

Diary of Thaddeus H. Walker, Salem, New York

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Thaddeus H. Walker, son of Hiram and Mary (Griffith) Walker, was born in Manchester, Vermont on September 12, 1831. The family moved to Washington County, New York in 1836. During the period of this diary—January 1, 1851 to January 21, 1854—Thaddeus was living in Salem and working as a young lawyer. Photocopies of the original diary are held by William A. Cormier, Town Historian, Salem, New York and by the Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

January 1st 1851

1st F I Parmenter was at our house today. Martin left this morning. I was greatly troubled with bills having something like a dozen. I came down to the village towards night and remained all night. There was a company here from Union Village¹ that spent the evening in dancing. I participated. I slept with Cronin.

2nd I went home in the morning with Parm, remained about all day. At night I came down with C Murdock and went over to the Bushes to a debating school. I got the question, which was Should representatives be bound by the wishes of their constituents. Rode from the village home with Mr Clark.

3rd Remained at home nearly all day and came down with P --- at night. Remained here during the evening. I saw [...] with the Rupert girls in the Hotel. Stopped here all night.

4th Parmenter left for Troy this morning. I went into the office again today after a vacation of about ten days. Sarah M Hawly came from South Hadley this evening.

5th [...] Came down in the evening to the Methodist Church with John Cleveland. Rode up with Deacon Beattie's folks. Josiah R Sherman², my sister's husband, was at our house most of the day.

6th Came down to the village today. Was in the office in the fore part of the day. The stockholders of the Rail Road³ were here today for the purpose of electing new directors for the Road. In consequence of the Contractor Mr Barker wishing to vote for his whole amt of 160,000 Dollars and the opposition he met with from the directors from violating his agreement, the meeting had to adjourn without fulfilling its purpose. Our folks killed some [...] creatures today.

7th I was in the office all day. Got a letter from A Gibson Argyle & one from E D Beattie. Cronin coming from Sandy Hill⁴ gave the information that E[...] Taylor an old law student of Mr McDougalls had failed in being admitted to practice in the profession. I went tonight up to a Lyceum held at West Rupert. The question were our forefathers justified in taking possession of this country as they did was decided in [...] favor. They were. I stayed at Mr Shermans all night. Had a first rate time.

¹ Greenwich

² Josiah Rising Sherman (October 1826 - May 29, 1886)

³ The railroad from Troy, New York to Rutland, Vermont

⁴ Hudson Falls

8th I was in the office all day. Tonight the Lyceum up at the Bushes came off. I did not go up. Perkins & I took a walk down most to Woodworths tavern. Had a talk in the P O on Napoleon & his marshals.

9th I came down in the morning & was in the office all day. Today the Donation at Mr Campbells came off. I was insulted today by ---. At night I walked around with Harry Truman.

10th In the office today. The firemans supper came off to night. Had a first rate time. I composed some tonight. [...].

11th In the office today. The weather was very fine today. The two days previous it had been raining all the time. There is a great quantity of snow on the ground. I saw Miss A ---. Went up to Mr Atwoods to [...]. I went with C Allen to get some oysters. Had a good time. The week is closed

Commencing with the first of April

1st Today town election came off. Nathan McMillin was [...] by the whigs for town supervisor. He was beaten by J Fitch an independent. I peddled tickets all day. In the evening I went down to the academy at attended a lecture on Chemistry given by Mr Wood. There were cannon fires by the democrats for this victory.

2nd I was in the office all day. Went down to the academy about noon. Mr Robert Shaw was here this morning glorying over the defeat of [...]. Russell was in the office today.

3rd I came down this morning with my brothers & Seth Clark. The examination and exhibition came off at the academy today. I was in a short time during the day. Mr White went to Rupert with Mr Wallace. The exhibition went off well. There was a party at the tavern after it was through.

4th I composed a part of a piece on the Exhibition today. Mr Haskins was in the office likewise Mr Livingston former teacher of Union Village academy and John Parrish. I was very sleepy today not having slept any before. I rode along with Willis⁵.

5th The fireman came out today and made a show.

6th I remained at home today. I went over to the marsh along with Josiah Sherman. It has been very pleasant. I went down to the village at night.

7th I finished the piece for the P[...] today on the Examination & Exhibition. I played ball considerably. Took a ride along with Ed McCollister up to Crarys. Stevenson [...] in the evening my piece.

8th I was down here quite early, found my piece in the paper. Mr C M Murdock came in the office & father as well. We then went out & took a game of ball. It commenced raining. A lecture on God Fellowship at the Courthouse.

9th Mr Ingalls was here today trying a suit against Dr Gilman for malpractice. I went down to Mr Hawlys with young Ingalls. Our office was cleaned out today. Whilst playing ball today, Freeman H threw a club and hit me on my back. He threw it very hard. He will get his pay for this. I stayed in to hear the trial till it was adjourned. C Hopkins was here today.

⁵ Thaddeus' brother Willis H. Walker (February 14, 1830 - January 21, 1892)

10th I was here in time to hear the commencement in the morning of the action. It continued all day. Some of the witnesses done remarkably well. [...] Allen [...] made a fool of himself. I came down with some girls that had been up to our house - Misses Cronin - Fairchild - McAllister & Archibald. I had a letter [...] with F Cole implying [...].

11th I found C White in the office this morning. He didn't appear very well. We went & took a walk. He went away somewhere in the forenoon. I was up at the trial. They didn't do anything this morning. Mr Gibson wouldn't sum up. It is quite chilly today. I got a letter from Horatio S Holly Bristol Vt.

12th I was in the office all day. I took a walk with Mr Harris up to Crarys. He went in to see Miss McAllister this afternoon. I remained in the office in the evening. Mr White went over to the Hotel to see the [...]. I wrote two letters & went home & found Parmenter and Averill a young gentleman studying law with Symons of Troy. I sat up had a good talk with them.

13th The gentlemen stayed at our house till about two o'clock when they left. I went with them down as far as the red bridge. I then came back & stopped at Mr McCollister, G Eno & I took a walk down on the railroad. We went way up beyond the [...] and [...] fence. I then came back. Came up to the village for a talk along with White, McFarland & Allen. I got a secret from Allen [...]. Stayed here all night.

14th Mr McDougalls child, one of the brightest boys that I ever saw, died today. It is a very severe blow to the parents as they almost worship it. During the day Mr McDougall remained at home. Mr White has been in the office all day. We played ball in the afternoon, broke up by the boys taking the ball away. Chas White went up to McDougalls just at night. He said that they were truly [...] down under their affliction.

15th The funeral of Mr McDougalls child came off today. I was one of the bearers. Mr Draper came here this morning & executed a mortgage to Mr Blair. I got here about ten o'clock. Miss Sarah M Hawly is quite well today. I stayed with Charles White at the Salem Hotel. The weather is quite cold & dreary. The parents seem to feel this affliction very much. Mr White didn't sleep any during the night.

16th I came into the office before breakfast & whilst sweeping the floor, Mr McDougall came in. He seemed very sober indeed. I studied all day. In the afternoon I went over to the Salem Hotel and found Miss Barton & Miss Brown from Rupert there. I had quite a pleasant time of it. I got a letter from my brother George⁶ tonight & learned that Margaret Lapham was married to a Mr Staples & Mr White to Miss Sperry & Jonathan Griffith to a Miss Ball[...]. Mrs Austin, the wife of Lewis Austin, died today with the croup very sudden indeed. This has been a very brutal year so far.

17th I got up quite early & after breakfasting got ready & started for Danby. It was quite cold & very chilly riding. I went by the way of Pawlet. A disease called the shingles made their appearance upon me & they pained me considerable today. My sister Sarah⁷ went with me. I arrived at Danby about 3 o'clock. On the new road right before reaching the Burgh, there is some of the most beautiful and sublime scenery that I ever saw. There was a ball at the tavern tonight, something like sixty couple in attendance. The music a fiddle & [...] by Green & [...] from Poultney. They had a most splendid supper.

18th George sat out the apple trees that I took over to him. In the afternoon I went down to see the railroad which is now being built. There were as many as 700 hands to work between

⁶ Thaddeus' brother George G. Walker (December 28, 1823 - December 29, 1901)

⁷ Thaddeus' sister Sarah M. Walker (February 28, 1828 - March 26, 1907)

Danby & Manchester. There was quite a phenomina took place at the Dorset pond. An island arose up in the pond about five rods from the places where they put the [...]. There was one place just before we get to the pond that sunk down into the earth forty or fifty feet. The road along the pond is so changed that you scarcely could know it. I sat up in the evening quite a spell - was visited by Mr Cook - Andross - Gardner Griffith⁸ &c. We had quite a talk about the spiritual knockings that had took place in that village.

19th We came home today. It was somewhat warm today - or at least warmer than before. We arrived home about three o'clock in P.M. After eating I went down to the village. Took a walk with Chas Allen down the south road. Met D C Russell he turned round & walked along down with us and then I came over to the office & after staying a short time I went home.

20th Sunday - I took a Lobelia emetic today. Was confined all day. It was cold & rainy.

21st I came down quite early. It was a cold day. I went with Cronin up into Murray McFarland's room, had a very pleasant talk with him, he has the mumps.

22nd It has been very pleasant today. I went down to Mr Westons along with C H Allen. I went up into Murray McFarlands room & played checkers with Cronin. Our table was painted today. I [...] most all day.

23rd I went down on the Railroad track this morning with Chas White and in the afternoon I went down with Chas Allen as far as Mr Russells. They are [...] there and digging a ditch for the creek to pass through on. The Irish who work on this as well as all other Rail Roads are treated as bad as slaves. We came [...] by Mr Russells. Our table was painted the second time today. I had quite a talk with Cronin after tea on the practice under the Code. I wrote two letters today one to Wm S Granger, the other to Alonzo Hubbard. I went home about nine o'clock.

24th It was very pleasant this morning. I left home about eight o'clock. I found Mr Hill[...] [...]ing the table when I arrived. It looks very well indeed now. I went up into Chas White's room this afternoon. I didn't take any dinner today, which made me very hungry. I went up into the Post office and stayed quite a spell. I got a letter from Parmenter giving me a chance to study in Troy. After supper, being in my office, several young men from Sandgate came in asking my advice in reference to a scrape that they got into with Mr [...]gton. I told them that they had better settle it. I went into the Justices office and after considerable talk settled it. The day has been very pleasant.

1852. The month of January

The last day of December the Rail Road from Salem to Eagle Bridge⁹ and from Rutland to Salem was connected at Salem. On the first of January with Truman Eddy, C H Allen and others I took a ride in the hand car down to the mills. A short time afterwards several of us pushed a car up to McCurdys at night and then rode down. I went over the road from here to Eagle Bridge the first time a car went over. I went over in open cars. It was a very cold day - many aboard froze different parts of their person. It was pleasing to note the interest manifested along the road, everybody being out to see the - elephant. There was a cannon aboard the cars that was fired at every stopping place. Many are the predictions in reference to the Road, and its effect upon the community through which it passes; time alone will tell.

During this month. James Gibson last fall elected County Judge held his first court. He presided with much ease and gave universal satisfaction. I had two cases during the month, one for Lyons, the other for Burgess & Cole.

⁸ Thaddeus' uncle Gardner Griffith (Abt. 1810 - 1873)

⁹ Near Hoosick, Rensselaer County

I delivered an address at East Greenwich. Attended parties of young ladies Sewing Society. Alexander R[...] James I McFarland and his brother died this month. A new disease swept them away.

Mary Rising and Miss Houghton of Troy were married this month.

Sickness is quite prevalent among all classes by reason of the severity of the winter.

Father had a shock of the palsey the latter part of the month. This makes the fourth that he has had. It came very nigh killing him. George and Emily paid us a visit during the month, likewise Josiah and Lydia.

From 1st April 1852

1st April I was in the office most all day. It was quite pleasant in the afternoon. The ladies came to the Sewing Society at Lansings, met S - H - very pleasant indeed. I went home at night, got ready and came back to attend the the party at L. but going into Russell's office and there having been several attempts to get up the "knockings" spiritual. We attempted it but didn't succeed. Caroline McAllister Osborne died today.

2nd It was wet and rainy today. The cars didn't arrive from the south till about 2 o'clock PM. There was a good deal of talk about the spiritual knockings. Robert McFarland, Dick Russell and myself went into Russell's room and tried to produce the sounds. McFarland produced sound with his feet or hands.

3rd The funeral of Mrs Osborne took place today at the house of her father. A large number was collected to gaze for the last time upon "Carrie." A schoolmate and friend has gone to the land of Rest; farewell, Carrie, farewell. The Whig caucus was held at Union Hall today. I was appointed as one of the nominating committee from our district. I got all nominated that I tried to but Oviatt. The ticket is a good one and there is no doubt but it will be elected.

4th I came to church today - came down on the Rail Road. Didn't get here in time to attend church in forenoon so I sat in the hotel with E D McKillip and McDougall. I went in the afternoon. It was communion. I sat next seat back of Blairs [...] went home and came back and attended church at Methodist.

5th I commenced boarding at Gilbert Woodworth's today. It has been quite pleasant all day. Harkness C Austin Smart & Fitch came down at night and we prepared tickets.

6th The day was blustering and rainy. Elections for town officers came off. The entire Whig ticket was elected. There was a good deal of fun by a ticket headed by George Jenkins for Supervisor, George Congrieve Allen Supt. Common Schools. There was a good deal of liquor drank - they made some sport out of G. Allen.

7th Rather cold today, though the sun was out. A saw turned by horse power sawed wood for Woodworth - it was the first I ever saw. Judge Savage was here from Utica. A man near Shushan was run over by the car and killed.

8th The day was rather cold. There was a slide at Granville on the Rail Road by which three men were killed. One was brought down in the cars. The others couldn't be found. The Society met at Atwoods tonight - couldn't go - had to write a letter.

9th The day was quite pleasant. Russell and McKillip went up to Granville to hold an inquest on the dead bodies. In the afternoon a [...] man of B[...] came in to get advice about getting an account book which had been taken away from him. In the evening two men working at the blacksmith shop came in to get advice about getting their pay. They didn't find the dead bodies today.

10th It has been quite pleasant today. In the afternoon word came that the dead bodies had been found at Granville. Russell and McKillip started for the [...]. Bool came in here at night. Peirce came in to get some advise of me about his business. I went down to see Timothy Cronin's baby for the first time, quite a pretty boy. Tim all over.

11th A very pleasant day. Willis and I took a walk up dry brook, went over the hill to the ledge where the Rail Road folks are blasting rocks. I came down at night found Theodore Hyde and others in the hotel. Went with C Allen to Lambert's church. Came to hotel stayed a few minutes & went home.

12th The County Court sat at Sandy Hill today. Gibson left early in the morning. D C Russell went over. Said Gibson's charge was a most splendid effort. I went down to Hills to see the operating of a "medium" by writing. A good many things [...]. Nothing wonderful about it. Came up along Abram and David Lytle and went home. There is something wonderful if not marvelous about these manifestations. It may be all humbug, if so, then its subtlety has defied the scrutiny of some of our wisest men, and made fools of a vast number. And I guess it has!

13th This was quite a pleasant day. I went down at night to Russells along with Dick. We met James S. McDonald. There was something of a party at Hawlys tonight. Came back and had a long talk in Allens office.

14th Rather blustering all day. John Cleveland was in the office to get some advice in reference to building a road through Chester Billings meadow. The idea is a good one. After tea I went up to Dicks office. Lyons was there. A greenhorn. I went home a short time after. A very dark night.

15th It snowed today, very gloomy indeed. There was a meeting to see about the place for holding the cattle fair at the hotel. Several were up from Union Village. There were several slides on the Troy and Boston Rail Road, so that the train didn't come through from Troy. The Sewing Society came off at Cleveland's tonight. There were only three girls there, Harry Truman and myself the only boys. I went home with the girl I love best. I stayed at the hotel all night.

16th Got up and took a long walk down on the Rail Road. Quite pleasant today, no singing school tonight. I took quite a walk with C H Allen. I was in Cronin's office some of the evening.

17th A most beautiful day. Was in the office quite early. The little girls were in the office all the forenoon. Had a very pleasant time with them, innocent beautiful and happy creatures. May your lives never be shadowed by darkness and gloom, but be in the sunshine forever. I received an execution from Loveland today to collect. I took a walk in the afternoon and went in a swimming. When coming by Mr Allen saw Misses Hawly Waggoner & Allen. Very pretty ladies. Had a very pleasant time with C H Allen. Oh how I enjoy such a day. I hope we may be favored with many such.

18th Rather cold and cloudy this morning. I went with John¹⁰ up on to the hills - up to Dry brook. Whoever reads this hereafter may find an excuse for my not going to church; that being confined all day during six days of the week, I want to be unconfined with mental labor on the Sabbath on account of my health. And going to church without attention is but mockery! Towards evening I walked with Willis up to the ledge where the R Road folks are blasting &c.

19th Cold and stormy today. Cronin had a suit before C Crary Esq., he got beaten. The fool tried to lay the fault of his defeat to Russell. He is the most curious jealous scamp that I ever knew. He is pretty smart, but his manner I believe will forever prevent his success. I have been

¹⁰ Thaddeus' brother, John D. Walker (November 8, 1835 - December 9, 1918)

his friend although he has always managed to injure me whenever he could, he won't do it much more. If he [...]. He came in after the suit was through and wanted a treat. I remained with Dick all night. Mr Carswell was here most of the day.

20th Was waked up by a loud knocking at the door. On asking the intruder to come in we found it to be Art Blossom, who was dangerously sick with the prevailing epidemic, who had escaped from his room (being crazy) and had run all around the village chased by his friends. After breakfast I took a walk. A cold and drizzling rain fell all day. Not feeling very well I went up to the creek and went in a swimming, felt better afterwards. Mr Lansings father moved today. Took quite a walk in the afternoon on the Rail Road.

21st Rain, rain, rain - I've got the blues. I [...] go to the office today. So I felt and so I said. I went to work and cut wood most all day. Our folks were building wall today. When I wonder is this weather going to change. Father¹¹ who has been cooped up for most three months in consequence of a 4th attack of palsey is getting better. He has come very nigh losing the use of his leg. It swelled up as big as three legs, but thank God its getting better. Towards night I came down to the village. It rained hard when I went home.

22nd I remained at home today. Raining as hard though it is getting warmer. Chopped wood and picked up stones. A man came and got some trees at our house. Got ready after noon and came down to village. Chester Billings engaged me this afternoon to tend to his Road business. This makes two suits in a week where I have been consulted on both sides. Miss Waggoner left this morning for home. There has been enough talk about her virtue. I hope she will go where people know how to regard a strange woman and where man can know that some women are virtuous. The Society met at Mr Howes tonight. I enjoyed myself very much. I went home with her I love and almost worship. After seeing her home I came into the hotel, found the Rail Road men on [...]. Went home after 11 o'clock, happy.

23rd Quite cold. Snowing on the mountains, and sprinkling some here. Our people planted potatoes today. Took quite a walk on the Rail Road after dinner. Had [...] for A Blanchard, Judge McLean and Mrs Dobbin. Oh how I hate that woman. She looks and acts like a worn out whore. The singing school came off at Mr Lamberts church tonight. I got cheated out going home with --- and J S McD went home with her. Came to hotel, and after talking with a fellow by name of Talman and C H Allen I went up to Harkness with one of the editors of the Union Whig Rutland to see about business. I then went home.

24th Rather cold though clear. The temperance people met this afternoon to nominate a ticket. They adjourned till evening when the regular meeting met. The ticket nominated by the regulars didn't suit the temperance folks so they adjourned up to Allen's office where they nominated one. The manner in which this thing is conducted. I mean no license in town will injure the temperance cause more than it will do it good. The ticket cannot be elected and I think they are foolish for running opposition.

D C Russell offended C H Allen. Oh how swift time passes. Another week gone and how soon it will be till the sands of life are run.

25th Quite pleasant this morning. I went with Willis and John up beyond Shermans on the hills, came down and walked on the Rail Road. Remained at home till after supper when Euphemia and Sarah Beattie came down to our house. When with Mary¹² and Sarah I went up to the ledge, had a very fine time. You who read this may know that I feel like the d - l or I would not write in this manner.

¹¹ Hiram Walker (February 23, 1799 - December 11, 1870)

¹² Thaddeus' sister, Mary J. Walker (March 8, 1835 - December 30, 1895)

26th I remained at home all day. Willis and John went away grafting over to the west part of the town. I worked hard all day felt very tired. I went a fishing a short time today with a basket. I went alone. The election for village officers came off today. The license ticket was elected by thirty four majority just as I supposed. I had a neice¹³ born today to my brother George. Hurrah!

27th I remained at home all day working. I came down at night. Got a Review from somebody on the Methodist Sunday School. Had a talk with some gentlemen in the barroom. Willis and John came home tonight from grafting. Four years ago today I left for West Poultney to attend school.¹⁴ How soon that time has passed. It was quite pleasant.

28th Quite a pleasant day. Worked in the yard and chopping wood most all day. Read some in Kent. Towards night D C Russell came to our house after the girls to go to the dance. The house looked like the d - l. Who cares? We went up to Deacon Beattie's after the girls. They had started down on the Rail Road track - they were trying to run away - their people being church members! The effect and beauty of restraint on youthful pleasure. We came on down getting all the girls to the village. The dance came off at Salem Hotel. It was a fine ball. Just enough to be first rate. There were several strangers present. Rail Road folks. I went home along with the girls - had some first rate fun with - you may guess.

I came back and stayed at hotel till morning. Got a letter tonight from Nichols and Rawson. My brother John cut his foot.

29th I went down to Mr McKies this morning. After a while took breakfast. Stayed round till cars started. Miss Briggs and Sarah M. Hawly went down on the cars. Left for home after a short time. Found John Thompson working on the Rail Road. He looked sickly. Went home and slept considerably. Towards night Miss Sarah and Elisabeth Clapp came over to our house. I felt so bad I didn't go to see them. They took a ride on a hand car. I don't believe there is much made in going to balls for I have felt very bad all day.

30th Very beautiful day. Got up fresh as a clam. Went down in morning to make some fence between Mr Beattie and father. After finishing it came back and went to chopping wood. Soon the Miss Clapps came in and I went in to see them. Went down to the cars in forenoon and went and chopped a fish hole. In afternoon went a fishing with them. Waved a flag to have the cars stop when they passed, didn't however. Came down on hand car. Played whist the rest of afternoon. I came down with girls at night.

