

EDWARD PRINCE

1912 DIARY

[Edward turns sixteen this year. His family is now living in San Pedro by Long Beach Harbor. Edward works at Irwin's Harbor Pharmacy. He has a growing collection of old coins. He begins taking night classes in chemistry and Latin, and he also learns how to play the mandolin. Edward goes on several hunting, exploring, and camping trips getting to know his new home. He travels to Santa Cruz in August via the ship Willamette.]

January 1912

- 1 We got up early and got our own breakfast. Douglas came over with this mother and brought his 25.20 and a lot of shells. He lent me his gun and I lent him my shot gun and we struck out. Pa came along to carry the game and watch out for us. I shot five shots at one rabbit and didn't get it. They go scooting out across the dry hills and look like streaks. I killed one about 200 yds with the rifle. Leslie [shot] one 100 yds and Pa one about 150 yds. Douglas killed one about 10 ft. with the shot gun and blew it in two pieces. We got lots of shooting and came home early and made garden in the back yard.
- 2 Leslie started to school at the 15st [sic] School. I went over town this morning and bought this book and bought Ma some Music. The "Oceana Roll" and ("All Alone"), and got some post cards of San Pedro. Sent some post cards. Got one from Oscar Bley. Played foot ball [sic] out in the street. Played catch too. Spaded some more in the garden. Douglas and Harold gave us their little dog "Billy". He is a brown bird dog. We all played cards tonight.
- 3 I planted some radishes, carrots and peas. I went fishing and caught one fish. Suscribed [sic] for the News for a month. Uncle Jessie came back down and brought Grandma with him. Ma and Pa went over there tonight while Leslie and I washed the dishes and then played cards.
- 4 I planted some more peas and some onion sets. I went over to see Grandma and went down town with her. Jessie Jr. gave me a Mexican cent and I gave him a nickle [sic] for an 1882 nickle [sic]. The old fashioned kind with "In God We Trust" on it. Went over town to the moving picture show.
- 5 Took Billie out for a walk this morning. Borrowed Jessies air rifle and went down to the beach and shot at divers and seagulls. I hit several but the gun isn't strong enough to hurt em any. Shot away 10 cents worth of B.B.'s. Grandma Prince was here for supper.
- 6 Douglas, Kenneth, Leslie and I went over to Terminal Island and it was low tide and we walked on the sand down to Dead Mans Island. We saw lots of fish in pools but couldn't catch any. We saw nine pelicans on a rock. We went all over the Island. I went into Pickerill and Clark's Drug Store to see about getting a job, but there is no chance just now. He will let me know if any show comes up. He wants to get me in at the soda fountian [sic] but I don't want to do that. Went to the Auditorium and met Grandma,

Uncle Jessie, Jesse Jr and Aunt Annie. Walked home with them. Frank Plant and his wife were here.

- 7 Harold, Douglas and I went out hunting. We got quite a lot of shooting but Douglas was the only one to get a rabbit. We went clear to the top of the mountain [sic] back of here. We could see Redondo, Catalina Island, Long Beach and the whole country around. Grandpa Bacon came over this morning and is here tonight. Hazel and Aunt Allie were over this afternoon too. We are having warm weather. Douglas and Kenneth go barefooted. But you can see snow on "Old Baldy".
- 8 Grandpa Bacon went back. I got two batteries and fixed the doorbell. Took an old coin to the library to lookup [sic] the date which is punched out. But they couldn't find it. Don't know whether [sic] it is 1446, 1546, 1646, 1746 or 1846 but it ends in 46. That's all I can tell. Wrote to E. Williams today. Sent some post cards. Went to the show with Leslie.
- 9 Looked up my coin in the History this morning. It was made in 1747 during "King George's War". It has on it "George II Rex". Mrs Olsen was here today. Ma and Pa went to the show and left Leslie and I with the baby. We played cards.
- 10 Put down the rest of the Matting today in our room. My radishes are coming up and so are Pa's. A load of wood came today. I cut a lot and Ma piled it on the back porch.
- 11 Rained this morning and last night. Grandma and Aunt Annie came this evening and we played cards. I got a letter from Ethel yesterday.
- 12 I planted some lettuce. My onion are coming up. Wrote a letter back east to a coin dealer and another to a stamp dealer for catalogues [sic]. Wrote to Lila O. Went down town with Pa and got a job at Erwin's Drug Store on Front St. Will start to work Monday.
- 13 Went down to the Drug Store to see what time I will go to work Monday. It will be 6.30 o'clock [sic]. I went down and watched the steamers come and go. Saw the Yale come in and the State of California and Hermosa go out. Went swimming this afternoon. The water was fine.
- 14 I planted a row of onions for Pa. My peas are sprouting. Douglas, Leslie and I went out to Point Fermin on the car. We caught 2 catfish, 1 crawfish, 1 starfish and 1 crab with our hands in one little pool in the rocks. Douglas didn't pay fare either way. The conductor [sic] overlooked him. Went down town [sic] tonight before supper. Am going to bed early as I start to work in the morning.
- 15 I started to work in "Erwin's (alias Stones Drug Store. Think I will like it. They have ice cream and candies and most everything. They did some painting today. I got goods off the shelf and put em on again. Got off at 6 o'clock tonight. They have fishing tackle and sell steamer tickets.
- 16 My second day at the drug store. I came to work at half past six and quit at half past six. I iced the fountain [sic] this morning and iced the cream, root beer, orangeade [sic] etc. Got paint on my pants and sweater and collar. Every body that comes in gets some on them. It is a nice dark yellow color.
- 17 Went to work at 7.30 this morning. More painting. They started in papering. A fellow got killed over at Wilmington last night. He tried to jump on the Los Angeles car when it was

- making speed. He slipped and went under the wheels. I got off at 7.00 tonight. Got a card from L.O.
- 18 Am learning to walk on my hands can stand on them now and walk 5 or 6 steps. Got a 10 cent tip today. Grandma, Aunt Annie and Jessie Jr came over tonight. Leslie & Jessie and I turned handsprings on the lawn.
 - 19 Mr. Stone, (the one that owned the drug store before) went to San Francisco today for a vacation. I had an orangeade [sic] tonight. The electric light fuses burnt out and left the drug store in the dark until a man came to fix it.
 - 20 Got a letter from Earl Williams. I found a dime this morning and rang it up. I got the picture they took the other day. Mr. Erwin moved in it but mine was alright [sic]. It cost me 40c.
 - 21 Leslie bunged his eye with a stick of wood yesterday and pretty near put it out. I had half a day off. Pa and I went over to Terminal Island. We talked with Ellis Ray. I worked this afternoon.
 - 22 I got the postage stamps I sent for. They are from nearly every country in the world. Also a price list.
 - 23 Got my price list and confederate bill. It was issued [sic] by the state of Alabama in the civil War and is for 50 cents. They call it chin plaster. Jesse brought over a couple of foreign coins today. I gave him ten cents for them. Got some new show cases today. I washed em.
 - 24 There were some torpedo boats in the harbor today. Grandma got back from Los Angeles. She found the place where she used to live.
 - 25 Sent a card to Oscar Bley and one to Grandma Bacon. Had a chocolate nut sundae tonight on the boss. They put linoleum down in the Drug Store today.
 - 26 It rained today hard and hailed some. I got 2 cards from Rosie and Charlie Coussins. Wrote to Aunt Ethel. Went down to the library tonight. They ordered a book on coins for me.
 - 27 The clerk at the Drug Store brought down his coins. He has more and older and better coins than I have. I traded him some of the coins I had for some Japanese coins. Found some keys today.
 - 28 Sunday I worked this morning and was off this afternoon. Pa and I went over to Long Beach on the boat. We had a fine ride. I took a picture of the Harvard and Yale.
 - 29 Worked today. Ma lent me five dollars to exchange for some old coins. The fellow I am going to get them from will bring em down tomorrow.
 - 30 He didn't bring em down today. Tomorrow is his last day. Harold was in the store tonight. Uncle Sam came over tonight and I showed him my old coins. He is going to look for some for me.
 - 31 He brought em down today all right. They amounted to \$4.89. I've got a collection worth seeing now.

February 1912

- 1 Mr. Stone got back today and is working for Mr. Irwin in Goodwins place. I went over to Terminal Island on the Ferry today.
- 2 Got paid for half a month today, put 5.00 in the Bank gave 5.00 to ma. Have 1.50 left. Went to the show tonight with Leslie. Leslie staid [sic] and came home with Grandma and Douglas.
- 3 I went up to Los Angeles today to get the soda fixture we had repaired. I had an hour up there. Went around quite a bit, went to Mercantile Place and bought a 10 cent green back in a coin and stamp store. Got a book out of the Free Library tonight. Entitled, From the Earth to the Moon by J. Verne.
- 4 Staid [sic] home this morning and read my book. Went to work a 12.00 and worked till 7 o'clock. Wore one of the new soda vest today. They make me look funny.
- 5 Opened up this morning. Put in a new window display of razors, saftey [sic] razors, brushes, hair brushed, pocket combs, combs, pocket knives and [pocket] mirrors etc. Got a book on coins from the library. Got my pictures the other night. Grandma was in the store today and got some ice cream. She and Aunt Annie and Jessie Jr. were here tonight.
- 6 Pa was sick today. He didn't work all day. He was cross tonight and every thing I did he growled about. Wouldn't let Leslie and I box.
- 7 Got an 1866 nickle [sic] for my collection today. Pa is better. But still grouchy. I printed my pictures tonight. When I went to blot them I couldn't find any blotter. Had to use a blotter out of a tablet. The ink came off and spoiled my best print.
- 8 I took my coins and stamps down to the drug store and showed them to Mr. Stone.
- 9 Took my pictures down today and showed them to Mr. Irwin. Grandma was here for supper. I have some Turkish coins dated in 1777 and 1797.
- 10 Got an 1854 dime this morning made 15 cents by packing two suit cases down to the depot from the drug store. Sent some valentine post cards.
- 11 My Sunday on in the morning. I bought some fishhooks and sinkers and in the afternoon we went down to the slip and rowed around. I tried to row but didn't do much. We didn't catch any fish. Pa and I went to the Auditorium tonight.
- 12 Put in the window display this morning of Johnsons Shaving Cream. Got a card from Dick Todd and one from Earl Williams. Sent one to [Dick Todd]. Started to night school tonight. Am going to take Chemistry tonight. It cost me \$1.40 Mom gave me the money.
- 13 Mr. Irwin went to town today and Mrs Irwin came down and tended store while Mr. Stone went to lunch. Brought home a magazine tonight and read it.
- 14 Valentines Day. I already sent some Post cards but got none. Got Ma's shoes tonight as I came home. There was a shooting scrape last night in a shooting gallery. A fellow shot a girl and another fellow. He was jealous. I was on board the Willamette today. Took a medicine chest over to her across the bay.
- 15 The wind blew hard tonight but from the north and there is no sign of rain. I went to night school again last night like it pretty well. Got my lessons tonight. Sent some post cards today.

- 16 Went to school tonight. Started in taking Latin. Have a big fat lady for a teacher. Her name is Mrs Ludwig.
- 17 Grandma Prince got back from a weeks visit to Chino. Mrs. Willoughby is coming down tomorrow. Said she wanted to see the small fry. Meaning us kids. She won't see me if I can help it.
- 18 My morning off. I shined my shoes and cleaned my clothes to get ready for this afternoon. Worked behind the soda counter all afternoon. Went to the show tonight didn't come home to supper as Mrs. W. was here. Got a show-case for my coins and put them in the front room. Got an 1841 dime today.
- 19 Took out the shave display and put in a writing supplies window got through at 12 and worked at the fountain [sic] in the afternoon. Went to night school and learned – Tuba agricolae et Purlla parva. etc.
- 20 I got up at 5 o'clock and got down to the Drug Store by six and mopped out. Then I got an hour off after seven. Went over and explored the Alden Bessie. She is a deserted schooner. Went all over Terrible [Terminal] Island. Took some sulphur [sic] over tonight to the steamer Yale. Studied Latin & Chemistry tonight.
- 21 Went to school tonight. It is getting harder all the time. I don't get time to study as much as I ought to.
- 22 Washington's Birthday. I worked all day. Except an hour in the afternoon. Irwin let me go down and go on board the submarines that are down by the dock. Was sick this afternoon and tonight.
- 23 Was sick last night. Had a high fever. Ma was up with me. Am in bed now. Couldn't go to work this morning. Didn't go to work all day got up this afternoon The wind is blowing like thunder.
- 24 Opened up this morning as usual. A lady left this fountain [sic] pen I am writing with for me. She thought it was no good. I fixed it so it works alright [sic]. She had the rubber tube inside turned the wrong way so it didn't work. A cousin Will was here tonight that none of us had ever seen before. He has been traveling all over and told us about some of his travels. Grandma was here too, so they sang hymns [sic]. I wrote a letter.
- 25 My morning on. It is a fine day today the wind didn't blow a bit this morning. Mr. Irwin has got in a stock of A.D.S. goods. My afternoon off. I staid [sic] home. Played on the lawn, stood on my hands. Went over to Uncle Sams tonight. Pa, Leslie and I. Hazel helped me in my latin.
- 26 Nothing much doing. Took a tumble on Front St. and bent my lamp. A fellow gave me 75 cents to phone to Pasadena with. I didn't get the party but kept the money. That is the largest tip I ever got.
- 27 Mr. Irwin went to Los Angeles this morning. Got back this evening. I got a hair cut. A policeman tryed [sic] to arrest a drunk man and he had quite a time of it. He went through a plate glass window in the resteraunt [sic] next door. He finally got him hand cuffed and led him off after a couple of fellows helped him. Looks like rain tonight.

