# 1896 Continued

# Some 1896 Highlights:

July 9, Edna is twelve.

**August 9,** two cousins, Marie and Bessie Cox were on board the steamer St. Paul when it ran on to the rocks near Monterey. Mary and Pop went to the wharf at 1:30am to greet the cousins, by 7:00am no boat. **October 15,** Mary is 40.

**November,** William McKinley is elected President. Pop has his fifty-second birthday on Thanksgiving Day. The True family spent the day with the Dunning's.



#### Wednesday, July 1, 1896

It was Foggy this morning but soon cleared away. We took up the Sitting Room carpet this morning Oh my How dirty it was. we all took turns beating it even Bertha cleaned all the Pictures and got them Hung this after noon I went down to Miss Hughes to have my silk waiste fit had a letter from Home Pop Alverda & I put the carpet down it looks very well. I am tired to night & will be off to Bed early

## Thursday, July 2, 1896

Foggy this morning But it soon came out nice and Bright and warm Alverda & I picked some Peas for dinner after Break fast Pop & I took up our bed room carpet cleaned it and Put it down again Jennie and I wiped off the walls. this after noon she wiped the walls of her Room Pop went for Beer this morning and down town this evening Edna is not very well Oh my but we are all tired. I am sleepy all well

#### Friday, July 3, 1896

Foggy again this morning but it soon cleared away I cleaned up the closet in Jennies room and helped Pop clean the Spring mattress after that we Put down the carpet & Oh my but it was a Big job and after we were Half done I mashed my thumb Pop took me down to Miss Hughes to get my Brown & Blue waist fit it does look grand I came Home made a cake & an Apple Pie Jennie went over Home this eve All Well

#### Saturday, July 4, 1896

not a very pleasant day We all got ready packed our lunch and put out for Capitola it was very cold down there we had our dinner on the Hill at noon started for Home a little after two after we got Home I went in to Manns for a little while Mrs Mann & Edna went out to Morgan<sup>1</sup> I worked on Grand Pa other sock till I finially got it finished Pop has decided not to go till Monday morning now I feel tired & will Stop well

<sup>1</sup> John William Morgan (66) a farmer, living with his wife, Jane (Pitzer) (63) and several children on their farm in Branciforte Township, near today's Thurber Lane and Soquel Drive. 1880 Census. Harrison, pages 262-263. Martin, pages 310-313. 1889 map of Santa Cruz County at: https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4363s.la000040/

#### Sunday, July 5, 1896

A pleasant day not very warm I picked some string Beans and got them ready for dinner and put them on to cook before breakfast I got Edna & Alverda off to Sunday [school] Luene was too tired to go I wrote to Marysville & Los Angeles for samples also wrote to Cousin Queen Cousin Bettie and Mary Spinks<sup>1</sup> this after noon Pop took us for a drive I took the Perscription [sic] to Palmer for Alverda He will send it over tomorrow Pop is all Packed to start for Sutter Bertha came in well



<sup>1</sup> Mary Spink, family friend from Alameda. Address list in back of diary.

#### Monday, July 6, 1896

Filling out of my tooth again

A Foggy morning almost like a rain We were up very early at Half past 4. Pop took the early train for Sutter. Jennie and I did not get through washing till after noon Edna & I went down town I sent the money order to Broughton also got the tablets for Alverda went over to Mrs F She is out to Mrs F also to Mrs Wilkins did not see her I went in to Mrs Manns this evening now I am tired so will get ready for bed so here goes All Well

## Tuesday, July 7, 1896

Foggy this for noon I did not get up very early feed the Horse & chickens Picked some string Beans got them on to cook Had Breakfast then I cleaned out the chicken House then I helped iron did not get through ironed Alverdas and Luenes dresses this after noon Mrs D- came in before I was through did not stay long I got a letter from Home one from Ola & my samples from the Peoples Store Los Angeles Jennie down to the dentist I cleaned up the yard a little Started to knitt a cap all Well

### Wednesday, July 8, 1896

A very pleasant day a little warm some of the day I Pinned down three Tidas this morning then I went to work on the furniture in the Sitting room got it all finished and the Lincrusta<sup>1</sup> washed got a letter from Pop Paid Miss Garmond for Luenes music Jennie took Luene and Alverda down town and She and Bertha went down this evening you bet I am tired Sent Pop a Sentinel all off for Bed All Well

<sup>1</sup> Lincrusta is an embossed wall covering. Before its invention in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, only the wealthy could afford walls of gilded leather, ceilings of repoussé metal, and cornices of ornate plasterwork. Lincrusta allowed the new middle class to imitate those rich materials affordably.

#### Thursday, July 9, 1896

A very Pleasant day Edna's Twelfth Birth day I went down town this morning at a little after nine went to Mrs Meades to get my Tooth refilled. after that I got Ednas doll Arms Alverda doll Head. also some Plaster for Ednas & Luenes finger nails then I went to Miss H[ughes] and Had my Grey dress fit Had dinner there came Home went Over & Had my Bottle filled then down to Miss Hughes & down town left my Pictures to get them framed. Came Home Had Lunch Bertha came over All Well

#### Friday, July 10, 1896

This has been a very nice day a Fog came in this morning But it did not last long I picked some Peaches and cleaned the ferns in the Sitting rooms then Mrs Dutcher<sup>1</sup> called with a book got a letter from Pop & wrote one to Him. cleaned the furniture in Jennie's room. helped the children pick some Black Berries 20 boxes for .50 cents this evening I mended my clothes & mowed the lawn gave the children a bath & now they are having a time getting Luenes Gloves Well

<sup>1</sup> Cora (Mighells) Dutcher (53) living at 34 Washington Street with her husband, Parshall J. (54) a carriage salesman.

#### Saturday, July 11, 1896

A very pleasant day a little warm Jennie and I washed till after dinner Luene did not take a lesson the other two did. I Paid Miss Garmond 2.00 Alverda's month was up after dinner I and the children Polished the furniture in Our Bed room Bertha came in Had Lunch I picked all the Apricots and some Peaches done some watering Picked a mess of string Beans Mrs M came in a minute Edna went out with her to get Butter milk Murpheys left today Well

#### Sunday, July 12, 1896

A very pleasant day very warm in the sun this afternoon Edna & Alverda went down to Sunday school took them all down to the Beach this morning came Home Had dinner then we all went over to Sea Bright found Mrs Onstott<sup>1</sup> & Dora over Had a very pleasant after noon with them came Home done up the chores Picked some Peached Helped the children on their music a while Jennie gone out I am sleepy to so here goes all well

<sup>1</sup> Rebecca Onstott (42) living with her husband, Jacob A. (61), old family friends from Yuba City. Dora has not been Identified. Possibly, Dora Bliss or Dora Recht.

#### Monday, July 13, 1896

A pleasant day I ironed my white Skirt was all then Alverda & I went down to Miss Hughes then for some Beer then down town and Home I got the dinner and strained the Apricot ready for jell in the morning I cleaned on my room this after noon did not get it finished got a letter from Mary Spink Willie was married on the 25 of June Pop came Home tonight He brought Luene a Monkey Drummer and Edna & Alverda a **Barjel Pin** very nice Bertha came in Well

#### Tuesday, July 14, 1896

Foggy this morning and not Hot this after noon. this morning I washed out Pops clothes and the Girls skirt then I made a freezer of ice cream for dinner then I helped the children with their music made another freezer full of ice cream after that I went down to Miss Hughes to get my dress fix came Home had supper then Mr & Mrs D came over and remained a while Jennie & Bertha went out. Mrs D brought us some Mapel Sugar all well

#### Wednesday, July 15, 1896

Foggy again this morning But came out all bright I made five Glasses of Apple Jell this morning cleaned the Blinds

in our bed room this after noon I cleaned out the closet tank in the bath room & Broke the Ball off the regulator Pop took it over & had it fixed. Mrs Onstott came over also Dora I am still at work on the Bath room Edna & Alverda took their lesson Mrs McCornick & children came over this evening got Samples from Hale Bro. wrote to Mrs B Rowan Bed Wetting cure Well



*The Richmond Climax* (Richmond, Ky.) April 14, 1897

#### Thursday, July 16, 1896

A Pleasant day I helped the children on their music and dug around a few of my Pink Then I lit into the Bath room But did not get it finished till this after noon late I Put down another old piece of Brussels carpet<sup>1</sup> so it looks quite nice again I also fixed a good Piece for the kitchen floor. This evening I mended up my under clothes and helped the children on their stocking Betha came in Jennie went out Edna went out with Bertha Sample from the Emporium Well

<sup>1</sup> The Brussels Loom was introduced into England towards the middle of the eighteenth century marked the beginning of a new era in carpet-weaving. Brussels carpet have a smooth slightly ribbed surface and their patterning is well defined, a characteristic feature of the cloth. Closeness of pile rather than height contributes to their neat appearance and hard wearing properties... (Carpets by George Robinson F.T.I., F.S.D.C. published 1966 Chap 7 Wilton Carpets page 72.)

#### Friday, July 17, 1896

Cloudy this fore noon Windy this after noon Jennie & I cleaned up the Sitting room and this after noon we cleaned the Silver then Pop took me down town and to Miss Hughes I got my three Pictures Home Hung two of them and

will give the other one to the D- this evening I went over to the House & had a talk with Wilkie Bertha was here again this evening But Jennie did not go out also Mabel Leggett<sup>1</sup> called to see Jennie Manns folks Back Well

<sup>1</sup> Mabel Legette (13) living on Poplar with her father Lewis B. (51) a druggist and her mother Buena Vista (Fennell) (34) and four siblings. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 727.

#### Saturday, July 18, 1896

Cloudy or Foggy But Jennie and I washed just the same I got most of the white clothes washed out before Break fast Jennie got Break fast I also washed out 2 Pairs of Blankets & one Half & a crib Quilt this evening we all went out to Mr Dunnings and spent the Evening I took them out their Picture of La France Roses. Jennie went out too. I feel very tired tonight But feel real well. I fixed the Belt on Alverdas pink dress Pop went down town all Well

#### Sunday, July 19, 1896

A Pleasant morning But windy this after noon. I got the children off to Sunday school then I helped Jennie get dinner & cooked the Apricot for Jell this after noon Pop took us for a drive out to Garfield Park old Fan<sup>1</sup> was sick came Home Early She got worse and Pop and I doped her Mrs Everts came in a few minutes I did not get to Bed till late Old Fan was so Sick Pop was up twice to see How she was She was better the last time & he Put her in the Barn All Well

<sup>1</sup> Old Fan, the family horse. Old Fan, (possibly Fannie) pulls the surrey when the family takes rides around the county.

## Monday, July 20, 1896

I was up late Alverda & I picked some Beans for dinner then went at my Jell made 7 Glasses of Apricot Jell and two Quarts of Marmalade. Helped the children Pick Beans they got 15 cents Vance & Lucille came over also Clara Crichton Mrs M came in this evening I did not feel well all day Bertha came in she & Jennie gone out got a Box of Soap Pop got his mill receipt from Marysville I cut out A & L Pink and Blue Skirts I am tired this is all Well-

#### Tuesday, July 21, 1896

This has been a very Foggy day Scarcely any sun all day I helped the children with their music this morning then I cleaned the Paint in the Kitchen Jennie helping then I set to and Painted the Board over the table and the table legs in the Sitting room Bertha came in this morning and this evening Mrs Dunning came in and spent the evening while he went to lodge Jennie has gone out this evening her mother called also Mrs Buckley for the freezer well

#### Wednesday, July 22, 1896

Another Foggy day this morning Jennie and I washed up the cupboards and Put in new Papers this after noon Pop and I went down town to get Edna some shoes Luene & Alverda went in to see Aileen I got my sample from the Hale Bro.<sup>1</sup> this evening I went down to Mrs Litchfields Mrs Bickford and Miss Waters were there we did Have a jolly time taking and spinning yarns But I do believe Mrs Litchfield takes the cake we are all well. Pop laying Stone walk

<sup>1</sup> Halle Brothers Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, commonly referred to as Halle's, is a defunct department store chain. During most of its 91-year history Halle's focused on higher-end merchandise which it combined with personal service.

