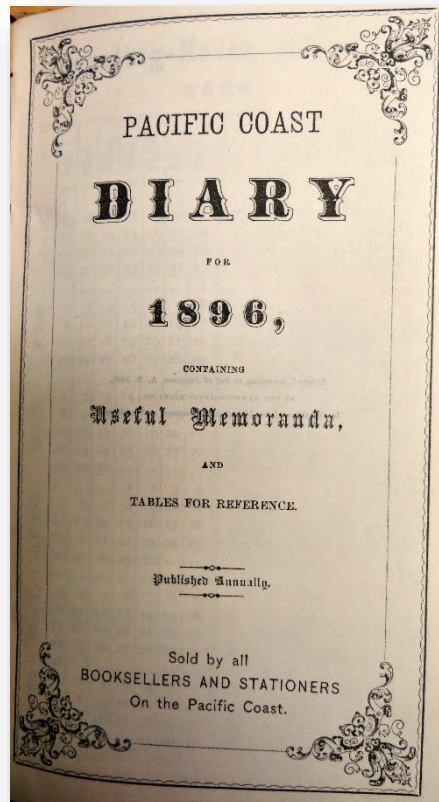


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True/Lund Family Diaries

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Some 1896 Highlights:

January: A wet and cold time. The children are sick, Grandpa is visiting from Sutter, but there is time for popcorn and games of Whist with friends.

February: A leap year. Edna is in some trouble at school, according to Mary; "Edna is still in Hot water at School" Her writing and arithmetic are suffering. Mary and Pop will make many trips to the school to visit teachers and administrators, and a special trip to see the trustees.

May 7: Mary and Grandpa travel on the steamer, *St Paul* for two days, from Santa Cruz to Pomona via San Pedro and Los Angeles. After buying tickets for their return trip on the same steamer, Grandpa gets lost and is missing overnight. Grandpa is found the next day but the steamer has sailed making it necessary to take the train home. An overnight trip, with a stop in Tracy, "a miserable little dusty Hole" according to Mary.

June: The month was a busy one. The children practiced their parts to sing for the Venetian Water Carnival, while Mary made costumes for them to wear for the event. The 2nd annual Venetian Carnival was notable for visiting ships of the Pacific Fleet. And military reenactments on both water and land.



Wednesday, January 1, 1896

A very Bright and Pleasant day

Alverda¹ was taken very suddenly ill early this morning at noon her fever was up to 103 1/2 Edna² went for the Dr he was here twice today her fever is still High I did not get to Bed till after three this morning I sent Mrs Litchfield³ some Apple Snow⁴ I made- Mrs M-⁵ came in we Played cards a while this evening. Had some mussels soup for dinner & a chicken Pie I was so worried over Alverda I could not eat Luene⁶ still has fever All the rest well

¹ Alverda Everlina True, (8), second daughter of Mary and James True.

² Bertha Edna True (11), eldest daughter of Mary and James True.

³ Martha Litchfield (64), living at 92 Ocean View Avenue, with her husband, Ansel (64), a farmer.

⁴ A combination of fruit puree, meringue, and whipped cream can be an elegant conclusion to a meal, or a comforting pudding for children. English cooks have been making this "dyschfull of snowe" since at least the 16th century.

⁵ Catherine Brower Mann (aka Mother Mann, also Mrs M-). She is living at 114 Ocean View Ave. with her husband Abraham, who sells shoes and boots at 157 Pacific Ave.

⁶ Trella Luene True (5), third daughter of Mary and James True.

Thursday, January 2, 1896

Another Bright & Pleasant day

Alverda Still has fever I am setting up with her at this Writing I made Luene two under drawers out of some old ones of mine Pop¹ and Grand Pa² went down town Grand Pa got an Attomizer to use his Catarrah medicine with .50 cents they also took a walk down to the River Mrs Holmes³ came over Got a letter from Home. Jennie⁴ and Edna went over to her Home tonight We Played cards a gain tonight Luene still has fever Alverdas was 104 at 6 this evening Well

¹ James Rawlings True Born Nov 26, 1843 a native of Ohio. Mary's husband, she refers to him as, "Pop" and on occasion as "True."

² Grand Pa, Elisha Thomas, Mary's father. A widower, living near Sutter, CA.

³ Anna / Annie Holmes (40) a widow, living at 209 No. Branciforte Ave. 1910 Census. Directory, page 716.

⁴ Jennie Holmes (19), is a hired girl helping Mary with her housework. She lives with her widowed mother, Anna M (39) and a brother, Edward (13) on North Branciforte Ave. 1900 Census.

Friday, January 3, 1896

Very pleasant this morn although this afte it is a little Hazy & lookes a little like Rain Alverda seemes Better Luene about the Same I have got them Both in the Sitting room tonight Did not get much sleep last night done the usual cleaning this Friday Although my side Pained me Pop and Grand Pa over to town got Cabbage & onion plants set them out The Buckley Children¹ here Mrs Short² Mrs Dunning³ & Mrs Wilkins⁴ came in Edna out to Mrs Morrisays⁵ with Mrs M- We had a Game of Whist Jennie and Grand Pa Gone all the rest well

¹ Bertha A. (28), Muriel B. (5), and Annie M. (4). Their mother, Minnie Buckley is a longtime friend of Mary's.

² Sarah M. Short (50), living in Branciforte Township with her husband, William (67), a farmer and miner. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 761.

³ Jennie L. (Huntington) Dunning living on Soquel Road with, her husband James Dunning's (aka Mr. D-), his second wife. They have one child, James who was born in 1898. 1900 Census.

⁴ Catherine (Collins) Wilkins (aka Wilkie) and niece Agnes, living at 115 Ocean View Ave. A longtime friend of Mary's.

⁵ Christina Morrisey (34) living on lower Soquel Rd. with her husband, James (52) a farmer.

Saturday January 4, 1896

A Very Pleasant warm day

I did not get to bed till nearly four this morning Alverda seems a Better Luene is a bout as usual I had the Dr come over & see her tonight Pop and Grand Pa went down town Pop took me over to see the Dr got my Bottle filled¹ I feel very Bad tonight Mrs Everts² came in this morning also Mrs Mann- Bertha [Buckley] was in this after noon Pop went down town this Evening & got an alarm clock Jennie did the washing alone I got the dinner All well

¹ Mary routinely has her bottle filled by the doctor with some unknown medicine. Once referred to as a smelling bottle, but is used for a variety of ailments.

² Jennie S. Everts (59). She is active in the W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union) and the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) auxiliary. Living at 143 Ocean View Ave. with her husband Morgan R.,

Sunday, January 7, 1896

Cloudy looks a little like rain.

Edna went to Sunday school a lone the other two Girls were not able to go. the Dr came this morning Luene seems almost well But I don't think A[lverda]- is so well. My throat is sore to night. Pop took Grand Pa Jennie & Edna to Capitola to see the new Wave Motor¹ I did not go out wrote a letter Home Popped some read to the children also read Black Beauty in the evening Jennie & Edna went down to church Maud Scott came to the door All the rest well

¹ In July of 1895 it was announced that the small resort town of Capitola near Santa Cruz had been selected as the site of the Gerlach wave motor, the first large scale wave motor project for generating electricity for commercial purposes. By July 1896 the project was deemed a failure.



Wave Motor, Capitola Wharf, ca. 1896

Monday, January 6, 1896

North wind still a little Hazy.

Helped Iron some then I sewed a little on Alverdas dress. Pop took me over to the Dr the thing would not work so I came Home and made another and Had better luck the second trip. Pop & Grand Pa went over to town got a load of wood for the fire Place Clara Chrichton came down a little while this afternoon I enjoyed it very much Jennie went over Home Pop Grand Pa & Edna & I played a few games of Cards I think the children are Better today well

Tuesday, January 7, 1896

Windy & cold a little Cloudy tonight

Worked Hard on A- dress but with so many interruptions I did not get it done till tonight Grand Pa does not feel so well tonight He & Pop went down town & down to the river this morning Pop got a load of Oak wood for the fire place today A. & L. Still have a little fever the Dr was here this morning Mrs Reed¹ came up this after noon and touched up my fruit Piece a little Mrs Steinmitz² called my Head aches tonight all the rest Well

¹ Glencairn (Armstrong) Reed (35), living with her husband, Charles A. (35) proprietor of a frame and molding shop, at 131 Garfield St. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 752.

² Anna Steinmetz (60), living at 43 Ocean View Ave., with her husband, Charles (67), and three daughters, Carrie (31) Louise (29), and Clara (17).

Wednesday, January 8, 1896

clear & Bright

I worked Hard on Ednas Blue & Brown dress but did not get it done the men came & sawed the wood The Children went out for an airing they feel pretty well now- Pop & Grand Pa went down to the River. I feel real miserable these last few days. little seigns [sic] of rain but they always blow over I washed Grand Pa feet tonight All Well

Thursday, January 9, 1896

clear Pleasant

Pop & I started in to make over Alverdas & Luenes Bed I washed The tick¹ & we started in to pick over the Wool & I got disgusted & he took the tick over I had Ely fill it with White Hair 15 lbs for \$11.25 I got Ednas Blue &

brown dress finished went into Mrs Manns for a few minutes Pop & Grand Pa went down town twice Pop got a litter (sic) from Mr McKay with draft Alverda & Luene out for an airing. Jennie went over Home this evening I feel miserable rest are well

¹ A tick is simply a linen or cotton bag filled with feathers - or straw or wool or cotton - [in this case, White hair] and sewn shut. The fabric, called ticking, needed to be closely-woven to avoid contents leaking out, and cleaned regularly.

Friday, January 10, 1896

Cloudy But cleared away.

Alverda got her letter off to Mabel I made corn Bread for Breakfast cleaned up the two Bed Roomes Parlor & Hall. Pop took us all over to town this after noon got Alverda 2 Pair of Shoes Luene and Edna each one Pair. I went down to see Rose for a little While came Home rushed around & made two waists got the Button Holes & all done & now it is late So I am off to Bed CRC¹ called Early this morning all are well

¹ C R C., Mary's code for her menstrual cycle. Possibly stands for Crimson Red Curse.

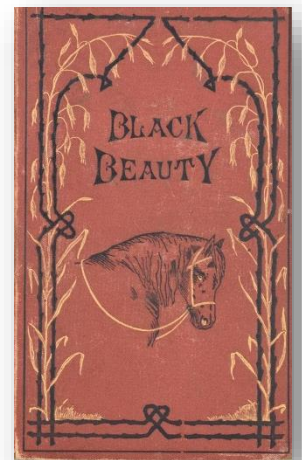
Saturday, January 11, 1896

Cloudy & a little colder tonight

Jennie & I done the washing I dressed a chicken & Baked the Bread Mrs Holmes came over also Mr Short & Brought us some nice Salmon he Had caught I gave Mrs. Holmes a couple of Slices I went over to see Agnes¹ She is ill I took over the thermometer & the fever & cold cure got a letter from Ola² also the Home Companion it is very late So I must clear out & get to Bed all well

¹ Agnes Wilkins, living at 115 Ocean View Ave. with her aunt, Catherine (Collins) Wilkins (aka Wilkie).

² Viola (Ola) Ricketts (18). Mary's niece who lives in Sutter, Yuba County, the daughter of Mary's sister, Elizabeth (Thomas) Ricketts.



Sunday, January 12, 1896

Cloudy a little mist fell

the children went to Sunday school. I gave Grand Pa his usual wash made an apple Snow Jennie Went out Pop took Grand Pa & the children out for a walk I stayed at Home finished reading Black Beauty¹ through tonight I went over to see Agnes this morning Popped some corn & got the lunch Alverda took over some Snow & some Pop corn to Agnes I must go to Bed it is late tomorrow is school morning Well

¹ Black Beauty is the compelling tale of a young thoroughbred told by its hero, a remarkable black horse born with one white foot and a white star on his forehead. In his own unique voice, Black Beauty tells the story of his life from the time he was a young colt who grazed the meadow in idyllic country pastures, to his work pulling a cart on the cobble-stoned streets of London.

Monday, January 13, 1896

It has been misty & rainy all day the children Started off to School this morning Luene & all. I was over to Wilkies¹ twice today Agnes is Better She only Has a cold I got three letters today one from Home one from Rain O. Boy one from Lizzie Percy Father got one from Cousin Queen I mended my Stocking & done some of the Ironing also sewed on Alverda & Luenes drawers. made a Burean Pad for Cody² all well Grand Pa has some cold

¹ Catherine (Collins) Wilkins (aka Wilkie) and niece Agnes, living at 115 Ocean View Ave. A longtime friend of Mary's.