- 28 I got an 1848 Half Dollar and traded in my 1875 one for it. It is worth 55 cents. I keep getting older ones all the time.
- 29 Pay day – got twenty five dollars gave Ma ten, put 12 ½ in the bank. Kept \$2.50. Mr. Stone went to Los Angeles. Mr. Irwin was grouchy all afternoon. Took my book back to the school tonight.

March 1912

- 1 It started raining in the night. The first rain we had this winter. Has stopped now. We went over to Uncle Jesse's to night [sic], as we thought Grandma was going back home tomorrow, but she changed her mind.
- 2 Ma and Grandma went up to Los Angeles and staid [sic] all day. Came back and Pa and I went on the six oclock car. I ordered a new suit and got a coin book. Pa got a pair of shoes and a hand ball for Leslie. We got back at 11 oclock. Missed a car and waited an hour at the depot. We went to a show but it was to crowded and we beat it. We didn't get lost as we thought we would. My new suit is a \$25.00 one and is a peach. It will be here Tuesday.
- 3 Laid [sic] abed till after nine oclock as it is my Sunday morning off. Worked this afternoon. There was not much soda business as it rained.
- 4 It rained some today too. I dressed the window this morning. Also washed it inside and out. Grandma was here all day. She got a telegram tonight that Aunt Ethel was in Boulder Creek and wants Grandma to come home so she is going.
- 5 Ma and Pa's wedding anniversary. I bought me a pair of fine shoes. My new suit came tonight and I tryed [sic] it on. It rained hard today. Got wet through when I came home today. Got an 1819 coin today from a man from Panama. It is a Spanish coin and has Ferdinand the VII th on it.
- 6 Went over to Saunders the expressmans house tonight with my coins but his auto was busted and he had to fix it. He gave me his coins to bring home and look at.
- 7 He has some coins as far back as 1776 and 1736. An[d] none newer than 1850. One half cent is worth 35c.
- 8 Went to Alhambra tonight in my new suit. Went around the Drug Store and talked with Mr. Irwin for a while.
- 9 It rained today. I went to the Auditorium tonight and took Leslie along. It was pretty good.
- 10 My morning on. The waves are dashing clear over the break water today. The Yosemite broke down and the Stetson towed her in. I staid [sic] home this aft. as the wind is blowing so hard. Wrote a letter and this.
- 11 It rained today a little. But was a better day than yesterday. Got a good purse today out of a suitcase a fellow left and didn't call for.
- 12 It rained and blew like the dickens again. Mr. Irwin went up to Los Angeles. I didn't take my noon so got off at 5.
- 13 Took some medicine on board the Balboa today. Also was on the Higgins a steam schooner.

- 14 The captian [sic] of the Resolute gave me a Mexican Nickle [sic] and 2 Mexican cents. He has a half cent made in 1804.
- 15 Took my shoes down to the shoe shop to get them half soled. Wore my good ones meanwhile.
- 16 The man that brings the ice ran into the wall at the city hall on a motor cycle and nearly killed himself. They don't know whether he will pull through or not. I put in a fishing tackle window today. Ma and pa went over to Plants tonight and I went down to Mr Stones and played the autopiano.
- 17 My morning off. Pa, Leslie and I got up early and struck out for the hill back of town. I took my camera and we took Billie and no guns. We saw lots of rabbit and also found some gold bearing quartz. Went clear to the top of the hill could see Redondo. Worked this afternoon behind the fountian [sic]. They kept me good and busy too. Went to the Alhambra tonight.
- 18 Found a dime this morning when I swept out. Mr. Irwin went to Los Angeles today. Ma went over to Plants today. Leslie and I ran round the block tonight for exercise. The Kansas City was in today. She is taking the place of the Beaver or Bear. She has never been in here before. The Willamette went to San Diego tonight.
- 19 Got Pa's check cashed for him today. Showed my coins to the fellow who works in the News Office.
- 20 Looks like rain again. Got off early tonight at 5 oclock. Went to the Alhambra. Bought me a clothes hanger for my new suit. It's raining now.
- 21 Rained some more today. I traded an 1853 cent for an 1838 one tonight and brought my coins home. Stepped in the mud in front of the Drug Store up to my ankle as I got off my wheel. Got a quarter made in 1861 tonight.
- 22 Pa's birthday. We had a nice cake and some ice cream. I got my wheel fixed. It cost me 35 cents. Got a can of "Shinola". Fine day today. Nice and warm. No wind or clouds.
- 23 Got a nickle [sic] made in 1875 today. Put it in my collection. Played handball out in the back yard with Leslie. Got my fishing tackle together tonight as I am going fishing tomorrow out at the breakwater. The "Aztec" came in today. The "Carlos" went out tonight. There are several torpedo boats in the Harbor now. The sailors are around town all day.
- 24 Got to work early this morning and caught the people off the first car a 6.40. Sold lots of fishing tackle. Had such a rush that I had to work this afternoon. Was supposed to be off but Mr. Irwin was gone and Mr. Stone alone so I staid [sic]. Will get off tomorrow afternoon and go fishing. Got off at 5 oclock and played handball in the back yard. Uncle Sam was here this aft. and so was Harold. The fog was so thick this morning, you could kick holes in it. But cleared up later.
- 25 Got my afternoon off today. Leslie and I went fishing out at the breakwater. I caught 7 perch with a through line. We rode in on the car. It rained some but we had an umberella [sic]. Mr. Irwin gave me a dollar bill this noon.

- 26 Leslie and I went to the Auditorium. Sent a letter to L.O. Sent a box of oranges to Oscar Bley.
- 27 Lost my stick pin today. The one I got last year in Santa Cruz. Can't find it anywhere. Got a bottle of Transfer Fluid today that transfer pictures from newspapers to any thing else. Got a ten cent tip for mailing some post cards. We had a paper from Santa Cruz tonight. It told about the Keefe [?] divorce suit. They are having a dickens of a wrangle.
- 28 Ma and Leslie mowed the lawn. The Pennsylvania was in today from Panama. Got a card from Oscar Bley.
- 29 Found my stickpin. It is all mashed flat and the largest stone is gone. Guess I can get it fixed. It rained a little today. Had a man in the window advertising [Zip or Lip] razor paste. Went over to U.S.'s and pulled candy tonight till 9 o'clock.
- 30 Borrowed a pair of glasses from Mr. Stone tonight. Jesse and ditto Jr, Leslie and I are going up on the hill tomorrow. Bought a film for my camera too. The sailors off the torpedo boats got beaten by the High School by a score of 10 – 8.
- 31 Got up at 5 o'clock and got our own breakfast and started out. Pa isn't going as he doesn't feel well. We struck straight up the hill through the wheat fields to the top and down the other side. The japs have the whole country planted on that side. We walked down the coast to Pt. Firmin [Point Fermin] and took the car home. Jesse had a 25-20 and [Jesse] had an air gun and a camera. Leslie had a 22 and I had a camera and glasses. We shot at roadrunners, ground squirrels and owls. Looked for coyotes, but didn't see any. Took several pictures. Shot away all the shells we took along. Leslie killed an owl. I killed every thing I shot at with (my camera). Worked this afternoon. Uncle Leonard and Aunt Mabel were here too. Was kind of sick tonight. Had to work all aft. behind the fountain [sic] and there was a big rush. Ate some bum ice cream which had melted and been froze again out at Pt. Firmin [Point Fermin].

April 1912

- 1 Got my Twenty Five dollar check cashed today. Put five in the bank and gave \$15.00 to Ma. Bought a dozen nipples for Baby. Had to look the house over and couldn't find one so went and got some.
- 2 Bought me two \$1.25 shirts and 2 pair of 25¢ socks. Pa got his shoes half soled. I got my films developed and printed them tonight with the others I took before. There were 11 in all. Made some good prints. A man in an aeroplane flew over head twice today, circled around a couple of times. Was talking with Ruth Irwin this afternoon.
- 3 The man I saw yesterday fell and was killed today at Long Beach. His name was Rodgers. Wrote a letter to L.O. tonight.
- 4 Got a card from L.O. Mr. Stone went up to Los Angeles today for the afternoon. Rained hard this morning.
- 5 [Blank]
- 6 Took a time picture of the soda fountain [sic]. Mr Irwin snapped it and I got in it.

- 7 My morning. I got to work at 6.30 o'clock. Got off at 12.30. Wore one of my new shirts. Hazel & Douglas came over this aft. Grandma Bacon was here from Los Angeles. I took some pictures of Hazel. She and I went to the Presbyterian Church.
- 8 Bought Saunders coins this morning for \$1.50/1.00. They [sic] are some dated as far back as 1736, 1740, 1770, 77, 90, 92, 94, 1800, 1806, 1811, 12, 14, 16, 19 & 20 and so on. Got a dollar for one 1794. Got a dime in the till worth 12 cents it is dated 1861. Got the buttons on my new shoes set over.
- 9 There was a moving picture troupe here today. They took several pictures around town. I watch[ed] them. Was sick and threw up this noon. Got a book from the Library. The Alhambra by Irving. Bought some soap and some alcohol. It rained and was awful rough out side. Was across Terminal.
- 10 Rained some more. There was a fire on Eleventh St today near Center St. There was one on Beacon St. day before yesterday that I forgot to put down. It burnt out two buildings and damaged another. They were a restaraunt [sic], a tailor shop and a milliney [sic] store. A man named John Oglesby got run into by a flat car and nearly killed. He may die, don't know yet. Pa is having trouble with his feet. Can hardly walk. We got in a lot of fishing tackle and drugs also. Got a card from Roy Armstrong at the Model Drug Store, in Santa Cruz. Cal. Ma got registered today. She can now vote. Hurray for Taft!!!
- 11 More rain. Rain for the season about 9 inches. Got off at 11.20 & didn't have to go back till 3 but Mr. Stone called up and I had to go back. He had two deliveries for me. Broke my watch crystal and got it fixed. It cost 25¢. Got a puncture. Had bad luck all around. The through [sic] some tacks in the street and I ran over em. I picked the tacks all up and handed them to the guy who threw 'em out. Wrote a check on the Bank to Ma for \$3.75 which is all I had left in there.
- 12 Mr. Irwin went uptown today. He brought down some fishing tackle & films & paper. The moving picture people were in town today. Uncle Jessie and I are planning to take a trip to Santa Monica fishing a week from Sunday. The Aztec was in today.
- 13 Fine day. Nice & sunny. We were pretty busy. Got off at 11.20 instead of 12.00 this noon. Played ball with Leslie. Pa is no better. Brought home some tablets for him to take. They got a counterfeit quarter in the till today.
- 14 My morning off. Got up at 7.30. Leslie, Douglas & I went down to the beach and in swimming. There is a dead porpois [sic] on the beach. Worked this aft. Went to the show tonight and Pa got scared and come down town looking for me. Went over to Uncle Jessie's and planned or (talked) about the fishing trip to Santa Monica. Aunt Annie had gone out and Jessie thought I was her and said "come in and shut the door behind you".
- 15 Bought some 7 & 8's hooks, a leader and silk line. Sent to Santa Cruz for a can of bait to Byne Bros. Found an 1853 dime in the till. Its in my collection now, also an 1867 nickle [sic]. Drew my money out of the Bank (State). Got a letter from L.O., one from Grandma Prince and a card from Glenn Clifford. Got a stick pin and a silver plated spatula from the Chi [?] Chester pill co.
- 16 Mr. Irwin was up town today. We did a good business while he was gone. I brought home some Stone's Linement [sic] for Pa's feet. Got some envelopes and stamps for Ma. Sent a couple of cards to L.O. The big steamer Titanic sunk with 1500 people on board. Lots of

noted people and millionaires. They collided with an iceberg. They managed to get all the women off. The boat was over 800 ft long and cost \$10,000,000.00 to build. It was her maiden trip. Rubbed Pa's feet with the linement [sic].

