Tanner's Drug Store and enjoying his pastimes. His father has trouble finding work and spends time working in Canada and then Benicia before finally moving the family to San Pedro near Los Angeles at the end of the year. In October, Edward and his friends make a time capsule and substitute it for a brick in the wall of the St. George Hotel which was then being remodeled. The original structure caught on fire after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and was later demolished; the time capsule was never found.]

January 1911

- 1 I got this book today. My old one is all used up. This is my Sunday on duty. We had a good heavy earthquake yesterday morning at 4.12 o'clock [sic]. I skated the old year out and the new year in last night. Pa came home tonight.
- 2 I got half a holiday today and staid [sic] in bed till 9 o'clock. Leslie and I plaid [sic] football in the barn. Pa went back up to Swanton.
- 3 I wrote to Charlie Coussins up at Swanton. I got 3 boxes of shells 2 of shorts and 1 of longs.
- 4 Ma got two cans of sardines a can of chipped beef and two pkgde's [sic] of crackers for my lunch next Sunday. I am going up the coast to China Ladder if it doesn't rain.
- 5 There was a fire in Bias's [sic] Grocery Store today. A man pulled a knife on a clerk in the Peoples Bank because he wouldn't cash a bogus check.
- 6 Grandma came down and brought Leslie's slides. We scrubed [sic] out a the store this morning.
- 7 Pa came home We plaid [sic] crock-nole [?] in the front room. I got a card from Gevase Goffney.
- 8 Dick Todd and I went up to Swanton hunting but we didn't get anything but a killdee and a diver.
- 9 It rained hard today. There was a small earthquake at 2 30 PM. I got a portrait attachment for my No 2 Folding Pocket Brownie [camera].
- 10 I got my twenty five dollars pay today. There was another small earthquake. Miss Lena Turner had a fit.
- 11 I got a tea kettle and four bars of soap for Ma. It rained hard. Pa came down.
- 12 It rained some more. Pa staid [sic] down. I sent a card to Grandma and Charlie and Rosie Coussins and Tom Darling and Roy Garretty.
- 13 The wind blew like every thing today. Pa got his pay and Ma and him went to the show and I worked till 9 o'clock and came home and had to make up my bed before I could go to sleep.

- 14 It cleared up tonight. This morning the water was away up. It flooded China town and was up to Front St. The two houses down there in the willows by Booths Grove were flooded and the people had to move out. I skated at the rink.
- 15 Clear day. The river is going down fast. Pa went back up to S.V. [San Vicente Logging Camp] The rain wet his bed clothes and everything he had in the cabin. Ma and I went to church.
- 16 The other kid at the drug store went to S.F. [San Francisco] to take the examinations. I had to work tonight and will all week.
- 17 I bought a strip of carpet for the hall today. I got a calendar from the Youths Companion. I got a card from Roy Garretty.
- 18 I got me a little square box for change. You press a spring and a nickle [sic] or a dime or a quarter will drop out.
- 19 It started to rain again. I got a card from Esther Dool. I rode on the car 2 times today.
- 20 I sent two calendars and a card to Grandma and a letter to Pa. I got a letter from Pa. It rained. I got an umberella [sic] for Leslie.
- 21 Old Quick collected .75 from me for a pedal that I had paid for already. I won't go there anymore. Clear day today.
- 22 I sent a card to Roy Garretty and to Rosie Coussins Sunday but I had to work.
- 23 The other kid got back today. It started to rain again. We got the boxes up out of the cellar at the drug store.
- 24 It rained. Axle Anderson brought a letter down for Ma from Pa. Pa came down.
- 25 Mrs. Mann came and staid [sic] over night. I beat her a game of checkers. I wrote to Grandma.
- 26 Baby's Birthday. Mrs. Mann went back. I wrote to pa.
- 27 I went to the Grand. It rained again.
- 28 It rained some more. Pa came down.
- 29 It rained some more. I had to work this Sunday. Pa is sick today.
- 30 It still rains. I got me a 100 pair of rubbers.
- 31 San Francisco got the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition. The new charter of Santa Cruz was voted on and carried.

February 1911

- 1 It started to rain again. I worked hard today. My night off. Am going to bed at 7 oclock.
- 2 It cleared off. I wrote to pa. I beat the head clerk a game of checkers tonight.
- 3 I got a letter from Ma. I got a #2 F.P.B.C. case for my #2 F.P.B. camera [Folding Pocket Brownie Camera.] It cost 75 cents. Ma gave me a dollar to go to Boulder on.

- 4 I went up to Boulder Creek on the five 45 train in the evening. Pa came down from Swanton.
- 5 I went down to the river with Grandma in the morning. I took 3 pictures of Grandma and two of Grandpa and one of the river. Grandma gave me four old coins. One made in 1862 and three in 1870. They were a nickle [sic] one cent piece and a copper five cent piece and two copper ten cent pieces. I went down to the river in the afternoon with Glenn Clifford. I came back to Santa Cruz in the evening.
- 6 Sent a card to Pa. Cleared off this morning. Guess we will have good weather for awhile.
- 7 Wrote to Pa on the typewriter.
- 8 My pay day \$25.00. I gave Ma \$12.00. I got a tool bag for my bike and a lock and chain for it.
- 9 I got some comic Valentines and some envelopes to send them in.
- 10 The wind blew like the dickens and it started to rain in the evening. I got a skull and cross bone watch charm.
- 11 Pa came down. It rained some more.
- 12 Lincolns birthday. My Sunday on. Pa went back. I ran a safety pin clear through my finger.
- 13 It rained. I got a tooth brush and toothpaste.
- 14 I t snowed a little today. We threw some snow balls at each other and Miss McManus out in the back yard at the drug store.
- 15 I took some pictures of Ma and Babie [sic]. Got a letter from Pa. Sent a card to Frank Juhén [?] in Reno.
- 16 Wrote a letter to Grandma and Pa. It was 30° this morning. I took some pictures.
- 17 My pictures were all good. It is warmer today. Got a new key ring as I broke my old one.
- 18 There was quite a fog this morning. My night off. I went to bed at half past seven.
- 19 I went up to Boulder Creek on the 10.20 train. I took a lot of pictures. I took one of the fishermen in a boat down at the wharf.
- 20 I got a dime made in 1876 for my collections. I got a 4 bit piece made in 1854 too. I got some art corners for my pictures.
- 21 The other boy's wheel was stolen at the drug store. I got a one dollar bill and a dime made in 1876 for my collection.
- 22 Washingtons birthday. I had half a day off. The pictures were all good. Leslie and I went down to the river on stilts. I got in to the quick sand clear up to my ankles.
- 23 I got a letter from Pa and answered it. I sent some pictures to Grandma.
- 24 I sent some pictures to Glenn Clifford. Pa came down.
- 25 My Sunday on. I got a lot of candy oranges peanuts and popcorn
- 26 It snowed up in Boulder Creek. It rained hard here. I got a ten cent tip Kratzenstien shaved his mustache off.

