# Box 1 Folder #18 True/Lund Family Diaries Author: Mary Ann (Thomas) True 1910

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# Some Highlights:

- Jan. 26. Mary mentions that she had, "Seen the much talked of Comet." Although it was presumed to be Halley's Comet in some parts of the country. What Mary saw was, Comet A of 1910, a newly discovered comet.
- **Feb. 2**. The True's were great fans of Vaudeville in earlier years attending the Unique Theatre on Pacific Avenue about once a week, as motion pictures come of age in 1910 the True's begin to attend the Moving Picture Shows at the Grand and Jewel Theatres.
  - May 12. Mary and Pop up at 3:30am to view Halley's Comet for the first time.
  - May 23. Although automobiles are becoming more numerous on county roads, Pop remains a horseman. After buying a new horse he proudly takes the surrey out on excursions around the county with the entire family.
    - October 6. Mary discovers a gas leak in the basement by using a match to find it.
  - November 7. Though Pop is a staunch Republican and Mary and the Girls are ineligible to vote, "All but Pop went down to hear Ralph Smith at Hackley Hall." Smith is on the County Socialist Party ticket for District Attorney. He will receive 251 votes in 1910.
  - **December** is a busy month preparing for Christmas. The house must be cleaned and decorated. Rollie polished the silver, much to Mary's delight. Gifts are bought and packaged; apples and walnuts for distant family and then sent off at .35¢ each.

Saturday, January 1, 1910

The sun shone when first I awoke but did not remain out long later it became showery and at -9-30 PM is very dark and threatening. Alverda¹ did not get home till after 2.P.M. and Luene² at 4 P.M. She greeted me with Mama I had the swellist[sic] time I ever had in my life They did not get up early Edna³ was over to dinner After she went & I had fed the chickens Alverda & I went and took dear old Dr Chamberlin⁴ a loaf of home made bread & Played Whist5 tonight Well

- <sup>1</sup> Alverda Everlina True, age 22, second daughter of Mary and James True. U.S. Census, 1900.
- <sup>2</sup> Trella Luene True, age 20, third daughter of Mary and James True. U. S. Census, 1900.
- <sup>3</sup> Bertha Edna (True) Rennie age 25, eldest daughter of Mary and James True. She was married to Allan Carpenter Rennie (aka Ren, also Bub), on July 6, 1904. 1900 Census. Sentinal newspaper.
- <sup>4</sup> Dr. Marcus P. Chamberlin, 80 Cayuga St. City Directory, 1904 05, p.

#### Sunday, January 2, 1910

My but this has been a cold day and last might was a cold one too had several showers too We were up late so did nothing but hug the fire till dinner I cleaned the gas pipe in the oven Alverda prepared the dinner This after the Girls¹ went to the Beach While I went to Sea Bright to see our old friend Mrs Miller Came home had supper and wrote four letters one to Alice Mrs Slack Emma Wilson and Cousin Sallie read one from Mrs Slack All Well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Girls; Alverda and Luene True.

#### Monday, January 3, 1910

My but the ground was white with frost this morning and plenty of ice but just the same Alverda & I done the washing not a big one Luene went down to the shop but no work so she came home again Thelma came down fo her butter this after The Girls went down town Alverda bought her self a nice set of furs black I started in to Knit a pair of black wristers<sup>1</sup> for Allan<sup>2</sup> did not get one finished yet Commenced to put dope on all our hair All Well

- <sup>1</sup> Knitted fingerless gloves that covered the wrist.
- <sup>2</sup> Allan Carpenter Rennie (aka Ren, also Bub), married to Bertha Edna (True), eldest daughter of Mary and James True. 1900 Census.

#### Tuesday, January 4, 1910

My for a cold day this fore noon was something fierce We set out water and I had ice enough to freeze a quart or more Cream and we eat it too cold as it was A cold night tonight too Mrs Labonde[La Bonde]<sup>1</sup> came this morning & Alverda took her lesson the first one this year I finished one of Allan's wristers this after & here the other one half finished The Girls down town Luene got herself a new Muff to Match my cape All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Leon Le Bonde, musician, Residence 159 Water St. Santa Cruz City Directory, 1910 – 11, p. 79. Here after cited as City Directory.

#### Wednesday, January 5, 1910

Still another cold day greets us and the wind is in the north tonight We had plenty of ice a quarter of an inch thick So made frozen peach pudding for dinner and supper I finished Bub's Wristers So Edna took them home with them when they came over I am cooking beans tonight Mrs Mead¹ came in this evening a little while I cut out 3 Corset Covers for Luene tonight read a letter from dear Aunte Sinnett She is well All off to bed and Well.

<sup>1</sup> Mead, Lora I., wife of Gaylord K. Mead, living with Harriet Blackburn at, 114 Ocean View Ave. 1910 Census.

#### Thursday, January 6, 1910

Cloudy all day and had a shower this evening After breakfast Edna shared that they had sent for the Doctor for Allan so I went over and stayed till 3.30 Allan did not see much change in him so after I came home they called the Dr again & he ordered Allan to bed I think he is pretty sick Read a nice long letter from Florence Mrs Mead came in too I set bread Alverda down to Dasies Fosters¹ this afte All Well.

# Friday, January 7, 1910

Had a little shower early this Morning for a change the sun shone at times but still remains cloudy We set to this morning and Moved the Piano in the sitting room I set bread last night and baked but it was not good Miss Carpenter run up for Luene She went back this noon Mrs Labrande [Le Bonde] hear Alverda down town this after and over to Edna's Allan is better James came over for his butter The Girls are gone to the Opera house¹ to the Saturday after noon concert All Well

<sup>1</sup> The Schubert Symphony Concert Co. will give a concert at the Opera House Friday evening, January 7, under the auspices of the Saturday Afternoon Club. Sentinel, Jan 1, p. 4.

#### Saturday, January 8, 1910

Cloudy with a very little sun shine No wind to mention but Alverda and I done the washing and then got dry We that is Pop Killed poor old bastie the Silly Rooster he was very fat This after Alverda went to Bridge<sup>1</sup> and I went over to Edna's Allan is still in bed She has rung up several times he is not asleep yet I was in to Wilkies this after Made yeast too Olive and Alverda to snow All Well.

<sup>1</sup> The card game, Bridge was derived from Russian Whist. By 1893, Bridge was introduced in New York, using recently printed formal rules.

Sunday, January 9, 1910

When I awoke this Morning it was just pouring down rain and did not clear away till Middle of fore noon This after twas fine but still the clouds linger by[.] I made 3 Pumpkin and a small one for Edna & one apple Alverda Made a layer devil Cake We were over to see Allan this afte he seemes better not out of bed yet tho Edna rung up they are going to bed We all read the City paper this after this evening I read in the Cosmopolitan<sup>1</sup> a bunch The Girls & I over to Edna's All Well.



<sup>1</sup> Cosmoplitan Magazine was originally published in 1886. In its early days, it was billed as a woman's fashion magazine that includd articles on the home, family, and cooking, but also included articles like "Some Examples of Recent art" and "The Progress of Science." Later it became more focused as a showcase for new fiction and published works... Typically, each issue would have five to eight short-stories, a full novelette, a full short novel, and some article on fashion and health.

Monday, January 10, 1910 Dr here twice today

Not so cold today cloudy looks like rain Well some after

breakfast Edna rung up that the Doctor told them to get a nurse So I got Myself together & over I came with Eggs heater & wash baison[sic] I soon went up to Mother Rennies¹ to have a talk with them So all decided to Move him [Allan] down stairs in the dinning room So Edna[,] Wilkie² & I worked good to get the room ready but the Dr said wait till morning We done many things to get things in order for tomorrow I set bread will remain all night Rest Well.

- <sup>1</sup> Margaret (Dawson) Rennie, Edna's mother-in-law.
- <sup>2</sup> Catharine Wilkins, a widow living with a nephew, Frank A. DeCray a pharmasist, and his wife, Agnes W. at 115 Ocean View Avenue.

Tuesday, January 11, 1910

Dr here twice

Looks like rain this after Sun shines warm at times Allan doing nicely Pop came over this morning early & We got things ready & Allan walked down stairs to his bed in the dinning room We put all the bedding & bed out side to air We done quite a big washing too This after Edna took the horse out went over to the house to get Alverda to go down town With her So just Allan & I hold this ranch down now Edna came home early did not get into the Sale such a crowd Edna went over to the house and brought Me a clean white waist Allan better rest All well.

Wednesday, January 12, 1910

Dr here twice

Raines[sic] a little just a sprinkle this morning was all They Hung the sun out and twas good and Warm Allan had a good night till 4 this Morning Then I got up and gave hime a glass of Milk & he went to sleep again The Dr Said to night he would only come once a day now So that sounds good to me. Edna walked down town this after soon home Both Mr & Mrs Rennie down I Knit a little and done some reading We are all off to bed early the wind Howls too All Well.

Thursday, January 13, 1910

Dr here once

This was a windy day and this after the wind blew a gale and the rain Poured down and still looks rainy Allan had the best day of all today and the best night last night his fever has not reached one Hundred today Edna & I washed out the bedding as we changed his bed Then she went down town Mrs Rennie brought me down a basket of Oranges to make Marmalade when I go home My she is Kind I got the heal of Pops sock trimmed off today trimmed a sheet for Edna so that is done Allan quiet All Well.

Friday, January 14, 1910

Dr here once

This was a disagreeable morning and the wind just Howled in the night rained The most of the day we did not have a good night last night but the day was a good one for Allan he danced a jig in the evening in Spite of my eferts[sic] to controle[sic] him Edna down town this fore noon Mrs Soderer and the two Kids<sup>1</sup> in here all after to torment Allan finially[sic] they went to our delight Mr Stone<sup>2</sup> came in this evening seemed to do Allan lots of good this is a starey[sic] evening but we have lots of wind Well

- <sup>1</sup> Harriet Soderer, and 3 year old Alvira and 11 month old Kenneth. Harriet is married to Frederick M. Soderer a railroad repairman. 1910 Census.
- <sup>2</sup> Charles W. Stone, Allan's partner at Stone & Rennie, a plumbing and tinning business, 287 Soquel Ave. City Directory, p. 124.

#### Saturday, January 15, 1910

Dr here once

Rain again today the Wind blew last night Allan did not wake up till 5 this morning so we both had a good night We changed his night shirt and washed it out The Girls over brought a bath robe Alvin was over this morning too William and I came over this evening early I to stay but the Dr said Allan Must have Physic so back I was Allan was on the rampage because Mrs Soderer and the 2 Children wanted to spend the evening there I did not sleep and Allan has no fever rest Well

Sunday, January 16, 1910

Dr here once

My how it rained and the wind blew cleared off this evening wind in the North Allan still continues to improve has no fever Edna and I made an Suit [Suet] Apple Pudding<sup>1</sup> I hoped to get home for dinner but as the Dr dident call till four I did not get home till late Allan is to be up tomorrow My I am sleepy have changed my bed an cleaned our bed room the Girls to the Beach Read 2 letters one from Sallie one Mary My I must to bed All Well

<sup>1</sup> Suet Apple Pudding. Made from suet [animal fat], raisins, apples, vanilla and flour (sifted with salt and soda). Often served with either a lemon sauce or a vinegar sauce.

#### Monday, January 17, 1910

This was a beautiful day the sun was warm and nice Alverda & I washed a big one too Then we both washed our hair Then I molded the bread over had dinner then I run over to Agnes to get her receipt[sic] for Orange Marmalade Came home & made a nice lot Mrs Johnston called She lookes well Tis evening I made raised Biscuits & four loaves of bread and a Sponge Cake for dad William came over for Edna's butter I am tired and sleepy rest Well

#### Tuesday, January 18, 1910

This was a nice day the sun shone all day The Girls did the ironing Alverdas teacher did not come so she did not take a lesson I took up some Mum slips for myself and some Swiss Chard for Mrs Dunning<sup>1</sup> the Girls down town I cleaned the Gas range Mrs D[Dunning] came over for a time soone the Girls came Edna and Allan are getting along fine I felt tired and cold tonight so hied to bed early rest All Well

<sup>1</sup> Jennie L. (Huntington) Dunning. She is married to James Isaac Dunning, (aka Mr. D, or D–). Jennie is his second wife. They have one son, James who is twelve years old in January 1910. Residence: 94 Dufour St., Santa Cruz. 1910 Census.

#### Wednesday, January 19, 1910

This too was a bright clear day cold tho The Moon shines brightly Mrs Lebande came up this Morning but Alverda did not take her lesson Luene & I cut out a blue Gingham one piece Suite for her Pop took us all for a drive out to Mr D– and home Alverda & Luene stopped down town A[Alverda] bought herself a pair of shoes I was in to see Mrs Blackburn¹ she is Misserable[.] This evening the Girls & I in to Play Whist with Agnes All Well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mrs Harriet Blackburn, a widowed neighbor, living at 114 Ocean View Avenue with her brother, Gaylord K. Mead and sister-in-law, Lora T. 1910 Census.

#### Thursday, January 20, 1910

No sunshine today Cloudy all day and tonight commenced to rain again cold this morning I melted up some soap and put in sand stone and made cleaning sand soap got it cut and and [sic] in a box to dry got some in my right eye too William came over this after I made cornbread for Supper and fried doughnuts The Girls in to Buckleys tonight I wrote 4 letters one to Mary[,] Cousin Sallie[,] Florence and Reba I am tired My eye pains me All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Sandsoap is a gritty soap made with sand or pumice used by anyone working with dirt, oil, or grease, similar to "Lava" brand sold today.

# Friday, January 21, 1910

Another cloudy day They never hung out the sun at all. Alverda and I cleaned up the sitting room Then Mrs Labonde [Le Bonde] came & she [Alverda] took her lesson while I aired our bed & bedding and cleaned up our room. Luene changed the cloth on the dinning room table and we Prepared the dinner We had clam soup and clam Patties The Girls went down town then Alverda went again later and this evening we all went down to hear Herold McPherson's talk on Rome fine All Well

<sup>1</sup> Harold E. McPherson, managing editor of the Sentinel.

#### Saturday, January 22, 1910

It commenced to rain some time last night and was raining when we got up but just the same Luene and I done the washing but none of the clothes got dry I was home alone this after Luene went down town and Alverda to Bridge at Lueille Colmans<sup>1</sup> I set Bread and made some Apple Sauce for Supper Mrs Mead<sup>2</sup> came in this evening Mrs Blackburn<sup>3</sup> is better looks like more rain tonight All Well.

- <sup>1</sup> Luiele Coleman, wife of Waldo E. Coleman, manager, Light & Power Co. 1910 Census.
- <sup>2</sup> Lora Mead, sister-in-law to Harriet Blackburn, living at 114 Oceanview Ave. 1910 Census.
- <sup>3</sup> Harriet [Mead] Blackburn, living with a brother, Gaylord Mead and sister-in-law Lora Mead. 1910 Census.

# Sunday, January 23, 1910

It has blew and rained today the fore noon was windy and in the aft and evening it rained but we got our clothes dry just the same I made 4 loaves of bread and 2 pans of Biscuits a sponge cake 3 lemon Pies and black berry one And assisted with the dinner This after the Girls went for a walk and to Ednas I did not go out Read this evening I wrote 2 letters one to Mrs Thistlethwait<sup>1</sup> and Aunt Emma Luene wrote some too Now all are off for bed Well.

<sup>1</sup> From Notes for 1911. Mrs. [Annie] Thistlethwaite, 116-4 Ave North, Seattle, Washington. According to 1910 census Charles and Annie Thistlethwaite are living at 309, Fourth Avenue North, Seattle, Wash.

#### Monday, January 24, 1910

Pop buyes New flannels

My but the wind did blow last Night and some today and rained some too but this evening the Moon is very bright and clear Alverda & Luene down town this fore noon I prepared the dinner This after I fixed over the new bath robe all to cord around the neck & arm size binding This afte Alverda went for a little walk with Kit Luene down to the Shop nothing doing We played Bridge a little this evening All Well



#### Tuesday, January 25, 1910

Cleared off for a time this fore noon but clouded up again this after and now tis raining

Mrs Lebande came this morning and Alverda took her lesson I ironed some and finished fixing over the Bath robe this After Edna came over and I went out for a little drive in the muck not very Pleasant The girls down town this after & in to see Pearl [Bliss] This evening Just came home this ten Oclock wrote 2 letters one to to[sic] Mabel and Aunt Bacon Now I am tired All Well.

Wednesday, January 26, 1910 Jamese's[sic] Birthday 12

Must of rained all night and was still at it this morning and continued till almost noon I got dressed and Alverda and I walked down town I took the Car [Tolly] and went out to Dunnings to spend the day had a nice visit with them remained to Supper Seen the much talked of Comet<sup>1</sup> I came home on the Car found a letter from our Mattie & Reba The dog was gone all after just came home the Bad dog All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Discovery of the New Comet, Scientists at Lowell, Arizona, observatory able to photograph the new body. ...known as Comet A of 1910. Sentinel, Jan 26, 1910, p. 3.

# Thursday, January 27, 1910

This was a beautiful day the sun shone most of the day good and warm I had the misfortune to break My under Plate this Morning consequently I had to hike to the dentist Will not get it till tomorrow Made 2 Divel[sic] Cakes for Alverda she had the Jolly four up this after Mrs Swank¹ called too Also Mrs McCormick she looks well William came over for Eggs for his Grand Mother to set Read a postal from Aunt Emma She has torn the legiments[ligaments] on her left hand All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Druesilla J. Swank, Widow. 1910 Census.

# Friday, January 28, 1910

This the Most beautiful day we have had in a long time Mrs Le Bonde came and Alverda took her lesson I cleaned our bed room & aired all the Bedding Received a letter from Gertrude with 2 of the Babies Pictures in it Answered it tonight Johnie & baby here also Allan and Edna The Girls and I down to the Swain not very good then home early a nice night too All Well—

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# Saturday, January 29, 1910

Cloudy till after noon then the Sun did not shine much Alverda and

I done the Washing not a big one I set Bread and did not get it Baked till after nine this evening The Girls over to Muriels to her Luncheon to her announcement Had a good time I was home alone all after Read all the after This evening Pearl came in and they told fortunes all evening with cards Alverda is trying to learn how [can not be read] late and I am tired All Well

# Sunday, January 30, 1910

This was a nice sunshiny day and the evening was nice but a little cloudy The Girls went down to the Beach and in swimming did not return till noon I prepared the dinner and after we had eaten We all went down to the Beach to listen to the Band a big Crowd down there. I wrote a letter to Aunt Mattie and then the Girls and Myself went down to hear Hocom Lecture<sup>1</sup> Not Very good All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Charles Hocum, First Spiritual Curch, at Native Sons Hall. Hocum's lecture was titled, "The Trend of the Human Thought of the Present Hour." Sentinel, p. 7.

#### Monday, January 31, 1910

Cloudy all day only hung the sun out a short time Then this evening late it Commenced to rain and is coming down now I worked all fore noon up stairs did not finish till this after I cleaned the Spare room Labitory[sic] Sewing room & Hall The Girls over to Smiths this after to Sew Carrie Steinmetz called this after had a nice visit with her William came over to get eggs I gave him 2 day eggs I am reading Silver Horde<sup>1</sup> a fine Book. All Well



<sup>1</sup> The Silver Horde, A Novel by Rex Beach, Harper & Brothers, 1909, a story of adventure and love in the Alaskan wilderness. Advertised in Evening Sentinel, August 25.

# Tuesday, February 1, 1910

Well dear old Feb came in with a howling North Wind it has blew a gale all day and is still howling The Girls went down to the Sale Luene got a Skirt Alverda a waist and pair of black silk gloves for me \$3– Mrs Le Bonde came and Alverda took her lesson Mrs Mead came in this Morning I made a layer Cake & set bread this evening The Girls were home this after till late Luene went down to the Shop goes to work Thursday We are All Well

#### Wednesday, February 2, 1910

Not so much wind today and this evening the stars shine brightly I had a time with my bread the dough did not raise So I had Luene go to the corner for a Cake of yeast and put that in & set the loaves found it would be to late so put it in the Pan again and baked it this evening Thelma down Edna came over I cleaned up the sitting room done the dishes & cleaned the Skilet This evening Pearl Bliss¹ the Girls and My self down to the library & to the Moving Picture Show² All Well.

- <sup>1</sup> Pearl Bliss, 19 year old daughter of Charles (a dentist) and Ladie Bliss, 93 Ocean View Ave. 1910 Census.
- <sup>2</sup> There are two Moving Picture Theatres in town; The Grand Theatre was showing the Ketchel / Johnson middleweight title fight, ladies were invited. The Jewel was showing "Camille" in addition to its regular program.

#### Thursday, February 3, 1910

My but this was a cold Morning in fact all day and has not moderated never at this writing 9.45 PM Early this Morning Ollie rang up to have me keep Thelma today Mrs Bossart [Bossert] was so sick so she was here all day Mrs White called this after so glad to see her Alverda over to Smiths to sew all after And she and Luene over to Play Bridge Whist This evening I read & knit a little then I wrote a letter to Mrs Calvert All Well

# Friday, February 4, 1910

This was a nice day but still remaines cold I cleaned up in the sitting room a little then dusted Mrs Le Bonde came Alverda took her lesson I prepared the dinner and made a Devil Cake for Alverda to take to the dance to Hackley Hall<sup>1</sup> she & Luene gone Edna over Alverda and I down town this afte I also went around to Call on Mrs Dr. York<sup>2</sup> she looks fine Pop has taken his bath so I must hie to bed am sleepy All Are Well

- <sup>1</sup> Hackley Hall, next to the Unitarian church on Center Street. A two story building with auditorium upstairs and club rooms on ground floor.
- <sup>2</sup> Mary E., wife of, Dr. James M. York, 63 Caledonia St. Directory, p. 139. 1910 Census.



# Saturday, February 5, 1910

A beautiful day this one was the Sun shone nice and warm all day fist[first] I put the clothes to soak set a Sponge for bread Washed with Alverdas help Then I dressed the Rooster Moulded the bread & set it to raise again Washed the dishes Rested a little afte I changed My dress James came for a old wheel Tonight I baked 3 pans of biscuits 5 loaves 3 lemmon Pies a divels Cake a Sponge Cake and have Pea nuts in roasting all Well Alverda to bridge

# Sunday, February 6, 1910

Did not look much like rain early this Morning but just after dinner down it came the wind is high but the stars shine Allan & Edna came over to dinner he seemes all right now The old rooster did not taste so good as I thot it would The rain sent Edna & Allan home early The Girls went to the Beach so Pop and I here alone I popped some corn we only got Supper for Pop The rest had a lap Supper I wrote 2 letters one to Auntie Sinnett and Aunt Emma All Well.

#### Monday, February 7, 1910

Rained this fore noon but clear this afte but not cold clear tonight too and not very cold I fixed new steels in my old Corset Waist then I came down stairs and went to work at the Gas range and with Pops assistance we put 4 rivets in the bottom I cleaned out the Pipe too I sewed up 7 Pillow cases this afte Mamie and her mother came over and spent the evening We served Chocolate and Cake All Well.

#### Tuesday, February 8, 1910

Cloudy but did not commence to rain till some time in the night I mopped the Kitchen Linolium and prepared the dinner as Alverda took her lesson then in the afte Edna came over and we went down town She had several errands to do I rode as far as Ollies but she was not home so I came home sewed up Eight Pillow cases then I tended the Chickens Received a postal from Florence of the 2 little youngsters All Well

#### Wednesday, February 9, 1910

Misty all fore noon and cloudy all day but tonight the stars shine I creased all the hems in the Pillow cases and 3 Sheets stitched them in this evening I went out and made 2 calls Miss Peters and the Stienmetz I had a nice visit with both families I fit Alverdas Pasha Silk Suit then we played cards a time Mrs Mead came in this morning and sit a while All Well.