- 17 Got a hair cut today. I wound my new line on to my reel. Am getting ready to go fishing Saturday. Was over to Uncle Jesse's tonight talking it over.
- 18 Bought some line and some hooks for Uncle Jesse. Bought 2 buckets of oranges for 15 cents from a peddler. Ma lent me half dollar to help on my trip. I'm sitting on the edge of the bed and Baby is standing up against my back jumping so I can't write very good.
- 19 The bait I sent for came today and I doped it up the way I used to tonight. Uncle Jesse was in the store today. I was to go over to his house but he went to the show. I got a roll of halves at the Bank and there was an 1860 one amongst them. It is not worn a bit. Was coined in the S. Mint. It's in my collection now. Mr. Irwins Father was in today. The wind blew like everything. It sifted dust in the Store so thick you couldn't see into the cases. Kept me busy dusting. Made final preparations for my trip. Am going to get off in the afternoon at 12 o'clock.
- 20 Came home at 12 and changed my clothes ate a good dinner. Got my lunch and things together and went over to Jesse's. He was ready so we started out. We caught the 1.10 car to Los Angeles. It was awfully windy we got off at 7th and Main walked up to Hill St. We caught the car for Santa Monica there. There was an old Soldier on the car from Sarotelle[?]. He told us his history. It seems he could run a mill, an automobile, tally, hunt, fish and do every thing but what he forgot to tell us. We got into Santa Monica about 3.30. We went to one place and asked about the stage (on Third st.) It wouldn't go out till 5 o'clock so we went over to a bicycle shop to rent some wheels but we didn't get any. They had none. We went to another place and they only had one. We went to another place a livery stable and they wanted \$3.00 to take us to Tapango [Topanga] which is about 7 miles up the coast. He charged \$1.50 an hour and said it would take an hour to come back. So Jesse offered him \$2.00 but he wouldn't do it so [we] went next to an automobile shop. They offered to take us up for \$3.00 so we finally did. It was a 7 seater and we had it to ourselves. We left at 8.00 PM and were at the mouth at 8.20. We walked up about a mile and left our things where we thought was a good place to camp. We thought we had time to try fishing so we rigged up. The first hole I caught 3 out of and Uncle Jesse 3. We fished for an hour about 200 yds up stream and I caught 27 and Jesse 24. I caught half of them in one deep hole. We found a better place to camp so Jesse went back after the things while I fished. We [when] he came back we gathered wood and made a fire and some coffee. We ate our supper and talked till late. We spread out some newspapers and layed [sic] on em and tried [sic] to sleep. All of a sudden Uncle Jesse jumped up and slung a rat off of him. It ran up his arm. Some darn thing across the creek kept knocking rocks down. Don't know what it was. We kept dozing off until 12. when our wood gave out. Jesse went across the road after some and the thing over there went cough and made a dickens of a noise. He took a shot at it and came back with out any wood. I climbed a tree and tied a wire to a limb and he pulled it off. We got 4 limbs that way.
- 21 Morning finally came and we made more coffee and ate breakfast. When it was light we were fishing.. They didn't bite so good but were larger. When we got up to a big hole we

- counted. I had 45 and Jesse 37. We cleaned em and came back down below. I caught 18 more and he caught 30 more. We came back to camp and ate (about 10 oclock). I took a picture of Jesse and he one of me. Then I said lets catch one more apiece. So I went down stream and he up. He caught out of the first hole bigger than any others yet. I caught two more with a broken hook. Don't know how many I caught on it that way. We then had, Uncle Jesse 68 and I had 65. Total 133 fish altogether. We packed up and started for home. We jumped on an automobile truck and rode to Santa Monica. We just caught the car and got to Los Angeles just in time for a car. I slept both ways. Got home at 2.30. Took 30 trout to Mr Irwin. Sure was tired. ate supper and went to bed at 6 oclock, slept like a log and got up at
- 22 6 oclock. Went to work and mopped out the store. Pa started to [work] at the National Lumber Co. He got some steel braces for his feet. They are not well yet. Mr. Stone went over to Catalina.
 - 23 Pa earned over \$4.00 today. He is at a better place now. I took my coins over to L. Scribbens but he was just starting away so didn't stay.
 - 24 Got a card from Rose and Charlie Coussins. There is a U.S. Cruiser in the bay. The ("Maryland"). Also some submarines and torpedoe [sic] boats. Took some "bug juice" down to the steamer "Carmel". Hazel Plant was here to dinner.
 - 25 Mr. Stone went up town today. I sold two tickets to San Diego for him. Phoned to Scribbens but he has to go out tonight. A labor law man was down to the Drug Store.
 - 26 Took my coins over to Leslie Scribbens at 646 15th St. We looked em all over and traded off a few. He has some more out at his ranch. We are going out some time before long. I wrote 8 cards to L.O. but forgot to mail em. Pa's feet don't seem to get any better, if any thing, worse. Don't know what he will do about it. It sprinkled a little this aft. I got an hour off this morning. There was a fire at Terminal. Was over there once with some medicine.
 - 27 There was a Panama boat in. I traded off a Panama 25¢ 10¢ 5¢ and 22/2¢ piece. The 25 is the size of our 50 and the 10 the size of our 25 and etc.
 - 28 My morning off. I rode out to the end of Pacific Ave. Took a couple of pictures. We killed a rat in the back yard. I went to work at 12.30. Got a dime made in 1856 and '61 and '63. Took in a \$2.50 gold piece It's the first one I ever saw. I soon hooked on to it. It looks just like an ordinary "five" only it is small. There was a fire on the "Harvard" \$5000.00 damage.
 - 29 Mr. Stone went uptown. I sold a ticket to San Francisco & Mr Irwin sold 3 while he was gone. I washed windows this morning. Made a record sale (for me) of \$10.50 all to one guy. He is from San Clemete Island. He bought everything from a pencil (5) to Vaseline (9 bot.) He got linement [sic], soap, tobacco, castor oil, ginger, Florida water etc. Mrs Plant was here today. Leslie and I played hand ball tonight after supper.
 - 30 Sold another ticket to S.F.

May 1912

- 1 Pay day. I only got \$22.50 on account of the 2 ½ gold piece. Gave Ma \$15.00. Bought a hat (straw) and a pair of pants & suspenders and an extension cord to bring the light down to the head of my bed to read. Pa didn't work today on account of his feet.
- 2 Mr. Irwin went up town again. My tire blew out and I got it fixed for 50 cents. Got a letter from L.O. a day or so ago ,but forgot to put it down. There were some pictures in it. Printed some on post cards and sent one to Oscar Bley. Gave some to Hazel Prince. The wind blew worse this afternoon than ever before.
- 3 My tire was flat this morning. I had to walk to work. It cost 75¢ this time and isn't fixed good yet. Mr. Irwin was grouchy today. Mr. "Judge" Smith was coming tonight to look at my coins but he didn't show up.
- 4 Got a new tire finally. It cost me \$4.00. Had to get 3.00 from Ma. Pa went up to the hospital and came back.
- 5 My Sunday morning on. I got to work at 6.30. Came home at 12.30. Took a picture of the Library. the little house in the park and one of the slip with the Yale just coming in. Played on the lawn all afternoon. Uncle Jesse Jesse Jr & Aunt Annie were here tonight. It almost rained twice this aft. I saw 2 2.50 pieces today. Brought home the stores Remington tonight to study.
- 6 Pa didn't work. There were twenty four cars of "shriners" [sic] came down from L.A. to go to Catalina. They couldn't get em all on one boat. Had to get the Hermosa out. They came back again tonight.
- 7 Mr. Stone went up to L.A. I sold a 1st class ticket to San Francisco for him and earned 25 cents. I sold my 2 ½ piece for 2.60 to I [a] fellow that works in Cannons Clothing store next door. I made up a furniture polish of my own today. It works pretty good. It sprinkled a little tonight. Was cloudy all day.
- 8 I sent a couple of coin books to Alamosa Col and Le Roy New York [?].
- 9 Baby pulled my tray of coins off the center table and smashed the tray and sent my coins in all directions all over the floor. He tore holes in the lace curtians [sic]. Is getting to be a regular mischief.
- 10 He spilled the water out of a cup all over the table and then threw it on the floor and smashed it. sent a card to Grandma Bacon saying I would be up tomorrow. Also sent a couple of abalone shell pins to Rose & Charlie Coussins.
- 11 I got off at noon, came home changed my clothes and caught the 1.10 car to L.A. I transfered [sic] at Watts and got off at Slauson Junction and went down to see Grandma Bacon. I went on up town later and went to a coin house, got an 1835 quarter and 1835 dime and an 1803 half cent. Went up to the chamber of commerce and looked around. Went and got a Rx filled at the Auditorium Pharmacy on the corner of 5th and Olive Sts. Ate supper at Grandmas and came home.
- 12 My morning off. Leslie and I played catch. I worked this afternoon Mr. Tennant [?] who has been visiting Mr. Irwin left for Chicago tonight.
- 13 Took a couple of pictures Was quite warm today. Think I will go swimming tomorrow. The books I sent for didn't come. I went to the Majestic Theater and to the Public Library.

- 14 Was a hot day today. Did lots of soda business.
- 15 Hot again. I went swimming at noon down at the 5th St Landing. The fellow next door in Cannons clothing store showed me some coins he has. He has quite a few old U.S. coins.
- 16 'ot [hot] again. One of the coin books I sent for came. It is worse than some of the others I have. Sold lots of Soda & Ice Cream. Got a card from Oscar Bley. Went to the Picture Show. Saw the burial of the Maine in Pathes Weekly.
- 17 Took my book back to the library and got another. Saw Douglas down there. Went on down to the Drug Store for a while tonight. Sold a ticket to Grays Harbor this evening for \$18.00. I got twenty five cents out of it.
- 18 My coin book came today. The 25 cent one. It's the best one I ever saw. I got an 1853 half dollar today. It has rays around the eagle and arrows at the date. Is not worth much. Got up at 5 o'clock and got to work at 6. to scrub out. Got off an extra hour tonight. Hazel and Douglas were here today.
- 19 Got up early again. It is my Sun morning on. Leslie and I went up in the hills this aft. got some shots at ground squirrels [sic] but didn't kill any. We played hide & go seek in the tall mustard.
- 20 Have an awful bad cold worked pretty hard. Printed some pictures tonight it is now 9.40 o'clock.
- 21 We put in the cat and kittens in Claytons dog remedies in the window. my tire came loose and I had to get it cemented on. It cost 15 cents. I sold a ticket and made 25 cents so am ahead yet. Hazel Plant was here for dinner.
- 22 Took some pictures of Front St & Beacon St. and took them to "Scott" to be developed. Got another film.
- 23 Mr. Irwin was grouchy all day Don't know what I am going to do. Can't stand it much longer. Got my pictures, they were good. Sold a ticket to S.F. and made a quarter. Was over to Jessie's and to the show tonight. Stopped at the d.s. Mr Stone is on tonight.
- 24 Sold another ticket this morning and made another quarter. Got a catalogue [sic] from Tufts Lyons Co. Am going to get a gun. We are putting in an electric fan today at the Drug Store to keep the flies away. Pa's feet are still on the blink.
- 25 It rained like the dickens all afternoon. There were a big bunch of moving picture people down in the rain on Dead Mans Island. They got soaked. Bought a ram rod for the 22 and a box of longs. Leslie and I are going out in the morning. Went to the Majestic Theater.
- 26 We got up at 5 o'clock and got our own breakfast and started out with Billy. I killed a couple of ground squirrels that I got and hit several that got away. Leslie hit a couple. We shot a whole box (50). Got our feet soaked in the wet grass. We got some "mariposys" and some "marthas" and a birds nest. Got home at 11 o'clock. Went to work at 12.30.
- 27 Got a couple of boxes of shells at wholesale today, ordered them from up town. Mr. Irwin was uptown. The moving picture bunch was down again.
- 28 Leslie and I went to the Library and changed our books. Election day. The saloons were closed and we did a big soda business. The Pacific Ave. Boulevard was defeated 2 to 1.

So was the tuberculin test case. Mr. Stone went up town. I worked till 7 o'clock to let Mr. Irwin go home to supper.