1st May Quite pleasant. Rained some in afternoon. Worked in garden most all day. Willis grafted at McNish today. Came down to village at night. Most lovely night. Walked down to Mr Lamberts with T Cronin.

2nd Rained some in morning. Went to church. Miss H looked most lovely. In afternoon [...] McLean Stevenson & Tallman sat in our seat. A man by the name of Savage, President of Carrol College Michigan¹⁵ preached in afternoon. He was formerly a resident of our town, received his education at our academy. Rather of a student sort of a man, though a poor speaker. At night I came down to town had a talk with Russell & Allen. Went down with Allen to meet girls. Met [...] & J A and walked with them to hotel.

The night was balmy and its breath
Was like the air of those bright climes
That are beyond the reach of death

¹³ Mary Elizabeth Walker (April 26, 1852 - November 7, 1930)

¹⁴ Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, Vermont

¹⁵ John Savage (October 9, 1800 -), first President of Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin who was born in Salem

Beyond the touch and waste of time.

3rd A beautiful morning. Went up to Dry brook in forenoon and fixed fence. Worked in garden in afternoon. At night came down to village. Got a letter from George informing me that he had got a [...]. Took a walk with Freeman. This is all of the day, it is gone forever. A year ago today I went to Troy.

4th Worked at home most all day. It was a most beautiful day. I was in the garden most of the time. Towards night I came down along with the mail carrier from Union village. Met S M H and C F going to Blairs. Went to hotel. Saw Van Bergen. He wanted to go to see the Clapp girls. I then walked out in street and met --- who were as cold as the [...]. Went into Proudfits and [...] then I left them. After this I walked out along with C H Allen, met E. Atwood and

Sweet Ladies goodbye.

I have known but to love you

Have seen you but to praise."

May you be blessed with good health and be contented and happy while you are there. My best wishes and heart felt prayer shall ever be with you. Would that I could know the feelings of one to me. E D Beattie was at our house in afternoon. He will never [...] much.

7th I worked in garden most all day sowing seed and planting [...]. I came down at night and got a hat for father. Rode down with the Rail Road men. I saw Russell, he had some business that he wanted I should help him out of or along with. Had quite a long conversation. It sprinkled some. Went up along with Robert McFarland from village. He is a d - d fool. Got home and was very tired.

8th Pleasant day. Worked in garden and finish at sowing and planting. Pat our Irishman sowed his beet and carrot seed. Couldn't go to the village till dark. Took a walk along with C H Allen. Went up to Union Hall and found Tallman there. Went over to grocery and took some Pop. Had quite a talk with their baby and then went home, dark as Egyptian darkness. It rained some. Another week gone how soon oh how soon.

Spring is coming in joy and glee

Spring is coming but not to me

9th Oh I feel happy this morning! It is so lovely birds are singing on every tree, flowers are springing all around, and leaves begin to [...] and robe the trees. Who would not be happy. I went with my two brothers up into the woods where mused upon and talked over our times. We remained there a long time and the remembrance of "long ago" passed before my mind like the shadow of Beauty on a crystal lake. We returned home and went down to the creek and went in a swimming. In afternoon after supper, John and I went up to the ledge by Shermans. The blasting is finished and the road [...] lying the track is finished. I went and had a talk with Shermans boys. Went with them across the meadow to Robert Wilsons, got a drink and then went home. When I arrived at home I found that Tallman and C H Allen were in the other room. I didn't go in as I [...] and wasn't dressed "up". I went to bed rather early but I repented the next morning.

10th I went up early this morning to Mr Cleveland's to get John to divide the fence between us and Thomas Beattie. I found John at home but he had to go to Salem to tend to official business. I came with him to our house and then went up to Mr Beattie's. From there went down to Mr Riders - found him planting corn next to the road, rather early. The Barker boys and Parks were loading up some timber on the road this side of the bridge. I went home and worked in the garden some. I took up two or three trees and set them out. In the afternoon I went up on to the hill and fixed the fence next to the rye. At night I came down to village. Tallman came down to the office and had a long talk with him. I took a walk with Freeman and had a talk with him. Tallman is rather of a queer fellow. A good deal of energy in him, though

a pretty hard boy. I went to hotel after leaving the office and had a very pleasant time with Russell &c.

11th A pleasant morning. Mr Rider and Cleveland were on hand early. We commenced quite early to survey and measure the division fences between us and Mr Beattie. Worked all day. The division was satisfactory to both parties. I made out a paper [...] the division. The charge of the commissioners was ten shillings a piece. I was awful tired when it came night. A carnival and circus was held in town today. I didn't go of course! I went to bed early and repented as usual.

12th It rained this morning. Quite pleasant however. The trees begin to look green. Willis was over in Hebron today. I knocked [...] most all day and picked up stones.

13th It was quite pleasant today. Worked around considerably and read some. Made out a couple of copies for John Cleveland of the [...] decision of the division fence. I went up a fishing in the afternoon in dry brook. Caught six trouts. I came down with John Cleveland to Riders where he and Mr Rider signed the decision. Mr Rider is improving his place very much. This is a good deal of [...] about him. There was a meeting of the trustees of the village at my office tonight. Mr Allen Gibson was here from Argyle. I went home along with E D Beattie and J Cleveland.

14th I felt quite low spirited this morning in consequence of working too hard. I remained at home all day working. Willis arrived from Hebron at night. He has got enough grafts to come to a hundred dollars. It was pleasant most of the day. Our yard is getting to look lovely. Oh I love to look upon the beautiful in nature, oh how I love to see man emulate nature. The shade tree is about in bloom today.

15th It was cloudy this morning. I felt finely. Rained some. We sowed carrot seed. Willis grafted some in the orchard, and then came and spelled me. I went to picking up stones. In afternoon Willis and I went over to Deacon Beatties to fix a piece of fence. Saw the Deacon's folks. Our Irishman was finishing plowing our corn field. Came down to the village. Saw Willis Hastings. He spoke to me about ---. I got an insulting letter out of the post office. Had a long talk along with D C Russell about matters & things in general.

16th Rather chilly. Went over to the marsh in the forenoon along with John. Went up and salted the sheep. Towards night I started with Sarah for the ledge. Went up along with Lavendee Wright and E. Beattie from Deacon Beatties. Went over to Robert Wilsons and stayed a short time. I then came home and after a while went to bed.

17th A most lovely day. The corn ground was marked out this forenoon. I wed the nursery and planted beans there. In the afternoon I worked in the corn field planting. It showered some in the afternoon. There was a rainbow. I came down and took my supper and went to bed.

18th Didn't feel very well this morning. Went up and dug out the spring, then went on and planted corn. The colt was quite sick this morning. We [...] his neck with pepper. I kept a planting till most night when I came home. Got ready and came down to the village. It was a beautiful evening. I went into Cronin's office (oh how I hate him) and had quite a talk. Mr Harkness the editor was in. I went to the store and got some things and went home.

19th Finished planting today. Sowed the remainder of the carrot seed. Mr Clark had a creature run over by the cars and killed. They borrowed our wagon today. In afternoon I went up along with Mary to Deacon Beatties. Batchelders' house was moved today back of the track. J H McFarland and Van Bergen rode a past when I was in Beatties. This is all I [...] for the present. So farewell.

20th Quite a pleasant day - dug weeds in the garden and worked in the brook. E L Beattie came down to our house and we went down to the village towards night. Went down to Dr Gilman's after some medicine. Rode up along with one of his boys, Orville, his son is at Poultney to school. Had quite a pleasant talk with him. A young man by the name of Hulbert was killed by falling out of the cars near Clapps mills.

21st A very pleasant day indeed. I worked in garden among the trees. In afternoon I went back of the woods and grafted the tree that stands there. Then went to Deacon Beattie's and waxed some grafts over, then came and grafted some trees in our little orchard. Sarah and Euphemia Beattie were at our house tonight, but having seen them near Clark's, I went to bed.

22nd Rather cloudy this forenoon. John and I went over to the orchard and fixed some fence. The orchard is going to [...] full. Went home and worked in the garden. Patrick finished the piece of wheat sowed in the east meadow. Had to run after Clark's cattle some today. In the afternoon I went a fishing up Dry brook along with John. Caught 48 trouts. William S Beattie allowed us to go through his meadow. Another week is gone - farewell.

23rd This is a most delightful day. Went down to the creek and went in bathing after having walked up on to the hill and salted the sheep. Went down to the village and attended church in afternoon. Took a walk with Steele. Murray McFarland's brother preached today. He is a very poor speaker, and is in fact deficient in every qualification which should belong to a clergyman. I went home and after eating returned and attended the Methodist Church with Tallman and R McFarland (a fool, fine company. After church I walked around with Tallman. I had a very fine time with him indeed. The moon cast such a lustre upon the trees, newly leaved, that it seemed as though I was walking in a paradise of the P[...]. Every thing seemed so beautiful. T Cronin visited me at our house today.

24th Rather of a strong dry wind blowed all day. I don't remember what I did do during the day but study. At night I came down to the village and wrote a letter ---. After which I walked home musing on the one I loved.

25th I remained at home all day. Two very serious accidents occurred on the Rail Road today. A Mr Ray was run over by the cars and instantly killed. He was driving a team over the track killing one of the horses and knocking the wagon to the devil. The coroner's verdict was that it was by want of diligence on his part that the accident occurred. The other accident was at Shushan where the engine ran off the track by reason of the switch being neglected. One man (the engineer) jumped from the engine which was going at a very rapid speed and struck against the fence (new board) and broke the boards right in two without seriously injuring him. A marvelous escape!

26th Worked in the garden some. In the afternoon I went a fishing with Mr McDonald with a basket - caught several. It was a warm dry day. Everything is experiencing the effect of this drought and if we don't get rain soon, the crop will certainly be destroyed.

The cattle were driven to Rupert today to be pastured.

27th A warm day and withal very pleasant. There was a concert by the Peak family in the court house which I attended. The principal point of attraction was the bell ringing - the singing was poor. The house was crowded to overflowing. Daniel Roberts of Manchester was there. Willis and I came home together. It was very beautiful evening - such a one as I most earnestly love!

28th Very warm indeed. John Cleveland came here this morning to get me to notify the Rail Road agent to fix the road crossing near Daniel Harkness. Not being able to find whether such a notice was necessary I came down to the village. I wrote the notice. There was a meeting at the hotel to see about holding a fair (agricultural). My brother George came down on the car

from Danby today. He arrived on the 12 o'clock train. After staying around a short time we went home. In the afternoon we went a fishing down the creek. At night we came down to the village and attended the concert with our sisters after which we went home. A lovely eve.

29th George and I went a fishing up Dry brook. We had a very pleasant time. Caught a good many. When we came back we got ready after resting, and came down to the village in a wagon. I went to the blacksmith shop and got the horse shod. Received a package of medicine by express. Got a half ream of paper. Got a pair of gloves. After walking down the west street, we went home. It was very windy and looked as if it was going to rain. I slept with George.

30th Rather chilly this morning. I went with my brother this morning up into the orchard on the hill. About ten o'clock we started for Danby. We went very slow indeed. The church at Rupert was out for noon as we arrived there, and also when we arrived at Pawlet. We arrived at my sisters about 2 o'clock pm. Took dinner [...] rested a few minutes and started for Danby. We arrived there about dark with nothing particular occurring on the route. We were made acquainted with George's baby. It is most beautiful child. Every expression is that of love and kindness. The brightest child I ever saw of her age. It is quite cold and looks like frost. George covered up his garden [...] in order to prevent losing them.

31st Rather cold. Went over to the hotel in the borough and was introduced to several gentlemen. Then went down to the depot where I very unexpectedly met my old friend and school mate Wm L Nichols. Had a very pleasant visit with him. I predict for him the highest honors in the profession. While there the cars came in from Arlington, not many passengers.

In the afternoon I went with George up to his saw mill upon the mountain, had a very pleasant time indeed. The water is very low. George has the elements in him to make a rich man.

After returning I visited Gardiner. He has some very cross children.

He is making him a very beautiful place. The borough is determined to make a very important station upon the road. The iron railing is not so heavy as upon our road.

1st June I started for home around ten o'clock after having gone down to grandfathers and seen the folks there. We took it very easy, passing through a scenery along the brook that rolls and foams and dashes over rocks and precipices carrying the energy and business of men in its course till finally it silently and gently winds its way into Otter Creek. The scenery is picturesque and wild in the extreme. Loveliness that hangs around the strength and manhood of nature was here perfectly visible. We arrived at my sisters (Lydias) about 2 PM. We took dinner and had a very pleasant little time with them. We started for home around 4 o'clock, arrived about 7. No place along the whole line began to look as pleasant as our place. After I got home I took a walk down to the village. Saw Tallman who introduced me to a young gentleman from Troy - I don't know his name.

2nd This was was a warm and dry day. I remained at home till about night when I came down to village. I took supper along with Cronin at Howes. I then went to see Russell who was preparing to leave Salem. After my business with him, C H Allen and myself took a ride up the east road to Mr Risings. We had a very fine time indeed. Misses Sarah and Julia! received us. We came home after ten o'clock. The moon has risen which gave out such a mellow lustre that it tinged everything with beauty. Willis and Mary called upon Miss Blanchard tonight.

3rd It rained some this morning. I got up and felt very bad. For both of these reasons I concluded I would not go to Troy. Kossuth¹⁶ was present at the above place and addressed the citizens. Oh how I do regret that I didn't go to see him. Stephen Clapp was robbed of about \$54 in the crowd. A large number of the young men of Salem were in attendance who were

¹⁶ Louis (Lajos) Kossuth (1802 - 1894), Governor of Hungary during its fight for independence

highly gratified with the feats of the day. Came down at night and saw some who went. H. Freeman had a secret to communicate to me which pleased me very much. The society was at Mr Hawlys, the annual one – but not being dressed up, I didn't attend. D C Russell left for the west today. Came up by the side of the wagon of Wm S Beattie. Elisabeth Beattie got home from Troy.

4th I felt quite bad this morning. I remained at home all day and read. At night I came down to the village and got some hair medicine at Freeman's and some cucumber seeds. Freeman looked guilty tonight. I believe the rascal has been betraying me. Woe to him if he has. I went down the west street with Cronin and Bool – talked with them on Kossuth.

5th I went a fishing down the creek this morning. Caught some nice ones. In the afternoon John and I went up the creek. Didn't get anything. It was quite a sultry day. John cleaned out the cellar and the boys sowed [...]. I studied all day. I wrote some.

6th Warm and pleasant this morning. Willis and I went to church. We walked down. A minister from Pawlet preached this morning – likewise in the afternoon. Major McFarland set in with me today. We walked home. It looked like rain at night. I shaved off my hair tonight. I don't know but I shall miss it. I think however it will come in.

7th Rainy this morning. Our people washed sheep today. We have a most beautiful flock of sheep – the best in town. Deacon Beattie washed in afternoon. A gentleman from Hebron by the name of Willson from Hebron called on me to see about some law business.

It has rained considerably all day. This is needed very much, as everything is drying up. Cornelius Hopkins and Sarah Beattie was at our house this evening.

8th Rainy this morning. I worked in garden some. The creek was lined with fishermen all day. In the afternoon I went with John Thompson and Seth Clark up dry brook – caught a good many. We had a fine time. It rained most all day. George Allen and a young man by the name of Irving fished past here today.

9th Cleared off again. I remained at home during the day. Willis came home and told me Freeman wanted to see me as he had a letter for me. I got ready and came down. Went to hotel – had a talk with Cronin and got acquainted with Martindale M D. I then went up and got the letter. The rest is silent. No one I hope shall ever read it. I went and took a walk with Irving – had a fine time with him. I got some acquainted with a man from Troy by the name of Willard. I remained quite late and went home sad enough.

10th Rained some – felt finely. About 8 o'clock Mr Willard, re above, drove up wanting I should go a fishing with him. My brother John drove up to Thompsons (where it is supposed Margaret Thompson was murdered) but not being able to catch any there we went down to George Perkins and from there fished down to our house. We caught 83 trouts. We had a very pleasant time indeed. He is a gentleman that I admired very much. He took tea at our house. Just as we started the society ladies came up. We came down to the village. [...]. He took the 3 o'clock train for Troy. I came into office and remained till night. This is all. A happy day for me.

11th I remained at home till noon. Found Oscar Thompson in the office preparing an affidavit. Several lawyers were in town. I went at 3 o'clock up to the depot to see the cars. Elisabeth Allen Hyde came in to go to attend the wedding of Miss Parmalee of Lansingburgh. Sarah and Jane Clark were there. I walked down with them. They went into Mr Howes. When they went home I walked with them up to Col. Williams. I got a paper from Willard. Got home about 9 PM.

12th Warm – very warm. John Cleveland drove up around 9 o'clock, wanting me to do some business with him. I went with him over to Shushan. The crop looked miserably. He bot some

lumber. We went round over the hills to Clapp Mills. Everything on the road looked like - desolation. We arrived in Salem about 3 o'clock. After a while I went home a foot. After eating I went up to Deacon Beattie's. Soon John Cleveland came up. He took the girls out a riding and I went home. Oh how swift the weeks roll by - no destiny but the grave [...] beyond. Though I regret that I am growing old still, it passes slow - too slow for me and my hopes and prayers for the far off future.

13th Warm and dry. I went with John on to the hill and salted the sheep - passed over where our folks have been getting out stone for wall and went on to a hill of Mr Beatties and picked some strawberries. We then came home. Remained all day reading - It has been a real June day [...].

"Nothing so pleasant as a day in June." A Mr Becker was at Mr Clarks today from Kingston. Jane C came over to our house with her children.

14th Our people hoed the potatoes between the house and barn. I remained at home engaged in that till noon - waved my hat at Tallman as he passed. Got ready and came down to the village. Went and drank some [...] at [...]. Got a pair of pants and vest, and sent by Mr McAllister for a bonnet for Sarah.

It has been quite warm all day.

15th I remained at home most of the day. It was perfectly hot, the thermometer being over a hundred in the shade. Our folks hoed their corn. Towards night I went down and went in swimming and then went down to the village. Took a ride up to E[...] on the cars. Met C Burton - had a fine time with her. Some rascal has been telling her something. I walked around this delightful village till late in the evening. I had quite a talk with Judge Burton and Beebe - then went down and smoked and went to bed.

16th Awoke and got up about 7 o'clock. Took breakfast and walked around the village. The cars came along about 7 o'clock - rode down along with Tallman - remained in the village till the mail arrived. Shiply came home last night. Hopkins Esq of Granville was here this afternoon - has been very sick. Looks bad now. Went home and took my tea. At night Sarah and Euphemia Beattie were at our house. I went home with them - had a most glorious - with them.

17th Rained all day. I remained at home. In the afternoon I went a fishing up to Robert Willsons bridge. The rain will do a great deal of good. When in house studied. This is all.

18th A fine morning. I went up on to Mr Beattie's hill and picked some strawberries. Came back and attempted to turn the brook. Came home and remained till noon. In afternoon came down to the village. Had quite a talk with Cronin in his office. Ann Blanchard came up to our house. I visited Eleanor Fairchild at her house, had a very pleasant time with her. Horatio Walker was at our house all night.

19th Got up quite early - went up to Deacon Harkness - from there over to Wm Boyds - found [...] there - saw A & B a minute then went to the village with him. Quite a number of the owners of Virginia Land [...] convened there at Salem Hotel. I made out the questions and wrote to Wm McHay Albany to have them answered. Went home completely tired out. After tea I went with Miss Blanchard up to Deacon Beatties and from thence back and went to bed. They say - a good many things - none shall know.

20th Quite pleasant. Josiah R Sherman was here this morning. He said Lydia wasn't very well. I walked with him around to see the things and went up to Robert Willson's with him. Ann E Blanchard remained till about noon when she with Willis and Mary went to the village.

I remained at home till near night when I came down and took a walk with Chas Allen. Went into hotel and talked with Harrington and Mr McFarland - and then went home.

21st Cloudy this morning - rained some. Court sat in Sandy Hill today, Judge C[...] presiding. Our people sheered sheep had 430 pounds off 119 sheep. Wed carrots and I planted over the cucumbers. Came to the village in the afternoon. Saw Beech of Troy and Judge Rosecranz. I received a letter from B [...] and a [...] from Geo S Tuckerman.

The Rail Road men are here surveying out the building places for the machine shop. It thundered and lightened very hard just at night. I was in the hotel. Mr Decker drove up in the rain with Mr Clarks folks. I was in Chas Whites office after tea. The lawyers are all at Sandy Hill.

22nd Rainy. I went up to Mr Billings to get my foot measured for a pair of boots. I planted the remainder of cucumber seeds. In the afternoon it stormed very hard. It hailed larger than any I ever saw. It was a perfect hurricane. It passed however like the tempests of the soul, and peace and sunshine returned. After a while I came down to the village and remained till night.

23rd A very pleasant day. I remained at home till noon. Came down to office. Found Rosecrans of Glens Falls in. Skellie came down with me. The great Steamboat case of White Hall came off before Judge Allen. I got acquainted with a young lawyer from Albany by name of Edwards and took a walk and had a very pleasant time with him. There were some sky rockets flung up tonight which presented a most beautiful sight. I went home feeling very finely. Nothing gives me so much pleasure as acquaintances who are capable of appreciating talent or of comprehending the "Enthusiasm" which youthful ambition always inspires. Ever welcome in my heart such friends as those.

24th Cloudy. I went in the morning over into Harkness's and picked some strawberries, brought some home to my mother. In the afternoon I came to the village and wrote some on an intended piece for Judge Marin of Troy. I walked with Chas Allen around on the machine shop grounds. They are going to occupy a large space and will eventually materially enlarge our place. The society was held at B Clevelands tonight - I didn't attend.

25th I remained at home as usual in forenoon. Went in to the little orchard and picked some strawberries. Jane Clark was at our house all day. I had quite a visit with her. Took a walk up to Deacon Beatties. Mr Billings brought me my boots. Very remarkable for a shoemaker, doing as he agreed.

In the afternoon went to the village. Wrote and studied all the afternoon. Received letters today from my brother George Ingalls [...] McHay and Martin of Chicago. I was insulted by Judge McLean tonight or took it so. D C Russell arrived from the west today. I answered McHays letter tonight.