# Thursday, February 10, 1910

This has been a beautiful day Just like Summer not nor was the evening Cold this fore noon Alverda and I cleaned up the Sitting room then this afte we Alverda and Myself went on the Street[car] and called on Miss Lang Mrs Norman Mrs Fred Peterson<sup>1</sup> Mrs Frapwell<sup>2</sup> Mrs Forsyth<sup>3</sup> and Mrs Merrell [Merrill]<sup>4</sup> Alverda did not go to either Mrs Forsyths or Mrs Merrells I came home from Mrs Forsyth as Edna came down then I went back to Mrs Merrells later I worked on a Cap for Mrs Carpenter Well

- <sup>1</sup> Katherine Peterson. Residence: 42 Ocean View Ave. 1910 Census.
- <sup>2</sup> Cora Frapwell. Residence: 65 Ocean View Ave., living with her husband, Henry a hardware store clerk. 1910 Census.
- <sup>3</sup> Susan J. Forsyth. Residence: 76 Ocean View Ave. 1910 Census.
- <sup>4</sup> Dacie Merrill. Residence: 80 Ocean View Ave. 1910 Census.

# Friday, February 11, 1910

This was a beautiful and bright day warm and fine I gave our bedroom a good cleaning and aired all the bedding & bed Alverda took her lesson I had to prepare the dinner Edna came over this afte and we went down town Then we came home and took a Glass of Jell over to Mrs Morrisons little Boy he is sick this evening the Girls and Myself went down to hear the Lecture on Germany<sup>1</sup> fine All Well.

<sup>1</sup> At the Congregational Church, "Six Weeks in Germany," by Harold McPherson, Editor Sentinel.

#### Saturday, February 12, 1910

A nice day was this one too but the evening is not so fine Alverda and I done the washing then I molded the bread and buscuits Made a can full of doughnuts then I cleaned up the Kitchen swept the Porches changed My dress James and a little friend of his came then I came up and set the bread & Biscuits have them all baked also a loaf of Sponge Cake this evening the Girls and Myslelf went to the Casino neda[sic] dance<sup>1</sup> My such a Mob All Well.

<sup>1</sup> A masquerade costume ball sponsored by the Ladies MacCabees.

#### Sunday, February 13, 1910

This was a nice day but cloudy tho it was warm The Girls went down swiming[sic] while I remained home and Prepard the dinner and made an Apple sauce Cake had fine success too This after Pop took us fore a drive around the cliff we left the Girls to the Beach and we drove out on Pryce Street to see the house that burned a few nights ago I am tired and sleepy so will hie to bed Well.

#### Monday, February 14, 1910

North wind just blew a gale all night and is still blowing not very cold tho I worked in the garden repotted several plants after dinner Alverda and I hooffed it down town and trotted all around to look at Suits but did not get any Came home and done up the work then I went over to see the little Morrison boy he is Much better in the evening we the Girls & I over to Agnes to play cards All Well

# Tuesday, February 15, 1910

North wind again cold too Luene did not go to work this fore noon did not feel well Alverda and I swept some I cleaned the toilet up stairs then Mrs Le Bonde came and Alverda took her lesson I prepared the dinner this afte I worked in the Garden took up all the Chrysanthemums Planted sweet Peas Onions, Tomatoes and Peppers I transplanted some Lettice[sic] Plants I am tired I don't like this old wind Well.

# Wednesday, February 16, 1910

Note from Miss Hughes.

North wind but did not blow so hard as Yesterday I don't think hard evening tho We were up good and early for us Alverda and I down town before 8-30 & home by ten I prepared the dinner cut out 2 Kitchen Aprons for Myself but did not succeed in getting either one finished Read a letter from Aunt Emma and a Postal from Mary. Mrs Blackburn came in for a time then this evening the Girls and I went down town to the Moving picture Show All Well.

# Thursday, February 17, 1910

The north wind did not blow till noon then it blew again I cleaned the Piano My it was dusty Then I led the horse from the barn to draw dressing up Pop was hawling from the barnyards I transplanted my tuberoses[sic] & put some leaf mold on the fernes[sic] This afte Edna took me over to Miss Hughes to sew for her There I met Mrs Barson Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Morety sewed all afte had tea Then did not get home till after Seven All Well.

# Friday, February 18, 1910

Rained last night and was cloudy all day with rain tonight Mrs Mead came in this morning and that made our dinner late for Mrs Le Bonde came and Alverda took her Singing lesson I cleaned our room a little could not air the bedding too wet I done a little mending this afte did not feel good at all Alverda over to Kits this afte They are both over to Blisses now I am cooking a big pot of beans on the fire Place I read a little tonight do not feel good yet Rest Well

#### Saturday, February 19, 1910

Misty all fore noon and cloudy but did not rain much a good deal of wind Alverda and I done the Washing a big one too Then I dressed the old hen and cleaned all the hen nests and put in new straw and put 2 setters on new nests I set Magie yeast bread Alverda over to Smiths to the club Edna came over did not stay long tried to get some eggs to set did not succeed The Girls and Myself to Casino dance not a big crowd and cold too All Well.

#### Sunday, February 20, 1910

Still cloudy but did not rain first I Molded My bread out baked Biscuits & 5 loaves Made a Sponge Cake & 5 pies one berry Rest Pumpkin Alverda went to Church She Made a devel[sic] Cake and some divinity Candy I am so tired I just ache I had all the cleaning up and sweeping to do too The Girls went to the Beach this afte late Luene got [can not be read] with Archibald for 2 hours My he is a slicker I read this afte I am very tired so will hie to bed early to get caught up All well.

#### Monday, February 21, 1910

Looked like rain for a time this fore noon but cleared away I done the dishes then tried to clean the Gas range but could not get all the screws out even with Pops health [help] Edna came over this after We went out & got one setting of eggs black miner did not get any more I ripped up My Grey Skirt and cut it over but did not fit it all basted A clear bright moon light night All well.

#### Tuesday, February 22, 1910

Rained this fore noon but cleared for a while in the afte cloudy still the evening was misty at times Mrs Le Bonde came this Morning and Alverda took her lesson I worked on my old Grey Skirt I was fixing over Mrs Meade came over for a while Alverda & Luene out for a little walk Luene was home early from work I have My old skirt ready to press The Girls and Myself down to the Armory dance a good crowd there We did not get wet All Well.

#### Wednesday, February 23, 1910

Misty this fore noon for a while and a little rain fell this afte as well I pressed My old grey skirt this Morning looked real good Alverda down to see Miss Le Bonde She is to sing for the Aramatic Pand[?] of the Saturday after noon class She Sung the swallows done real well I went out to get some eggs to set got the blue ones I called to see dear old lady Chamberlin and Mrs York I am so sleepy and tired All Well.

#### Thursday, February 24, 1910

No Sunshine today Misty and foggy did not rain till tonight not so cold tho. Alverda and I cleaned up the Sitting room then I cleaned up the store room and swept down the stairs. I also mopped the back porch and steps this afte Alverda down to the corner and over to Kits to sew and to get fortune telling cards they are both in to see Pearl Bliss this evening I did not sew only this evening I padded a little on alverda's table cloth I also set bread wrote to florence All Well.

# Friday, February 25, 1910

Clear this Morning for a time then it Clouded up again tho the Sun shon warm at times too Mrs Le Bonde came and Alverda took her lesson I baked 5 loaves and Biscuits I prepared the dinner too This afte Edna came over and we went out to see James who is better We went out and got 6 more eggs to set I had to do My Mending this evening Alverda and I Made Divenity[sic] candy I popped some corn All Well.

#### Saturday, February 26, 1910

Set 2 hens on blue Andelusian eggs

Still a few clouds linger near ready at any time to drop their dampness on the sod below Alverda & I washed and the clothes got dry too Then she took the feathers off the old hen & I got her ready for the Pot She and Luene went down town but I remained home till after the chickens were fed When I walked over to Mrs Hastings & got the setting of Blue Andulicean eggs<sup>2</sup> Now I have two hen setting This evening Pop and all went to the Grand to hear the Bistolifore [Bistolfi's Orchestra] Play very good they were Itilians[sic] All Well.

<sup>1</sup> The Andalusian breed of blue feathered chickens originated in the Andalucia region of Spain in mid-1800. The Andalusians are good coop birds since they are fairly quiet and tolerant of confinement, and have the ability to lay up to 160 white eggs per year.

#### Sunday, February 27, 1910

Cloudy again today but the sun shone at times nice and warm The Girls went down and in Swimming this Morning I remained home and prepared the dinner then we all went to the Beach The Girls and I wade while Pop walked I was too tired to walk. Came home early and had Super after Alverda and I had looked over the Papers in the atic and set the trap for the Mouse & caught it The Girls & I to the Grand again better than Saturday Sprinkled too All Well—

# Monday, February 28, 1910

Fog early this morning but the Sun shone all the afte nice and warm I cleaned up the Kitchen done the dishes and Swept the dinning room. After Alverda finished ironing she put out a new Violet bed This afte I sewed a little on my old Kitchen Aprons Alverda was down to the shop several times to get Braid to finish her hat has it all finished now This evening The Girls and I over to Agnes to Play Bridge Whist Made 8 Glasses of Orange marmalade Well.

#### Tuesday, March 1, 1910

A heavy fog and a wet one this morning but the sun came out clear and warm Yes just hot Mrs Le Bonde came and Alverda took her lesson While I prepared the dinner My but I was tired Edna came over early and she went down

town for a few erron[sic] Then we took the dogs to River for a bath my such a time Came home & fed the Chickens & cleaned all of the Peppers on the drive way All Well.

#### Wednesday, March 2, 1910

This has been a perfect day just like Summer we did not have any fire tonight I dusted in the sitting and some in the parlor Then I cleaned the light on the Porch and trimmed the Hidranga and worked on the drive way have all the Poppies weeded now This afte Edna and I called on Mrs Zealer [Zealear]<sup>1</sup> Mrs Parker and Mrs Johnston but she was out I set another hen tonight Mrs Foster Came down this evening We walked down with her All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Mrs Samual Zealear, partner Zealear and Rhein Dry Goods store. Directory, p. 140

Thursday, March 3, 1910

Pop plants Cucumber seed

Another beautiful day too nice to remain in doors if one only can get out side Alverda and I Cleaned the sitting room and pulled and tugged till we got the Piano in the Parlor over more I set bread made Biscuits for Supper Alverda made frozen Peach Pudding & a sponge layer cake I sewed on the Aprons some have one finished this evening Curtis Archibald<sup>1</sup> and a boy friend came up to spend the evening[,] here yet 11PM All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Curtis Archibald, age 18. Residence, 15 Storey St. Father, Clarence is a grocer. 1910 Census.

#### Friday, March 4, 1910

Fog for a time early this fore noon and cold but the after noon was good and hot in the sun Alverda took her lesson I baked bread 5 loaves & Biscuits and prepared the dinner Edna came over & we went out She took me out to Dunnings Mrs D has a sore finger Daisy Foster here we walked home with her and to the shop to get Luenes dirty Apron Mrs Norman called for the first time but I did not see her Cleaned our bed room and aired the bedding All Well.

#### Saturday, March 5, 1910

Fog early this fore noon too but just the same Alverda and I done the washing Then I dressed the old hen and done up the dishes had dinner then I dressed and went down to the store and down town with Luene My but I was good and tired Alverda to bridge Club & wone[sic] the Prize A Silver Cadilebra [Candleabra] very pretty also the engage ment of Miss Fargo & MCPherson [McPherson] This evening the girls and Myself to the Casino dance not a big crowd there All Well

<sup>1</sup> Engagement of Anna L. Fargo and Harold E. McPherson. Sentinel, March 6, Grace Lee's Social Chat, p. 8.

#### Sunday, March 6, 1910

Cloudy today again and the Sun did not shine very warm or bright when it was out not much wind till this afte when Pop drove around the cliff Then it was cold We left the Girls to the beach & came home I put the old hen on to cook Then Alverda finished up the dinner I cleaned up the tent and potted one of the Bogonia bulbs I am tired and sleepy too Mr Rollie Wyman<sup>1</sup> of Soquel is up tonight to see the Girls All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Roland V. Wyman, 21 year old son of Adii W. and Anna J. Wyman of Soquel Township. 1910 Census.

#### Monday, March 7, 1910

Fog today again the sun did not get out till late and then twas cold. I mended the socks and stockings Then Mrs Mead came over and we talked till time to get dinner This afte I set out Poppy and Cinarles[sic] all along the drive way fence Edna Came over also Mrs Labonde [Le Bonde] She is assisting Alverda to do water Collors[sic] on bridge cards. This evening Pop and all went to the Grand not anything extra All Well—

#### Tuesday, March 8, 1910

Fog early but the sun shone later but Oh My but the fore noon was cold. I had to hug the fire all fore noon Mrs Labonde came and Alverda took her lesson I prepared the dinner and made a 2 layer cake then after dinner we

Alverda took the Car up to Mrs Hillekers She was in the City We shopped down town I got a hair Shampoo Came home & we both washed our hair later Edna came and I went down town with her I sewed on the table Cloth this evening I am tired All Well

Wednesday, March 9, 1910

Another foggey[sic] Cold day and now it has come in foggy this evening again the sun was warm and nice when it did shine I let Alverda have all the time she could to sew so I prepared the dinner she Painted all afte Mrs Labonde came up I padded on the table cloth Miss Alfred came in this afte late Now we are all ready to hike for Hackley Hall to see the Widdow[sic] Hunt There was an emmence crowd very good All Well.

Thursday, March 10, 1910 Earthquake 10:55 P.M.

They did not hang out the Sun at all today and it was good and cold Alverda went the fore noon to Mrs Bower to vote on a Present for Ellenor I prepared the dinner Swept the Sitting room and Parlor My but I was tired Edna came over this afte Ollie & Thelma to spend the after noon I worked on the table cloth My but I am tired Alverda out to Miss Lincolns this afte And tonight they both to Cassidy's¹ hope they get home early I am so sleepy set Bread tonight Now I must hie to bed Well.



<sup>1</sup> Cassidy family. Residence: 22 Seabright Ave. The widow Susan Cassidy living with her four adult children. 1910 Census.

Friday, March 11, 1910

Carnagie here<sup>1</sup>

My but this was another cold foggy day the sun shone for a time this morning but soon the fog came in Mrs Labonde Came this morning and brought a girl to play I beaked this fore noon and prepared the dinner My but I do get so tired Cleaned our room Made doughnuts this afte late Thelma came down & had some We played cards for a while this evening Pop down town to see Carnigie All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Andrew Carnagie, who made millions in the steel industry, built libraries across the country. He visited Santa Cruz and the Big Trees grove in Felton. A tour of the grove and a banquet was held there in his honor.

Saturday, March 12, 1910

This has been a foggy day with only a little sunshine late in the after noon and this evening it seemes cloudy too Alverda & I done the washing then I dressed the old hen felt too Miserable to eat any dinner so did not go down town as I had intended. Remained home alone the Girls and Pop all down town. Pop had a letter from Harry answered it after dinner This evening Luene and I down to the Casino Alverda went with Rollie Dan took them down in the Auto All Well.

Sunday, March 13, 1910

The sun was shining this morning but was cloudy at times during the day & evening I prepared the Breakfast and made 2 Custard pies for dinner then I went out in the yard and planted in Pots the 3 other bulbs Mr Muller [Mueller]<sup>1</sup> gave Me last year they are sprouten[sic] nicely now We all Walked down to the beach this afte Pop and I came home by Edna's to see their Kitchen Cellar in pantry it a[sic] new looks fine I am dead tired All Well

<sup>1</sup> Gustav R. Mueller, living at, 24 No. Branciforte Ave. with his wife Anna B. (Lieske) and daughter, Bertha. According to the Voter Registration of 1896, Gustav has a double thumb on his right hand.

#### Monday, March 14, 1910

Must of rained a good part of the night had several showers today and had not cleared off yet tho the Sun shone a good deal After I finished the dishes I finished up the ironing then I prepared the dinner we were soon thru with the work & Alverda went down town did not return till 4 and had Soquel along and now he come up this evening and they are out for a walk Mrs Mead came I done the Stocking Mending and read the Paper This evening I am reading Flower of the Dusk. Well

<sup>1</sup> Flower of the Dusk, by Myrtle Reed McCullough. A love story, almost a fairytale. Copywrite 1908, Nickerbocker Press, New York.

#### Tuesday, March 15, 1910

This was a cloudy day but did not rain till in the night or early in the Morning We were up late too Soon Miss Googans<sup>1</sup> came to Play for Alverda sing Mrs Labonde Came to give her a lesson just after dinner Pearl Bliss<sup>2</sup> Came then Mrs Bixler<sup>3</sup> and a little later

Edna I went out with her down town Came home and stopped to the store for Groceries Pop and I down to the Grand the Girls had Company Mamie & some friends All Well.

- <sup>1</sup> Violet Googins, 16 years old.
- <sup>2</sup> Pearl Bliss, 19 years old. A music teacher.
- <sup>3</sup> Ellen A. Bixler, 39 years old homemaker. Married to William, a barber.

#### Wednesday, March 16, 1910

Alother [Another] gloomy day not much Sunshine and got in and rained this evening with some wind Alverda put the Stamped Scallopp on her table Cloth then Kittie came in Then Mrs Blackburn So the dinner was late With lots of hubbub too I hate such calls Then Just after dinner the gate slammes and Whom should Come but Mrs Onstott and her Sister Mrs Spillman We did have such a nice visit with them They remained to supper and to see Luene The Girls to see Hilma for a little time this evening All Well

#### Thursday, March 17, 1910

Cloudy all fore noon but the sun shone This afte but the wind blew lots Cloudy This evening again after I done the breakfast dishes and Alverda had Gilded her roses we Cleaned up the sitting room and susted some After dinner Mrs Labande Came and Alverda took her Painting lesson Pop has Commenced to Dr his old horse and such a time just tirreble[sic] Soquel Came up Luene & I to Medal Contest at Methodist Church fine good crowd All well.

#### Friday, March 18, 1910

Cloudy all day Misty at times So I Could not air our bedding Cleaned up the room and baked bread and biscuits Alverda took her Music lesson this MorningAfter dinner I took the Car & Went over to Sea Bright to see Mrs Onstott & sister her Mother Mrs Miller looks well came home by Car as well have 2 hens Hatching hope they do well. This evening the Girls & Myself down to hear Herold McPherson lecture on Holland just fine The house Packed looks rainey out All Well

#### Saturday, March 19, 1910

# 24 little chickens

Foggy but I thot it Might clear off So Washed any way Alverda assisting but just after dinner it commenced to rain and is Still at it Tho it looks lighter Alverda to Club I took off one hen have 24 little ones now hatched well-been home all afte alone Luene went down town alone Alverda did not get the Prize this time <sup>1</sup>Wyman Came in in[sic] all the rain and took both the Girls to the dance not many there rained hard when they went but not when they came home Well

<sup>1</sup> Roland (Rollie) V. Wyman, 21 year old son of Adii W. and Anna J. Wyman of Soquel Township. 1910 Census.



Sunday, March 20, 1910

This was a rainy day or fore noon and is still cloudy tonight The Girls did not get up early We had our breakfast alone Then I went down and took the other old hen off put them both in one Coop it was so Cloudy & rainey came up and Alverda made Chocolate cream but they did not turn out good too damp This afte Luene and I went to beach rode on Car both ways Alverda & Wyman Came later with Dan & Girls Wyman here to Supper Dan & Girls up to spend evening I am sleepy All well—

Monday, March 21, 1910

21 little chicken

This has been another Stormy day and some of this evening it just Poured down some wind too This Morning Alverda ironed I tended the little chickens I prepared the dinner While Alverda Worked on her table Cloth this afte Edna came over in all the rain to sew I worked on the padding rained so hard Mrs Labonde could not come up so Alverda did not get her Painting lesson Soquel came up and he & Alverda to Picture show in the rain All Well.

#### Tuesday, March 22, 1910

Sun shone for a time early this Morning but was soon raining again I Moved the little chickens up in the wood shed so much wind Mrs Mead came in then Alverda took her Music lesson I prepared the dinner This afte Alverda went down town I went and spent the after noon with our old neighbor & friend Mrs White Came home and tried Maccaroon but failed again This evening the Girls and Myself down to Ollie Manns¹ to play Bridge Whist rained while we were down there but we did not get wet All well.

<sup>1</sup> Ollie Mann (38) living with her husband Charles, a Southern Pacific employee, and their seven children in the Aptos township. 1910 Census. City Directory p. 85.

#### Wednesday, March 23, 1910

Clear this morning but we have had several showers just the same I washed out Luene's blue eveing dress came out real good too Then I prepared the dinner while Alverda worked on her table cloth this afte she has gone down street with Kit Smith Kit wants to have her Picture took I worked on a Kerchief she is doing for a Shower Saturday Luene & I over to see Mrs Everts Come home found Alverday gone for a walk they came home early All Well.

#### Thursday, March 24, 1910

Did not rain today the sun shone most of the day I took off the other hen with my little one moved all of the little Chickens down in their yard Alverda down town this morning Mrs Mead came in I was in their also Mrs Labonde Came up this after and she and Alverda Painted again on the Bridge Cards Rollie Came up a minute I set bread this evening finished the Kerchief I was doing glad tis done Pop and all went to the Grand pretty good a nice evening All Well.

Friday, March 25, 1910

Postal from Mrs Lucas

It commenced to rain some time this morning and was just Pouring down at 3– Pop got up a little after 6 & I was up at 6–30 And we went down to move the little Chickens back into the Wood shed I made bread also bisquits & Cinnamon roles Ollie was in this afte and she Thelma & Mrs York Came down and spent the evening tonight we played Cards I popped some corn too Alverda down town this afte Edna came over but did not stay long Moon Shines tonight All Well.

Saturday, March 26, 1910

Postal from Calverts

A high wind some of this day with showers and a heavy down Pour all night and morning as well Alverda and I done the washing then I dressed the old hen Mrs Mead came over to chat I made a 2 layer Cake Alverda over to Smiths to a Shower of linen for Illma[.] Pearl Came over too I remained home Luene down town for a little while My such a time as I had fixing that old umbrella of Alverdas Would not stay up I fixed it too Rollie took Alverda & I Luene & we went to Casino diner Came home in rain All Well.

Sunday, March 27, 1910

Easter Sunday

My but it just poured down all fore noon and a good Part of the afte they did not get the Sun out We were up late did not breakfast till nine I done the dishes and cleaned the gas Range a little tended the little Chickens Alverda done the dinner Luene & I home Rollie & Alverda to beach he was here to eat again I have a head ache guess I took a little cold last night. Alverda has just come in so we will all hie to bed early to get one night in All Well.

#### Monday, March 28, 1910

No rain to day the Sunshone nice and warm this evening the Moon is nice and bright This Morning I got in and ironed so Alverda could do work on her table cloth She done the warming up of the dinner I mopped the Kitchen linolium then Alverda and I took the car out to the Card Reader & from there out to Dunning they are all well Wilkie & Agnes came over and we played cards Alverda and Rollie gone out to Soquel to a high ginks I did not sew one stitch All Well.

#### Tuesday, March 29, 1910

This has been a very pleasant day the Sun shone all afte but ws closed this fore noon the evening was fine I made 3 pies this Morning two Apple & Rhubarb and one Custard Prepared the dinner Edna came over this afte and we went down town she had Many erronds to do we did not get home till 5 I Moved My little Chickens down in the yard again this evening Read a letter from dear Thistlethwaites Rollie up for a very short call this evening cut his thumb on the Car All Well.