² Miss M. A. Cody, 1109 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Cal. Reference: 1893 Diary Addresses.

Tuesday, January 14, 1896

Rained a little last night and a little today I got the children off to School. Went over to Wilkies to get a Pair of old shoes to fix Alverda's leggins got a Pair of leggins for Luene ready for the Button Holes. Mrs Mann came in Pop

went down town to get some Buttons for the Leggings, went down to the corner with Luene to get her Book Alverda also got a new Reader also All well as usual

Wednesday, January 15, 1896

Rained quite Steady & Hard most all day Wilkie came in this fore noon I sent Cody a Burean Pad for her Birthday wrote a note to Forsythe¹ & sent him Ednas Report went over to Mrs Bushes² before Breakfast- finished the Button Holes in Luenes Leggings & got them finished. worked a little on the Panties for Luene & Alverda. Wilkie returned the medicine & the Thermometer We Played Seven up & as usual Jennie & Grand Pa got the Best of us Pop got Edna a Reader & Speller .90 Well

¹ William T. Forsyth (28) Principle of Branciforte School, living at 81 Ocean View Ave, with his wife Leo I. (Barnes) (18). 1900 Census. Sentinel, July 26, 1899, page 3.

² Alice C. (Watts) Bush (38), living on the corner of Upper Soquel Ave. and Poplar Ave., with her husband, Amzy V. (43) a teamster, and five children. 1880 Census. 1892 Directory, page 684.

Thursday, January 16, 1896

Rain & Wind a high wind is raging tonight But little rain fell today The children all went to School & took their lunch I made a new Belt for myself to wear & fixed over an old one I got Alverda's & Luenes drawers ready for Button Holes also two waists. We all Played at cards again to night I am to wash Grand Pa feet and get him to Bed took the Bread tickets over to Manns for Bread All well as usual

Friday, January 17, 1896

Cloudy But not much rain fell till this after noon this evening it just Poured I cleaned up the front Bed Room Parlor & my Bed room & helped Jennie on the Sitting Room the children all took their lunch I worked the Button Holes in two waists for Alverda & Luene also fixed up another Band for further use. We played cards again to night & Grand Pa & Jennie won as usual all are as well as usual

Saturday, January 18, 1896

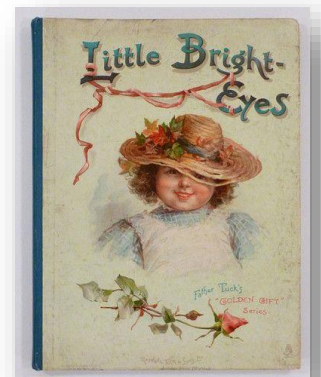
Cloudy But it Broke away & cleared off a little so Jennie & I washed. Got the clothes most all dry enough to iron Edna's music teacher did not come Pop took me over to the Dr & I walked Home. Made Button Holes in two Pair of Drawers Wilkie came over for Pop to get her some Cod Oil. Mrs McCornick¹ came in this after noon for a little while. It is still raining tonight we are all as well as usual we Played cards a gain tonight.

¹ Margaret McCornick (37), living on North Branciforte Avenue with her husband, Lewis B. (47) a contractor and carpenter, and two daughters, Mary V. (12) and Margaret L. (7).

Sunday, January 19, 1896

Cloudy & rained Some I cleaned up Grand Pas clothes & got him washed and combed up the children did not go to Sunday school it was too Stormy Jennie made Apple Snow I heat it a little she also went Home this after noon. I wrote three letters one Home one to Cousin Queen & one to Raine Helped Edna an Hour on her music got the lunch read to the children till their bed time then read Luenes book Little bright Eyes¹ through. All are as well as usual

¹ Little Bright Eyes, children's poetry and picture book.



Monday, January 20, 1896

Rained most all day the children took their lunch I helped iron all this fore noon and mended Grand Pa drawers the Strap I Put a patch on Alverda's Gown. Got a letter from Cousin Sallie this morning & one from Home this after noon I worked on the waists a gain & read some in the Companion which come this morning I amstill at work Knitting on a Pink & tan Skirt all are usually well we played cards a gain tonight

Tuesday, January 21, 1896

It seemes Bright to night & seemes as though it had cleared off did not rain today. This morning I went over to see Mrs Everts she is better also to see Mr Buckley he is a bout the same I got all done on the waists I could one I did not have any of the feather Stitched Braid for the other two are ready for Button Holes. I took my shoes down to have them Half Souled also to Collins¹ for a fine comb & note Paper & to call on Mrs White well

¹ C. M. Collins, co-proprietor of Collins and Bryant, Groceries and Provisions, 190 Pacific Avenue, with his son-in-law A. W. Bryant. 1892 Directory. Harrison, page 357

Wednesday, January 22, 1896

Did not Rain all day But it commenced tonight in good Shape the children all went to School & came Home for Dinner Alverda & Luene went down to Fitches¹ I Put the Button Holes in all the waists and commenced on the Sheets Got my Shoes Home charged .50 for Half Soling them Mr & Mrs Mann & Bert came in and spend the evening we played Whist Had a very Pleasant time Had some Pop corn. Pop went down town this after noon all is well as usual

¹ Grace B. (11) and Hattie L. Fitch (7) living at 167 Ocean View Ave., with their parents, Alfred H. Fitch a real estate agent, and Elizabeth (43). 1900 Census.

Thursday, January 23, 1896

It was cloudy this morning But now it has cleared off & tonight is a Beautiful moon light night. I finished hemming the Sheets this morning and now I have 17 old & new and 8 new ones this after noon I worked a while on my waists could not do much as I have no feather Stitched Braid to finish them with Pop & Grand Pa went over to town Pop got some Pigs feet Alverda went over to Ada Brown's¹ Mrs Holmes come over Mr & Mrs D called at the gate All usually well

¹ Ada M. Brown (14) living with her divorced father, Edward. The family will move from Santa Cruz to Santa Clara sometime after 1896. 1900 Census.

Friday, January 24, 1896

Cloudy But the Sun Shone Some the children all went to School Ada B came Home with Alverda Miss Cove¹ came over to see Jennie I cleaned up the two Bed rooms & the Parlor finished Putting new feet in one of Pops old Socks got a letter from Bill.² Mr & Mrs M- came over & we Played Cards a gain this eve Mr M & I Beat Mother M & Pop. I took a bath & do not feel very well since All the rest are as well as usual

¹ Elsie / Elcia H. Cove (13). Living in Branciforte Township, with her father, Minor (51) and mother, Solona (38) and six siblings. 1900 Census.

² Mary's step-brother, William (Bill) Henry Thomas. (37) living with his wife, Martha Etta (Sliger) (28) on their farm near Yuba City. William was born as William Harvey.

Saturday, January 25, 1896

The wind blew very Hard this morning But although it has been cloudy most all day it Has not rained I made Luene a new Pale Blue Skirt got it all done. I washed out Grand Pa's flannels & got them dry, fixed the Hem in his ties & a black silk Handkerchief. Went over to see the Dr Had to wait almost all after noon to get to see Her Jennie gone out this eve to a Party Grand Pa got a letter from Sanborn All well

Sunday, January 26, 1896

It has been cloudy all day with a Brisk wind this evening we had a heavy shower But it seemes clearer now at Bed time. Mr Hodges¹ came over this fore noon & did not leave till after 3- I wrote two letters one to Ola and one to Cousin Sallie. I have Grand Pa's things all ready for him to Start Home tomorrow I sent Some Plants up to Lib. Jennie & Edna went over Home Jennie Stayed longer & got wet my throat is sore & I feel Bad rest Well

¹ Aubrey Hodge (37) a teamster, living at 30 California St., with his wife, Josephine E. (Thomas) (34). Mary's sister. The Hodge family are old friends from Yuba County, Ca.

Monday, January 27, 1896

We were up very early this morning up at 5- It was raining But Grand Pa would go & so Home he started. I was miserable all day finished one pair of Pops Socks the Bush Girl came over for the Legging Pattern. Pop went down & got some cold cure & a Skein of Black yarn Mrs Mann came in this afternoon for some time it is still cloudy & threatening Jennie got some of the clothes dry. I feel Better tonight all the rest are well Commenced the Catarrah noon

Tuesday, January 28, 1896

Clear most all day although it was misty this after noon. I ironed some this fore noon and then I got ready & footed it down town went in to see Mrs Moad¹. I was down all afternoon. did not get Home till all most Six stoped in to see Mrs Litchfield she is improving every day. I just got lots of sewing in goods to sew down town. Mrs M came in & brought me some pumpkin for a Pie went to see Wilkie this morning All well

—In the Watsonville Rustler appears the summons in the suit for divorce brought by S. Rey Moad against Bryant R. Moad, on the ground of willful neglect.

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Wednesday, January 29, 1896

Very pleasant and nice all day I helped iron some made a pumpkin Pie helped Pop take up the Back bed room carpet in Jennies & Edna's room I went down to see Mrs Blake found her over to Mrs Jesses had a Pleasant call with Her. Went in to see Miss Hughes¹ & down town did not get much Wilkie & Agnes came over and we played cards Whist Pop & Agnes got one game so did we. My cold still Hangs on the rest are well

¹ Mrs. Nellie Hughes and her daughter E. May Hughes, a dressmaker. Living at 114 Windham St. 1892 Directory, page 718.

Thursday, January 30, 1896

It was cloudy a little all fore noon then it cleared away & was nice and Bright all day. I went over to Wilkies this morning for a little while Hemmed up Alverdas pink skirt and got Luenes Pink one ready for Button Holes. this afternoon I went down to Mrs Reeds¹ for my Painting on Celroid [Celluloid] Came Back By Mrs Shorts² came Home Sewed a while Pop & I went over to Mr Manns & spent the evening my cold seemes Better Pop wrote to Mr Low All well-

¹ Glencairn (Armstrong) Reed (35), living with her husband, Charles A. (35) proprietor of a frame and molding shop, at 131 Garfield St. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 752.

² Sarah M. (Clark) Short (48), living on Ocean Street with her husband, William (65), although retired, the census indicates his occupations as, a farmer and miner. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 761. Biography, Harrison, pages 238 – 240.

Friday, January 31, 1896

It has been a little cloudy all day and cold I cleaned up the two bed rooms & made the Bed in the front Bed room again Sewed some on my waists wrote a note to Mr Forsythe Mrs Brown & Ray came over this after noon for a little visit I went into Manns this morning got two letters one from Home & one from Cousin Queen I feel sleepy & tired tonight so to Bed I must go. My cold is Better today the rest are well



Saturday, February 1,

1896

It rained early this morning and was cloudy most all day although the Sun Shone a little. Jennie did the washing I made a custard Pie & a layer cake Miss Garmond had a cup of tea here Pop went over to town & got my Bottle

filled with cough Syrup. I went over to the Dr & got a Bottle for me & Alverda finished my waists to Button Holes. got an outing Gown fit for Edna commenced footing on Sock for Pop. All are well

Sunday, February 2, 1896

Clear all day the children went to the Christian Sunday School like it very much I wrote two letters one Home and one to Mrs Thistlethwaite¹ this after noon I took the children & went Over to Sea Bright & to Mrs Millers got .50 cents more of Popcorn came Home Had Lunch Mrs Mann came in for a while. Elsie Cove² came over to see Jennie She went over Home tonight & to church I suppose All well

¹ 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.

² Elsie / Elcia Henrietta (Schillingh) Cove (13). Living in Branciforte Township, with her father, Minor (51) and mother, Solona (38) and six siblings. 1900 Census.

Monday, February 3, 1896

Lookes a little like rain But it was cold last night a Heavy frost- I got the children off to School And Ironed up Pops white Shirt went into Manns cut out my wrapper. this after noon I went down to Mrs Blakes to Paint on my piece done very nicely on it came Home read a letter from Home went over to see Wilkie The children were over there also and I let Alverdas Skirt down longer the Embroidery one All well

Tuesday, February 4, 1896

Mrs Johnston¹ & White called

Clear & Slightly cold I got the children off to School then got ready and went down to the school Oh my such a time and no Satisfaction what ever I also went into Miss Porters² Room this after noon Pop & I went over to Dunnings had a nice visit with them took out some raisins. wrote for a Sample of recitations To E.L. Kellogg 185 Wabash Avenue Chicago Ill³ Pop got a letter from Mr Low. I don't feel very good. Mr & Mrs M- Spent the eve here Well

¹ Margaret M Johnston (63) living at 108 Ocean View Ave., with her husband, Andrew M., the owner of the Santa Cruz Flour Depot, seed and grain warehouse. and son, Edward M. (18). 1900 Census. 1892 City Directory, page 721.