26th I came down in the morning - it being quite pleasant. Judge Gibson got home at noon. I wrote most all day. At noon a Mr McMahon of New York came with several others to the office wanting to fix a day for finally determining the great steamboat case. A Mr Brittan of Troy was here today on business - took a drink with Van Bergen before dinner. At night Willis and my sisters came down. George Beebe had a "knockdown" with an Irishman. I walked up with Eleanor Fairchild and a Miss Campbell. It was a night of which we sometimes dream but oh! how seldom see.

27th A rosy morn - and sabbath to boot oh soul - I am happy. With Willis and John I went out into Harkness lot and picked some strawberries, then went out into our meadow near dry brook and laid down under a butternut tree. And how sweetly we mused upon the melancholly past and talked how hopefully of the enticing future. Sweet to me is the sabbath, and ever delightful its hallowed associations and the remembrances which it recalls. We then walked over back of the woods to see the [...] which are [...] in the spring. Many were dead. We then returned and remained around the house most of the day. At night Mr Clark and Billings came to our house. I dressed up and went to the village - took a walk with D C Russell down the Rail Road track -

had a very fine time with him indeed. We came back and had a long talk upon the steps of the hotel. After which I went home.

28th I remained at home most of the forenoon. About noon came to the village. Went up to the depot about 3 o'clock. There were a large number present. Was introduced to a gentleman from New Hampshire who was acquainted with General Peirce, had quite a talk with him. The excursion train arrived about 4 o'clock - nine cars filled to overflowing - saw John Kellogg and Martin [...] Townsend of Troy. They remained in town till the night train arrived when they left. They were a jolly load. I took a walk after tea with Misses Woodworth and [...] & went into Gibson's house. At night had a long talk with Russell - till quite late then went home guided by a most lovely moon.

29th Rather warm. I remained at home till noon, working in the garden, watering the plants, &c. When the excursion train returned I went with my sisters and [...] our handkerchiefs - they were returned by a good many. In the afternoon I came to the village. Studied all the afternoon. At night Samuel Stevens came in on the cars. There was a concert at the courthouse. Several of us put some money together and went in. I put some letter stamps. The singing didn't amount to much.

30th I came down quite early in the morning. The day was devoted to the trial of the steamboat case. Stevens was one side & Beach on the other. I had a fair opportunity to test the [...] of the two men. At some other time I may give an account of them both in print. After tea I listened to an account by Stevens of his visit to see the spiritual knockings. In the morning I went with Bool & Hill up Dry brook to catch some trout. Chas Buckman was in town most of the day. D C Russell went off to attend to a coroner's inquest on the remains of Mrs Maynard of Hebron who had murdered herself. After tea Cronin walked up with me. We passed Stevens & [...] on the way - presently Murray and Dick passed us in a buggy with a fast horse.

1st July Came down before noon. Sprinkled some. I copied a report of Judge Howe as Referel in the case of Blake agt [...]. In afternoon Emmonds [...] of Bishop & Hopkins office came in to get an order granted - the papers were imperfect - therefore the order was not given. I went with him out upon the ground where the Rail Road buildings are to be located. Came back and finished the copying of one and went home after tea. Went up to Deacon Beatties and met Euphemia Beattie taking a ride with someone else. We then went and took a walk up to Aaron Clevelands & met John Cleveland, Mr Cleveland and Sarah Beattie. We came back and took a game of cards. I remained after they left for a long time and I had a most "beautiful time" with Euphemia. I hope that night may never be forgotten.

2nd I copied another report today on the same matter as above. Mr Park of White Hall was here to get an order granted. Mr Russell went up Dry brook today. I went home quite early, found my sister and a girl by the name of Julia at our house. I visited with them a spell and went to bed.

3rd I remained at home for a considerable time with my sister. In the afternoon I came to the village. An excursion of Sunday School schollars came down on the cars. They were addressed by Mr Lambert - very well - I went round some with Russell. After they left, I promenaded the streets with Miss Beattie. My sister Lydia and Willis came down with the team and I returned with them.

6th "Tired, wearied and worn." I remained on the bed till 9 o'clock. All day found me at home. I worked a little, but couldn't stand so much [...] without rest. The day was warm and dry. I spent most of the time wattering plants &c.

7th I came to the village in morning and remained all day. Jared Loveland was here to see me

on business. He remained till dinner time when I went up to the cars. Wetmore was at [...]. In afternoon I wrote a letter to Wilson of Shushan on business for Loveland. It has been awful hot all day the thermometer standing at a hundred in the shade.

8th Came down in the morning - found Loveland here. He remained in my office all of the forenoon. After dinner Wetmore came in. I went and tried to get E D McKillip to have Wetmore assign [...] - he wouldn't consent. I drew it up [...] D C Russell. Soon Russell came in and took Wetmore to his office. Then Loveland came in and remained with me a short time - he then took a summons and tried to serve it on Wetmore but he left in the cars. Soon I went home. Rode from Crary place with Deacon Beattie. Very hot all day. Our folks hoed corn today.

9th I remained at home all day. The garden was suffering by the heat, and I watered the different things all day. At night I went up to Deacon Beatties and remained till 11 o'clock but did nothing. It is sultry and scorching. Our people finished hoing today.

10th Came down in the forenoon. Loveland was here - in a short time he left the office and went down to Whitcombs. In the afternoon, Wetmore came and paid the seven dollars due Loveland. I gave him a receipt for the amount he [...] to Loveland for which I received a dollar and a half. I paid up Shep Raymond the dollar I owed him. I went up to Russells office. He had made a dollar during the day. Wm B Harkness was in the office.

12th Court of Sessions set in town today. I remained at home till most noon. Came down and went to court to hear the Judge's charge - about the same as last [...] A case in which McClelland of Hebron was plaintiff and Fraser & Wilson attys was brought forward for trial, it being tried the whole of the day. I was in court most of the time. I went home at night.

13th The same case on the calendar. Job Olin of Troy was here all day - a most disconsolate looking man. Gilbert Robertson the present Recorder of Troy was at the hotel. Also his wife a very fine looking lady. Isaac W Thompson came into my office with whom I has a long talk. He is a perfect gentleman. Cronin and myself took a lemonade with Wilson before he commenced summing up. He took brandy - a great temperance man.

14th Our people commenced mowing today up on the east meadow. It looked very much like rain and they cut but little. I remained at home all day. It rained very hard in the afternoon benefitting crops a good deal as everything is parched up. At night I walked up with John Cleveland and sat down by the side of the Rail Road track above Deacon Beatties and talked for a long time. I picked up stones some during the day.

15th I went to the village towards noon and found a criminal cause on. Miss Kate Woodard was in town - I didn't speak to her. Two young ladies made perfect fools of themselves when the cars came. The young man was on trial for obtaining money under false pretenses. He was found guilty by the jury subject to a bill of exceptions. There was a concert in town by the blind vocalists - the court house was crowded - they sang well. Cronin came to hotel to see if R Parmenter was at the hotel - couldn't find him. Court adjourned tonight.

16th I remained at home all day. Our people commenced mowing below the house. I stayed at home and spread the hay and helped rake some up. The hay there is very large. It is very hot and quite dry. The rain has done but little good even today. I have been obliged to water the vegetables - the garden looks very well indeed..

17th The boys mowed in the upper meadow today and got up what was down. The grass up on the upland is not much over a half a crop. In the afternoon my brother George and Emily arrived here from Danby. They brought the little baby - a perfect picture of beauty. I immediately stopped work and visited with him. We went down the creek and fished a little - but caught nothing. Another week gone [...]

18th A beautiful Sabbath morning – pleasant with fresh air, sweet flowers and the company of a brother who has made his home far away. We went to church in the forenoon and listened to a sermon from Rev. Beverage – a very smart man indeed. After the sermon we went out and viewed the new buildings going up for the Rail Road company, then went home. We passed the day in going round and viewing the crops &c. We went round by Mr McKie before we came home. He has made himself a home that would do for a [...] of the [...]. When night came we talked how pleasantly upon topics which a mind like his would suggest.

19th Warm and dry. We went out and picked some currants for Lydia in the morning. Our people mowed the grass in the orchard. Willis commenced cradling the rye. I went over and spread the hay in the orchard in forenoon. George and Emily left after dinner. We mowed some up in Dry brook meadow. Willis W. Hastings was at our house towards night. I paid him ten dollars. Rode with him down to the village. Had a talk with Cronin and Bool.

20th We mowed in the upper meadow this forenoon. In afternoon got up the hay in the orchard. Simeon Wright cradled for us today. Very hot, almost suffocating [...] We are going to have considerable fruit. There is something stinging our plums to death.

21st Willis finished the rye today excepting a small piece in the north corner which is not ripe. We got up the hay in the upper meadow, and cut down considerable. The weather is very dry. The grass is very light. I watered the garden stuff as well as the trees & flowers in the door yard. Our rye crop is quite good. The rye stand upon the hill that lies north of the road up Perkins hollow. John and I raked up the hay with a horse rake.

22nd Mowed the piece next to the east pasture – very high. In the afternoon we raked it up. While John and I were raking, Willis handed him some water. The horse became frightened, flung him off and came very nigh injuring him as well as myself very much. We finished haying in the upper meadow excepting a small piece between the oats & wheat. Warm & dry. Got in a load of rye towards night. Cronin was here at night. I went to the village with him. A sing by the children was had at the court house tonight. I didn't attend. The Sewing Society met at Clarks this afternoon.

23rd I got up feeling rather chilly. About 9 o'clock Cronin came up to go a fishing. We got ready & started. We went with a basket up most to the end of Dry brook – tired him all out. We had a very fine time, caught a large number. Came back and found the Miss [...] and Miss Anderson of Philadelphia at our house. Had a very pleasant time with them and left for Salem. My sisters went came down. There was a [...] at Howes.

I walked up along with [...] Montgomery.

24th Got up some hay in forenoon. In afternoon commenced getting the rye. It looked very much like rain and we put it in very fast. About 2 o'clock PM I had to go and drive our cattle out of Jacob Harkness lot. Went up into the woods along with J & fixed the fence & picked some berries. Finished getting in the rye.

25th A warm & dry morning. Watered the cucumbers some this m. In afternoon John & I went up into Harkness lot to find blackberries. Our cattle were in over the fence. We drove them out and fixed the fence some. We found but few blackberries. Came back through our pasture then around home. We had some berry pies. I went over to the orchard and went in a swimming. Oh how much could I enjoy such weather if I only breathed a healthy atmosphere. But my constitution is racked by a disease which if it is [...] must forever destroy its vitality.

26th A cloudy day – sprinkled some. Didn't do anything in particular all day. At night I went up to Deacon Beatties, borrowed a saddle & went to the village to get an excursion ticket to Rutland. I went with E D McCollister and Andrew Anderson. Mr Blair gave us them. There was

a concert at the courthouse again tonight. I sat on the [...] with Cronin (at the depot). I went home feeling pretty well – lost two papers and was obliged to come back a long ways to find them. The moon was cloudless and like some fairy scene or thought of childhood it played upon my vision till it seemed to make me a child again. Oh what rapture equal to that which holds the spirit in [...] night. When stars & moon & air are thronging with the images of the past - of blighted hopes and early love. And [...].

27th I was up early in the morning. The usual hubbub for a “[...]” was more than equal to general “fevers” of that kind. After getting ready we left for the village – found the depot crowded with people all anxious for the train. It came at last and “all aboard” was sounded by the conductor before its motion had scarcely stopped. Our people all got aboard but most were left till next time. Swift as the wind in a tempest we left the village and its “[...]” behind. Rushing like an untamed eagle, the cars swept through the beautiful scenery of White Creek anon through Classic Acadia and then away they went whirring over bridges – darting through cool and [...] forests and by meadows rich and fertile till finally Granville was hailed. So we went on and away till we arrived at the beautiful & prosperous village of Rutland. The first thing that presents itself from our road are the two large buildings erected by the Rutland & Burlington Company telling in bold relief that its a business place. The Bardwell House is one of the most extensive hotels [...] at the watering places in the county. The house is furnished with much taste and is truly elegant.

It is astonishing how it has grown within the past 4 years. Then it was a very small & dull place. Now it bids fair to out rival even Burlington itself and every other place in the state.

I passed most of the day with my friend Wm T Nichols a gentleman and a scholar. Left R about dark for Salem. Had a very pleasant ride down. My brother and sisters left in the noon train. I sat down to C[...] with H Freeman after that [...] & with C H Allen. I arrived at Salem completely tired at about 10 o'clock. Rode up along with Deacon Beattie.

28th Waked up about 9 o'clock very tired indeed. Commenced spreading some hay which our hired men mowed the day before in the meadow [...] east of the house. Today our people mowed a strip on the west side of the railroad the whole length of the meadow. In the afternoon got the hay most all up. Very dry and warm – almost like a furnace, all day. The steamboat Henry Clay¹⁷ was burned on the Hudson today.

29th Mother went to Rutland this morning. We mowed in the east meadow by the little barn. I spread what was heavy. Most of it was so light that it didn't need it. I went to creek and bathed & left for the village to go to Troy. There was a large number ready to go north & south on the free tickets. We left at 12 o'clock for Troy arrived about 1 o'clock. Took dinner at the Troy House. At three o'clock left for Schenectady. Found the College out. By mistake took the cars for Saratoga Springs arrived at the springs past dark. My impressions of the place were more than realized. The scenery was perfectly enchanting, the hotels ahead of any that I ever saw – and the women, God bless them, looked like Angels. I found a young man by the name of Thompson who introduced me to a fellow called Pike. We went round to see the [...] together. [...].

30th Got up and dressed myself, feeling like the d – l. My appearance was decidedly bad – muddy boots, a hat that showed the effects of rain, and everything messy as a picked rooster. I walked down to [...] Spring and was [...] by some pretty girls and [...]. I saw Misses Fitch & Atwood, didn't like the company & didn't speak to them.

I took a walk around the woods which are indeed delightful. I took the 9 o'clock train for Troy without taking breakfast. Arrived about 10 at Troy, took dinner at the [...] & started for

¹⁷ The “Henry Clay” caught fire during an impromptu race with the “Armenia” down the Hudson River from Albany to New York City, and crashed ashore in Riverdale. At least 58 people died, including Louisa Hawthorne, sister of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Albany. Went to S M D C and did my business, came back and went down to Bankers office - from there to Frank Parmenters. Took tea with him. Was introduced to some very pretty girls, the Misses Adams. Remained at their house all night. Passed the evening pleasantly playing whist, and went to bed.

31st Didn't sleep very well. Got up feeling bad - took breakfast - had a little chat with the Miss A. and went to Frank's office.

Took a walk with [...] and talked with him some about Mann & Miss Plum.

Saw Miss Howard.

Left around 10 o'clock for Salem [...]. Rode up with Albert [...] from Cambridge.

C Cowan was in town today. I arrived home about 4 o'clock and went to bed. Willis & Mary went to Lydias this evening. All I believe.

1st August Pleasant morning, though some cloudy. Picked a pail of cucumbers down at the barn, the first of the season. I went in swimming in afternoon & layed about most of the day. Nothing new.

2nd Mowed in the south corner of the east meadow. I went in the morning on horse to the village. Worked in yard mowing some. I stuck a stick into my eye which hurt it very much. I spoke to John King about the [...] I got there. Miss Jane Clark sewed all day at our house. I lay abed part of the time.

3rd Our people cut the grass around the spring today. Got up some that they mowed the day before. The grass was some better. I went to town in afternoon and received a letter from S M D C. Came home and went to bed.

4th Commenced mowing in the lower meadow. I mowed considerably this forenoon. It rained pretty hard. There was a Catholic meeting at Mr Sweenys this forenoon. Father went down to the village with Willis before noon to get the R Road company to have the road within 2 rods. The first time father has been to the village since he was sick. Didn't mow any in the afternoon. As it rained I went to the village & sent a letter to S M D C. T Cronin walked back with me. Got up some oats today.

5th Worked hard all the forenoon. Mowed down all of the grass and piece which they [...] around. Turned over the hay and [...] it up. Just before night it commenced raining hard. I went to town and got an instrument for me to use. [...]. Finished getting in the oats.

6th Finished mowing today all east of the old house. The people building the Rail Road fence commenced here today. Mr Clarke was along here. Came out into the meadow and cut some grass. It was [...] all day. We [...] all up we didn't get up.

7th We got up most of the hay we had mowed. We had to work very hard. I felt very well indeed. I didn't have any [...] Dear me. I hope I shall get well. We [...].

8th Warm & cloudy. Mother & I left for Pawlet at about 9 o'clock. Arrived there about noon. Nothing particular occurred on the route. Albert Sherman was at Lydias. He took Mary home. Lydia didn't look very well. We left for home about 4 PM, arrived about dark. On the way we carried a Mr Smith, the father of the girls that attended the normal school.

9th Cloudy & a little rain. The fence builders were on hand this morning. I went to town rather early and with Cronin went to Union Village. I went for the purpose of appointing an agent to send to Virginia to settle the land business there. They concluded upon merchant Hull against my wishes however.

After that business was done came up and had a talk with Thomas Ingalls, then left for home - had a very pleasant ride.

Horace Walker gave me an account against Elisabeth Beattie. Our people had got up all the hay down. I paid Root all I owed him.

10th Mowed on the west side of Rail Road down most to the swimming hole. A very pleasant day indeed. The cars were graveling the Road along here.

The grass is very heavy. I remained at home all day. At night read some of the story of [...] Humphrey's clock - a most capital novel.

11th Mowed down farther around the deep hole and got up what we mowed yesterday. I had an [...] Went in swimming just before dinner.

12th Mowed down most to the creek. The gravel cars are down to the lower end of the meadow. In afternoon [...] & Root came along with a net to catch a big trout. I went up with them to the fishing hole.

13th Finished the west side of the lower meadow. The Irishmen had to come out and show their [...] in mowing. I went over the creek but was so tired I went home. In the afternoon I went down & raked it up. Got most of all in.

14th Mowed just below the lower barn, also a piece up between the oats and wheat. Got them both up. At night I came down to the village. Took a walk with C H Allen. Agreed to go with him down to a ball to be held in Cambridge on Monday night. Had a very pleasant time with him.

15th I went a berrying with mother today. It rained some. I went over back of the woods. Got some. [...].

16th Our people mowed down lower part of the lower meadow - very pleasant indeed - we got up some of the hay. I went down to the village towards night. Found C H Allen at the depot. When the train came along we went to Cambridge. The ball was a very good one. There was the usual amount of swearing, drinking &c. Remained all night. Nothing particular happened.

17th I started before sunrise for home. I walked most to Shushan when a fellow came along and asked me to ride. I went with him to Shushan. I walked the remainder to McAllisters. I had been there but a few minutes when the cars passed. I remained at [...] till noon when I rode up with Perkins to village, and from there walked home. Got up oats in afternoon. Clark with all his [...] was there.

18th Picked the cucumbers in morning - mowed down all the hay and got it most up. John [...] came along down and talked in meadow. Some built a stack or [...] of one.

19th Picked cucumbers. John & Pat went to [...] to Dry brook. I mowed a little. The hay was raked up in afternoon and the stack topped off.

20th I remained at home picking up stones, gathering cucumbers &c. I wrote a letter to George informing that I would go to the Rutland State Fair, likewise to Holly & Granger. I went down and put the letters in office.

21st Cloudy and some rain. We expected F I Parmenter here today, but he didn't come. D C Beattie & Henry Campbell called here today - had a very pleasant time with them. Neither have changed much. I came down to town & had a long talk with DCB in hotel in reference to Douglass. A short time after Mr Beattie came & had to talk in reference to his western town - he was drunk.

22nd Very pleasant. I went to church this morning - in forenoon to Mr Lamberts this

afternoon to the white church to hear Dr. Bethune. The latter preached on Revenge - the most eloquent sermon I ever heard. He is decidedly a great man. Came to hotel and talked with Major McFarland - then went home.

23rd I came to the village this morning and entered the office - met Judge Gibson in post office - nothing particular happened today. I [...] office up &c. I was unable to get to my chamber having lost the key.

24th A very pleasant day! I was in the office most of the day. I went with Cronin towards night up on to the hill west of the village. We talked of old times and wished oh how earnestly that they might come again - but the soul says never!

25th I got a letter from Parm today stating he should be at our house on Saturday. I felt remarkably well all day on account of no ---. I also got one from George wishing me to come to Danby. I passed a good part of the day in Cronin's office.

26th Our people plowed for rye today. I was in office - copied an account for Judge. He was absent all day at Albany. I got a letter from Horatio Walker in reference to an account he left with me to collect.

27th I was at the office - very pleasant day. I had a talk with James Clark in reference to serving a notice on Rail Road and also in reference to the coming election. I wrote and served the notice on John H McFarland. Nothing particular occurred today.

28th A beautiful day! Was busy in the office all the forenoon. When at the depot at noon, Frank & Comstock made their appearance - pretty drunk. I went with them to hotel, and after dinner went home with them. They remained all the afternoon in house. About night they took a ride up the east road. There was some company at Dea Harkness today.

29th Rainy. Comstock & Frank remained all day. It poured incessantly all the time. Played cards most of the time. I walked up to Dry brook to see the corn.

30th Beautiful morning. I came with the gents down to the village. They took some brandy & left. I was consulted by Samuel Beattie in reference to a suit he had with Harkness. I studied all day.

31st I went with Cronin down to Slab City¹⁸ this morning to see Baker. We had a most delightful time of it. At night Russell White and myself had a real "go over" in [...]

A most delightful night moon & stars are bright.

1st Sept Felt finely this morning. Waked up by the rattling of the cars rushing to the state fair at Putnam - sublime! After the preliminaries in getting ready &c. we started for Danby. The ride was very wearisome and the going tedious in the extreme. We arrived at Lydia's about 10 o'clock & started about 3. We arrived at D about dark. I went over to where George was loading marble & announced our arrival. We were much pleased as brothers are to see each other. We had a very pleasant time in the evening & I went to bed happy.

2nd We took the first train in morning for Rutland. About 50 cars were [...] to overflowing. The cars were platforms. We arrived at Rutland about 11 o'clock. I found Parmenter, Comstock & Holly there. I went with H and George with Parm. I was very happy in meeting Holly after the elapse of so many years since we had met as school mates. He has changed by much. The fair

¹⁸ East Greenwich

was poor. I heard Senator Seward.¹⁹ I was very much disappointed in the man. He disproved phrenology. His head was small, his forehead low, his temperament was extremely [...]. His physique is rather small and his countenance decidedly pleasing. He is not a [...] speaker though very good. His speeches read far better than they sound. I was certainly astonished in thinking that such a [...] man had calibre enough to shake the union.