#### Wednesday, March 30, 1910

Another very Pleasant day warm almost hot this evening was clear and fine this fore noon I washed out the Curtains from the dinning room and have them starched & done up also the Curtain from the Toilet up stairs I washed all the windows in the dinning room & the toilet up stairs Alverda spent the after noon with a few friends at Ednas And this evening she is out for a drive with Dan & Rollie Mrs Dunning came over this afte I ws very tired but Pop Luene and I went to Grande very good All Well—

#### Thursday, March 31, 1910

This was a perfect Summer day warm and fine all day but the old fog came in this evening thick enough to cut I have felt miserable all day worked too hard Putting up the Curtains in the dinning room Alverda went down town this fore noon to get braid for Luenes Suit No success to night she beaded the suit looks real well Alverda has hers finished I went out with Edna for a minute this afte Set bread tonight Girls to take a bath All Well.

Friday, April 1, 1910

Set 2 hens

Almost noon before they hung out the sun it was good and warm all the afte And clear this evening with some wind I cleaned our bed room and prepared the dinner in the afte Edna came over and we drove out Blackburn Gulch for wild flowers got a good many Ollie was here when we came back I bought 2 more settings of eggs and set two hens did not take to it Kindly Well the Girls got off to the dance Rollie Came in a Cab for Alverda but she wont have a better time than Luene & Curtis All Well

# Saturday, April 2, 1910

This was a nice day but the wind blew in the afte good and hard Alverda assisted me with the washing and then got dry in all the wind I dressed the old hen then I made our bed and got dressed Alverda worked on her [table] Cloth then she & Luene down town This evening Alverda and rollie went down to the dance then I took Luene there was a big crowd and all had a good time We did not get home till 12.30 I am tired too All Well.

#### Sunday, April 3, 1910

This has been a beautiful day the wind blew a little but not bad we were up late so had a late breakfast then I made some cookies. Alverda baked them I also made 2 Rhubarb & Apple pies then The Girls went in swimming did not get home till after noon I had the dinner all ready I felt miserable too tho I went with Luene to the Beach met Ollie

& Thelma so were with them Came home had some thing to eat Rollie was here Phoned for Ollie & Thelma to come down & eat Peach ice they came All Well

# Monday, April 4, 1910

Cold and cloudy again with some fog the evening was fine tho I felt miserable today a sick headache and pain in my head I worked out in the yard both fore noon and a little in the afte Alverda ironed this Morning and Paints this afte I picked the Weeds and grass out of the Violets Alverda took a drive with Rollie this evening while his father was at lodge Mrs Mead came in and I did not get the dishes done till after nine Well.

#### Tuesday, April 5, 1910

Not much sun shine cloudy with some wind I was up early but did not accomplish much in to see Agnes & Mrs Mead Came home and prepared the dinner and washed the windows in sitting room Mrs Labonde came & Alverda took her lesson Edna came over and I went out with her The Girls and I to the Casino with Agnes to Saturday afternoon Club blossom dance A swell affair I felt to tired to go but got ready & went just the same Misted a little this even Well—

#### Wednesday, April 6, 1910

#### Yard Plowed

They did not hang out the sun till almost noon and then with a good lot of wind Was up early and had breakfast on time if I dident get home till 12-30 this Morning After I had the chickens fed I Washed the Window in the spare bedroom and the Sewing room this afte Alverda and I went down town she got a new grey silk suit goods to make She and Rollie out to a dance I was in to Smiths a minute Edna came over for a while All Well.

# Thursday, April 7, 1910

This his[sic] been a perfect day and evening as well warm and fine I cleaned the Sitting room up a little then Mrs Labonde came and Alverda took her lesson Planted some Sweet Pea seeds. Came in and prepared the dinner Mrs Mead came in worked on a Kirchief Alverda is making for Muriel Pop took the old Horse down to Furgeson to sell went out Soquel way to look at one did not suit Mrs Everts & Alfred came in this evening Wrote to Bix set bread dressed a chicken All Well.

# Friday, April 8, 1910

Another beautiful day not very warm tho tonight is clear and fine I made 6 loaves of bread and Biscuits a sponge and Devil layer cake then I swept the Hall up stairs & the stairway then I cleaned our bed room & aired all the bedding Alverda left for Mt Herman this afte to return tomorrow night Sadie came over from San Jose & just rung up to say Hoday[sic] I am dead tired went down town with Edna to hold the Horse Luene could not get off All Well

#### Saturday, April 9, 1910

This was not a very pleasant day the sun did not shine much and there was a high wind in the aft I done the washing alone and dressed the old hen Prepared the dinner then I rested for a time got dressed and went down to Hackley Hall to the Pioneer day given them by the Saturday after noon Club all had a good time not a big Crowd Misty this evening and rained Luene & I came home Mrs Bixler and Sadie was there too Alverda came home this evening so She & Rollie went to Casino Well

#### Sunday, April 10, 1910

No Sun shine today very cloudy with a high wind Commenced to rain just after noon and the wind blew higher just Poured down after Supper I worked in the Garden tying up Carnations and planting out new Plants Luene and I did not get out at all rained too hard Alverda & Rollie went to Beach he was up to Supper & spent the evening I have done nothing but read did not even write a letter A man here to sell Pop a driving Mare I must hie to bed All Well.

#### Monday, April 11, 1910

Rain Sunshine & wind has greeted us today but it has seemingly cleared away tonight Alverda went down town to get a divided Shirt pattern this fore noon after she had finished ironing Edna came over this afte to sew Rollie came

up and remianed to Supper he & Alverda walked to the corner & bought some oranges & tomallis[sic] they wernt[sic] good They are gone out to moving Picture Show now My but don't get anything done I am so tired & sleepy all the time Will hie to bed All well.

#### Tuesday, April 12, 1910

Looked like rain for a time this morning but the wind came up and it cleared off I cut out Luenes dividided skirt but did not have time to fit it till tonight looks quite good Mrs Lebonde came up so Alverda took her lesson I prepared the dinner This afte Edna came over and we went down town and to see Dunnings they are all well I set bread and made biscuits for Supper My but I am sleepy so will hie to bed All Well.

#### Wednesday, April 13, 1910

Ilma Fargo Wed<sup>1</sup>

This was a beautiful day and the evening was fine too The sun shone all day I was up on time had the breakfast then I fed My Chickens and moulded out the bread Made biscuit & 6 small loaves of bread took me all fore noon Alverda went down to Congre[gational] Church to Decorate for Ilma's Wedding She and Luene Attended the wedding This afte & now she is out for a drive with Rollie I did not sew cleaned the Machine tho Mrs Wilkins came in this afte for a time. All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Harold E. McPherson and Miss Ilma J. Fargo, at First Congregational Church. Sentinel, p. 1, a two and a half column article with picture of church.

# Thursday, April 14, 1910

A very nice day was this one the sun was up bright & clear and I was up early too so was [cannot read] & the dust flew I stitched Luenes divided Skirt this fore noon & fit it Tonight Edna came over and we went down town and did a little shopping Tonight I padded on the table cloth Rollie came in so Alverda will not get to sew any more tonight Mrs Jonston called this afte did not see her All Well

#### Friday, April 15, 1910

This was a nice day and evening as well the wind blew a little tho twas warm Alverda cleaned up the Sitting room before Mrs Labonde came then she took her lesson I cleaned & aired our bed room and Prepared the dinner Alverda over to sew with Kittie this afte I am still pegging away on Luene's Skirt Mrs Duning came in this afte but did not remain long This evening Luene and I to Hackley Hall to Beach Hill improvement Society<sup>1</sup> a freeze no one there All Well–

<sup>1</sup> Improvement Club Meets: By Josephine Clifford McCrackin. Hackley Hall, the assembly rooms on the lower floor, as well as the auditorium above, was brilliantly lighted and decorated on Friday night, for the reception and entertainment of the Beach Hill section of the Improvement Society and their guests. A dance was held upstairs while below in the club room Bridge whist was played. Sentinel, p. 8.

#### Saturday, April 16, 1910

This was a real Summer day and the evening was perfect so clear & bright we were up early and Alverda and I done the washing a big one too Then I dressed the old hen She [Alverda] prepared the dinner and made a cake for Luene's Picnick[sic] tomorrow Edna came over & I went down town with her finished Luene's devided Skirt this evening after Many difficulties & trials Alverda & R— to Casino¹ Luene & I went too tired as I was Almost out when we reached home Letter from Reba All Well

<sup>1</sup> Dance at the Casino Ballroom.

#### Sunday, April 17, 1910

Another perfect day that is till early in the afte then the cold wind came up and later still the fog came in Luene was up early and she and Revella took the train to Swanton to spend the day with the 2 Harry's Home at 7 report a splendid time I beaked bread and sponge cake this afte Rollie came in he & Alverda to beach & down town This

evening Pop to beach too but I was too tired so remained home to rest Wrote a letter to Aunt Emma this evening All Well

#### Monday, April 18, 1910

This was a cold foggy fore noon and it came in foggy again this evening The Sun did not shine much I went out and planted out the Maiden hair ferns Luene brought down from Swanton They are fine ones Alverda over to Smiths to sew Edna came over and Allan came down and took her home I did not sew till this evening then I padded on the Cloth Alverda is embroidering my but I am sleepy All Well but Pop he Aint Well

#### Tuesday, April 19, 1910

Cloudy today tho the Sun did shine for a little while had a sprinkle this evening and looks like more to follow Alverda went down town I stitched around the border a Scollop of her table cloth & Prepared the dinner She [Alverda] took here Music lesson Pop about the same had nothing but milk all day Mrs Mead over I ripped the sleeve out of my old Silk Jacket The Girls to Music recital with Agnes & Frank[.] Edna & Mrs R over Wrote letter to Reba & Mrs Longstreth Postals to Mrs R Rennie Mrs Queen Mrs Calvert & Cousin Sallie Girls just home All Well.

#### Wednesday, April 20, 1910

This was another beautiful day the Wind came up this evening & twas cold. I moved 6 of the potted begonas[sic] out of the tent on the front Porch put the ferns in the tent Alverda working on her Clothe Edna came over also Mrs Mead We worked on the front Porch Pop a little better I cut out the sleeves for my Black Silk Waist this evening Luene Alverda her & Mrs Mead and myself down to Library & Grand a lovely evening All rest Well.

# Thursday, April 21, 1910

Another fine day warm and nice this evening is perfect I had to dope a hen this fore noon Then came a letter from Harry to Pop and it took till after two to get that answered Alverda down to Fosters to sew Mrs Blackburn came in and gave us 3 tickets for the Concert Tuesday evening So Kind of her Luene trimmed two Hats tonight We Printed Pictures too Rollie came in this evening and they have gone for a drive I cut out Luenes Gray Skirt did not get it marked tho Well.

#### Friday, April 22, 1910

Mrs Huntington over to bring Maple Sugar

My for hot this after noon and evening was the limit My two other old hens have hatched will take them off tomorrow 17 little ones. I baked two Pans of Biscuits & 6 loaves one Raison loaf and Prepared the dinner Alverda took her lesson I cleaned My hair with corn meal Edna came over Harry rung up this evening and Rails Luene to go to Swanton tomorrow night with Peal & her mother She just went wild with joy Pop is better All Well.

#### Saturday, April 23, 1910

Oh my for a hot day but when we first got up an remained till evening I took off the old hen had 17 Chicks Alverda and & I done the washing a big one too I made the layers of cake did not eat Much Luene came home at 3 and went to Swanton with Pearl and her Mother Alverda to Clarks Mrs Mead came over Alverda and I went over to Whistle broches[?] to get Music I went down to Miss Carpenters to get My hat looks very well Alverda and Rollie gone out All Well

#### Sunday, April 24, 1910

Sun shone this Morning and all afte but the wind came up and fog came in so it was cold I prepared the breakfast and tended the Chickens cleaned their yard Shelled the peas for dinner which Alverda prepared Then Pop and I took a walk to the Beach Wind so cold we came home on Car Alverda & Rollie down then too Luene home at Supper time had a fine time Rollie came Alverda out this eve W.

#### Monday, April 25, 1910

A cloudy day this one The Sun has not been hung out all day & the wind blew some this evening was cold I planted out the Young Pepper plants and the Chrysanthemums they all look fine I hoed up weeds too Alverda doing the

ironing I have a stitch in my neck which hampered me till this afte later too a little better Edna came over and She and Alverda down town I felt to Miserable to go Pop is better All Well.

# Tuesday, April 26, 1910

Not much sunshine today either The fog has come to remain seemes Mrs LeBonde came and Alverda took her lesson I Prepared the dinner After which Alverda and I went down town took the Car down & walked home both bought a Pair of shoes Came home done up the chores had supper and got dressed The Girls and Myself down to Hackley Hall to the Trio Concert very good Edna did not come over Could not have the horse I did not do any sewing too tired All Well.

#### Wednesday, April 27, 1910

Fog again today lasts all day but tis clear tonight took me most of the fore noon to spray and clean out the young chickens house I did not get into the house till dinner was ready had two Book peddlers to get rid of Alverda has her Khaki Suit almost finished Also went down town this afte I wrote a Postal to Mrs Huntington like wise did Alverda and Luene Also one to Mrs Rob Rennie & Florence We had great sporte writing in the Ghost Book for Mrs huntington Luene & I down to Corner to mail postal All well

Thursday, April 28, 1910

Mrs Sarah Huntington 76 Birthday

Cloudy with a strand [strong] cold wind from the north The the[sic] sun shone some parts of the day I done up the work & made a Custard got dressed took the Car and went out to Mr Dunnings found Mrs Fannie Perry Mrs Foster Mrs Hanna Perry had a nice dinner Mr & Mrs D Mrs Huntington Mrs Perry Mrs Fanny Perry Mrs Foster & Myself Mr Thompson over and spent the after noon Came home early Pollie came at 8-30 Harry Thomas at 8-45 We set up till 11 Rollie's horse got loose & broke the harness up some he left the horse & rig here all night Well.

Friday, April 29, 1910

Harry departs for Sutter

The sun shone a good part of this day but the wind blew just the same from the north I Prepared the breakfast and set bread tonight I baked Biscuits & 6 loaves of bread. Pop and Harry went down town Rollie took his Harness down and had it mended Came home hitched up and took Alverda down to Mrs LeBonde we swam Prepared the dinner Then we talked and done the dishes Harry & Pop down to Depot Harry left at 3.30 Edna came over just after he left so she & I went to Depot to see him got there in time to see him Rollie here to supper Thelma here Postal from Mrs Calvert All Well

#### Saturday, April 30, 1910

Must of rained early this morning and misted till ten or later then a heavy wind came up and cleared somewhat Alverda and I done the washing not a big one tho they all got dry too I dressed a hen and cooked & ground her up and they Alverda & Rollie made Sandwiches I made 2 Cakes Put lemon filling in one Rollie & Alverda met Luene at corner and went down town got food for Picnick tomorrow we have the Suit case Packed Alverda & Rollie to dance also Luene & Myself a big crowd there too home early All Well.

Sunday, May 1, 1910

This day spent at Swanton<sup>1</sup>

We were up early had Breakfast Rollie stayed all night so was here too We left here a little after Seven took the Car for Ocean Shore Depot<sup>2</sup> Arrived at Swanton 8-45 My such a day first we hiked to Power house left our heavy suit case and hiked another 2 miles mile[sic] making 4 miles we had our Lunch a little below the Power house then we came down to Swanton again met Mr Long coming up so he tagged Luene the rest of the day I have not laughed so much in days and Pop has not in years Such a God forsaken place & cold Oh my Luene & I rushed home I fed the Chickens we had supper My for Laugh a day never to be forgotten Alverda & Rollie out Well

<sup>1</sup> Nestled between Big and Little creeks and along a stretch of the old Coast Highway, now known as Swanton Road, is the small country settlement of Swanton, formerly Laurel Grove. Once a station of the Santa Cruz-Pescadero stage coach run, Swanton in 1906 became the northern terminus of the southern section of the Ocean Shore Railroad. It was

named for Fred Willer Swanton who built a power house on nearby Big Creek. Clark, page 340.

<sup>2</sup> Ocean Shore Depot, the end of the Ocean Shore Railroad in Santa Cruz County, at Swanton. Clark, page 221.

#### Monday, May 2, 1910

Not much sun shine till this afte Then the wind came up but went down this evening I did not acomplish much today Mrs Mead & I put in most of the day talking After dinner I cleaned the Gas stove which was a job I made a Strawberry short Cake for dinner read a postal from Hattie Rennie her dear Mother no better Pop Luene and Myself down to the Grand very good I am tired so will hie to bed Well

#### Tuesday, May 3, 1910

Cloudy and cold a mist fell for a time this fore noon but the afte was pleasenter I picked off all the old dead & full blown roses off the bushes Then Mrs LeBonde came and Alverda took her lesson I prepared the dinner in the afte Edna came over and I went down to hold the horse for her The wind blew a gale too I did not sew any too tired rollie came in this evening & he and Alverda out for a short time he drove in Luene fixing Agnes Hat All Well.

Wednesday, May 4, 1910

Mrs Kate Morgan dies<sup>1</sup>

Vernidas baby borne.

Another cold windy day I thot Alverda and I would freeze for a time this fore noon Started the fire I have the up stairs ready for the Carpet Cleaners tomorrow got Luene's Green Skirt ready to baste up Alverda and I went down town this afte Walked both ways This evening Luene & I down to Dr Kecks² to see her dress form fine We think Luene & I painted some pictures they came out fine Rollie came in and Alverda & he are to the Unique it opened tonight again All Well

- <sup>1</sup> Morgan in Santa Cruz, May 4th, Mrs Kate Morgan, a native of Ireland, aged about 75 years. Funeral service at her home at 77 South Branciforte. High Mass at Catholic Church. Santa Cruz Sentinel. Santa Cruz, California, Friday, May 6, 1910, p. 7
- <sup>2</sup> Josephine F. Keck, an artist. Married to William H. Keck, physician, residence 200 Soquel Ave. City Directory p. 75. 1910 Census.

Thursday, May 5, 1910

Carpets cleaned \$7.30

This was a grand fore noon but the wind came up and blew this afte again tho the sun shone & it was not cold I worked around all morning getting ready for the Carpet Cleaners who came this afte and Cleaned all the mattrasses[sic] upstairs the Hall carpet and Stair Carpet my the dirt that came out of them they look so fresh and nice Mrs Mead & Mrs Blackburn came over Also Edna & William Rollie came in this evening for a short stay All Well.

#### Friday, May 6, 1910

This the most pleasant day we have had for some time not much wind I was up early had breakfast & soon had 6 loaves of bread & 2 pans of Biscuits sit[sic] to raise Then I went over to Mrs Morgan's Funeral Came home mopped half of the Kitchen floor & prepared the dinner Made a Devil layer Cake & Sponge cake after dinner I finished the floor Alverda took her lesson I Knit some today Stanford came over & talked on the front Porch Dorathy over for Asaragnes [Asauragnes] fern All Well.

#### Saturday, May 7, 1910

This was a nice day tho the wind did blow some this afte Alverda and I done the washing not big one We were thru by ten Then I made a layer Devil Cake she made the filling This afte Alverda went to Bridge Club at Lura Williams<sup>1</sup> I did not go out Luene down town and home for a little while I am padding dots in Alverda's Table Cloth there is some fog tonight Rollie came in he and Alverda down to Casino dance Also Luene & Myself big Crowd All Well

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lura M. Williams (20) living with her mother, Mary B. and father, Alfred at 22 Jordan St. 1910 Census.

Sunday, May 8, 1910

The sun did not shine much this fore noon tho it was not cold It was cold before We were up almost nine soon had breakfast then I made a layer Sponge cake and a Short Cake for Strawerries Cooked the old hen and made an Apple Salad Rollie came in and had dinner he and Alverda went to the Beach Pop Luene & I walked down also Rollie was here to Supper also I did not feel real good Alverda & Rollie down to Picture Show All Well—

Monday, May 9, 1910

The Sun shone early this morning then it clouded up and sprinkled the Sun shone this afte and the wind blew too Alverda and I went down town this morning but did not stay long We bought the goods for her suit she is fixing over for herself & Luene This afte I pinned up Luenes green skirt and worked a little on my black silk sleeves Received a Postal from Olive Gray telling of Venedas big boy Mrs Mead came in also the Girls did not get home to Supper till late I am padding dots yet All Well—

Tuesday, May 10, 1910 Circus day.

This was a nice day We were up early I prepared the breakfast fed the young Chickens cleaned the weeds off the drive way Then Alverda and I got dressed and went over to Ednas to see the Circus Parade very good I remained over to dinner after which we went up to see Mrs Rennie Edna brought me home Rollie in to Supper he & Alverda took Strawberry Cake over to Edna's Pop & Luene to Circus Rollie Alverda and Myself to Grande very good too I did not get time to sew much to bed late tonight All Well

Wednesday, May 11, 1910

Pop to City

Another nice day No wind The evenings are fine too Pop & I up a little after five I soon had him something to eat then he left for City & I

went back to bed Raked up the drive way Mrs LeBonde came and Alverda took her lesson Read a letter from Mrs Longstreth she is well. I sewed a little on My sleeves this afte and Padded on the dots for Alverdas Clothe Run in to see Mrs Mead a little while Pop returned home this evening but could not get the farm just on Stock All Well

Thursday, May 12, 1910

This was a nice tho not warm the sun shone and the wind blew too. We were up to see the Comit[sic] at 3-30 but back in bed again tho I did not sleep much I prepared the dinner and signed the Cards to send back to Oakland bank Mrs Rennie came over with Edna this afte she is well we Printed Pictures This evening Rollie came in and we had a talk over Horses he did [not] remain long had to meet his Father down town Well

Friday, May 13, 1910

Mrs C. L. Bliss Passes away<sup>1</sup>

Another beautiful day the evenings are nice too Now moon light I cleaned our bedroom the first time since we had the cleaner Made bread 6 loaves 3 Graham & 3 White & some biscuits then I made a loaf of Sponge then I washed up the dishes & cleaned up the Pantry cleaned the Waffle iron as well Thelma came down & made Marsh Mellows turned out fine Alverda went down to Mrs LeBonde and took her lesson this afte All Well—

<sup>1</sup> Ladie Bliss (46) married to Charles L. Bliss (61), a dentist. 1910 Census.

Saturday, May 14, 1910

2 Letters Florence & Sallie

A good warm day this one but the evening was not so warm Alverda and I done the washing then I dressed the old hen and assisted her to prepare the dinner then she made a nut cake and I made a Devil cake I cleaned up the drean[sic] Board and sink Alverda and Luene down town I was too tired to go I took Luene and went to the Casino tonight Rollie & Alverda went too He remained all night they set up to see the Comit not very bright All Well.



Sunday, May 15, 1910

My but this was a hot after noon and evening the Girls did not get up till late Rollie here all day and evening too I felt Miserable so tired & sleepy. William came over for Butter Alverda & Rollie down town We all went to the Beach this after and Luene Alverda Rollie and Myself down this evening did not say long I am so sleepy the other two went to the dance I guess a good many of the boys are home for Vacation all look thin & bad Edna and Allan down there All Well.

Monday, May 16, 1910

The wind was blowing before we got up this Morning which was early Rollie remained over night went home early this Morning I washed the dishes & prepared the Vigetables[sic] Alverda done the ironing I mended Pops Ganeper[sic] Thelma was down for butter This morning I sewed a little on My black silk waist guess I never will get it done This evening I knit a while then I embroidered on a Jobot of Alverda Well.

Tuesday, May 17, 1910

Pop to Los Altos.