#### Thursday, July 23, 1896

Sent order for Silk

This is another Foggy day. I helped the children with their music then Pop took Luene & I over to town & got Alverda a Bucket & Shove for her Birth day. also a colappsing cup from a Peddler Jennie Luene & Edna went down town this after noon had a letter from Ola also answered it this evening Mrs Morbutt & Daughter called Pop & Alverda took them Home. I doped my table legs some more. Bertha came in did not stay long. I cleaned up the Pantry and drawers this after noon All Well

### Friday, July 24, 1896

Foggy this fore noon and windy this after noon I gilded the table legs over this morning and Painted the kitchen table cleaned the kitchen carpets and the Pantry carpets & floor also my bed room then I made one new piece of carpet for the kitchen floor Pop got a load of tan Bark this after Wilkie came over this evening I went down the hill with her Jennie gone out Oh my but I feel tired but am very glad it is so near done Well

## Saturday, July 25, 1896

The sun has scarcely shone at all a very gloomy day Jennie and I washed till after dinner I washed a Blanket & Quilt got my Silk from Hale Brothers also a letter from Cousin Queen. Jennie gone out this evening Mr & Mrs Taylor left this afte I made Luene and Alverda a new Skirt one Pink & one Blue. Alverda & Luene were over to Muriels Seventh Birthday had a nice time I washed all the childrens Hair and my one Pop went down town I am tired all well

## Sunday, July 26, 1896

Up very early did not sleep very good I picked some string beans and got them on to cook had Breakfast helped Luene on her music Edna and Luene went to Sunday school Luene did not go. Had dinner then we all went for a drive down to the Beach I wrote a letter to Mary Spink Bertha came in for me to go to church with her I went in to see Mrs Masters a little while Agnes was there too Jennie is out all are well and I am off to Bed

## Monday, July 27, 1896

Cloudy this morning up early Mr Masters & Bert left for Kansas City. The children started to school I got the dinner & helped Iron a little this after noon I went over to see the Dr & down to Miss Hughes the children Had Vance Lucille Ada Fannie M- Fannie C- Bobbie Muriel & Baby here Pop got a letter from Ola I cut out Luenes dress I got Mrs. Wm. Masters, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann, left Monday for Kansas City, Mo.

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for her today I was in to Manns I also crotcheted a little took my Silk down to Miss Hughes It is late So to bed I must go Well

## Tuesday, July 28, 1896

A Pleasant morning although not Bright I washed out two comfortables this morning got a Bucket of crab Apples over to Manns and got them over to cook did not get them finished this after noon I went over to Sea Bright and took Mrs Onstott & Dora down town & out as far as Mrs Kerrs place the wind blew like thunder too came Home and worked on Alverdas & Luenes Skirts did not finish them. helped the children on their music Muriel came in All Well



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<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Kerr (72) a widow, her permanent home is in San Francisco Her husband William passed about January 31, 1896. The Scotts Valley property will be advertised for sale throughout the year.

#### Wednesday, July 29, 1896

This has not been so windy Mrs Buckley came over early this morning to get the children to go to Isabella Grove<sup>1</sup> to a Picnic Alverda & Luene went had a nice time Miss Garmond came and gave Alverda a lesson I finished the two Skirts ready for Button Holes. this evening I went down to Steinmitz and to Fitzgibbons Pop got the rest of his wood I made my Crab Apple jell this morning Jennie went out this evening worked a little on Luenes Apron All well

<sup>1</sup> Isbel Grove, a popular camp meeting ground from the 1860's through the turn of the century, located near the

junction of present-day Isbel Drive and Branciforte Drive. The name has been spelled variously: Isbel, Isbell, Isabell, Isabell, [and Isabella]. Clark, pages 156 – 157.

## Thursday, July 30, 1896

Bought Luenes Wart

A very Pleasant day warm this after noon I put up my Crab Apples jell & Apricot also wrote off a Prescription from Dr Chasis [Chase's] Book<sup>1</sup> for Alverda this after noon Pop took me over to the Dr and down to Miss Hughes & down town Had old Fan shod I went in to see Agnes got the new medicine for Alverda got a letter from Mary Spink Jennie gone out this eve I got Luenes Blue jump ready for Button Holes. Pop had his wood sawed this morning Muriel came down for the Home Companion Well

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Chase's book title includes recipes for the treatment of "Female Debility and Irregularities:"

## Friday, July 31, 1896

This Has been a nice day warm and nice a little too warm for comfort I cleaned up my room made corn Bread for Breakfast then I fixed my Plaid waist a little took a Bath then I finished Luenes two white waists to Button Holes got a letter from Mrs Bawan about Bed Wetting sent Luene with it down to Clara Edna over to Vance Bertha came in She & Jennie went out I gave the children a Bath So now all Hands are off for Bed Well





#### Saturday, August 1, 1896

Pleasant all fore noon but quite warm this after noon Jennie and I washed this morning got through at noon Alverda took her music lesson I got a letter from Cousin Marie She is to leave for this place the 5 of Aug I took Jennie and the children over to Sea Bright and went into the Surf Jennie & I got ducked, this is the first time I have been in in thirteen years Jennie has gone out Clara Crighton came down a moment Well

#### Sunday, August 2, 1896

Ralph D called<sup>1</sup>

Another warm day but it is cooler to night last night it was very warm I helped the children with their music then I got them off to Sunday school I read all the time I had ate dinner then Pop took us for a drive Jennie and Mabel went out after we came back from our drive I helped the children with their music a gain then we Had Lunch after then Agnes came in Bertha came in also I went down the Hill With Agnes Well

<sup>1</sup> Ralph G. Dunning (23), son of James Dunning (aka Mr. D or D-) and his first wife, Mary Ellen (Garland).

#### Monday, August 3, 1896

Cool this morning but the wind soon came up I helped Edna with the Dishes and then Jennie with the ironing after that I washed up all the White dresses & Luenes two Hats Then Pop & I went down to Miss H and to the P.O. & sent the P.O. Order then out to Mrs Morbutts Had a nice Visit with them went to call on Mrs Forsythe came down town and to Miss H[ughs] again Mrs Bickford & Miss Waters<sup>1</sup> called this evening I ripped up an Old White Jackett. All Well

<sup>1</sup> Alice Angela (Weber) Bickford (54), living at 117 Soquel Ave., with her niece Thuda Waters (46), and three boarders. 1900 Census.

#### Tuesday, August 4, 1896

A very pleasant day Jennie and I ironed again this fore noon till eleven then Mrs Miller Mrs O-[nstott] & Dora came to spend the day I made Strawberry Short cake and Helped to get dinner at dinner Rose came Over and spent the after noon Pop took the Sea Bright folks Home and then just as Rose was ready to Start Mrs White came after that Mabel then the Buckley children & Alice G Lettie came up and Edna went down with her Fixing Luenes Hats Well

#### Wednesday, August 5, 1896

This has been a nice day, I fixed the covers on two of the music Books then I started in to make a cake and in trying to take the cover off the Yeast Powder Can with the Bread Knife I cut my Thumb dreadful it made me very sick But I went down to Miss Hughes & got my Grey dress & Silk waiste Florence & Baby came in also Mrs Campbell Alverda took her music lesson I went out to Mrs Bickfords & Ordered a Hat 1.50 get it tomorrow I feel miserable rest well

#### Thursday, August 6, 1896

I was up early got my Lunch Packed Had Breakfast then Mr Hall came and took us up to Laguna Creek<sup>1</sup> Mrs Hall Mrs Miller Mrs Onstott Dora and my self we left town at quarter to Eight and got up there at quarter Past nine went down on the Beach came Back had Lunch went Back to the Beach Mrs O. Dora & my self got a wetting we had some mussels then we started for Home got here a little after five Mrs M- came in All Well

<sup>1</sup> Laguna Creek Beach, about eight miles north of Santa Cruz is a remote and wide sandy beach with a creek, wetlands, unique rocks, and wild waves. The ladies had their lunch on the bluff and then returned to the beach, getting wet. Today swimming is not advised, and the beach is recognized by some as a clothing optional location.

#### Friday, August 7, 1896

A very Pleasant day I was up very early cleaned up my Room and got things in order then Pop and I went down town to the noon train stayed till after the Broad Gauge came in But no cousin Came Home Had dinner then we went down town & to Miss Hughes & to get my Hat then we went down to again this evening to Both trains But no Cousin yet got a letter from Cousin Bettie I felt very Badly But feel Better now All Well

#### Saturday, August 8, 1896

This has been a nice day Jennie done the washing I done but very little of it my thumb was too sore I helped Edna do up the work A took her music lesson got a letter from Queen saying Marie would be here tonight on the Steamer St. Paul I took the children over to the Dr. to get my Bottle filled and over to Sea Bright and down to Miss Hughes to get my Grey dress & Black Skirt now we are all off to bed early get at 1.30 Well

#### Sunday, August 9, 1896

Pop and I got up at 1.30 and went down to the wharf remain there till after seven then we came Home Had Break fast and went back again then we learned that the Steamer St. Paul was wrecked<sup>1</sup> Pop took us down to the Beach this after noon then again tonight we went down to the train and Lo & behold

#### RAN ON THE ROCKS.

# Steamer St. Paul Wrecked Near the the Mouth of Monterey Bay.

MONTEREY. — The Pacific Coast steamship St. Paul lies on the rocks just south of Point Pinos, full of water and a total loss. The Pacific Mail steamship Colombia lies on the rocks just south of Pigeon Point, full of water and a total loss.

The two luckless vessels, sisters in misfortune, are about fifty miles apart. The cause of their destruction are so identical as to be remarkable. Both were feeling their way to San Francisco; both became bewildered in a dense fog, and both went ashore. Marie & Bessie  $\cos^2$  were on Board all safe & well I got her some Lunch and now at 8.30 I am off for Bed all are well

- <sup>1</sup> The passengers stated that beyond the discomfort of their transfer, by rowboat to shore they suffered no inconvenience and were in no danger at any time. Only B. Cox is listed among the passengers. Eye witness accounts and a passenger list can be found in the, *Los Angeles Times*, August 10, page 1.
- <sup>2</sup> Cousins Mary Ann Cox (39) living with her widowed mother, Elizabeth A. (68) in San Bernardino City, and two siblings. And Bessie M. Cox (28), living in San Lorenzo Township with her widowed mother, Emma (58).