- 29 Ma was sick today. So was I We ate something that didn't agree with our constitutions. She took some castor oil and I took nothing. Baby scratched Pa's nose tonight and made it bleed. I finished my book tonight that I got yesterday.
- 30 Memorial Day. Got up early and got to work at 6.30. Had an awful rush. Had a big business all day. Mr. Irwin had the nose bleed and couldn't come down this aft. or tonight. Mrs. Irwin came while Mr Stone ate supper. The U.S. Army Transport Buford came in with refugees from Mexico. I got two pictures. There was a big crowd down on the wharf. I took a tumble off my wheel. Every other place was closed up today but ours. Ma was some better today but is not well yet. Saw the Buford go out again at 6 o'clock.
- 31 Mr. Irwin is still sick. The Yosemite got stuck in the mud off Dead Man's Island today. Got two Lincoln Initial V. D. B. cents today.

June 1912

- 1 My pay day. I got \$26.00. Put \$5.00 in the bank. Gave Ma 12.50. Went down town tonight and bought me a pair of shoes. Patent leather ones. Went to the show.
- 2 My morning on. I got up early and got to work. Got off at 12.30 and came home. Leslie and I took Billy and struck out for the hills. We shot 100 shells away at ground squirrels and owls we saw and shot 5 shots at a coyote. got two doves and about 10 squirrels. got home at 8 o'clock washed, ate supper and to bed.
- 3 Worked hard today. Bought me a .50 cent necktie. A knit one. Bought some flea powder for Billy and some roach powder and a powder gun. Cannons clothing store was robbed last night of a suit of clothes, shoes underwear and all he could wear. Ma got a new hat and got Baby some shoes.
- 4 I sold my old half dollar for 75¢ to a clerk in cannons clothing store. Also my Columbian half for 70¢ and an 1835 quarter for 35¢. got a few old coins from him. Took my book back and got another. Went to the Alhambra.
- 5 Saw a 2 ½ piece today dated 78. the fellow in the bank has it and an 1832 half dollar. Got some shells tonight and Leslie & I went out and shot an owl and shot at some ground squirrels and a rabbit.
- 6 [Blank]
- 7 Got a raise in my salary today from \$25.00 to \$30.00 Per month. a dollar a day now. Will get paid by the week now. Leslie went over to Uncle Sams to stay all night with Douglas and Kenneth.
- 8 Grandma Bacon came down. Was going up town tonight but didn't. We bought a flying fish a big one for ten cents. We are trying to preserve it and did get it done enough to put in the window with a fishing tackle display I put in. The cat tipped the pan over we had it in and spilled formaldehyde all over the floor and herself. We concluded she didn't want any fish. Stunk us out all afternoon.

- 9 My morning off. Leslie and I went up on the hill after squirrels, we shot quite a few. Came back and took a cold water bath and dressed up and went to work. Worked hard too. Got home at 6 o'clock and went over to Uncle Jesse's place and played cards.
- 10 Got up at 5 o'clock and got down to the store at 6 o'clock and mopped out and had the store open at 7 o'clock. Am pretty sleepy tonight. Got a Panama 50 cent piece. It is just the size of our 1.00 piece. Bought a box of poker chips and we played tonight. Got off at 5 instead of 6 tonight.
- 11 Got an 1883 nickle [sic] without the word cents on it. Also a V.D.B. Lincoln Cent. The governor is in today. Went over to Jesse's tonight and played cards.
- 12 The Sea Beach Hotel burnt down in Santa Cruz early this morning. That is the second time it burned clear down and the Casino has burnt down once before.
- 13 I bought a High School Annual from Hazel Prince for 50 cents. Went over to Uncle Jesse's tonight and played poker till nine o'clock. Mr. & Mrs Plant were here tonight but I didn't stay. A fellow came in this morning and got an Ice Cream Soda. He laid down the money and an L.A. car came along. He said "Do you think I've got time to eat it," and I said "not if you want a catch that car." So he ran and grabbed it and I had the pleasure of eating his ice cream soda.
- 14 The cat got poisoned on Sabadella Seed this morning. Mr. Irwin put some on it for fleas and it ate some I guess. It got well though. Bought some liniment and some tobacco for Pa. We all played poker tonight and Leslie got quite excited as did Pa.
- 15 Mr. Stone went up town today. Uncle Sam is figuring on going up to ~~Santa Barbara next Mon~~ San Luis Obispo next Mon or Tues. Was pretty hot today. Uncle Jesse & Uncle Aunt Annie were coming over but they didn't come.
- 16 My Sunday morning on. I bought a film and three boxes of shells. Douglas brought his 25.20 & I my camera and the 22. We killed 4 ground squirrels 2 rattlesnakes and one owl. One rattler was 4 feet and big as my wrist. His rattles were all knocked off but 3. I stepped over the small one before it rattled. Douglas & I both saw it and both shot we knocked its head off. The big one I saw and killed. We shot away 180 shells. got back at dark.
- 17 Got paid for half a month today. \$12.50. Will go up in a few days and get my gun. Was hot today. Sold lots of fishing tackle and Ice Cream Soda. Took my roll of pictures to be developed.
- 18 Had to get up twice in the night on account of 2 pills I took yesterday. Had a puncture this morning and had to walk to work. Got my wheel fixed and banked \$13.00. Got my films, they were all good. Bought some paper and printed tonight Leslie is saving up to get a gun and had \$4.45 saved up toward it. Am washing my prints now about 2 dozen of them. Will have to stay a half hour more at least. It is now 8.51 exactly. Was going up town tomorrow to pick out my gun. But Mr. Irwin's mother was down so I guess we went [sic] go.
- 19 Went over to Uncle Sam's tonight. He is gone. Will most likely go out with Harold, Sunday, if I get my gun. Left some pictures over there. Got a Lincoln [sic] V.D.B. cent and an S.

- mint 1908 cent today also an 1879 cent today. Went to the Fire Department and saw the little cat we gave them a while back.
- 20 Didn't go up today but will go up tomorrow. Was talking with Ruth Irwin & Analine Beach today. There is a show at the High School tonight would have gone but Uncle Jesse & Aunt Annie were coming over so I didn't go and then they didn't come. There was a fire today at Ninth & Center Sts. Didn't do much damage.
 - 21 Got up early this morning and put on my good clothes. Walked to work at 950 [sic] Mr. Irwin and I took the car. We went into the Owl Drug Store and got some malted milk. We went on up to Tufts & Lyon Arms Co. and picked out some fishing tackle. Then I picked out my gun, cartridges, belt, sight ramrod, leggings and gun case. I brought them along. Mr Irwin went on and I went down to Mercantile Place, to try and get some coins envelopes but they didn't have any so I came on down to the P.E. depot and caught the 12.45 for home. Came on up and changed my clothes and ate dinner and back to work. Got the gun out tonight and put on the belt and leggings. Will go out Sunday with Harold.
 - 22 Asked R.I. if she will go to the show with me next Tuesday. don't know wether [sic] she will go or not. Got paid tonight. \$7.00. Gave Ma \$4.00. Got a box of shells for Douglas and 2 boxes for Leslie tonight and went to the M.P. Show. Harold can't go in the morning. He is going over to Catalina with a bunch in a launch fishing.
 - 23 My Sunday morning off. Douglas and Leslie & I all had guns this time and we had plenty to shoot. I killed a squirrel the first shot in my gun at about 200 yds. Could see him sitting straight up and I aimed [straight] at him and shot him [straight] through the stomach, and went [straight] up and picked him [straight] up and then threw him [straight] away. Shot 40 shells. The gun shoots fine. Got home at 11 oclock and washed up, and ate dinner and to work till 6.00 P.M. and home again. Hazel & Frank Plant are here tonight playing cards.
 - 24 Ruths mother wouldn't let her go to the show next Wed. She has never gone out with anybody, so she didn't want her to start in. Guess I'll save my two dollars and go to the M.P. Show and spend ten cents. She wanted to go but nix.
 - 25 Leslie worked at the National Lumber Co. yesterday and earned \$1.25. But didn't work today. Mr Irwin was up town and I ordered some shells for my rifle. A conductor [sic] on the P.E. brought some coins down yesterday for me to see. He has a half made in 1813 and several other old ones. He has a British Penny made in 1717. It isn't badly worn iether [sic]. Took some sulpher [sic] down to the Olson & Mahoney at the S.P. slip this morning.
 - 26 Was down at the 5th St Landing today. The Curacao, Beaver, Yale and fire tug Falcon were all there. Watched them for quite a while. Brought home some Antiphlogistine for Leslie. He was barefooted yesterday and stepped on a bee and it stung him. His foot is all swollen up yet today. Uncle Jesse and Aunt Annie were here & Little [Jesse]. We played poker & I lost all my money and borrowed & lost, finally ended up at \$30.00 behind. got two 1883 "without cents" nickles [sic] today. We had some musk melon tonight and baby ate 1 ½. I ate ¾ of one myself.
 - 27 Put 2.00 in the Bank today. Mr. Irwin hired a new kid. He will come on in the morning. I [will] show him what to do. Harold was here a while tonight.

- 28 The new kid came today. His name is Frank Do Plont. He worked behind the soda counter and I [worked behind the] drug [counter] all afternoon. He busted 5 glasses today. Went over to Uncle Jesse's tonight and played cards. Bought some corn medicine & some dope for cockroaches.
- 29 We started the new hours today. I was off all morning and played ball out in the backyard. Also scalded some ants that are giving us lots of trouble. Leslie and I caught some butterflies and pinned them on the wall. I went to work at 12.30 and went to supper at 5.00 to 6.00. Quit at 10.30 P.M. Got my \$7.00 check.
- 30 Sunday. My morning on. Got to work at 6.30. Got off at 12.30. Pa fixed the sight on my gun and Leslie and I went out on the hill. I shot 51 shells at road runners owls, ground squirrels and rabbits. Killed one rabbit by accident at about 300 yds and him running down hill. Shot at a target 10 times and hit is 8. We got home early. I took a bath and went to bed.

July 1912

- 1 Was off till 12.30. We caught some butter flies and played ball. Uncle Sams folks were here tonight. They have bought an auto mobile and having a great splurge over it. they are going away to San Luis Obispo Co. in a few days. Bought me a 35¢ knife today. Also two shirts & some collar buttons.
- 2 It sprinkled a little this morning. We had green corn out of own garden. We got new labels at the D.S. now. They are a picture of the "Havard" [sic] with the name Harbor Pharmacy across it. Harold & Will Baumgardner were here tonight. I was over at Uncle Jesse's a while & over at Uncle Sams. They are all packed up & Aunt Allie, Hazel and Douglas & Kenneth are gone on the train.
- 3 They went this morning about 8 clock in there automobile. Leslie & the Olsen boy worked all day hauling wood over from Sams Place.
- 4 The glorious Fourth. No Fire Crackers by law. No noise. Work all day no fun. no fourth. Very dull 10.30 P.M.
- 5 Was off this morning and layed [sic] abed until 8 oclock. Went over to Sams place and helped Leslie load a load of wood. He has it pretty near all. Went from there down to the "slip" and walked up the docks to town and took my wheel from the D.S. to the Cyclery Shop to get a puncture fixed but they weren't there so I left it and went to the Admiral and got a hair cut. Then to worked. Unpacked Rx bottles all afternoon. worked tonight until 9.30. Rode home on the car as my wheel is not fixed.
- 6 My wheel was fixed today. It cost .25. I rode the other kids wheel home this noon. It is pretty rickety. Got my \$7.00 tonight. Bought a box of shells and medicine for Pa. gave Ma \$3.50 and went back downtown and got me a hunting license. #150519. It expires June 30, 1913. Also went to the M.P. show.
- 7 My Sunday morning off. Layed [sic] abed until 8 oclock. Went to work at 12.30 worked till 5.30 and on again at 6.30 and quit at 8.30. Got an 1904 dollar without a mint mark today. It is worth \$2.00.