- 27 It rained and hailed all day. I got some corn cure for my corns. I have one on each little toe.
- 28 It rained and rained some more. I got a card from Roy Garretty. There is snow in the mountains all around. From Monterey to Loma Priety [sic]. I've got an awful bad cold today.

March 1911

- 1 It rained. My cold still holds on.
- 2 It rained.
- 3 Pa came home. I didn't get up till 10 minutes to seven and to work by 10 past seven.
- 4 There was thunder and lightning in the evening. I got some clay pipes to blow bubbles with.
- 5 My Sunday off. Leslie and I went to De Laveaga Park and down to the beach. We blew bubbles out of the up stairs window. We plaid [sic] football in the barn too.
- 6 It rained. Pa staid [sic] home.
- 7 The dam at SV. [San Vicente] Mill washed out and took the track out so Pa couldn't go back. The whole town is flooded today.
- 8 My pay day. I got \$25.00. I gave Ma \$15.00. There is better weather today. Ma gave me a gold watch to use for a while.
- 9 I got a good spring for my saddle. It cost \$10.00 I got a good box to keep my fishing tackle in. (At the Drug Store.) Abe Ruef was sent to Prison. [See Dec 10, 1908 entry] The regulars are Piking [sic] the Mexican line as fast as they can go.
- 10 It cleared off a while today. I sent a paper to Grandpa Bacon telling about the storm.
- 11 There was an earthquake I bought Ma a broom and a fancy glass
- 12 It was a nice warm day My Sunday was on. Nothing happened much.
- 13 [Blank]
- 14 Noth [sic] did
- 15 I got some shoes for Babie [sic] and got some flower seeds for Ma.
- 16 I made a sling shot and shot at bottles with marbles out in the back yard at the Drug Store.
- 17 Nothing doing
- 19 We walked up to Big Trees with Edy Sagner and Glenn Adams.
- 20 I wrote to Pa. Nix mo [sic]
- 21 I got a puncture today in my front tire.
- 22 Pa's birthday. I got two books out of the library. I took a picture and Oscar Bley took a picture of me.
- 23 I saw Sam Turini [?] today. He lives in San Jose. I got a ticket for the show Sat night. Oscar Bley and I took some pictures with a Kodak out in the back yard.

- 24 We took some more pictures. I got the pictures I took up at the Big Trees. They are pretty good.
- 25 Pa came down. Oscar Bley and I developed more pictures.
- 26 My Sunday on. Pa went back. I got a 10¢ tip.
- 27 Leslie and I went to the show. I dug some worms. I sent a card to Sam Turina [?]
- 28 Nothing diding [sic] I got me a leader.
- 29 I wrote to pa. [I] dug some worms to go fishing with.
- 30 The river looks fine for fishing now. I am going day after tomorrow.
- 31 I got some Salmon Spawn. The trout limit is still fifty cent there is no size limit.

April 1911

- 1 I had to work but went fishing in the morning before 7. and in the evening after six. I only caught 6 but one was 11 inches long. Leslie fished all day and caught 9.
- 2 My Sunday off. Leslie and I went up Branciforte Creek to Isabel Grove and fished down. I caught 56 and Leslie 9. I gave the extra 6 to Leslie. I went out again in the afternoon and caught 10 more for him.
- 3 I washed the windows at the Drug Store today. I took the books back to the library and got two more. Kratzenstein caught the limit yesterday. One was 15 inches long.
- 4 It started to rain like the dickens and is still doing the same.
- 5 I got a five cent tip. I got a card from Rose Coussins.
- 6 I sent a card to Rose Coussins and wrote to Pa.
- 7 Feel bum today. Don't know whats [sic] the matter with me.
- 8 Pa came down. My pay day but I didn't get paid.
- 9 Pa went back. I got paid I gave Ma 13 dollars.
- 10 Washed windows this morning. Got me a new sweater, hat, shoes, nectie [sic] and some handkerchiefs. Went to the show with Ed Sagner.
- 11 The kids threw a ball through our front window.
- 12 Sent Easter cards to everybody. Got my old shoes fixed up and half soled.
- 13 There was a fire in the foundry on Cherry St. I got my pictures only three good out of six. Cleaned up the lens of my camera.
- 14 Got a letter from Pa and a card from Roy Garretty. Got two films for my #2 Brownie (F.P.) [Folding Pocket] camera.
- 15 Pa came down. We hid Easter eggs this evening for Leslie to find in the morning.
- 16 Edie Sagner and I rode up to Boulder Creek on our wheels and back. Am pretty tired. We went swimming up there

- 17 I took a dozen pictures Easter Sunday.
- 18 Got a letter from Glenn Clifford saying he is coming down Friday and will stay till Sunday.
- 19 Got my pictures today. Got 11 out of 12. Sent 5 up to Grandma and gave Edie Sagner 4.
- 20 Glenn Clifford came down. He and Leslie went to the show.
- 21 I got a Canadian dime for my collection.
- 22 I got the afternoon off and went swimming in the plunge with Leslie and Glenn. Edie Sagner, Glenn and I went to the shows in the evening.
- 23 My Sunday on. Glenn went back up to Boulder. Sent a card to Pa and got a letter from him.
- 24 Washed windows today. I took the books back to the library and got some more.
- 25 There was an earthquake last night. I wrote a letter to Pa today. I carried a keg up to Kratzensteins house for him, he gave me ten cents.
- 26 I got lunny [sic] and went down to china town. Saw the Chinese lottery. Went to the show.
- 27 I got a 15 cent tip today. I ran into a kid on my wheel but didn't hurt him but hurt his wheel and my wheel.
- 28 There was a partial eclipse of the sun today at 3 oclock. I am learning to juggle three wooden balls.
- 29 I went to the Sells Floto Circus. It was fine. Pa came down.
- 30 Pa went back. I went fishing and caught 1 fish.

May 1911

- 1 I got a half holiday. I went to the beach and put ten cents in the slot machines.
- 2 Election day. We haven't heard the returns yet but will get them tomorrow. I got a 10 cent tip.
- 3 Brentlinger the socialist candidate for mayor came out first with Stone 2nd The town is going socialist.
- 4 I got a 5 cent tip for taking some candy up to Mrs Scott at 54 Davis St. I am learning to juggle three balls. I can do it pretty good now. Just started in about a week ago.
- 5 It cleared up today. Got a big long letter from Pa. He worked all day Monday, Monday night and Tuesday without any sleep.
- 6 Nothing doing. The kid at the Model (Leslie Williams) quit tonight. Oscar Bleys brother Jack is going to work there.
- 8 I got a new tire for my front wheel. It cost 3.50. My pay day but I didn't get paid.
- 9 I didn't get paid yet. Mr Kratzenstein has forgotten it I guess I will remind him of it tomorrow. They are having a big hullabalo [sic] down in Mexico.
- 10 I got my pay today. I paid for my new tire and got some garden hose. I gave Ma 13 dollars. I went to the show and sa [sic] "Custers last stand" reproduced in motion pictures.