I arrived home at dark. Nothing particular occurred [...].

3rd Cloudy & somewhat sultry. There were but few comparatively that went to Rutland with those who went [...]. I visited with a second cousin of mine by the name of Joseph Lapham from Peru. In the afternoon I went to the medicinal spring near the Borough - east. I remained around till bedtime when I went to rest.

4th We left the Borough about 10 o'clock. A most beautiful morning. After we had got most to the Corners, John & I got out & walked cross logs up to the top of the hill west of the Corners.

We arrived at Lydia's in time for dinner. After dinner we started for home with Lydia & the hired girl. Had a very pleasant ride. Arrived home about 4 o'clock. After supper I went with John Cleveland down to the village. Got a letter from Wm S Granger.

5th A beautiful morning. I remained at home all day, picking cucumbers & visiting with Lydia. I walked up into Clarkes fields to find some berries. Walked over to the orchards, went in a swimming &c.

6th I wrote a letter to Wm S Granger today. The General Term of Supreme Court sat at Johnstown today. I intended to be admitted but supposing that I should not come of age till after it closed, I didn't go out. Judge Gibson & others went out.

7th I sent the complaint in the case of Elisabeth Beattie vs. Horatio Walker to Walker to have it verified. A most delightful day. The little girls were in here today and it was very pleasant to hear the [...] creatures prattle away.

I got a note from Bailey to come to his house so I went up. He wanted I should do some business against D L Archibald.

8th A most beautiful day. A Mr Adams of Troy was here today - a very fine man. I went with him up to the depot. Mr McFarland wanted I should go over to Sandy Hill to a camp meeting - but I could not go.

There was nothing new today.

9th Judge Gibson got back from Ballston Spa. He told me that a large class was admitted and that none appeared to [...] their business. I was visited again by the little children as happy as ever.

10th I got out a summons for D L Archibald. Cowan & [...] were at the hotel today [...] for sherriff. There were a lot of fellows went over to the pond a fishing. Another party was going & [...] but backed out. In afternoon I went over to Argyle with Allen Gibson. Took tea at Rouses. Came home dark as the devil. Arrived home about 10 o'clock.

11th I went down to Martins to defend Chas Nichols. He was fined \$4.00. The Whig caucus met today at Union Hall - considerable excitement.

I selected those I wanted.

It rained all day. I served a notice on Mr Sanford in reference to the Rail Road bridge. Lots of [...].

Another week gone to the old [...] - sentimental.

¹⁹ William H. Seward, then U.S. Senator from New York

12th My birth day! What a different sound that day had in my youthful ear. Today I am 21 years old! Flung from the care of parents, I am cast into the conflict of life.

"Vain was the man & false as [...]

Who said were he ordained to run

His same career of life again

He would do all that he had done."

What shall the future have for me. Let it not be as the past 4 years of my life. Let death come first. The day is pleasant. I remained at home most of the day.

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21 yrs old

13th A lovely morning. I owed John King \$10 [...] had to be payed today. I went to Chas Allen & got it and paid him. Nothing of importance occurred today. Court sat in Sandy Hill.

14th I was in considerable trouble today on account of ---. I remained in office all day. There are two new dwelling houses going up in the village [...] by George Vail. I received word from Parmenter telling that they should want me at the fair next week.

15th I obtained the money this morning of father to pay Allen. He appeared satisfied. Mr Perry died today. So the children are left orphans in this cold selfish world. Nothing I should dread so much as that. There was a medicine peddler here with whom I played cards also White & Russell. His lady was a --- loose one. I guess she has a ---. I settled with Archibald for Bailey today after considerable trouble.

16th I wrote a letter to Hon John Savage today in reference to getting up a work on the distinguished men of Washington County. The funeral of Mr Perry took place today. There were but few in attendance. I acted as one of the pallbearers. Had a good time the remainder of the day [...].

17th I was down early! Saw Mr Clarke who informed me who asked me in reference to the notice I served on McFarland - came to find out it was wrong.

Mr Amos Hopkins wanted to see me about going to Rupert to attend to a suit for him. Chas White came in and we looked the case over found that we could sustain the actions.

A most beautiful day.

18th I served another notice on McFarland today. Wm A Russell asked me into the office wanting I should all I could for him if he came up for State Prison Inspector. I told him I would of course - but -

Nothing new during the day.

19th Sabbath - beautiful morn! I went to church all day. Mr Lambert preached. I asked D C Russell if the complaint in the case of William Beattie had been served he told me not which made me mad. I stepped on Mrs Lansing's dress after church which made her spunky - I [...]!

I came down after going home later and had a long talk with Cronin.

20th Hopkins came to our house early and after going to the village I went up with him to Rupert. The case came off at 3 o'clock and was adjourned. I went up to the other village & took the train for Troy. Had a very pleasant ride. Took tea at the Troy House went with Frank to his boarding place. Took tea and had a very pleasant time in playing [...] after which went to bed.

21st I went up to Lansingburgh early this morning and commenced my business. There was quite a crowd there. They kept us very busy all day. I became acquainted with some very pretty girls. Averill was one of the clerks. We went home in the stage after our work was done.

I went and stopped at Albany. Tim Barker & I went up on 8th Street and had a very fine time. After which we came back & took a game of whist at young [...]. I stopped at the Troy House all night & Clarke of Salem was there.

22nd The crowd was immense. Young Averill and myself had to make copies for the Executive Committee of everything we placed upon the books. We had a most glorious time. We took dinner at the Phoenix Hotel. After my work, I went home with the Miss Saffords & took tea with them. Went to Franks & stayed all night.

23rd This was the last day of the fair. We had things our own way most of the time. We went round with the women &c. Comstock & I waited upon the Miss [...] - very pretty ladies indeed. I stayed all night with Parmenter and we played whist considerably. I was completely tired out. A year ago this time I became sick on account of the toil and excitement connected with the fair.

24th Took quite a visit with the Miss Adams this morning. After which went up Franks office. Remained down with him most of the forenoon. Took dinner at the [...]. After which I took a walk with Comstock up to Washington Hall. He then left for home learning that his brothers partner was at his house. I saw my old school mate Cuyler from Poultney at the American Hotel. Saw Miss Walker & Mrs McAllister at the American also. Took the last train up for home arrived about 6 P M. Very pleasant time indeed. Attended a party at Judge Gibsons which went off finely - Miss Davids benefit.

25th Samuel Stevens was here today & I broached a subject to him in the steamboat case. I went with Cronin over to Sandy Hill. Saw Davenport on the way. Took tea at Carswells Fort Edward. Had a pleasant time with A D [...]. The moon was casting its mellow light upon the earth as we returned home, and we had a glorious time.

26th I remained at home today. Spent most of it in reading Uncle Tom's Cabin, the greatest literary production of the age. At night I came down to the village and attended the Methodist Church. It has been very pleasant.

27th Allen Gibson was here today preparing insurance agencies. He wanted I should go to Argyle to address a school convention but could not go. He left me some notice of the Institute to be held at Union Village. I obtained from Orrin Austin laws of the United States in reference to the General Bankrupt Law, which I think decided the case of Hopkins in my favor.

28th It rained this morning & Judge Gibson left for Granville on a reference. I came down with my brother John. A Gibson was with Harkins most of the day till he left. He wanted me today to address the Teachers Institute. He left this afternoon for Argyle. I passed most of the day in looking up law authorities.

29th I was in the office early this morning. It was a chilly day. I had dinner prepared for me early so that I could take the cars for Rupert, but Hopkins came along and I went up with him. After parties had arrived the cause was tried & decided for the defendant. I then with Hopkins & Parker down to the Rail Road & afterwards walked up town to took tea at Lovelands. Went down to the depot & remained till the 9 o'clock train came along, when I came to town, after which I walked home. The cattle fair commenced at Union Village.

30th I wrote a letter to the Clerk of the Northern District of New York at Auburn. Took a walk up on to the hill where they are erecting new buildings & building fences &c. I studied hard all day. Nothing of importance occurred. The Agricultural Fair terminated today.

1st Oct C H Allen was dismissed today from all connection with the Rail Road company, likewise A C Lansing. Our people gathered their apples today [...] commenced. I had a talk

with Mr Clarke in reference to the men we should send to Argyle, also to Union Village - he being a candidate for the assembly. He at last told me at the office that I had better not have him a candidate unless the people couldn't agree on McMurray or Fitch. Russell & Baker were in the office this morning.

[...] Freeman & H[...] arrived from Pittsfield this evening.

2nd Very pleasant today. The Whig caucus met to appoint delegates to the convention - N. W. Wilson - John - McDonald & A B [...] were appointed to the assembly for Fitch & McMurray, Josephus Fitch & J[...] Gibson to the county convention for Dodd & Martin. We had a very fine time after the convention adjourned in various matters. After tea the Fire Company made a display - I helped them some.

3rd I passed most of the day at home reading &c. At night I came down & had a long talk with C H Allen & J R Lytle. Chas gave us some first rate beer to drink. I told Chas [...] a secret. We walked up to [...] bridge with Little. I went to Methodist Church and came home with [...].

4th It was a chilly day. The pillars to the brick church were commenced [...]. Father sold his cattle for 13 dollars a head. I spoke to Mr Blair in reference to the amount of a mortgage he had against father and then went with him up to his office. Allen Gibson was here all day tending to insurance business.

5th I brot down the amount of money due Blair. I had a talk with Chas Allen. Samuel Stevens was in town and I got acquainted with him - liked him very much a perfect gentleman. I went up to [...] office.

6th Stormy. Thomas Ingalls was here this forenoon. I had a very pleasant visit with him. He brot up an article he had been writing. He left before noon. I saw D C Russell about going over to Argyle tomorrow. Thought he would be [...] - glad of it - nothing further.

7th I came down early. A very pleasant morning. Cronin & I took dinner at Howes and then left for Argyle. We had a very pleasant time. Attended the Whig county convention. Henry B V[...] was nominated for Congress N B [...] Clerk Gandell sheriff B[...] treasurer &c. Not much excitement.

Allen Gibson rode back with me and L[...] with Martin - had a fine time coming home. When we told the news the [...] seemed disappointed. There was a ball at Fentons to which Gibson & I went. We remained all night having a very pleasant time.

8th We took the 9 o'clock train for home & arrived pretty well used up. I remained in the office all day. Went home about dark and went to bed. I had hardly got asleep when mother came up and told me that someone was run over by the cars. I hastened up and found that a man by the name of Eben Woodward of Rupert had really been hit by them. He was the most horrible looking sight I ever beheld. Covered with clotted blood. He had driven over the cattle guards & when the engine struck him he was facing it. He will certainly die!

9th Willis remained at Mr Beatties all night with Mr Woodward - he reported he was worse this morning. I came down and had tell to a large number all the particulars. I brought down fifty Dollars to Mr Blair this morning which I paid on the last mortgage. I paid Allen Gibson what I owed him. It rained tonight but I went home.

From the above time to the 1st of January Mr Woodward died. Mrs Lambert during November. There were married during that time - Lydia Richmond to --- [...] Bruce to a Mr Heath. John Sherman & Frances Wilson - Sarah Rising to a gentleman in Troy. Montgomery Parker to a Miss [...] George Beebe to Miss Watkins & Henry Lakin to Miss Robertson. I attended one ball at the Salem Hotel - had a fine time. I delivered an address before the teachers Institute at Union Village. The election came off which resulted in the election of a Democratic President - Peirce.

There was a good deal of excitement at the hotel in town. I was chosen by some individuals to go to Virginia to see into & examine some land titles. I left the fore part of November (the 8th) for Virginia and was gone 8 weeks. The particulars of my journey see published account. I was visited by my brother & his wife in the fore part of November and had a fine time with him.

1st January 1853 I arrived at Syracuse the night before & went to Dr Thompsons & stayed all night. I remained at T's till about 10 o'clock when I went up to the city. Waited there for Rawson some time who not coming. I went down to Bellisle. Stayed all night with him. He boarded at a house where the people were rich - very pleasant company.

2nd I remained in house all day talking over old times at Poultney &c. Very cold & looked like snow. Nothing occurred of importance.

3rd I started quite early for Syracuse. The gentleman came out with me. He was taking his daughter to Cazenovia to school. I remained at the Globe Hotel till the express came up. Took the cars and arrived at Schenectady at dark. D C Russell and C A White were there waiting to be examined. At night we were examined²⁰ which passed off very creditably. After which we went and took a game of whist. Jane Clarke and William Leighton were married - to bad!

4th We went up this morning to the C H to have our examination renewed but we were admitted without further [...]. We went and got our Diplomas and then took a game of nine pins. The company got some tight. I remained over night at Schenectady with Weed. They say we raised the old boy at the saloon.

But I suppose this is excusable as it happens only once in a life time.

5th Took the morning train for Albany. Went into the Legislature a few minutes did some business and came up to Troy. Saw Frank & some of the boys had a good time. Took the train & came home. Glad enough to be again in old Salem. Found the people all well &c.

6th I remained at home all day visiting & talking over matters & things in general.
Went to the social at Blairs.

7th I came to the village in the morning. Judge hadn't arrived. Walked around to see the improvements that had been made in the Rail Road buildings with C H Allen.

Called on Russell for my [...]. Saw Cronin - took tea with him at Howes. Commenced board at Woodworths. Went to Hebron to see about a man by name Hastings.

8th In the village all day. The fireman held a meeting at Howes tonight. Wrote some letters to Walker & Fullerton.

Sued Hull today, father settled with Howe.

9th Remained home today. At night got word by Willis that Edward McAllister wanted to see me. Came down. Wanted to see me about getting the church for his brother King to lecture in. I attended the brick church & heard a lecture to young men by Rev Lambert which was very good.

A most delightful day.

10th The county court was in session today. Several lawyers present. Nothing of importance on the calendar.

11th Was in court all forenoon. A Mr Marsh of Boston came in the noon train to catch a man by the name of Hastings. I went up with him up to Wills - took tea there & left for Pawlet -

²⁰ Presumably the examination to be admitted to the bar

remained there all night.

A very cold & dismal day.

12th Left Pawlet about 8 o'clock for Granville. Cold, but no sleighing. We arrived there 11 o'clock. Left Marsh there & started for home. Arrived at 9 o'clock. No business ready at court this afternoon. Went to singing school at night.

13th D C Russell tried a cause assigned to him by the court. Was beaten. Mr McAllister lectured tonight at the Brick Church. I appointed chairman and moved a vote of thanks. The lecture was on Daniel Webster - very good.

14th It was a spring day. In the afternoon I was down to the Academy & attended the public exercises - very good! After this went down to East Greenwich Lyceum. Delivered a lecture, house was crowded. Came back & remain all night with King. We had a very pleasant time.

15th I remained at McAllisters till about 9 oc when with Ed & King I came up to the village. Found Walker at the hotel waiting for me. Went down to the office & told him how things stood in Virginia he appeared satisfied. Found issue in the case against Hall. Had a letter stating that Hastings had been found.

16th I remained home all day. It was cold & dreary. Snowed some. Walked around the farm considerably.

17th Got up early - arrived village about 9 oc found Walker there Told over to him some events &c. John Williams is very sick with the measles not expected to live. The firemen had an oyster supper at Howes to night. I spoke to them a very good time. C H Allen & James Gibson went to Albany today.

18th Cloudy - not much sleighing. In afternoon Mr Mowry & Lawrence were here to set up a ride down to their ball on the 20th. I went all around to the different gentlemen with them. They remained till dark took tea &c.

19th Rather pleasant, but cold. The ball came off at the Salem Hotel - very good. I went and danced once with Miss Dewey. A rowdy set of managers.

20th I came down early & went to office - in all day studying. At night went down to Union Village with a [...] by the name of Rice.

It snowed but went very quick. There was a very large company. I waited on Misses Fielding & Holmes principally. The best dance I ever attended - perfectly orderly & every thing right.

21st I left Union Village about 9 in the morning. Arrived home about 11 o'clock cost four dollars. We had been home only a short time before Mr Day the proprietor came & told us we had made a wrong selection in Buffaloes. He took them & returned.

22nd Slept well. Entered into a contract with T [...] Woodworth to have half of the profits above fifty. C H Allen got back today from Albany where he had been with James before the U S. Marshall for breaking open letters & taken money. James was held to bail for \$1000 & ran away - no doubt in reference to either - [...] proof against him.

Robert Billings died today of consumption - poor fellow he's clear at last from all his sorrow.

Mary went to Pawlet today.

23rd. Rather chilly & soft. I attended the funeral of Robert Billings - a very large one - went down with E Beattie to the grave yard. Had to walk home. Remained home the rest of the day.

Went round & saw the barns &c.

24th Snowed some. We concluded to go to Union Village. Sent word to Union Village that we were coming. Attended the singing school at night.

25th Keen cold air. Decent sleighing. Got some money from Marsh. Paid King & Howe. Paid J C Woodworth one Dollar. He couldn't give me change for a ten Dollar bill - so he kept the one.

26th Very good sleighing. Drew up a notice for John Cleveland. Went to Union Village at night with a large company. Very cold indeed going down. We had a very fine time - dancing, playing whist &c. Waited on Miss Dewey principally. We remained till 12 o'clock & came home. I sat down in the bottom of the sleigh & had a comfortable time.

27th Remained at Woodworths all night. Cold as you please in morning. Went to office & learned that one of the horses we had to go to Union Village had died. Had a long talk with boys about the price of horse &c.

A gentleman by name of Pike was here from Fort Ann. Paid him 75 cents for serving notice on Emphy. Sent a summons by him to E - y.

28th Cold & chilly. Went down to grave yard with Timothy Cronin & saw the monument above his parents - very beautiful & appropriate. Saw a [...] through the window pretty as a pink. Freeman agreed to give \$45 for the horse of Watson a perfect fool - worth nothing. But I must pay it suppose.

29th I went round to the Depot today and looked at the mighty building for the Rail Road. A splendid edifice which makes Salem look up wonderfull. In the afternoon Loveland & a man by the name of Woodward for the latter of whom I drew up some notices not to trust wife. He told me that I should be employed to defend him against his wife in case she brot an action for divorce. Quite a cold day. No sleighing.

30th I remained at home in the forenoon looking at the condition of things &c. Towards night I went down to the village to hear a sermon by Rev Mr Lambert to young ladies. Had quite a talk with some young men at hotel then went with them to church. He (Lambert) lectured very well.

After which came back and talked with Major McFarland and had some singing from some boys - fine music.

31st I commenced making out a ticket for a ball to be held on the 15th Feby. I was occupied most of the day in that business. At night went up to Whites office & had a talk on law. Got the consent of Russell & White to act as managers.

After which came to hotel & took a game of whist along with some young men in [...] room.

1st Feby The meeting of the stockholders of the Troy & Rutland Rail Road came off today - the object was to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

All of the old Directors were elected. I saw E H Newton who consented to be a manager at our ball. I drew a chattel mortgage for David Cleveland. Rather cold no sleighing. F Company from Jackson went to Fentons tonight.

2nd I sent the tickets to Troy today to get them printed. Passed the day in study principally. At night went up to White's office. Mr. Blair came in & remained all the time talking on Webster &c. After which we went down to Murrays room & took a game of whist. It rained very hard & I remained at Woodworths all night.

3rd Rained hard. Ceased but very icy. C White came down to my office & we had a long talk on a certain young man whom we agreed to stick when the opportunity presented. Scott the Map man Washington County was here - almost blind.

Expected the tickets to night but they didn't come.

4th Made calculations to go down to Slab City to speak upon the Maine Liquor Law & also to lecture on Poetry but on account of the weather didn't go. I was in White's office most of the time after dark - intended to go see the ladies but was disappointed. The ball tickets didn't come.

5th I went to Harkness office this morning to get some tickets printed the reason I supposed the Troy man wasn't a going to print them. He asked \$3.00 a hundred. At night I received a proof ticket also a notice [...] from John Kellogg in the suit of Ed McAllister. Went to hotel showed the ticket and all liked very much - got up in a good style.

No news in particular.

6th Remained at home all day - it stormed some. The creek was very high. John & I went down into Harkness meadow to see how the creek was cutting his land.

I layed abed most of the time.

7th I came down early. Served a notice on Chas Crary - went to Harkness & told him he needn't print our tickets. It made him mad but I don't care. I sent the proof to Troy.

I remained in study all day.

A cold & pleasant day. Chas White was in my office most of the day.

In morning [...] & his brother came up from Cambridge - the first on history to Albany Medical College. I advised with Samuel Beattie in reference to a demand he had against Jas Beattie.

8th Pleasant day! At one o'clock joined issue with Francis N Empey adjourned to the 15 April. At tea learned that S O Raymond was going to be married on the following day. About 9 o'clock coming into hotel the boys made Raymond [...] the consequence was that a company of about had to all [...] up which made a pretty tight party. I was quite sick & pretty tight likewise McFarland, Russell & White - a great time.

9th Shepherd Raymond was married this morning to Miss Laura Dewey. I came down about 9 o'clock and visited Chas A White who was quite sick. He went with Proudfit over to the wedding.

About noon I went up to the Depot & congratulated the bride & groom. They took the cars for New York. There was also another wedding.

I [...] the tickets tonight from Troy all ready & [...] - the whole price of them was only \$6.75 - for four hundred.

10th I left this morning with Cronin for Union Village. It was a very cold morning. We arrived there a short time before noon - took dinner there and then went round & saw the boys who agreed to come. The small pox is raging quite hard in the village. After dinner we left for Argyle - stopping at Mowrys - Wm Mowry agreed to attend party. It commenced storming before we arrived at Argyle. Got there about 4 o'clock - did our business & left for home - storming all the way. I arrived here at 9 o'clock - I remained in the village all night.

11th Went this morning down to Clapps Mill inviting Ed McAllister - Dole &c. Went down to [...] - took dinner at Cleveland's called on the Miss Wrights - also Fitches and then returned home. John McNaughton went up on the creek. I remained in the village all night.

12th Went up to Rupert this morning - called at Shermans. Saw Hopkins - called on Miss Sheldon - Miss Burton and the Miss Parkers - sent word to Miss Brown. Went to the upper village & called at Judge Burtons - took the freight train and came to village - went round and invited the girls in the village. Remained till late & went home. Called on the Miss Clapps & had a very good visit with them. Took a look at the valentines at the Post Office.