- 8 Got up at 5 o'clock and got to work at 6. Scrubbed out. Got off early at noon and went down and watched the boats at the landing on Fifth St. Went to two shows tonight. Ma & Pa went over to Uncle Jesse's. Kanri [sic] Smith and Tessa Trestle are visiting there.
- 9 Got up at 7.30 and took a towel and my bathing suit and went down to the beach this side of Dead Mans Island. Ran up and down the beach once and then fell in. It was pretty cold but was better than not going at all. Bought 3 puzzles [sic] tonight from a fellow. Can do two of them but the other one I can't.
- 10 Pa and Leslie went up town yesterday morning and I forgot to put it down. They stayed over night. I slept with baby last night and didn't sleep much. Pa came back today but Leslie will stay still Sunday. Pa brought some apricots down from Grandma and Grandpa's place.
- 11 Billy [dog] got the paper this morning and hid it some where. We couldn't find it.
- 12 Billy got the paper again and tore it all up. Pa gave him a licking for it. Raymond Olsen got shot and killed about 11 o'clock by an older kid named Dewey Maxon. He was showing Raymond his new gun and it went off and killed him. Ma & Pa went over there. Hazel Plant was here at the time. Raymond Olsen was 10 yr. & the other kid 14. Pa went back up town again to bring Leslie back. Ma and I were alone tonight and we played cards on the edge of my bed.
- 13 Billy got the paper again and took [it] way over into a vacant lot and tore it. I got it and showed it to him and started kicking him. Kicked him about 8 times and he howled for ten minutes afterwards.
- 14 My Sunday morning on. Frankie Thees came down with Leslie and Pa yesterday afternoon. Worked till 10 last night and was on again at 6.30. This afternoon, Ma & Pa went to Raymond Olsen's funeral. Leslie had to stay home with the Baby, so Frank & I went over to Terminal and went swimming. We came back and caught the 4 o'clock boat to Long Beach. We got return tickets for 15¢. Stayed on the boat and rode back on it. Played on the lawn tonight.
- 15 We got [sic] up and went in swimming down at the end of the slip. Got all sunburned. Frank can swim pretty good. We got on planks and paddled around. Had to work alone this afternoon as the other kid went up town. worked late tonight.
- 16 Made me a paddle today to use tomorrow. Mr. Irwin went up town.
- 17 We went down early and found some large planks to paddle on. Frank and I paddled clear across to Dead Mans Island and back. We swam and dove till about 11.30 and came home and me to work. Brought home some peroxide and some cream for sunburn. Got an 1882 quarter.
- 18 On early this morning. Got an 1853 quarter. Mrs Smith and Marion Olsen were here.
- 19 Pa got up with me at 5 o'clock and got my breakfast. I met Mr Stone and Earl Stone at Pacific and we caught the 6.00 car to Pt. Firmin. We hiked up to Whites Point from there. The tide was good and low but we didn't know where to go to get abalones so [didn't] find any until the tide was too high to get many. We all got wet and Earl got wet all over. I put on a bathing suit and went after em. We got home at 11.30 and I to work. Have a bad hole in my foot I got awhile back and am doctoring up (Ma is) I should say.

- 20 Went to the show tonight and came back up to Jesses to see about our trip to Santa Cruz. We will start about a week from today. Will go to Frisco on a boat and then down.
- 21 Earl Stone and I went down to the S.P. Slip and went swimming. We caught a devil fish with 8 arms and some little crabs. Mr. Irwin was down there. Worked this afternoon and tonight. Served about 1000 soda customers today.
- 22 Mopped out this morning. Washed the mirrors back of the fountian [sic]. Bought me a \$5.00 suit case. It is a leather one and some class. Got my pay and gave Ma \$3.25. I had a dollar and a quarter saved from last week. Went over to Uncle Jesses tonight and we all went to the Auditorium.
- 23 Leslie and Jesse Jr. are making a tent out by the side gate. They wear handkerchiefs and around their necks and pistols in their packets and think they are cowboys.
- 24 Was over to Jesse's again and got a book from them to read. It is a good one about a fox. Am reading it tonight.
- 25 Grandpa Bacon came down and he and I went out to Point Firmin [Fermin]. We tryed [sic] to get into the light house but they only take in six at a time and they [had] some ahead of us so we didn't wait. He has the hay fever and the salt air is fine for him I had to catch a car back as I had to go to work. He stayed out there.
- 26 Grandpa came down to the drugstore this morning and bought a cake of soap. He got some towels as a present to Ma for me to take home. He went back up to Los Angeles. Can't go on our trip till the 2nd of A.
- 27 Layed [sic] in bed until 11 oclock this morning. Ate my breakfast in bed. Was out till 10 tonight. Mrs. Cook up at 619 Tenth St. phoned down about 8 oclock for 2 5¢ tubes of developer (10¢ worth) and she couldn't wait till I came home. So I took it out on my wheel about 7 blocks up hill. And she gave me 2 walnuts for it. Shes awful generous. Got my seven dollars tonight. Will save it all for my trip.
- 28 Got to work at 6.15. There were lots of people down from L.A. on fishing trips. They buy more fishing tackle than you could put in the water without driving out the fish Hence they catch no fish. Ma went down to the Yale to see Tillee Smith off. Played poker tonight and went broke. Pa got so sun burned from working in his shirtsleeves rolled up that his arm is all swelled up and his hand too. It is as red as fire. We put some cream on it. He is working at the Crescant [sic] Wharf and Warehouse Co. now.
- 29 Saw Uncle Jesse down town and he introduced me to Al Muller who is going along with us next Thursday. But he can't go until Tuesday so we will go on ahead and have things already. Drew my money that I had left out of the bank. \$6.08. Mr Stone is up town tonight and is getting me a revolver holster for the little S. & W. 32.
- 30 Got my holster it cost 35¢ I got it for 25¢. Ma sewed up a blanket into a sleeping bag for me. Am getting my pass on the Willamette or the Coronado. Cant take this book with me so will carry a small one and copy it off later.
- 31 Was off all morning till 12.30, then quit at 4.00. Came home changed my clothes and went down to the boat. It went about 6.30. Felt alright till we got around the breakwater, then everybody began to heave and I did too. Went to bed as soon as I could. The boat was

full so they made me a bed in the smoking room on a seat. They had a French bulldog in there too. Had to make friends with him before I could go to sleep.

August 1912

- 1 Thurs. Got up early and felt fine. Ate a nice big breakfast and went out and threw it up again. Everybody's doin [sic] it. Went to bed on the canvas cover of a boat so as to be in the open air. Got acquainted [sic] with a girl about my age her name is Lily Rutherford. She was sick last night but not today. I forgot to be sick after [a]while. We stayed on the boat. (life boat) till the steward made us get off. Then we went up by the smoke stack and stayed till about 12 o'clock. She is going clear up to Seattle and back on the same boat, the Willamette.
- 2 We got to Frisco about 6.30. Had to get right off the boat so I didn't see my friend any more. Took a Powell St Car and rode right down to the depot. Checked my things and bought a ticket to go out at 9.00 o'clock. Went across the street to a little lunch stand and had some hotcakes and coffee. They tasted fine and I hung on to them. The train I came on came around by Pajaro. Didn't get in till nearly 2 o'clock. Came out to Sagners to stay overnight. Will leave my good clothes here while I go on my trip. Went down to Tanners drug store and they had a telegram from Jess telling me to wait and meet him Monday morning. So I can't start for Charlies in the morning. Saw Mr. Kratzenstien down town and most every body I knew. Went to the beach and board walk [sic]. Everything is still rocking like a boat.
- 3 Saturday Didn't wake up till 8 o'clock. Went out Branciforte Creek Fishing but couldn't get any but little ones. Took my gun up to Rincon looking for rabbits but didn't see a one. Fixed Sagners phonograph [sic] and played it the rest of the day. Hope I have better luck than I did today.
- 4 Went down to the beach and board walk [sic]. Saw L.O. down there. All the Sagners were down. I went in the plunge Went over to L.O.'s took her to the beach and got home at 12.30.
- 5 Monday Went to meet Jess at the 9.20 but he didn't come not on the 10.40. He came on the 11.20. We went up town and bought our grub and dishes they cost \$5.00 altogether. We caught the 4 o'clock train to Swanton. We camped up Little Creek about half a mile. Jess got things ready while I caught some trout for supper.
- 6 We slept on the ground last night. Didn't sleep much. There were too many rocks under me. We got up about 3.30 and made some coffee and some bread and butter with it. We struck up the railroad track and took the right hand gulch. Went clear to the head of it on the left hand side and came back on the right. Didn't see a deer. Saw lots of fresh tracks. Came back to camp. Jess to a sleep and [I] fished a while, caught some nice ones about 8 inches. We struck out again in the afternoon and clear to China ladder all over that country and didn't even see a rabbit. We were pretty discouraged I tell you. As we came back we met Jess Huffman at Swanton. He will camp with us.
- 7 Got up at 3 o'clock and went up the point in front of the old camp. We jumped two deer. We all started shooting. I killed the little one and the two Jesses the big one. Theirs was a forked horn. Mine a spiked buck. I carried mine out and was all in. We took each others

- pictures. Was sick Jess got some physic for me at Swanton. They got some hay for our bed. We gave the game warden a piece and Matties a ham that was all shot up. They made a good table too.
- 8 Thursday. We slept late today for once. Met Al Muller at the 9 oclock train. We layed [sic] around camp the rest of the day. Am still sick. Al fished and caught two.
 - 9 Friday. We got up at 3 oclock again and struck out for the reservoir through Millers place. We got some apples and plums. I caught a 14½ in. trout in the reservoir. Jess caught one about 8 inches and Al one the same only it is a black bass. We went on up to the Mill Creek Dam. We caught quite a few up there. Was blamed tired. Jess Huffman and I went back slow. They went on ahead. We ate huckle berries to our fill. Ate more apples at Millers got to camp about 5 oclock.
 - 10 Sat. Layed [sic] abed late this morning and got packed up. We sent some meat to Frank Moore and I a piece to Sagners and one to Mr. Kratzenstien the other day and didn't put it down. Took the 5.25 train. Stayed at Santa Cruz. Am watching the paper for the Willamette but it doesn't say anything about it.
 - 11 Sun. Went down town and got a paper. It says nothing about the Willamette. Saw Kratzenstien, he wrote me a letter but it went to Boulder Creek instead of Swanton guess I will get it after [a] while.
 - 12 Mon. Got another paper and it says nothing about the Willamette. Got my suit pressed and my hair cut. Guess I will go up to Frisco in the morning.
 - 13 Tues. Caught the 6.20 train to Frisco. Found that the Willamette had sailed last night. There is nothing going today. Went out to where Jess is staying at 984 Ashbury St. Went around town today and out to the park. Had dinner at Smiths and then came down town and got a room at the Winchester hotel.
 - 14 Got up a[t] 7 oclock. Saw the Captian [sic] of the Higgins He told me to pile on board. I did so. We started at 10.45. I took some pictures of the Ferry building. Am not going to be sick this time as I got some Mother Sills Sea Sick Remedy.
 - 15 My birthday. I am 16. Spent day reading a magazine. The guy in the same room with me stole a dollar out of my pocket. Told me somebody stole 20 dollars from him. He is a drunk. Had whiskey under his pillow. I showed him my revolver and and [sic] put it under my pillow. He didn't steal anymore you bet.
 - 16 We got in about 8.30 this morning. I beat it for home and took a bath and got on some clean clothes. Went to work at 12.30. Mr. Irwin let the other kid go. Worked late tonight. Gave my films to the photographer. My tire was flat. Got it fixed. It cost 50¢.
 - 17 Got my films, had 18 good ones out of 18. Printed them tonight. Got paid off tonight for two days (\$2.00) Took some magnesia over to the Willamette tonight to the Captian [sic]. A fellow had hooked a big stingeree [sic] off the wharf by the landing on the other side. He hadn't landed it yet when I came over.
 - 18 My Sunday morning off. I finished my prints. Went over to Jesse's and gave him some of them. Then went on to work. Took in a 2 ½ gold piece today. Exchanged it for my money. May sell it for \$2.75. Got off a 9 oclock tonight. But everybody was in bed when I got home.