The sun shone early this Morning but the fog came in later and remained all day even in the evening Pop left a little after six for Los Altos to see ablack mare did not see the owner I took up the Stair Carpet and turned it end for end. Washed the windows in the Parlor & Luene's room also the glass in the doors in the Book Case Edna came over Alverda took her singing lesson I prepared the dinner this evening Just as We were ready to start down town Pop came he went down with us to see the Parade see D– James over with Pop Well.

Wednesday, May 18, 1910

Finish table cloth

Such lots of wind as we are having Cold as winter too so foggy tonight one cant[sic] see the Comit I went over and bought some Strawberries for a Short Cake as Edna & Allan came over Edna stayed all day working on her old White Poplar suit I helped her too Alverda finished her table cloth she did it up this afte looks fine I assure you A hand job to laundry tho I am dead tired & sleepy All Well

Thursday, May 19, 1910

Another disagreeable day so little sun shine & so much wind foggy or cloudy hard to tell which it seemes. I put in the day cleaning up stairs worked till 1.30 then Alverda and I dressed and went down to the Ball grounds to see the Knights drill A team from San Diego won the prize Came home soon Edna came I fit on her suit again made some Biscuits for Supper which was late set Bread then I assisted the Girls in gettting dressed soon Rollie came he & Alverda to the Casino also Luene and Myself A big crowd All Well.

Friday, May 20, 1910

My I have been so busy I do not know if the day was fine or no. Some wind tis cloudy tonight I made 6 loaves of bread with two pans of Biscuits mopped the Dinning room Lenolium made 2 Layer cakes sponge & loaf of Cake hulled Peanuts for Alverda to salt & brown Edna came over she & Pop brought over some things Alverda wanted for her Party tomorrow She made Chocolate Creams & Divinity Candy. I am so tired I don't know what my name is or care. She is too but wont[sic] own up lots of Grit hope things go off nice All Well.

Saturday, May 21, 1910

Pop drives to Los Atos[Altos]

Rob Rennies Wife dies

This was another nice but busy day Pop and I were up early he was ready to start for Elsoms Stables¹ to get his horse to drive to Los Altos to buy a black mare I washed off both front & back Porches made Pine Apple filling for Cake and Peach ice fruit ade[sic] Alverda Entertained the Club this afte Mrs LeBond brought up the Tallie Cards Mrs Smith Came in too Also Edna & Minnie My I was dead tired but had to take Luene to Casino dance Rollie came in this Morning & tonight remained over night I am glad tis over All Well–
[Margin entry] Received Muriel B's Buckley's Bids²

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> W. M. Elsom, livery, Big Basin Stage Line, and wood yard, 21 Soquel Ave. City Directory.

<sup>2</sup> Muriel Buckley, 18 year old daughter of Mrs M A buckley, a widow of unknown age, living at 138 Ocean View Avenue. 1910 Census.

#### Sunday, May 22, 1910

My I was so tired I did not get up till 8-00 fed the Chickens here and at Rhodes came home and had breakfast All prepared the dinner I was so tired could not do much Luene washed her hair Rollie went down town came back to dinner the Girls & he to Beach Chester Webber came home with them to get some Cheeries[sic] Allan & Edna came over but did not remain long Rollie & Alverda to beach Luene and I went down too Came up town to Jewel & home Alverda & Rollie had come home All Well

#### Monday, May 23, 1910

# Pop returned with dandy black mare

This has been a most disagreeable day Cold & windy too Cloudy almost again I made another Devil Cake and put frosting on the loaf of Cake Thelma came down & assisted Alverda to dress some of the Spoons Mrs Buckley came over to see the table Just looks fine Ten Spoons in all Pearl and Thelma had refreshments with Me in Kitchen Ollie came down too also Mrs Chapman & Alfred Pop came home with the new horse She is a Jewel read a Postal from Florence Edna & Allan over also Rollie to see horse All Well.

#### Tuesday, May 24, 1910

Still our disagreable weather continues with some wind cloudy with little Sunshine cold too Alverda and I done the washing and te clothes got dry luene ironed her stunb[?] this evening Pop drove the New horse but none of us got a drive Edna caame over and I went and Played hitching Pot for her The Girls in to Buckleys this after noon Mrs Le Bonde came up and Alverda took her lesson Read a letter from mabel Assisted Pop to wash the horses Maine and tail. All Well.

# Wednesday, 25, 1910

This was a nice fore noon but the wind came up and blew good and hard all afte did not subside till night I assisted Alverda with the ironing some and Pop to hitch up the Horse he took the Surry this afte and took Alverda and I out to Dunnings to get some Peas This morning each one of us received a letter from Bix a daisy twas to Mrs Everts Alfred and Mimmie came in the afte had a nice visit from them Pop and Mr Merrell divided the Chickens from dadie R[.] Rollie came in and he & Alverda gone out All Well—

#### Thursday, May 26, 1910

This was a perfect summer day the nicest we have had for days The wind came up about 4 but this evening is fine I mopped the kitchen lenolium this morning Rollie & Alverda out till dinner time I Prepared the dinner alone this afte Pop took Alverda Rollie & Myself for a drive we left Alverda at Whites and Rollie down town I set bread tonight Luene & I took the dishes home to Agnes Tonight Rollie & Alverda gone out I sewed a very little All Well.

#### Friday, May 27, 1910

Another beautiful day with little wind the sun shone good and hot this afte first thing after breakfast I made 6 loaves of bread and 2 pans of Biscuits & 2 Cherry & Logan berry pies Rollie is still with us Pop took all but Luene for a drive on the Big Tree road Came home and soon Pearl and Mildred Bliss called Rollie and Alverda down to the Jewel Luene and I went to the corner and to Gebharts She bought goods for a waist White cooking beans Edna over Well

#### Saturday, May 28, 1910

A good hot one was this day with no let up all day I was up early so Alverda and I soon had the washing out a big one it was too Then I dressed the old rooster made a layer Cake While Alverda made a Potatoe Cake in the Afte I cooked the rooster & took the Bones out Rollie ran it thro[sic] the grinder & he & Alverda made sandwitches to take on the Picnick with us tomorrow We have everything Packed Rollie in all day & night and Alverda to the dance Luene and I down too home late a big crowd there Well.

#### Sunday, May 29, 1910

A hot day this one too I was up a little after 6 soon had something to eat then we got things ready & Pop drove and Rollie Alverda and I went to Blackburn Gulch falls for the day Harry took Luene Allan Edna & William came later Cooked stake[sic] Potatos[sic] & warmed over beans had a good dinner We all layed around & talked till after three then Allan attempted to run across the creek sliped[sic] & fell & struck his knee up Pained him very severly for a time he he[sic] is all right Harry & Lunene brought a lot of Azailes[sic] Rollie & Alverda gone to the Beach I am dead tired & oh so sleepy but all had a good time All Well.

#### Monday, May 30, 1910

This was another hot day I was not up early but soon had breadfast Then Rollie went home for a few hours was in in[sic] the evening & they went to dance at Casino I washed out some more Clothes then I assisted Luene to get the Electric iron going in the afte Pop and all down to beach the Girls went in swimming walked to depot to see Harry Rose off for Montery[sic] Luene and I went down to the Beach in the evening but did not remain to dance All Well.

#### Tuesday, May 31, 1910

Not so hot today the Sun did not get out till almost noon The fog came in good and heavy tonight I worked in the garden for a while this fore noon Then I came in and ironed while Alverda took her lesson after dinner Pop took us Alverda & Myself for a drive to Capitola Came home by town and by Edna's she is house cleaning I stitched up the seames in luene's green skirt and pinned the tucks in Rollie came in this evening again Thelma was down All Well

# Wednesday, June 1, 1910

Old June came in foggy but pleasant tonight the fog came in again too. Alverda finished up her ironing then She and I set too and cut out her green suit Such a time as the old scissors would not cut I stitched the tucks in Lunes's green striped suit this afte and assisted Alverda in the fitting of hers The Girls over to Kitties this afte She had some Girls over for Muriel All Well

# Thursday, June 2, 1910

Fog for a while this fore noon but the afte was nice I assisted Alverda some with her Suit but had a bad head All morning could not finish dinner But Pop took us for a drive this afte to Twin Lakes and down town we bought a Beery[sic] Spoon for Muriel Buckley Came home and made 5 glasses of Strawberry and Logan jell Rollie came in this evening and we all sit around and talked till after ten Received word that the dress form was sent All Well—

#### Friday, June 3, 1910

Fog this fore noon but the afte was fine and nice I cleaned our bed room and and[sic] made 2 pans of Biscuits and 6 loaves of bread a Sponge cake and a Devil cake and Alverda took it down to Hackley Hall for the Alumnie doings She Decorated all afte too. The dress form came guess twill be all right had it dressed for Luene & Alverda too Rollie came in and reamained to Supper. Edna & William over to get Bambo[o] and flowers I must hie to Bed I am tired All Well.

#### In Honor of Miss Muriel Buckley.

Miss Muriel Buckley was an honored guest at a very informal affair, when Miss Kathryn Smith was the hostess. Eight of the girl friends who have

for years resided in the neighborhood, gathered in the gardens surrounding the Judge L. F. Smith residence on Ocean View Av.

With sewing a most pleasant afternoon was spent, and later in the afternoon the hostess served ice cream and cake.

Those present were Miss Muriel Buckley, Miss Mildred Buckley, Miss Kathryn Smith, Miss Alverda True, Miss Luine True, Miss Pearl Bliss, Miss Cheeva Wheeler, Miss Helen Peterson and Miss Roena Hinkle.

# Saturday, June 4, 1910

This ws not a clear fore noon but the sun shone later Alverda and I washed then I dressed the old hen and assisted with the dinner Rollie was here to dinner This after Pop took us all down town by Edna's and then She got in so she too went down town left Edna & Rollie & came up to the store & got Luene took her down town She got her self a new Whilte Polka dot dress all ready to wear Also a waist Came home had Supper and Alverda & Rollie went to the Beach Luene and & I to Casino dance All home late but Well.

#### Sunday, June 5, 1910

This was a very pleasant day but some wind this afte & evening We were not up early so I had to trot all day tired as I was Rollie took Alverda for a Boat Ride came home had dinner I made 2 Logan Berry pies and Cooked the old

hen This afte Pop took Luene and myself for a drive up Scotts Valley and home by Glen Canyon road had a dusty ride home Rollie and Alverda to the Beach and back again this evening I commenced to fit my black waist am tired All Well.

#### Monday, June 6, 1910

The weather has gown colder the last few days tho tis nice we were so busy today that the weather did not matter much I worked on my black silk waist but did not succeed in finishing it Alverda is at her Green Suit like a beaver Edna came over and she and Alverda went down town for a minute did not get all her trimmings Then Mrs Everts came over to get our Brides Cake receipt[sic] Made it and returned the Pan Alverda and I over to Buckley's All Well

# Tuesday, June 7, 1910

Another cool day and the evening was so cold Pop lit the fire fine thing After I had Breakfast I set to and made the Cake for Muriel [Buckley] everything came out just fine Luene & I took it over this evening they all seemed so pleased Alverda took her lesson & went down town Mrs pope came in & remained till after Supper Rollie came in this evening Luene down town with Harry & Pearl I have my black silk Waist almost finished Alverda has her new Green suite most finished too I am tired All Well.

—A marriage license was issued at the county clerk's office Tuesday to Horace B. Wanzer, aged 30, of Colfax and Muriel B. Buckley, aged 20, of Santa Cruz.

#### Wednesday, June 8, 1910

#### Muriel Buckley Wed-

A most perfect day was this one tho cold enough for a fire this evening I dug in and finished my suit this morning and Alverda did likewise had a late dinner Luene came home and they both got dressed for the Wedding I took over some Orange blossomes[sic] Pearl came over for Alverda to do her hair up Edna came over later She Pop and Myself got dressed and went over to the Reception every thing went off fine I showered them with rice as their Auto went by in the street over to Mrs Blackburne this eve Well

#### Thursday, June 9, 1910

This was not a very pleasant day little or no sunshine till in the afternoon I mended Luene's net waist and worked on her green suit Have it so she can finish it now I hope[.] Pearl came over and she & Alverda went over to Mrs Everts to sing William brought the book over Luene bought for Hattie Rennie[.] Rollie came over this evening and just as he was going there was a huge shock I run out side All Well—

#### Friday, June 10, 1910

Cloudy all day did not hang out the Sun and just after noon there was a good shower I made 3 loaves of Graham bread & 3 of White and 3 pans of Biscuits a spong cake Alverda made a 3 layer cake I made the filling for it Cleaned the Set[--?] Also our room My but I was tired Rollie came in and remained to Supper but went out home early I went up stairs and fit Luene's White indian head coat She worked on her Green Suit All Well.

#### Saturday, June 11, 1910

This was a good warm fore noon and Hot beyond Measure this afte & early evening I was up early So Alverda and I had the washing out before ten Then I dressed the Hen Alverda made a Cake for their Picnic tomorrow and prepared the dinner When we had the dishes done Pop took us for a short drive & Alverda to Bowmans to Bridge Club Met Luene down town brought her home she made Chicken sandwitches egg & Olive A salesman calling Pop to Sutter Rollie to Supper he & Alverda to Stafford to a dance Luene & I to Casino have the Lunch all Packed

#### Sunday, June 12, 1910

We were up early I prepared Pop's breakfast and he left for Sutter[.] Thin[sic] the Girls Rollie & Harry started with their two teams for Brook dale for the day did not return till nine in the evening I was home all day alone but was too busy to be lonesome. I kept the water going on the Garden all day layed down for four hours We had ice Cream when the Children returned and it was cold I made a fire Harry left first then Rollie So we are alone tonight All Well.

Monday, June 13, 1910

Rain tonight

We were up early I soon had the chores done then I washed off some of the windows & the back porch We had our breakfast then Alverda & I went down town I bought a Raja Suit in light brown with green collar and Creff been all after noon fitting it Edna came over and brought some Wild black berries Thelma down also I stopped to Miss Carpenters & selected the trimming for my hat Rollie came in this evening it rained a little tonight This has been a busy day All Well.

Tuesday, June 14, 1910

Received deed to sign<sup>1</sup>

My but the wind has blown hard all this day but the evening was clear and nice I picked 9 baskets of Logan berries and with the 6 baskets of Strawberries I made 18 glasses of Jell and 2 pint jars Mr Lanborn sent the deed down for me to sign just after Alverda had commenced to take her lesson she will finish it tomorrow She & I down to Stikeman's to sign it I sent it back today at noon Edna over I went down town with her a short time we did not get home to get dinner for Luene she brought my hat She & Harry out so were Alverda & Rollie did not stay long All Well—

<sup>1</sup> Pop bought or sold [possibly family] property, in Sutter, near Yuba City.

# Wednesday, June 15, 1910

This was a nice day not so much wind as yesterday Mrs LeBonde came so Alverda took her lesson I prepared the dinner and marked the glasses of Jell I made yesterday have them Put upon the shelf Alverda over on Mission Hill to an Announcement party Read a postal from Pop still in Sutter I have My jacket ready to put the lining in my such a job as it has been The Girls and I down to the Unique good Well

#### Thursday, June 16, 1910

Another beautiful day and the evening just fine too Wrote a letter to Pop this morning Alverda down town came home with Harry I Kept the water on the lawn all day Edna came over this afte Lina Peary came over to see Alverda Mr Steinmitz called also I have my skirt ready to stitch the band on William and Allan came over for Edna Rollie came in this evening did not leave till 10.20 guess he had to run to get his Car All Well.

#### Friday, June 17, 1910

A very pleasant day was this just warm enough to be nice and the evening is just beautiful I was up early soon had the outside work done then I made 6 loaves of bread 2 pans of Biscuits Mrs [Le] Bonde came up and Alverda took her lesson Edna over this afte Rollie in and he & Alverda gone out I cleaned our room and mopped the Kitchen Lenolium This evening I fit a Waist for Luene and stitched a little now I am off for bed Well.

Saturday, June 18, 1910

Pop returnes home

This was a fine day and the evening just grand I was up early & soon had the clothes to soak and chores done Rollie remained in over night he & Alverda down town this afte Edna came over brought Mrs Rennie did not stay long cleaned up the sewing R— Alverda & Rollie to dance Pop came home just as I was finishing my Supper Surprised us Luene & I to Casino dance did not get home till 3 a.m. gee a crowd a gay one too Read a litter[sic] from Florence All Well

#### Sunday, June 19, 1910

This was a very pleasant fore noon but the old wind blew good and hard all afte We had our dinner on time. I made Biscuits after dinner Alverda & Rollie went to the Beach and dinnend[sic] in the Grill if you please Pop took Luene & I for a drive up Granite Creek road Pop and I picked most 6 baskets of Wild blackberries I picked some tame ones have 8½ cup of juice for Jell tomorrow besides some for Pie I am very tired so will hie to bed All Well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Casino Grill. A band concert on the beach, an orchestra in the Grill and a dance in the ball room. Dinner was \$1.50 per plate.

Monday, June 20, 1910

Letter from Semmie.

This was a nice fore noon and the evening was grand but the afte was windy I made nine glasses of wild black berry Jell this Morning and Made 3 Black berry pies Prepared the dinner too Allan came over to put a new rubber bulb in the lavatory up stairs. My but I was delighted to get a letter from Semmie Probestel this Morning tickled to death This afte Pop and I went out to Dunnings they are all well My but I feel tired I aired the bedding up stairs in spare room brought home the bedding from Dunning All Well.

#### Tuesday, June 21, 1910

This another fine day but we have the wind most every after noon did not blow so hard this afte tho Mrs LeBonde came so Alverda took her Singing lesson I prepared the dinner sewed a very little on Luene's Suite I am making over for her This afte Pop took us out to see Lottie and her friends who are at Pine Lodge<sup>1</sup> a very pretty place too it is Lottie sleepes[sic] out in the open air on a cot I sewed a little tonight on Luene's suite All Well.

<sup>1</sup>Pine Lodge: Located in Blackburn Gulch. Dancing, stage and automobile excursions to the summit and to the beach, piano recitals and singers entertained the vacationers.

# Wednesday, June 22, 1910

A beautiful day was this one and the evening just grand I worked on Luene's tan goods for a while Alverda down town had a late dinner as Mrs Carpenter did not get to the store early Alverda bought some tan dye so I tried to dye the light goods but no succees[sic] as usual so Alverda went down town with Pop and got green goods enough for Luene a Waist & White goods for a suit for Luene Edna did not come over she & Mrs Rennie out to see Lottie Rollie came over he & Alverda out Luene & I to I.O.O.F dance All Well.

# Thursday, June 23, 1910

Another fine day and the evenings are grand I did not get up early Alverda and I done a big wash I made an apple pudding for dinner Edna came over this afte Allan brought her over and came for her Rollie came in this afte g----? He was here to supper now he & Alverda have gone to the Grand I set bread tonight Luene done up her 2 White suites a big job I dampened[sic] the cloth to iron tomorrow All Well.

# Friday, June 24, 1910

Fog this Morning & not very clear this evening but the day was fine I baked 6 loaves 2 pans of Biscuits a sponge and Devil cake and prepared the dinner Alverda took her Lesson this afte Edna came over I went down town with her and to the beach to give the dogs a bath Just after I came home Mrs Buckley came in with her sewing and remained till six Rollie came in and he & Alverda gone to Casino dance Harry & Luene out for a drive I sewed till 10.30 Well.

#### Saturday, June 25, 1910

This was a nice day and the evening was nice too Alverda and I were at the washing early did not have a big one so finished early then I dressed a hen and assisted with the dinner tho we did not have much Rollie was here too Alverda to club at Miss Collins Luene came home and did not go back to the shop Harry here a little while Rollie and Alverda to the Unique Luene & I to the Beach came home early All well.

#### Sunday, June 26, 1910

Another beautiful day the [sic] we had a little fog in the morning and evening The Girls & Rollie went down to the corner and met Harry and all took the Capitola Car Mr Stafford met them there and took them out to his Place in his Car They had dinner and returned this evening report a Jollie time I and Pop took a drive around the Cliff a nice road out there now This evening Pop Luene and I went down to the Beach not a big crowd there and a little wind home early rollie & Alverda home too Well.

# Monday, June 27, 1910

This a nice day too I prepared the breakfast then I picked the Beans and Cucumbers for dinner came in and done the breakfast dishes Then Alverda and I washed our hair after dinner Luene & I sewed on her Suit she is home after

noon now I cut out her new White dress & fit the Lunie[sic] Rollie & Alverda went for a drive but they are at home now I at last finished a letter to Florence but there is no stamp so did not mail it All Well.

#### Tuesday, June 28, 1910

Fog early this morning but the day was fine and the evening was nice tho Pop had a fire This Morning I prepared the dinner after sewing a little Mrs LeBonde came this Morning and Alverda took her lesson this afte Pop took us all down town and for a drive the darn dog fell out of the rig and cut the end of his tail and Luene grabbed him up and the blood went on her & Me we went to a faucet and washed it off Came home and sewed till ten All Well—

#### Wednesday, June 29, 1910

A good deal of wind today tho not cold if Pop did start a fire This evening Alverda and I sewed all we could Edna came over and took Luene down town to get trimming for her White Suit Luene is home after noons and she & I sew all we can Alverda out making Calls Rung Lottie up she has not been well Luene & I to Casino dance not many there Alverda and Rollie down also did not get home till past one Well.

#### Thursday, June 30, 1910

This has been a most beautiful day late this afte it was good and hot I did not sew much this fore noon for Alverda went down town and to the Beach with the Smith girls & some others I Made 2 Devil cakes one to send in a box to Mary tomorrow and one for our selves This afte Edna came over and I went for a drive with her When we came home I dressed a hen then Prepared the Supper & set my bread Rollie & Alverda to Beach I & Luene sewed All Well—

# Friday, July 1, 1910

Well old July came in good and hot The Morning was fine but the after noon was hot I made 6 loaves of bread & 3 pans of biscuit assisted Pop to Pack a box to send to Marry also wrote a letter to her Then just after dinner Which was late Alverda & I hitched up & washed my but I was tired layed down for some time then got up cleaned my room and dressed fed the Chickens This evening Luene & I worked on her White Suit Alverda & Rollie out Well.

#### Saturday, July 2, 1910

Not very clear this fore noon I was up early and picked and put the Beans on to cook Then I washed out His flannels Alverda down to the Casino to Decorate for the Club luncheon<sup>1</sup> This afte did not get home till about 2 Edna and Mrs Rennie came over I cleaned up the sewing room & did not get my dress changed till 4 Luene down town for a little while Rollie here to Suppr & tonight Luene & I to Beach Pop to Lecture<sup>2</sup> All Well.

- <sup>1</sup> Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club luncheon given at the Casino Grill. Among the Club members is listed Alverda True. Sweet peas were used for the table decorations and the place cards were dainty water-colors.
- <sup>2</sup> Pop attends a lecture sponsored by the California Press Association. Harold McPherson gave a lecture on England.

#### Sunday, July 3, 1910

Almost a rain this Morning & cloudy all day cold too I prepared the Breakfast & dressed 2 Roosters made 3 pies and a failure a Divil cake Alverda made a layer cake and prepared some of the dinner & while we were at the table the door Bell rang & there was Florence & Nordin they ate a little then took Rollie & the 2 Girls for a drive did not stay here long returned with the load to say good bye would not stay to Supper Pop Luene & I to beach did not stay long All Well.