² Annie T. Porter (26) a Branciforte school teacher, living at 168 Cedar Street with her mother, Antoinette (56).

³ Mary's concern for Edna's education seem to be leading her to the failings of the teachers. Kellogg's pamphlets are training guides for teachers.

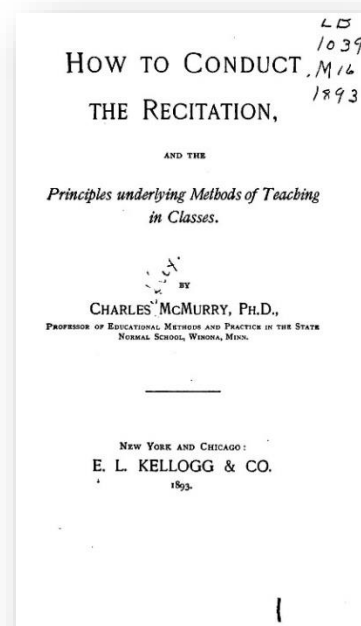
Wednesday, February 5, 1896

Pleasant all day this morning early Pop took me on the Hill to see Prof Clark¹ but he was out so I did not see him we went over again this after noon then I had a talk with him after which we went over to Mr Rennies he is better came Home worked some Button Holes in Luenes Skirt this Evening I went over to Mrs Wilkins we played cards I do not feel very well rest are well.

¹ David C. Clark (40) the high school principal, living at 294 Mission Street with his wife, Alice L. (35) 1900 Census

Thursday, February 6, 1896

I was the first one up for a wander could not Sleep this morning it was a clear Bright day. I got the trimming on A & Luenes panties then I went to work on my wrapper got in all Basted up & ready to Stitch It fits & looks very well. Pop went over to town Ada Brown came over Jennie & Edna went over to see her mother Edna is still in Hot water at School C.R.C. called this fore noon. rest are well



Friday, February 7, 1896

Very Pleasant all day. this morning I aired my Room & went over to Mrs Bushes and had a talk with her about the School then I went over to see Wilkie for a little while Pop went down town I did some of my room work & helped Jennie get dinner this after noon I went down to the school came Home & made the Beds & commenced to put new feet in another Pair of Pop Socks Spent the eve with Bert all as well as usual

Saturday, February 8, 1896

Very Pleasant up early as usual mended Luenes under drawers & my Stockings Baked the Bread & helped with the dinner & washing made the music teacher a cup of tea after dinner Pop & I went down town I went to see Dr Fagan¹ about the school & Mr Lincoln but he was not in so did not see him. I also went to see the 2 Chamberlins² & to see Mrs Bush again was in to see Wilkie and Mrs Bamford³ I knitt Some tonight mended A drawers which she tore all well

¹ Pierce Bye Fagen (77) a physician, banker, and school trustee, living on Mission Street with his second wife, Mary Elizabeth (Jordan) (54). Dr. Fagen was known for improving the school system and securing good efficient teachers. 1880 / 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 701. Sentinel, February 23, 1901, page 3.

² Dr. Mary Ann Chamberlain (71), a female Homeopathic physician. The mother of Dr Marcus Philander Chamberlain (51), living at 92 Cayuga St., with his wife Florence (37). 1900 Census.

³ Abbie P. Bamford (66) living at 109 Ocean View Ave., with her husband Samuel B. (66) a teamster, and their son Harry V. (32) also a teamster.

Sunday, February 9, 1896

A little cloudy But the Children went to Sunday school just the Same Pop took us all for a drive around the cliff we meet Mrs T & Inez¹ on the beach the children got out & walked with Inez and Mrs T rode with us to the Wharf I wrote a letter to Mrs Middleton² about Ednas writing & her Arithmetic Paper. this evening I read Hamlet in Shake Speare Pop has every thing ready to Start for Sutter in the morning so I must be off to Bed Jennie went Home all well

¹ Hattie (Thistlethwaite) Forsyth (38) a widow and, her niece, Inez Moore (14) living at 45 Baldwin St. 1900 Census.

² Although Edna is in Marie Pioda's Fourth Grade class, Mary is most likely visiting with Marguerite Middleton a Sixth Grade teacher at Branciforte School.

Monday, February 10, 1896

A little Bit cloudy most all day I was up a little after 5 Pop got up also I got his Breakfast & he left to take the train for Marysville. I done up the chores & went over to Wilkies. this after noon She & I went down to see the Trustees about Edna also to Call on Mrs Cox¹ & Fannie Taylor² I got a letter from Mrs Thistlethwaite also one from Mrs Blake Oh dear such a time as I am Having with the darned old Schools. I sewed a little on Ednas gown. All as well as well as usual

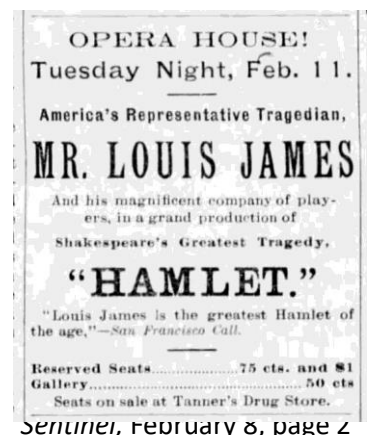
¹ Marian A. Cox (32) living at 172 Mission Street with her husband, Herbert E. (33) principle of business college. 1892 Directory, page 693. 1900 Census.

² Francis Harriett Taylor (33), living at 639 Mission St., with her brother, Herbert Nelson Taylor (36), a salesman 1892 Directory, page 769. 1880/1900 Census.

Tuesday, February 11, 1896

A very Pleasant day this morning Wilkie & I went over to town & up to Burks House Back to his office to the sea side store. I got my Blue dress goods & things left them with Miss Hughes came Home Had dinner finished one of Edna's pink gowns went over to Mrs M & worked the Button Holes this evening Mrs M Wilkie Agnes & I had Mrs Marsh¹ take us down to see Hamlet Played it was Simply Grand we did not get Home till about Half past Eleven all well

¹ Mary E. Marsh (42) living on Hanover St., between Frederick St., and Darwin, with her husband, Nelson P. (37), George Phelps (6 mo's) a nephew. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 733.



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Wednesday, February 12, 1896

A very pleasant day I did not get up till late & do not feel a bit good I put the facing on one of Luenes Blue aprons to let it down longer. this After noon I went down and took my Painting lesson worked on my rose piece also finished the Pansy on my Glass jug. Mrs D- called While I was gone I got two letters one from Pop & one from Home. I run in to Wilkies this evening a little while. I don't feel very well

Thursday, February 13, 1896

A little Bit hazy today I run into to Wilkies this morning & worked in the Garden a while Wilkie Brought in our Pitcher I put a ruffel around the Bottom of my Blue Calico dress Jennie went down town with her new Black dress on I went down to Miss Hughes to have the Lining of my Blue Skirt fix Wilkie & Agnes spent the evening here we played Whist Agnes and I White washed Jennie & Wilkie had a tramp all as well as usual

Friday, February 14, 1896

A bright Pleasant day Wilkie Brought over some Lettice Plants & I set them out & watered them & the Pansy Plants Planted some more Pansy seeds cleaned out my Bed room and took a Bath went out to Mrs Morrisys¹ with Mrs Mann Jennie went down town to the China church Mrs Johnston called I gave her Calcined Magnesite² for Maggie I washed all the Girls winter dresses & now I must get them mended up all well

—Rev. F. J. Masters, pastor of the Chinese Methodist Church, will baptize one of his Chinese converts in the Santa Cruz Methodist Church next Sunday.

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¹ Christina Morrissey (34) living on lower Soquel Rd. with her husband, James (52) a farmer and Arthur McCracken a farm laborer.

² According to the manufacturer Calcined magnesia is highly beneficial in all diseases of the stomach and bowels which are attended with acidity, and gives immediate relief to heartburn. In 1906 this product will be sold as Milk of Magnesia.

Saturday, February 15, 1896

Pleasant & warm all day. I mended up some the Girls woolen dresses. Helped Jennie wash went over to see the Dr and took my dope then I went down town for a roll of Butter came Home took E- & A- down to take a Dancing lesson came Back & met Wilkie took her over to town and Back Florese House Burnt down¹ Soon after we left dear old Pop & Grand Pa are Home a gain at last Jennie has gone out to a Party All are as well as usual

J. FLORES' DWELLING BURNED.
A Defective Flue Caused a Fire—Adjoining Cottages Saved.
At 5 p. m. Saturday an alarm was sounded for a fire in Prof. J. Flores' residence on East Laurel St., just outside of the city limits. The fire wagons were driven to the fire, but it was found that the nearest hydrant was on Barson, near Bixby street, necessitating a line of hose 1,250 feet long to be used. With only one stream the firemen did good, for when they reached East Laurel street the house was enveloped in flames, which threatened adjoining buildings, including Flores' Hall and the cottages of E. W. Brunton and F. W. Blaney, both residents of Fresno.

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¹ Louis P. Flores, a musician living at 27 East Laurel Street with John A. a woodsman, and John P. a shoemaker, and William E. Lyman. 1892 Directory, page 704

Sunday, February 16, 1896

A lovely warm day just like Summer I wrote a letter Home got the children off to Sunday School then I went at it & cleaned Grand Pa up & got some clean clothes on him. Had dinner and All But Jennie and Edna went to Capitola to See the Whale & Wave motor came Home & wrote a Postal to Flanagan for a Speaker Catalogue also a letter to Mrs Thistlethwaite read a chapter in Mark Twain & Helped the Girls on their pieces all Well Jennie out

Monday, February 17, 1896

A lovely warm day I got the children off to School then washed up the flannels & Grand Pa's White Shirts got ready and Grand Pa Mr M Pop & I went down town I went to Miss Hughes then She & I went down town I got goods for a Black Skirt Staied down to Lunch with her went and Painted on my Piece Brought it Home with me it looks very well I do not feel very well we played cards tonight Pop and I won Poor Helen lost her Boy All Well

Tuesday, February 18, 1896

A very warm Pleasant day I got the children off to School. then I ironed up three white Shirts went to Mrs Manns a little while done up the mending and worked a while on my wrapper colar & cuffs. Pop & Grand Pa went over and

got some Beer. Pop got the ground ready for Potatoes we Played Whist Pop & I won a gain. Alverda went down to Cora Mouliters [Molitor]¹ All Well But me I feel Bad

¹ Cora J. Molitor (about 8) is a school friend of Alverda's living on Barson Street near Ocean, with her father John P. (60) selling wine, liquor and cigars at 170 Pacific Ave., and her mother Ida (31), and brother Raymond (3). 1892 Directory, page 740. Sentinel, May 30, page 2. Cora is not listed in the 1900 Census however, she is mentioned numerous times in the following years participating in school functions. She will leave Santa Cruz for San Francisco to attend a business school. 1900 Census.

Wednesday, February 19, 1896

A Beautiful Warm day got the Children off to School I sewed on my wrapper. the methodist deacon called this morning also Fannie Taylor to get a fern Plant Pop took me down to Mrs Hughes to get my Black Skirt fit. I wore my Black waist & left it down there & wore Miss H red one Home A & L returned it this eve I took the children down to take their dancing Lesson Mr & Mrs Mann spent the evening here Grand Pa don't feel very well the rest are well

Thursday, February 20, 1896

A little cloudy today I got the children off to School then I went over to Wilkies for a few minutes Pop planted some Beet seedes. I worked on my wrapper a little this after noon I went down to Mrs Blakes on Campbell no 29 & finished my piece of Apples rose & Lemon- also touched up my donkey a little. Jennie went over Home tonight after she came Back we played cards Pop & I won Grand Pa Better tonight rest well

Friday, February 21, 1896

A little cloudy I got the children off to school then I cleaned my Bed room the front bed room & Parlor & Hall Mrs Miller came over & got the Wrapper Pattern Pop took me over to the Dr and I took a T-[reatment] then I went down and got my dress but it does not fit very good as I will have to take it down again I went in to see Wilkie a few minutes this eve Knitt a little and now all are off for Bed Well

Saturday, February 22, 1896

up very early for me Helped to get the Breakfast & to wash this after noon early I went down to Miss H to have her fix the back of my Basque Oh my such a time as we did have to get it finished I finally got Home then I took Luene and Grand Pa down to the Hall to see the children take their lesson came Home Had Supper then I went over to Mrs M- & Spent the evening. Got a letter from Ola Mrs D called all well

Sunday, February 23, 1896

A lovely day got the children off to Sunday School then I washed Grand Pa & cleaned out his ears and combed & brushed his hair give his clothes a brushing & cleaning. then we had dinner after which Pop took us for a drive up Blackburn Gulch.¹ Came Home I set the lunch wrote a letter Home. Wilkie & Agnes left this after noon for the Sea Beach²- Jennie out this eve. I washed Grand pas feet now I am off for Bed all Well

¹ The USGS maps... from 1942 to the present show Blackburn Gulch running north and northeast from the intersection of Vine Hill and Jarvis roads... However, current usage extends the gulch southward almost to the Santa Cruz city limit to take in the gulch through which Branciforte Creek courses. In addition, Branciforte Drive plus a section of Jarvis Road was called Blackburn Gulch Road for many years. Clark, p. 29.