#### Monday, August 10, 1896

I got the children off to School then I visited with Marie a little then Mrs Onstott & Dora came over for Lavender after they got off I helped Jennie Iron after dinner Pop took Marie Luene & my self down to the Beach we remained there till we got tired then started for Home met a messenger Boy with a Telegram for Marie got that all right then meet Frank Enner<sup>1</sup> with a registered letter for Pop. Pop got a letter from Isaac<sup>2</sup> so endes the day all well

- <sup>1</sup> Frank Ennor (17) a Postal clerk, living at 46 Church Street with his mother, Elizabeth (43) and a sister, Bella (21) a school teacher.
- <sup>2</sup> Isaac Richard True (45). James True's older brother, He is reported as a Farmer, living in Santa Rosa, 1880 Census, with his wife Elizabeth (Lizzie) (31), and their two daughters; Eva (11) and Laura (9). By 1896 he is a Capitalist living at 1517 Bath St., Santa Barbara with his family. 1880 / 1900 Census. Address list at end of diary.

#### Tuesday, August 11, 1896

A pleasant fore noon But the wind blew a Brisk breeze this after noon. this morning I transplanted some of my Pink slips and gave Mrs Mann a new one also Mrs Everts. Mrs Mann & I went down town this morning got Home at noon this after noon I run in to Mrs Everts and to see Florence after the children came Home from school Pop took us all to the Beach. this evening we all went down on the Beach But we walked. Ren went down and came back with us Mrs Murphy & children came back with us well

#### Wednesday, August 12, 1896

A very pleasant day But warm this after noon this morning I washed out a piece of Calico to fix Alverdas dress then I helped Jennie to skin the Prunes Pop got Over to Mrs Manns then I put the lace on Luenes white waiste and this after noon I put Button Holes in Luenes Blue Apron & a white waiste Alverda took her music lesson we did not go out today Ren & Marie went out for a walk Jennie also went out I am tired so off for Bed Well

#### Thursday, August 13, 1896

Another Pleasant day the wind did not come up and it was warm. I put down the rest of the Pickels and Planted those seeds Mrs Mann gave me then I Put the Button Holes in Luenes waist and skirt and fixed over Alverdas blue dress Willmie Schlag<sup>1</sup> called this fore noon I was glad to see her Minnie Chapman<sup>2</sup> called also Mrs Holmes. Ren took Edna down town & Marie for a drive I put up 4 quarts of Prunes. I also knitt a coarel wash rag all well

- <sup>1</sup> Miss Wilmie/Wilma Schlag(g) (22) a dressmaker, boarding at 133 Cedar Street with Sara Lockhart (20) also a dressmaker, and her father William H. (75) a widower.
- <sup>2</sup> Minnie S. (Everts) Chapman (25), living at 926 Georgia St., Los Angeles with her husband, Ralph A. (30) an agent for a building and loan company. 1900 Census. Sentinel, October 2, 1896, page 3.

#### Friday, August 14, 1896

Another fine day. I cleaned up the Parlor & Hall be fore Break fast then I helped the children with their music and cleaned up out Bed room Had dinner after which Pop took Marie Luene and my self out to Mr Dunnings<sup>1</sup> we Had a nice call came Home found a Postal there for me that there was a Box for me there It was a Box of Peaches from whom I don't know I went down to see Mrs Short<sup>2</sup> this eve they are all well Bertha came in All well I made Root Beer

<sup>1</sup> Dunnings farm was located on today's Capitola Road just south of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. between the Robinson and Morrissey farms.

<sup>2</sup> Sarah M. Short (51), living in Branciforte Township with her husband, William (68), a farmer and miner. 1900

Census. 1892 Directory, page 761.

## Saturday, August 15, 1896

Another Pleasant day Jennie and I washed all fore noon I got the Breakfast and dinner Alverda & Edna took their music lesson I got a Postal from the Marbuts<sup>1</sup> they are to be here to dinner Jennie and I dressed two chickens then Pop and I went down town we meet the two Cox girls and brought them up to see Marie Mrs Steinmitz and Alice called also Jennie mother. I ironed a little now am off for Bed All Well

<sup>1</sup> George F. (60) working as a minor, and Henrietta M. (Manuel) (56) Marbut a dressmaker, living at 413 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose, with their children, Nora Jeanette (28) a teacher, John W., (25) a teacher, and Edgar W., (23) a teacher. 1880 Census. San Jose City Directory 1896, page 311.

## Sunday, August 16, 1896

Another Pleasant day I shilled some beans and got them on to cook then I got the girls off to sunday school Helped Jennie with the table & dinner made the Apple snow Mrs Marbut daughter & Son<sup>1</sup> took dinner with us after which Pop took them Home Marie and Ren out driving Mrs Wilkins and Agnes came in this eve I just wrote a letter to dear old father Jennie gone out C.R.C. called early so I do not feel very fine well

<sup>1</sup> Nora and Edgar Marbut

## Monday, August 17, 1896

Cloudy or Foggy all day the Sun did not shine very much. I helped Jennie Iron a little went over to Mrs Everts & Buckleys Mrs B took the Home Companion for a year the faucet Broke and How or when is the mystery. Ren gave me one of his Photoes Mrs Town called Marie & Ren went for Some Fleas & for a Walk I was Home all after noon did not feel a bit good sent Miss Haslam a Yellow Pink cutting we are all well

## Tuesday, August 18, 1896

Another cloudy day I went down to the school this morning & meet Miss [Nora] Marbut then we went to Visit Miss Porters room after recess we went to Mr Forsythe room & to Miss Haslams we came Home at noon Had dinner & Pop took us around the cliff and to Mrs Marbuts came Home & I sent in an order to the Ladies Home Companion or got it ready to send tomorrow Marie & I went in to Mrs Manns came Home & helped the children with their Pieces All Well

## Wednesday, August 19, 1896

A cloudy day & a little shower this after noon late I worked all fore noon on my ferns to get them fixed up Pop brought some new soil for them I darned Stockings all after noon Jennies Aunt called I sent the order to the Home Companion Mrs Everts called Marie and I went down to have our boat ride but the Marbuts did not come so we came Home a gain. Pops mouth is very sore Miss Garmon gave the children their lesson All Well

## Thursday, August 20, 1896

The sun did not Shine very much but it was not cold or windy I made 7 glasses of jell and 2 quarts of Jam out of the Sour Prunes Lena brought me Mrs Buckley brought me in her .50 cent for the Paper I went in there to take her a glass of Grape jell Bertha came in I Hemmed Jennies Skirt we did not go out Marie and Ren went for a drive I looked up some Papers for her to read a Continued Story Pop mouth is not well yet Luene took her Bank money & spent to for gum at School Well.

#### Friday, August 21, 1896

Foggy this morning but it soon cleared away. I cleaned up our room and the parlor & Hall then we had dinner Marie and I went down to the school came Home and found Mrs Buckley here we had a visit with her then I finished my cap and started a new one Mr & Mrs Dunning came over and spent the evening we played cards Pop & Mrs D was a head when we quit Marie and Ren have gone out for a Boat Ride all are Well

#### Saturday, August 22, 1896

The sun did not Shine very much today but it was a nice day just the same Jennie and I washed all fore noon and till almost one I got a letter from dear Old Grand Pa this morning and tonight he is with us he looks real well Marie

and Ren went out for a drive this after noon I cleaned up the front bed room and got it ready for dear old Father Agnes rode with us from the office to the Hotel Jennie has gone out her and Alverda both have sore Eyes All Well

#### Sunday, August 23, 1896

Another Gloomy day I was up late Picked some beans and got them on to cook then I got the Children off to School (Sunday) then Marie and I went to hear Mrs Wilkes she is fine came Home Had dinner after that Pop took us out to Garfield Park to see Mrs Marbut Marie was out with Ren she also went to church with him this eve Agnes came over to Play for Grand Pa. I wrote a letter Home A went to the Beach with Jennie All Well.

#### Monday, August 24, 1896

A heavy fog last night foggy all fore noon Jennie and I ironed all the fore noon and did not finish I made 6 Bottles of Root Beer Pop and grand Pa went down town then after they came Home we all that is Grand Pa Pop and myself went

over to the Dr. came Home and fixed Alverdas blue and Pink dress up so it looks quite well again. then I ripped the Hem out of her Yellow dress went down to see Mrs Litchfield she is very ill got an Invitation to the Sea Beach from Agnes did not go Well

#### Tuesday, August 25, 1896

A very foggy morning But it cleared away and was quite warm this after noon I fixed Alverdas Yellow Swiss dress larger also Luenes Pink I washed out Grand Pas clothes and some of ours this after noon Pop took Grand Pa Marie Luene & my self down town Marie & I called on Wilmer. Agnes & the Cox girls did not find the Cox Girls at Home I also went down to see How Mrs L- was she is not so well tonight Jennie gone out also Marie & Ren All Well

#### Wednesday, August 26, 1896

Foggy again this morning I got the children off to School then I picked some Pears then the Quinces Pop helped me Pick them I Burnt the Mites off the Roosts also Fixed my grey dress so it sets better mended Grand Pas clothes after I had them Ironed Alverda & Edna took their music lesson Pop took all But Edna Alverda & myself out to the camp I made 3 glasses of Quince Jell Mr & Mrs D called I finished the chamber cover Pop got letter from Broughton All Well

#### Thursday, August 27, 1896

Foggy early this morning but it came out bright I Picked some cucumbers and made some Pickels for tomorrow. then I cleaned the Parlor front bed Room and Hall then our Bed room I did not get my Beds made till late I went over to town with Pop & Grand Pa to get some under flannels both got 2 suits 5.60 apiece for 2 suits Pop also took Grand Pa Edna Alverda & myself out to see the Soldiers I made a cake for our Picnick. fixed one suit of Grand Pa clothes & Put them on Him well

#### Friday, August 28, 1896

We were all up early and I Packed our Lunch and Grand Pa Marie Pop and myself went up to the Big Trees for a Picnic Mr & Mrs Thomas also went up we had a nice time & a nice Lunch we got Home a little after three Ren took Marie out to the camp A Lawn Social.

Mrs. F. W. Lucas, received on her lawn many of the white ribbon hosts. Rugs, chairs, tables, sun and shade were just right. Mrs. Pringle is a happy presiding officer. There were opening exercises by Mrs. Everts, paper by E. B. Hamlin of Sutter Co., giving history of Prohibition work there and a talk by Rev. Mrs. Wilkes on temperance work in Dakota. The conclusion of the matter with her was that if she could be placed back at the beginning again she would work entirely for female suffrage first and let prohibition wait until that was gained.

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#### The First Infantry.

Col. Miles, in command of the First Infantry, U. S. A., says that he is pleased with the regimental camp, saying that the hospitable manner in which he and the regiment are being treated by Santa Cruzans adds much to the pleasure of their stay.

The regimental band will give concerts at camp, to which everybody is invited.

Dress parade at Athletic Park is a sight worth seeing. A more thoroughly regiment has never been seen here. The following is the program:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Regimental drill, 8:30 to 10 A. M.; dress parade at 5 P. M.,; guard mount after parade.