13th Remained at home all day. It snowed quite hard all day. I studied and slept most of the time.

14th Came down quite early & called at Post Office & got a valentine in which Shiply & myself was trying a lawsuit - very witty indeed. I went with Henry Osborne over to the west part of the town & invited Miss Hill to attend our party. She consented to go in case her parents would permit. As I was returning back I met Tim Blanchard who informed that my father was dying - for quite a spell I believed he told me the truth - but he was lying the rogue. I went with Ed McCollister down to the Academy to invite Miss Archibald - she couldn't go. Misses Mowry and Holmes of Union Village were here tonight on their business - went up to N[...] and took some oysters with Hastings &c.

15th Remained around the village all day engaged in preparation for the [...]. At noon Thompson and a lady came down from Granville. In afternoon I went up to Howes along with S where I met a gentleman from G. &c. I went at night up to Rupert after the ladies there - we tipped over near Crarys hurt me some. Misses Brown [...] I Parkers & Miss Sheldon accompanied us. Misses Burton, Beattie & Winchester who were waiting at Marys would not come. We arrived at hotel & found that only a few were present. I then went down to Wrights & got one there - came back just in time to go up to the train of cars from the south - several came in cars which made a good company.

We had the Granville Band of music - very good. There were not near so many present as I expected owing to the fact that there was a direct opposition on the part of some who did all they could to break it up. The report had got out that the small pox was here - it was raging very bad in Union Village - I returned with the Rupert girls - had a very fine ride with them.

16th I arrived home about six o'clock in the morning and after warming myself went to bed. I slept till noon. When I awoke found it raining very hard. I went to bed again & slept till night. John came home from school bringing two letters one from Walker the other from J G Fenton. I sat up till about 9 o'clock & went to bed.

The hopes & expectancies of balls all gone to the d - l.

17th Came down early in morning & remained in office all day. In afternoon went round with Willis W. Hastings down to Atwoods new house &c. At night borrowed ten Dollars of Timothy Cronin to pay up Hastings.

Attended a Donation at Lamberts - gave him a book. Was invited to join a class in Butlers Analogy²¹ by Miss H. M. Russell. Accepted. Went home with Alida Allen - asked another - she was engaged.

So adieu fair ones - farewell for the present. Oh, how I love the one ---

Today sent a letter to Nichols with the signature of [...] Burton.

18th Frank Walker was married to Miss Peirce today. Willis Hastings left for Troy. Cold and chilly day. The freight train ran off the track this morning into the creek below our house - injuring one Smally & breaking the cars bad -

19th In the office all day. Nothing particular occurred. Got a notice that the Rail Road Company were going to pay interest on the stock. Burdick & Taylor were here from Granville, also Isaac W Thompson on business before Judge Gibson. Cronin & Russell had a motion before him - Tim will beat - I think. I went round into the Rail Road buildings along with L & B - had quite a talk with them on Thompson &c.

²¹ Butler, [Bishop] Joseph, *Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature* (London: 1736)

20th Remained at home till night - reading &c. I went down to the creek where they were at work getting out the cars from the creek. Very cold day.

At night went to village & listened to a lecture from Rev A B Lambert on spending time profitably. Very good indeed for him - after which went to hotel & had a talk with Major McFarland.

21st Judge Gibson & the rest of the lawyers went to Sandy Hill to attend court. Young Clark and I fenced with the sword - I got the oysters on to him. At night we got some oysters nuts &c & had quite a feast. Major McFarland was in to help dispose of them. [...], Montgomery, Pike Steele was here tonight and remained in office till full [...].

No news in particular.

22nd Studied hard all day. The Press came out in a long article against the Washington Co Post because the Post copied an article from "[...] Papers" printed in Troy. I fenced some with Major McFarland and Clark. A young man by the name of Scott came in office - wishing me to go round & get some subscribers for the map of our county. At night went over & got some oysters at Smarts.

23rd It rained very hard this morning - rained till late in afternoon, when it commenced snowing. The ladies of belonging to the Singing School went to the church & practiced this afternoon. They had a concert at the Brick Church - which I attended - it was very good. I sat with John King - went home with no one.

24th A most beautiful day. Remained in office most of the time. In afternoon the ladies went down to Henry Fitchs to their sewing society. When they returned at night they stopped opposite the office & sang - very nice. I received some tickets from Thompson to distribute likewise a letter to a ball. John Darrow was in office to see in reference to the payment of his fees in the matter of Marsh - it seems Shiply received five Dollars more than he accounted for. I paid him the amt. Anderson was in here in the evening. Judge got home from Sandy Hill to night.

25th Studied all day. Rather cold - Gibson's children are all sick with the measles. James was [...] the day. I attended at night a class in Butlers Analogy which met at Lamberts. Don't know but I shall get myself into a scrape by telling my opinions &c.

Came home with Elisabeth Austin. I had quite a [...] full at Russells office on the steps - Judge Cowan from Hartford was here today.

26th The office full of customers all day. Turner employed me agt John S[...] - likewise Joseph Bailey for defence his father prosecuting. Chas Rowan & Edward McAllister were in the village - went and took some oysters with them. Bailey's suit was adjourned to Monday. Another week gone - gone forever. Sad indeed to think how swift time is bearing us on to the grave. But is the doom of all sooner or later certain - [...] & [...]. But there is an existence beyond - forever.

27th I remained at home most of the day - experimenting how to cure myself. Towards night went up to Billings to see about my boots. At night came down to the village and listened to a lecture by Rev Mr Lambert on character. The lecture was to much theory - and little practice. Came down to hotel & talked a while and then went home - John McNaughton & McLean accompanied me.

28th Snowed this morning. Came down and stopped at the Justices office to see in reference to the action of Bailey vs. Bailey. Found them all there. Mr Bailey agreed to settle. Mr Dole was here in office likewise Lyons to see in reference to the Mill property. Dole spoke to me about commencing an action agt a man by the name of Bontwell - told him I would &c.

There was a singing school tonight but I didn't attend. Snowed all day.

The winter of 1852 & 53 is ended. The earth is soon to renew its life. And brooks shall

sparkle brightly and flowers shall bloom & birds shall sing - and all nature will be cheerful & happy - but another link of time is broken - another tie that binds us to earth has worn away. But it is well. Farewell to the winter the most memorable thus far of my life!

1st March A Reference at the Salem Hotel in reference to the liability of an insurance company to pay losses sustained by fire - where their bylaws had not been complied with - snowed all day. The furniture of the Odd Fellows was sold this afternoon. Anderson came to office when I went over to the Lodge for the Judge. I received a letter from Geo O Vail also one from Day. Judge took the evening train for White Hall. Miss Waggoner came to town on night train. The ball came off at Granville tonight - I was on as one of the managers - but did not attend.

I intended to go to McAllisters to make a farewell visit but circumstances prevented.

2nd The Reference continued as above mentioned. Shiply left this afternoon for Troy in freight train. I went round to find Trowbridge to see about paying some money to David Cleveland for a man by the name of Murphy. I sent the receipt and papers in reference to the Rail Road stock by James Ferguson to get the interest - was consulted by Norman Beebe in reference to the school district taxing the Rail Road. There was a singing school tonight at Brick Church. Went over - found Elisabeth Clark sitting in the lobby - went up - but did not go in as it was just closing.

The ball at John Millimans came off tonight.

3rd Snowing, but warm. I was troubled with the ear ache considerably. Lamberts carriage passed along the streets - getting the ladies together for the purpose of the society - sewing.

Major McFarland was in the office today - dropt a letter to Gen Cass out of his pocket - he didn't do it a purpose of course!

Edward McAllister was in the office this morning - seeing me about he could raise some money. I directed him to Isaac Sherman. Andrew Anderson stayed at our house last night - I didn't come down with him - he started first - snowed all day hard - wrote a letter to my brother but didn't send it.

4th Franklin J. Peirce²² is made President of the United States today. Shall I ever see the time when office of U S shall be entrusted to me.

I remained in the office all day. At night went down to Miss Jane A Atwoods to attend the class in Butlers Analogy. Had a very fine time there. The ball at Fentons came off tonight. I didn't attend.

5th Snowed quite hard all day. Mrs Lansing had a couple of children during night. Mr Dole was here today with his account agt Oliver Bontwell. R was in the office & spoke with Dole about the act agt him.

My sister & her husband Sherman arrived here tonight from Pawlet. The first time I had seen them since I returned from Virginia.

There was a row by the Irish & [...] boys in the grocery under Austin Taylors shop. Went to Col Williams to serve some papers!

6th Rather of a bleak day. Josiah went home quite early. I remained home from church & visited with my sister. She looks pale & sickly. Eats but very little. I am afraid she won't live long. At night took a walk down most to Montgomerys & return for exercise. Experimented some upon myself for ---. Got me a pair of new boots.

7th Sister at home this morning. Copied a complaint to obtain an Injunction in case John H Boyd agt Col Williams. Bot some hens of David Cleveland. Had a talk with him in reference to some accounts due him - also about drawing up a deed. Hiram S Pratt, Guardian for Eliza [...]

²² Franklin J. Pierce, President of the United States, 1853-1857

Baldwin obtained my services to attend to the partition of some land. I drew up the Petition - bond &c for him. After he left compared the above mentioned papers. Judge Gibson went to White Hall tonight & Shiply got back from Albany. I learned one of Mrs Lansings twins had died. Sent a notice to John B. Kellogg demanding [...] & [...] of Oliver Bontwell. Ed McCollister visited me. Went over & took some oysters with him. [...] he leaves for Illinois.

8th Alone in my glory - studied hard. Clark was sick and so was I. D C Russell was in office to get a blank deed. Oh how I hate him. Arcutt spoke to me at night about commencing an action agt a man by the name of Hall of Troy. Cronin was in here & spoke to him about uniting causes of action. Told him where he had been wrong &c.

9th A drizzling storm half snow & half rain fell most of the day. Judge gone. About noon a gentleman came here from Hartford wishing Judge to draw up a will for a man the name of Brown. I sent a letter to Gibson at White Hall. In afternoon Cronin & Reab were in office - flung up to see who should stand the oysters - it fell upon me. I went over to singing school a few minutes tonight. Returned immediately. Judge came home in 9 o clock train. No business in particular. Spent the day in making out a report in reference to the business of our county.

10th I arrived in office about 9 o clock. Quite cool and pleasant. Found Judge gone to Hartford. He arrived in afternoon. I bot me a new hat. Asa E Munson employed me to defend him in a suit before Burdick of Granville. Came to my office & talked it over. Wrote about the business men of our county today.

11th Finished the report in reference to our business men today. Rained & snowed some today. At noon was employed by an Irishman to prosecute a crime case against Robert [...] of Hebron.

Found that the warrant was defective in this, that the complainant's name was written wrong. The Defendant was discharged. My man was then arrested. A good deal of fun. At night went down to widow Martins to attend the class in Butler's Analogy. But few there. Went home with [...] Cronin.

12th Was in the office early. Studied some in reference to my case with Munson. About noon Broughton came in to get Shiply to defend him in an action brot by one M[...].

After dinner Miner retained me to go for him - he couldn't prove anything & thus the case was withdrawn.

After this went round with David Cleveland to secure a debt he had agt one Murphy. Spoke to Bryan &c. Herrington was married to day to Miss Sarah Clapp.

13th Remained at home all day. Was troubled by a pile very much. Had it pricked & about a pint of stuff discharged. At night came down to the village to hear a lecture from the Rev A B Lambert. His discourse was on B[...]. He referred to marriage &c. The lecture was very good. Went down to the hotel & had a long talk with McKillip & others in reference to the lecture. Then I went home.

14th Cold day. Copied a complaint of Boyd agt Williams. Emmonds Taylor of Granville was here - had some business with the Judge. There was an examination of a Judgement Debtor - supplementary to execution before J A McFarland.

D C Russell for creditor - Stevenson and Cronin & Fairchild for Debtor. Nothing made out. I went up to the Depot & waited for the cars. There was an oyster supper given by the Rail Road folks to a gentleman by name of Sunderland who is about leaving for Pennsylvania. Herrington arrived here a married man - to Miss Sarah Clapp.

15th Saw Herrington & his lady & congratulated them. David Cleveland came in here with Andrew Jenkins to get me to settle a difficulty between them in reference to a cow - I got [...] to pay over to C five Dollars. I also wrote an agreement for Eliphalet Draper to sign. I recd a letter

from Day enclosing five Dollars towards towards the Buffalo R[...] that was lost at his house. I served a notice on C Crary for Townsend & Kellogg of Troy. D C Russell came into office and we had a long talk. James & Mary Gibson were in the office all the forenoon.

16th Was in the office quite early - cold & gloomy today. Edward McCollister is & has been sick for a week or more quite sick. I went up to the Depot. Saw a span of horses run away. Got a letter from Col Parker in ans to some queries of mine. At night paid Anderson a Dollar I owed him & took the cars for Granville. Had a couple of [...] women to see to. Went into singing school and heard them sing a few minutes. Arrived at Granville, took a smoke & went to bed. A very fine house.

17th I awoke quite early. Got up - took a walk and went into Taylors office. After breakfast went round to see the village &c. About 10 o clock commenced trying the cause. [...] & Thompson was opposed to me. Had the assistance of Levi G [...]. The house was crowded all day. I took dinner & tea at the Perry house. We got through about 10 o c at night - found Davenport of Troy at hotel after we finished. I went home with the Hopkins boys. Had to walk most of the way - walked home from Rupert Corners. Arrived at 4 o clock A M. The cause was not decided.

18th Rained. In coming to village got soaking wet - hadn't any umbrella. I copied a complaint of J H Boyd agt Col Williams and also looked into the book to get some decisions in the case I had [...]. Had some letters from Troy from Kellogg Bontwell & Parmenter.

19th A special term here today. Thompson, Davis, Hopkins & [...] were present.

I received my papers from Buskirks Bridge in²³ case of Eliza J. Baldwin.

Copied a complaint &c agt Williams. Sent my decisions on the 8 o clock train. Came night being carried on.

Was retained in the case of Mullen vs. Richardson by Mullen.

20th A most beautiful day - sun out and pleasant as a day in June. Remained home. John & I went round on the hills to take a look at the things of nature. Returned and read - and listened to the cackling of hens and the songs of birds - for the first time in the year.

At night came down to church with Willis, and listened to a lecture on temporal prosperity by Rev A B Lambert. Not much of a sermon. Came up with Willis & James Thompson.

21st A lovely day. An auction commenced at the store of A C Robertson. Martin & Carswell came down to my office & remained a short time & talked over the coming town caucus & election. Was in Robertsons several times during the day. Sent a letter to Burdick Esq Granville. Cronin was in the office wanting I should pay him the ten Dollars I owed him by the first of April. Oh beautiful day - too beautiful to rest. The school officers met at the office tonight to see about hiring teachers & paying up the old ones.

22nd Was in office all day. Sent my papers back to Buskirks Bridge there being a mistake in the signing. A most charming day. The auction continued as usual at Robertsons store. I copied some papers. Was at the depot tonight. Had a very pleasant time with Trowbridge, [...] & others. Took a long walk around by McKies and then up the Rail Road. Met M D Gray.

23rd Cold & chilly this morning. Cronin has gone to Troy. I joined Isaac at McFarlands today for Mullen against Richardson. McDougall being agt me. Came down in morning with Philo Billings & my brother Willis. Went into McKillips & treated a couple of Hebronites to cigars. No singing school.

Was asked by John King to pay my debt. Went into Smarts & got some oysters.

²³ Near Hoosick, Rensselaer County

24th Rather a fine day again. Waked up this morning with a very severe pain in my bowels. Couldnt hardly walk. Took some pepper and rubbed myself some & got better. I remained home till most noon when came to village. At night I purchased a couple of collers and went down to Peirces to attend society with Terry McLean. But ladies had all disappeared before we arrived. Mrs Peirce thought I was Mr Hawly. I returned to office and studied a short time & went home.

25th Rather of a bleak day. Was in office all day. Studied hard tho felt rather unwell. The experiments I have made in reference to myself have thus far proved unavailing. And I am sinking under the terrible disease.

Went into auction once or twice during the day. Received letters from Cuperton Union Vil and Buskirk Bridge - likewise from my brother George - stating the Death of Mrs Green. Rained some during day. At night attended the class in Butlers Analogy at Mr Austins. Had a very pleasant time.

26th Rained this forenoon. I copied some papers in afternoon. We had a town caucus. I was appointed secretary of the meeting. John McDonald President - Josephus Fitch Supervisor - Orrin Austin Town Clerk &c. After we got through nominating I was appointed one of the town committee. After that had a regular spree treated the whole crowd.

27th A beautiful day. The sun came out bright & warm and the heart was light with joy & hope. I went with brother John off upon the hills and mused much upon olden times.

In afternoon remained in house reading. At night came down to village & listened to a lecture to young men by the Rev Mr Taylor of Lansingburgh which was very good. Came down to hotel & had a talk with the boys about singing &c then went home very very dark.

28th Handed a summons agt Eli Ames this morning to sheriff. Also one to Harkness Editor. The one by sherriff was returned. Wrote out my affidavit to obtain order for publication which was defective. At night there was a school meeting here. After that was finished several met in my room & prepared tickets for the morrow after which I went home.

29th Down quite early - a beautiful morning. Came down and wrote a complaint for my father to swear to. After which went up to the polls - found a great mess there. The democrats were trying to get the meeting changed to Shushan. The whigs opposed. The latter succeeded. Peddled tickets all day - the whole whig ticket except Road commissioner, collector & one of the constables was elected. There were three tickets up. All headed by Fitch for supervisor.

30th Filed complaint in clerks office against Ames. A beautiful day. Went in afternoon down to Cambridge to attend the exhibition. George Allen went along. My sister Sarah John & myself. Went over to Judge H[...] office after we arrived there. Found Frank Parmenter there & young McConih[...]. The exhibition came very near breaking up in a row - I left at the time it was adjourned for a ball - danced till morning had a most glorious time with Miss Fielding of Union Village. Left Cambridge about 4 o clock A M.

31st Arrived home about twilight in morning. Took a walk around the village. Took breakfast at Hotel. Went into P O - got a letter from Hinds of Cincinnatti. Went into office & with difficulty kept my eyes open. Daniel P. Walker of Manchester was here to see me on business. He took dinner with me. We took a walk around the village &c.

This is all I believe. Went home about as usual and the way I slept was a caution.

Trowbridge got really hurt this morning.

April 1st Didn't feel very well - slept to hard &c. Daniel P. Walker returned from Argyle today. Stopped in office and we had a talk on his business. He retained me to prosecute an action of ejectment. I did not pay Cronin the ten dollars I borrowed of him not being able to raise the

money. Willis my brother came down with me. I tried to get him to borrow the money but he didn't. Scott was in town trying to get me to take a contract for some maps. The class in Butlers Analogy met at Dr McAllisters tonight.

2nd Beautiful morning! Was down quite early. The cars from the south did not arrive till noon. Mr Pratt was on [...] to do his business. After dinner we tried the right of his petition. After we finished, he paid me \$20. With that I paid Geo Allen, Trowbridge and Cronin - felt some better.

Took a walk around the village with Cronin. This is all for this week. C H White left today.

3rd A lovely day. I walked round upon the hills alone. Was at home all day. I felt exceedingly pleased as I had paid up my debts. Layed a bed a good part of the day.

4th I was in office early. Went into Judge Allens office and got an order for publication in the case of father vs Ames. Went over to the editors and got it [...] then sent the notice to the editor of the Post. Then wrote to Munson in reference. Thompson went down in the noon train - I went up to give him a letter. Left it with Smally who failed to hand it to him. The office was cleaned today. Tried a case before J A McFarland Esq for Mullen - got beaten. McDougall was opposed &c.

5th Rained this morning. Came down and found the woman cleaning the office. Remained in all day, seeing to the work &c. Mr Wells of Cambridge was. A young man by the name of Davis of Glens Falls a C[...] there was here today. Went round town with him some. Judge went to White Hall tonight and a young lady by name of Miss McNitt²⁴ of Cambridge came today.

6th Mr Scott was here to make a bargain in reference to the sale of his maps. I drew up and executed an agreement to dispose of his maps in several of the towns. He was in & out of the office considerably during the day. It rained some. Was all alone except as above during the day.

7th A Beautiful day. I received some papers from Ingalls Albany - also a letter from Emphy & Gibson. At night I visited Miss McNitt down stairs. Had a pretty good time in playing checkers &c. She is a very lovely girl.

8th A pleasant morning. Was in office all day. I was retained to prosecute an action for a man by the name of Norcross - was engaged by Jas Martin. Spoke to Russell about stipulating to an adjournment.

At night was called down stairs by Mrs Gibson to take a game of checkers. Had a very pleasant time with Miss McNitt &c.

I appealed the cause of Munson today. Didn't attend the party at Hawlys on that account.

9th Pleasant day. Judge arrived from Essex with J H McFarland. I made out the mortgage in afternoon in the Miss Baldwin case - but was wrong. Also the deed &c. I wrote all afternoon. The firemen came out and tried the engine. I borrowed two dollars of Geo Allen to send up to Burdick to appeal the case tried before him.

10th Cloudy but somewhat pleasant. Walked around the fields - went up on to Mr Beatties land - into little orchard. At night came down to village and listened to a lecture from Mr Lambert very good - it was to children. Came down to hotel and had a talk &c and then went home.

11th Came down quite early. Judge & Shiply were just preparing for a start for Sandy Hill. In forenoon I was visited by Miss McNitt & Woodworth - had a very pleasant time with them. I

²⁴ Mary Jane McNitt (1837 - April 12, 1858)

made out the Miss Baldwin papers & sent them on noon train for Buskirks Bridge. In afternoon saw Mr Scott. Took dinner about three o'clock - had a good [...]. Miss Woodworth & McNitt went over to McDonalds to get some moss. At night went in to Gibsons & played checkers with Mary W. She beat me. We then sat down & told each others [...] &c. Miss McNitt is a very sweet girl.

12th Looked like rain this morning. Called on Russell found he was going with Frank Robertson to Argyle. Came along & asked Williams for work couldn't get it twas to late. I concluded to go down on noon train - wasn't ready at that time - so went down on freight. Had a very disagreeable ride - arrived at Troy at dark. Saw Paine at Verandah. Then went to Townsend's office - saw B[...] & Kellogg & Parmenter - then went and played cards up stairs in office.

I had my hair cut today.