² In the 1890s, the castle-like Sea Beach Hotel was listed among the state's top seven coastal resorts, in a sprawling style of Victorian construction called "rambles." The top ten resorts included the "Piedmont," "Cliff House", "10 Capitola", "Del Monte", "Manhattan Beach" and "Coronado." The Sea



Sea Beach Hotel ca 1908.

Beach gardens were an equal landmark to the hotel, with horticultural features that made them world famous.

Monday, February 24, 1896

A little Bit Hazy today Pop took Grand Pa over to Joses¹ & He went over to Hodges I ironed up the Shirts & cooked Some Beans this after noon I went down and took another Lesson on my La France Rose Piece² got the roses all in now. Alverda & Luene went over to Browns. I also Brought Home my little glass with the pansys on it all are well as usual



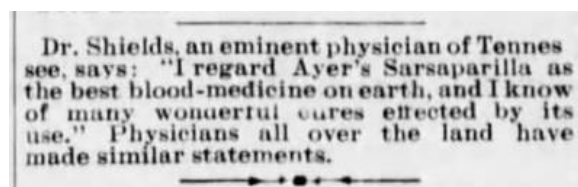
La France Rose

¹ Josephine E. (Thomas) Hodge (35), Mary's sister, who is living with her husband Aubrey Winfield (38) a teamster, and a daughter, Aleta Frances (9), at 107 Center St. 1900 Census. Directory, page 715. The Hodge family lived near the Thomas family at Yuba City in 1870.

² The National Rose Society officially recognized the class in 1893. Twenty-six years after the introduction of 'La France', they cited the rose as the first Hybrid Tea.

Tuesday, February 25

Pleasant & warm all fore noon this after noon the wind blew a gain I worked in the garden all fore noon Grand pa Helped me all he could Pop took Grand Pa & I down to see Mrs Blake for a Moment also over to the Dr Alverda has commenced on Samuels blood medicine¹ a gain We also went out to Dunnings Alverda & I went over to Everts this evening a Short time. I transplanted the Chrysanthemums All are well



Sentinel, January 7, page 3.

¹ Patent medicine is often used to refer to a product (such as an elixir, tonic, or liniment) that was marketed as a medicine in the U.S. during the 1800s and early 1900s but was typically of unproven effectiveness and questionable safety. Samuel is believed to be a delivery person or salesman of patent medicines.

Reference: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/patent%20medicine>

Wednesday, February 26, 1896

Still cloudy it looks like rain tonight I done up the mending this morning & set out the Sage plants and a few pinks Mrs Mann came over & she and I went out to Mrs Morrisseys with her stopped at Dunnings & left her some Pink & Geraniums cutting drove down town before we got Back then I took the children down to take their dancing lesson. Grand Pa & Pop went down town. We played cards according to Hoyle¹ tonight -Well

¹ Edmond Hoyle (1672-1769), the English barrister and writer who was the author of several works on card games. He was (and still is) cited as the final authority when disputes on the rules of card games arose. Mary borrowed Hoyle's rule book from Mrs. Mann.

Thursday, February 27, 1896

Cloudy looks like rain I got the children off to School. then I went out & fixed a round & took off the Old hen and 13 little chickens I worked on my Wrapper a very little this fore noon this after noon I went down & took my first Painting L-[esson] of Mrs Blake at .50 Painted on my Rose piece Oh my it was such a job Pop and Grand Pa went down town got a new Bulb for the Atomizer Played cards again tonight all well

Friday, February 28, 1896

It must of rained a Shower last night Although it has been very bright and Pleasant all day I cleaned up the Parlor front Bed room and our Bed room Pop took me over to see the Dr- I got my same old pill Pop Grand Pa Alverda and Luene all went after some Beer I worked on my Wrapper again But did not succeed in finishing it yet this even I gave Grand Pa a wash and some clean clothes now I must have a Bath and be off Well

Saturday, February 29, 1896

It rained a hard Shower early this fore noon and was showering all fore noon but Jennie and I did washed Just the same I washed my sateen dress. This after noon I took the children down to take their fifth dancing lesson. Had Eight new Scholars I went into Mr Manns for a few minutes this evening Pop and Grand Pa went down town a foot got Some clams I dressed a Rooster for dinner tomorrow Wind Blowing Well



Sunday, March 1, 1896

It has been cold all day with a high wind it rained a little this after noon & tonight I spent the early part of the fore noon looking up words for the prize for Edna & Alverda they all went to Sunday school we did not go for a drive it was So windy and cold. Jennie went out & cleaned up the Stove & Sink Poped Some corn tonight wrote three letters one Home one to Emma S & one to Ola Had clams for dinner All are well but Pop I feel dumpish¹

¹ "Dumpish," according to Merriam-Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary (1985); one who is sad or melancholy.

Monday, March 2, 1896

It Rained Hard last night Hailed too the mountains are covered with snow it Hailed so hard this after noon late that the children gathered the Hail & I made a freezer full of ice cream for Lunch Jennie and I Ironed all fore noon the children did not come Home to dinner It rained most all day lots of water fell and it is very cold I sewed a little on my wrapper But did not get it done All are as well as usual

Tuesday, March 3, 1896

Got up & trotted around in my Gown to find out what made the noise and it was Mrs M- up cleaning carpet. The children took their Lunch a gain It rained all night and most all fore noon I finally got my Red and Black outing Wrapper finished wore it all after noon Mrs Mann came in this evening a little while I cut out my Pillow Cases 12 in all & the Sheets for the double Beds & Single bed Played cards tonight All well

Wednesday, March 4, 1896

Bright and cold all fore noon this after noon it cloudied up and tonight it is raining I took the cuffs off my wrapper sleeves and put them on again then I got 12 Pillow Cases ready to Stitch up and the Sheets for Alverda & Luenes Bed ready to Hem I went in to Mrs Mann's twice to return Hoysl games and to see Ren a bout Alverdas words I went down with the children to take their lesson Alverda goes a gain tomorrow Well

Thursday, March 5, 1896

It Rained Several Showers here to day I cleaned up our bed room and Hemmed a table clothe I took Alverda down to take the Steps for her fancy dance this after noon this evening Jennie & I seamed up twelve Pillow cases & Hemmed 6 Sheets then we played cards for a little while C.R C called last night I feel fine for me got a letter from Home Bill Sick & the Baby little Better all well

Friday, March 6, 1896

Sprinkled a little this morning had a couple of Showers this after noon I cleaned up the front Bed R- & the Parlor got my dress changed and this after noon went down and finished up my La France Piece Alverda came down and I

went with her to take her dancing lesson. this eve Mrs Mack¹ came in and Spent the evening by staying a hour or more. I am now ready for Grand Pa wash & bed all well

¹ Jane Mack, living at 48 Front St. 1892 Directory, page 731.

Saturday, March 7, 1896

A Bright clear day Jennie and I washed till after twelve then I made the beds and got things in order took the children down and they took their seventh dancing Lesson & Alverda took her fancy dance I came Home ironed out my Sateen dress Jennie went out & stayed all night at Home I went to Bed with a very Bad Sick head ache. The rest are all as well as usual

Sunday, March 8, 1896

A bright nice day the children went down to Sunday school I washed out the table doiles and cleaned out grand Pa ears & combed his hair this after noon I wrote a letter Home then Alverda Jennie and I went over to Sea Bright I Stopped to see Mrs Miller came Home had Lunch and read little while after which we all went to bed early Pop took Grand Pa Edna & Luene a round the cliff All Well

Monday, March 9, 1896

A very pleasant day Jennie & I ironed all fore noon I cooked some dried Peas & steamed a loaf of Brown Bread I done the mending. then I ripped the binding off my sateen dress and got it sewed on again. took Alverda down to take her steps for the Fishers Horn pipe I went into Mrs Manns the Buckley children came over also Vance came over. tonight we played cards Pop & I won All Well

Tuesday, March 10, 1896

A very pleasant day Pop took Grand Pa & I over town this morning Grand Pa got himself a Suit of clothes \$12. I sent some old rags down to Mrs Chesnutwood¹ which she wanted and called to get this after noon I went down and took Miss Hughes over to town we run all over then we drove down to the Beach and Home I finished putting the Braid on my sateen dress got it ready to wear. I have got a miserable old Head ache again tonight well

¹ Janie/Jane A. (Morse) Chesnutwood (46) living on Columbia Street, with her husband John A. (51) proprietor of Chesnutwood's Business College. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 688. *Sentinel*, June 20, 1900, page 1. Harrison, page 207.

Wednesday, March 11, 1896

Edna has Poison Oak

A very bright warm day this morning after getting the children of to School I went over to Mrs Everts and took her a cutting of my sun ray Fuschia She gave me two fern plants and a bulb with a Blue flower I came home set them out and transplanted the Lettice and Hoed the onions. this after noon I took the children down to take their lesson. came Home and Hemmed twelve Pillow cases & got them turned and folded Well

Thursday, March 12, 1896

A Bright warm day I got the Girls off to School after which I put Some Liquid manure on my Pansies & Pinks then I went down town & to Miss Hughes Pop took Grand Pa over to Hodges Jose and came down after me this after noon I went down and finished up my Rose piece at Mrs Blakes. came Home and ripped up Alverdas Spanish work dress Got one of cousin Queens Photos. Edna & Luene out late this evening All Well

Friday, March 13, 1896

Another Bright and warm day I cleaned all fore noon and till 2 oclock then I got ready and Pop took me over to the Dr. I also got some medicine for Ednas Poison Oak¹ she is very bad today came Home from school this after noon We also went down town that is Grand Pa Edna Pop & myself I ripped up Ednas Spanish work dress also her Pongee² & Alverdas White Apron now I am ready for the bath & bed Well

¹ In an 1896 Homeopathic journal refers to Rhus toxicodendron, an extract of the Poison Ivy plant used as a

treatment for poison oak. In the same journal Rhus high was recommended as a treatment. It was also noted that in the 1880's a popular remedy to obtain immunity from the poisoning is to chew the leaves. The Hahnemannian Advocate, H. W. Pierson, M.D. Vol. XXXV, Jan. to Dec. 1896.

² A thin soft fabric of Chinese origin woven from raw silk. Also, cotton is used in an imitation of this fabric.

Saturday, March 14, 1896

Foggy this morning and after noon late it commenced to rain and to night it looks Black and rainy Jennie and I washed and got our clothes dry Edna was worse this morning But seemes better tonight did not take her dancing lesson nor music. I took Alverda & Luene down came Home and done lots of the Ironing Pop and Grand Pa went down town Got letter from Ola Played cards All Well

Sunday, March 15, 1896

Cloudy all fore noon although Alverda & Luene went to Sunday school. Edna's face was swelled too badly. But it is better Jennie went Home this after noon Agnes came over and Played for us Had a nice time I wrote three letters one Home one to cousin Queen and one to cousin Sallie tonight I read in Mark Twain Pop wrote to Mr Broughton it rained Hard this evening All as well as usual

Monday, March 16, 1896

Misty this morning I got the children off to school done up Grand Pas white shirt fit some on Alverdas white dress had to take out the Hem to make it long enough got a letter from cousin Queen. this after noon we went down to take our dancing lesson Alverda took one more new step. I came home and Sewed some on A- dress We played cards again tonight It was a stand off we each got a game Well

Tuesday, March 17, 1896

A pleasant warm day although it was cloudy this morning. I worked on Alverdas dress all the time I had. Early this after noon Muriel [Buckley] came over for the Buggy for Doretha Florence is down I went over with her to see them and Jennie came for me Mrs Dunning came and soon after I got Home Mrs Miller came over I went over to Mrs Manns this eve a little while Pop & Grand Pa down town Jennie also All well

Wednesday, March 18, 1896

Warm and nice but a little bit cloudy Pop took Grand Pa over to Hodges & to Joses- I worked on A[verda] white dress all I could I went over to Mrs M- and got a few Tuber roses for Mrs D- also took up some of mine for her got a letter from Home Mabel is having a spell I guess I took the children down to take their lessons tonight I had a time Hunting for a curling pins found them Burnt in the Stove All well