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She did not get Back till late then She and I got ready and went down to the Armory Hall to the Charity Ball it was a Rocky affair Jennie went too All Well

Saturday, August 29, 1896

Pop got his Hay-

I was up as early as usual Jennie and I washed till after noon then I went to Bed and slept till three got up had a Bath dressed wrote a letter to Cousin Queen then Jennie & I ironed the childrens three dresser Marie took the children down to the Beach I got a litter from Cousin Queen and a Postal from Edgar. Jennie Has gone out again tonight I feel very tired and sleepy so will turn in for tonight All well

## Sunday, August 30, 1896

It commenced to rain last evening and it must of rained quite Hard all night a good deal of water fell at least and it still looks like we might have some more the children did not go to Sunday school it looked so rainy. Luene got her head cut again a cross the left eye Brow Mrs Marbut & her son Edgar came over and spent the after noon with us Marie the children and my self went to the Beach with them when they went Home Jennie gone out All Well

## Monday, August 31, 1896

A Pleasant day we ironed all fore noon I helped to get dinner after dinner I helped with the dishes then I read a short time got my self dress then I looked the knitt shirts over in order to get them ready for winter Jennie & I got our Home Companion. Pop and Grand Pa went over to town I fixed Grand Pa drawers smaller this eve I went over to Mrs Everts Mrs Litchfield is no better we are all well



## Tuesday, September 1, 1896

Mrs Slack & Miss Garmond Called

A Pleasant day I cleaned Pops coat this morning then he took Grandpa Over to Joses<sup>1</sup> I worked in the garden all morning Bringing up Hen dressing<sup>2</sup> for the Pinks this after noon Pop took Marie & I out to the light House then He went over to Joses after Grand Pa I beat the snow for Apple snow for supper Marie & I called on Mrs Buckley I had a long letter from cousin Sallie this morning uncle Sol is Better this evening Marie & Ren went for sand fleas Jennie went out with Bertha All Well

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Hen dressing is manure Mary uses to fertilize her flowers.

## Wednesday, September 2, 1896

Foggy this morning But warm Pop started for Lompoc this morning Grand Pa and I worked all for noon trimming the Rose trees and getting the front yard in order & canned 4 quarts of Peaches 5 Pints of Quince and made 3 glasses of Quince jell and scalded my three fingers on my left Hand Read a letter from Home and answered it and sent Cousin Sallie to them Marie went with Ren to get sand fleas the children took their music Lesson All Well

## Thursday, September 3, 1896

A Gloomy day I fed the chickens and Helped Alverda with her music then Marie Grand Pa and myself went down to the River to fish But we did not have any luck After we had dinner I went out to work the front Beds and Grand

Pa came out and we worked over both sides it was late before we got through & we both got tired Willma and her friend Miss Noland<sup>1</sup> came over did not stay long Played cards to night Marie & I won Jennie down town Well

<sup>1</sup> Anna M. Nolan (24), a dressmaker living at 18 Church St., with her mother, Helen (60) a widow.

## Friday, September 4, 1896

Another stormy day this morning all were up late after Break fast and the children were off to School Grand Pa and I cleaned up the yard and the Store room this after noon I cleaned up our Bed rooms and this morning we got a letter from Home saying they Had sent a Box of Grape so this eve Grandpa & I went over to get them Mrs Holmes came over & Eat Lunch with us I sent Mrs Mann Lena & Mrs Litchfield some of the Grapes they are nice All Well

#### Saturday, September 5, 1896

It was very cloudy or Foggy all fore noon then it lifted a little and was bright and fine I was up very early fed the Horse & chickens Picked some Peaches and dug the Onions then Jennie & I washed till after noon I came up and made a Grape Pie and got dinner then I made the Beds Grandpa and Mr Mann Played cards a while this after noon Pop came Home this afte But is not well at all All the rest well

## Sunday, September 6, 1896

A foggy day all fore noon I did not Sleep much last night it was 20 min Past Eleven when I got up I got the children off to Sunday school made two Grape Pies wrote a litter Home combed Grand Pa hair I cleaned out his ears Marie & Edna went to church & to the Beach this after noon Jennie took A Mr & Mrs D came Over also Mrs M this evening Edgar came & took Mann to church I wrote to Cousin Sallie and Mary S. Pop seemes a little Better rest well

## Monday, September 7, 1896

Almost a rain early this morning and it was cloudy & Foggy till after noon I ironed up the two white Shirts then I Picked over enough grapes to make three quarts I also Pared and Put up 4 quarts of Peaches then I got some tomatoes ready to can in the morning Pop and Grand Pa went down town Mrs M came in also Mr D- for Some Rail Rope. Pop seemes Better to day the children mowed the Lawn this evening it seemes real windy tonight all well

#### Tuesday, September 8, 1896

Foggy again this morning canned 2 quarts of tomatoes and washed the dishes there 2 Bought some smelt and cleaned them washed out Pops flannels this after noon Pop Grand Pa and my self went over to the Dr and down town Pop has commenced to dope again So hope he will soon be Better Mrs M & Mrs More come over Mr Marbut come over this eve Jennie gone out Marie & Alverda down to the Beach all well But Pop

## Wednesday, September 9, 1896

#### Pop over to see Dr

Foggy this morning but it soon cleared away. I took Marie Jennie and our children down to Capitola to the Pioneers Picnic Pop and Grand Pa did not go Pop did not feel well enough Mr White was very Kind to us in many ways so we had a very nice time He got us some corn Barbecued meat & Coffee after dinner we meet Mr & Mrs D- went to the dance Hall met Mrs Bunker & Family. Stopped at Mrs D- & got some Butter milk for Pop gone out again tonight All Well but Pop

#### You Are Invited.

Pioneer Basket Picnic, Wednesday, September 9th, at Capitola. Exercises begin on arrival of 10:35 train from Santa Cruz. Barbecued meat, corn, coffee and milk furnished. Dancing in Skating Rink in afternoon. Music by Hastings' Band. Cordial invitation to all.

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#### Thursday, September 10, 1896

Another Gloomy day this morning I spent doing nothing as usual I went over and told Mrs McGrath that She might come up and Pick up the Apples off the Ground & she did come I made some Apple dumpling and an Apple Custard this after noon Pop and Grand Pa took Marie and myself out to the Light house we spent nearly two Hours out there Mrs Dunning came in and spent the eve in here we Played cards Mrs D- went to town Pop Over to see the Dr a little Better Well

#### Friday, September 11, 1896

Gloomy early this morning but it cleared away and the sun Shone out bright I aired all out beds and cleaned the front bed R Hall Parlor and our bed room made Corn Soup for dinner run in to Mrs Buckley for a few minutes all my last Beer was not good so Poured it out Marie Alverda Luene and myself went out on the Point to the museum came Home and I went in to Mrs Manns Jennie gone out Mr Marbut came over Pop better

## Saturday, September 12, 1896

I was up very early this morning helped to get Breakfast Jennie and I washed all fore noon got through earlier than usual Marie Packed her trunk

and Pop & I took her down to the Steamer we had to waite a long time for the Steamer finially she got off we got Home late had supper and Mrs Dunning called and took me down to hear the Speaking Geo Knight & Mrs Wilkes<sup>1</sup> spoke got Home late Luene not very well Pop about the same

<sup>1</sup> Opening of the Republican campaign in Santa Cruz County.

## Sunday, September 13, 1896

Windy today I did not do much I felt tired C.R.C. called a little before noon a little late for Him. After I got the Edna & Alverda off to Sunday School Luene did not go I did not think her well enough I took Luene over to the Dr & got her some medicine Pop went too. She is still about the same Jennie gone out Edna & Alverda went over to Mrs Stewards to take some flowers her Baby Boy is died I went in to Mrs M a little while Pop Better Luene the Same rest well

#### Monday, September 14, 1896

Renyolds Manns Started for Kansas City

A Bright day although the wind blew hard this after noon we were up early this morning to see Ren Start for Kansas City we all felt Sad to have him leave Luene did not go to school she was to ill Pop & I took her over to the Dr this

after noon her fever still clings to her Mr Forsythe sent Edna Home & I wrote a note about Luene I called on Mrs Litchfield she is about the same Pop better the rest are well as usual

## Tuesday, September 15, 1896

Pleasant day I could not eat my Break fast this morning I was so worked over Luene being Sick Pop and I took her over to the Dr early this morning she gave her some new medicine she seemes Better tonight Mrs Holmes came over brought some Hops Bertha came in also. Jennie and I went down to the Armory and did not get Home till one o'clock I worked on Pops jumpers a little this after noon Pop is better the rest are well as usual Edna got some Pink slips

#### Wednesday, September 16, 1896 Better

This has been a nice warm day Pop took Grand Pa over to Joses I fixed a jar and got the umbrella Plant in the dining room I Picked the tomatoes and made some Root Beer Pop took Luene and I over to the Dr She is better I read a letter from Home sent the teachers sown some Heliotrope I worked on the Jumpers again



Cliff Dr. Santa Cruz. Free Cliff Museum. Circa 1900. Courtesy of MAH.

#### The Campaign Will Open.

This evening Col. Geo. A. Knight the eloquent talker, will address the people at the Carnival Pavilion. The occasion will be the opening of the Republican campaign in this county. It has been years since Col. Knight delivered a political speech in Santa Cruz, but his address then is vividly remembered by those who heard it. Col Knight is sure of a crowded audience for he is a convincing speaker. He will be escorted to the Pavilion by Republicans with a band of music. Rev. E. T. Wilkes will also speak.

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this after noon all the time I had. I am tired and sleepy so I will soon be off to bed it is nice & warm I run in to Mrs Buckley a minute

Thursday, September 17, 1896 Planted Walnut Tree

A nice bright day I got the Girls off to school then I cleaned up the Parlor and front bed room did not get through

till late I got Pop to put out the walnut tree Mrs Thistlethwaite & Mrs Forsythe called this after noon also Mrs Wilkes I dropped in to inquire after Mrs Litchfield she is no better this evening I worked on Pops jumpers and tonight I Jennie and I went down to the Camp meeting Oh such a time a lady fell down crossing the street I got so sleepy it was a dry affair all are well

-The Latter Day Saints began Friday their annual camp meeting at the Vienna Garden, Soquel Av.

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#### Friday, September 18, 1896

This has been a Gloomy day looks like rain I cleaned up our Bed room and helped Jennie on the Sitting room this after noon I went down to the School to hear them Speak called on Mrs Steinmitz and Mrs Johnston she was not at Home came Home found Bertha here finished Pops jumpers to Button Holes Gave the children a bath and Grand Pa a wash and now I must have my bath and be off for Bed Got a Postal from Pomona letter held for Postage Well

#### Saturday, September 19, 1896

I was up earlier than usual this morning I went right to the washing we did not get through till after dinner then I Baked two cakes and frosted them picked some flowers Mrs D- called to say they could not spend the evening with us got a letter from Marie the teacher came and gave Both Edna & Alverda a lesson. this evening Mr & Mrs Mann Mrs Wilkins & Agnes came over we Played cards had refreshments and some music & singing it was after twelve before I got to Bed Mrs M gave me a lovely dish also Agnes Well

#### Sunday, September 20, 1896

We were all up late I got the children off to Sunday school then I got ready and went down to church came Home had dinner after which Pop took a load of us to drive came Back I returned Mrs Manns glasses and cards got Lunch wrote a letter Home Alverda and Jennie went to the Beach it was late before Alverda returned Home my head aches and I feel tired and sleepy. It has seemed like rain all day all are well.