- 11 Leslie's birthday. I gave him 50¢. I got 3 boxes of shells for the 22 rifle. I am going out Sunday and practice. I helped C. Kratzenstein fold and put in envelopes and seal 500 circulars on politics. I lent the other kid, Oscar Bley the 32 to hold up a tally ho party with.
- 12 I saw Ed Blanchard in town today. Saw Millie Cahill the other day but forgot to put it down.
- 13 I went down to the casino with Ed Sagner. We met Chet Elliot down there. He and I came back uptown and went to the show. Ed staid [sic] down.
- 14 My Sunday off. Leslie and I went up to Moore's beach and shot at every thing we could see. Killed 4 Killdees and Leslie killed one. Ma went to the beach this afternoon and we staid [sic] with the baby. I went in swimming down at the river. I put up an acting bar out in the barn.
- 15 I took a package into the Native Sons Hall today for Mr. Kratzenstein. I got some more photo paste and mounted some pictures today too. Baby is pulling my suspenders so I can't write good.
- 16 Election day Mr Stone was elected Mayor of Santa Cruz. Ralph Miller was beaten for commissioner by J.T. Jones who was the only Socialist elected.
- 17 Pa came down and went back on the 4 oclock train. I went crabbing with Edie Sagner and Lavert McQuestion [sic]. We only got 18. I got two fish.
- 18 The town is getting livlier [sic] now. There are lots of people coming in from everywhere. It rained a little last night.
- 19 I sprained my wrist bad. I stepped on a slippery entranc [sic] to a bicycle shop and fell down on my wrist. It was 72° in the shade here today. Back east in Chicago it was 98°. Lots of people are dead from it.
- 20 I took our books back to the library. There were two big parades today. One was the produce men from S.F. and Los Angeles. The other was the Santa Cruz Booster.
- 21 My Sunday off.
- 22 Oscar Bley and I got up at 5 oclock and went swimming in the surf. It felt warmer than it does in the middle of the day. I washed windows at the drug store. I got a ten cent tip.
- 23 We went swimming again this morning. Pa got his pay and came down for good from San Vicente. He is going up to Seattle to work. There was a labor law man around today. I can only work 9 hrs a day. I've been working 10 ½.
- 24 Pa is still home. I went swimming again this morning.
- 25 Went swimming again. Pa went down to San Pedro to see about a job. I sent a card to Grandma.
- 26 [Blank]
- 27 Saw Charlie Coussins in town today. He and I went to two shows this evening. It is 11 oclock now as I am writing.
- 28 My Sunday off. Edie Sagner and Leslie and I went in the plunge. I have a lame shoulder. It's looser than it ought to be.

- 29 I didn't wash windows today as my shoulder is too sore. We got cards from Pa.
- 30 Decoration Day. I had the afternoon off. Leslie and I went swimming in the river. We rode in a boat. They raised the flag at the head of the Ave.
- 31 I earned 10 cents today besides my wages by carrying a suit of clothes to the talior [sic] shop. We will commence the new hours at the D. store tomorrow. MAY END

June 1911

- 1 Ma got a letter from Pa today. He is in Seattle (Washington) and is staying at the National Hotel. I sent him a card and ~~letter~~. We started the new hours today. I didn't come to work until 10 o'clock as it was my night on. Leslie and I went down to the river and plunged in before breakfast.
- 2 I went swimming this morning at the beach. I got a card from Pa from Seattle. Doc Morgan got him an automobile.
- 3 The Casino and Hotel Del Rey opened tonight. Roy Garretty came down from B.C. He and I staid [sic] out until 11 o'clock.
- 4 I had Sunday afternoon off. Roy Garretty and I went down to the beach and in the plunge. There was a man nearly got drowned in the surf. The breakers were so high. I ate so much that I am sick tonight.
- 5 Ma got a letter from Pa. He is in Canada now. He is going to work for a railroad. (The Northern Pacific.) C. Aydelotte [?] gave me a dime for my collection.
- 6 We went swimming again. I sent two cards to Pa. We had a thunder shower this morning.
- 7 We went swimming this morning again. I got a ten cent tip today. I got two coracopias [sic], and baby helped eat em [sic]. He can say Mama, Papa Baby, Da, Da, ga, ga, coddle, coddle and bread.
- 8 My pay day. I got paid. I gave Ma \$15.50. To pay the piano and lodge dues. I bought a can of bait to go fishing with in the morning.
- 9 I went fishing before 10 o'clock and caught 17 trout. I bought me a 1.00 shirt, two collars and a necktie today also a green pair of socks.
- 10 Ma got a letter from Pa today. He is still in Victoria or near there. Roy Garretty is in town again today. All the kids want me to go fishing with them cause I can fish pretty good. I am going with Leslie in the morning.
- 11 Leslie and I went fishing. I caught 20. Leslie didn't fish as he can't catch any. He carried mine for me. I went to the plunge with R. Garretty. We swam out to the end of the rope witch [sic] is about twice as far as the end of the pleasure pier.
- 12 There were fireworks tonight. We could see them out of our front window upstairs. Got a letter from Pa and answered it. I went fishing this evening and caught 6 fish after supper when it was dark.

- 13 Went swimming and fishing before breakfast. Caught 14 fish. There are lots of trout in the river now. The Native Sons and Daughters are here on a delegation. The streets are all decorated up.
- 14 I got a ten cent tip today. I went down to the beach 7 times today with packages. I went to Casa Del Rey 3 times, to Andersons on Third St. 1, to Lyonels [?] on Cliff St. 1, to the Sea Beach Hotel once and to Grares [?] at the cabins 1.
- 15 Charlie Coussins was here for a while this evening. I got a puncture today it cost me 25 cents to get it closed. I ran over a wire with my new tire.
- 16 I got a 50 cent tip today. It is the largest I have ever got. Mrs Tanner went down south.
- 17 I got a new novel in place of my two old ones. I got a picture of Charlie Coussins printed. I took the last picture in my roll and had them developed. Ed Sagner, Kenneth Turner Smith and I went swimming before breakfast.
- 18 My Sunday on. I was off in the afternoon. I went down to the beach and in the plunge. I dove 20 feet. Took two pictures. Went to work again at 6 oclock. Rosie and Charlie Coussins came down tonight. They are moving to Hinkley Gulch and will stay here while things are being moved. I got my pictures,. I got 6 out of 6. (6 good ones.) I sent one to Pa of Leslie and one of Baby.
- 19 Washed windows today. Charlie and I went to a show.
- 20 Charlie and Rose went this morning at 6 oclock.
- 21 We took the card machine out today. It is now against law to have one or play it. The wind blew awful hard tonight. I went down to [the] river at about 6.30 P.M. and threw [sic] at swallows till 7.45 P.M.
- 22 Got a letter from Pa and one from Grandma and a card from Roy Garretty. Went swimming this morning.
- 23 There is a dog show at the beach. There are about 300 entries. I have a boil from riding a bicycle.
- 24 Edie Sagner and I rode up to Boulder Creek this evening after six oclock we started at 6.10 and arrived at 7.54.
- 25 We went fishing this morning. I caught 22 down along by Barker's Dam and the 1st trestle and Ed caught 0. We went swimming at 10 oclock down under the first trestle and again at 2 oclock at Barker's Dam.
- 26 We came down this morning in time to go to work. Got a card from Pa. I went swimming again this noon in the river. It was 73° in the shade today. Back east it reached a hundred and over.
- 27 Notin [sic] doing
- 28 I went swimming this morning. There was about 12 of us down there. I went swimming in the river this noon.
- 29 I went fishing this morning and caught 21 fish.