Thursday, March 19, 1896

Cloudy all day and it rained a little this evening Pop got a letter from Mr Broughton this morning. Pop and grand Pa planted Some Beans. I was in to Mrs M- I got Alverdas white waist ready for Button Holes I fixed up Ednas Pongee Skirt I put a Band on it I also fixed her Pink waist and the red one and cut out her Plaid one. Edna over to McCornicks and Alverda & Luene over to Browns I washed G.P. feet & trimmed his Corns Well

Friday, March 20, 1896

Pleasant till this evening then it came in Foggy. I got the children off to School then I cleaned up the Parlor and aired the Beds and cleaned up the two Bed rooms & the Hall. This after noon Pop Grand Pa and I went over to Dr Chamberlins [Chamberlain's] and down town after which I took Alverda down to take her dancing on the fancy dance then I came Home and Sewed on A- dress Got a letter from Sammie Edna got one from Happy Home All well

Saturday, March 21, 1896

Cloudy and a Heavy mist all fore noon almost although Jennie washed. I washed the childrens Hair and mine also dressed a chicken then I got to work on Alverdas white dress and it was almost one before I finished it then I washed it and had my dinner and went down to Flores with the children called at Mrs Reeds and got my La France piece. Pop got some new cards & counters. I fixed E Pink & Red waists longer Well

Sunday, March 22, 1896

Cloudy and it rained a little the children did not go to Sunday school it looked so Showery I wrote two Letters one Home and one to Ola Pop and Grand Pa took the children for a walk and I layed down and took a nap Edna has got her order ready to send tomorrow Jennie went out this after noon Edna has commenced to read her Book again I read some and went over to Manns Mr Evert ill All well-

Monday, March 23, 1896

Cloudy with a very little Sprinkle of Rain. I got the children off to School after which I washed out 5 aprons and some towels and Alverdas Grey dress then I Ironed till dinner Alverdas white dress has got iron rust on it Pop got Some Lemons and I am Trying to take it out I took Alverda down to practice her dance I also got the Threads drawn for Ednas waiste Pop & Grand Pa down town Pop sent the Subscription for the Happy Home For Edna Florence called All as well as usual

Tuesday, March 24, 1896

A Very warm But cloudy day. I worked on the Spanish work for Ednas dress all the time I had this after noon I drove Alverda down to Practice then She Luene & I went down town and to Miss Hughes I had my dress lining fit also the Skirt Lining Got a Postal from Miss Hughes this evening Jennie and I went down to Buckleys Hall to hear Mrs Allyn Lecture on Spiritulism she was very good All Well

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, liberal and spiritual lecturer from Boston, will speak for the Spiritual Society this Tuesday evening at Buckley's Hall, 100 Soquel Av., East Santa Cruz. Mrs. Allyn is one of the broadest and most liberal-minded women of the day, and all who possibly can should attend this only lecture of hers here in Santa Cruz. Both her lecture and poem following will be from subjects selected by the audience. Lecture to commence promptly at 7.30 p. m. Admission free. 1

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Wednesday, March 25, 1896

A heavy fog came in early this morning and this after noon it commenced and Showered and tonight it rained. Pop Grand Pa & myself went out to Dunning I came home with Mrs Mann then she & I went out to Mrs Conants¹- I finished the front of Ednas white dress I was into M- a little while this morning I also put in some pink and onion seedes. we played cards tonight Had lots of fun All Well

¹ Helen M. Conant (60) living on Branciforte Ave., near Fairmont with her husband, Roger Attorney-at-law. 1892 Directory, page 691. 1900 Census.

Thursday, March 26, 1896

A miserable old day it rained most all night and very hard this fore noon Poor Old Mr Slack was buried this after noon at 2:30 I went over to see the Dr Sewed on Ednas Plaid waiste all I could did not get it finished I took Alverda down to take her last lesson and would of went down a gain tonight had it not rained we played cards tonight Grand Pa & Jennie wone the most games Well

Friday, March 27, 1896

It cleared away this morning & was warm and nice this after noon I cleaned all fore noon did not get through till after dinner I went down to Miss Hughes but she was not ready for me So came back and cut out Ednas Black sateen Skirt got it sewed up and ready for the feather Stitch Letter from Mary Spinks this evening Jennie Edna Alverda & my self went down to the Hall. All Well

Saturday, March 28, 1896

Clear early But it clouded up a gain & then it at last cleared away. I sewed all the time I had on Edna's Black Skirt and Plaid waist did not wash took A down and the class of Fancy dancers had Photo Mrs Mack & Children also Mrs Lancaster & Bert came over & we all went down to the Hall to see the children dance they did very nicely it was after Eleven of the clock before we got into Bed All Well

Sunday, March 29, 1896

A clear nice day with the wind in the north The children started Back to their old sunday school again I wrote a letter Home got some cuttings of roses from Wilkie. Pop took us for a drive around the cliff we see Mrs T- I also

stopped at Mrs T & Walked Home Agnes came in and played for us again. I gave Grand Pa a wash & now I am off for Bed Jennie gone out All well

Monday, March 30, 1896

A Howling North Wind Blew most all day and grew Higher this after noon. Jennie and I washed all fore noon Edna got the dinner Pop took us all over to Miss Waters¹ to get the Hats trimmed over she is to fix them up for 3.75 I took the children up to Mrs Meade to have their teeth looked at got a letter from Home we played cards to night we won two games Jennie & Pop won Alverda not well

¹ Thuda L. Waters (45), living at 117 Soquel Ave. with her aunt, Alice Bickford. (listed as Frieda Waters 1900 Census).

Tuesday, March 31, 1896

Mrs Steinmitz called

Wind did not Blow so hard today Ironed the White Shirts was all then I made lunch Pie & a crust for a Vinegar Pie also a custard C.R.C called this fore noon so I did not get to go to Hear the Lecture & see the Boy Wizard Perform¹ Grand Pa & Pop went down this evening to hear them Mrs Dunning came in and spent the evening we Played Cards I felt very Bad all day the rest are well.- [in margin] fixed over Ednas green Cape

¹ In early March the "Boy Wizard," William Fletcher Hall was challenged in court by a former partner, Dr. Franklin Stuart Temple, the "Boy Phenomenon." Dr. Temple claimed that the Boy Wizard "is no wizard at all..." When Hall picked him up he alleged, "was just an ordinary, every day rubber in the Turkish baths at St. Louis." *The herald*, Los Angeles, March 7, 1896, page 5.



Wednesday, April 1, 1896

A very pleasant day I felt bad all fore noon But cut out Luenes Blue Gingham waiste also her pink dress like Alverda's Got a letter from Ola Alverda and Luene over to Buckleys. I watered the Pansys this evening. Mrs Hughes & May came up and spend the evening Jennie and Edna went over Home Grand Pa does not feel very well tonight I feel Better though But very sleepy all the rest are as well as usual

Thursday, April 2, 1896

A very pleasant day Pop took Grand Pa Mr Mann and my self out I went to Miss Hughes to have my plaid waist and Black skirt fit Pop went for some Beer I came Home felt very Bad all day did not do one Bit of sewing Edna found a very pretty Scarf Pin on the side walk Pop took the children and Grand Pa & Mrs M over to see the men mining at Twin Lake. I feel Better to night Luene not well rest well Friday,

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April 3, 1896

Clear all day but a Heavy fog last night Seemed almost like rain I cleaned up the two bed roomes and the Parlor with the childrens help Luene seemes all right again Pop I and grand Pa went over to the Dr I got a Bottle of Medicine went to Mrs Bickfords & got the three Hats all look very nice I went down and Mrs Hughes fit my Colar May was ill she looks Badly I run in to see Florence & Mr Witmore came down played cards Pop & I wone Well

Saturday, April 4, 1896

Foggy and cloudy all day cold tonight Jennie and I washed got through in good season too I cut out Luene a Blue Polkadot dress got it all fit and some stitching done Bertha came over and Brought Florences Baby and Annie B over Muriel came in for flowers this morning Wilkie came up through the lot I went over to see Mrs Manns things from Kansas City I feel Better All well

Sunday, April 5, 1896

It was cloudy this morning and misty did not rain but little the Girls did not go to sunday school. It commenced to rain after dinner and is still at it Jennie went over Home and has just got Back wet of Course I wrote two letters one Home and one to Lizzie Percy. I read some this after noon and this evening I planted three of the Pecan nuts out By the Back Bed room window I felt Bad today All the rest are Well

Monday, April 6, 1896

Cloudy this fore noon but it finally cleared off and was bright and pleasant Pop took a trip down town this morning and Both he and Grand Pa went down this after noon I ironed up the Shirts this morning Had such a time with Edna kept her Home all day to Study her piece and she has not got it committed yet Oh my it worries me so to have her act so almost breaks my Heart I wrote to Dr May for medicine for A finished Apron to Button Holes well

Tuesday, April 7, 1896

Cloudy most all day But it cleared away this after noon and tonight the wind is in the north and it is cold I washed Grand Pa feet this morning and got his corns in trim finished Luenes Blue Apron and sewed all I could on her Pink dress & Blue waist. I ordered a Coffee Pot from Lady Agent .50 cts. Edna is quite ill tonight Jennie washed the paint in the Bath room Pop planted some Pop corn Alverda got a humming bird but it died all the rest well

Wednesday, April 8, 1896

A very pleasant and nice day I went down to Mrs Shorts this morning to get some cuttings came Home and set them out This after noon Pop took Grand Pa & I over to the Dr and down town I went to see Miss Hughes came Home and got some jet trimming & took the children down then came Home had Lunch went over to Mrs Everts a while then we played cards I got a letter from Home. Mrs Mann Played cards Pop and I wone again Edna Better rest well

Thursday, April 9, 1896

The wind Blew Hard Early this morning and a Heavy Shower of rain fell also it blew Hard most all day and Several Hard Showers of rain fell. I got Luenes Pink dress ready for the Button Holes & Pockett also her Blue waist I went down to Mrs Blakes this after noon and got my rose Piece also to Miss Hughes and had my dress fit and Came Home all as well as usual Played Cards We won

Friday, April 10, 1896

Cloudy all fore noon But it did not rain I cleaned up our Bed room & the Parlor and Hall this after noon I went down to Visit the School called on Mrs White I also wrote a note to Miss Pride washed out Grand Pas flannels and got his things packed ready for Him to Start Home tomorrow He took up a white rose root & some cuttings Vance and Lucile were here also Florence and the Baby got a letter from uncle Isaac. all are a well as usual.

Saturday, April 11, 1896

Up very early dear old Grand Pa went Home this morning or Started at least Jennie and I did the washing Edna took her music lesson Poor Pop fell off the ladder and hurt his Back and frightened us almost to death He seemes

quite lame tonight. Jennie went out tonight Pop and I went downtown I got my new dress looks fine Mrs Brown came Home with us Maggie Steward a son. doing nicely all rest well

Sunday, April 12, 1896

Pleasant all fore noon the children when to sunday school I wrote two letters one to Ola and one to Sammie I looked over Papers all fore noon for Pieces for them to Speak. Pop took us for a drive But it was so windy we were glad to get Home again Wilkie came in for a little chatt I aired my new dress you can guess. Jennie went out and did not come Back till after church I read a little then went to bed all well

Monday, April 13, 1896

up as early as usual I helped Iron all the time I had got the children off for school then I went Over to Wilkies yard and got some rose cuttings Pop and I went down town and to Miss Hughes came Home and found Alverda with a deep gash over her fore Head took her over to the Dr and had it stuck together with Plaster Mrs Mann came in Pop went down town He got a letter from Lompac & Certificate of sale of Cantly ranch¹ I wrote a letter Home All as well as usual

¹ William Cantlay (47) was a farmer and lumberman in Santa Barbara County, working a farm with his brother-in-law John Forbes and his sister, Jessie (Cantlay) Forbes. In the 1870's a number of Santa Cruz investors purchased 47,000 acres near Lompoc to establish an alcohol-free community. Among them were the Rennies, Everts, and Dimmocks. It is not known if the True family was included in this group.

Tuesday, April 14, 1896

A cold wind blowing this fore noon But it grew warmer this after noon I got the lace pressed and mended and ready to send this after noon I called on Mrs Robinson.¹ Mrs Town [Towne] Mrs Rose Mrs Mattison² Mrs White Mrs White and I called on Mrs Charley Pringle³ I also called on Mrs Johnson this evening Pop and I went over to Manns and spent the evening I put lace around Ednas Plaid Colar Alverda's cut is doing nicely the rest of us are Well

¹ Minnie May Robinson, living on Ocean View Ave. 1892 Directory, page 754

² Carrie A. (Peck) Mattison (34), living at 15 Ocean View Avenue, with her husband, Frank (36) who is the County Assessor and her two daughters Lila Mattison (7) and Ruth (2) Frank's biography; Harrison, page 277.