#### Monday, September 21, 1896

#### Alice Dedrick Billies True Wife

This has been a Cloudy day I helped the children with their music then I helped Jennie iron some made two Pumpkin pies for Dinner this after noon I gathered some of the Walnuts off the tree down to the chicken yard Pop Grand Pa and Mr Mann gathered them up here Whom should call this after noon but Alice Dederick Billey's True's wife and a friend Pop took them Back to the Paxley I never should of known her she has changed so all well

#### Tuesday, September 22, 1896

It commenced to rain before ten this morning and rained till two it is still cloudy and may rain more yet Pop worked in the Garden a little But the rain stoped Him. He took the children down their Lunch and cloakes & rubbers at noon as they did not come Home I finished Pop's jumpers and ripped up the Knitt shirt sleeves and started new ones I do not feel very well Head ache think I took a little cold made two Pumpkin Pies all well

#### Wednesday, September 23, 1896

It was cloudy all day but it seemes to of cleared off tonight read a letter from Home this morning then I ripped up my old Blue & Tan dress to get it ready to make over for one of the children Pop took me over to the Dr I Paid her for Luene sickness one dollar then I came Back and went in to Mrs Johnstons But she was not at Home I went in to Mrs Litchfields She is a little Better they think I went in to M- a little while children took their music all Well

#### Thursday, September 24, 1896

A Bright Pleasant day I went over to Manns and Picked a Basket of Hops Lena helped me some then I came Home Picked the Tomatoes and Scalded them and canned three cans then Pop took Grand Pa and myself over to the Dr I got some medicine came Home went to bed and did not get up any more Mrs Mann came in also Mrs Johnston and Brought me a little gift my head aches & I feel very badly Read a letter from Mrs Heyl All well but me

#### Friday, September 25, 1896

This has been a very warm day I was on the Lounge all day too Sick to do any thing Jennie had all the work to do the children did not Help much. The Dr came over this evening my fever still Keeps up a little have not been able to Sit up all day Mrs Mann came over Jennie gave the children their bath poor old Grand Pa did not have any or get his clothes changed. I got up and managed to make the three beds over I slept pretty good last night but I am far from well the rest are well

### Saturday, September 26, 1896

This has been a terrible I have been too Sick to do a stroke and poor Jennie had to do all the washing and work alone the children did not help much Mrs Dunning called a few minutes this after noon Pop went down town this evening and got a Letter for Grand Pa from cousin Queen wanting him to Cancell his one Hundred dollar note he held against her I don't feel any better to night Oh when will this spell end. All the rest are well

#### Sunday, September 27, 1896

This was a Gloomy day I got up and got dressed But could not stay up Spent the whole day on the Lounge Pop went over and got some Powders from the Dr this morning the pain got so severe She came over this evening and changed the medicine I feel better tonight But can not set up The children went to Sunday school and then Edna wrote 2 letters for me one to Cousin Queen & one to Uncle Billy Jennie took Alverda and Luene down to the Point Mrs Mann came in also Wilma The wind blows a little Rest all Well

## Monday, September 28, 1896

Pleasant but windy this after noon I got up about half past Eight feeling about as usual But a little after nine I got cold and came near having a chill they got hot covers around me & Pop put for the Dr She soon came But I felt better before she came She was here a gain this evening But I don't improve much Pop and Grandpa went down to get their Paper off Mrs Buckley and Mrs Mann came in I commenced on the Beer again could not get the Porter well

#### Tuesday, September 29, 1896

This was a gloomy day this morning but it was nice and warm this after noon the Dr was here this morning I had a miserable night of it my Liver Pained me so I could not sleep I feel miserable too this morning Mrs Johnston called this after noon also Mrs Mann the Dr came again this after noon and got her Tools She will not come again unless I get worse I feel Better this evening but far from well Pop wrote to Mr Broughton today I made the Beds and mended a few Stitches. Rest Well

#### Wednesday, September 30, 1896

The sun did not come out bright till late I did not sleep very good last night hay fever is up again this morning and I came very near having another chill Read a letter from Home also wrote one to cousin Sallie Pop went over to see the Dr this after noon I feel better tonight not so much Pain Mrs Buckley came in also Mrs Wilkins Miss Garmond came and gave the children their lesson Edgar Marbut came in a few minutes also his mother is not very well. Rest all well here



Thursday, October 1, 1896

Wrote to Ola & Home

This is a lovely Bright day I slept better last night and feel better today but very weak Mrs Mann came in and brought me a Hot Waffle for my Breakfast Pop took Grand Pa and myself over to the Dr I got some more of those old Liver Capsils I can't say I feel much better I am so very weak Mrs M came in to Read a letter from Ren I also got a letter from Cousin Queen Pop went over and got the Porter I take most of my meals in the Dining Room well

### Friday, October 2, 1896

This has been a nice warm day I feel Better this morning I made all the Beds after Jennie Had them aired Mrs Mcame in also Mrs Wilkins and Wilma Pop went over to see the Dr she sent me some new Powders. But I do not feel so well tonight I still have fever Pop went down to the P. O. But did not get a letter as he expected I gave Grandpa a Scrubbing and got his clothes changed Oh How glad I am it is all over Rest All Well

## Saturday, October 3, 1896

It was real foggy this morning but it cleared away and is very warm still warm tonight I made all the Beds this morning and got the most of the dinner with Pop and the childrens help the children took their lessons Pop took Grand Pa Alverda and myself over to the Dr I feel Better tonight I got some new Tablets to take so Hope by tomorrow to be myself again I ate two tomatoes Mrs Mann came over and Brought me some Butter milk Mrs Dunning called Rest all well

## Sunday, October 4, 1896

This was a Pleasant day I feel about as usual the Girls went to Sunday School I could not eat any dinner Pop took me over to the Dr She gave me some more medicine and I feel worse to night Alverda brought me some Butter milk from M Agnes came in Pop took Jennie and the children for a drive Grand Pa stayed with me I don't feel as well tonight rest all well

### Monday, October 5, 1896

Another nice warm day not so warm as we have had though I was out doors a good while this morning. Pop took me over to the Dr again this afte then he took the two children and Grand Pa down town and got three fresh Oysters I could not eat much of them Mr & Mrs Dunning were Here also Mrs McCornick and the children this evening Pop went down town this evening no mail Jennie & Edna ironed I feel Better tonight Rest Well

#### Tuesday, October 6, 1896

Foggy this morning But this after noon it was fine I feel better still gaining slowly I helped Peel some plums and canned 6 quarts and one pint the pint for Mrs D- Pop took me over to the Dr and I got my Bottle filled came Home there was a Tellegrahm from Mr Broughton Pop answered it and then he took Grand Pa & myself down town got two little Rabbits for dinner tomorrow hope they will be nice. I helped Pop to dope two Chickens with kerosene Jennie out this aft & tonight Rest are all well

#### Wednesday, October 7, 1896

#### Letter from Home wrote one Home

Foggy this morning but Pleasant this after noon I am improving Slowly Mrs Dunning came over and Brought some Butter milk Mrs Holmes came with some Hops Mrs M also Brought some Butter milk the children took their music L this evening Agnes Vance & Edna went down town Mrs Bickford Miss Waters & Wilkie came over and spent the even we had a very nice evening

#### Thursday, October 8, 1896

Foggy early this morning but it is nice and Bright this after noon I don't feel so well today called on the Dr and went over and got some more Porter<sup>1</sup> I feel worse tonight Agnes came in and Played for us I enjoyed it if I did feel mean C.R.C. called this evening just before bed time. Jennie went down town after we got Home Vance and Lucille came over to Play I have two sick chickens Rest are well

<sup>1</sup> The birth of porter in the early 18th century is among the most significant brewing events of the past 300 years. Porter

became the first beer style to gain wide popularity this deep brown ale drove a revolution in brewing.

#### Friday, October 9, 1896

It was very foggy this morning almost like a rain I feel terrible mean and Edna acts like she was Posessed with the Devil Mrs Everts came over this fore noon I think my sick Roosters are Better. I got Grand Pa all ready to start for Sutter in the morning I did not eat any dinner I felt too Sick I got Grand Pa bed made also ours and you bet my head aches tonight. Pop down for mail but the same old Story nothing Rest Well

#### Saturday, October 10, 1896

Pop Jennie and Grand Pa were up early so as to get Grand Pa off on the early Train. I did not get up so early felt too Badly it was not a very Bright day some of the clothes did not get dry Jennie did the washing a lone I could not Help her But I got the dinner Luene took a music lesson and Edna did not I do so hope she will do well I got one of Edna Shirt sleeves knit Jennie over Home all night I was over to the Dr all well

#### Sunday, October 11, 1896

This has been a nice day, I got the children off to Sunday school then I went into the Attic to get things for Alverda to draw at School then we had dinner after that Pop took us for a drive on the cliff road came Home helped Alverda & Luene with their music got the Lunch. One of the roosters died and Pop killed the other one So they are ended now. Jennie gone out and not home yet Pop wrote a letter to Mr Broughton this morning All Well

#### Monday, October 12, 1896

I felt miserable this morning early but after Break fast I cleaned the stove all I could then cleaned all the Silver and I was just used up Oh my How my side did hurt this after noon I went over to the Dr and got some Powder for my side took one feel a little easier fixed over three gowns for the children this evening Mr & Mrs Mann came in Pop & Mrs M- Beat us every game- Pop got a Registered Postal all the rest are well

#### Tuesday, October 13, 1896

A bright fore noon this after noon it came in foggy I worked in the garden a little Picked some tomatoes and made some Preserves out of some yellow ones wrote a letter Home Read one from Miss Marbut Pop got one from the ranch. Mrs McCornick came in this after noon Jennie went Home for a few days the children over to Brown's Pop took the wagon down to get it Painted I knit a little and fixed Ednas Pink dress Well

#### Wednesday, October 14, 1896

This has been a nice day I feel very tired cleaned the dining room floor and carpets fixed Edna's Lunch and she and Vance went out to wink[?] I got dinner Luene & Alverda took their music lesson then we got ready and went out to Dunnings found them gone came Home and went for Porter Mrs White called But we were out Edna had a nice time. I made a cake for supper letter from Home all well Jennie at Home

#### Thursday, October 15, 1896

This has been a cold raw day I helped to do up the work after which Pop took the children down to the dentist they are to go Saturday after noon to get their work done I cleaned up the Parlor and front bed room got dinner helped clean up the bath? after that Pop went down town and got a new faucet the children over to McCornicks Mrs Morissey & Miss Kingsley <sup>1</sup>called Pop down to the P.O. Luene got me a Kerchief Edna & Alverda Side Combs all are well as usual

<sup>1</sup> Antoinette Kingsley (54) a widow, living at 25 Garfield Street

#### Friday, October 16, 1896

Another nice day I cleaned up my room Jennie came Home this morning Fannie came over and the children went down to the Catholic fair with her this After noon Pop took me Over to the Dr and I got my Bottle filled then we went down town meet Edgar and he came over Home with us and had Lunch and spent the evening this was my Fortieth Birthday. Pop got a box of Grapes I feel weak yet Got a cup of Coffee of Mrs Mann All Well

#### Saturday, October 17, 1896

This was a nice day I got the Breakfast and washed the Girls hair then I cleaned up the House and got the dinner then I was too tired to eat so I went and layed down Pop took the children down town to get their teeth filled it cost him \$2.00 I felt real chilly this after noon Pop went down to hear Barnes speak I read a while then Agnes came over and we had a little talk I read a while my side Hurts me read a letter from Mrs Bowen Lucille came over well

#### Sunday, October 18, 1896

This has been a nice day although I did not feel at all well I did not get to Bed very early so do not feel too smart I wrote two letters one Home and one to cousin Bessie Cayse this after noon Pop took us all down town to hear the Band from Oakland Play on the Ocean House Balcony after that we went down to the depot then we came Home and Had Lunch then I helped the children with their music & had Edna Practice all the rest are Well

#### Monday, October 19, 1896

This has been a nice day I washed up all the old dresses I had ripped up and got some of them Pressed and Jennie Presed some I got the Beanes on to Bake Edna got a letter from cousin Queen Pop went down to the PO and got a letter from Burk the Tax Collector of Lompoc Pop took me over to the Dr and down over to Sea Bright to see Mrs Miller a little while I have suffered with my side all day Jennie all the ironing you bet I felt Bad All rest Well