13th Raining some. Took breakfast at Mr Adams where I had stayed all night, being kind people indeed. Then went up & saw Hastings. Then went up to Bontwells - he wasn't at home - then went to Depot then to the office of John Moran - had a fine time with him - then to court house. Then to Troy House - then aboard of the White Hall & Saratoga cars. Went to Fort Edward. Arrived there about 2 o c - went to Sandy Hill - took dinner at John Millimans. Went over to Glenns Falls - saw Davis & Baldwin and came back. Saw Northrup & Rogers - had a pleasant time with them & then went to bed - they visited me after I went to my room. Rogers has changed very much since I last saw. He look now as if he would have the consumption.

14th Got up quite early. Raining hard. Took breakfast. Borrowed two dollars of Thomas Milliman. I started for Fort Edward about 6 o'clock - went on to Argyle. Arrived there about one o'clock - took dinner - examined the Record of Clerks office in reference to Herrington place. Left Argyle about 4 ½ o c P M - arrived at Bedlam at dark - took tea there - got to village about 9 o c - then went home. Raining all day.

15th Rather pleasant. Didn't get up very early - felt very tired - arrived at village about 10 in morning - found Empey & Hall waiting for me. Had a talk with them. Fullertons came about 11 o c. Talked with them - they took dinner with me. Met about 2 o c. McDougall on other side - adjourned by consent till first of June.

Attended the class in Butlers Analogy at Mr Hawlys. I went home with Miss Alida Allen - very pleasant time.

16th It is rather raw this morning. I was retained to draw up some papers for the purpose of getting a General Guardian appointed for Mariane Jane Harris. Judge went to Troy. Left some papers with me to get an order granted for a lawyer by name of Butler - Crary on the other side. Adjourned till Monday. Shiply had a case before Crary in reference to hitching a horse to a tree. He, Munson, was fined five dollars besides costs. Little Ellen Cronin, sister of Timothys, was buried today. Followed the funeral. Likewise the daughter of Wallace Hill. Singing School tonight I didn't attend. Went into McNaughtons and caught J H McFarland, the great temperance lecturer, drinking ale. Went home late &c.

17th Rather pleasant. I went around with Willis over the farm. Went into little orchard found several of the trees injured by the borers. Remained at home all day.

18th A pleasant day. Crary was in office to see about a motion. Harris & [...] was in office for the purpose of making out some papers. Made out the Guardian papers. Judge arranged the motion for Butler. Received a letter from George dated Philadelphia also from John Moran.

19th J H McFarland was in office this morning. Asked him to argue a motion before the Judge at Troy - couldn't do it - sent the papers to John Moran. Scott was in office. Received a letter from P S [...] in reference to maps. The day was pleasant - quite so.

20th A most lovely day. Was in office all forenoon. Took dinner & started for Aaron Martin Esq. Arrived there found Russell waiting. Waited round till Norcross went to the city before doing anything. Commenced suit which lasted till night. Then came up - a most delightful walk.

Took tea at McNaughton grocery. Received letter from Ingalls & Walker. Had a talk with Scott at hotel &c. Received a letter from Ed McCollister.

21st Rained all day. A pleasant day. Judge Savage was at hotel. Sent a letter to Conde to have him copy it & return. Harris was here to see if his papers were ready - drunk.

22nd Rained all day. Russell went to Argyle today. Judge Savage was here. I felt remarkably well - the reason ---. I received a letter from H Walker stating that I needn't put a tenant into that house. The class in Butlers Analogy didn't meet at Allens tonight as expected. A Mr Mathis was put off the cars today.

23rd A fine day, though cool. Scott came in town tonight - was disappointed when I told him &c. Ted Clark went with hired girl to Hartford. I was in J McNaughtons grocery this evening - Miss Winton was there felt pretty nice. J H McFarland & a lot of the Rail Road fellows - had a letter in reference to Mistery [...]. Russell had a suit before Judge G for [...] Mosher. Thomas Ingalls was likewise here with papers &c. I was spoken to at night by John Monroe about tending a suit for him.

24th Waked up feeling very nice. In forenoon took a walk off upon the hills. Went over to our orchard and examined a fence which Mr Beattie had erected between us & him.

In afternoon went to filing my letters. Filed most of them - while engaged Euphemia Beattie came in - she took tea &c.

At night I took a walk up above Aaron Cleveland's to the R R bridge - returned and went to bed.

25th Waked up feeling quite well. Went down to office quite early. Cronin went to Troy this morning - had his office cleaned - returned at night - reported that my brother George came up on the train with him.

I gave Scott a letter of introduction to Jorger[...] also one F I Parmenter. Scott was obliged to lay over.

26th Was in office early - a beautiful morning. Borrowed five dollars of Geo Allen for Lyons - gave a letter of introduction to John Moran for Lyons. Went into J McNaughtons grocery & bought an [...] & some clams with & for George Allen. He eat 18 clams & 6 oysters besides a glass of beer [...] well. Received a letter today from C. A. White. Lyons & Russell and Lyons & Shiply had Lawsuits today.

27th Came down pretty early. Met Misses Atwood & Freeman at office who wanted me to attend a Picknick at academy. I consented. I went up to cars when noon train arrived. Went down to academy at night - had a very fine time - a large number of old friends & schoolmates were convened. We remained till pretty late when we adjourned - I waited on no one home. Something like half a dozen gentlemen waited for them. So I left.

28th Came down early - though didn't get home till 2 o c A M! Remained in office all day. Studied &c. Was visited by Scott who wished me to relinquish to him Granville & Hartford - I did so. At night Mr Holmes of Union Village & I took a long walk around the village. I was very much pleased with his acquaintance. Mr Dole was in office & got his papers.

29th Quite warm. Coming down met Holmes on his way to Aaron Cleveland's. Remained in office all forenoon. H - s came back at noon. Went with Cronin up onto the hill west of the

village. It rained at night hard. Went into R[...] Shop to night & took a game of checkers - no analogy class on account of rain.

30th A beautiful morning. Got up rather early. Went up to Mr. Blacks - did what I wanted. Came back & went to village. Received a letter at noon - got some money - paid a large amount of my debts. A gentleman by the name of Cooly was here to see me this afternoon. Almost made a contract with him - went over to grocery. Trowbridge promised to be at our house tomorrow to take a walk with me. The month of April gone - like a bubble - like a dream.

Received a letter from John Moran.

May 1st A lovely morn! Walked off upon the hills with my brother John. Went up to line fence between us & Mr Beattie - then went over back & through the woods. Remained round home all day.

At night went down to the village - went with Cronin into his office and took a smoke &c.

Then left for home. Overtook S Billings with some ladies - walked along with them till they got home. Rather dark &c.

2nd Arrived in office between 8 & 9 o c. In short time Mr Cooly arrived. We finished out the agreement we commenced the Saturday previous. Received my papers in the Harris case & also a letter from Conde. Took a walk round the village with my old friend Pike - went with him to C[...]. Visited S E Northrup - saw Rupert Davis. The class in for admission the naves being Abell - Davis - Hale - Pike & Rogers were examined and admitted tonight. After this we went to Northrups room - from there to hotel - having a time &c.

3rd Did not get down very early. Rather cool. When arrived the boys had gone. Mr Harris & Ferguson were to see in reference to their papers. I filed them & gave copy to young Ferguson. Was in court considerable during the day. At night went into Singing School with Allen Gibson - remained a short time & went up to court house.

4th A beautiful morning. Came to office quite early. Was invited by D C Russell to attend a party given by Allen at his house tonight. Went with him down to Lamberts - and then came back & we had a long chat in the office.

Went to court house - stopped a short time & returned to office.

Went down along with Allen Gibson at night to grave yards - and mused over the graves of the - dead. Came back & after fixing a letter went to Allens. Had a very pleasant time with the Lawyers. Allen has been furnishing his house very nice - carpet & paper. We had a fine tea & every thing passed off with éclat. Got measured for a pair of boots.

5th Was down early. It rained considerably during the day. The Society was to meet at Russells but on account of rain - put over. Wrote some on the life of Mann. Received a letter from Hinds requesting me to get a certificate of his having studied law regularly in 1851. At night it rained very hard & was very dark. I concluded to remain at Woodworths - so I did.

6th Got up about 6 o c. Went out and took a walk round the village. Saw the Judge preparing to leave. Took breakfast about 8. Felt remarkably well all day. Got shaved by D[...] Van Brencten. At night went down to Allens & attended the Analogy class - went home with Jane A. Austin - took a smoke in Timothys office before going down. A lovely night. James Blanchard got drunk today spiting the village law which was in effect but the statute law - prohibiting [...] from drinking. Wrote some on the life of Mann. Bot me a coat today of Freeman and got Orrin Austin to make it.

7th I fine morning. Arrived early from home. A report around town this morning that Edward McCollister has been sent after for knocking up a Miss Wright - don't believe it. Received a letter from Chas R[...] tonight requesting me to notice his admission - I will for five dollars. There are several buildings going up at present in town three on the west street by Atwood -

Fairly & Blashfield - also one by Geo H[...] - one by a Steele on the new street which commences by Hawlys and one up to the upper end of village. Our people have finished sewing & are ready now for planting. I paid Thomas Milliman a dollar today.

Read some in a work titled New Orleans as I found it pretty good. The trees are beginning to bloom & the leaves are [...] upon the tree branches. Oh how much it puts me in mind of childhood - how much we feel as we did long long ago - in the joyous days when we were young. There is so much freshness & vigor on the life that is - that the spirit partakes of its freshness and feels the newness of being - but spring will soon fade - like [...] - [...].

8th Raining this morning. Mr Shields and another peddler remained at our house all night. Made experiments on myself. Shaved off my hair tonight. Walked up on to the hills today and read some &c.

9th Sent a letter to Chas Rogers this morning. Also one to Wash Co Post. Received a letter from Jas D Scott. Commenced writing again the life of Mann. Bathed in the morning. Beautiful day. Took a walk down to Andersons along with him - he went in McNaughtons & took a cigar. Lansings hired folks left for somewhere.

10th Very pleasant. Ted fixed up the steps and cleared out the front yard. I wrote on Mann today. Daniel Cole had a fit - having heard that his chance for the P Office was not so good. Miss Woodworth got a letter from California. Rained at night very dark.

11th Came down early - found Clark & Gibson gone to Fort Edward. Wrote & studied all day. Was visited by Cronin & Anderson. I took a ride along with the Scotchman up the east road. Felt extremely well all day for the best of reasons. Miss Waggoner arrived in town today. "Saw the B[...]." Took a walk with Dr. [...]ates at night down to academy &c.

12th Rained in morning - also towards night. Henry Osbornes child died today. Shiply went to Troy. I was retained by John Munroe in an action brot by James Beattie in reference to a dog. The society was to meet here - only Mrs Blair & Sarah Hawly met. Ted got back from Fort Edward. I wrote some on my piece on Mann.

13th Pleasant day. Judge arrived today from Fort Ann. The society met here today in earnest. Wrote some on Mann. The plum trees are commencing to blossom. The society didn't meet as Mrs Lambert was absent. Expected George but didn't come. Arrived home late &c. Russell served his appeal papers in the case of Norcross vs Barnett. The funeral of Carrie Osbornes child was today.

14th A beautiful morn. Came down early. In afternoon went a fishing with Cronin up in Thompson hollow. Caught about a dozen trouts - had a pleasant time. Came back and had some oysters. Mr Bancroft future cashier was here today. I saw John Sherman & had a talk with him. Scott came here and I sent a letter to

15th I remained home - felt rather week in morning. Went down & went in swimming. Walked off upon the hills, into little orchard. The plum trees are in full bloom and look very pretty. I went to bed & remained most of the day.

16th A beautiful day. I felt very well this morning. Wrote a letter to Ellis & co Boston also one to my brother George. The ladies of this village went down to Mr Alexanders. Murray McFarland went down with them. The suit for Munroe was adjourned till a fortnight from this. Received a letter from Wyman of Cleveland.

17th Lovely & fragrant as a flower. I went in a swimming down at the orchard. Didn't feel so well this morning as usual. I walked down to Russells bridge and then round by Anderson today. The singers met at the brick church and practiced. I copied answer in the case of Shaw.

At night went into grocery with Cronin & Bool and took some oysters &c. Then took a walk down towards Lamberts with him. Lansing overtook me on my return and I rode up with him. A most delightful evening.

18th Cloudy this morning. At noon some of the Dorset lawyers arrived - took dinner at Gibsons and hotel. Learned this morning that Sally McNish was going to have a baby - she is unmarried. H Clark told me. Had a little fun with D C Russell about it. Miss Sheldon was here looked old. Attended the concert - took no one - went with James Gandall - a good many present. The concert was very fine. Miss Whitcomb & S M Hawly did remarkably well. After the concert was over I went down to the grocery with Ab Sherman & Robert McFarland and took some oysters &c. Judge went to White Hall tonight.

19th Arrived about 9 o c. Raining. As I was entering office the ladies Miss [...] crossed the street. I didn't wait to speak to them. [...] left for Dorset. Judge was gone all day - heard that Jane Clark had got a child - three months after marriage. Walked up on the hill with Dr Yates. Dole was here today paid me what he owed me. Spoke about commencing a new suit. Scott was here today considerably - to see about his drafts of Salem & other towns. Bailey was in office wanting I should tend to some.

20th A beautiful morning. Went down to McKies into the woods and mused some upon olden times. Had a very nice time alone. Covey was here wanting to get a copy of the map of Washington County before the cars passed. Timothy Cronin was in office to see about taking Rutland Co to canvass. I went at night down to Russells to attend the class in Butlers analogy but it being cold no one was there. I remained there till nine o'clock and came home having a very pleasant time with Miss Pratt a neice of Russells - [...].

21st I finished the peice on Judge Mann. Sent it Union Village by express. A very fine day. I went home at night along with Richard a hired man of Walter Beatties he was awful drunk. Tumbled off horse two or three times &c.

22nd The orchard is in full bloom - every tree is covered with flowers. Oh how beautiful everything looks. Enchanted with the fullness of earths beauty I walked & wandered off upon the hills & [...] oh how delightful in the shade of new leaved woods.

I went up to old marsh and picked some wintergreens with my brother John. The Irish were out very plenty on a bust &c.

I went into orchard & in a swimming &c.

23 A pleasant day. A S Burdick of Granville was here today to see me in reference to my appeal suit. Took some oysters &c. with him. I went up to Cronins office with him & while there Simeon Williams came along running horses. He ran into a post on the side of the village & broke his wagon & sent him sprawling - he was drunk. Allen Gibson was here took a walk with him &c.

24 It was a pleasant day. I was retained by Batchelder to prosecute a suit for him against the Rail Road Company. I made out some papers to serve on Blair & John McFarland but they were gone. A lovely night. Mr Bancroft came here today to live - cashier of our bank.

25 Rained this morning - noon & night. Served notice on Blair for Batchelders. Took a ride with Allen Gibson - a short distance but had to return on account of rain.

Spoke to Major McFarland in reference to seeing to my business.

26th Rained all day. Served a notice personally on J H McFarland to produce deed. Harkness moved today to his new building. A large number of people worked all day to get a safe into Harkness building - for Insurance company. A couple of young men of Glenns Falls stayed at our house all night. I had a bill presented to me by Jason Williams - refused paying it because

to high.

27th Cloudy morning but a pleasant day. The young men at our house left for the north this morning. A company of Singers went to Dorset this morning. Jason Williams took them over. I received my peice from the Editor of Union Village Journal with notice that he couldn't print. Sent it the Old Settler Keeseville.

No society meeting tonight.

28th The singers came back from Dorset. A bet was had today between Shiply & Lyons of ten dollars on a law question Shiply won. I got my vest today. A meeting of the trustees here tonight.

29th A fine & beautiful. John Sarah Mary & myself went over to Lydias today - a very fine ride indeed. Though very warm. We had a fine visit. Took a walk with Josiah off upon the hills. Tried to get up the spirit rappings &c. We learned that there had been a report circulated that George had failed - didn't believe it - we came home about night - had a delightful ride. Nothing further I believe.

30th A pleasant day. I served the summons in the case of Batchelder vs. Rail Road Company. I went to attend to the suit of Munroe but Crary not being at home nothing was done with it. A lovely day beauty & fragrance of flowers are scattered all around. I wrote a letter to George asking him if he had failed &c.

31st Horatio Walker was in office when I arrived. I went round the village to see about his business. He remained to long for [...] to talk with. Allen Gibson was here. I took a ride with him to see Mr Ferguson about the money he owed me. Received my pay. A most lovely day. In afternoon we had a little talk with Charlotte Burton - she being at hotel. A very pretty girl. Spring is gone. Shall I see its return and how - or where.

June 1st Came down early this morning to tend to the causes against Hall & Emphy. Found the parties all present - or at least they were all here in a short time. The Jury was summoned and I told to them the cause &c by noon. In afternoon I was put upon the stand & kept there till 6 o clock. Then Mr Fullerton. The cause was submitted & argued by McDougall for a [...]. The court put the case to the Jury which decided for the Deft it was at first divided equally.

2nd The cause against Emphy was submitted on the same evidence to the court. We had a little conversation & then argument - then Fullerton came to office & submitted to me some law case stating that he should want me to tend to a case for him at Slab City. At noon I took the train & went to Troy with Allen Gibson - arrived about 4 went round the city till dark then up to Eighth Street - had a lovely time - then went to museum - had a good [...] Aladdins lamp - after which went to bed.

3rd Got up quite early. Took breakfast. Got aboard the cars & started for home - felt quite sleepy and tired. Arrived in town before the good people had been to breakfast. Remained in office most of the day. Very warm a part of the time. My brother George came to town today with Emily & baby. I was very glad to see him it being over seven months since he was here. We took a walk around the village to look at the improvements that had been made since he was last here. He had a talk with John King & I bot some fish lines & we started for home.

4th Quite cold this morning with considerable wind. We went a fishing up dry brook. Got some fish poles - and went at it - was gone most all day - caught 76 trouts. Got very tired after which George & father went down White Creek & caught a good number. We then came to the village & walked round a little & went home - this is all for today.

5th A very pleasant day. George & father went out & shook the plum trees to shake off the

insect that is troubling them so much. We then went off upon the hills into little orchard over to the big orchard &c. At night we went down to the village & I told the people that were going north that I would go with them but coming back I found that I couldn't go.

6th In morning went a fishing. I went up [...] first & then down. Found George & father below with a good string. George remained till dinner and then left for home. After which I went to town astonished them all because I hadn't gone up north a fishing. I told them the reason & I was satisfied whether they were or not. Nothing of note happened during the day.

7th Judge was gone to White Hall today on his Col Williams matter. It has been most charming & delightful. I visited Mrs Gibson at night - had a fine time - she requested me to stay - after the rest were going to leave. Ted & I took a ride around the square with a fast horse of the new livery. Had a very fine ride.

8th I sent word by John this morning to tell Batchelder that I should want him to swear to some papers this morning. Ervin Hopkins was here for me to do some business for him. I wrote out a petition for him charged him five dollars. I took a walk down to Pratts stand - was overtaken by Miss Safford with whom I walked home with overtaking some girls - didn't feel very big of course. Called on Miss Woodworth & Miss Gibson again tonight.

Abram Lansing was awful drunk. He worked on the east road &c being Path[...]. He was in the grocery made foul remarks about his wife &c.

9th A beautiful morning. Batchelder came down quite early. I overtook him and walked along with him & his wife. He left me at the turn by Crarys. The suit agt Emphy was decided today - against me. I copied a lot of papers today. Batchelder was in office with a long amount of his gabble a perfect tornado of abuse towards Rail Road Company &c.

10th A fine day again. I drew up the petition agt Rail Road Company & had Batchelder swear to it. The Society met at Russells. I rode down with a fellow of the livery to P --- s but did not go in. Ervin Hopkins was in office considerable of the time &c. I made another copy for him - he had his papers served this morning by a man by the name of Willard but the service was wrong & I had to send him back to make another service. At night served some papers upon Crary McDougall & J H McFarland for trial.

12th Waked up about 4 o c & came down & saw Lydia & Josiah - they took a ride down into the village to see the improvements &c. After came back Josiah & I went off on to the hill to pick some strawberrries - found the Irish boys fishing - found as many as we wanted to eat - saw the boys catch a big trout. They went home towards night. After which I came down to the village - took a walk with Chas Allen - saw Gibson who wanted I should go to Cambridge tomorrow - went to Methodist Church in evening - had a great time with Miss M --- going home.

13th Came down quite early. Started with Judge Gibson for Coila about 7 o c - had a glorious ride - a good deal of fun &c. Arrived about 9 o c - found Stevenson at home - waited several minutes for Crary & [...] both came about 10 - went to copy papers wrote till noon - went to Fentons for dinner - went back & remained till about 4 o c when came round by Fenton for home. It rained some - made it more pleasant - got at Salem about 6 o c. Raised some money for McFarland of Ted Clark & George Holden.

14 Robertsons child died today. Extremely warm. Copied papers most of the day - agreed to remain all night with Ted Clark with Robertsons child - took some stimulus before going to the house - read some to pass away time &c.

15th Was awakened from the floor (upon which I had layed down to sleep) by Robertson & wife about 5½ o clock in morning - went out into the pure air - and oh how pleasant - like breathing the fragrance of a flower. We went up to the R R depot & waited till the cars left - there was a

very large train - two engines started with them - then I went home - got back about 8 o c. The funeral of Robertsons child took place today - didn't go to sleep - went up to Col Williams & served some papers for a man by the name of Goodale for which I got one Dollar -

16th Batchelder was in bright & early - had a vast deal of talk with its usual lack of sense. Read. Ted & myself all copied together some papers &c. Judge Blanchard died today. A man 85 years old - who has been in his day a distinguished man - but who has lived to see himself forgotten - a sad commentary on ambition & its greatness. A terrible hot day - thermometer up to 98. Suffocating &c.

17th Came down early. The funeral of Judge B --- d was at his house in forenoon - they had an Episcopal service - I was appointed one of the bearers with John McFarland & Murray McF --- d & C H Allen. For this we each got a pair of kid gloves. It rained some in afternoon but not to amount to anything - I took a walk with Chas Mosely from the village & he told me about laying trap for Allens boys &c.