³ Pauline Pringle (23), living at 210 Water St., with her husband Charles E. (37) a metal molder working at D.V. Pringle's foundry. 1892 Directory, page 751. 1880/1910 Census.

Wednesday, April 15, 1896

Got the children off to school it was Showery all day and it hailed too I planted some more onion seeds the darned old hen Scratched up the others. I also transplanted my Pansy plants I got Luenes pink dress finished and some of the Button Holes in her Blue Plaid waiste I also hemmed one end of a table cloth tonight I got two letters one from Home and one from Miss Heyl Alverda doing nicely All well

Thursday, April 16, 1896

Frost last night and it was very cold this morning it was cloudy & cold all day it Showered a little this afternoon I finished Luenes Blue Waiste and fixed over a white apron for Alverda and finished hemming the table clothe to night Jennie went over Home tonight I went into Mrs M trivia Pop planted some more corn I popped some corn for the Supper Edna down to Pearl Swantons¹. Got a letter from Dr May the Bedwetting Dr all well

¹ Pearl H. Swanton (9) living at Villa Perla on Soquel Avenue with her father, Fred W. Swanton (33) and her mother, Stanley E. (Hall) (28) (Fred Swanton's biography is found in Harrison, page 318). 1900 Census. 1902 Directory, page 136.

Friday, April 17, 1896

Pleasant this morning But the wind came up this after noon and Blew a gale it is pleasant again this evening. I cleaned up our Bed room and aired the Bedding cleaned up the Parlor. I took the hem out of Alverdas white apron and made it longer. I also made 4 sheetes for the folding Bed. I went over to Mrs M for a little while Pop set out some more onions. I gilded my La France piece all well

Saturday, April 18, 1896

up very early to get a good Start at the washing I cleaned the Bath tub first & Pop gave it one coat of Enamel I hurt my knuckle on a tack cleaning it. we washed three Spreads I put up a new line and it come untied and down all came in the Sand Fannie came down with the teacher & She and Edna practiced together I went down and had my cape fit. And Miss May did up my Hair Beautifully it rained this evening a high wind too Mrs M came in up with Edna to learn her Piece all Well

Sunday, April 19, 1896

A cold and windy day the children went to Sunday school. I set out some maiden Hair ferns Bert got for me. then I read in the Speaker I helped with the dishes and read some more then Pop took us for a little ride and today the Dr Alice Lena came over to get Edna to go to church with her she went Jennie gone out Agnes came in for a time this evening I am sleepy all well did not write any letters

Monday, April 20, 1896

It did not Blow so Hard today I helped iron for a while then I got ready and Pop took me over to town I stopped at Miss Hughes for a few minutes I sent the ferns to Lettie Heyl cost .15 cents Pop Put Some more Enamel on the Bath tub. Edna went down town for some more of the Swiss for A dress got it almost fit, done the mending. cold tonight again. I knitt a little tonight All well

Tuesday, April 21, 1896

A cold dull day it rained Hard at noon and was cloudy all the rest of the Pop went down town got some clams and a Piece of lace for Alverdas Swiss dress sleeves. I worked on her dress got it almost finished Got a note from dear old Agnes she has worked the Square Puzzle Edna got a Postal from the Express office I went out and got Some Lettice for dinner was all the time I have been out of the House All well

Wednesday, April 22

Another windy cold and disagreeable day with some rain Pop gave the Bath tub another coat of Enamel I finished Alverdas yellow dotted Swiss and worked a little on Ednas Pop went down town and got Edna's ring that came with the Happy Home Paper I went over to see the doctor and got my Bottled filled this evening I went over and Played cards with Manns Mr Everts & Mrs M Beat us 4 games all well

Thursday, April 23, 1896

Mr. and Mrs. M came over

Oh dear such a miserable old day it rained most all fore noon & Steady all after noon and real Hard to night. I did not get much sewing done cut out two night Shirts wrote an order to Dr May and sent him \$2.55 took the old Hen off with 14 little chickens. the children Had from 10 to 1 to see the G.A.R. Parade¹ But it rained and they didn't Parade- Pop got a letter from Mr Broughton All Well in to see Florence

¹ Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) A Civil War veteran's organization organized to promote camaraderie among the veterans and to assist with pensions and welfare.

Friday, April 24, 1896

Another disagreeable old day it rained most all day I cleaned up my roomes just the same. made some Potato Soup and took it over to Florence She is better Pop put the fourth coat of Enamel on the Bath tub and commenced on my Table got a letter from Home also a Postal from the Express Office. The Scab came off Alverdas cut today I sewed all the time I had Mrs Mann came in Pop went down town I sewed on my night Shirt this evening It is late so I must be off All well

Saturday, April 25, 1896

up early and it was Bright so Jennie and I washed got through early Bertha came in to return the Pitcher I took in Florences soup in Edna went down and Practiced with Fannie on the Duette Pop went down and got the Box from the Express Office it was a Ham two pieces of Bacon and some Sausage. Edna went to the Beach with Fannie this

after noon Jennie gone out tonight I got Ednas white dress ready for Buttons & Button Holes I don't feel very good tonight rest well

Sunday, April 26, 1896

It rained very Hard Early this morning But was clear and Bright all day I got the children off to Sunday School then I wrote three letters one Home one to Cousin Queen and one to Lettie Heyl After dinner we all went for a walk over to the Point and to sea Bright Stopped to see Agnes a few minutes she Had company Oh my didnt I feel cheap Mrs Miller gave us some dutch cheese Jennie out all well

Monday, April 27, 1896

A pleasant [day] although the wind blew Hard this after noon I made a loaf of Brown bread and helped some with the ironing after which I made Button Holes in Edna's skirt dampened her white dress skirt and Ironed it up Put Buttons & Button Holes in her White waist cut out a Gown for my self sent Luene & A- over to get my Bottle filled Edna & A went over to Mrs Millers for Vegetables Luene cut a gash in her head and Oh such a time I did get so excited Mrs Mann came over got a letter from Ola- Well

Tuesday, April 28, 1897

A Pleasant and bright day I got up feeling miserable did not eat any Breakfast worked on my gown all I felt able done the mending also Luene's Head doing nicely Mrs Thistlethwaite came over and spent the evening and after noon and Jennie & I walked over with her Mrs Eaverts and Mrs Wilson called also Bertha Came in Alverda over to Ada's Edna and Jennie over to Buckleys the enamel did not work. All Well

Wednesday, April 29, 1896

It rained Hard here a gain this morning and all this fore noon It was misty and cold we got two letters one from Home and one from Mr King of Lompoc I got my night shirt and gown finished took Luene over to see about her cut on her Head it is doing as well as it can Mrs Holmes came over I give her one Bottle of the Harlemore to try on Eddie for worms Mrs Murphy came Home this evening I feel sleepy and tired I will retire well

Thursday, April 30, 1896

Another very pleasant day although the wind blew some this afte- I cut out Alverdas Swiss waiste and lining and got them done to fasting [fastening] and the lace for the neck Pop took Alverda L- & myself out to Mr Dunnings. Mrs M- came over and I went over and Helped her fit a belt for her black and white waiste Alice Lena came over Mrs Towne called Jennie gone out this evening Dash seemes sick don't know what is the matter with him got letter from Miss Heyl Pop got one from McPherrin Well



Friday, May 1, 1896

Swept and cleaned and aired the Bed till it commenced to mist and then I had to take them in I brought up some dressing from the chicken yard for the Pinks & Pansys. Got two letters one from cousin Queen and one from Home saying Grand Pa would be here to morrow evening I worked on Alverdas Black Silk dress a little Mrs Mann and I went down to the Charity Ball at the Pavellion Mrs Marsh took us down. All well

Saturday, May 2, 1896

Jennie and I washed all fore noon Edna went down to Practice with Fannie then She took her lesson We had clams for dinner Fannie came down this afte and Pop and I went down town then Edna and the Gang Started for Twin Lake Luene came near getting drowned got wet all over I guess I went over and got my Bottle filled. I called at Miss Hughes did not get my cape not finished dear old Grand Pa came down again tonight got here in good Shape I feel tired after so much Hard work All Well

Sunday, May 3, 1896

A cold after noon and windy the children that is Edna & Alverda went to Sunday School. I wrote a letter Home I **fit** not feel very well so did not go for a drive So as Edna and Luene was in disgrace for disobedience no one went to drive But Alverda they had a fine time Alice came over to get Edna to go to church But she did not go Jennie gone out Agnes came in and played for us I give Grand Pa his weekly wash Well

Monday, May 4, 1896

Misty this morning and again to night But it is warmer and still cloudy Pop and Grand Pa went down town this after noon. Samuel called this evening a little while I felt very Bad all day I can't Bear to lie accused of what I never did or was not responsible for I got two letters one from Dr May and one from Sallie also a box of Tablets from Dr May I ironed all fore noon washed Grand Pa feet and made him a new Tobacco Bag all well E- letter from H

Tuesday, May 5, 1896

Cloudy all day but it did not rain the wind came up as usual and blew Hard all After noon I brought up some dressing for the flowers and went over to Mrs Everts to get Minnies address also to see Mrs Wetmore came Home and finished the waiste to A Black Silk skirt also went over to Mrs M and Brought Home the Puzzle Oh my such fun I finished my cap and washed Both mine and Grand Pa we played cards to night All well

Wednesday, May 6, 1896

Very pleasant this morning and till noon then it clouded up and this evening we had a thunder shower. Pop took Grand Pa and I down town this morning I got a new Pair of Shoes and my cape from Miss Hughes. this after noon I cleaned up the rag Bag and the closet and the Basket. worked on the mouse doily(sic) got two done Jennie went down town this after noon I went in to Mrs M guess we will start for Pomona tomorrow **m** I guess. all well

Thursday, May 7, 1896

Pleasant this morning I got the children off for school then I washed up Grand Pa flannels after which I went in to Mrs M- then I cleaned up the Parlor and got the Satchel Packed then I straightened up the Bed room Pop took me over to the Dr then I came Home and got dress and Pop took Grand Pa and all the children and myself down & Grand Pa & I took the St Paul¹ for Los Angeles. I was sick before we reached Monterey In Bunks for the night

¹ In August 1896 the steamer *St Paul*, an iron vessel of 1000 ton will be wrecked on the rocks near Monterey.



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The *St Paul*

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Friday, May 8, 1896¹

We are still on the St Paul. I did not sleep very much all night don't think any was not sick though I have been sick of an on all day Grand Pa stands it fine. the first place we Stopped at this morning was the next the next Port Harford² the next

¹ This page is incomplete, perhaps because Mary is seasick.

² Port Harford in San Luis County, just south of the lighthouse at San Luis Point.

Saturday, May 9, 1896

We are still on the Boat we made a good many stops last night But it was not at all rough I slept some this morning we Both ate a good Break fast and I feel better still I feel dizzy though We left Hueneme¹ at 9 and now we have a 5 hour run to San Pedro² arrive there at 2:30 and wait till 4:20 and start for Los A[ngeles]- leave there at 5:30 for Pomona³ arrive there at 6:45 found Cousin Mary [A. Cox]⁴ there to meet up got here and will have a lovely time no doubt. all are as Pleasant All Well

¹ Port Hueneme in Ventura County, Sunkist citrus was established there three years earlier. This area was a large sugar beet producer as well.

² Port San Pedro will be annexed into the city of Los Angeles in 1909.

³ Pomona is located in the Pomona Valley, between the Inland Empire and the San Gabriel Valley. By the 1880s, the arrival of railroads and Coachella Valley water had made it the western anchor of the citrus-growing region.

⁴ Mary Ann Cox (39) living with her widowed mother, Elizabeth A. (68) in San Bernardino City, and two siblings.