#### Monday, July 4, 1910

I was not up very early but the day could not of been nicer Pop the Girls and Rollie down to see the Parade<sup>1</sup> I remained home and prepared the dinner fried 2 young chickens Summer Squash mashed potatoes and Apple Pie Pop Luene and I went to the beach returnd home by 5-30 done the chores and after Supper Luene and I went to the Beach and did not get home till after one this Morning My I was tired but no matter if I can only live thru it All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Records for 4th of July completely broken. 34,000 visited the beach. The Casino Grill served 9812 meals, 18,000 were served ice cream. Sentinel.

#### Tuesday, July 5, 1910

Another hot day the fore noon was not so hot but the afte was good and warm I mopped the Kitchen Lenolium this fore noon and picked and put the beans on to cook & picked Cucumbers for dinner Then this afte Pop and I went out to Mrs Dunnings James came home with us to see the flying Machine but did not go up yet Read a letter from Mary and Belle received the Box all O.K. My but I am tired will be in bed by 6.30 rest Well

# Wednesday, July 6, 1910

Edna's 6 Wedding Anniversery

Fog most all day tho twas high the sun did not shine very hot it took Me all fore noon to clean out the 2 chicken houses & nests I had to heat 2 Kettles of water to scald the mites hope I have them all Killed now[.] Pop and I took Rollie & Alverda down to the Beach and up town and took Mrs Harl Smith & daughter for a drive They are staying at the Romania like it very much here Luene was out with Edna Rollie & Alverda to Beach tonight wrote 2 letters Semmie & Reba All well.

# Thursday, July 7, 1910

Not a very warm day the fog hung on but twas high I worked in the garden for a long time this fore noon first one thing then another Picked the vegetables for dinner Lottie did not get in very early We did not go out in the afte Edna and Mrs Rennie over Calling on the street Pop hitched up and we all went down town with Lottie I ---? so hate to see her go Pop the Girls and I down to the Unique not very good All Well.

# Friday, July 8, 1910

Fog both Morning and evening today this day the middle of the day was nice I made 6 loaves of bread 2 pans of Biscuits and a loaf of Sponge Cake Prepared the dinner Alverda washed out a few things and took her lesson The Girls down to see Lottie off Edna and Victor Smith over Rollie came in this afte and remained to Supper he and Alverda out for a drive Harry and Pearl came over this evening did not come in Luene & I out to see them Wrote to Mrs Thistlethwaite All Well

# Saturday, July 9, 1910

Edna's 26 Birthday

There was a high fog most of this day not much sunshine tho The clothes which Alverda and I washed got dry we had a big wash of white clothes I dressed an old hen Alverda Prepared the dinner After which Pop drove Luene & I over to Edna's to leave the Butter down town and for a drive Alverda & Rollie out also after Supper Luene & I went to the Beach Rollie and Alverda came later Cold down there We did not stay for the dance Well.

#### Sunday, July 10, 1910

Still our cold foggy days continue the evenings are as cold and foggy as Winter We did not get up very early I prepared the Breakfast and put the old hen on to Cook Then I dug some potatoes made the Sallad[sic] made a chicken pie for dinner This afte Pop took Luene & myself for a drive to Capitola & over the new road by Del Mar home My but I was cold like winter Rollie and Alverda down to the Beach & after Supper to the Grand This evening I wrote to Mary & Mrs Longstreth All Well—

#### Monday, July 11, 1910

The fog was thick enough to cut this Morning but not very low I prepared breakfast for Pop then I picked beans and got them ready to put on Then I pruned all the the[sic] Roses on the walk Rollie came out and Wheeled off several loads I have not been to a Meal today have a bad blister on My tongue Alverda and Rollie are to go to Bonnie Doon tomorrow for a few days with the Staflers [Staffler] I was in to see Mrs Blackburn she looks badly. All Well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Staffler, George C. and Mary E. living at 281 Mission St. George is an undertaker, his son Daniel (age 20) is a driver for his father's parlor.

# Tuesday, July 12, 1910

My there was little sunshine all day The fog was not low tho and still tis with us tonight Rollie & Alverda were up early soon had breakfast then they got themselves together & started for Bonnie Doon I made 2 cakes cleaned up around prepared the dinner Luene did not get home till after one Read a letter from Florence & answered it Edna came over this afte later Mrs Hart Smith & Illa they did not come till late we had them stay to Supper and they did not go home till almost Nine Luene & I had the Dishes to do then All Well

Wednesday, July 13, 1910

All Well

My for fog they did not hang out the Sun long today and this evening it was so thick that twas almost a rain. I done out a big washing today had 2 spread besides all the other wash with getting the dinner This afte I layed down Most

all afte That is 2 hours any way Pop picked the Apricots so I must make some Jell tomorrow A Special delivery tonight says Florence Girls come tomorrow noon. I have the Apricots & apples ready to cook tomorrow Agnes & Luene & myself to Sea Beach Hall to Lecture on Hiawie[sic]

Hawaii illustrated lecture by Mrs. Pascoe, Seabright Hall, Wednesday, July 13, 8 P. M. Admission 15c. 3

Thursday, July 14, 1910

Girls arrive.

I never see such foggy weather as we are having this month both Morning and evening Cold too I was up on time soon had breakfast & picked Beans and got them on to cook Then I cleaned up the rooms up stairs and made the bed in the spare room Came down and Prepared the dinner Pop and Leuene went down and met the Girls Alice Ethlyn & Audrey¹ Luene took them to the Beach in the afte Rollie and Alverda came home This evening are down town this evening again I am tired All Well

<sup>1</sup> Alice, Ethlyn, and Audrey, nieces of Mary and James.

# Friday, July 15, 1910

Fog this morning but cleared away and was windy for a time Then the sun came out & twas nice and warm I beaked 7 loaves of bread & 2 pans of Biscuits and a sponge Cake Assisted Alverda with the dinner preparing my 9 glasses of Apricot and Apple Jell Mrs LeBond came up but Alverda could not take a lesson too much work Pop took the Girls and Myself down town and for a drive Alverda & Luene walked down town Robella came in a minute this evening All Well

#### Saturday, July 16, 1910

This was another fine day I was up early so soon had the clothes to soak then prepared the Breakfast Alverda and I done the washing a big one as usual too Mrs Mead came in to Phone Mrs Blackburn is no bettr I dressed a hen Alverda made a layer cake This afte Pop took us for a drive around the cliff it was a fine day no wind The Girls down to Park this afte. Rollie came in and was here to Supper Pop and I took the Children to the Beach to see fire works did not get home till late All Well



#### Sunday, July 17, 1910

My but this was a fine day but the After noon was a hot one Audrey Eat her Breakfast with Pop then I had mine the rest came in later After Breakfast Pop took the Girls for a drive Luene out to Graham all night Came home & got dressed and was out again to dinner and for an Auto ride Alverda & Rollie out with them too Pop took the little Girls and Myself for a drive out Blackburn Gulch My but it was hot. Ethlyn & Alice had a scrap this evening to My sorrow Our Girls home had supper & are ready for bed All Well.

# Monday, July 18, 1910

This was another nice day out the evening was fine as was the day was not very hot either. I went over to the vegetable garden and got some vegetables for dinner. Came home & prepared the dinner I was in to see Mrs Mead a Minute

Mrs Blackburn is a very sick Woman This afte I took the Girls down and they & Luene went in the river swimming had a fine time Rollie and Alverda out too This evening we developed some Pictures Rollie and Alverda out again All Well.

## Tuesday, July 19, 1910

This is a nice day the middle of the fore noon was good and hot I cleaned up around a little Ethlyn swept down the stairs Pop down town came home with Alice & Ralph Walton They were here to dinner & Supper Pop took them fore a little drive This afte Rollie came in took Alverda down town & home then he and I went for a little drive This evening Alverda has gone to Captiola & to stay over night at Wyman's We all went over to the Casino with her Luene took Alice to Beach Alice & Ethlyn to show tonight I set bread All Well.

#### Wednesday, July 20, 1910

Fog both morning and evening today again but the day was fine and warm My but I put in another hard day Alice assisted me nicely with Preparing the Vegetables for dinner and then quarter past eleven the phone rang to say Alice & Ralp were just up so would not be up for dinner to my disappointment Pop took the Girls down to the Beach to go in swimming Alice & Ralph down then too So all but our Alice had a swim Ethlyn was late home so that gave us trouble We had 10 to Supper rollie was in too he and Alverda out to the Grand I must hie to bed All Well.

# Thursday, July 21, 1910

# Fathers 89 Birthday

This was a beautiful day and the evening could not of been nicer But just the same a haisy one I picked and got the beans on to cook then the Chicken Alverda made a cake the ice did not come so we could not have Peach ice as we had planned But Alice & Ralph came and we had dinner after which Pop took Alice Audry Ralph & Myself to Edna's & to Capitola Came home Alverda had the Peach ice made We had it for Supper very nice. Luene down to Beach with them Rollie in tonight Well.

# Friday, July 22, 1910

Fog this morning but the day was nice & the after noon fine I made 6 loaves 2 pans of Parker house roles & a sponge Cake Alice & Ralph came up to say goodbye Ralph Dunning came over to sell a Lady's Home Journel[sic] I bought it too After dinner and I had my bed made & room cleaned I took the Girls to the Beach or rather river Ethlyn & Audry went in swimming met Maurice Cretchlin down there he looks fine Came home finished my bed room & Fed the Chickens Went back to see Soldiers drill Alverda & Rollie to Capitola Well

#### Saturday, July 23, 1910

This was a foggy morning but the Sun came out later and the Wind blew but the old fog came in tonight again tho twas not cold Alverda and I done a big washing I Killed and dressed 2 Roosters and assisted Alverda with the dinner Pop took Myself & the 3 little Girls for a drive the other two down town. Read a letter from Florence this Morning Rollie came in tonight in time for Supper I took the 3 little ones to the Beach Luene came later All Well.

#### Sunday, July 24, 1910

Fog again today both Morning and evening And high wind this afte every body was up in time for Breakfast this Morning so as to have Waffles I picked beans & the Girls got them on to cook Then I cleaned the plants off the walks around the back part of the house Came in and Prepared some biscuits for the Chicken gravy Rollie came in just in time for dinner he and Alverda to Beach Pop took the Girls and Luene for a long drive did not get home till after five I stayed home & rested did not even go to the Beach tonight Pop was very tired All Well—

#### Monday, July 25, 1910

Fog this morning again but by noon the wind had blown it away and the sun shone I washed all the Windows & both Porches with the hoes[sic] this Morning a good wet job Then Pop Audry & I went over to old Dadie Rhoses Place & picked some plums Made 4 glasses of Pink & 5 glasses 1 Pint 1 Pitcher of the blue Plum Jell The Girls over to Edna's for the day & evening Alverda & Luene for a swim The Girls came home in time to prepare Supper after which Alverda & I went to the Beach to meet and bring the children home They had a nice day. All Well

Tuesday, July 26, 1910

Florence's Girls return to City

Still our old fog is with us both Morning & Evening Audrey & Ethlyn both have colds I picked some beans and got them on to cook Then the Phone rung twas Florence wishing the Girls to come home at once We just rushed a round & got them off on the 10–10 We had to hurry My how I miss them. I made 6 more glasses of Plum Jell My it is clear and Pretty. Rollie came in late this evening and now Harry & Pearl are out at the Gate Rollie & Alverda have gone out too so they are all together I heard them Laugh too Such is youth Cold tonight All Well–

#### Wednesday, July 27, 1910

Fog again this morning but did not last so long the sun shone but twas not warm Alverda swept the stairs down Hall & parlor I cleaned the spare room Aired the bed and bedding sewing room Lavitory the wash room and hall upstairs did not finish till late in afte Read 2 letters from Florence one from Aunt Emma Rollie here to dinner & Supper he and Alverda out with the horse tonight Luene & I down to the Beach this evening did not stay late Came home on Car Well.

# Thursday, July 28, 1910

Fog till noon this day too the wind blew good and hard all afte but the evening was nice and warm Alverda went down to the Sale and bought Luene Enough Silk for a Suit Edna got one too I cleaned all the Picture molding & Tops of the doors & blinds in sitting room & our bedroom gave our carpet a good sweeping My but I was tired Edna came over this afte and brought Robert Rennie[.] Rollie came in this afte he and Alverda to Beach Luene & I also see the [Ada] Peckham Wedding¹ Well

<sup>1</sup> A great event, over 700 people gathered in front of the Casino. Ada Peckham, said to be, "a handsome blonde of stately bearing having the most bewitching eyes," was from Salinas, and the groom Paul Nevoman of New York, a banker who met his bride on the beach the previous season. Sentinel, p. 4.

# Friday, July 29, 1910

Fog till almost noon today again but did not come in much this evening. Alverda and I done a big wash this morning had seven shirts I was very tired so layed down till almost four before I got dressed Ollie came down to bring the electric iron Ren fixed the wire it burned out I made biscuits for Supper & set bread Alverda read a letter from Florence Rollie came in this afte & here to Supper I darned My Stocking and read a little Mrs Blackburn no better Well



Saturday, July 30, 1910

Fog for a While this morning but the middle of the day was nice and the evening also I baked 6 loaves of bread and 2 Pans of biscuits made a loaf of Sponge Cake besides dressed the Hen and assisted with the dinner The Girls over to a Party at Blisse's this afte Edna came over and brought Mrs Rennie I washed out Pop's under clothes too did not do much else Rollie in this afte and again in the evening Luene and I to Casino dance<sup>1</sup> the loudest yet Rollie had such a Cold they did not go We did not get home till after one Well.

# Sunday, July 31, 1910

The fog lifted earlier this fore noon I did not make Waffles too late Put the old hen on to Cook made Biscuits for

the gravy Pop picked our first corn pretty good too Rollie here to dinner but his cold is so bad They did not go out Pop took Luene & I for a drive after Supper Luene went down town & bought some Chocolate Chews Came home Rollie Alverda & Myself were Playing cards in dinning room I eat 3 was taken Violently ill lasted 2 hours before I got much relief Alverda doing for Me all the time. All Well.

# Monday, August 1, 1910

Our Girls & Rollie leave this afte for Graham ranch.

Still our fogs continue in August the day was good and cool too I don't feel very fine Alverda made a Carmel Cake to take up to the Camp then she & Rollie went down town



came back to dinner Harry S over this Morning to see if plums were all O.K. Pop took the 2 Girls and Rollie down to the 3-30 train to go up there took 2 dozen eggs over to Edna's I have been home all day am reading Inner Schrine<sup>1</sup> Knit some this afte Mrs Blackburn no better Just a matter of time I suppose Wrote to Florence All Well–

<sup>1</sup> The Inner Shrine by Basil King. A woman who has been used to a life of ease is suddenly widowed and must learn to live by her own work. Published May 1909 by Harper and Brothers. Book available on line at: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19034068-the-inner-shrine

#### Tuesday, August 2, 1910

My but the fog was almost a rain this morning with but little sunshine all day Cold tonight with fog still I Mopped the Kitchen lenolium this morning Mr Merrel came home with Pop to do some writing about the Rhodes estate Mrs Blackburn no better Edna and Mrs Mahon over this afte they had a great time getting the line from under the horses tail I sent the Childrens clothes & things home by mail this morning All Well.

# Wednesday, August 3, 1910

Another foggy morning & evening as well cold too Pop had a fire & it felt good after I got the beans on to cook I wrote a letter to the Girls and read one from Alverda also a postal from Alice Walton Then I put clean Papers in the tin cupboard and prepared the dinner Then I put clean papers in the dish cupoard Edna came over and I went down & held the horse for her tonight after Supper I put clean Paper in the Cupboard in the dinning room Mrs Blackburn better Well

#### Thursday, August 4, 1910

Still our old fog continues both morning and night with but little sunshine Cold as winter much of the time I commenced on the Sitting room closet but Wilma rung up so I quit Made a Cake set in potted Plants Cut flowers She Mrs Moore and her 2 daughters came they are nice girls too Edna came later but they had gone So sorry I went out for a minute with her have my Closet Cleaned now am in order My but tis cold All Well.

# Friday, August 5, 1910

Fog almost thick enough to cut this morning but the Sunshine out late and was good and warm I set bread this morning and baked this evening 6 loaves and 2 pans of Biscuits with a pan of cinnamen rolles[sic] Allan came over this Morning to have a talk with Pop Mrs Blackburn no better This evening just as we were eating Supper in Walked Alverda & Rollie a Yellow Jacket had stung him on the hand it was Swollen terrible over to Frank said do it up in Amonia & Water some better All Well—

#### Saturday, August 6, 1910

Fog fog, fog, fog, that is all we have this Summer both Morning and evening too I got up and got the clothes to soak & prepared the breakfast for Pop and I Alverda and Rollie up later We done the washing not a big one then I dressed the old rooster Cleaned out the little Chickens house. Luene came home this afte I did not go out Rollie & Alverda down town & to the dance at Casino Luene & I also went met Mrs Moore & daughter all went up together Pop got nasty again tonight So I had a Devile[sic] of an Evening did not get to sleep till 3 up at 6-15 lots of fun try it Well.

#### Sunday, August 7, 1910

Fog this morning and evening too and cold too I prepared the breakfast for Pop and I The others up later but postponed eating till dinner time Rollie here to dinner again Oh I feel I don't Know how I feel. After dinner the Girls and Rollie went to the Beach to see the rest of the House Party Kids leave for City. Pop and I went for a drive out Blackburn Gulch and home by the new Road thro Laveaga park & home had a long drive but Along with the dog. Came home the Children later had supper was in bed by seven All Well but mighty glum.

#### Monday, August 8, 1910

Fog again this fore noon but not so much wind in the afte I worked in the Garden all fore noon Rollie went out home this morning and drove in this evening with both horses and took Me for a little spin and Alverda for a drive brought Me a nice box of Peaches good day Luene to River to see Sertire & to Beach Phoned to Me & I went to

meet her at Car line I was home alone all afte Alverda down to shop to Luene She is a lone at the shop now All Well.

#### Tuesday, August 9, 1910

Fog still both Morning with a cold wind in evening I assisted Alverda to pick up and Pack a Lunch as she took the 8-36 Car for Capitola to go by team with Rollie to Watsonville Then I canned 8 quarts of Peaches Mrs & Mrs John Oustolt and little Grand daughter here this fore noon so I was hindered with my fruit as well so dinner canned 8 quarts of Peaches Rollie & Alverda came home with Luene after Supper Luene and I dressed and went to the dance a Tremendis[sic] crowd Luene [can not read] a home and 2 boxes of Chocolates home early All Well

#### Wednesday, August 10, 1910

Fog both Morning and evening and Cold as Winter I washed out the clothes Luene had out at the house party Oh my how dirty I almost dug my fingers off Then we had dinner after which Pop and I went out Boomers Gulch¹ to look at some hay Too Course and too sharpe Rollie & Alverda down to see Luene They are to the Beach now My I am so sleepy had the Water running on the Mums all day Most a dusty ride in the hills Mrs Blackburn had a better night Well.

<sup>1</sup> Boomer Creek. A creek that flows through Sections 19, 30 & 31, T105, R1W, and is a tributary of West Branch Brancifore Creek. Named for Geaorge and Harvey Boomer, natives of Nova Scotia who settled in the county around 1868. ... This feature is shwon on current USGS topographical maps as Blacburn Gulch. Clark, page 35.

#### Thursday, August 11, 1910

Fog again with but little sun shine all day I was in to inquire after Mrs Blackburn had a good night I put in the best of this day canning Canned 3 quarts of Prunes & 9 ½ quarts of Peaches 3 pints of them I done up hole[sic] Pop took us Alverda Rollie and Myself down town I went to see Dr Clark I am taking 2 kinds of dope This time I feel miserable enough seems I wrote to Mabel and Aunt Mattie this Morning Luene & I down to see the Movis[sic] this evening Rollie & Alverda gone out All Well

Friday, August 12, 1910

Hav delivered

Well of all the fog we are getting it this summer The middle of the day was fine today I made 6 loaves of bread and 2 pans of Biscuits besides a loaf of Spone cake I felt very badly all fore noon but better this afte I managed to clean our bedroom a little change & made the bed. Edna and Mrs Rennie came over did not remain long The man came with Pops hay So Rollie assisted them with getting it in the Barn he & Alverda gone out All well.

Saturday, August 13, 1910

#### Edna & Mrs Rennie over

Fog again this morning and evening too but the day was nice with the exceptions of wind Alverda and I had a big wash did not get an early start and then Mrs LeBonde came and talked for an hour and a half both the Girls down town this afte I remained at home all day Canned 6 quarts & one Pint of Prunes beside 3 quarts of peaches Luene is all excitement over her trip to Monterey com[can not be read] with Harry and Gertie None of us went out tonight Rollie did not get in till late All Well.

Sunday, August 14, 1910

Luene spent day at Pacific Grove with 2 Harrys / Gents

Fog almost a rain but the after noon & eving[sic] were fine Luene up early for her but they did not leave till 9-25 have not returned at 10 P.M. I canned 7 quarts of peaches Mr. Dunning came over Alverda not very well So I prepared the dinner alone with some assistance from Rollie Pop took us for a drive around the cliff Came home by town and Rollie got out and walked home arriving here before we came home I sat up till Luene came which was after ten I was tired too All Well.

Monday, August 15, 1910

Put clean papers on both room shelves

Postal from Aunt Emma

My for fog did not let the sun come out bright all day or evening as well I worked in the Garden all day drove stakes to all the Mums and tied them up then I spaded up some ground and transplanted 50 plants of Swiss Chard came in had dinner [can not read] and put up 7 quarts of Peaches Yes and picked them too I also put up 6 pints of Whole Peaches Edna came over and I went out for a hitching Post for her Alverda down to the Store Read a Postal from Aunt Emma Luene & I put bands on 3 Aprons this eve and I hemmed 3 dish towels and have 2 more to do Well—

#### Tuesday, August 16, 1910

The fog was so heavy that twas almost a rain did not let the Sunshine all day in Moore by night. I dug in and put up 6 more quarts of Prunes this fore noon I ironed while Alverda went to the Corner for Jar Rubbers This afte Edna came over & we went out to Mr D got the Celery roots plants I spaded up some of the ground Pop did the rest I set out almost 60 plants Luene & I over to Gibharts for some goods washed out 13 Aprons am Cooking a Soup bone All Well

#### Wednesday, August 17, 1910

Fog this Morning but did not last so long the wind did not blow so hard either Pop took Mrs Blackburn out for a short drive this afte Mutch to our astonishment for none of us thout[sic] her able to go. I washed Windows this fore noon and cleaned up the electric light globes Pop and Alverda down town to get some things for the house Rollie came in this evening he and Alverda went for a drive Pop Luene and My Self to the Unique to see the Lion & the Mouse fine All well.

#### Thursday, August 18, 1910

The fog did not last so long today either but the wind blew a gale this afte I washed all around the house all the windows & Porches Then Alverda and I cleaned the Stairs Hall Parlor sitting room and our bed room This afte Edna came over She and I went out and got some more tomatoes Read a letter from Clara Critchton Alverda & I cut out My waist and have it almost finished tonight My eye Paines me badley tonight took cold in it I Must flute ruffles now All well.

#### Friday, August 19, 1910

The fog did not last so late today either but the wind blew a gale some of the afte Alverda and I done the washing not a big one I cleaned up the little chickens yard Came up pealed some Peaches cooked them Whole put up 4 pints darned Pops socks My stockings and finished my dressing sacque This evening set bread Pop took Mrs Blackburn out for another drive She is much improved Alverda cleaned up some up stairs Luene done her room this evening I do not feel fine Well

#### Saturday, August 20, 1910

Fog but will not last so long the sun was shinning early to but the fog coming in soon hid it the evening was fine I was up early soon had the bread 6 loaves & 2 pans of Biscuits ready to bake made 5 **Miner** Pies a sponge Cake Alverda done the ironing & made a devil Cake Went down town with Pop and to the train to meet the folks but none of them Came till noon I was tired I dressed a hen & Cooked a piece of ham Put a leaf in the table and set it Nothing would do with Luene tonight but we Must go to the dance & so we did a big crowd home 2 AM Well.