- 30 We got a forty dollar money order from Pa. It is a Canadian money order. I decorated my wheel for the fourth of July.

July 1911

- 1 There were two earthquakes today One at 2 oclock was an awful heavy one. And one at 7 oclock was smaller. I got ma a salt box. The town is getting pretty lively now. Every body is coming in for the fourth.
- 2 My Sunday on. I went swimming this afternoon and ran a wire into the first finger of my right hand. I can't write very good.
- 3 Big crowds are coming in for the 4th. Grandma came down this morning to stay over the fourth. We fired all our fire works tonight as we will want to go down to the beach tomorrow night.
- 4 They had a fine parade this morning there were 100 automobiles in it. I had to work 8 hours today. I got some big six inch fire crackers. Leslie sang at the armory this morning.
- 5 Got a new pedal for my wheel. C.C.K. paid for it. [C. Kratzenstein?] Grandma went back and took Leslie with her to Boulder C.
- 6 I went in swimming this morning before breakfast.
- 7 Got a ride on the car to the beach with two big packages.
- 8 I went swimming this morning with Ed Sagner and another kid. I ran into to a little kid and knocked him down and me off my wheel. He ran right in front of me. My pay day and I got paid. I paid ten dollars to the piano Co. and gave Ma \$5.00 more to pay the water bill and Willeys bill.
- 9 I went up to B. C. this morning on the train and took my camera and took 9 pictures. Ethel is up there too. We missed the train tonight. (at least we missed a supposed train as there wasn't any), and had to walk 7 miles in 1 hr. 30 min to Felton but we made it.
- 10 Washed windows this morning. Put \$2.50 in the bank and paid Palmers bill (\$1.00)
- 11 I got a \$2.50 jointed rod today. It is a peach. I wrote a long letter to Pa. I got a registered package from him with some Canadian money in it.
- 12 I got some hooks and a leader and some canned bait and worms to go fishing in the morning. Am going to bed at 7.45.
- 13 Got up at 4.30 and had breakfast. Caught 50 fish before 9 oclock. Had a string about 2 feet 6 inches long. Got me a new album for fotos [sic] as my other one is full. Also got me a harmonica.
- 14 It was warmer today than it has been for quite a while. I sent some more pictures to Grandma.
- 15 Another warm day. I went fishing this evening. I caught 22 fish after half past six. A new kid started to work at the Model today. Chester Eliott quite [sic].
- 16 My Sunday on. I caught 20 fish in the afternoon. O. Bley went way out Soquel Creek and staid [sic] all day caught 2 fish.

- 17 Bought Baby a set of blocks. Exchanged library books.
- 18 Went swimming this morning. I rode on my wheel to Seabright and back in 26 minutes today.
- 19 We went over to Sagners for dinner and Ma and Leslie staid [sic] all afternoon and to supper. I went over after 6 oclock and we all went down to the show. I staid [sic] over night with Ed.
- 20 Ed and I got up at 5 oclock and went swimming with Oscar Bley, Kenneth Turner and Sam. We surped [sic] some apricots on the way down and ate them after we came out of the water. O. Bley and I swam out to the raft and back. Jack Bley got knocked down and his wheel run over by an automobile today. It bent his wheel all up. I got a can of bait.
- 21 Nothing doing.
- 22 I got a leader. I rolled my bait in flour and did the other kid's too. Am getting ready to go fishing tomorrow.
- 23 got up at 4 oclock this morning and met Jack Bley at the corner of Soquel and Pac. Aves and we caught the 5.25 train to Felton. We fished from there down to the big trees and ate our dinner. I had 45 and he had 17. We fished on down to the concrete fill at tunnel #5. I caught my 50 and helped him. He ended up with 33. I got a hold of a 16 inch steel head but he got away after I plaid [sic] him for about 5 minutes. He bent my hook out straight.
- 24 An automobile backed over the Model wheel today and broke the front rim. The fellow that did it paid to have it fixed.
- 25 Went swimming this morning. Found a plunge ticket good for one swim. New kid at the Model.
- 26 Got a can of bait today to go fishing in the morning.
- 27 Went fishing and caught 29 trout before 9 oclock. Used up half my bait. Am going again in the morning.
- 28 Went fishing and caught 26. I caught a 18 inch salmon trout under the Water St. Bridge. The others were all good size. O. Bley struck for higher wages and got stung. I am going to start in studying right away now.
- 29 I went down to the human roullet [sic] wheel tonight. Am all banged up.
- 30 My Sunday on. Jack Bley and I went out the Cliff Drive on our wheels and took some pictures. O. Bley went fishing up the S.L. [San Lorenzo River] and caught 5 fish where I caught 50 before.
- 31 There was a fire today but I didn't go to see it. It was at the corner of Walnut and California St's. Ma went down to the beach with Mrs Sagner. Leslie took some flowers down and got a swim in the plunge free.

August 1911

- 1 Went swimming this morning. A Canadian Banknote for \$20.00 came this afternoon from Pa. He will send some more in a week. Ma got me a new shirt.