- 19 Saw Jess Huffman today. Gave him some pictures of our trip. Bought me a pair of pants at Cannons for \$2.25. Took out the window display. It was left in there all the time I was gone. Washed it inside and out and put in a new one. Tried to call up Lilly Rutherford at Ocean Park on the Sunset Phone. Couldn't get her. Tried [sic] the Home and couldn't get her. Will try again later. Stayed home tonight. Will go hunting in the morning.
- 20 Leslie and I got up early and went out after rabbits we saw a few at long range. Shot at them on the run. Didn't get any. I shot 4 shots at turkey buzzards flying and hit them each time in the wings and tail. Didn't kill any. Got home early and went to work. A cat tried [sic] to get one of our little chickens when we came back, but we scared it away. I sold two tickets to S.F. and made 50¢. Pa is sick, didn't work today. Gave him some M.
- 21 Pa is still sick but feels better after the magnesia I gave him last night. I brought him home a box of Steero Boullion Cubes. Printed some more pictures tonight of our camping trip.
- 22 Pa went up to Los Angeles today to see Grandpa Bacon. He brought back a big basket full of peaches. Baby has a fever today but is better tonight. I brought home the Remington today and will start studying now in earnest. Brought home a big map to the United States about 6 x 6 ft. that I found down there. Guess it is worth several dollars. Frank LaPlont left tonight on the Centralia for San Francisco. His brother will work in his place.
- 23 Mr. Irwin went up to Los Angeles. Fred LaPlont started to work at noon. Pa is working until midnight tonight. Leslie was over to Olsens tonight till 7 o'clock and I had to go after him. Ma forgot to call me this morning and I had to go to work without any breakfast. Sold another ticket and made 25¢. It is now 7.30. Will study till 9.00 an[d] then go to sleep.
- 24 Bought me a 50¢ photograph abum [album?] also a tube of library paste and a 15¢ corborundum [sic] stone. Will paste pictures tomorrow afternoon. Didn't get paid off tonight.
- 25 My morning on. Got my \$7.00. Worked up to noon and then off the rest of the day. Pasted photographs in my abum [sic] and studied my Remington. Went over to Jess's tonight and on down town to the drug store. Got there just in time to help carry a freezer of ice cream up from the wharf. The express company wouldn't deliver it on Sunday afternoon. Got the 2 ½ gold piece from Mr. Stone and then went to the Auditorium.
- 26 Got a new kid today to start in tomorrow. His name is Grotto [also spelled Gratto in following entries]. Ma and Leslie are still sick abed. Did all the housework this morning before I went to work. Got a letter from Kratzenstein today (that had gone to Boulder Creek then to San Jose and then down here) thanking me for the Venison I sent him when I was up there two weeks ago.
- 27 Was off again this morning as they are changing over and I will work with Mr. Stone now. Made up some Bay Rum and some Tinct. Iodine this afternoon.
- 28 Still have my 2 ½ piece, guess I will keep it. Went over to Jesses [sic] tonight and played cards.
- 29 Studied all morning and wrote a letter to Charlie Coussins. Made up some Stones Liniment this afternoon. Bought me six tubes of developer and a package of paper. Jess got his pictures today and there are some good ones of me will get the negatives from him and print me some.

- 30 got the negatives and printed about 12 pictures. Am reading Elinor Glyns story. Why! Filled quinine capsules all afternoon. There was a fire down on 6th and Beacon last night. The Marine Optical Store and Dairy Lunch were burnt out and a rooming house over the Dairy Lunch.
- 31 Studied this morning on the metric system. Went over to Jess Huffmans house to show him the new pictures but is gone, don't know where. Put up 3 grain quinine capsules this afternoon. There were several passengers going to mob Mr. Stone tonight because he wouldn't give them their money back on tickets they got in Los Angeles. Got paid off tonight and gave Ma \$3.50.

September 1912

- 1 Went to work at 6.00 oclock and sold fishing tackle and answered questions till 12.30. Stayed home all afternoon and read a novel and the Cosmopolitan. Uncle Jess and Aunt Annie were over tonight.
- 2 Labor Day. Pa and I were going hunting but he wanted to work and went down to the dock and worked for an hour or so and drew his two weeks wages. I worked afternoon and evening.
- 3 I worked morning and afternoon. It sprinkled a little this afternoon. Today is election day, another holiday which make 3 holidays in succession. Will get tomorrow off and go to Ocean Park. Earl Grotto phoned up tonight and said that they heard that Ocean Park is on fire and is burning the whole town up and coming toward Venice. Will go early in the morning.
- 4 Took the 7.00 car to L.A. got off at 7th & Main and walked up to Hill and took the Santa Monica car. Got round trip tickets. They cost me one dollar. They wouldn't stop at Ocean Park as there was a big mob of people and they wanted to keep people out. They had to go slow so I got off any way. The whole ocean front is burned down the Fraisers pier, the Casino, the Decartter [?] Hotel and all the business section of the town. Couldn't find the people I was looking for as they got burned out. Came back to L.A. about noon and got my lunch. Bought me a 50 cent package of U.S. Stamps, a gold half dollar and some other small coins. Got back in time to go to work at 6.00 P.M.
- 5 Earned a quarter by selling a ticket. The governor was in and we had quite a rush. Had to go to the bank and get \$45.00 in change. Went to bed early tonight and
- 6 got up at 5.30 and went hunting. Went all over the hills up there and couldn't kill a rabbit. Saw several at about a mile range but couldn't hit them.
- 7 Went to work in such a hurry that I forgot to put a collar on and had to buy one and a necktie in Cannons. Went to bed early as I didn't get paid and couldn't go to the show.
- 8 My Sunday morning off. I stayed home and Ma went to church. Leslie and I played ball on the lawn. I got paid off this afternoon.
- 9 Sent to C.A. Stegmann for my stamp album and stamps. Sent a Wells Fargo Money order for \$3.00. It is Admission day but I worked all day – Mr. Stone phoned up this evening and got me to come down and go to the show with him. We went to the Auditorium and

then back down to the Alhambra. Then we went up to his apt house of 53 rooms on Beacon St. From there we went to his house and had some hot chocolate and rolls.

- 10 I got an 1871 liberty seated dollar today and will keep it. There is a G.A.R. encampment in Los Angeles now and there are big crowds up there. I studied my Remington this morning.
- 11 Saw Jess Huffman on the street car this afternoon. Went over to his house tonight but he wasn't home yet. Leslie and I put on the boxing gloves tonight for a while, then we stood on our head, and then on our hands and turned cartwheels and hand springs.
- 12 Leslie and I got up early and went fishing over at the Crescent Wharf. I have a big long bamboo pole and carried it down on my wheel. I caught eleven fish some king fish, some perch, a sea trout and one smelt. Leslie caught 2 king fish and one perch. We had lots of fun pulling them out. Took some into the drug store to give Mr. Irwin some but he wouldn't take any.
- 13 Sold a ticket to San Francisco. Went over to Terminal tonight. The Harvard got stuck and didn't get out till 6.00 o'clock.
- 14 Slept till 8.00 o'clock and studied all morning. Got a dollar raise in my salary tonight am now getting \$8.00 per week. Bought me two suits of underwear. (Union suits) gave Ma \$4.00.
- 15 Sunday morning on at 6 A. M. Sold fishing tackle, post cards, stamps and answered questions. Wanted Mr. Stone to go hunting but he couldn't. so Leslie and I started about 2 o'clock We saw a skunk sitting in front of its [sic] hole. It turned around to let fly at us and we both shot at once. I had the shot-gun and Leslie the 22. We knocked it down its [sic] hole. There was an awful smell and we ran like the dickens to get away from it. We went clear up to the water cave but didn't get any doves. Went down to the mills ranch and I shot a rabbit on the run and we got it. It was dark when we got home and Ma and Pa were getting very nervous and excited about us and were thinking of calling up the police station. Ma cut Leslie's hair tonight also his ear.
- 16 Leslie started to the High School he took his books up and in about ten minutes he came running back to bring them home. Said a kid told him they didn't need any books up there. Was going fishing this morning but was too sleepy.
- 17 Have a bad cold in my head and feel pretty bum. Got a hair cut today at the Admiral Barber Shop. Mr. Irwin went up to L.A. to get his automobile an overland. My stamps and album didn't come yet. Gave Jesse Huffman the pictures I had for him. They have new red cars on the local line.
- 18 The stamps came but the album didn't. They said they were out of them and would send one later. I wrote to them tonight. Was awful hot. Hotter than any time this summer.
- 19 The Governor and Rose City were both late getting in. A hot day Consequence, more soda business than we could handle. Ran out of ice cream. There were some people buying tickets to Grays Harbor today. They bought a safety [sic] razor, a jar of I.D.L. Peroxide Cream, a tube of Colgates Dental Cream, a cake of Cashmere Bouquet [sic], a bottle of perfume some candy and cigars, postcards and stamps and soda water. There was a hot

wind blowing tonight. Felt just like standing in front of a furnace door. A lady gave me a Columbian Half Dollar for some soda. I have it now.

- 20 My album came and is right except that it leaves out one place and repeats in another am busy putting stamps in it. I brought home some ice cream and Ma & Pa and Leslie & Baby were all in bed I made them get up and eat some.
- 21 Got paid off. Stayed home tonight and pasted stamps. Was going to go up town this afternoon but couldn't get off.
- 22 Played horse shoes this morning beat Leslie two games. Am off for all day. Earl Gratto is working for me so I will work all day next Sunday. Went over to Long Beach on the car. Went in the plunge and Theatorium. Got home early and went over to Jessies [sic] for dinner and stayed till 9 o'clock.
- 23 The till was \$6.00 short this morning. Mr. Irwin is grouchy as Mr. Stone is off for the day. Pasted more stamps tonight. Took a pill as I am on the bum.
- 24 Mr. Irwin went up to Los Angeles today to get his auto but it wasn't there. A man working with Pa fell off the wharf and broke his head but will live. Pa jumped after him and held him till he got help.
- 25 Mr. Smith bought my 2½ piece for \$2.75 today. Mr. Irwin thought the till was short again but he found a five he hadn't counted so it came out right.
- 26 Sent 2.00 to the Youths Companion today for my years subscription. Earl Gratto put some Cabbage [sic?] on my arm today and I waited my chance and wiped some on the back of his neck. He had to take his collar off and was dancing around to beat the band. Brought home some ice cream after work tonight and we had a feast before we went to bed.
- 27 I put in a display of pennants this afternoon. Mr. Stone broke a bottle of liniment [sic] (a gallon bottle) It went on his white canvas shoes and all over the floor. Bought me two pairs of green socks at Cannons. Pa worked till 8 o'clock tonight. I pasted stamps and read the Cavalier Magazine.
- 28 Baby pulled my wheel over on top of him and Ma couldn't get out the front door to get to him. So she hollered at Leslie to run around the house and pick him up. The butcher came this morning while Leslie was washing on the back porch.
- 29 Sunday. Worked from 6.30 A.M. to 9 P.M. with 20 minutes for lunch and 30 minutes for dinner. We cut open the melon in the back yard and it was the best one I ever saw. Only a thin rind and the rest solid red and it tasted fine. Ma and Pa were at church tonight. Got an 1855 and an 1861 and an 1878 quarter today.
- 30 The air is so clear today you can see the hills back of town as plain as a picture. It is very hot and windy. I got my hind tire fixed for 30 cents and it is flat again tonight. Sent a night letter to S.F. Phoned it to Los Angeles. Had some fun with the girl operater [sic]. Home at 10 P.M. Nothing to do until tomorrow.

October 1912

- 1 Up at 6.00 A.M. Got a flat tire walk to work. Paid \$4.00 for a new tire. Mr. Irwin gone to L.A. Carried a flat iron [?] up for Mr. Stone. Looks like rain and did rain some tonight. Caught on the Outer Harbor car and rode up the hill. Stay home tonight and read. Mr. Irwin brought home is new machine, an Overland.
- 2 It rained and blew quite a bit. Got out my last years felt hat and brushed it up. Cleaned up Pa's old Colts .45 six shooter. It is patented in 1871 and the number is of 1014. [I have this gun, some parts are also numbered 81014. The initials J.C. and a skull and crossbones are carved in the wood of the handle] Also cleaned the 32 S. & W. – 22-shotgun 12 gauge and 25 – 20 Winchester. Also cleaned and oiled my wheel.
- 3 A man going on the Governor fell of the L.A. car and lit on his head down about 4th St. He stepped off backwards when the car was going fast. Took Pa's shoes to the Famous Shoe shop at Beacon & 6th St. Pa and I rode home on the car after work. There was thunder & lightning tonight.
- 4 Mr. Stone and I were going hunting this morning but, he couldn't go so I slept until 9 o'clock. It rained anyway so nothing lost. Leslie and Baby are both sick. Brought home some peroxide for him.
- 5 Got paid and a half day off. Gave Ma \$4.00 and Leslie & I went out hunting. We didn't get one rabbit. Saw a few and I shot at them on the run. Shot at a skunk too. Didn't get home till after dark. Hit a target 12 times out of fifteen with the 32 revolver.
- 6 Went over to Uncle Jesses this morning and looked at thier [sic] new books. They have a set of 20 volumes. It cost \$60.00. Worked afternoon and evening. Business is getting dull now. Brought home some medicine for Baby. He has a bad cold.
- 7 Mr. Irwin went up town and came back in his machine. I got an 1867 Half dollar. Leslie and Pa and I are making out a list of all the ships that come in to this port. We have 130 names now and getting more all the time.
- 8 Today is my second anniversary. I started to work in a drug store on the 8th of October 1910. Ma and I studied Spanish this morning. Mr. Irwin took Earl Gatto & I out for a ride in his machine. Also Mr. Stone.
- 9 I got a Mandolin Guitar today and can play on it all ready some. Paid \$3.50 down an[d] will pay \$1.00 per week. Mr. Irwin went to Venice in his machine. He was not back yet when I came home I was washing the windows over the cigar case this morning and put my knee on the counter of the case and it went through. Smashed all to smithereens. The fountian [sic] broke and I couldn't turn off the fine stream. Got a bucket and held under it till we got it fixed.
- 10 Played my mandolin till my fingers got sore and blistered. Ma cleaned and pressed my pants this morning. Baby pulled a bottle of ink off the table where Leslie was writing and it went all over the front of his dress and the carpet.
- 11 Got a letter from Grandma Prince in San Jose. Como se sienta esta tarde Senor. Tiene ¿ud mi sombrero. No es tengo.
- 12 Went up to the Victoria Apt's with a package and Mr. Lodi who is agent for the Overland car brought me back down in his [Overland Car]. The other kid got off to play foot ball this afternoon with the S.P.H.S. at Gardena [sic] They got beat 3-0.