#### Sunday, August 21, 1910

Fog this morning again but this has been the Pleasantes[sic] day and evening we have had yet this summer I did not have much to do for dinner so I watered the carnation picked some beans and got them on to cook Rollie stayed over night and was in all day After dinner Pop took Mrs Blackburn Mrs Remmington & Myself for a drive The Girls and Rollie to the Beach Pop Alverda & Rollie went down to the Depot to meet the folks but no use they did not come Mrs Wilkins¹ came in this eving[sic] Allan and Edna came over to get their butter We had a late Supper All Well I layed down a While this afte.

#### Monday, August 22, 1910

Fog this morning again but they soon hung out the Sun and it was warm and nice Alverda went down to the store with Luene all fore noon I took all the Potted Plants off the frame on the front porch Cleaned & Put them all back Cleaned them all in the tent as well Came in and did dinner Alverda getting home in time to prepare it Alverda to shop this afte too Pop and she to depot again but no Mabel & Ernest I worked the collar up on Pops under shirt this evening am sleepy all to bed early but Well.

# Tuesday, August 23, 1910

This was a nice bright morning the fog came in later tho but did not last long the day & evening was fine I worked in the yard for a while this Morning did not have much dinner to get Alverda prepared it all too This afte I finished Pops Shirt and fixed both pairs of his drawers & My under shirt after Supper Rollie came in & soon the Bell rang and here came Mabel Aunt Mattie & Reba to our great surprise and joy My for talk we will never stop tis after eleven now Well—

#### Wednesday, August 24, 1910

Foggy and Cold almost all fore noon but the afte was warm and nice I picked the beans and got them on to cook Then we talked and walked around the yard And prepared dinner after which we all went to the Beach and remained all afte Pop going too Came home had Supper & I took Aunt Mattie & Reba and went back to the Beach the 3 Girls coming a little later did not get home till 10-30 all are rushing off to bed I don't feel very good Well.

# Thursday, August 25, 1910

Fog again but the after noon was clear and hot. Pop took us all around the cliff this fore noon Alverda had the dinner almost ready when we returned. After dinner Alverda Aunt Mattie Reba and Mabel walked down town did not return till late I remained home and rested all I could the old Horse is so lame we cannot drive her much Rollie came in he & Alverda gone out Luene and I took the folks down to the Moving Picture show Jewell not very good all well

# Friday, August 26, 1910

Dear Mrs Mead brought me over 2 ferns

My for fog guess twill never be clear any more tho twas hot this after noon A fire in the forest near Alma so rumore goes Pop took the folks and Alverda for a drive down to Capitola did not return till noon I had dinner almost cooked when they returned This afte we all walked down town and over to Ednas Aunt Mattie Reba went over first then here came Mabel & Alverda We went up to the house to see Mr & Mrs Rennie Horace Doyle called All Well

#### Saturday, August 27, 1910

Fog again this morning Cold as winter too The Girls were ready to start on their trip selling Buttons for the Watsonville Apple Annual did not return home till 5 P.M. Aunt Mattie Mabel Reba & myself home all fore noon dressed 2 Roosters Prepared the Dinner Pop took them on the 1.40 Train to Big Trees did not have Supper till late Rollie in Then Reba Aunt Mattie Mabel and I down to hear Aunt Matties Palm read he is certainly good From there we all went to the Beach and home sit here talking till late We are planning to go to Monterey tomorrow Edna & Mrs Rennie came over All Well.

#### Sunday, August 28, 1910

Well

Fog early this Morning as well We were up on time I preparing the Waffles soon had Breakfast and after some controversy Pop and I went with the folks to Monterey & Pacific Grove hot over there. Had a fairly good time I did no feel very good too much rushing around for Me. We left the Girls and Rollie home Harry came over to dinner guess they had a fine time I packed a little Lunch for the folk to take tomorrow but feel very provoked at them for going so soon but go they will I guess Pop is very tired all late to bed Mabel has a cold

#### Monday, August 29, 1910

My for a Wet fog this morning I was up a little after five to get Breakfast for the Folks for go home they would & did Pop took them down I feel Miserable but we Alverda and I washed all the same a big one to After We finished I

undressed and went up stairs and did not come down till 4 P.M. received a letter from Uncle Billie to Reba wanting them to remain longer So hot up there I do feel so sorry they did not remain longer I feel much better tonight. Have on new Electrolier<sup>1</sup> on the Street for the first time tonight been very warm here this afte Must write home yet All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Electrolier was the name for a fixture, usually pendent from the ceiling, for holding electic lamps. The word is analogous to chadelier, from which it was formed. In this case Mary True is referring to the new streetlights on a branching frame of ornamental design along Ocean View Avenue first illuminated on August 29, 1910.

# Tuesday, August 30, 1910

Seemes as tho the fog gets thicker and colder if could be every day tonight is real windy I cleaned out the Cooler Picked the Summer Squash for dinner all the Corn there was washed the dishes did not feel good caused by My Piriod Pills. This afte I put up 2 pints of whole Peaches while Alverda done the dishes I am very tired and sleepy

have been all day Edna Came out brought Will- My he looks better Mrs Rennie is quite sick had the Doctor Rollie came in tonight Well.

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# Wednesday, August 31, 1910

Fog this fore noon but the after noon was nice and warm I went over to Meads and brought over a Couple of buckets of Mole¹ from the barnyard for the ferns Alverda and I tied up a few strings of Asparagus fern in the Afte Pop hitched up the horse & walked her over to Edna and down town to see the Dr I got the Capsuls[sic] box filled again Alverda over to see Helen Bliss got a nice lot of Stamping Pattern from her A big time drawing them off. Luene Alverda and I down to see the Thief" Played at the Unique not good All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Mole is most likely a polite term for aged manure from the barnyard.

# FULL HOUSE RETURN OF THE POPULAR MORRISON COMPANY, MONDAY NIGHT. "The Thief" Cleverly Produced at the Unique Theatre. By Josephine Clifford zicCrackin. A right royal welcome was given the Louis Morrison Co. at the Unique on Monday night; a full house greeted them, and they must have felt that Santa Cruz gladly hailed their return.

# Thursday, September 1, 1910

Old september came in foggy both Morning and evening The fog tonight is thick enough to cut and Cold Miss Peters came this Morning to sew for Luene and Edna both are having a new suit in blue polka dot of White I sewed all I could but did not feel good Edna came over this afte but did not sew any She and Alverda down town Read a letter from Mabel. Rollie came in this evening he and Alverda walked down to the Corner and back I fit a black Lace Yoke in Luene's black suite done to All Well.

#### Friday, September 2, 1910

Fog almost to a rain this morning and not much sunshine all day with fog again this evening Miss Peters here again today but I felt so miserable we did not get much done Edna and Allan over to dinner Edna sewed all day too Read a letter from Mrs Longstreth<sup>1</sup> this afte she is well I took the Car and went out to Mr Dunnings and remained to Supper had a very pleasant time no one there but Me others did not come I feel a little better tonight Rest all as well as usual—

<sup>1</sup> Mrs M [Melissa] Longstreth. Divorced (age 58). Living at 3230 [3420] I Street, San Diago, Cal. Note from back pages of diary with corrections and additions from 1910 Census.

#### Saturday, September 3, 1910

Fog most all day but not cold the fog did not last long this evening Cleared when we went to the beach and came home at 1-30 too Miss Peters here today for the last day got both the Suits almost finished Edna came over again this afte took her suit home with her Alverda and Luene down town this afte Rollie came in this evening and he & Alverda to the Sliegh[sic] bell dance<sup>1</sup> a big crowd Luene and I down too not many there we knew All well.

<sup>1</sup> A double quartette of children in costume were trained to go through the evolutions of a sleigh bell dance, performed in the ballroom at the Casino. Advertised as the last event of the summer season, and attended by 200 San Francisco Elks.

Sunday, September 4, 1910

The fog did not last so long today the after noon and evening was just fine I baked bread this fore noon 6 loaves 2 pans of Biscuits and a Sponge Cake Put the old hen on to cook The Children not up very early I was on the jump all morning The Girls not up early Rollie remained in over night & is in tonight Luene and I went out Pop off also Rollie Alverda they are to Stay tonight too Mr & Mrs Forsyth & Sarah<sup>1</sup> came in this after noon to stop on their way home from Beach All Well

<sup>1</sup> William (age 45) and Susan Forsyth (age 34), and their daughter Sara (22 months), living at 76 Ocean View Avenue.

Monday, September 5, 1910

My for fog and disagreeable weather Cold too This evening. Alverda and I done our Washing this morning a big one too Then I dried my feet and Changed my shoes had dinner then I cleaned the front Porch and dug the weeds out of Celery root and Mums & Swiss Chard The Girls down in Swimming Pop trimmed the old Apple tree severely Allan came over for butter This evening the Girls and I down town to Hoskings the Palmist. All are Well.

Tuesday, September 6, 1910

Meads returned from Hepsidam<sup>1</sup>

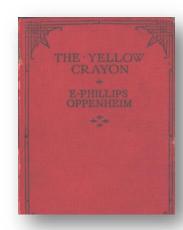
Our old fog still gets thicker if could be both morning and evening tis with us I pealed and sliced & cooked enough Pears to fill 2 pint jars also 2 jars of whole peaches did not finish till noon took so long to cook them. The Girls are packed ready to start for City in the morning Read a letter from Florence this morning Edna came over this afte Rollie came in this evening with the Horse. I pressed the Girls [can not read] Coats and mended Luenes Alverda put a new Yoke in her black suite Knit a little this evening All Well.



<sup>1</sup> Hepsidam was applied to an area along Bean Creek adjacent to Mount Hermon, on the north side of the Felton-Scotts Valley Road (now Mt. Hermon Road). Clark, 2008.

Wednesday, September 7, 1910 Girls leave for City[.] Circus day<sup>1</sup>

Fog this Morning again but they did hang out the sun and it was warm We were up early I prepared the breakfast for them Soon the Girls lit out for Depot to Catch the train I worked around a while got ready and went over to Ednas see the Circus Parade remained to dinner Edna brought me home pop would not go over. Dear old Dr Chambirlin[sic] Called here this afte. So sorry I did not get to see her Am reading the Yellow Crayon<sup>2</sup> fine [can not be read] Knit a little Rollie good Boy rung up he is lonesome too All Well.



- <sup>1</sup> Barnam and Bailey Circus, the Greatest Show on Earth.
- <sup>2</sup> The yellow Crayon by E. Phillips Oppenheim. Containing the further adventures of "Mysterious Mr. Sabin." Published 1903, by Little Brown. Book available on line at: http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100605107

Thursday, September 8, 1910

The Sun was shining bright and glorious the first thing when I awoke and continued to do so all day and twas nice and warm also I had breakfast before seven then I set too and Mopped the Kitchen floor Mrs Mead came in and we chatted a while I read a letter from dear Alverda had Stuffed tomatoes for dinner cut my tongue with a piece of glass in one it bled furiously Edna came over we Called at Mrs Chamberlin a minute at Blisse's and out to Dunnings got some Beer at the ice house good Rollie rung up all Well.

Friday, September 9, 1910

Uncle Jake passes away

Another beautiful day guess our summer days are come at last I took all the ferns out and gave them a sunbath went in to talk with Mrs Mead Came home cleaned & aired our bed room and bedding Read a Postal from Trella This afte I went out to see Mrs Doctor Chamberlin had a nice visit with her Came home at 4 done up the Chores & had Supper Then Pop and I took the Car out to Dunnings to bid Mrs Huntington & daughter good by They go tomorrow All Well.

## Saturday, September 10, 1910

Still our beatuiful days continue also the evenings as well I was late getting to the washing but finished it late dressed a rooster Prepared the dinner done up the work Edna came over so I went down town with her to hold the horse Came home early took in the clothes fed the chickens washed my hair put the Pumpkin on to cook Tried out some Suit prepared Pops Supper Read a long letter from Alverda they are having the time of their lives Rowdy has a cat tired from the way he Barks All Well.

# Sunday, September 11, 1910

The sun shone all day but not so warm this evening tho the moon shone bright and clear was cold We had Pancakes for breakfast Then I wrote a letter to the Girls Made 3 pies one Apple 2 Pumpkin prepared the Vegeteble[sic] for dinner Rollie drove in but only remains a minute looks fine Allan & Edna came over remained to dinner and till 3 in the afte I read so did not go out did not even change my dress Pop went for a little walk is in bed now so I must hie there too All Well.

NEW BILL AT

THE UNIQUE

Tonight is the regular change night at the Unique, and the bill promises

to be even better than last week.

There will be Flyn and Howard, the funny sketch people just from the

Chutes; also three reels of the latest motion pictures. Two complete shows every night at 7:30 and 9 P. M. Any

seat in the house is 10 cents.

# Monday, September 12, 1910

My how the wind blew this afte and evening The sun shone so twas not cold the moon shone brightly tonight I had a big ironing to do So many collar & troublesome things to do read a letter from the Girls Alverda how dear they are to write every day Pop will go up tomorrow morning I lay down and read all afte slept some I think The McIntyer Girl rung up for me to sign a paper for her so her Mother could get her Pention[sic] Pop and I down to the Unique the worst I ever see there All Well

## Tuesday, September 13, 1910

Another beautiful day The wind did not blow so long or hard The sun shown nice and warm We were up early Pop took the 8-05 train for the City and returned this evening I got up at 5-30 put on the hoes[sic] and washed all the Windows on the out side & both Porches Read a letter from Alverda she is a dear Mrs Mead came over Mrs Blackburn Agnes and Edna I cooked a pot of Beans so as to have something to eat tomorrow night I did not do much but read All Well

#### Wednesday, September 14, 1910

Girls arrive home

This was a queer day So close and warm cloudy too Just after noon we had a good shower but did not clear the apmosphere[sic] I cleaned up the up stairs Allan was over too Then we had dinner After that I made a devil cake & Divinity Candy Clearned up the gas range swept the Kitchen floor washed the dishes fed the chickens for it was 4 before I had finished Pop and I had supper Mrs Merrill came down with her Vegetable here about the Rhodes place The Girls came later then Rollie So all are Happy ones now Well

## Thursday, September 15, 1910

This has been a wet day Misted all day and is foggy tonight Have had a bad head all day feels better tonight Must of taken cold We were up late Luene off to work today Alverda and I talked the most of the time I am Knitting Pops socks Edna came over twice today Pop down to the wharf to get fish Nothing doing Alverda over to Agnes to take old [can not be read] suit She wanted for a Poor lady Rollie came in tonight All Rest Well.

Friday, September 16, 1910

Cleared of[sic] this fore noon so the afte was warm and nice and tonight the moon shines beautifuly I knit some this fore noon then I aired our bed and bedding & cleaned up a little Commenced the dinner Alverda finished the same Mrs McIntyre came for me to sign a Paper for her Mother to get her Pention I went down town with her Alverda came later so we walked home together I made our bed and tended the Chickens Alverda doing the Boaties[sic] & Cap for Everlina All Well.

# Saturday, September 17, 1910

Not a very bright morning but the sun came out later So Alverda and I got our Washing day I dressed the Rooster then I cleaned the Chicken house and picked 2 baskets of tomatoes Edna came over and just as I was ready to start the letter man brought Me a postal from Mrs Armstrong saying she had sent a box of Grapes and in ten minutes they were here 4 baskets So I wrote to her to thank her I went out with Edna & to Mrs Carpenters to see the new hats This evening Rollie came in Luene & I to Beach but did not stay to dance All Well.

## Sunday, September 18, 1910

This was a foggy morning again but the day was pleasant not warm tho Alverda and Rollie went to Monterey and Pacific Grove Came home early Luene ironed I washed her hair & Baked 6 loaves of bread and 2 pans of Biscuits besides a sponge cake Prepared the dinner too did not go out this afte either Pop down to the River Alverda & Rollie came just after we had finished Supper so they had to eat Luene & I took a car to Veu De Lue & back down on same car & to the Unique the lights went out so was not very good home early All Well

Monday, September 19, 1910

Treat[ment] with Mrs Handley

The sun did not get out very early but shone nice this afte and the moon is grand tonight I put up 15 quarts of Tomatoes this morning Pop went over to the store and bought the cans some more to put up tomorrow Rollie is in tonight again I went down and took my first treatment of Mrs Handley [Mary Jane Hanly] this afte Edna met me down there She gave me a good rub & Scrub down Pop trimmed the Magnolia tree up this day All Well.



<sup>1</sup> Hammam bath, Turkish style steambath that includes a bath by an attendant, and a massage. Miss Hanly is also listed as a Chiropodist, Directory, p. 144; A person qualified to diagnose and treat foot disorders.

Tuesday, September 20, 1910

34 Wedding Anniversary[sic]

The sun was hung out early this morning but twas not warm I canned 5 more quart of tomatoes and transplanted the Prime Rose plant Mrs Rennie sent over Also spaded up the Ground and brought up dressing<sup>1</sup> and set out the Cinararies Then I wet them down did not finish till after noon I got dressed to go out with Edna she did not go till later Set out to write to Aunt Becca but Mildred [and] Bertha [Buckley] came in So I did not finish it. Rollie is in again tonight All Well

<sup>1</sup> dressing, a polite term for the manure Mary brought up from the barnyard.

Wednesday, September 21, 1910

Helen Bliss wed.

Fog both Morning and evening again but the day was fine The afte warm Alverda and I just dug in on the baby clothes for little Everlina Rollie came in for a time Then he came back to the gate & got the Package We had them finished. Edna came over and got Me I went over Mrs Rennie & I took a treatment of Mrs Handley Came home late Pearl Bliss here to have her hair dressed also Ollie came down to get hers done All Well.

Thursday, September 22, 1910

New Machine Mr Bell here

Fog this morning a wet one too and again tonight Tho the day was nice and warm I put up some more tomatoes have 30 quarts up now The old White Agent for Sewing Machines came this Morning & I exchanged my old Singer for a new White don't know if I got nipped or not Agnes did the same thing over to see her & Mrs Everts this evening Alverda over to Buckleys This afte Rollie is in tonight Poor old Dr Clark had a Parelitic Stroke a few days ago I feel Better tonight All Rest Well—

## Friday, September 23, 1910

Fog both morning and evening and the sun did not get out till after noon I made bread 6 loaves and 2 pans of Biscuits with a loaf of Sponge Cake 2 apple and 2 peach Pies Mrs Mead came in too This morning Alverda cleaned up the Sitting room I did not get my room cleaned at all Aired the bedding and cleaned up a little Edna came over and We went down and I took My third treatment feel fine tonight Luene shoved me over on [can not be read] & down she came Well.

#### Saturday, September 24, 1910

Fog till after noon Then the sun was hung out for a time The fog came in heavier than ever This evening almost a rain Alverda & I done the washing My it does make me so tired Edna came over this afte and we were out down town And home early I done up the chores the Girls were down town too This afte Pop has trimmed up the Walnut & Magnoliea[sic] trees to let the Sun on the tent Rollie came in this evening He & Alverda to Grand Zuene and I to Casino dance a good crowd All Well

# Sunday, September 25, 1910

Not much sunshine today either We were up late I prepared toast and had breakfast for Pop and Myself The Girls and Rollie up later I prepared the Vegetables for dinner also the Salad Luene Ironing Rollie and Alverda down town After dinner Pop hitched up and took Luene and I for a Walk out Blackburn Gulch only walked the Horse Rollie and Alverda to Beach and to Opera House tonight I am dead tired and sleepy All Well.

#### Monday, September 26, 1910

Fog again this fore noon but the sun shone in the afte but twas cold all day The evening was clear and warm I canned 9 quarts of Tomatoes this fore noon Mr Nelson came this afte to Teach me to thread the machine looks easy Edna came over & I went down town with her to get Material for Pop Some Jumping Luene and I down to Pleasure Pier & bought 4 crabs Walked down and home again I just feel fine Was in to see Mrs Mead Rollie came in tonight All Well.

## Tuesday, September 27, 1910

Almost a rain so heavy was the fog did not let the sun thruo[sic] all day I put the Crabs on to steam then I assisted Alverda to pick the meat out Mrs McQuestive[?] came in for a time I commenced to cut out Pops Jumpers Edna came over this afte to sew Mr & Mrs Merrill Pop Alverda & I went over to Dadie Rhodes to go thro[sic] the house to take out the things to send to Mrs Hughes I brought home a few little articles Rollie is in I sewed on Pops Jumpers tonight All Well

#### Wednesday, September 28, 1910

A wet fog again this Morning too but the day was nice and the evening pleasant I sewed on Pops Jumpers all the time I had this fore noon and a little while this afte finished one and have the other one ready for sleeves Edna came over and took Me down to the Beach to meet Mother Rennie We did not leave the Beach till after 5-30 I had 4 baths today fell [feel] fine tho Luene and I down to Opera house to see mistry of Woman good All Well.

#### Thursday, September 29, 1910

The Sun got out earlier today the after noon was warm and nice the fog did not come in this evening I canned 10 quarts of Tomatoes this morning I set bread tonight This afte early I went down and gathered all the Walnuts on the tree in the Chicken yard got a basket full Then I came up and cleaned up around some layed down for a time Then I went out with Edna When she got thro her Sewing Rollie came in tonight All Well

## Friday, September 30, 1910

They hung out the Sun early this day and I tell you it was good and hot too I cleaned our bedroom and Put the Tomatoes I put up in jars down in the Store room Then I dug up a Piece of the Springers and put it in the old roaster to have on the front porch I went down & took my dip and a treatment from Miss Handley Alverda took a swim too I made 6 loaves of bread 2 pans of Biscuits a loaf of Sponge Cake also I walked both down & back from the Beach I don't feel very tired tho All Well

# Saturday, October 1, 1910

Dear old October came in the form of a beautiful day The evening was clear and nice too Alverda and I done the wash a big one too I dressed the Rooster and cleaned out the young Chicken house Then I picked over a basket of tomatoes had dinner Alverda to Club Luene Mrs Mead and Myself to Opra house to see Divoricon[sic]¹ played very good I was late getting home too Rushed & got Chickens fed & Supper Alverda did not get home till late Luene & I to Beach did not stay long All Well. Rollie here.

<sup>1</sup> Divorcons a satire on the divorce question.

# Sunday, October 2, 1910

The Sun shone When first I was up and was nice all day The evening is fine too I took the best of the morning to fit Luenes blue Suit Alverda and Rollie down town Alverda Assisted Me with the dinner after Whist Pop took Luene and I out to Mrs Dunnings they are well This evening I wrote to Aunt Becca and Mabel[.] Rollie and Alverda gone out Luene and I here alone with Pop I am tired so will stop and hie to bed Rollie and Alverda have not returned All Well.



Monday, October 3, 1910 Sent for good 1 4½ yds 2 1 yd

This was a nice day and evening tho there is rain in the air a few clouds drift by. The Girls took off early to see Bufflow[sic] Bill and did not return till nine Luene was late to work I cleaned up a little swept the side walks ironed some this afte Pop took Alverda and I to Beach to go in Swimming with Elsie[.] Allan did not get home till five Edna & Mrs Allan came in a minute Mrs Mead came in to see them Pop and Luene gone to the show Alverda & I here alone All Well.

## Tuesday, October 4, 1910

Fog today again and cold all the Morning I have a terrible cold too I went out in the Street and talked to Agnes for a while then I cleaned up the sewing room a little also Luenes room After dinner I cut out and basted up my old coat lining did not get it fit Rollie came in tonight So I did not fit the Coat Pop and Alverda down town but did not stay long Pop drove the Horse Edna over so I went out with her for a little While My cold no better rest Well.