- 2 Wrote a letter to Pa today. The head clerk is going on a two months vacation tomorrow so they will have a new clerk for a while. I went in the plunge this evening from 7 o'clock till 8.45 on the ticket I found on the beach. I dove off the high place in the plunge.
- 3 Went swimming again this morning. Took some more dives in the plunge. Got a spoke knocked out today.
- 4 I had \$115.00 in my pocket today.
- 5 Went swimming again.
- 6 My Sunday off. I went down to the beach and in the plunge. The yachts are in the bay now they had a race down from S.F.
- 7 Went swimming again in the surf. I went to the Opera House the Newman Foltz Play (Amy). Am writing this at quarter to twelve.
- 8 Got up a five o'clock and went swimming. Got my pay. Gave Ma \$12.00 and bought me some under clothes and a 2.00 clock and put 2.50 in the bank.
- 9 Went swimming again. Got a 25 cent tip. Got me a can of bait and a pack of hooks to go fishing in the morning. I hid Ed Sagners clothes this morning. He was going to go home in some old tramps clothes he found.
- 10 Went fishing and caught 32. One was 13 inches and another 12 inches I gave the two to Dr Morgan.
- 11 Went swimming again. I bought a pepper shaker, a glass and two cups and saucers for Ma. I went to the Newman Foltz Co's play (Valley Forge) tonight.
- 12 Alfred Prince came down from B.C. He and I went down to the Casino and had a big time.
- 13 Went in the plunge this afternoon. Alfred went down the big slide. The yachts went back to S.F.
- 14 Alfred went back up to Boulder Creek. I went fishing and caught 3 fish one was 11 inches one 12 and one 12 ½. I lost one that was about 18 inches long. He broke my pole and then broke the hook. I am going to get my pole fixed and try it again.
- 15 My birthday. Pa sent me down a dollar from Canada. I am fifteen years old. Went swimming this morning. I wrote a letter to Pa.
- 16 I got a new reel and some line today. The reel was 75 cents and the line 50. I got my pole fixed too. Went to a 5 cent show tonight.
- 17 Got a telegram from Pa today saying he is coming home Will start from Seattle tonight. Got me some bait and made a string for my fish.
- 18 I caught 21 fish. One was 12 in and one 11 ½. Sent a card to Grandma.
- 19 Bought another can of bait. KRATZENSTEIN gave me a new purse today.
- 20 I went fishing with Jack Bley up past the powder Mill. I caught 44 and him 15. I had one 14 inches long and two 10 inches. Uncle Leonard came down and Pa came back from British Columbia.
- 21 Washed Windows today.

- 22 Went fishing for awhile this morning before work but only caught 6. One was 8 inches. My bait was too old and hard. Uncle Leonard went up to Brookdale.
- 23 Got a ten cent tip. Pa and I went to the moving picture shows tonight.
- 24 Bought a can of bait.
- 25 Went fishing and caught 15 fish. Pa went up to San Francisco. Uncle Leonard went back to Los Angeles. I went to a show.
- 26 Glenn Clifford came down again from Boulder. He and I went down to the beach with him. We went on the circle swing and the scenic railway and the whole business.
- 27 My Sunday on. There was a big parade of the Y.M.I from different towns. There were 6 bands and 4 drum corps. Jack Bley and I rode out to Olive Springs on our wheels my tire blew out and I had to walk all the way back. G.C. went back to B.C.
- 28 Got a new tire put on today, it cost \$3.50. School started. Leslie is starting the 6th grade.
- 29 Sent two cards to Charlie and Rose Coussins. I hurt my hip today histing [sic] a barrel of alcohol.
- 30 They gave me a counterfeit half dollar today at the drug store. They said I took it in so they should give it to me. I brought home a book to study.
- 31 I got up at 5 oclock and went fishing but only caught 14 fish the river is getting pretty well fished out.

September 1911

- 1 We got a letter from Pa. He is working in Benicia. Oscar Bley and I took an old film I had and put it in one of the store kodaks We will take some pictures tomorrow.
- 2 We took the pictures and developed them up this evening. They were all good. I got a roll of film for my camera. I am going to ride out Hinckley Gulch tomorrow and see Charlie and Rosie Coussins.
- 3 I got up early and went way out past Soquel to Hinckley Creek where Charlie Cousins lives on my wheel. It is about 15 miles. Rose and Ch. and I went on a tramp way up in the woods. We made some candy in the evening.
- 4 I staid [sic] all night and went out hunting in the morning with Charlie. He shot two rabbits. There is a place at Olive Springs where they have made tunnels through the mountain to a canyon. There is an old man lives in there. I started home about 9 oclock and got here at 10.10. I had to work this afternoon and let the other kid off. It's Labor Day. Charlie Coussins has a Portugese [sic] coin made in 1752. He has quite a collection.
- 5 I went to the 5 cent moving picture show with Jack Bley.
- 6 We went to another one tonight. We got a lot of freight today. I got a letter from Alfred Prince in Benicia.
- 7 We got in a lot more freight today. I sent a letter to Alfred. I saw a fellow walk off the side walk and fall flat on his face today. He was drunk. He is a Williams Bro's clothing store man.

- 8 My Pay Day. I got \$25.00 and gave Ma \$15.00. 10 to pay on the piano. Got a card from Pa.
- 9 Got me a pair of tennis shoes and got my old shoes half soled. Answered Pa's letter on the typewriter.
- 10 My Sunday on. In the afternoon O. Bley, J. Bley and I went out to cave gulch with our cameras and candles. We took a flash light picture way down in the cave. We crawled all around in there and found a room where nobody had been before.
- 11 Washed windows this morning. Took some pictures around the drug store. Went to the show and went to the drug store afterward and played lotto and developed up a lot of pictures after 9 oclock.
- 12 I went down to the library to find out about Taft's cabinet. J. Bley and I found a lot of books in a barrel out back of the Drug Store.
- 13 I went to the show at the opera house. I had a complimentary ticket. A fellow gave me a dollar for it and I went in with J. Bley on the other complimentary ticket so I saw a \$1.50 show and came out 1.00 winner.
- 14 They started to work on the St. George Hotel. They are going to remodel it and build on another story, They tore out our toilet and everything in the back yard. Ma fed Baby so much water melon that he got sick.
- 15 Baby is sick this morning. Baby is alright [sic] this afternoon. I went to the 5 cent show.
- 16 Jack Delamonico and Ammelly Delamonico and Lily Burke came over and we all played cards and games and had some coffee and cake. It is 20 min to 12 now.
- 17 Went down to the beach and Ma and I went in the plunge Ma went down the big slide and the little one too. The biplane didn't go up as it fell into the salt water yesterday and got rusty. He couldn't start the engine. They charge 50 cents to get in but Mr. Bloom, Lucy Bloom and I were in swimming and went out in the water and right down the beach and didn't have to pay.
- 18 Looks like rain today. The wind is blowing and it is cloudy.
- 19 I wrote a letter to Grandma. Got a new crystal put in my watch and bought a 50 cent fob. Got a hair cut. Printed some pictures tonight. It is my first try I only made 2 failures out of 8.
- 20 I dried [sic] my prints today. Went to two shows in the evening with Ed Sagner.
- 21 Got a dime made in '75 for my collection today. I printed a lot of pictures this evening. Got a two bit tip. Got 10 cents worth of candy.
- 22 My coin catalogue [sic] didn't come today. Pa is going from Benicia down to Bakersfield.
- 23 The catalogue [sic] didn't come yet. Saw Charlie Coussins in town today. He got some things at the drug Store. Asked me to come out in my vacation. He lives up Hinkley Creek. There are lots of rabbits and quail and squirrels up there.
- 24 My Sunday on. I went down to the beach and watched Edwards in his Curtis biplane make a trial flight He got about 10 feet from the ground and came down hard. He tried [sic] it again and did the same thing. Got a penny from Ma made in 1868 for my collection.