- 13 Worked from 6.30 to 12.30. Grandpa Bacon came down and brought us some walnuts. He went back this evening. It was hotter than blazes today. Layed [sic] on the lawn all afternoon. Leslie and I went to the Auditorium and the Alhambra.
- 14 Earl Gratto got fired today. They will try to get some other kid now. Got an 1865 half dollar and an English Half Crown and Six Pence Pieces. The pictures I took of the Stone Apt's and of Mr. Stone were all good. Will print some of them tomorrow night. Bought some paper to print on. Payed [sic] my second payment on the Mandolin and bought a music book for a dollar. Was hotter than ever today.
- 15 Worked all day and went back in the evening but they didn't need me so I went to the M.P. Show. Made a dozen prints quail season opened today but I couldn't go Jess Huffman went and got four and two rabbits.
- 16 Worked all day again. The kid that was going to work said that his father thought 10 o'clock at night was too late to work and he wanted him to take up the violin anyway.
- 17 Worked all day again. Played my Mandolin tonight and the Mandalay went out to S.F. tonight Our phone is out of order and has been for about four days I have phoned twice to the complaint dept. But they don't seem to pa[y] much attention to it. Gave Mr. Stone 5 pictures of his house, himself and Earl Stone.
- 18 The fog blew in thick and spoiled the soda business. Didn't have much to do all day.
- 19 Same. Had a date with the wireless operator [sic] on the Calrillo [?] but he didn't show up. I went to the Alhambra and the Majestic. Ruth Irwin is working nights until Mr. Irwin gets a new boy. Got paid off.
- 20 My Sunday off but had to work. Got down at 6.10 A.M. Sold cigars fishing tackle and told a dozen odd booze fighters that they couldn't get any skee or alcohol. Worked until 8.30 P.M. The J. J. Loggie sank of Pt. Argriello yesterday. The Capt. and crew got off but the boat was a total loss.
- 21 On early again. Found a fountain [sic] pen. It is a self filler. Guess it is worth \$2.00 anyway. Gave Ma \$2.00 this time paid the mandolin harp man \$12.00 and put \$5.00 in the bank.
- 22 Same. An automobile got hit by a long beach car yesterday and two people in it got hit and killed the automobile was torn all to pieces. Ma went over to Olsens and Mrs Olsen gave Ma a lot of figs.
- 23 My Youths companion with premium lists for new subscriptions came today. Will try and get a new subscription from some body. Got a Grape Juice Nectar watch fob. Mr. Stone is going up to S.F. tomorrow on the Phoenix with his friend Owens from Texas. He will be gone a week and Mr. Irwin will have to get another clerk for a while. There was a run away on fifth St. A dyeing & Cleaning wagon got tore to pieces and spread clothes all over the street. A check for \$25.00 came back to Mr. Stone. He signed a check for a Mr. Fleshing [?] who was on the Harvard. They lived here in town but are gone now. Mr. Cannon got stung for \$67.50 McKelvy 67.50 The Selz Shoe Co. \$56.00.
- 24 Mr. Stone and Mr Owen's went over to Redondo and caught the Phoenix for San Francisco. Mr. Irwin and I are alone now. The President, Beaver, Harvard Yale and Pennsylvania [sic] were all in at once today and business was quite brisk for a while. Was over to

Uncle Jesse's a while tonight. Some mail came for Aunt Ethel to me. I sent it back to San Jose at 437 S. Third St. where she is staying. Played my mandolin tonight for an hour or so. Am getting to be quite an artist on it. Can play all the popular pieces. (some of them). There was a man down town today who is crazy or else he is insane. Guess he lives in San Pedro or some where else. I'm always right sometimes and sometimes I'm always right when I say you can't always, sometimes tell from where a frog sits how far he can jump – If the breakwater broke, would Portugese [sic] Bend?

- 25 Mr. Irwin took me out for a ride in his automobile this afternoon. We went clear out to point Firmin [Point Fermin] and back. Mrs Irwin tended store while we were gone.
- 26 Worked the store alone all morning Mr. Irwin paid me off this noon and gave me a dollar raise. Am now getting nine dollars a week or about \$40.00 per month. Worked a while this evening because we were busy. Got an 1848 five dollar gold piece as part of my wages. Gave Ma \$2.50 and will put five in the bank monday.
- 27 Had the morning so I stayed in bed late and read the Sunday paper. Played my mandolin too. There is a regular wind and sand storm on. We couldn't keep the dust off the show cases. There was no soda business to speak of. Which is very unusual for Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Irwin and Ruth were down to help out but we didn't need much help. Mr. Irwin staid [sic] home all afternoon. Got off early and am going to bed early and will get up early in the morning.
- 28 Put \$5.00 in the bank and paid \$1.00 on my mandolin. Have 65¢ left. We got a card from Mr. Stone today telling us to get a medicine chest ready for the new steamer Avalon. The Hanabi [?] is in dry dock and the Avalon is running in her place. I am filling the medicine chest ordered. Will paint it and rig it up generally. It is worth \$25.00. Ruth Irwin looked after the store while Mr. Irwin went to eat. That is, she looked after me and the store.
- 29 Fixed up a medicine chest for the Avalon. Painted it and put every thing in it and had a kid help me carry it over to the boat. There was a man got hurt over at the Crescent Wharf. A sling load of wheat fell on him. Pa helped carry him down to the boat. Had three boxes hauled up from the drug store for wood. Pa's working till 12 o'clock tonight.
- 30 Mr. Stone came in on the Norwood at 4 o'clock this morning,. He came to work at 7 o'clock and worked all day. I got a hair cut today. Pa is working till 12 o'clock tonight.
- 31 Mr. Irwin went up to Los Angeles in his auto. I took my mandoline [sic] down to the drug store and Mr. Irwin played on it. My wheel went on the blink and I fixed it. Halloween. Went over to the Crescent Wharf and watched Pa work till 8.30. Bought some peanuts and came home.

November 1912

- 1 Mr. Stone went up to Los Angeles today. They take turns and I don[t] get a chance to be away an hour. Pa didn't work today but will work tonight again. There were three boats out tonight. The Northland, Klamath and Norwood. Chester Knight had a half dollar down at the store he claims it is dated 1853 but it is 1857. If it was 1853 it would be worth \$20.00. Lifted a hundred lb sack of sugar up about six feet into the top of a percolator all alone and nearly strained my gizard [sic]. Mr. Irwin dropped the money box

on the floor tonight and the floor was was [sic] covered with money of all kinds. After we thought we had found it all I found \$30.00 under a box. Looks like rain wind in S. West. To bed and will read my chemistry at 7.30.

- 2 Started to rain today and is raining tonight. Got paid off. Bought some enamel for my bicycle will paint in the morning.
- 3 Off all morning, painted my wheel black. Played ball till noon. Mr. Irwin was off all day and poor Mr. Stone had to work all day.
- 4 Rained hard today for a couple of hours. Paid a dollar on my mandolin and put five dollars in the bank. Went to the Alhambra and Ma and Pa went to the Auditorium.
- 5 Election day. Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson are running for president. Haven't heard for sure yet but the latest report Wilson ahead. They burned a red light up on the hill to signify [sic] Wilson.
- 6 Wilson was elected president of the United States. Roosevelt didn't get a look in. Wilson is the man who put the moose in vamoose.
- 7 Started wearing my new suit. Will wear it now every day and get another suit for best. Was over to Uncle Jesse's tonight. Brought my mandolin home. Mr. Stone and Mr. Owens are going to start into the wholesale produce business.
- 8 Made out a list of goods put into the medicine chest for the Avalon and it took me about an hour. The bill was 3 ft long. Pa got some fish over on the other side and had me meet him at the ferry and I brought em home. We had fish for supper. Also got an abalone for breakfast tomorrow.
- 9 Mr. Irwin went to Santa Monica and left a long list of things for me to do. He didn't get back so I didn't get paid. Rigged up a wire leader with steel hooks and a swivel to fish with in the morning.
- 10 Got up at 5 A.M. and rode my wheel down and left it at the drug store, started fishing at 6 A.M. Chester Knight was over there and caught some good sized ones. I caught about 30 fish as fast as I could bait up and throw my line in. Leslie got 23. C. Knight got about 15. It started raining about 9 o'clock and we got wet. Gave Mr. Stone some fish and gave Mr. Irwin some. Ma gave Mrs Olsen some and we still have more than we can eat. Have had enough fishing to last me a while. Went to work at 12.30 and quit at 5.30. Got paid off and gave Ma five bucks.
- 11 Same old grind. Brought home a box of candy tonight. There was a fire on Barton Hill. There were only five boats in the whole harbor today. The least since I have been here. Pa only worked 3 hours.
- 12 Mr. Stone went to L.A. to the Council meeting to decide whether San Pedro should vote on the liquor question or both San Pedro and Los Angeles. They voted 6 to 2 in favor of Los Angeles not voting. Put two dollars in the bank.
- 13 Had bad luck. Cut my hand smashed my fingers and broke bottles and dishes. Paid \$4.00 and finished payments on my harp. The City of Para, Bear, Elder, Yale and Avalon were all close together today and the harbor looked quite busy. We were busy in the store too.

- 14 Mr. Irwin and Mrs Irwin went to Los Angeles in thier [sic] auto. I had to handle the store alone as Mr. Stone was to [sic] busy talking about the "burner people".
- 15 To [sic] sleepy to write tonight.
- 16 Mr. Irwin paid me a dollar and asked me if it would do me until tomorrow noon. Kind of funny was to do. There was lots of money in the till. Bought some bait to go fishing with and the cat got it and ate pretty near half of it.
- 17 Got up at 5.15 and got my own breakfast. Went down and met Earl Stone and we went across the bay fishing. Chester Knight came over too. They didn't bite very good but I got enough for a mess. Had a bigger soda business this afternoon than ever before all summer. Sold all the ice cream we had and orangeade and root beer and all the fountian [sic] syrups. Mr. Irwin paid me off today noon. Gave Ma \$1.50. Was going to give Leslie 10¢ to clean the fish but he didn't and Ma did so I gave it to her. She didn't wasn't to take it but it was worth a lot more than that to do it.
- 18 Blue Monday. Mopped, washed windows and mirrors and cleaned up generally. Put \$6.00 in the bank. Am using my light to come home with nights now. Pa has the tooth ache tonight. We are doctoring him up.
- 19 Bought me a 3 joint rod, a reel a line all for \$1.00. Will go fishing next Sunday. Bought a can of carbide for my lamp.
- 20 Mr. Irwin went up to Los Angeles with his automobile and family. He bought some reels and lines.
- 21 Broke my chain. I fell down and bumped my knee. Cost .25 to get it fixed. Went to the Alhambra.
- 22 Walked home to lunch and back. Think I will do that all the time as it does me good to get some exercise.
- 23 Was to [sic] hot to walk at noon so I rode. Mr. Irwin paid me four dollars of my wages tonight. Bought some bait and hooks.
- 24 Arose at 5 A.M. Pa is going to work today so he got up and got breakfast. We walked down to Stones House together. Then he went on and I waited for earl Stone. We rode our wheels down to the drug store and left them there and proceeded to go across the bay. The Willamette was docked at the Salt Lake Wharf. I caught all the fish I could give away. Saved out 6 for us to eat at home. Caught some over a foot long. Chester Knight was there and caught a lot too. The Harvard pulled in as I was coming home. They had a fire drill on her and were squirting water in all directions. Took a bath, changed my clothes and went back to work. Were busy all afternoon and evening. Got a card from O. Bley yesterday saying the Tanner Drug Store was sold.
- 25 Got the rest of my wages and gave Ma \$5.00. Got me four new collars. My tires were soft so I went to the bicycle shop and got them pumped.
- 26 Mr. Irwin phoned to the other stores to get them to close up on Thanksgiving but they didn't want to do it so I guess we will stay open. Mr. Stone wants to get away. [Mr.] Irwin [wants to get away.] and I [want to get away.]