# Wednesday, October 5, 1910

The sun was out when I arose this morning and continued to shine all day Rollie remained in over night so was here to breakfast dinner & Supper I pressed out My old black silk Coat Linning & top but did not get it fit or cut out This afte I went down to Miss Handley [Mary Jane Hanly] took a swim Mrs Rennie did not go in I had the Vibraten¹ too did not get home till 6 My but I was warm Alverda & Rollie gone and Mrs Buckley and Mildred came in we had a nice visit with them All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Vibraten, vibrating massage introduced in the late 1890's with the advent of electricity.

## Thursday, October 6, 1910

This was a fine day The afternoon was real hot I felt miserable all morning My cold is better tho tonight I picked a basket of tomatoes and some Quinces for Edna and Mrs Rennie. I went in the basement with a Match and discovered the leak in the Gas pipe Pop had the Man from Mrs Blackburn fix it Mrs Blackburn called. Edna came over & we went out on the Soquel road to Murdocks of an eround[sic] & out to Dunnings I set bread tonight Knit a little am Sleepy Girls in to Buckleys All rest Well.

# Friday, October 7, 1910

My but this has been a scorching hot after noon The fore noon was not so bad I baked bread 6 loaves & Biscuits loaf of Sponge Cake aired our bed and bedding I was dressed early and walked down to the Casino Miss H [Hanly] was not in had to wait some little time for her got My treatment and home early My but I was warm and hungry Rollie is in this evening Pop Put up a rod for Alverda to hang her close[sic] hooks on Trella<sup>1</sup> for a drive with Harry Wrote to Aunt Emmie all Well.

<sup>1</sup> Trella Luene True, age 20, third daughter of Mary and James True. This is the first instance in 1910 of Mary refering to her daughter as Trella, perhaps an indication of her daughter maturing.

## Saturday, October 8, 1910

Still the fire above Ben Lomond rages thus making it very hot in Santa Cruz Alverda and I done the washing but did not have a Chicken after dinner and the dishes done I swept and mopped the Kitchen floor Alverda and Luene down town I did not go out Thelma came down for the water wings Rollie came in to Supper was in this evening Pop down to the Armory to hear Johnson<sup>1</sup> Speak Luene and I to the Beach to go to dance but no and [can not be read] So we returned home

<sup>1</sup> Hiram Johnson. A prosecutor from San Francisco. Republican candidate for Governor.

# Sunday, October 9, 1910

Harry Graham & Baby Girls over

Another hot day tho not so hot as Yesterday We bought some ice Cream & milk & Made Pineapple ice Cream did not come out very good Rollie here all day Pop took Luene & I for a drive around the cliff and to Laveaga Park My how dusty out there We did not get home till late I done up My chores then We had supper Oysters Alverda and Rollie gone to the Grande Home early Luene and I sleepy so we are off to bed early All Well.

Monday, October 10, 1910

Fires rain

Vances Second son born

Cloudy and Misty all fore noon but the after noon and evening were fine I cut My old black silk Coat over My but it is a job to get it out good Alverda is Making her Blue Waist finished it This evening I went down to Casino but Miss Handly did not come down Too many sick I suppose I picked all the Tomatoes this evening So they will not gel had over a big basket full I basted the lining and the out side of My coat up so tis ready to fit All Well

# Tuesday, October 11, 1910

Commenced to rain some time early this morning and has kept it up all day by showers is just Pouring down now I baked 6 loaves & 1 pan of Biscuits Rollie came in this morning and is here still Alverda & he down town this afte We played cards this evening I sewed on Luenes suit stitched up the lining and outside of my black silk coat cold tonight Mildred came in to see the hat Luene was fixing over for her All Well

#### Wednesday, October 12, 1910

My but it did thunder last night & pour down rain rained some today too but is foggy tonight I put up 11½ quarts of Tomatoes this morning now I have over 4 dozen Quarts up Rollie still here afte dinner I rung Miss Hanly up and went down met Edna at the Beach went in Swimming with her Then She gave me the Patern did not get home till after dark All were ready for Supper We played Cards tonight again All Well

Thursday, October 13, 1910

Edna gave Me a beautiful Jacket

This has been a nice day cleared off And the Sun shone wind in North The Moon shines tonight I cleaned up the sewing room swept down the stairs and bed room and both Porches Rollie went home this morning but is in tonight I Made doughnuts Alverda and rollie Made Chicken Sandwitches We are All ready for Watsonville in the morning Mrs Dunning came over Also Edna & William Luene down to the shop tonight Alverda & Rollie there too Dan came over for Rollie no go tho All well

## Friday, October 14, 1910

This was a beautiful day the sun shone all day We were up early Alverda & Rollie took the 8-10 train for Watsonville Pop Luene & Myself left on the 9-25 section Walked to town Luene & I took a car or hung on one to the Depot Mayor palmer bought our tickets as he was near the Window had a little walk up town after we arrived in W-ville all ate our Lunch in park went to Pavillion early Oh my the Aples[sic] Simply grand Words Can not do it justice Pop and all the rest came home early Luene at the Meads & Myself came home on the 7-30 train Mr & Mrs Dunning were down there too 4.500 Tickets sold All Well.





Saturday, October 15, 1910

Looks very like rain all day but none fell A brisk Wind some of the time Alverda & I done the washing a big one too Then I cleaned out the little chickens house assisted With the dinner mended stockings then I set out pink slips Pop spaded up the ground fed the Chickens Made corn bread for Supper and set bread to bake tomorrow This evening Luene and I went down to the Skating rink it opened tonight Allan & Edna there just after we returned home at ten Dan came up Rollie & Alverda got up & dressed & are off for Watsonville All well.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> According to the Sentinel, that weekend some 3000 citizens of Santa Cruz took the train to Watsonville for the Apple Annual, where there was a parade of some 200 apple wagons.

Sunday, October 16, 1910 My 54 Birthday

The sun did not shine very bright today The air feels like rain I was up prepared Pops breakfast then I set the bread 6 loaves 2 pans of biscutits also Made 3 pumpkin Pies Alverda and Rollie did not return from their Auto ride till 3 this morning I did not get up early They all assisted with the dinner After which Pop took Luene and Myself for a drive to Aptos The horse went fine This evening Luene and I to Unique to see Fatal Wedding<sup>1</sup> fine All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Fatal Wedding, Theodore Kremer. An adventuress, Cora Williams is in love with Harold Wilson, even though he is happily married to Mabel, and they have small children. Cora gets a man called Curtis to pretend to be in love with Mabel and engineers a situation where Harold walks in on them and gets the wrong impression. It works, Harold divorces Mabel and gets custody of their children Jessie and Frankie. Mabel winds up abducting them. Five years later Cora discovers Mabel living in poverty with the children. She tries to poison Mabel and frame Jessie on a charge of theft but is unsuccessful. Howard and Mabel eventually reconcile and live with their children.

#### Monday, October 17, 1910

Not much sun shine today either tho it did shine some this afte Alverda was down town With Pop This morning I sewed on my black Coat a little Then I fit the lining for her new jacket did not get it finished Pop took Mr & Mrs Merrell & myself to Mr Schwan funeral twas late before we returned home till late Edna was over she & Alverda down town Mr Merril & Pop have two boxes packed to send to Mrs hughes Well.

## Tuesday, October 18, 1910

The old fog came in so heavy this morning that everything was dripping wet but the Sun came out later and twas fine I cut out Alverda's Grey jacket have it fit and stitched A good days work Edna & William came in this afte to pick apples This afte Alverda went down town for her lining Rollie came in this evening Alverda and I cut out the Satin lining for her jacket also her skirt She has her Suit all cut to Collar looks real nice too I am sleepy All Well.

## Wednesday, October 19, 1910

This was a perfect day the after noon was just like summer Alverda and I dug in on her suit She has her skirt ready to stitch up I have the Jacket ready for stitching in sleeves and Collar The Collar is made I have the lining and canvas in My black Coat This afte Pop took me down to Beach Met Mrs Rennie I went in the Plunge did not get home till dark Knit a little this evening Luene finished Ednas hat All Well.

#### Thursday, October 20, 1910

A beautiful day was this one The after noon warm and fine Alverda & Myself put in some good licks on her Suite She has her Skirt finished to fastenings and this evening she and Rollie took her Jacket down to the Tailer[sic] to have the sleeves put in buttons and button holes and Pressed Alverda Rushed down town this afte for Silk thread to finish up on I have a Pan of Tomatoes Cooked ready to strain Set bread and Luene Made Me a swell Turbin looked dandy All Well

# Friday, October 21, 1910

The Sun did not shine so bright this fore noon but the afte was warm and fine I baked 6 loaves of bread 2 pans of biscuits Scorched both pans Then I cleaned up our bed room and Sitting room and Parlor Straned[sic] the tomatoes Made a sponge cake This afte Alverda & I went in the Plunge I took a treatment too home late I canned 8 pints of Strained Tomatoes This evening I tell you I am tired Rollie came in but they did not go out Well.

## Saturday, October 22, 1910

Fog this Morning for a while The sun did not get thru till almost noon Alverda and I had a big washing 2 Spreads Then she & I with the dog Caught the rooster She picked his feathers off while I cleaned the house & yard for the young ones Then I came up and dressed the Chicken Alverda Prepard the dinner & made a cake She and Luene down town in the Afte Rollie came in[,] in the evening & they went to the Star Luene and I went to the dance at the Armory a good Crowd All well.

#### Sunday, October 23, 1910

The fog was good and heavy this morning early I prepared the Salmon Edna sent to us by William it was fine Rollie here too At 9-30 Luene and I hiked for the beach and went into the Plunge returned at noon Alverda and Rollie had dinner ready for us This afte Pop took us for a drive Luene & Myself up the Coast met Allan & Edna they came over for a minute at the gate Luene & I printed Picture Rollie and Alverda to show I am sleepy all well—

# Monday, October 24, 1910

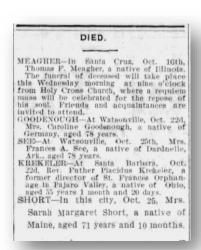
Another beautiful day the after noon was like Summer The evening was warm and nice too after Breakfast Alverda

went down town for linings for Luene's Coat while I done the ironing Cut out Luenes lining later Edna Came over This afte and we went down town Mr Short had met Pop & told him his wife was sick so I went down to see her she is very low came home an worked on Luene's jacket till after eleven it ws a hard job to fit it My but I was tired too Girls over to Blisses All Well

# Tuesday, October 25, 1910

Mrs Wm. Short passes away 7.11 P.M.

Still our beautiful weather continues I did not get up Stairs to work till after noon Sprayed the Chicken House out then I took up the Janquill bulbs¹ up Picked a basket of Tomatoes This afte I ripped up Luenes Jacket Canvass lining and cut the Satine lining and goods did not get all the Skirt cut Rollie came in Luene & I down to Mrs Shorts She passed away While I was there Poor Mr



Short how he will miss her I worked a little on my Black silk Coat need it now for the funeral I am tired All Well.

<sup>1</sup> Janquill refers to a type of daffodil, although the name is often used as a more general term for daffodil.

## Wednesday, October 26, 1910

Fog and Cold again this Morning but the Sun came out later so the day was nice but the fog came in later I worked on My old black Coat all morning This afte Alverda and I went down and in Swimming Miss Handley is in the City so I did not get a treatment Rollie came in I sewed on My old Coat this eving[sic] tired Luene and I down to Shorts this evening she is in her Casket now Mr Short went down to Payer Meeting Mrs Gerbich & her daughter there I am tired All Well—

# Thursday, October 27, 1910

Fog this Morning again but the day was fine I was up earlier than usual for I wanted to finish my old black silk Coat to wear this afte Alverda had to come to my assistance or I never should of gotten thro My I was tired too Mr and Mrs Merrill and Myself went to Mrs Shorts funeral not many there Read a letter from Aunt Emma my I was glad to hear from her This evening I set bread I was very tired so went and layed down for a time All Well.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Short was held Thursday afternoon from the First Christian Church, when Rev. C. H. Teel conducted the services. Many friends attended and expressed their love and esteem for the good lady with beautiful floral offerings.

# Friday, October 28, 1910

Fog this Morning also this evening thick enough to slice but the day was nice I made 6 loaves of bread 2 pans of Biscuits and a small Graham loaf Then I Made a Sponge Cake Aired our bedding and cleaned the Room prepared some of the dinner Worked down stairs all fore noon This afte Edna and Mrs Rennie Came over for a Minute I stitched the tuckes in Alverda's new White Embroidered waist Luene and I went down to the Grande tonight very good home early All Well

#### Saturday, October 29, 1910

Almost a rain this Morning so heavy was the fog and did not let the sun thro all day Alverda and I washed but the clothes only got partley dry I took them in tho after dinner Alverda went to Club I cut out the Skirt of Luene's grey suit it is all cut out not[sic] Rollie in to Supper They both started out in their new suits This evening Alverda made a pototoe Cake before she went to Club much as it looked like rain Luene and I went to the Sea Boat College dance a big crowd a good time Well.

# Sunday, October 30, 1910

Sent for Womans Home Com-

The clouds had the drop on the Sun all this day Cold too The fore noon was almost a rain We did not get up early I was tired and sleepy then after breakfast I Made an apple Suite pudding Steamed it in the Tea Kettle all fore noon after dinner Pop took Luene & I for a drive out black burn Gulch for a drive Came home & lift[sic] Luene at Beach to see Harry Rose I run up to see Ellen who is Sick but is better Rollie & Alverda to Grande Wrote to Reba & to Woman Home Companion My side achs All Well

#### Monday, October 31, 1910

Cleared off this fore noon they hung out the Sun so we got our clothes dry I worked on Luenes Jacket This fore noon but did not get it basted together I went to the store just after dinner & Luene & Myself went down town Came back and dug in on her Suit basted her linings up also the Skirt I gave them both a fiting tonight My I do get so tired Rollie came in but did not remain long tis Halloween and so we all wanted him to go home early All Well.

Tuesday, November 1, 1910

Taking Milk of McQuest[?]

The Sun came out but twas a little late The day was fine The fog came in this evening some felt the Cold I dident I worked on Luene's Suit My how it has bothered Me So but I finially[sic] have it ready to stitch Tomorrow Cut out

the lining for mine Tonight have it all pinned Mrs Meade Came in this Morning to Chat a while Read a Postal from dear Mrs Huntington And this afte one Came from Cousin Sallie[.] Man here to Patch the Plaster in Alverdas room Pop not Well–

## Wednesday, November 2, 1910

Not Much Sun shine this fore noon but a little shone this afte looks like rain. I potted a lace fern for the house this Morning Alverda went down town but not for long I worked on the Suit of Luenes all the time I had this afte Alverda and I went down and went into the Plunge I can not swim alone yet Sewed till [can not be read] on the Suit This eving[sic] Am tired Rollie came in and brought some lovely Lady Apples Edna over too this afte All Well.

## Thursday, November 3, 1910

This has been a Cold day not much sun shine and that little not very Warm. I set to work on Luene's Suit first thing this Morning but did not accomplish Much it does seem Alverda Made some ice cream from the Ice Rollie brought in last eving Received a Postal from Mrs Miller of Sea Bright Edna Came over and She & I went out to Dunnings did not stay long found Mrs Thomas there I sewed this evening till almost ten Set bread Rollie in for all night Mended some All Well.

#### Friday, November 4, 1910

They did not hang the Sun out till well on to noon but was very busy baked 6 loaves and 2 pans of biscuits. Also made 3 pumpkin Pies and one Apple pressed Luene's jacket & Skirt looks very nice put the Collar on and Stitched down the fronts Went over to Mrs Millers She was out so went to see Mrs Robinson till she came see Mrs Spillman too Mrs Miller looks fine Luene and I went down to the Grand nothing extra All Well.

# Saturday, November 5, 1910

This was a beautiful day The Sun was up early Shone bright all day Some thot it Cold but I did not Alverda And I done the Washing Another big one Then I dressed the Rooster and cleaned out the Chicken yard had dinner Miss Hanly called up She had returned so Mrs Rennie and I went down and took our treatment I went into the Plunge home late Rollie in here to Supper Allan came over this morning for his Pie I put button holes in Pops Jumper this this[sic] evening All Well—

#### Sunday, November 6, 1910

Another beautiful day Tho the fore noon was Cold The sun shone nice and warm all afte I potted the Chicken so did not have much bother with that Rollie in here to dinner Pop took Luene & I for a drive out the oiled road around by Capitola & home The horse goes fine Alverda and R— to the Skating rink After we had Supper and the Children had sung awhile Luene & I to the Grande met Alverda & R went to the Jewel with them All Well.

#### Monday, November 7, 1910

They did not hang the sun out this morning twas Cold too but the after noon was warm and nice still there is a chill of winter in the air Alverda done the ironing I done the dishes did not get up stairs till after dinner Then I fixed the Collar on Luene's Jacket and put a fastening on the pleating on her skirt Edna came over I went out with her My but the Wind is Cold driving Rollie in to Supper All but Pop went down to hear Ralph Smith<sup>1</sup> Speak at Hackley Hall very good related facts All well—

<sup>1</sup> Ralph H. Smith, a lawyer. On the County Socialist Party ticket for District Attorney. Ralph will receive 251 votes in 1910. He will run for State Senator as a Socialist candidate in 1912 receiving 1114 votes in Santa Cruz County. 1914 elected as a delegate to the Socialist party State Convention, and elected a member of the Santa Cruz Central Committee of the Socialist party. In 1918 he declined to state his party affiliation when he registed to vote. Residence: 114 Ocean View Ave. 1920 Census.

#### Tuesday, November 8, 1910

Election day<sup>1</sup>

No Sun this fore noon either but shone some this afte I mended My black silk Coat Where the old dog tore it & Moved the fastening on one side then I prepared the dinner Alverda and Rollie out to Soquel had dinner then so

just Pop Luene & I alone This afte I fit My jacket linning best I could darned some hoes Alverda and Rollie down town Luene and I would of gone too but nothing doing with Dad he would not go so we stayed home My head feels badly All well.

<sup>1</sup> Republican Hiram Johnson elected Governor.

Wednesday, November 9, 1910

Alverda & Rollie to Skating

Fog this Morning but the Sun came out later and it was warmer I ripped up the intire[sic] lining of My Jacket and got the seams Marked & trimmed After dinner I cut out the goods for My Jacket also the Skirt but did not get much sewing done Edna came over and brought Mrs Rennie Allan is better so as to go to the shop. This evening Luene & I out to find a Tailor to do the button holes & put in the Pockets for our Jackets but did not succeed as yet went to the Star All Well.

## Thursday, November 10, 1910

Fog most all day tho it was warm Seemes more like rain now I was in to see Mrs Mead both this Morning & evening basted My Jacket and got it together so it fits real nice Mrs Mead fit it also Luene [and] I worked on Luenes blue evening dress she is fixing it up a little for tomorrow night for the Sea Beach Rollie is still in here They were to Hackley Hall this afte & to the Jewel tonight I set bread tonight am sleepy so will hie to bed All Well.

Friday, November 11, 1910

Harry over-

Cloudy all day with a flash of sunshine now and then The fog was almost a rain at one time I made 6 loaves & 2 pans of bisucuits as usual also a sponge Cake finished Luenes grey skirt to fastenings have the Collar on Mine ready to stitch & also stitched up the sleeves This evening I basted up My lining Edna came over this afte did not remain long Rollie went home this Morning After he had run the Sweeper on the Sitting room Carpet & hall Luene is to the Sea Beach¹ to a hop with a New beau All Well—

<sup>1</sup> Sea Beach Hotel, the premier hotel of Beach Hill in the days of its greatest glory as an oceanside resort. The hotel burned in a spectacular fire at 3:30 in the morning of June 12, 1912. The Sidewalk Companion to Santa Cruz Architecture, John Leighton Chase, The Museum of Art & History, 2007, Third Edition.

Saturday, November 12, 1910

Letter from Mrs Pra[can not read]

This was a crisp Cold day The middle of the day was warm and nice Alverda & I done a big washing got a late start at it too I cleaned out the chicken house had dinner After which Pop took us down town & Alverda up to Coleman's to the club We came home early Pop and & I had our Supper Then the rest came later Alverda Trella and Rollie My but it was cold and a clear evening Luene & I went to the Casino dance not many there All Well.

## Sunday, November 13, 1910

This has been a perfect day it it[sic] was Cold The Sun has shone bright and clear all day and the evening is beautiful The Moon is so clear & bright I made an apple Pie and prepared the dinner after which Pop took Luene & I for a drive out to Mrs Dunnings The Fosters were there so we got to see them again too Alverda & Rollie for an Auto ride with Dan[.] Allan & Edna came over a little while This afte I prepared the Supper Alverda & Rollie to show I am tired and sleepy All Well

# Monday, November 14, 1910

Another beautiful day but I tell you there is a chill in the Air The evenings are just grand too so clear and bright Rollie left with Dan for the ranch this Morning I put in getting My Jacket ready to take to the Tailors this afte also Luene received a picture of dear old Lennie & family Tickled to death to get it Went down and took a Swim with Alverda and a treatment With Mrs Rennie Alverda did not get home till late Luene poor Child has another boil Wrote to Cousin Sallie All Well.

Tuesday, November 15, 1910

Luene taking blood Tablets<sup>1</sup>

They did not hang the Sun out for long today Cold all day Moderated a little this evening I went in to Mrs Meads and brought her blue Coat in to see how the front was stiffened & Padded took it home basted & fit My blue skirt as best I could Edna came over & we went out for a little while got some blood Tablets for Luene her boil is no better Poulticed it all day I stitched up both the linnings for our Jackets and took out the bastings Mrs Buckley came in to have Luene trim up a hat for her All Well—

<sup>1</sup> Blood Tablets. Near the beginning of the 20th century iron became more established as a remedy for anemia. Perhaps this was seen as an underlying cause of her boil. An add in the Sacramento Union Newspaper, January 2, 1910 suggests; "... Their presents always indicates a lowered state of vitality, and a depraved, depleted and impoverished condition of the blood. The treatment for the cure of boils should be directed toward rectifying errors of nutrition, improving the general health, eliminating poisons and impurities from the blood, and toning up and strengthening the kidneys, bowels, and other eliminating organs.

Wednesday, November 16, 1910

Postal from Mrs Hart Smith

Well if they dident hang the sun out this day but not very warm This eving[sic] the Moon shines brightly I pressed out the Sleeves of both My Jacket and Luenes Also the lining as well. This afte I stitched up My skirt then later Edna came over I fit her grey Skirt & jacket over and stitched them up for her She and I down town for a little While Rollie is in tonight Luene took Mrs Buckleys hat home I was up to the Corner for thread Wrote to Brother & Semmie All Well.

Thursday, November 17, 1910

Luene's Boils better-

The Sun shone for a short time this Morning but soon Clouded over and grew cold and continued Cold the remainder of the day & eving[sic] I sewed on My skirt have it all finished to hem and fastenings Pop took Me down this afte and I brought the two Jackets home They were \$3.00 for them I Alverda and Rollie down town this afte and this evening Luene Alverda Rollie & Myself to the Grand Nothing extra I set bread this evening Pop and I came home by the store & I bought a bag of table salt All Well.

Friday, November 18, 1910

Luene's 21Birthday

Rained last night but cleared off today and was a beautiful after noon the Moon Shone brightly tonight but tis cold I made 6 loaves of bread two pans of biscuits and a coffee cake This afte I worked on My suit for a little while then Mrs Stinmetz [Steinmetz] called we had quite a chatter time together Rollie & Alverda out this afternoon and a gain this evening Luene and I home I succeeded in getting the lining basted into My Jacket a big Job All Well.