- 25 My catalogue [sic] came today. I have a nickle [sic] in my collection worth \$1.25. Got a card from Pa. Bought a pack of hooks and a can of bait. It sprinkled a little this noon.
- 26 Sent a card to Pa and one to Grandma.
- 27 Circus today. The parade wasn't very good, so I am not going. It's a one horse circus. Saw Willie and Arthur Dodd in town today. I got me a novelette tonight for 15 cents.
- 28 Wrote a letter to Pa. There is a big railroad strike coming on.
- 29 There was a small earthquake this morning at 9.16 o'clock. Rose Coussins was down from Hinckley Gulch. She staid [sic] to dinner.
- 30 The railroad strike is on today all over the U.S. We will have to travel by boat or aeroplane now. Got a leader tonight am going fishing in the morning. I got a new Photo album and pasted a lot of my pictures in it. I have still a lot left over.

October 1911

- 1 It rained like blazes this morning and spoiled my fishing trip. The water got muddy and I only caught 6 so I came home. It cleared up in the afternoon and a bunch of us kids went up Scotts Valley road and got some grapes. It rained on the way back so we built a fire under a tree until it quit.
- 2 Washed windows today. Went fishing for a few minutes this noon and caught 2 fish. I went to the Grand and saw the moving pictures of the yachts in the bay.
- 3 Windy today. Went fishing but only caught 4. Wrote to Pa. There was an Odd Fellows Convention today they had a parade.
- 4 The wind blew like the dickens today. Ethel had an operation performed on her for appendicitas [sic] a few days ago. Got a letter from Grandma.
- 5 Ralph Amsden got back from a two months vacation. I went hunting but didn't see anything. Got a nickle [sic] made in 1867 for my collection.
- 6 Went hunting ent [sic] didn't get any thing. Got a card from Ethel and one from Pa. Wrote a letter to Pa.
- 7 I got paid tonight. Got me a pair of shoes and a hat. Got Leslie a pair of shoes. Went to the motion picture lecture on the Panama Canal on a complimentary ticket. Kratzenstein left (for his vacation) at Brookdale.
- 8 My Sunday on but the other kid worked for me so that I would work for him next Thursday afternoon witch [sic] is Apple Anual [sic] Day and a holiday. Ma, Leslie, Baby and I went way up the Scotts Valley road and got caught in the rain. We took some lunch and built a fire and roasted ears of corn. I fished and caught 8. We got some apples too. I wrote to Ethel.
- 9 It rained last night. I got a pair of courdorouys [sic] and a pair of green socks and a 50 cent necktie. I sent for a coin value book. The clerk at the Model has a 4 1-piece made in 1817 and one 1822 and 1827. He has a half cent made in 1809.

- 10 I am planning to get a motor cycle. Can get one for \$35.00. Election Day. The banks and Post Office were closed.
- 11 Went to a show with Jack Bley. Oscar Bley is going to ride to Watsonville on his wheel tomorrow. Am learning to play "The Old Oaken Bucket" like Ma plays it.
- 12 Santa Cruz day at the Apple Anual [sic] at Watsonville. I didn't go down. I got the afternoon off and Jack Bley and I went up the Scotts Valley road and got chased by a crazy man. He lost his hat and tore his pants and scratched his face. I busted my watch skinned my hand and tore a big rip in my new pants. We won't go out there again. The clerk at the model has a big bunch of coins some as far back as 1724 and in 1809, 1817, 1822, 1827, 1832, 36-40-42-43-45-50 and so on, he has some Japanese coins and some Mexican and Canadian and Hungarian. He gave me two half dimes made in 1853 and 58.
- 13 Got me a \$3.50 bicycle lamp it is fine for dark nights and dark streets. It has broad light in front a red light on one side and a green light on the other. It burns carbide. Got a puncture fixed this morning. I skinned my hands hauling a log up from the river by a rope. The rope slipped through my hands and burnt the skin off. Got a Canadian dime made in 1899 for my collection.
- 14 Got a letter from Pa. Glenn Clifford was down today on a wheel.
- 15 My Sunday off. Leslie and I got some wood down at the river. A bunch of us kids went up the Scotts Valley road and got some apples and grapes.
- 16 Kratzenstien was down today. I washed windows. Wrote to Pa. It was 86° in the shade today. Leslie and I went over to Burkes and played cards.
- 17 There was a small earthquake today.
- 18 They are remodeling the St. George Hotel. Have everything torn up in back of the Drug Store. We all went over to Burkes and played cards.
- 19 Got my lamp regulated today. Got two big window weights for my muscle propurers [?] they weigh 28 lbs.
- 20 Us kids made a cipher code today and will write letters to each other. Pa has gone down to San Pedro.
- 21 Us kids made up a box with coins, signatures of the clerks and photographs and a "Sentinel" newspaper we are going to take out a brick from the foundation of the new wall in the back yard before the cement gets hard and substitute the box sealed with parafine [sic] and cemented in. I went to the show with Lila Burke. I bought a can of bait and some films.
- 22 My Sunday on. We hid the box with the memorials in it. It is the 9th brick from the north end of the second wall from the drug store. It is the next to the bottom brick. I went down to the casino awhile but didn't see much.
- 23 I got up at 5 oclock and saw the comet. It is not as big as Halleys comet. Kratzensteen came back from his vacation. I am off on mine now for two weeks.
- 24 Baby was sick so I got some medinre [sic] for him. I came up to Chas. Coussins place on Hinckley Creek. I brought my camera, gun and fishing tackle.

- 25 Charlie and I went out hunting and fishing. We went down Bridge Creek and crossed about 6 slides. There was only one fish in the creek that I caught. It was ten inches long. We got two squirrels on the way back. I one and he the other.
- 26 We went fishing in Hinckley Creek. I caught 12. It rained hard and we got soaked. I intended to go home but when it rained the roads got muddy so I couldn't.
- 27 Chas had to take up the Japs stuff so I went out alone I killed two squirrels and a quail. Am saving the squirrels tails.
- 28 He worked again I went down to Olive Springs to see if the groceries came. They didn't so I shot a quail and a rabbit and caught 32 fish. A couple were 8 inches long. I shot a squirrel in the afternoon. I shot at some pigeons but didn't get any. Am having lots of fun. Have shot 4 squirrels, 1 rabbit, 2 quail and caught 45 trout.
- 29 Charlie and I went up to the Lone Tree opening. We took our lunch and staid [sic] all day. I got a squirrel and he 2 squirrels and a pigeon. I took some pictures and forgot my camera. Had to go back four miles for it. We had lots of fun shooting at squirrels and pigeons. There are lots of them up there. I shot at a rabbit but missed it. C. shot at a [big] hawk. missed it. He shot 20 times and me 18. I am going to take the squirrels home. We put about a hundred daddys [?] in stove..
- 30 We got up early and started out for hom [sic]. C. is going to Soquel.
- 31 Halloween night. 5 of us kids went out until 1.30 a.m. We got a policemans gate and five other gates. We threw pepper in the Jewel [?]. The policeman caught one of the kids and he told on me. So he came and got me out of bed at about 2.30 and made us put it on again. I went fishing up Branciforte Creek and caught the limit. (50). This is the last day of the trout season.