#### Tuesday, October 20, 1896

Very foggy this morning but it soon cleared away and was nice this after noon. I helped Press out some of the dress goods and then I took up the Tuber Rose bulbs and went over to Manns and Picked some yellow tomatoes Pealed them and got them ready to cook Wilkie came over and got the mother Hubbord apron Pattern I tried to dye Alverda's waiste could not do it I knit some on Ednas shirt sleeve and made my black dress Skirt larger I feel Better today rest well

#### Wednesday, October 21, 1896

Very foggy again this morning and again tonight I dyed Alverda's waiste again this morning with mustard and got it a nice color starched it and ironed it up now that is done, then I put out my Hyacynth Bulbs. I Put the Binding on Jennie's garnet Skirt Miss Garmond gave A & Luene a lesson Pop went down town this evening and got a letter Mr and Mrs Mann came over to Play cards Jennie and Mrs M Beat us All Well but me

#### Thursday, October 22, 1896

This has been a nice day but it was foggy this morning I could not Eat break fast my side Pained me so but after Break fast Pop and I went down town I Planted my Pansy seeds before I went the wind blew very hard this morning early this after noon Pop and I went out to Dunnings I took her some bulbs and got some new medicine this eve Pop and I went over to Mr Manns a little read a letter from Mary Spinks I feel a little better tonight rest well

Turn Verein Hall a Scene of Refreshing Beauty and Entertainment. A Successful Effort to Aid the Orphans – Booths Where Fancy Articles are Sold. One of the most beneficial purposes in which one is able to show that one has a heart is to lend a helping hand to those poor little ones who are obliged to depend upon strangers for their support. It can not be denied that to show ourselves generous in this manner exhibits a self-respect, an inpartiality, a

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#### Friday, October 23, 1896

Very foggy early this morning and cold too I did not get much done to day Pop set the brush on fire and went down town and I went over and finished it up then I got my room ready and Jennie swept it for me I mashed the Potatoes for dinner then Pop and I went down town Picked up Mr Marbut I went for Porter Edgar came Home with us I stopped and got a butter cup Pink at Tompsons came Home set it out Edgar [Marbut] went Home Pop went down town to the speaking. I feel Better to day than any day

### Saturday, October 24, 1896

This has been a dull gloomy foggy day Jennie did the washing a lone I only washed out a few colored Pieces Pop spaded up one flower Bed and got one of the Pink beds cleaned out and the water on it so he can spade that up Sayles also left this morning I set out a good Many Pink slips and quite a few of my Pink slips that were rooted I knocked of some walnuts and helped to rake up the yard I don't feel **do** well today Rest Well

#### Sunday, October 25, 1896

This has been a cold day I got the children off to Sunday school then I wrote two letters one Home and one to cousin Marie Jennie got the dinner up went down for the mail but did not get any mail we had dinner then I went over to the Dr and Pop took us for a drive then we came Home I made coffee and got the Lunch then I helped the children with their music and got them their Pieces for next mo I feel Better the rest are all well

## Monday, October 26, 1896

This has been a rainy day it commenced to rain Shortly after noon and had been at it ever since but has stopped at this writing the children all went to school Pop drew out a little dressing from the Barn yard got a letter from McKay and one from Low I got one from Cousin Sallie I made a loaf of Brown bread and we eat it most all for dinner Luene and I had a time getting her Peace I Put a sleeve in a knit Shirt all usually well

#### Tuesday, October 27, 1896

I mended on the knit Skirts a while this morning then I looked for a Piece about California for Edna to Speak found one not a very good one though then we had dinner and I dressed and went over to Mrs Everts and they formed an Aid Society for East Santa Cruz there were 14 joined it and we are to meet the first and 3rd Fridays in every Month. then I came Home and Helped the children with their music this evening Mr & Mrs M came over to play cards we wone two games All Well

#### Wednesday, October 28, 1896

This has been a fine day cold this morning I think there was frost Mrs Everts came over to give me some Lillie bulbs if I would come over & get them so I went and got some for Mrs Mann Mrs Dunning and my self set mine out darned on the Skirts and got one sleeve knit up Read a letter from Ola Pop got one from Isaac and wrote one to Grand Pa & one to Isaac Washed my Hair Alverda & Luene took their music Lesson Jennie down town & tonight Both she & Pop out to a Speaking at Lattimere House [Lodtmann's Hall] well

## Thursday, October 29, 1896

It was very foggy this fore noon But it cleared away and is nice and clear this after noon Mrs Mann came over and brought me some Bulbs and I set them out and gave Lena some Heliotrope Plants<sup>1</sup> Pop took me over to town this after noon and then came Back and got Luene and Alverda and Brought them over but I could not get Alverda a cloak so will send for one I guess got a set of Teaspoons for Ralph 5.25 got the invatations Mr Leask sent over cloak samples I don't feel well rest well



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<sup>1</sup> Small, shrub-like plants, heliotrope flowers grow from 1 to 4 feet high. Their leaves are long ovals of dark green. They are long bloomers that begin flowering in summer and offer up their fragrant bounty through the first frost. Heliotrope flowers were a favorite in grandmother's garden and heliotrope care a regular part of her summer routine. Reference:

https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/heliotrope

## Friday, October 30, 1896

It was very cloudy & foggy this fore noon I did not get the beds aired very early I went in to Mrs Manns this fore noon and made 4 glasses of grape jell and got some more juice on to soak down this after noon Pop took me over to town & to see Wilma then he went over to see the Dr for the sores in his mouth and got some medicine this eve Alverda Luene & myself went over to

Wilkies to Practice on the Piano I sent three Hats down to Have them dyed I don't feel fine rest well

#### Saturday, October 31, 1896

The sun did not shine much but it did not rain but a very little Jennie did the washing alone I did not feel very well But I got my other 4 glasses of Muscat jell making 5 glasses in all. I got the dinner The music teacher did not come guess she was sick. I went in to Mrs Mann's and had a drink of Butter milk Pop had Alverdas **shoed** Half soled and got a new Piece of Rubber cloath from Mr Palmer. Fannie has been Back and forth all day All Well



This has been a fine day a little cold this morning was all I got the children off to Sunday School then I wrote a letter Home and one to Mrs Heyl. After dinner Pop took us for a drive on the cliff to the light house and we took Miss Hecox<sup>1</sup> her specimens of wood we had gathered for her then we came Home and I wrote a long letter to Cousin Sallie and we had Lunch and I helped the children with their music Alverda has a cough all the rest Well

<sup>1</sup> Laura J. Hecox (Heacox in 1900 Census) (43), Lighthouse keeper, living with her mother, Margaret M. (82) and her brother, Adna H. (53) a laborer, at Santa Cruz Point. was a naturalist who collected curiosities. Her collection formed the basis of the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History. 1900 Census. 1892 Directory, page 713.

#### Monday, November 2, 1896

This has been a fine day I got the Beans on to Bake then I went down and cleaned up the store room then I made a layer cake and got the dinner done the mending Oh yes and made steam brown bread<sup>1</sup> this after noon Pop took Edna and myself over to the Doctors I got Some new medicine I went in to Manns to learn How Mr Morgan was he is no better no hope for him they say Pop & Mr Rhodes went down town this evening Mrs Chestnutwood here begging this morning All well but Colds

<sup>1</sup> Reference: <u>http://www.wiveswithknives.net/2015/02/09/steamed-boston</u>brown-bread/







#### Tuesday, November 3, 1896

This morning was clear and cold I got my things ready and got dressed and Pop drove me out to Dunnings I stopped down to the corner and left my cake and jell then we that is Alverda Luene Pop and my self went out to D I spent the day out there Had a very Pleasant day Ralph came for flowers then came for me this evening and I came Home went into to Mrs Manns a little while Pop went down town this evening again I don't feel so well to night rest well

#### Wednesday, November 4, 1896 letter from Home

This is a nice day all you hear is who is Elected. I did not get much done I fixed Luene's knit Shirts and got them ready for the Ribbon Ralph came at noon for the Roses and took dinner with us. Pop went down and Bought me a Pair of leggin this evening Mr & Mrs Dunning came over and left their Horse & we four all went out to Ralph's wedding we did not have much fun Oh so dull and quiet we got Home at 12 and are off for Bed I guess I taken cold All Well but Colds

#### Thursday, November 5, 1896

Another nice day I did not do much but talk about the wedding I went in to Mrs Manns and Wilkins to tell them about it this after noon Pop and I went down town I got the three Hats for the children I was left to get dyed came Home by sea Bright to take Mrs Miller Home then Alverda & I ripped up her Plush cloak and went over to get Mrs Bickford fix the Hats for them Pop went down for the mail and got a letter from Isaac we are all well but colds

#### Friday, November 6, 1896

This has been a nice day I cleaned up my room ripped up a dressing gown of Luene's & washed it the grey one then I ripped up my black Skirt and Pressed it for Edna a dress the after noon I went over to Mrs Everts to the Aid Society we named the Society Branciforte Aide Society came Home Mrs Bamford came in but did not see her till She got Home Pop down town again this evening I took Over some Old things for the Society to work over Vance and Lucille came over All Well But Colds

#### Saturday, November 7, 1896

This has been a fine day. but it came in foggy this evening the children and I cleaned up the House and I got the dinner. I went over to Mann's of an errand Pop put a new clothes line and Jennie was Posessed to Hang the clothes on it to

try it and Hanged if She didn't do it. Mr Bickford brought Home Alverda's & Luenes Hats \$2.75 Fannie brought over her speaker I cut out Edna's two cloaks and got them fit Jennie went out tonight & will not be back tonight All well but Colds

#### Sunday, November 8, 1896

This has not been a very bright day I got the children off to Sunday School then I wrote three letters one Home one to Ola one to Miss Marbut then we had dinner and went for on a drive Pop took Jennie and Luene & Alverda Edna did not go I felt too ill C.R.C. called and I did have a job washing things I don't feel very good either this after noon

#### A GREAT LANDSLIDE FOR MAJOR M'KINLEY M'KINLEY ALREADY HAS OVER THREE are in for four years of government The New York News concedes Mary hand to McKinley, but claims Califor HUNDRED ELECTORAL VOTES. nia for Bryan. 2.264 discripts outside of New York and Brooklyn give McKinley 378,908. Bryan 224,498. Incomplete returns from 30 precincts New York State gives McKinley the in the Fourth Congressional District 275,000 In No Uncertain Tones gives Maguire 2,633, O'Brien 1,325. The New York Sun says McKinley Country Has Spoken. California is conceded for Bryan, claims the Republicans will have an Maguire is probably elected by a good aggregate of 248 Congressmen.

#### MARRIED. DUNNING-O'BLENESS-On Branciforte Creek, at the home of the bride, Nov. 4th, by F. S. Lawrence, Ralph Dunning and Nellie O'Bleness.

Branciforte Aid Society. The Branciforte Aid Society met at Mrs. Everts' Friday afternoon. Twelve ladies were present. A busy two hours were spent in preparing the clothing so kindly donated, for use, and transacting a large amount of business that required immediate attention. The new society received the historic name of Branciforts Aid Society by a unanimous vote. Gentlemen are eligible to full membership upon payment of \$1 yearly dues.