- 27 Got in 35 thousand post cards today at the drug store. Most all views [?]. Are putting out Christmas cards now. Some 1¢ -5¢ & 10¢ Got me a new reel. Sold my old one for the same price I bought it for.
- 28 Thanksgiving day. Mr. Irwin went to Santa Monica in his auto. Ma, Leslie, Pa & Baby went to Los Angeles on the 8.30 car. I opened up the store and did all the work and caught the 9.10 car. Mr. Stone will stay until I come back. We went to Grandma & Grandpa's place at #6113 Compton Ave. Andrew Olsen and Aunt Emma & Frankie & Julius & William were all there. We had a big feed. Chicken, roast pork, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, turnips, apple sause [sic], salad, tomatoes, pumkin [sic] pie, mince pie bread & butter cake & grapes and jelly. There was an aviation meet at Ascot Park and we could see the aeroplanes flying all around. Left on the 3 oclock car and worked until six. Ma and Leslie & Baby stayed at Olsons and Pa and I will batch it alone.
- 29 Pa and I got up at five oclock. We got our own breakfast and did the dishes and cleaned up in general. Got to work at 6.25. Forgot to mention that we went to the auditorium last night. My wheel went flat and it cost 50 cents to fix it this time.
- 30 It rained some. Mr. Irwin was going to take me fishing but I thought that the roads were to [sic] muddy so I started to go to work. Thought I had better go and see if he was going. He was getting his machine out so I rode up with him. We picked up Earl Stone and came on up & I changed my clothes. We went out to Whites Point and fished off the rocks. I caught a blue perch & Earl Stone a rock bass. Mr. Irwin didn't catch any. We lost lots of tackle. Came back and 9.30 and worked the rest of the day. The folks came home tonight.

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- 1 Sunday morning. Pa worked so we got up and got our own breakfast. I went fshing over on the Crescent Wharf. Caught all the fish I could give away. Didn't dare bring any home. Pa says he has a fin growing on his back from eating so much fish. Worked in the afternoon with Mr. Stone.
- 2 Blue Monday. Got payed [sic] off. Gave Ma two dollars. Got me a pair of shoes (3.50) and a hat (1.50) and a necktie (.25) and put four dollars (4.00) in the bank. Pa and I went down town to the electioneering going on. They will vote tomorrow to see if San Pedro will go dry or stay wet.
- 3 The saloons were all closed as it is election day. Sold quite a lot of soda. Mr. Irwin took me for a ride around the bay. The town stays wet. Went to Monte Cristo at the Alhambra.
- 4 Monte Cristo was a picture play. It was enacted on Dead man's Island. There was a big crowd trying to get tickets to it all evening. I had to stand in line for about 20 minutes to get in. The town stays wet by a majority of 251. Was a pretty close run. In one precinct it was 127 against 128 in favor of dry. Got my shoes half soled for 75¢ at the Selz Shoe Store. Was cold all day. The wind blew hard too. I have a rubber band stretched on my handle bars and it hums when I go fast. Pa filed my rifle sight tonight. It was too large.

- 5 A Santa Ana came up this morning and the sky darkened with dust. The dust settled all over everything in the drug store. The wind nearly blew the awning down. Wasn't much business.
- 6 More wind. Got my fountain [sic] all washed up and now it is all dusty again. Washed the candy case inside and out. Also the perfume case. We got an old stove out of the side room and lit it. It is too cold to work much. Brought home some post cards and printed on them. Everybody is in bed and I am waiting for my prints to wash.
- 7 Took my post cards down town and pasted calendars on them. They look pretty good now. Mr. Irwin paid me two dollars of my wages. He went to Santa Monica.
- 8 Mr. Owens and Earl Stone and I got up early and took our guns and went out to the hills. We didn't get any rabbits. Saw a few at about 40 mile range. Killed some meadow larks. Got home early and took a bath. Went to work at 12.30. Fine day but no soda business. Most every body away I guess. Got a dollar raise in my wages. Am now getting \$10.00 per week. Gave Ma 3.50
- 9 Washed windows and also the soda fountain [sic]. Put \$5.00 in the bank at noon. Went for a launch ride to Long Beach with a fellow who works for the Sunset Dye works. Went over in 40 minutes started at 2.15 and got back at 5.00.
- 10 Mr. Irwin let me off this afternoon for a couple of hours. Went to the library and read. Mopped out the store this morning. Guess that is why he let me off. Pa got three abalone out at the break water. I took them out of the shell Ma cleaned em Leslie pounded em and Baby helped eat em.
- 11 Took out the window display and washed the window. Sold seventy five Christmas cards to one lady this morning. We got in a lot of Christopher bulk chocolate. Ate so much I spoiled my supper.
- 12 got up early and walked to work with Pa. Got there at 6.10. Mr. Irwin went up to L.A. in his auto. The Governor was in and we had quite a busy business. Took a 10¢ pkg clear out to 638 8th St, this morning in the cold.
- 13 Friday the 13th but nothing very unlucky happened. Mr. Irwin put in a Xmas display with my assistance. Was so cold in the drug store that I warmed my hands by holding an electric light. Pretty near froze stiff. There was frost on the houses around. Got a "Filipinas" [sic] dime in the register today. It has a volcano on it and the eagle and United States of America on the other side.
- 14 Counted my coins this noon. I have nearly 500 specimens and would not sell them for less than \$50.00. Their bullion value is about \$22.00 in U.S. money. Mr. Irwin let me off from 11.30 to 3.00 P.M. Went down to the library to read. Some people were watching for a hydroplane that was to fly over here but it didn't show up. I delivered a package to the Lewis Luckenbach this afternoon. She was at the Crescent Wharf. Pay night but didn't get paid. Made a few record sales today. Sold a \$5.00 razor, a \$2.50 Thermos Bottle a 1.50 pr. of crutches, a \$5.00 order for the Luckenbach and \$1.00 worth of post cards to one customer. Bought .05 worth of bait tonight and will go fishing in the morning. Also will dig on Dead Mans Island.

- 15 It was raining early this morning but Leslie and [I] struck out for Dead Mans Island with a shovel, sack, fishing pole and bait. I found a telescope and an Indian pestle and several other relics. Worked in the afternoon with Mr. Stone. Went to the Alhambra after 6 oclock. Mr. & Miss Olsen were here tonight. A man bought a fishing pole today and took it out. In about 3 hours he brought it back broken and said it was broken when he bought [it]. He wanted his money back but didn't get it.
- 16 This happened Saturday. A man named Kearny and a passenger started out in a hydroplane to go to San Francisco from Long Beach. There was quite a wind blowing and he went out to sea and didn't show up anywhere yesterday. So Glen Martin started out to look for them in his hydroplane. He got wrecked and they towed his machine in. It was all smashed up. Phelps the Photographer took pictures of it and had it in the store tonight. And yesterday the captive ballon [sic] at Ocean Park got away with 2 men & 1 boy in it. It floated clear over here and lit in the water out between San Pedro and Long Beach. The people in it nearly drowned [sic] before a launch got to them. Bought some Christmas presents today.
- 17 Was a windy day. Kearny or his passenger haven't showed up so they think they were drowned. Bought a silk handkerchief for Grandpa for a Christmas present.
- 18 Frankie Theis came down to stay a while for vacation. Got a book out of the library. The History of Los Angeles County.
- 19 Leslie and Frankie went fishing and caught 10 fish about 2 inches long. I got up early and walked to work with Pa.
- 20 Went up to L.A. on 1.10 car bought some Christmas presents for everybody Got some films for the store. Can't write what I got till after Christmas as somebody might read it.
- 21 There was a Santania [sic] today. Was very pleasant. Bought a bunch of coins from Earl Gratto for 50¢.
- 22 The rifle I got up town was charged up to Mr. Irwin as another gun. It was charged as a 30/30 and it is a 30 W.C.F. Mr. Irwin will write to them about it. My Sunday morning off. Mr. Owens, Earl Stone and I went over to Dead Mans Island. We took a pick and shovel to dig for buried treasure but we didn't find any treasure. I worked in the afternoon.
- 23 Am buying Christmas presents for everybody now. Sent a bunch of cards and got a few. Pa gave me the money to pay for the gun and I put it in the bank.
- 24 Grandma Bacon came down for Christmas. Grandpa will be here tomorrow. Will be off all day tomorrow.
- 25 We had a Christmas tree last night. I got it off the Fort Bragg a few days ago. Also got one for Mr. Irwin off the Willamette. Grandpa came down this noon. We had three chickens, roast pork, punkin [sic] pie, mince pie, cake, oranges, bananas, nuts, candy, popcorn, cranberry sauce, spuds, bread & butter, turnips, tomatoes, salad etc. I got presents from
Mr. Owens, a silk knit necktie
[Mr.] Irwin, a fine fishing reel
Pa, two pairs of socks and a folding hatchet

Ma, two shirts and a pair of Boston Garters

Leslie, a necktie

Grandma a [necktie] and the gun belt, leggings and rod.

Frank Theis, a book

Had a fine Christmas. After Grandma & Grandpa went back. I took the car to the breakwater and got 6 abalone. Pa went out to find me and I missed him. He went clear out there and back.

- 26 The wind came up and blew the awning to pieces down at the store. It looked like a snow storm and struck the store when I opened up this morning. About a half inch of dust on everything.
- 27 Had to draw \$6.50 out of the bank to pay Ma's and Pa's lodge dues with. Also wrote a check for 17.53 [?] for my gun and things. There were two 2 ½ pieces in the till and Mr. Irwin paid me half my wages so I could get them.
- 28 The cat knocked a bottle of Grape Juice nectar off[f] the top shelf into a 5 gal bottle of syrup and smashed the whole caboodle. Got off early this afternoon went over to the Jason to try to get some bananas but couldn't. The Fullerton came in while I was there.
- 29 Ran a palm thorn into my leg when I was playing ball with Leslie. My foot swelled up and it hurt awful bad. Limped all day. Ma put some antiphogistine on it tonight and it will be all right in the morning.
- 30 Mopped out the store this morning. also polished the drain boards of my sink. Got a letter from Gervase Gaffney. He is running Ceasars Drug Store in Boulder Creek. Bought a \$50.00 slug for 50¢. It's an imitation of the old pioneer slug of 1850. Everybody I show it to think it is real. Went over to Jesse's for a while after supper.
- 31 We stayed up tonight until 12 oclock and heard the whistles blow. Leslie tryed [sic] to fire a big fire cracker but he hasn't made it yet and the noise has all stopped. He is as sore as a trooper.

Birds seen at Whites Point, Point Fermin and 19th St. San Pedro on August 20 1915

1. Ruby throated Hummingbird x 2
2. Linnet x4
3. No. Shrike or Butcher Bird x2
4. Herring Gull
5. Turkey Vulture or Buzzard
6. Sparrow Hawk
7. Belted King fisher
8. Semipalmated Plover

9. Black Sea Brandt

10. Blue bird

Seen earlier in season

11. Mourning Dove x2

12. Burrowing Owl x5

13. Black Bird x2

14. Road Runner x1

15. Gold Finch Canary x2

16. Curlew

17. Quail (Valley)

18. Killdeer

19. Coot

20. Meadow Lark

21. Barn Swallow

22. Cliff Swallow

23. Pelicans

24. Redwinged Black Bird

25. Grebe – Hill Diver

26. Great Blue Herons

Books I got from the San Pedro Library

1. A Trip from the Earth to the Moon Verne

2. Coins Ancient and Modern

3. Four in Camp Barbour

4. Four Afloat "

5. Harrys Island "

6. The Alhambra Irving

7. The Return of Sherlock Holmes Watson

8. Treasure Island Stevenson

9. Ramona Helen Jackson (H.H.)

10. The Cave of Gold McNeil

11. Team Mates Barbour

12. The Castaways Rives
13. Double Play Barbour
14. Red Fox Darned if I 'no' hoo' rote it.
15. The Reason Why Elenor Glyn
16. Ethel Drums ---
17. History of L.A. County
18. Boy Scouts in a Submarine
19. [Boy Scouts] in a Aeroplane
- 20.
- 21.

[The following pages include calculations of the money he put in the bank, drawn on checks, money he gave his mother, a map showing the location of water in two caves on hills back of San Pedro and many doodles and drawings.]