November 1911

- 1 I got up early and went over town. The windows are all soaped and nearly every other gate is gone. I got a new sweater. We burned some weeds in the front yard. Pa thinks we will move to San Pedro before long. I was sick all night. Vomited 8 times feel sick like a chicken turned inside out. Slept about 3 hours all night.
- 2 I was sick all day didn't get out of bed till 3 oclock this afternoon. Got a letter from Pa. Mrs Burke borrowed Tom Sawyer out of my library.
- 3 Grandma Prince came down. She and I went over to the Evergreen Cemetary [sic] and to Sagners and played the phonagraph [sic]. We went to the show. I wrote to Pa.
- 4 Leslie and I went to a party at Lynell [?] Fishers place on Grant St. We played games and had refreshments. I didn't get home till after 2 oclock.
- 5 Grandma went back up to B.C. I didn't get up till nine oclock. Mrs Sagner came over to dinner. We all went over to Burkes. They all came over here first.
- 6 Mrs Burke gave me a pair of gloves for picking some apples for her. Leslie and I boxed but he got a bloody nose and we had to quit. Ma and Leslie and Baby and I went over to

- Sagners. They played 500. I came home and went to bed and read. I got my pictures at the drug store, but they weren't very good. Will start to work tomorrow.
- 7 Started to work again. Wrote to Pa and sent a couple of cards to Rosie Coussins. I got a 50 cent piece made in 1875 for my collection.
 - 8 My pay day but I didn't get paid. Got a letter from Pa. Got a haircut. We had a dancing party at Dalamonicas [?] new house. I danced every dance. Am learning to twostep.
 - 9 I got paid. I had 21.00 coming and gave Ma \$12.00. Charlie Coussins was down. Wrote to Pa. It rained today.
 - 10 I got a brass [?] plug put in my tire. The wind blew like the dickens today. They are macadamizing [sic] Water St by the P.O.
 - 11 Roy Omstead and I went to the show and I came back to the dance afterwards. I got me a strong box to keep some of my things in. It is walnut and has 5 compartments in it. I will keep my stamp collection, money collection and several other things in it.
 - 12 My Sunday off. I went over to Burkes and ate walnuts. I went to the show with Peter Pinkney [?]. I got some peanuts and a grab. I went down to get my picture taken but the photographer was busy with his automobile and I didn't get them taken. I busted my watch.
 - 13 Got a pair of fine shoes, a pair of drawers and a pair of socks. I got my other watch fixed. Went to the show with Lila Omstead.
 - 14 Ma and Mrs Burke went to the show. I trained some today. Loaned Ma a dollar and a half.
 - 15 It rained all morning hard. Cecil Sutton, Linell Fisher and I went to two shows and came back to the dance. We didn't do much dancing. I danced a waltz and a twostep and we came home.
 - 16 Ralph Amsden and I went to the moving picture of the Worlds Championship Baseball game. There was a star shining in daytime today. It was right rear the moon and as bright as the moon. I got a folding picture card from Pa of Long Beach. I wrote a long letter to Pa.
 - 17 Nothing new doing.
 - 18 I went to the show with Linell Fisher and Cecil Sutton. We went to Burkes and played cards till 12.30 A.M.
 - 19 My Sunday on. A bunch of us kids went after chestnuts and got chased out. We went on up farther and I had to come back only because I had to get to work.
 - 20 Wash day. Took a big sponge bath. Walked around to Blacks [?] with Lila Omstead. We played cards here at home. Ma got 4 smelts Leslie 4 and me 2.
 - 21 Took my gloves over to the drug store but nobody would box with me. They are afraid of the gloves. I got my stamp pictures. They were pretty good. I gave Mel Dellamonica 5 and Blanche Olmstead 2.
 - 22 I put the gloves on with Oscar Bley. He is 3 years older than I and 30 lbs heavier but I made him keep his distance. Took Lila Omstead to the show and back to the dance. We danced until 11 oclock.

- 23 I put on the gloves 5 different times today with 3 different ones. I put em [sic] on with the head clerk and with Charlie Aydelotte and Oscar Bley.
- 24 Had the gloves on with C.C. Kratzenstien today. Told him we were going to San Pedro. My night on. I went over to Burkes after work and staid [sic] till 11 oclock.
- 25 We danced till after ten oclock. I walked over to Lila's Grandmother house with Lila. Didn't feel very good today.
- 26 Got up at 6.30 A.M. and went down to see the U.S.S. Oregon come in at 7.00 oclock but it didn't get in till eight oclock. John Bley and I went out in the hills after mistletoe. I got a big bunch all on one stem. It is about 2 ft in dia. each way. We got some madrone [sic] berries too. I went to the Novelty and went down and saw the search lights on the Oregon. They were thrown over Santa Cruz towards Boulder Creek. I went over to Burkes this afternoon and played every record they have on the phonograph.
- 27 Washed windows today. Had on the gloves with Oscar Bley and Ray Armstrong. Got a baseball mitt for 25 cents. They are selling out at the end of the season. I staid [sic] home tonight and Leslie and I wrestled. He isn't quite big enough yet to tussel [sic] me.
- 28 Had the gloves on with Peter Pinkney (Colored) tonight. He has boxed with Johnson. He was one of his trainers. He didn't get out of my way a couple of times though. I hit him hard once and he stumbled over some bottles and fell down and again and he went against the stove and knocked it down and then we quit. He hit me in the eye once pretty hard and it is swelled a little. Got a letter from Pa today.
- 29 Got a 15 cent tip today. Went to a show and over to Burkes and played cards afterward and whose got the button. Brought home a box on my wheel to pack up some things in. Ma got Leslie a new suit.
- 30 Thanksgiving day. I got the afternoon off. Played catch with Leslie and took Baby down to the river while Ma slept. I wrote Pa.

December 1911

- 1 I lent Linell Fisher my shot gun. Ma went to a show with Mrs Burke.
- 2 We went over to Burkes and staid [sic] till 2 oclock. We had refreshments. We played whos got the button and smut and thumbs up and all the foolish games.
- 3 Am just getting to bed. It is 2 AM. My Sunday on. I went over to Burkes and staid [sic] all afternoon with Lila. Leslie and I played catch. It rained hard tonight for the first time this winter.
- 4 It rained today. I had a man bring home some boxes to pack up our things in. I picked up a nickel in front of the drug store. I bought a box of note paper and some violet ink to write to Lila Omstead with.
- 5 It rained again tonight. We had a couple of nigers [sic] put the gloves on tonight at the D.S. They hammered each other all around. I helped get the boxes ready to pack. Bored holes in the ends for rope handles. Chester Elliott is going to take my place at the drug store. He is coming around in the morning to see how I do things.