18th Wrote out the complaint in the case of Batchelder agt Rail Road Company. The Butlers Analogy class met at Lamberts last night. C W Mosely & myself went down & called on Miss Allen. Alida had a very good visit after which went into grocery & took some oysters - then took a walk talking of old times & things that live in the beautiful long ago. I went up & stayed with C W Mosely all night at Howes.

19 Waked up quite early by finding myself beneath [...]. Went out & took a walk around the village - Bancroft went to Argyle this morning. I took breakfast at hotel Mr Ross & lady were there. Finished the complaint in case of Batchelders. Wrote some for the Judge. Walked round to hear & see with Doct Yates - copied on a return of the Justice Burdick. A most beautiful night - the moon was out & shone lovely as beauty upon this [...] world. A week gone - forever gone. And so twill be when I am gone. Those tuneful [...] will still sing on &c.

19th A beautiful day. Got ready & went to church after a vacation of a very long time - went to Lamberts - sat in Austins - ours being filled with Clapp girls.

Took a peice of pie at hotel. Went in afternoon with Holden. After which went home - satisfied. In evening or towards it I went out into the fields & picked some strawberries - then came round by the little orchard &c.

20th First day of court - didn't know as my complaint was exactly correct - so I obtained an extension of time - went up to court about 10. The jury was sworn & causes called some motions argued. After dinner the Grand Jury was sworn & addressed by the court. Then a cause of an assignee of a Miss Goodwin agt her brother for work, labor & services was commenced this took all of the day. The Jury brot in a verdict of \$[...]20.

A most charming night. Was in court till quite late.

21st A cause for a horse &c was on today. Some motions argued. Young Moran was here today & obtained D C Russell to argue a motion when in truth it belonged to me. At night I took a walk along with [...] Tanner also with Pike of Saratoga. Called on Mrs Gibson - took a game of checkers with her & Mary Woodworth. Remained till after 10 o c when came out & found that a team was waiting to take the girls off a riding - felt small &c.

Very warm all day.

22nd The cause of Allen agt [...] came off today - the cause was stopped on account of a defect in a commission for testimony. After which there were several motions argued &c. At night took a walk again. There was considerable of a row at the grocery - some White Hall fellows were bragging that they could throw [...] man in Salem but this fellow bluffed them off - then went by McAllisters to hear some beautiful singing & playing - the moon was out & like a thing of air [...] upon the chrystal [...]. Recd a letter from Keeseville stating that my peice was about

being published.

23rd The criminal matter was up today - the civil hearing having all been disposed off the Rail Road causes having all gone over. There was some sparring between Blair & Gibson in morning. The case of a man indicted for incest with his daughter was on today - took up the whole time - Potter for Prosecution & Bush for Prisoner. The Jury came in with verdict - of an attempt to commit &c. I made a motion at night for Ervin Hopkins to have a commission of lunacy vacated & discharged. The motion was opposed by L J H[...] It was ordered that the cause go over on payment of \$7.00 cash to me. After that came down very much elated &c. Went to grocery & left for home. Society met at Riders today.

24th Got up & went down to creek & went in a swimming. Then took breakfast - came to village - copied the order in the case of Hopkins & had it certified. Remained around all day - studied some - wrote &c. I am still troubled with the - blues. At night after tea went up to the Rail Road depot. Remained till train came in. Became acquainted with a young man by the name of Spencer. Went down to Union Hall with C W Mosely & got ready & went down & called on Sarah M Hawly. Overtook C H Allen who tried to [...] a little - had a very fine time indeed. Things have been rather wrong along back with our folks - that is somewhat unfortunate. George failed this week. Our apple trees are all being [...] with a worm that is destroying the fruit - and I am sick most of the time. The village of Salem is improving some now - three new buildings on the west street between the academy & the old John Beaty place a tin shop next to Rail Road track on Williams St - a new one on the street that goes down near the creek also one by Russells - the foundation just being layed. Geo Hastings is putting up one on near Lamberts and several others preparing for erection. I think we shall be some in the course of years. We are going to have a very large number of plums. I am almost discouraged on account of the tenacity of my [...]. But a good time is coming I hope.

I borrowed some money of Chas Mosely to send to the editor of Old Settler.

25th Arose about 6 o c - went out into the garden and examined the things that are in process of "going ahead." We have got a most beautiful garden. After breakfast started immediately for the village - arrived at 8 - [...] Miss Ann E. Blanchard stayed with M[...] all night. I didn't see her. Wrote considerable back in this book in forenoon - also compared some affidavits in case of Marcellus Smith vs Col Williams. Henry Gibson went home in morning. A young man by the name of Bulkely was at hotel today.

26th A beautiful day. I remained at home all day - wandering around in the fields and viewing the beauty of nature. At night came down to village - went to Methodist Church & sat with Major McFarland. Mary Woodworth & Frank Bulkely with her brother & Jane Clark sat in front of me. Went home with --- & got bluffed [...]. Miss Blanchard went to church with our folks today.

27th Rather cold. I finished a composition for Ted Clark on the academy. Went down to the academy with Chas Allen and with Crawford went up into the academy belfry. Some change since last I stood upon this heighth - but more in he who once climbed there whose hopes were more lofty than the clouds but love & hope all are gone - forever gone. I took a walk with Geo Bulkely around down the west street &c.

28th Little Charles Gibson was in office playing with the little girls - borrowed five dollars of Chas Allen today. My Keeseville papers did not arrive. Mary Woodworth Miss Bulkely & Mrs Bancroft left Salem for Lake George & c. this evening.

29th Ted was in office all day. The little children were sporting arrived. I was preparing a case for court - wrote a letter to Thompson requesting he should give notice of retainer in the Munson suit so that I might make a motion for amended return - the boys are burning fire crackers preparing for the 4th &c.

30 Had the blues today like the d - l as those papers of mine had not arrived. Very warm. So I wrote another letter to Old Settler requesting he should send them immediately. Walked around the village some with my old friend McCoy. Dole was in office & we had a long talk how and where we should pass the 4th of July &c. I walked with him down to Pratts old stand and returned.

1st July C Crary took possession of the Post Office today - there has been a vast deal of fighting about this office the competitors being C Crary Daniel Cole & John King but Crary has succeeded agt the wishes of the entire party of this town! The Academy closed today for the quarter. Didn't attend the examination. A great deal of excitement boys firing fire crackers running horses through the streets &c.

2nd Didn't do much today except to stay in office & lay off as it was hot. I didn't feel very smart. The Old Settler came today & I sent them on to Troy. Made some blunders in the peice. At night went into McNaughtons grocery - Lansing & Cronin pretty tight - bot a large lot of fire crackers & set them a going in front of Gibsons and hotel - then set some on the stoop. I went home feeling very well. Tim vomited some.

3rd I remained at home all day. I walked around upon the hills picked some strawberries &c. I went in swimming in morning - didn't feel very well the fore part of the day.

4th A Large excursion went to Rutland this morning to attend the celebration. John went. C H Allen & Timothy Cronin were here to go a fishing - we went down into the creek and then went to Dry brook. They had a bottle of brandy with them. Got so they felt very nice. We didn't catch a very great number. Came back - took tea at our house & went to the village. Went to Cambridge to attend Ball & do business & c. Saw Comstock and agreed to go in with him in Rens County. Waited on Miss Wilson principally - had a very good time. Borrowed some money of Scott. Some of the boys got pretty drunk Robert McFarland & John McFarland &c.

5th Took a walk with Geo Holden over to Loomis then returned & took breakfast. Took 8 o c train & came home. Was in office all day. Slept some & felt bad as [...]. Ted Clark got home from Burlington tonight. Went home when dark & went to bed.

6th Studied most all day on my Munson case looking up the authorities &c. Saw Scott and concluded we would take Rens Co. Had quite a talk with him. Got an invitation to go up to Picnic at McNaughtons grove. Paid Jas McNaughton what I borrowed of him. Very warm & sultry. All the news I believe.

7th A warm day. I studied hard in the forenoon on my cases. In afternoon I went up to the Pick nick on Geo McNaughtons hill. Had a grand good time. Got an extension of time in the Batchelder case. There were two swings erected, two [...] & handsome girls all there. At night Cronin & I bot a bottle of champagne - got so we felt remarkably well. Drank it in hotel. Got an invitation to attend picknic at academy.

8th A warm day. There was a pick nic at academy - didn't attend. Bool Cronin & myself had a meeting at the hotel - two bottles of champagne - had a hell of a time. Studied & did business most of the day. The Pic nic broke up about 2 o c. I was very sorry I didn't attend it. The first time I ever missed as good a thing. But there was a good excuse - business. The commissioner appointed by the county court to settle the appeal on White Creek Road convened there today. They took a [...] to the Road. I was there.

9th Very warm. I arrived here about 9 o c found Comstock on hand agreeable to promise. After trying to hire a horse I engaged John Cleveland's horse & went up - we had a pleasant time - took dinner and came back about 2 o c. Found Scott there. Tried to make a bargain. Couldn't

get through in time for the down train so we got aboard & went to Troy. Put up at the Troy house. Had champagne for supper. Comstock & I went up to 8th Street & had a pleasant time - came back & went to bed. All for this day.

10th Didn't feel very well. Hired a horse and carriage & went across the river down to the cemetery - couldn't get admitted on account of their laws in reference to Sunday - went to Albany and from there to Saw[...]. Took dinner there & came back to Troy. Went & called on the Miss Adams afterwards drew up our agreement & went to bed.

11th Took the morning train for Salem. Moses Warren was aboard. Arrived in time to take breakfast. Court commenced today. I went in forenoon down to the academy where I practiced on my case before Ted Clark. Argued my appeal at night - I think I shall beat though all the Granville lawyers are opposed to me on it - we will see.

12th The business of county court all through except some business of Judge Ingalls - he was not here. He came in the afternoon but not in time. He had some papers to obtain an Injunction but his R[...] was defective. At noon I took a walk round with Silas Beaty. Saw Dole at the cars &c. The Road commissioners commenced again today.

13th The court was in session today on the Road business. Went to Poultney in morning with F I Parmenter had some difficulty with the conductor Turner. Went down with Frank to S[...] - heard Horace Greely in forenoon - a great treat. In afternoon the Alumni of the school for their annual meeting. I was called out made a speech. In evening heard Greely again - great speech. Riply and I took a ride after the speech was finished. Tried to get some one to go with me couldn't. Hardly a student remained of all I knew. I saw Nichols & Fenton & two or three girls. So passes all away a [...] and life is finished.

14th I got up in the morning quite early - very warm. John Fenton made some very witty remarks genius - went down to seminary in morning & had a talk with some of the ladies. Attended the Ladies Exhibition it was very good. Then went to seminary and took dinner - then had a talk with Nichols & others. Took the noon train & came down - Mr S[...] was aboard the Methodist clergyman a very clever & talented man.

15th I was at home all day, that is in the office. Made out my points & handed them into Gibson Judge in the Munson case. A very hot day. I had quite a cold. Went down & tried a bath at Whitcombs - went home at night - couldn't hardly speak.

16th Got up early. Came down got [...] at Austins & went in & saw little Charly Gibson who was quite sick. I went to the depot & took the cars. Wrote Mary Woodworth a letter at Geo Bulkelys. Saw Smith at Poultney stopped at Castleton - took the train for White Hall after waiting some time. Stopped at the Phoenix hotel. Went round & saw the village of W --- H. Called at night on Miss Stowell - she looks remarkably well - then went up on the cars to the boats on the lake & went to bed.

17 Was waked up in the morning quite early for West port. Arrived there about 3 o'clock. No one up at the hotel - after a while a fire was inside & in the course of human events breakfast prepared. I found Russell & Stevens there. Took the stage at 8 o c for Elisabethtown. Arrived about 10. Was roomed with a young lawyer from New York City. Went with him after dinner upon a high mountain in the vicinity to take a look of the scenery which was remarkably fine. I didn't feel very well having a very severe cold. Russell [...] &c. came at night.

18th After breakfast took a walk up on to the hill nearby - preparing myself for my motion. Came back & layed down upon the bed. In afternoon Hopkins lawyer arrived. He took rooms with me. I went into court just before noon - saw Weed & Flint & others of my old friends. Nothing of importance happened except motions &c. At night I took a game of whist with

Clough & others. Had a very pleasant time.

19th Didn't feel very well. Took a walk by the house of Mr Hand. Saw a couple of very pretty girls. Was in court all day. At night young Hand & several others got some ale & we had a beautiful time.

20th Rainy today. Got acquainted with a young fellow by name of Harwood & Chase of Keeseville. Concluded I would go home with them & then backed out as I couldn't get through in time.

Several of the young fellows got pretty tight. Flint &c. Weed's case was brought in this afternoon - a very important one - Hopkins when I came to bed began to question me about my right to use J W Thompsons name. Made me mad.

21st I woke excited as you please. Went to court & asked when the motion could be heard - couldn't this week. Made Hopkins make an affidavit in reference to Thompson being his atty. Finally concluded that the motion must go over so left papers with P[...]. Got Hopkins to pay my order obtained at Salem took the stage & left for West Port. Weeds suit was decided against him - subject to the opinion of the court. Arrived at W P and got a pack of cards - took some champagne and played to see who should pay for it. It fell upon us & so we paid it or tried to. The boat for the south came along about midnight & they left.

22nd Was waked up about 4 o c for the boat. Arrived just in time. Stood on deck to see the scenery which was most beautiful & [...] with the [...] - the islands rocky coast villages &c made a very fine exhibition. Burlington is a lovely place [...] from the lake. Arrived at Port Kent about 7 o c. Took stage for Keeseville five miles from P K. Arrived in time for breakfast. Then took room & dressed up. Went over into Harwoods office then over to see Chase. Remained with C till dinner time then went with him to the high bridge on the Ausable which is one of the most artificial & wonderful of all that I ever seen. The Ausable River rushes through a gorge of not more than 20 feet across for over 150 rods of solid rock and [...] so admirably that the finest mason work couldn't begin to equal it. We descended two pair of stairs which made me quite tired. We then returned. Went to see Miss Allen daughter of the editor of Old Settler then went to Arnolds found him at home. Was introduced & had a long talk where I introduced myself. I went to tea with him & was made acquainted with all the family but the daughter. After tea went into the garden. Had a most beautiful yard made up of bowers that would shame anything I ever saw. Sat down in the office & talked on various subjects till bed time - then went in was introduced to Marianne - talked with her a few minutes & went to bed. A most glorious time. This has been considerable of a day take it all together - acquaintances, scenery & pleasure put all together have made it one of the most memorable days in my life &c.

23rd Got up at the ringing of the bell. Went to the barbers & got shaved. Took breakfast. Then heard Miss Marianne play upon the piano. Then went into the garden and looked at Niagara Falls through a telescope of young Arnolds - looked very natural indeed. Then walked around the garden along with Marianne. They then concluded to take me out upon a high hill & look at the scenery around. Mr & Mrs Arnold, Marianne & myself went in one carriage & the rest in the other. We went upon the high hill and saw one of the finest views that I ever saw. Lake Champlain far below Plattsburgh was visible dotted with its snowy [...] and the beautiful town of Peru [...] with & [...] by the finest scenery upon which the eye ever rested. I was very much pleased with this survey. Miss Arnold & myself went out into a wood nearby & sat down & talked over things in general and agreed while there to correspond with each other. Of course I was highly pleased. After a while we came back to the rest & went round by Mr Reese to Keeseville. I took dinner and about 2 o c after hearing Marianne play some fine music and left for the stage for Port Kent. Just in time & left. Oh, how sorrowfully, the girl I loved & whom --- I will not say. We arrived a short time before the boat & went to Burlington. Stayed in Burlington from 3 o c till 9 o c. Took the train for Rutland & arrived there about midnight.

24th Awoke quite early - got up & bathed. Went out to go in swimming - couldn't find any place - came back. Went up to Nichols office - talked with him a short time about a suit - then started for Danby - walked 18 miles - got very tired. Took dinner at Wallingford. Saw Martindale - some very fine residences at & below W --- d. Arrived at Danby just dark. Surprised them some - took tea & went to bed early found that I had succeeded in my Munson case.

25th Went a whortle berrying with George upon the mountain nearby. Fished some. Felt very tired indeed. Layed around some didnt go around any besides the mountain. Emily didnt feel very well today being sick with a fever.

26th Rained this morning - rained very hard last night & lightened quite sharp. In afternoon went a fishing. Caught a few. Went up to the long bridge - then went over to the mineral spring. Came home took tea & after a while went to bed. I learned Charlie Gibson was dead. How bad I felt.

27th Started in the morning with George & Griffith for a long pursuit for whortle berries. We went a long distance. Got our pails full. After a long pick came down to South Wallingford - [...] & got a ride home. Felt pretty tired when we arrived - nothing else.

28th I left this morning for Mount Tabor found Sarah Jane at home. Also her mother & brother Charles. At noon after dinner S J and I went down to see the cars pass we didn't arrive in time. So went down about half a mile & waited the arrival of the down train. We had a pleasant time. We then went back to the house & went to see James & his wife - found his wife but not him. We went into [...]woods & saw the train pass down. Geo & his lady came down to the house after we had arrived there. Had a little talk & they left. S J and I went up stairs & talked &c. Then took tea. She went with me to G fathers & stayed all night. Nothing new happened.

29th Went in the morning down into the hay field of Grand father - had a talk with Uncle George in reference to his affairs. After which went Sarah down half way - returned & called at George's. Went to Uncle Gardner for dinner he gave me a note of \$163 to collect. Then went down to Laphams & stayed there till night - heard that I had been noticed in the Rutland Herald on the West Poultney business &c. - went home & went to bed.

30th Started for home quite early bidding goodbye to little Lizzie my niece & the rest. Arrived at Pawlet about 10 o c took dinner - left Lydia who looked rather thin & sickly. Arrived home about 5 o c. Took tea & went to the village. Found several letters for me of importance in reference to the commencement of Union College - being offered \$50 to be in attendance & write a peice - also about taking an [...] from Potter & Co. I found Ted P. Clark rather sick took him out a riding. Took Ann E. B --- & my sisters a riding - then went home [...]. It is fit the spell of this protracted dream should break.

31st I remained home all day. George & I walked round some upon the hills &c. to see the progression of things of things in general. Talked over his affairs & what had better be done in the premises. He has failed - but lost nothing - that is except his own labor - his wifes property which amounts to over twenty thousand dollars & his wifes mothers to over ten thousand has not been touched. And father has never given him a cent. He will be indebted about \$1000 after [...] all his property which he ran in debt for - not very bad after all.

August 1st George & I went out fishing early. Went up to Deacon Harkness & back - & down through [...]. Then returned and took dinner. After which went down the creek as far as Montgomerys caught a large number. After tea I walked down to the village. It rained hard. I went home after & went to bed.

2nd Bid Geo goodbye & left for office. Found things [...] up pretty bad. Room dirty as the d - l.

Wrote several letters. Called on John H Mc for a paper executed by Batchelder & Beaty. It wasn't ready. Went up to Munson in afternoon to get some money. Didn't succeed promised it in a few days. C H Allen & Ted P Clark went with me. The owner of the carriage thought we had drove a little to hard &c. Had a talk with H Hinds.

3rd Shiply was in office [...]. Timothy Cronin wanted to get up a [...] & go to Union Village tomorrow. D C Russell handed me a piece of a paper and a copy of the contract between Beaty & Batchelder. Made out my costs agt Hannah & sent them to Thompson to be taken on the 8 [...]. Nothing new under the sun.

4th Rainy this morning. A large number of our people went to the Hippodrome at Union Village. Made out my complaint in Batchelders case & served it. Went with Henry Hinds down to see Helen Larkin Cronin. She wasn't at home. The society met at Westons. Came back & had a long talk with Cronin &c. Didn't go to society. Started down met some ladies coming & Hinds backed out. Went to office - then to hotel & then home.

5th Warm - Hinds at hotel - went with him down to an apple tree below Col Steels & had a good talk of the girls & old times. Came back & took dinner. A Eddy was here. In afternoon attended the funeral of a child of McMahons - was one of the bearers. Then strolled around the grave yard then returned and at night called on S M Hawly. While there D C Russell & Allen Gibson with Miss Waggoner & Woodworth called. Had a very pleasant time & was delighted with good music.

6th Very warm - went with Cronin in carriage to Cambridge. Took dinner at Fentons. Went & wrote a letter at McNitts. Saw Mary Jane McNitt. Took the train of cars for Johnsonville. Made an engagement with a man by the name of Bulch to canvass &c. Took tea at Comstocks & returned at night. Then had a crazy time with Cronin & [...].

7th Quite warm. Went in bathing in morning. Went to church & heard the Rev Mr Long from Long Island on a very long & [...] sermon - was bored in the same way in afternoon. Sat in Gibsons seat in forenoon. Elisabeth Clark rode up with us. After supper went along with John on to the hills & picked some blackberries. Came back & found Cronin waiting at the house for me. Took a walk with him onto the hill also. Came back about dark. He remained with me all night. All.

8th Got up & went out & fished a little before breakfast. After it we went up to Billings & down to our old house fishing. Caught a few - then came to the village. I borrowed two dollars of Geo Holden & paid Howe. Received my pay of Munson tonight - paid John King. Sent two dollars to Nichols - gave Ted one & kept the rest myself. Remained in office writing this till late. Went to hotel & found the boys - Ted &c on a bust.

9th Went a fishing a short time before breakfast.. Didn't do anything. Arrived in Salem about 8 o c. Learned that there had been a fight in which Munson Joseph had been nearly killed - not expected to live. Was visited in afternoon by a Mr Sanderson of Union Village to see about helping to get the office of District Attorney. I remained non committal - called on Sarah M Hawly after tea - had a good time - prophecy.

10th A very warm day. Went down to the mill and went in a bathing. Didn't feel well at all today on account of the heat. At night I took a walk down the south road. Met SMH had a talk with her. Came back had a set with Dr Wright then went with Dole down below Pratt's. Came back & went into Westons. Heard them sing some. Then came home with Mary Woodworth.

11th Very hot this morning - concluded that I would go a fishing. So John & I started off with a basket. Went down the creek and then up Dry brook. We went there and got back about 4 o c P M. Caught over 80 trouts. After returning I went to village - went down to office and took a

good smoke. Remained around till about 10 o c & went home.

12th Hinds & Gibson round today. Very hot - layed off considerably. Recd a letter from George stating that his folks were quite sick. In afternoon G & H went round to call on some young ladies - didn't find them at home. At night I went with them up to Rupert. Called on Miss Wilson & Miss Beattie & Burton - then went up to see Miss Brown but she was a bed. We had a very lovely time as the moon was up & gave us light &c.