Sunday, May 10, 1896

A pleasant Bright mild morning we did not get up very early about our usual time. Had Breakfast After which cousin Queen & I had a talk then while she made a chicken Pie I took a little walk this after noon Mr & Mrs Freyermuth [Freiermuth] came in and He took Grand Pa cousin John and myself for a nice drive we went out to the foot of San Jose Mt could see Old Bawldy who is generally capped with snow HC brought us home and took Cousin Queen Reginold & myself out to their place 353 Pearl st I made cousin John a Hot lemonade Well

Monday, May 11, 1896

A Bright pleasant morning and I was up very early at Half past 5 I had a Stomach ache I drank some Lemonade last night I went with Cousin John to get some Potatoes and helped to get the dinner I curled and Brushed my Hair and went for a fine drive with Mr Freyermuth he took Grand Pa Cousin Queen Reginald too I came Home and got the dust of me and changed my dress and went down to the Store and came Home with Cousin Queen Had Supper Helped to do up the work then we got off to Bed I seen my first colored Baby yesterday All Well

Tuesday, May 12, 1896

A warm pleasant day I feel very good to day I helped to do up the work then I got Grand Pa cleaned up and his shirt changed after which we both took a walk and went down to the Store came Home and Had dinner then I went down to the Store a gain Cousin Queen and I Engaged the team after Supper Cousin Queen & I went down town a gain I got some Oranges Peanuts and dates give Grand Pa 2.50 Cousin Queen gave me a Beautiful little toque a lovely little thing & made by a man Got a letter from Home and wrote one Home All Well

Wednesday, May 13, 1896

Got up early had Break fast after which Grand Pa Cousin Queen Cousin Johnnie and my self and little Reginald drove to Anneheime to see Cousin Bettie Casey [Cayce]¹ found all well it was a lovely drive we made the trip 24 miles in 4 hours Had a good dinner this evening Cousin Queen and my self and the children went for a little walk Had Supper and now we are all off for Bedd Cousin Queen and my self are to Bunk together Well

¹ Bessie L. (Vinson) Cayce (27), living at 53 Los Angeles St., Anaheim, with her husband Van R. Cayce (31) a farm equipment salesman and, their four children.

Thursday, May 14, 1896

We remained in Anniheim [sic] over night Cousin Queen & I Bunked in the Parlor on the Bed Lounge Had a fine Bed Slept well gave the little Darkey Dora five cents to Sing for us We had dinner and left for Pomona at 1.20 arriving here at 5.5 Oh my such a dusty drive we were just covered I washed and changed my dress and gave Grand Pa a Scrub Had Supper after which I helped with the dishes got ready for Bed washed my feet and Put on Some new Plasters also one on Cousin Maries foot All Well

Friday, May 15, 1896

Another Bright warm morning I had Break fast after which I washed and wiped the dished then Reginald and I worked in the Garden I Pulled up some weeds and cut the long grass off with the sheers then Cousin Mary and myself went to see them pack Oranges. I cleaned off the Porch then had dinner Cousin Queen and I went out to Mr Freyermuth and had Tea came Home had Straw B then Cousin Queen and I went to the Store came Home found Mrs Freyermuth here to spend the Evening Reginald not well rest well.

Saturday, May 16, 1896

Another warm day I wrote a letter Home this morning then I cleaned up the other lawn then I dress and Reginald and I went down to mail the letter I bought Reginald a Ball and one for Earl also five cents worth of cookies came Home Had dinner went down to the Store a gain Marie went to a Picnic and word came She was lost and Oh such a time But all ended well She came Home all safe we are packed for Los Angeles tomorrow morning I don't feel very frisky rest Well

Sunday, May 17, 1896

Up early Had Break fast got ready and Grand Pa Cousin Q & myself left Pomona on the Southern Pacific for Pasidena got there at two took a ride out Colorado Street on the Horse car then took the Electric Car to Los Angeles got a room at 340 Hill near fourth had dinner on Spring Street at Mrs Hunters then C. Queen and myself went out to West Lake park then to 926 Georgia Bell St to see Minnie Chapman came Home Had Supper at the Portland Cafe on Hill street then we took a walk and now for Bed Well

Monday, May 18, 1896

This morning Grand Pa was up very early We all went and Had Breakfast then we went down and bought our Tickets for the St Paul then to the Peoples Store 135 Spring st and while there Grand Pa disappeared and we have not found him yet Oh my such a day this evening Cousin Q- and I came to San Pedro and will remain over night at the Clarence Hotel I am just worn out and so is dear Old Cousin Oh dear How shall We put in the night

Tuesday, May 19, 1896

We got up early this morn and Queen and I came from San Pedro to Los A- But no Grand Pa has been found yet we are Both tired to death at almost Eleven this we went to the Police Station and learned that dear old Grand Pa is found and is at the millinery Store [cannot be read] Oh how glad we are to find him then cousin Queen and I went down to the Peoples Store to get Some dimity Silk¹ then we had dinner and went to the train and left for Santa C- Had a Bath and got through all right did not sleep much All well

¹ Dimity is a lightweight, sheer cotton fabric. Commonly employed for bed upholstery and curtains, and usually White. Originally dimity was made of silk or wool, but since the 18th century it has been woven almost exclusively of cotton.

Wednesday, May 20, 1896

We traveled all night and had nothing to mar our nights rest we were up very early got dressed and arrived at Tracy at 7.5 went to the Tracy Hotel and had Breakfast then I went for a little walk this is a miserable little dusty Hole we have to lay here till half Past one this after noon. I just got Some Postal cards and wrote one to Cousin Queen left Tracy at quarter Past one got to S.C. on time drove Home in a Buss found all well had Supper took my Bath and gave Grand Pa his wash and all are off for Bed Well

Thursday, May 21, 1896

It rained most all fore noon I was bussy [sic] all fore noon getting the dust out of our clothes and getting them cleaned out and Put away this after noon I went over to the dr- and got my Bottle filled seen her son he is Home a gain It does not seem to be cleared off yet I wound some yarn and commenced on Cousin Johns Cap tonight Alverda took her Lunch the other two came Home I feel tired so must go to Bed Mrs Mann came in All Well

Friday, May 22, 1896

Cloudy and misty this fore noon I peeled some Beets and some radishes for dinner then I wrote a letter to Cousin Queen went out & mailed it and took the Lemons over to Mrs Everts that Minnie sent them I cleaned up the front Bed room & Parlor aired my room after that I got dressed and went down to the School also to call on Mrs White & Mrs Banford this evening Mr & Mrs Dunning came in also Alice L Jennie went over Home I gave the children a Bath all Well

Saturday, May 23, 1896

A bright pleasant forenoon but this after noon the north wind blew quite Hard and is still blowing Jennie and I washed all forenoon Had a big wash Edna took her music lesson. I went down to Miss Hughes Pop took Edna over to town and got her a new Pair of shoes Elsie Cove came over and Brought the Baby I went in to Manns and took my knitting We played cards Pop and I wone [sic] I feel tired tonight the Children Put on their thin Shirts Well

Sunday, May 24, 1896

A very warm day I took off the old Hen and 9 little chicks then I wrote a letter Home got the children off to Sunday school Had dinner then Pop took us for a drive and down to see the dam then we came Home I wrote 2 letters one to Ola and one to Cousin Sallie got lunch read some then Agnes came in played for us then Wilkie came over and they went Home I seen Mrs Slack out on the cliff all well C.R.C. Called this after

Monday, May 25, 1896

Oh my such a very warm day we did not get all of the ironing finished it was so warm. I went in to see Florence also to Everts She also came in here for Pinks to send east. I got a new coffee Boiler also a Pudding pan from a lady agent I transplanted my Pansys again and gave them a good wetting then I done the mending after that I Knitt some on the cap. I went in to see Mrs Mann for a few minutes they are all off to Bed early so Here goes Well

Tuesday, May 26, 1896

Another warm day I finished my ironing and washed Alverda's & Luenes Hair cut out Luenes pink Ging Ham dress and got it almost fit read a letter from Cousin Queen also one from uncle Isaac. Alverda commenced on her new medicine from Dr May this morning. Pop and Grand Pa walked down town this evening to get some Butter Jennie gone out this evening. I have not felt well today neither has grand Pa rest are well

Wednesday, May 27, 1896

Foggy this morning and again this evening. I got up from the break fast table and and went with Mrs Mann and Bert over to Woods Lagoon to get wild flowers to Plant I worked on Luenes dress this after She went down town with Maude She and Alverda went over to get my Bottle filled Miss Garmond gave Edna her music lesson Mrs White called this evening and I walked Home with her for a few min I brought up some dressing for my Pansys Well

Thursday, May 28, 1896

Another cloudy and Foggy day I went out and worked in the garden putting dressing on the flowers after I had made the corn Bread Pop took Grand Pa over to Hodges this morning I worked on Luenes dress got it almost finished I had a Head ache all after noon so Jennie and I did not go down to the graduating exercises we played cards Jennie and Grand Pa beat at Seven up and Pop and I at Whist all are well as usual

Friday, May 29, 1896

Cleaned up the front Bed room and the Parlor also my Bed room this after noon although it was Foggy and misty I gathered the flowers and Edna Alverda and my self went out and decorated Grand Ma Whylers Grave also put one Bouquet on Auntie Dunnings grave¹ & one on Alice's Baby Pop Grand Pa and Luene went down to see the Dam² Alverda and I helped Pop Pick Seale off of the Lemon tree I cleaned out the Sewer helped A & L with their music well

¹ Annie Elizabeth Whyler, an old family friend from Yuba City who died in Santa Cruz in 1890, and Mary Ellen (Garland) Dunning. James Dunning's first wife. She died January 31, 1892. Decorating the graves is an annual May event for Mary and the girls.

² The dam is in place for the second annual Venetian Water Carnival.

The dam across the river, which cost so much last year, has practically been completed at a cost which will not exceed \$500; the decorations for Pacific Av. will be far more complete and beautiful than those of '95—great strings of lanterns and yards of bunting will be strung from pole to pole and from house-top to house-top; this work has already been begun. The framework of the Queen's Palace, which will be built on the east side of the river, is all ready for erection. The palace of itself, illuminated as it will be with myriad lights, will be one of the features of the Carnival. The brilliantly

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Saturday, May 30, 1896

It was cloudy this morning and misty But by noon it had cleared away and to night it is warm and nice Jennie and I washed I had a severe Head ache all day Mrs McGrath¹ came begging for Mrs Sylva I gave her a few old clothes Pop took Agnes Grand Pa and Alverda over to the evergreen Cemetery. Jennie gone out this eve Maude came in to see Jennie I did not sew much my Head ached so badly Edna brought Florences Baby in for a time rest Well

¹ Mrs. McGrath living at 147 South Branciforte Ave, with her husband, John J., a compositor for the Santa Cruz Surf, and their son, Michael a laborer. 1892 Directory, page 735.

Sunday, May 31, 1896

A Bright Pleasant day I got up late have not felt very well all day I got the children off to Sunday school then I shelled the Peas then I ironed Ednas plaid waiste then I Scrubbed Grand pa up and combed his Hair had dinner laided [sic] down for a time got up read a little while the others went to drive Jennie went out I wrote 2 letters one Home and one to Cousin Bessie Alice came over she and Edna went to church rest well



Monday, June 1, 1896

A very pleasant day I ironed a little then I went over to Mrs Everts she also came in here to get some Bulbs. I got the dinner this after noon Pop Grand Pa Luene Alverda and my self went down town after I came Home I went down to see Mrs Towne then I walked down to the corner with Mrs Buckley Pop Hauled Some rock for the drain this morning He also got two letters one from Mr Low and one from McKay of Lompoc I feel better today rest well

Tuesday, June 2, 1896

A cloudy cold & windy day I transplanted my little seed Pink plants before Break fast done the mending went in to Mrs M to get some silk to Hem grand Pa Tie Mrs M came in to get me to fix the Hem in her dress I made a new

cover for the cushion in the Kitchen chair. Pop took me over to the Dr I am doing nicely I washed Gramps feet Sewed a little on Luenes pink dress we played cards tonight and we each wone a game all well

Wednesday, June 3, 1896

Another Bright and Pleasant day I cut out Both Edna's dresses this fore noon set out some Pepper Plants the Chinaman Brought to me I finished Luenes Pink dress at last Alverda and Luene went down to Madisons for a while and to Buckleys. Edna went down town for the inserting¹ and out with Jennie I got a letter from Home Pop one from McKay with checque. I and Mrs Mann went over to see Mrs Bamford Pop & Grand Pa down town all well

¹ inserting; Mary is referring to a follow-up dental procedure for Edna, such as inserting a amalgam filling

Thursday, June 4, 1896

A pleasant warm fore noon with a brisk north wind blowing this afte and evening I watered my Pansys this morning and then I went at Ednas pink Gingham dress got the waist ready for Button Holes and the skirt ready for the Hem. I pressed out Luenes pink dress & Grand Pas ties fixed Ednas Plaid waiste and Pongee dress. Pop Grand Pa and the two Girls went down to the dam Played cards tonight we wone both games All Well

Friday, June 5, 1896

A nice day although it was cloudy and windy again to night made corn Bread for Break fast then I worked on Ednas dress put a facing on her old Gingham and then I cleaned up Our Bed room then I made the beds and got things in order then I got the Button Holes in Ednas dress and got it finished Luene went over to Burges this afte Pop and Grand Pa went down town and for Soap played cards we wone a game all Well

Saturday, June 6, 1896

A warm nice day Jennie and I washed the music teacher gave all the children a lesson Edna and the children got the dinner after dinner I went down too Miss Hughes and down town left my Pongee down for her to fix me a waiste came Home sewed on Ednas Silk dimity all the time I had Bertha came in for a time we played cards for a time Pop and I wone again warm to night All Well

Sunday, June 7, 1896

A bright warm pleasant day I wrote a letter Home then I got the children off to Sunday School then I put some water on the Pansys a Pinks washed Grand Pa Hair tried some of the Puzzles but did not succeed in working either of them then Pop took us for a drive around the cliff and down to the dam came home I wrote a letter to Cousin Queen got lunch then Edna & I went to the Baptist Church Home now & ready for bed Well

Monday, June 8, 1896

It was foggy this morning but it soon cleared a way and was nice and warm this after noon I ironed the white shirts and then I worked on Ednas dress all the time I had seemes I did not get much done though Pop took Grand Pa Jennie & Alverda down town Mrs Homes came over for a time this after noon I done the mending and then worked on Ednas dress as long as I could see we played cards tonight We wone 2 others well

Tuesday, June 9, 1896

A pleasant day I worked on Ednas dress all I could this after noon Pop took me down to Miss Hughes to get my waiste fit I also went over to town he and Grand Pa also I got a letter from Home to day Old Bell is dead the mule Mrs Rose called Jennie and I went down to the Labor Exchange Oh my such a time Mrs Mann is not well to day. I went into Manns Jennie at work on her waiste All well.