- 6 It rained again. I bought a manicure set for a Xmas present to Ethel and a box of paper for Grandma Bacon and a birdseye maple hand glass for Ma, about 4 dollars worth in all. I went to a show.
- 7 Bought 2 developing trays and a printing frame tonight. Brought my stuff home from the drug store. R. Amsden and I went down to the auction sail [sic].
- 8 I got my \$25.00 dollars and 85 cents more for an extra days work. I quit work at Tanners Drug Store. Will begin packing to go south now. Went to an auction sale but didn't buy anything.
- 9 My first day off. I got the boxes ready to pack goods in. Was over to Burkes this afternoon. Went to a show this evening. Had my suit pressed. Bought me a 1.50 stick pin.
- 10 Ma and Leslie and Baby went up to Boulder Creek. I took Lila Omstead down to the beach and we got our pictures taken together on post cards. Went over to Burkes to play cards. Had to go over to the drug store to get some nipples for baby.
- 11 I went up to Boulder Creek to see G'ma, G'pa and Ethel. Came back tonight. Had to jump the train they wouldn't stop for me. Took Lila to the show. We went to two. Saw the play "Lost On the Jungle." -- -- -- ≡ ≡ ≡ . Charlie Coussins was down. Staid [sic] overnight.
- 12 Charlie went back. We began packing in earnest. Got the books and pictures and some of the dishes packed up. Went over to the drug store and got my boxing gloves. Got two Kodak calendars for Lila. Bought me some pen points. Was over to her house tonight until half past ten. Her mother was over here. Played the phonograph and sat in front of the fire and talked. J.B. [Jack Bley?] came up and sat around as gloomy as gloomy Guss but I got my = good night just the same.
- 13 Packed up today. Got my bicycle crate. Drew my money out of the bank. Got it in green backs. Took Lila to the M.P. shows. We talked for an hour afterward at her house. ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡ ≡
- 14 Caught the chickens and sold them to the butcher. Paid up the butcher and grocery bills. Bought some more cord and a strap for the valise. Wrapped the chairs in barley sacks.
- 15 Got the things shipped and bought our tickets. Ate dinner at Burkes and supper at Sagners.
- 16 Staid [sic] overnight at Sagners. Took the 9.00 train for Los Angeles. Am writing this on the train. We are just below Castroville. We are now at San Luis Obispo. It is 4.10 oclock.
- 17 Got in to Los Angeles at 11.45 last night. It is 12.45 now. We are staying at Grandma Bacons. Came down to San Pedro to see our new house. It is a peach. went to Uncle Jessie's and Uncle Sams. We ate supper at U. Sams. I staid [sic] overnight with Pa at the Admiral Lodging house.
- 18 Took some pictures and went down on the beach with Douglas and Kenneth. We caught two crabs, 6 fish and nearly killed a duck. Pa and I went to the Auditorium.
- 19 Came back up to Los Angeles and Grandpa took Leslie and I uptown and out to East Lake Park. We saw the animals and flowers and the crocodile farm. I got sick from eating bum peanuts on an empty stomach and had to come home. Had a headache and bilious spell.

- 20 Ma and Leslie and Baby went out to Aunt Emma's place. I went as far as Bells Station with them and came back and went down to Long Beach on the electric car. Everybody were scared. They thought I was dead or hurt or something because I didn't say where I was going. I bought 2 presents for Pa. Wrote 10 postcards. Am still sick.
- 21 Ma staid [sic] overnight at Aunt Emmas. Leslie went up town with Aunt Linnie. I couldn't go because I am sick. I bought a present for Leslie, Rodney, Walter, Frankie and Grandpa. Wrote 7 more post cards and sent them all together.
- 22 Leslie and I play football all morning in the back lot. I bought two more collars. Got two towels for Aunt Linnie and Uncle George. We went over to her house and she gave me a lot of old coins some foriegn [sic] and some U.S. some dated as far back as 1823 1827, 1837, 1849, 1853 etc and one 1646. About 20 in all. Three silver 3 cent pieces, one nickle [sic] 3 cent piece + one two cent piece and some large copper cents. Pa phoned that the freight has come so we are going over there tomorrow morning. Am going to bed a 7.30 oclock.
- 23 We came down to San Pedro and came over to our new house and began fixing things around and unpacking. Ma got a lot of groceries and a dining table 6 chairs a rug for the front room a stove etc.
- 24 Leslie and I went down to the beach and got some shells and watched the boats come in. Grandma Bacon came down and brought a turkey and some Xmas presents for us.
- 25 Christmas. I got 2 handkerchiefs, a tie pin, a cup and saucer and a necktie and a pair of gold cuff buttons. We had turkey for dinner. I ate so much I had to lie down a while after dinner my stomach hurt. I gave Pa a purse and a pair of cuff links and tie pin. Uncle Jessie, Annie, Jessie Jr., Aunt Allie, Hazel, Douglas and Kenneth came over tonight. I showed uncle Jessie my coins. I burned some red fire.
- 26 I went fishing today but did even get a bite. Ma went over town and ordered some matting for our bedroom and some dishes and a highchair for baby. She got a nicer stove. the one she has will not bake.
- 27 The new stove came and so did the rest of the things. Leslie and I went fishing again and I caught 2 smelt. A bunch of kids (five) threw rocks at us and when we stopped they came on and kept throwing rocks. They jumped onto us and Leslie ran but I managed to get one under me in the scrimmage and he got the worst of it. I hit one fellow in the eye an made it bleed and another one in the jaw so hard my knuckles are sore yet. They all backed off and I picked up my pole and came on. They are a bunch of dagos [?] I think. Fisherman's kids. I brought Pa a lunch bucket and got some seeds for the garden. I also got some 22 shells. We are going hunting Monday,
- 29 It rained today. I put down some matting in our room. Took Pa's lunch down to him this noon. Wrote to Lila. The wood came this afternoon it was a 1.50 I paid for it.
- 30 Leslie and I went hunting but didn't kill anything but two ground squirrels. I went to a moving picture show tonight and saw pictures of Santa Cruz.
- 31 Uncle Sam got a telegram last night that Grandpa Prince [George Washington Prince] died last night about [blank]. Uncle Sam and Uncle Jessie and Uncle Charlie will go but Pa can't. The funeral will be tomorrow. He was 82 yrs. old and has been sick for quite

awhile. Douglas and I went down to the beach and threw rocks at the seagulls. New Years Eve We stayed up till twelve oclock and heard the whistles blow and bells ring for the new year. I burnt some red fire on the corner wishing myself a happy new year I will close the year 1911.

End of 1911.