#### Saturday, November 19, 1910

This was a nice day tho the Morning was Cold the after noon and evening were fine The Moon shone clear and grand Alverda & I done the washing with a little assistance from Rollie I cleaned the Chicken house and dressed an old hen after dinner I rushed around and dressed and went to Casino had My swim & treatment Came home took in the clothes Assisted Alverda with the Supper then I read a while After which Luene and I went to the Casino dance a good crowd there this time home early All Well.

# Sunday, November 20, 1910

Still our nice weather continues tho tis Cold the sun shines warm too We were not up early Pop and I had our breakfast first then I made 2 Apple and 1 Chocolate Pie Assisted Alverda with preparing the dinner washed Luene's hair This after noon Pop took Luene and I for a drive a round the Cliff up to Laveaga park & home Allan and Edna Called to get their butter. Later Alverda and Rollie came we had Supper before they came they dined at the California I wrote Postals to Thistlethwaite Mary & Alice letter to Mrs Huntington Well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The California Bakery, 5 Mission Street. Directory, p.141.

Monday, November 21, 1910

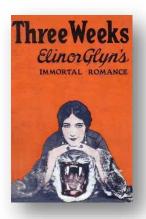
We were all up late so had to hurry all day Alverda done the ironing I cleaned up a little There are a few clouds in the sky tho the weather is fine Rollie went home this Morning This morning I padded the sleeves of both Luenes & My Jacket after dinner early Ollie came down for my advice on a Sweater Then I got ready and went over to see dear Mrs Miller her 83 birthday. She was out but I waited till she came home Edna came over but I did not see her Alverda Packed a Lunch for her & Rollie going to look for Red berries Read a nice long letter from Florence All well.

## Tuesday, November 22, 1910

Another fine day the Sun shone most all day the stars are shinning tonight Rollie came in and he and Alverda went for Xmas berries returned this afte at 4 with out one None to be found I took all the Pullets<sup>1</sup> out of the yard but the blue ones Put the sleeves in both the Jackets and this evening we put the lining in them Mrs Hoops<sup>2</sup> and her daughter called this afte read letter from Reba Alverda is Making a switch for her hair<sup>3</sup> this evening hair every where All Well.

- ¹- Pullet a young hen, less than one year old. From old French poulet chicken, from Latin pullus a young animal or bird. The "blue ones," Andalusian breed of blue feathered chickens
- <sup>2</sup> Hoopes, Mary J., 47 S. Branciforte Ave. Directory p. 69. Married to Silas F., a Carriage trimmer.
- <sup>3.</sup> A hair piece.





Wednesday, November 23, 1910 Reading "Three Weeks by Elinore Glyn<sup>1</sup>

This was another fine day the Sun was so warm & nice but tonight the fog has come in so thick & heavy it is almost a rain I washed the dishes after breakfast then I commenced on the Suits to press them Put the Hooks on My skirt and the Buttons on My Jacket My I am so glad they are finished Rollie was in twice today both fore noon & afte Edna came over to dine Allan was up the Coast This afte I cleaned the Spare room Lavatory Luene's room and the sewing room Swept down the Stairs Read a postal from Mary All Well

<sup>1</sup> Three Weeks is a 1907 erotic romance novel by Elinor Glyn who specilalised in Romantic fiction which was considered scandalous for its time.

Thursday, November 24, 1910 Thanksgiven—

This day was a little cloudy tho the Sun Shone at times a heavy fog early for every thing was wet & we had a late breakfast then all got dressed and Started for Mr D¹ to spend the day and take dinner pop & I got a Car but the Girls missed it So had to take a later one I assisted Mrs D to prepare the dinner Which was served at 1-45 had a splended dinner The Girls left as soon after as they could to go skating & to foot Ball Pop & I came home later[.] looked like rained[sic] Commenced to rain but we all went to the dance at the Casino a big crowd Rollie here All Well—

<sup>1</sup> Dunning, James I., 46 Du four Ave. Directory p. 48.

Friday, November 25, 1910

Cold tonight

Cleared off early this Morning and was a beautiful day I made Bread 6 loaves 2 pans of Biscuits & a Coffee Cake Mrs Blackburn came in but did not remain long. I ripped the sleeves out of My Cream Serge Jacket and Made Them smaller Aired our bed and cleaned the room down Then I took the Begonia bulbs out of the Pots and Put them away for winter also set out some bulbs Mrs D— gave me and a few I had to put out received a Postal from dear little Ethlyn[.] Rollie in here tonight again They went to the Beach this afte All Well—

Saturday, November 26, 1910 Martha Wilson Passes away.<sup>1</sup>

A heavy frost this Morning and it was crisp and cold just the weather I like Alverda and I done the washing not a big one Then I cleaned out the chicken house and dressed the rooster Cleaned the store room Washed the dishes got ready and went down to the Casino to have a Swim and take My treatment. Luene came down and we walked home together Read a letter from Mabel Came home Made doughnuts after Supper Luene and I to the Unique very good All Well

<sup>1</sup> Martha (Pilkington) Wilson, age 82 living at 245 Broadway with Lida P. Whiddon and Thomas Reed. 1910 Census.

Sunday, November 27, 1910

Mrs Recht passes away.

This was a nice fore noon tho the clouds hid the Sun at times became More cloudy and a few drops of rain did fall still cloudy Made 4 pies 2 Pumpkin & 2 Apple did not

get up till very late then Mr & Mrs Dunning came and chatted a while as they were going Edna came She remained to dinner after which Pop took us for a drive around the cliff was not very Cold came back by Ednas left her came home soon Harry & Pearl came over to the gate did not come in We had not Much of a Supper Rollie & Alverda gone out Finished Three Weeks by Elnoir[sic] Glyn Pop out Well

Monday, November 28, 1910

Attended Martha Wilsons funeral

The Sun was out the better part of this day but the air is Cold just the same Alverda done the ironing I cut out 3 gowns for Luene finished one to Button & button holes Rollie is home tonight went down town this Morning Pop and I went to Mrs Martha Wilson's funeral this afte She looked as nice as I ever see any one so Natural Tom Pilkington¹ rode home with us my left eye has Pained Me all day seemes a little better at this writing Pop seemes better tonight all the rest Well

<sup>1.</sup> Thomas Pilkington, age 22, living at 132 Pine St. with his wife Mary and five children. Working as a plumber for the gas company. 1910 Census

Tuesday, November 29, 1910

Attended Mrs Richts [Dora Recht] funeral

This was a beautiful day so warm and nice I cleaned up around a little this Morning soon Rollie came in he and Alverda out to Soquel Came in this evening She is out there tonight[.] Such doings as I never did see Pop and I attended Mrs Richts funeral this afte She looked very Natural not many there 2 years in Feb since Adam her Son died and now she lays by his side. This evening I wrote a long letter to Florence and one to Aunt Emma and Postal to Mrs A Strickman read a postal from Mrs Armstrong All Well—

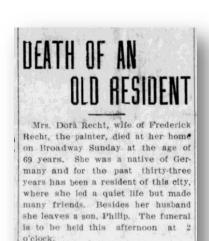
#### Wednesday, November 30, 1910

This was a Nice fore noon but clouded up and looked very like rain but cleared off again and was warmer I washed all the windowes[sic] in the Sitting room

Kitchen Cleaned some of the Paint in the Kitchen too This afte I washed the windows in our bed room The Bath room & Pantry Mr Short<sup>1</sup> came up this Morning to tell Me I could have that fern that I so wanted on his front Porch My I was tickled half to death to get it This evening Luene and I went down to the Skating rink a big Crowd there read a Postal from Mrs Armstrong All Well.

<sup>1</sup> William Short, age 82, living at 119 Ocean St., with his wife Sarah. 1910 Census.





Thursday, December 1, 1910

Fern from Mr Shorts

This day was nice till the after noon then it clouded up and was colder The Sun did not shine Much this after noon either I read a letter from Dear old friends the Thistlethwaites they are well. Today I put in Cleaning again I washed all the windows in the Dinning room swept down the walls and prepared the dinner Washed out the felt clothe for the table set bread This evening Edna over this afte and we went down town & home then back to Mr Shorts and got that fern I so much wanted will set it out tomorrow hope it does well all at home are Well—

## Friday, December 2, 1910

Tried hard to rain this Morning but did only sprinkle looks like we might get some tonight tho the Camphire[sic] is down[.] I baked 6 loaves 2 pans of Biscuits and set out the fern Mr Short gave me Think twill do well Picked some Tomatoes to Make the Green tomatoe Mince Meat this after I had My room cleaned I made a new Velour Cushion[sic] for My rocking Chair Read a nice letter from Florence Luene to the Sea Beach to a hop All Well.

#### Saturday, December 3, 1910

Raining when we got up and continued till late in the afte Then it Cleared off and was clear all evening I did not wash Alverda & Rollie came in and brought us a lot of Clams had some for dinner Alverda went to club I went down and had my treatment did not get home till dark Cold too Luene had Supper almost ready Rollie came in this evening Luene and I went down to the College dance at the Sea Beach Hotel a big crowd there cold too but did not rain did not get home till 12-30 All Are Well.

#### Sunday, December 4, 1910

Clear today and not very Cold Pop and I had our breakfast the youngones later I put the Chicken on to Cook then Made an apple pudding Alverda prepared the Vegetables after dinner Pop took Luene & I for a drive around the Cliff not so very Cold after Supper Alverda & Rollie went out I commenced to Crotchet a while but then I wrote a letter to Reba My eyes Pain me so now all are off for bed as we Must wash tomorrow All Well.

# Monday, December 5, 1910

Cleared off this Morning and clouded up again but Luene and I did the washing a big one it was too and they all got dry Rollie went down town and came up this afte again went out home later Edna came over she & I down town and out over the Soquel road for a drive Edna commenced My work over again did not hem it just right too tight I guess don't Crotchet like she does read a letter from dear old Aunt Becca I am sleepy all in bet but Well—

Tuesday, December 6, 1910

Postal f Mrs Lucas Amsly

This was a nice fore noon but it clouded up in the afte and 3 there was quite a shower but is clear tonight again. I run in to see Mrs Everts this Morning fit on Luenes blue Suit This afte she & I down town bought 2 pictures 2 cups & Saucers Neck ties 4 a Picture for Mr & Mrs Thistle[thwait] Some Cards also My new blue hat Allan was over to fix the tank in the bathroom Toilet Tim brought it back & Put it up Rollie & Alverda out for a little drive I bought a New Crotchet hook & have about a ¼ of My belt finished Well

#### Wednesday, December 7, 1910

Cloudy but the Sun shone a good deal too Tonight while tis still cloudy the Moon shines I did not feel very good all fore noon finished fitting Luenes waist then I ironed out the Cuffs for 2 white waists for Alverda and some Collars I done up the after dinner work as the Girls wanted to go down town Edna came over Luene went home with her and down town & to the Skating Rink Rollie came in so he & Alverda are to see "The Man on the box.1 I remained home and worked on My belt all are Well—



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Man on the Box. A comedy based on the 1904 novel of the same name by Harold MacGrath. It will be made into a silent movie by Cecil B. DeMille in 1914.

## Thursday, December 8, 1910

This was a nice day tho still the clouds linger near as if they might at any time get the drop on Mother earth Cleaned up around a little then worked on the belt I am Knitting I went down to take a swim Luene went too also took a treatmenet Luene went Skating too I came home set bread had Supper then Mrs Mead and Myself went down to the Baptist Church to hear Miss Macomber recite the whole Programe was just fine did not get home till late All Well—

# Friday, December 9, 1910

Still our cloudy weather lingers near lookes very like rain tonight This morning I made 6 loaves of bread 2 pans of Biscuits and My Coffee Cake cleaned our bed room Mildred Buckley in to see the Girls this afte She & Luene to the Unique tonight I finished My belt went in to see Wilkie Planned to go to the Congregation Church tonight to hear Mrs [Zenoma Gray-]Chitenden and Children but Nothing doing so I am home and String Knit a little on Pops Socks All Well

#### Saturday, December 10, 1910

A wet day was this one did not rain when I first awoke so I turned on the gas under the boiler Alverda & I done the washing Luene assisting a little She picked the old rooster I cut him up Alverda prepared the dinner After which Luene & I went down town I to the Show "The Bishops Carriage' Luene to Rink. Alverda out to Soquel to a dance it rained some all day at times Luene to Rink tonight with little Wilkie as she calls him it has rained hard at times this evening too All Well—

# Sunday, December 11, 1910

Rained the better part of the fore noon but cleared off and the Sun shone later so I hung out the clothes & they all got dry I made 3 pies one apple and 2 Lemon had half of one Lemon for dinner after dinner Pop went to the Beach Luene & Mildred went to the Skating Rink I remained home and read This evening I Commenced a letter to Mable did not finish it As Pop Luene and Myself took a notion to go to the Grand Which we did very good the fog had come in almost a rain All Well

#### Monday, December 12, 1910

It cleared off and was a beautiful day just like summer and the Moon shines clear and bright I done the most of the ironing Alverda & Rollie came in this Morning so She is home once more Luene and she both washed windows Luene & I down town done a bit of shoping gee but I was tired and am still tired Edna brought me home from town a big help Put in new Phone and put it down low so one can sit down & talk All Well—

#### Tuesday, December 13, 1910

Broke 1 tooth off My Plate.

This was a fine day the sun shone all day and the evening was Just Glorius the Moon shone so clear and bright This fore noon I tried to fit Luene's black suit again did not get it finished This afte I Crotched a Rapha bottom for a bead Alverda is Making Guilded the reading on one of the Picture frames looks real good now Alverda down town this afte did not stay long this evening twas too nice so Luene and I went to the Grand the same as Sunday Night went to see the Proff has a fine lot of rooms All Well

#### Wednesday, December 14, 1910

The Sun did not Shine so much today and the fog came in early this evening and was very wet. I Crotched a blue cover for a Hair receiver for Alverda this fore noon This afte Luene and I down town bought a Picture for Mrs Dunning & goods for a Waist for Cousin Sallie Then we went to the Unique to see When Night Hood was in Flower did not get home till dark Wilkie & Agnes with us Rollie drove in tonight They were out for a drive I commenced another belt Luene went down to the Ave' to meet us to go to the [Hells?] Girls dance at Casino Pop Not Well.

#### Thursday, December 15, 1910

Another nice day & the evening equaly as nice tho there is a chill in the air I cleaned up the Picture I bought for Mrs D and worked a little on the belt Then I stitched Luenes black suit some but she hasent[sic] it finished yet. Edna came over late in the afte Went out to Mr D– sent Black beauty to Cousin Georges Children A card to Auntie Sinnett Edna is to send the Package to Cousin Sallie. I went down to the Corner for Yeast Came home set bread Rollie came in and is here tinight[sic] Pop is any thing but Well the rest are Well



# Friday, December 16, 1910

Still our nice Weather continues the Sun shone Most all day and the evening is clear & bright Alverda and I cleaned the Sitting room I baked 6 loaves 2 pans of Biscuits cleaned our bed room and changed the bedding Alverda down town We made our lot of Chocolate Creames & Divenity I sent the Belt to Cody received the New York Times from her. Fit on Luene's black suit again Knit a little but My I am so tired Alverda dug up a date Plant & I potted it Cleaned the Pictures to send away Pop the same rest Well.

# Saturday, December 17, 1910

This was a nice day we got a good start at the washing so with the 3 of us at it soon had it out got it dry too I dressed the old hen too Cleaned out the Hen house this afte Alverda went to Bridge Luene down town I went and took my Treatment did not get home till dark Pollie and Alverda out to show Luene sewing on her black suit it took Me all evening to read up the Papers I was back on did not get to bed till late all Well.

## Sunday, December 18, 1910

This was a beautiful day the wind is in the north and it is clear We were up late done up a few of the Packages had dinner the old hen was tough rollie came in he and Alverda out to Soquel home this evening tho. Pop took Luene and I for a drive we Came home by the drug store bought some sticker so did up a few more Packages this evening I wrote to Mabel and Reba addressed some Postals too So will hie to bed All Well.

#### Monday, December 19, 1910

Cloudy and did sprinkle a little Wind in north cold too cleared off this evening early but has clouded up again I cleaned up the Toilet up staires Alverda cleaned the parlor then Rollie Alverda & Myself did the decorating Luene ironed Pop & Rollie packed the Apples Pop Packed uncle Billies box I fixed the Walnuts for Mrs Slack each box cost 35 cents Rollie to the Corner to get Stickers for a Package Cleaned all the Silver too He rubbed it all with Polish Edna came over a minute received a Picture from Thistle Well

## Tuesday, December 20, 1910

Cloudy the best part of this day with a little Sunshine late this afte There was a light Sprinkle before noon cloudy tonight too Alverda & Rollie took the 7-40 Car out to Soquel to go & get Berries returned about 2 but no Berries I cleaned up the Sitting room a little Cleaned the Gas stove found a leak in the gas pipe Pop tightened up & stopped it Put clean Paper in the pantry drawers and on 2 of the Cupboard shelves. Cleaned the Sink & tables Luene Worked this fore noon All Well

#### Wednesday, December 21, 1910

Cleared off this Morning and the rest of the day was fine I got in and dusted the Chairs in the dinning room dusted the Cups & Saucers on the Cup rack & scrubbed the Lenolium Oh my it was so dirty After dinner I went down and took My swim and treatment. Mrs Rennie did not go dear Mrs Swank came up to see Me but I was out read a letter from Joe[.] Edna came over this evening Luene and I went down to the Skating rink My but it was cold All well

#### Thursday, December 22, 1910

So cold early this Morning we could not do much Made out all the P O orders for the Girls and sent them this evening Sent Mary 20 this time. Pop got our Turkey 18 ¼ lbs Rollie in to Supper Ralph Dunning came in for a while Edna over we went to Mrs Chamberlins & Miss Hughes. Stopped at Petersons Store to leave box of Candy

received a Jabot<sup>1</sup> from dear Mrs Slack and another from Mary both were Pretty set bread tonight sent 4 more Postals tonight am tired All well–

<sup>1</sup> Jabot, a decorative ruffle or other arrangement of lace or cloth attached at the neckline and extending down the front of a woman's blouse or dress.

## Friday, December 23, 1910

Another Perfect day tho it was good and cold this Morning So cold we dreaded to leave the fire I made bread 6 loaves 2 pans of Biscuits and a coffee cake Made 5 Mince Pies Also then just after dinner I dressed the Turkey and washed him Edna Came over Luene gave me a blue under Skirt Alverda a lovely brush comb & mirror Edna big brass Jardinear read 4 Postels one from Emma Wilson Alice belle & Mrs Stickman Rollie came in and is here tonight Pop and Luene gone to the Minstrel Show All Well

# Saturday, December 24, 1910

This was a nice day but cold but we soon got to work and got warm We had every body at work too. Rollie just stood in for all he was worth Alverda Made a Carmel Cake While I made a White cake She also Made a Chocolate Layer I made 2 pumpkin Pies. The Girls & Rollie down town I have My dressing for the Turkey made also Cranberry Sauce Made[.] Postal from Mrs Longstreth Mrs Grey & Mrs Armstong Mrs Gray too This evening Tired as I was I had to go to casino with Luene to dance had a good time All Well.

Sunday, December 25, 1910

A Glorious day

Did not get to bed till 1-30 The Girls & Rollie up and to 5. O'clock Church home had breakfast soon I was up and had the Fowel on to roast then I done the Vegetables for dinner about 11-45 Mr & Mrs D– James Mr & Mrs Hunting too came. LaterAllan & Edna We served dinner at once Seven Courses. But every thing went off fine James brought Me a nice little bowl Edna a Sofa Pillow a

beauty Miss Hughes a brass Tray Uncle billy a set of glass cream Pitcher and all Mabel a Jabot My I never had such a nice Xmas got all the dishes washed up and Put away I have a cold All Well—

Monday, December 26, 1910

Cherry tree blosoms

Still our beautiful weather continues The nights & Mornings Cold no ice tho Up late did the Washing Alverda & I alone Luene & Rollie up stairs We all got dressed for dinner Pop went out to get his plowman Edna and Mr Robertson came over received a book from Cousin George and a Jabot from Florence a number of Postel cards Played cards a While then Agnes came over before I had the clothes taken in I feel good considering all the nights sleep Ive lost Luene & I to dance at Casino almost froz[sic] to death Well

Tuesday, December 27, 1910

Lukisk[?] Plows yard

Another beautiful day did not get up early but twas cold Just the same and again tonight tho it remains clear My old head felt so badly I could not work and went up Stairs to bed did not get up till four felt better had a letter from Reba a Postal from [can not be read] Pop & Cousin Sallie Luene... [page can not be read due to ink bleeding from following page.] she is not well Rollie went home this afte I did not feel like working tonight rest Well

#### Wednesday, December 28, 1910

Another beautiful day tho the Morning and evening are good and cold but I like cold weather I worked on one of Luenes gowns this Morning but did not get it finished This afte we[,] that is the Girls and Myself over to see Ednas Xmas She did get a nice lot of pretty things such nice dishes I also went down and took My Swim & Treatment read



The performance given by this company, unlike many given by their white competitors, is strictly clean and refined. Not a suggestive word, song, joke or action finds a place 'n their program.

This motto of cleanliness is doubt less the keynote of their success, for they are packing the theatres through out the country.

There will be a big free street perrade at noon, headed by the best minstrel band in America, and a concert in front of the theatre at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

a letter from Aunt Emma had a package from Cousin Sallie a lovely work big Crotcheted[sic] & Soquel for Alverda in white this evening All Well.

## Thursday, December 29, 1910

Our clear cold Weather Continues tho it was not so Cold tonight Alverda and I soon had Breakfast then I walked over with her to take the Capitola Car to go Clamming Rollie would meet her with the rig I found some White yarn so I made Ray's Baby a Toque¹ and this evening I made a Maroon for Reba will send them up to them Commenced a white one for Luene Edna came over and we went out and twas cold driving set bread this evening and Made Biscuits for Supper Read a letter from Ralph and one from Mary Gaye All Well.

<sup>1</sup> A Toque is a type of hat with a narrow brim or no brim at all

# Friday, December 30, 1910

Clouded up for a time but the North Wind blew the clouds all a way later but it is not so Cold I baked 6 loaves and 2 pans of biscuit and Coffee Cake it was cold so I was late getting it done. Then Luene and I cleaned up the Sitting room I aired our bedding & cleaned our bed room Then I finished Luene's Toque and she wore it over to Mrs Millers with me She is well After Supper Luene & I down to Ollies to see their Xmas Then went in to see Buckleys They had company and more came Alverda has not returned yet all Well.

# Saturday, December 31, 1910

My but there was a White frost this Morning and a cold north wind but Luene and I washed not a big one Then I dressed the last big buff Orpington Rooster<sup>1</sup> weighed 7 ½ lbs When dressed Alverda did not get home till almost noon has more Cold too. Luene went down town but I remained home and Crotched Thelma a garnet Toque she came down this eve for it Rollie came in this evening he and Alverda went to the Armory dance I read a letter from Mary Luene and I to the Armory dance also a good Crowd home late All Well



<sup>1</sup> The Buff Orpington is a century-old heritage breed, a large meat bird with well-laying hens and roosters known for docility.

Notes in the back of 1910 diary.

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31 Pearl St, girl to work lives

S. A. Palmers Drug Store, No 132767 Salve, For my sore fingers, Dr. Clark. No 132766 Capsuls. One twice a day as ordered.

Never Content with the –IS– which they have Always regreting the. NAS.Which has Passed. And building false hope on the Phantom "May be"

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