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Willma & Mrs Bamford came over this evening Agnes and Miss Waters came in and stayed a little while all well but colds

Monday, November 9, 1896

I did not do much this fore noon it rained all fore noon that is a mist Miss Waters came over and Brought the Wrapper Pattern But Wilma did not come over she was sick Mr Morgan<sup>1</sup> died yesterday after noon I Baked some Brown Bread and got the dinner I did not iron much. Jennie done that I sewed on the cloaks a little this eve I went over to Mr Mann & Pop came over & we Played cards It looks clear to night all well

<sup>1</sup> John Morgan was a California pioneer, arriving during 1849. By 1854 he was living in Santa Cruz.

MORGAN—On Soquel Road, Nov. 8th, John W. Morgan, a native of Ohio, aged 66 years, 10 months and 8 days. months. [The funeral of deceased will take place from his late residence to-day (Tuesday) at 1:30 P. M. Interment in Soquel Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to

be present.]

#### Tuesday, November 10, 1896

It did not rain to day but was cloudy and threatening Wilma came this morning and I got her to work she out and fix my two wrappers I worked on the cloak some Miss Porter fainted at school and such a time as the children did have telling about it Jennie went down over Home I feel miserable to night we Played Whist to night to teach Wilma I don't think she cares much about it though well the rest are all off to Bed so I must go rest Well

#### Wednesday, November 11, 1896

This has been a nice Bright day Oh my how my side did ache this fore noon I helped Wilma but could not do much we got a long nicily on the wrappers & I did a little on the cloaks for them most ready to stitch Wilma cut out a lining for a waiste for each one of the girls & got them fit Alverda went town to Play with Mabel Radke this afte Jennie went down town and over Home this evening I worked on the night wrapper got the Hem in all are well But Colds

#### Thursday, November 12, 1896

This has been another lovely day so clear and bright I worked at the sewing all day we got the wrapper and the dressing gown ready for Button Holes and Ednas cape ready for Hooks & eyes I sent Alverda down to Miss Hughes with the Black goods and Edna over to Dr Chamberlins to get the Bottle filled Mrs Mann came in and read us a letter from Ren Mrs Homes came Over also Wilma fit Edna's waiste again tonight also Luenes Pop got the wagon Home all well But colds

#### Friday, November 13, 1896

This has been a nice day till this after noon then it clouded up but tonight it is clear again. I was up early this morning and got my room cleaned up this fore noon I finished got the two cloaks finished all to Pressing and Ednas Black ready for Button Holes Wilma cut out one for Alverda this after also got Luenes ready for the Hem this evening Mrs and Mrs Mann came in and we Played cards we won one game them one it is late all are well but colds

#### Saturday, November 14, 1896

Another fine day Jennie done the washing I could not help her I dipped the Plaid for Ednas dress in Vinegar and then I had that to Press I also washed Luenes white silk waiste and ironed it up washed Alverdas Grey dress and ironed it up this evening we got all the dresser of I think I can finish them now alone Mrs Bamford came over this after noon I got a letter from Mrs Heyl also some Chrysanthemums flowers Jennie gone Home tonight rest all well

#### Sunday, November 15, 1896

This was a nice bright day but it is very foggy now almost like a rain I got the children off to Sunday school Wilma went over to Mrs Bamfords for a little visit She came Home had a bath and dinner Then Pop took us out for a drive to Mr Dunnings to get the Picture we meet Wilkie & I gave it to her Sarah Lockhart<sup>1</sup> came over & Pop took them Home I wrote three letter one Home one to Mary & one to Mrs Heyl all as well as usual Jennie Home

<sup>1</sup> Sara Lockhart (21) a dressmaker living at 133 Cedar Street, with her father, William H. (75)

## Monday, November 16, 1896

This has been a gloomy day a heavy fog came in early this morning and a mist has fallen all day the children all went to School I washed up the dishes then I went to work on Ednas dress got it fit & the Button & Button Holes down Fannie came over all after noon and she & the two little children sewed I guess I have at last got Alverdas dress Planned out Jennie done the Ironing I did not help any all as well as usual I believe

## Tuesday, November 17, 1896

It was very foggy this morning I guess it must of rained all night or misted as it did all Monday it rained a very little this after noon I went on to Mrs Manns this morning for a little chatt came Home and worked on the dresses all day did not finish any of them got them all in shape though now Pop went down took

Alverda over to Fannies my side hurts tonight But I read Jane Eyre all evening rest all well

## Wednesday, November 18, 1896

This was a Pleasant day I got the children to School after then I made Luene a layer cake for her Birthday also Walnut cake then I frosted them went in to Mrs Buckley's to have her let the children come in this afte they did come and had a candy Pull they brought Luene a nice Plate Fannie also came in Luene took down a piece of her cake for Miss Porter. I got Alverdas dress finished at last. I am very much interested in Jane Eyre<sup>1</sup> All Well

<sup>1</sup> Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre presents a woman's struggle for freedom in early 19<sup>th</sup> century England. Male suppression, societal conceptions, religious authority, and even self-inhibition threaten Jane's independence. But perhaps the greatest impediment to her autonomy is her question of self.

## Thursday, November 19, 1896

It looked very much like rain this morning But it did not commence till this after noon I got Luenes Grey and blue dress finished and worked some on Edna's Oh such a time Edna's is too long waisted and does not look very or suit me very well Alverda was over to Fannie's this after noon Edna is now at her Piece aint it Strange she does Put it off so long I am still at Jane Eyre Oh How interesting all well

#### Friday, November 20, 1896

It rained Hard this morning early the children all took their lunch but it Soon cleared a way and was not so gloomy tonight a bright moon Shined I read a letter from Home dear old Father will be here tomorrow night Oh How glad I am I cleaned up our room but could not do a good job it was so moist I finialy got Ednas Black dress finished I also started to knit up a shirt for her they will Put on their woolen clothes all well

## Saturday, November 21, 1896

#### to keep for Grand Pa \$80.00

This was a miserable gloomy day so misty and threatening we only got the clothes washed but not dry I made 5 1/2 quarts of mince meat and got it canned I did not do much but read Jane Eyre all the time I had dear old Grand Pa came tonight Oh dear How he has changed I think he seemes so feeble to me Pop and I went down to see the foulding Bed they will Bring it over Tuesday I guess I knit a little on Edna's Shirt all well I don't feel good

## Sunday, November 22, 1896

This has been a gloomy day for it rained all day it does not rain at this writing nine o'clock But it lookes like it might at any minute. I wrote two letters one Home and one to Ola then I washed Grand Pas feet and got his corns fixed up then his hand and then I scrubbed him and he Put on his Shirts then I combed his hair and lastly dug his ears out this evening I read the last of Jane Eyre a fine Book all are as Well as usual



#### Monday, November 23, 1896

Such a stormy day It rained almost continuously all day I got my wrapper finished at last had to make the colar smaller I made some cough syrup for grand Pa the children took their lunch so were not home to dinner Jennie made some Graham crackers had very good luck I knit on Edna's Shirt I also Popped some corn for them I did not feel very well my head aches all day it still rains at 9 rest well

## Tuesday, November 24, 1896

Oh dear another rainy fore noon but it Broke a way again this after noon and Jennie and I got the white clothes out and dry but that was all I got the night wrapper finished at last Pop went down town this afte and brought up Grand Pa Shirts also bought Luene a Pair of Rubbers. Mr Scott & men Brought up the Folding bed. I went in to Mann's a while this morning we Played cards tonight Pop and I wone 2 games the other on All Well

#### Wednesday, November 25, 1896

This has been a nice day it was a little cloudy a while this morning but it soon cleared away and it is nice and clear and bright a cold north wind closing I did most of the ironing this fore noon then I washed out the flannels and got the dinner Mrs Mann came in this evening to bring Edna the grandma cap I made one of my night Shirts this after noon also knit on the Shirt Pop went down town I doctored Grand Pa's toe a little all well as usual

## Thursday, November 26, 1896

Pops 52 birthday & we spent the day out to our old Friends Dunnings Had a very pleasant time and a very fine dinner Grand Pa seemed to enjoy it as well as any of us Jennie went Over Home and is not back yet I dressed Grand Pas Hand this morning it is doing nicely Mrs Mann came over for an onion and the Roaster I took over the Roaster and eat a Waffle with them I also did some ironing this morning It looks cloudy and rainy All well as usual

## Friday, November 27, 1896

This has been a clear Bright day but cold I got the children off to School then I cleaned the front bed room Parlor Hall and our bed room. Jennie did not get Home till this morning She and Edna will try the new bed tonight the Book Agent came and I took the Peerless Reciter<sup>1</sup> I believe it will be nice Pop and Grand Pa went down town I read a letter from Miss Garmon she will be here in the morning all are as well as usual I went in to Bickfords

<sup>1</sup> The wide-spread demand for the best readings is fully supplied by The Peerless Reciter or Popular Program. This work is a rich casket of gems in Prose and Poetry, all strikingly adapted to instruct and entertain. They are suited to every conceivable occasion where a reading is in order...



## Saturday, November 28, 1896

This had been a very cold day I ripped up Luenes & Alverdas caps and got them clean and put to gather again I helped Jennie with the washing too also did some of the ironing this evening then I went over to Manns- Jims folks came there to stay the music teacher came and they commenced on their lessons again Edna went out to Mrs Morgan with Mrs Mann Pop went down town twice to day we Played Cards tonight All Well

## Sunday, November 29, 1896

This has been a nice day not as cold as yesterday I got the children off to Sunday School then I got the chicken on to roast then I gave Grand Pa a cleaning up I dug his Ears out and Oiled them washed his hair then we had dinner Pop Grand Pa and the two little Girls went out for a walk Jennie and Edna went out I wrote a letter Home Catherine came over C.R.C. called early this morning the rest a head All Well

## Monday, November 30, 1896

This was a nice day But Oh my How my head ache and I was so Sick to my Stomach that after I got the children off to School I layed down a while got up had some chicken soup Pop and Grand Pa down town I went in to M- came

Home and darned Some of the Stocking then I felt So much worse I filled the Hot water Bag and retired at five for the night Rest All Well



## Tuesday, December 1, 1896

Another fine day I feel Better to day still not well I finished up the darning then I made three Shamme Tobacco Bags this after noon I went over to Miss Waters and to Mrs Manns came Home cut out Luene a Pink gown got it almost done Mrs Steinmitz called Grand Pa and Pop down town Grand Pa commenced on his toes with Mr Arnold we Played cards and we wone every game. So now all hands are off for bed I feel Better rest Well

#### Wednesday, December 2, 1896

Another nice day I helped the children on their music a little while this morning then got them off to School then I finished Luenes gown and took it over to Show to Mrs Mann Miss Waters brought my Apron Pattern Home I cut out and finished Alverda a gown so She had it to Sleep in to night Mrs Bliss called the music teacher came and gave A & L a lesson Jennie down town and over Home tonight Oh dear How my side aches All the rest Well

#### Thursday, December 3, 2896

This has been a nice day I helped the children with their music this morning Luene had a little Sore throat too Pop went down town I went down to Mrs Litchfields and got the Catarrah remedy and used it on Luene once to day Pop and I went out to Mrs Turners funeral Mrs O. Bleness mothers I took out a wreath Mrs Eaverts called I got my Gown ready for Button Holes I doped Grand Pa's toes they are quite Sore. Vance and Adah here All Well

## Friday, December 4, 1896

Damp early this morning So I did not get the clothes aired very early I cleaned up my room just the same and got Grand Pa Bed put to rights. this after noon Pop took Grand Pa & I over to the Dr to Mrs Bickfords and

down to town we meet Alverda and took her along I took my Hat over to get Mrs B to put the Bird on it Mr Chase jailed so Wilkie & Agnes are Home Mr Marbut came over and spent the evening Jennies mother came over Jennie went out all as well as usual

## Saturday, December 5, 1896

This was a disagreeable day so little sun Shine I helped Jennie with the wash a little and dressed a chicken Alverda & Luene took their music lesson Edna went over to Mrs Bickfords and Brought me the walking Hat Pop took Grand Pa down to have his toes treated Edna went over to Parkers I ripped the trimming off Edna's blue dress and washed and cleaned it and got it ready for her to wear tomorrow I feel tired tonight Still I must work It has all cleared away tonight All Well



#### DIED.

TURNER—In Blackburn Gulch, near Santa Cruz, Dec. 1st, Mrs. Mary Turner, mother of Mrs. Andrew O'Bleness, a native of New York, aged 87 years. [The funeral of deceased will take place from her late residence, Branciforte Drive, TO-DAY (Thursday) at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends and acquaincances are respectfully invited to attend.]