Wednesday, June 10, 1896

Another nice day quite warm this After I made 12 glasses of jell and Picked ours and made them up had the old Glass Sugar Bole full of that I worked on Edna's dress again seemes I will never get it done Pop & Grand Pa down town this morning and to the dam this after noon took the children I went in to Manns Rose and Henry came over this evening just to the gate did not come in well it is time or Bed so here goes all well

Thursday, June 11, 1896

Another nice pleasant day very warm I got up early and cleaned up the shelf for the jell and Put up the 12 glasses of new jell then I finished Ednas skirt and dug in at the waist but did not get it finished yet this afte Pop took me down to Mrs C Chubbuck¹ to get the Slipper patterns Mr Forsythe came for Alverda to be in the drill for the School Float I went down and had my waiste fit and over to town letter from Cousin Bettie Cayce All Well

¹ Mary Chubback (West) (49) a dressmaker living with her daughter, Fanny Chubback (11), at 7 Walnut Ave. 1900 Census

Friday, June 12, 1896

Another nice day I dampened and ironed Edna's white dress and Alverdas white waiste and Black silk skirt then I cleaned up the Parlor front Bed room & our bed Room the children went down to practice for the float I finially finished Ednas dimity Oh Howe glad I am it is done Florence brought the Baby in this afte I got one of Ednas slippers ready for the Bow I feel very tired gave grand Pa his wash & will take my Bath & be off Well

Saturday, June 13, 1896

Foggy this morning But it soon cleared away Jennie and I had a big wash and did not get through till after dinner I finished one slipper this fore noon and sent it down to Mrs Chubbuck this afte I finished the other one & Alverdas Fannie came down the children took their music lesson Jennie went down town I feel bad tonight Pop and Grand Pa went down town we played cards again to night Grand Pa & Jennie wone Well

Sunday, June 14, 1896

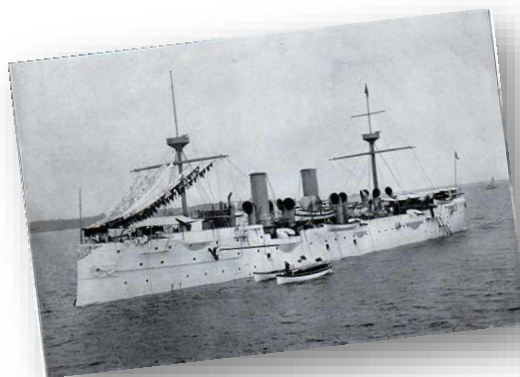
Up late had break fast got the children off to school then Jennie and I shelled the Peas after that I combed Grand Pa hair and made the Beds helped to take up the dinner after which Pop took us for a drive came Home wrote a letter Home got Supper after which I went down to McCornick to see Lucille she is Better today came Home late went to bed Jennie not Home yet All Well

Monday, June 15, 1896

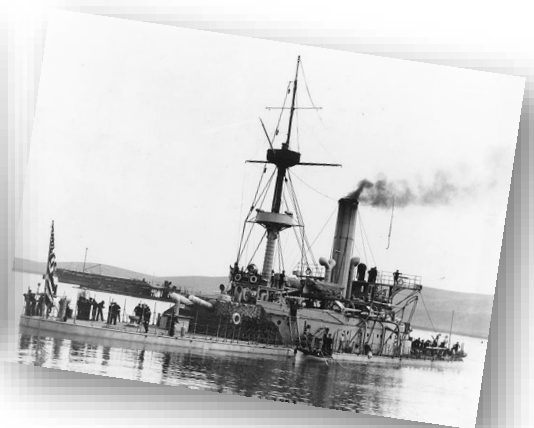
I was up a little after 4 this morning and got Pops Breakfast He went to the City after he went I went to Bed till seven I helped iron Picked some Plums and got the juice ready for jell and jam Oh my but I was tired Harnessed up and took the children over to Fagans then I went to Miss Hughes then Home Grand Pa and I went down to get Pop came Home had Supper Grand Pa got a letter from Sanborn and Mr Meeker A very warm day I am tired All Well

Tuesday, June 16, 1896

A very warm & pleasant day I washed windows this fore noon and the childrens three Rockers after that I sewed on the childrens dresser got A all ready then I washed out Edna Skirt. Pop took all the children and Grand Pa out on the two war Ships Philadelphia and the Monadnock¹ then I went over and got my Bottle filled and down town did not get home till late sewed the Bows on the slipper & the fans Oh my but I am tired Well



Cruiser, USS Philadelphia



Monitor, USS Monadnock
off the Mare Island Navy Yard
June 1898

¹ The USS Philadelphia was commissioned July 28, 1890. After patrolling the Pacific coast for seven years she will be decommissioned in 1897. The USS Monadnock was commissioned February 20, 1896. After patrolling the Pacific coast, she will sail for the Philippines to fight under Admiral Dewey.

Wednesday, June 17, 1896

Letter from Home

A pleasant day the children went over to Practice on the float did not get Home in time to take their lesson Luene took hers was all I put the lace on my Pongee cuffs & collar and got them Put on the waiste this afte we all went down town to see the Queen Crowned this evening we all went down to see the Battle of Bunkers Hill fought it was just fine did not get Home till late now we are all off the bed Well

Thursday, June 18, 1896

Mrs Masters & Taylor came

This was a foggy morning but a warm after noon. went down town early this morn to get some green Ribbon to wear on their Hair. made the wreaths for their Heads this after noon I got them ready and took them down to Mrs Brannocks¹ to get on the Float then we all went down town But the Old Float Broke down & they Had no time at all. letter from Sallie Mrs Forsythe took the children Edna & A- on the River then did not get Home till Eleven. We came Home a little after nine well

¹ Sarah Marguerite (Chesrown) Brannack (53) a widow, living at 44 Ocean View Ave. 1880 / 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 681. Evening Sentinel, Jan. 4, 1916, page 8.

Friday, June 19, 1896

Another nice day I cleaned a little this fore noon & washed out Grand Pa flannels He is to start for Home in the morning Got two letters one from Home and one from Cousin Queen Pop took us out again this after noon did not see much came Home Early Packed Grand Pa valiese Mrs Holmes came over We are all to got out tonight to see the Battle on the River C.R.C. called this morning this evening Pop took us down to see the Battle between the Merrimack & Monitor all well

Saturday, June 20, 1896

I was up at Half Past five to get Break fast for dear old Father he started for Home this morning after he left I went to Bed and did not get up till nine dressed a chicken and put away my 4 Glasses of jell Plum. this after noon I helped the children on their music a little and got one of Pops socks ready to knitt new foot in knitt some on it Pop took us down town this evening to see the merry masquers¹ and they did have a jolly time you could see all well

¹ A part of the closing ceremonies of the Carnival, a parade and ball.

Sunday, June 21, 1896

We did not get up very early a pleasant day the children went to sunday school I made our first apple pie and cooked our first String Beans helped Jennie get dinner this after noon we went to the Beach it was cold down there came Home Jennie got Lunch I wrote a letter to Cousin Sallie Bertha came in and chatted for a while then Agnes came in and I mailed my letter and now we are off for Bed early Luene is cross All Well

Monday, June 22, 1896

A very pleasant day I was up early Jennie and I washed I got the Breakfast then washed till noon this after noon Pop took me down to Miss Hughes & down town I took my Grey dress goods down to Miss H and got the linings and all ready for Both waists then we came Home Had Supper Pop Bought a Pine apple & we Had it for supper. I went in to Mrs Everts this evening they are well got a letter from Lizzie Perez Well

Tuesday, June 23, 1896

A pleasant day although the sun did not shine very bright I got some smelt for dinner Jennie and I ironed all fore noon and after dinner on the Starched pieces this after noon I went out to Mrs Morrisies [Morrisey's] Pop took Edna Alverda and my self out they all went to Mrs Dunnings I came Home put Luenes cap together then Mrs Mann Mrs Taylor & Mrs Masters came in after supper then I knitt some and now I am off for Bed all well



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Wednesday, June 24, 1896

We had a little Sprinkle this morn early and it has been cloudy and cold all day this morning I cleaned up the front bed room closet and the bureau drawers and got ready to clean the room tomorrow this after noon I got ready and drove down to Miss H & over to town to see Mrs Meade am to have my tooth filled tomorrow got a letter from Home wrote to the Peoples store for samples finished one of Grand Pa Grey socks children took music L All Well

Thursday, June 25, 1896

Another Gloomy day Foggy and cold and this after noon it grew quite windy I worked hard all for noon and till after one in the front Bed room Alverda & Luene helped me all they could I am done to window this after noon Pop took Alverda & I down town She had 4 teeth filled & I had one refilled I Stopped at Miss H and had a little chat and also took the goods I bought to her as we came Home this evening Luene Has a high fever & seemes quite ill rest are well

Friday, June 26, 1896

Another cold day Some wind I finished the front bed room and got it in order also cleaned the Hall it was a hard job I also cleaned and straightened our room some But not good Luene seemes all right tonight Mrs Buckley called also Mrs Campbell & Amanda I went over to see Mrs Mann she got run in to and had her Surrey smashed up but no one was Hurt Bertha came in tonight and she is holding Jennie up some where now, all as well as usual

—On Friday Frank Dann's horse, attached to a wagon, ran away on Pacific Av., turned into Locust, Vine and Park Sts., where it ran into Mrs. Mann's vehicle, causing her to be thrown out. Dann's wagon was wrecked before the animal was caught, near the upper bridge.

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Saturday, June 27, 1896

Cloudy most all after noon the Sun only shown a while this fore noon I dressed a chicken and got some String Beans ready to cook helped Jennie wash all fore noon this after noon we decided to go up to Sulpher Springs¹ tomorrow so I fixed the chicken and made a Pie Jennie Baked a cake Edna made her first Pie to day it was very good I have the things ready for an early start so here goes for Bed Florence came in this eve all well Luene well

¹ Olive Sulphur Springs – Springs and a former summer resort located just off the present-day Lakewood Road. Clark, p. 225:

Sunday, June 28, 1896

A cloudy morning we were all up very early and had breakfast got the things all straightened & our dinner Packed and we started for Olive Sulpher Springs Arriving there at Half past nine made a fire roasted some Potatoes warmed the chicken & gravey made coffee Had a nice time got a little gum came Home wrote a letter Home Bertha & Jennie gone to church Edna took Alice out for a walk & stayed so longe we were very much worried But She came Home all right at last all Well

Monday, June 29, 1896

A nice day I felt tired all day but I Polished furniture all fore noon the children helped me all they could I got all most through just the Pictures frames is all I went over to see the Dr & down to see Miss Hughes had my two waists fit and one Skirt came Home tired and cleaned up the rest of the Parlor Jennie Helped me Some the men of War Had out the search lights this evening Pop got a letter from McPherson We are all Well

Tuesday, June 30, 1896

This has been another nice day a little warm. I worked all fore noon on the Parlor and did not Succeed in finishing got very tired but this after noon I managed to get it in order Jennie Helped me some just after we got it finished Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith called I Hurredly got my wrapper on and received them this eve Bertha came in and now some Girl has called Jennie out on the Back porch I knitt a little this eve all are well

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