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#### Sunday, December 6 1896

This has been a nice day but the north wind blew a Stiff Breeze the children went to Sunday School I helped a little with the dinner then Pop took the children and Grand Pa for a drive I did not for I did not feel like it Jennie gone out I wrote one letter Home they seen some Whales when they went around the cliff I helped the children with their music and read a few Pieces to them now we are all off for bed All Well

#### Monday, December 7, 1896

This has been a very pleasant day but after I got the children off to School Grand Pa was taken sick with colick and you bet I had to work we called the Doctor But he was better & is still easier to night I got a letter and a Photo of Sammie and her Family I was so Pleased to see them Edna got a letter from Cousin Sallie I went over to see the Dr Rose called a minute I went in to Manns Pop went down town I got Some Sherry wine all well

#### Tuesday, December 8, 1896

This has been a very nice day Grand Pa did not feel very good for a while this morning but seemes alright to night I cut out four Gowns this morning for the children and two night Shirts for myself I got one of Edna's Gowns ready for Button Holes I wrote a letter to Ola for Grand Pa Pop transplanted some Beets Plants Wilma came over she is at Mrs Bamfords for a time Pop went down town I took Mrs M in some of our Apple Pudding I have a Slight Sore throat rest All Well

#### Wednesday, December 9, 1896

Another fine day I got the children off to School then I went in to Mrs Mann's to Gossip a while came Home put Button Holes in another gown and got it finished then I finished one for Alverda and got another one of Edna's ready to finish the Teacher came and gave Alverda & Luene Both a Lesson, Jennie went down town also Pop and Grand Pa Pop took Jennie's mattress to have it made over. I feel very tired rest all well

#### Thursday, December 10, 1896

Another nice day after I got the children off to School Pop and I went down town I run around all fore noon but did not get much this after noon I went in to Mrs Johnstons to get the names of her games Moneter[?] & Parcheesi then I went in to Mrs Manns for a chat came Home and finished another gown Grand Pa over to see Mrs Rhodes Wilma called again oh my I feel so miserable rest Well

#### Friday, December 11, 1896

This has been a gloomy day not much sun shine I got the children off to School then I aired the beds and cleaned our room got the most of the dinner this after noon I took some things over to Mrs Eaverts Mrs Holmes called. I got Marie's Photo this after noon Edna and Vance went down to see Pearl Landers and she gave Edna her Photo it looks rainy to night. Pop and Grand Pa went down town Pop got his new Pants All Well

#### Saturday, December 12, 1896

This has been a gloomy day so misty and rainy we did not try to wash I dyed Luenes old white cap and got that fixed up again dressed a chicken and Put Button Holes in Luene's last Outing gown dear Old Grand Pa has been sick all after noon with colic I got two of my night Shirts ready to do the Hand work knit some on Ednas Shirt Pop down town the mattress came Home looks nice Miss Garmon came but it was later all well but Grand Pa

#### Sunday, December 13, 1896

This was a gloomy day the children did not go to Sunday school it was so muddy Jennie went out this aft was all Grand Pa is better Fannie was over the sun came out a little while this aft I helped the children with their music and Browned some Coffee for Lunch but it was not very good I wrote three letters one Home one to Cousin Marie and an other to Sammie it is late so I am off for bed all the rest Well

#### Monday, December 14, 1896

This has been an other gloomy day quite windy too But Jennie and I washed just the Same and got the clothes dry enough to iron tomorrow I was up very early I finished one of Edna's Shirt Sleeves Pop went down town I bought

a Sack of Potatoes and Half Sack Onions It has commenced to rain and the wind is heigh I helped the children on their music I am tired so here goes All well

## Tuesday, December 15, 1896

It rained very Hard early this morning and the children took their Lunch I browned some more coffee but still it was not very good I gave Grand Pa's feet a washing and did some of the ironing and helped to get the dinner I have at last gotten Edna's Shirt ready to finish Pop went down town this evening I Poped some of the new corn it pops fine my side Pains a little tonight it seemes clearer to night all usually Well-

## Wednesday, December 16, 1896

This has been a good day that is it did not rain but the sun did not Shine very much I got two letters one a Postal cousin L- sent us some Pecans and a letter from cousin Sallie also Grand Pa got one from cousin Queen Pop and grand Pa went down town the teacher gave Alverda & Luene their Lesson I went in to Mrs Mann this morning & after Mrs Marsh called to get the children to take dancing lessons I made some candy but did not have very good luck I don't feel very good.

## Thursday, December 17, 1896

This has been a nice day Pop took Grand Pa over to Joses and he spent the day over there I done my sweeping and got straightened around so as to go out tomorrow after Mr Marbut came over for a little chat I was over to Mrs Mann's twice and took the children over to Wilkies to Practice got a letter from Home Bill has been sick Alverda got one from Mabel also Grand Pa one from Sanborn I feel very well to night all the rest are well also

#### Friday, December 18, 1896

This was a lovely day was up earlier than usual and went in to Manns and over to see Agnes. then I came Home and Stitched the Binding on my Hat again made four Pies one cran berry & the rest Apple & Cran berry helped to get dinner got ready and went down to the School with Mr Marbut came Home and went down to see How Mr & Mrs Litchfield were Pop & Grand Pa went down town we have two little chickens all as well as usual

#### Saturday, December 19, 1896

This has been a very fine day the sun Shone bright all day I was up early the first one up I made the Biscuit then helped with the Break fast & then with the washing we got through before noon. Alverda and Luene went over to Mrs Chubbacks to take their music L[esson]- and they all went over to McCornicks and to the Hall I went over to see the Dr and to get my bottle filled Miss Garmond called too I also called on Mrs Brown a Short time I don't feel very well rest well

#### Sunday, December 20, 1896

This has been a most splendid day I got the chicken on to roast before Breakfast then I got the children off to School then I combed Grand Pa's hair and got his Ears doped then I wrote a letter Home after dinner Pop took the children off for a walk I also wrote a letter to Mr Sanborn for Grand Pa then I set lunch and Helped the children with their music and now I must dope Grand Pa all are as well as usual

#### Monday, December 21, 1896

Another Splendid day Jennie done the ironing Luene and I did the dishes Oh my How my side did ache and it aches yet too Edna & Alverda went down to Practice for their concert I got the dinner Pop went down town this afte Jennie's mother came Over and brought us some Ham their own make I can not do much my finger is so lame Mrs Mann came in a little while this eve all well but me I guess

#### Tuesday, December 22, 1896

This was another fine day till about four then the wind came up and the fog came in heavy Pop took us all down town but Jennie Grand Pa went to Hodge's we did not get Home till after twelve I went down to Perreys this aft

also made Candy all after noon Jennie and I went down to see the Gresmer Davies CO Play Humanity did not get Home till midnight it was splendid my lame finger is better all well

## Wednesday, December 23, 1896

A cloudy day the children went down to practice this morning I made some more candy this afte we cut out leaves and got the three dresses trimmed for tomorrow then I dressed the turkey it weighed 8 lbs then dressed Grand Pa Pop and the children were down town Miss Pearl McCan died last evening it is still cloudy tonight Edna Bought Old Folks at Home she also Brought Florences Baby Over all well

## Thursday, December 24, 1896

This has been a nice day till this eve then it clouded up and turned cold it was a buisy day just the same I made cake this fore noon and three mince pies and the dressing for the turkey then after dinner I went down to hear the children came Home late frosted the cakes and got things ready all I could for



## Friday, December 25, 1896

A Bright nice Christmas day and I received some very nice Presents which I never expected A lovely Pin Cushion cover from Mrs M- A beautiful Glove & Handkerchief Set from Jennie Picture frame from Mrs D Handsome Miss Hughes Photo. Box of Glaced [Glazed] fruit from Cody a nice card from dear little Edna Also Handkerchief case from Miss Agnes fine. Dunnings here to dinner I went in to Wilkies this eve Jennie gone out the children in to B-All well as usual

## Saturday, December 26, 1896

It commenced to rain last night but did not rain much today but is at it good a gain tonight the wind is high too I got the beds changed and then I went over to get my Bottle filled it rained on me some too I received a Hand some card from mother Struckman Jennie and I tried to Play Chess India but we did not make much at it Edna went Out to Mrs Morgans with Mrs M. All Well

#### Sunday, December 27, 1896

It cleared away this morning and did not rain all day But the wind is up now and it threatens rain a gain. the children went to Sunday School but did not get their Pictures from Mr Leavet I wrote three letters one Home one to Cody and one to Mrs Struckman C.R.C. called this fore noon I don't feel very good either all the rest are well Gramp had been taking Salts Jennie went out this aft but is Home now I must be off to Bed

#### Monday, December 28, 1896

This has been a Stormy day it rained most all day and that Hard it Slacked up a little while this aft and Pop Mr Marbut came up and made us a call too I got Cody's letter off this morning this aft I cut out ten Pairs of drawers three for me three for Alverda & three for Luene and one Pair for Edna and must cut out two more pairs for her I knitt on Pop's sock I feel better today rest Well

#### Tuesday, December 29, 1896

I was up Early this morning So as to get at the washing it looked cloudy all day but it did not rain & we got the clothes all dry and Jennie and I ironed a good many of them this eve Mrs M came in and Sewed awhile then Florence came in and brought the Baby such a time as the children had with her she is too cute for any thing Pop and Grand Pa went down town I cut out Edna two more Pairs of drawers making 12 we are all well

#### Wednesday, December 30, 1896

Another Stormy day It did not rain this after noon but looks like it tonight Alverda wrote to Mabel today and sent it off. Pop went down town this aft. I made three Pairs of drawers and got the Other Pair ready for the tucks. Luene



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seemes real Horse Mrs Mann came in twice today. Jennie gone out tonight and was down town this aft. I feel very tired tonight so I must Hi off to Bed rest all Well

#### Thursday, December 31, 1896

This has been a damp day but it seemes clear tonight plenty of Stars Shining I made mince Pie first then I made cake Marbel and frosted it then a carot Pudding dressed two chickens made the dressing for them got two letters one from Home and the other from dear old Emma She is back with Fred Pop brought over Grand Pa's new Pants and Vest Jennie & Ora gone out Elsie came in we did have Some fun getting them ready I am tired rest all well-

#### Memoranda

January 1, 1897

This has been a fine day but cold. Jennie & Ora came Home early this morning from the dance an that man looked in at the Bed room window and gave them an awful fright we all got up and did not sleep much after that I went in to Mrs Buckleys a little while then Alverda came for me Mrs McCornick had come She and the children came over a little while I feel very well for me I helped get dinner and knit Some on Pop's Sock all as well as usual-

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