13th A very hot day. Went into grocery with Cronin & Bool. Had a talk about going a fishing. I got ready after dinner but the party didn't make their appearance. While occupying the front steps several couple from Union Village passed to the hotel. I went up & called on them had a good time. Also called on Miss Bancroft & had a long visit with her very much of a lady. The special term of Wash Co court convened today at the office - it rained hard at night - all.

14th I went in the morning over the east hill and picked some blackberries. John, mother, father & Mary went to Danby today. Willis went to church. I remained around home viewing the things in general till night - then went down to the village. Before I arrived it commenced raining. Got some wet - went down to the office & read some in the Reveries of a Bachellor - then went with Ted Clark down to the Methodist Church. There was no meeting on account of sickness in the Domin[...] family - then had a talk with Ted & went home.

15th Felt finely this morning. Mary Woodworth went to Pittstown today. In afternoon went round to see how things were going over in general. Saw a young lawyer from Poultney by the name of Beeman. Went round the street with him some. At night those invited to the wedding of Elisabeth Beaty went up to Mr Beatties. C H Allen, Cronin & myself went round up to Mrs Gantz & took some beer. We then went down to the hotel & had a great time in seeing the [...] drink and make fools of themselves. They did it up to the handle.

16th A pleasant day - felt finely - was at the depot when the cars came in. Saw Mowry B[...] & Martin who were going to the White mountains to have a time. In afternoon I went with John Ferguson over to his land beyond John Coon to see about building a private road. I remained in office till quite late & then went home. Comstock was here - went up to our house in forenoon - took the cars & went home at noon - drew up an agreement with Batch.

17th In office early - felt well. Read some in the Reveries of a Bachellor. Some company up at Mr Gibsons a Miss Newcomb & Safford. Hinds came about noon - took dinner with me. In afternoon went with him to see Miss Woodworth McAllister & Miss Allen - had a very pleasant time with each. At night Hinds went & invited Mary Woodworth to go with him to Asa Fitchs to see Sarah - she went - they didn't find her at home. I remained in office till quite late & went home. Scott & his lady were here this morning - on their way to Saratoga Spa.

18th Didn't feel so well this morning - quite cold. Came to village & found Hinds there. He was with Miss Woodworth most of the day - the consequence was he engaged himself to her to be married. Judge Gibson took me into his room & questioned about his standing position & character in society.

I wrote to Thompson today about the money.

19th Came down early. Arrived at Post Office when they were assorting the mail. Ted C. told me that Mary Woodworth & Henry Hinds were engaged to be married. Wasn't I astonished! Didn't I feel like the d - l about it I reckon. Read in the Bachellors Reveries. Hinds took tea here. In afternoon I sent some advertisements of Rens Co map in the Troy & Lansingburgh papers. Remained in office all day & read Ted Clark from the Bachellor Reveries - then went home late - cool night. Got letter from brother George stating that Emily was quite sick likewise one from Scott about map business.

20th Got up early. Shaved off my hair walked around some and then came to the village. Found John Ferguson & John Coon in office. John gave me one dollar for what I had done for him. I wrote a notice to the Road commissioners for William McNish to remove his fence from highway. John Cleveland was in the office. Our folks, Sarah & Willis went to Danby in the morning. I finished the Reveries & read considerably in papers and studied law some & passed a very pleasant day. At night I wrote some on a peice the subject of which was poetry. Stayed till quite late & then went home.

21st Arose early. Went over with John upon Harkness hill & picked some hackberries. Came back & I went down to the creek & went in a swimming then took a walk around the orchard - going to have considerable fruit. Then went up into little orchard then into garden & pulled up some weeds. [...]phus Sherman & a young Weed were at our house tonight - stayed as long as their company was desired & left - hope they won't trouble us again. I went to bed about 9 o clock something that I have not done I think for over a year. I commenced reading McCauleys history of England - liked it very much.

Another holy sabbath gone forever.

22nd Arose rather early - felt well. Came to village before cars were present. Swept the room out nice. Had a visit from Joseph Perkins an old school mate. Was very glad to see him though he has changed much. Henry Hinds was here - was called out by Mary Woodworth and didn't return again till dinner time. Went with him up to the Rail Road Depot after dinner. Saw Wm Montgomery - another old school mate whom I have not seen for years. Freeman & I had a long talk after the cars left about things in general. I remained down till quite late at night - went over to Mr McNaughtons - the boys of George Beebe & others were trying to get up a row at the hotel. Arrived home about 11 o clock.

23rd Felt finely this morning. Received by mail the Troy [...] with the advertisement of the maps of Rens Co. Received letter from Wm H Merriam with the peice he wrote upon the commencement at Union College, and F I. Parmenter. Took a ride at night with Allen Gibson up to Rupert and called upon Chas Potter Burton & Mary Beaty. Had a very fine visit. We concluded to postpone our visit upon Mount Antone till next Friday. I rode with Gibson down as far as Montgomerys & then walked home.

24th Felt well. It rained some. I arrived at the Depot just before the cars left for the north. Judge McLean & Mrs Bancroft went upon the train. It was a gloomy & dismal day. Received a letter from P. Comstock, also one from my brother which informed me that Emily was not better - but Lizzie was better. Scott was here today with a lady which he called his cousin, but I guess she was his wife. I got three maps from him. He obtained some money from the bank. I got well acquainted with his lady - quite interesting. Elisabeth Cooper died today. Another friend of mine & a very pretty girl - I felt very bad.

25th All right this morning. A very pleasant day though quite cold owing I suppose to the comet²⁵ which is now visible in the northeast. I went this forenoon down to East Greenwich. Saw Mr Norcross who gave me his case which had been appealed by Russell. Saw Roderick Beebe - didn't conclude upon his suit - didn't arrive till after dinner. Served a notice of retainer upon Russell in the above cause. Obtained the return for the purpose of making a copy. Had quite a long talk with Gibson on politics and District Attyship - went home late and arrived just as the moon bright & clear arose above the eastern hills conscious of - something that should happen & I was right. Some men making cattle guards for the Rail Road were allowed to stay all night.

Got a letter from F I Parmenter stating that he had not taken my letter out of the office at the time he wrote the one of the 23rd.

²⁵ Comet Klinkerfues, visible to the unaided eye from early August through early October, 1853

26th Felt bad. Came down early. A beautiful day. Henry Hinds remained all night with Mary W - th. Received a letter from Potter &c. of New York inquiring of Porter & Crocker of North White Creek and answered the same. Went home rather early. The boys - Ted Clark, John McFarland, Henry Wright, George Holden & Thomas Stevenson went down to Buttons & got drunk. Had a great time so says report.

27th Came down early. Felt very well. Ted looked hard consequent upon last night's performance. The Miss Fentons of Cambridge were at Mr Gibsons. Had a talk at noon with Henry Clark. Young Gilman & Clark were in the office waiting to get a look at our paper. Father came to the village with some plums today - sold well. Miss Bulkely and Mrs Bancroft came in the cars - both looked well. Had a long talk with Gandell the sherriff on politics District Attyship &c. at the Rail Road Depot. I received a letter from my brother stating that Emily was not better and also informing me of a timber accident that occurred at the Borough in which one man was killed & two severely wounded.

28th A beautiful morning. John & I went up into Harkness field & picked some blackberries. Went around upon our back field & came round through the woods. Saw some sheep in Beaty's corn fields. Came down through our corn rows. Then I went down to the creek & went in a bathing - then to the orchard & went up the apple tree that bears such good fruit and shook it - obtained some very fine ones.

After Ted John & I went up to the corn field by Billings - came back & met W [...] Beaty who informed me that our sheep were in his corn. We started off & found only four which we got out. I went down in the woods & sat down & mused a long time on wasted years. Read some in McCauleys history.

29th A warm day. Got Willis to sign a note with me for fifty dollars - told him about my map business. Asked Bancroft if he would take it & give me the money - he said he would see. At noon Willis came down to get a letter from George. Took a walk with John Cleveland down to the machine shop & spoke to him about entering into a contract with me & take a county in the map business. Recd a check from G F Thompson for \$24. Got my boot [...]. Bancroft informed me that he would give me the money on my & Willis note. Paid C H Allen, Ted P. Clark, T Cronin Jason Williams Weir. Didn't get ready in time to go to Troy. Father & mother went to Danby. This is all I believe.

30th Felt extremely well. Came down early. Didn't get any letters out of P O. Presented my note to the bank and recd the money on it. Paid Austin for making coat & Hinds. Took the noon train which was behind the time and went to Troy. Arrived at Eagle Bridge and waited there in a scorching sun for nearly 2 hours. Didn't arrive in Troy till 6 o c. Took tea at the Troy House. Went down & saw R A & F I Parmenter paid them nine dollars. Went with Frank down to Mrs Adams. Saw the girls - had a pleasant time playing whist. Went after this up to S K on 8th St and took some champagne &c. Came home & went to bed. Slept with Gilman at the Mansion house.

31st Arose quite early and went up to the American hotel. Found Holden. Went with him to the cannon place to procure some envelopes for the wedding - then went and got shaved and had my hair cut. After breakfast went and put up a map of Washington County in the rooms of the Young Mens Association and also one in the Troy House. Then went and saw all the editors & made arrangements with them. Then got some magazines & sent them to Misses Arnold & Clark. Then had a talk with W H Merriam & Gen [...] then went to Manns office - then took the stage for Lansingburgh - saw the editors there - and then went & saw Chas A White. He is just recovering from a severe attack of fever. The appearances are that he has not married very well [...]. Had a very pleasant visit with him. Took the last train up & came home, pretty well used up felt blistered & tired as the d - l. Found Ted in the office - remained a few minutes & went home. Bot in Troy two books Festus & Dreamlife for which I paid \$2.50.

Sept 1st Didn't feel over & above well. Found Henry Hinds in the hotel, had considerable of a talk with him and then went to office. Had a pleasant chat he then went down & prepared for the wedding. At about 11½ o'clock we were asked down to witness the performance. Found the room full. In a few minutes the remains of Mary Woodworth were deposited with Henry Hinds & she became Mrs Hinds. After which the usual congratulations were exchanged and after a little talk they left for Cincinnati. I suppose I am responsible in no small degree for this wedding having introduced the parties and advised it and having also given Hinds general character to Gibson who was her immediate guardian. There has been a large amount of scandal by that class who ever delight in the degradation of others. All kinds of venom has been flung out by those "creeping things" to embitter and poison the cup which is prepared for them hereafter. "They are right, they do after their kind." But my word for it they will never live to see the day when they shall look with triumph upon the humiliation of his spirit or the degradation of his name. My word for it - his destiny will be success, his fortune wealth & honor. I know that he has more of the elements of a practical successful man than any one in this town. And so time will determine.

In afternoon I tried a suit with Russell for some niggers. After which studied some. Had a long talk with Cronin at night about things in general and politics in particular. Then went home.

2nd A very warm morning. Came to village and after a while had my horse ordered for Mount Antone. Went to the academy & procured the telescope - went to Lansings and got some peaches, cheese & crackers & cigars & started for Rupert - found Gibson at Wilsons - went to Beatys found Mary on hand with a cousin - d - n the cousins! Got some eatables & started on - drove very slow till we arrived at our destination. Found John Cleveland waiting for us. After resting a short time we commenced the ascent. Couldn't find a path so we had to take it just as it came. I took the cousin & started ahead and arrived first on the mount. We stopped some on the way & I examined her head. When we obtained to height I was most choked so eating a little. John C - d & I started to find some water. I tired J --- out but without any success. When we were out we heard somebody below. When presently Willis - Seth Clark, Elisabeth C - k & Mary made their appearance. We remained for a while talking & viewing the scenery which was not as good as usual on account of the mist till near sundown when we bounded like a deer down the mountain and soon arrived at our teams when we drank a large amount of water & started for home. Had a pleasant ride till we came to Beatys when I had to go the rest of the way alone - lonesome as you please. Took tea with Jas McNaughton & Allen Gibson at hotel - after which had a fine time with Ted & went home.

3rd Felt very tired this morning, leggs ached and was quite weak. I slept a good deal during the day. I recd a letter from George informing me that Emily was a good deal better. At night saw John Cleveland had a talk with him about the Road matter for Ferguson - they concluded not to remove the fence of McNish. I think they can be indicted. John, Cronin, Ted & myself went over to McNaughtons grocery and had some oysters - the first of the season. John & I then walked home talked about entering into the map business together. Had a very pleasant jaunt. Another walk ended. Another link of time broken. Another part of life gone to eternity. During the past few weeks the yellow fever has prevailed to a most alarming extent in New Orleans. Since the 27th of May over 8000 people have died - about 1 in 9 of those in the city - terribly awful!

This has been a very pleasant week to me and now for business. About a month I have devoted to pleasure and now to honor & gain. So forward.

4th A beautiful day though quite chilly. I layed abed till quite late in the morning. I went down to the creek & bathed then went into orchard got my pockets full of apples. Ate a large lot of plums (all of our plum trees hang very full). Slept considerably in the forenoon. Read some during the day in Dreamlife. At night went over to the bridge and had a talk with Christopher Billings. Saw Mrs Jane Layton (formerly Clark). Came home & went to bed.

5th Expected some money from Hon F N Mann. It didn't come. Was in office early. Swept out &c. before the cars arrived. Made out & finished my report on the business men in this vicinity & sent it on by the noon train. Simeon Wright was at our house before I was up to see me about commencing proceedings agt Deacon Harkness. He walked down with me to the village. Advised him to do nothing about it. I saw Jas Allen for the first time today - he arrived here Saturday. He looks pale & thin - too bad to have the morning of life thus clouded, I always liked Jimmy. Chas Allen went to Albany Medical College today. Major McFarland started out to canvass for me. Ted Clark commenced going to the academy.

6th All right. Got up quite early & took a walk. Daniel Harkness was here to see me about getting Wright to settle with him. Went out & fished a spell - didn't catch any. Took breakfast and started for the village. Sim Watson was in here to collect some money. Judge Gibson gave him a good jawing. A beautiful day &c. I borrowed some money of John King to pay Scott five dollars. Had a talk about taking Saratoga County to canvass with Allen Gibson. Scott went to Connecticut to see about Hartford Co.

7th All right. Took a walk before breakfast. Started for the village. The passenger train with four or five cars passed me near Billings crossing when several waved their handkerchiefs to me. The special train a pretty large one passed me at the McCurdy place. Mr Gibson recd a letter from Mary Hinds in which she expressed herself very much with her present condition. As we were taking dinner we were visited by a very severe rain - as hard about as I ever witnessed. At night when the excursion train came down from Granville they informed us that it blew down the tent &c. raising the d - l with everything. The fair opened poorly. It rained all the afternoon. I saw Batchelder in afternoon in [...]. I put him off as quick as possible having been bored enough by him. No money yet from [...] Mann. I don't see what he means.

8th All right. Quite cloudy this morning clearing off by nine o'clock. Arrived at the village before the trains went up. Deacon Beattie was taken quite sick today with the delirium tremens. Was in office all day. A man from Shushan was here to advise me about getting hold of some property for the heir of one Hill from his brother. Father was in town selling plums. I saw Sanderson of Union Village tonight - had a talk with him about District Attyship. He also spoke to me about being partners with him. Young H[...] was here. Went to see Sarah M. Hawly. Cronin & wife & sister visited our house today. Recd a letter from George stating that Emily was worse. Also recd one from A Ames stating that he was married - or a ticket to that effect. Bot a new hat. Old Ames how I loved that fellow in olden times. How often I have thought of him when [...] with the [...] of the world. Dear friend, God bless you - may you be as successful in your endeavors as you were true in your friendship to me.

9th Rather pleasant though didn't feel very well. Went down to creek & went in a bathing after breakfast. There was an excursion of the Shushan Sabbath School to Rupert. Went through the village singing which sounded very nice. John W Beaty worse today not expected to live. Munson was in office wanting I should look into some claims of the Quackinbush estate. When the excursion scholars came back they stopped and sang some. One of the horses was bled while at Rupert & came very near bleeding to death in the street here. Two young men from Wisconsin, relatives of Watson of E Greenwich were in office to see the Judges Shanghai chickens &c. Fine looking men. Judges eyes no better. Letter from George Emily no better. Wrote in evening a part of an amended complaint in the Batchelder case and then went home.

10th A beautiful morning - rather warm. In forenoon wrote out the amended complaint in the case of Batchelder & copy. In afternoon went down to Slab City with Cronin. Saw Watson & his brother in law had a pleasant talk with them. Came back by the way of McDonalds. A very pleasant ride. Judges eyes still sore though some better. Served my amended complaint on Russell and notice of retainer & demand of copy of complaint for Gibson on McDougalls in cases Fitch & Baker vs Troy & Rutland R R Co. Ted agreed to give me his note for one dollar if I

would write him a composition. Agreed to do it. John W Beaty died this morning - supposed of the delirium tremens. Walked down with Jabez Billings. Allen Gibson was here in morning to take Wm [...] Gibson & wife to Argyle - W [...] G is here on a visit from Fond Du Lac after an absence of about six years. Fine looking changed very much for the best.

11th A pleasant morning though somewhat cool. I went over in the orchard after breakfast along with John and picked some apples. Then went with father & John into the little orchard and upon the sheep pasture to see the sheep then came home & commenced getting ready for the funeral of J W Beaty. Went up about noon - found a very large gathering - commenced raining after a while but protected myself by umbrella not being able to gain entrance into the house. The sermon was preached by Mr Farrington. The procession reached about a mile when it started. I walked down with Houghton Mary & E Clark. John & Mary went around with the procession to the grave yard. I went after tea up to the hill of Harkness to get some blackberries - didn't find any. Then went over to orchard. Saw Pat Flemmings then came home. Was visited by Robert McFarland & John McNaughton at night. They took tea had a pleasant time with them and went to bed.

12th A beautiful morning. Came down quite early. All right. Wrote a composition for Ted Clark on school days. Went up to the train at noon to see A L Clinton & Geo W Babcock of Waukesha Wisconsin leave. Had a pleasant talk with them. S M Hawly was there to see a friend of hers off. Gibson thought his eyes were poor left for Sandy Hill to hold court. At night I shaved my hair off clear back. This is my birthday. How soon the year has gone - how very soon. I am twenty two years old - and it seems but yesterday when I was attending school at the academy - though nearly seven years have come and gone since then. I am now quite bald on the top of my head consequent upon shaving it and perhaps my hair will never come in. What & how shall I be one year hence. I am in debt now - a year hence I must be worth one thousand dollars - think I shall be married - if nothing happens at my next birthday. How my friends are going, some to the bridal & some to the tomb. How changes come and go. How shadows thicken as we advance in life. How our hopes within age, how the enchantment & fascination of youth turns into [...] & blackened phantoms or ghosts. But time wears & years wane apace. And shall go to our long home in heaven - so [...] it be.

13th A pleasant clear day. In office all day alone. Judge at Sandy Hill - Ted at school - Allen Gibson here - William Gibson & lady left for home. I was at the cars to bid them good bye. Studied in afternoon took tea with Ted Clark at Gibsons - Mrs Gibson gone away - before tea went up on to the hill over the village bridge. Felt finely all day. Took a walk before dinner arrived by the new street. Colonel Steel was digging out a cellar for a new building. Met Deacon Harkness had a talk with him. Miss Anderson left for Philadelphia today &c.

14th Rainy morning. On my arrival at office found the minister of Slab City & Abner C Robertson here. Shibly drew up a mortgage for the minister to Robertson for five hundred dollars - it was executed &c. I received a letter from George which stated that Emily was better. I also recd one from D Arnold of Keeseville in reference to surveying. John Davis an Irishman and David A Cleveland were here in afternoon to have me draw a deed & mortgage for them. I agreed to the papers were left with me. In evening I went with Cronin to see a panorama of Pilgrims progress which was quite good - the house was crowded. Went afterwards down to McNaughtons grocery - then went home after a while.

15th Rainy. Scott & Allen Gibson were in office. Scott to advise in morning about commencing a suit against Woodworth for slander. He brot some maps of other counties [...] our here. In afternoon we drew up an agreement in reference to Saratoga County agreeing to give buy of him or Smith 50 maps at 4 dollars a peice and all over that to give him 2 dollars a peice. We signed a note for five hundred dollars payable one year from date. McDougall was in office to serve his complaint in the case of Gilman. Cronin was here also till quite late.

16th Rained a little this morning though before noon all cleared off. Was in office all day studying hard. David Cleveland came here to see me in reference to his & Davis matter. I [...] it all night. I wrote the deed and mortgage for Cleveland. My sister Lydia & her husband Sherman were here. I got a letter from George stating that Emily was considerably better. I went home late before our folks went to bed however. Holden Houghton & Clark were there visiting - they remained till after 12 o'clock. I went to bed.

17th Rained. Came down early. Saw Major McFarland. Said he wouldn't take Troy City to canvass. Went with Ted Clark to Union Village to attend to some business. It rained all the way down. Saw Comstock. Went to circus from there went over to camp meeting saw some girls. Went into the camp ground after dark. A very romantic scene the camp fires all burning and the trees like ghosts standing above & around gave an air of solemnity to the view. Scott & I came back to hotel leaving Comstock with some women. After remaining about an hour Ted & I left for home - had a very severe storm - we came home in some very bright lightning to scare us. We arrived about 1 o'clock - had a little time with [...] - got something to eat & went to bed.

18th Cloudy and warm. Got up about 6 o'clock & started for home. Passed a young man at the Proudfit whom I think was Batchelders son. Found Lydia and all the rest of our folks at home. Went in bathing. Walked round upon the hills. Went over into orchard - slept some - read some in dreamlife.

19th Cold & cloudy. Met Harkness in morning who proposed to me that I go as a delegate to the assembly convention in Union Village. I told him I would. Saw McMurray in the afternoon he suggested I should be a delegate. David Russell was in office in afternoon talking on politics stating that we had better nominate B[...]ckes for Justice of the district instead of A B James - also requested Judge to notice a cause of his for trial. At night went into grocery and found McMurray, Stewart, Clark & others on a bust. Most of them pretty tight. McM gave me five dollars to spend if required. I [...] out considerable [...] that night. Came up to hotel & found John Percy and some other Lawyers on hand for the Special Term tomorrow. Had a talk with them and left for home. Received a letter from Safford B. Rawson Esq. [...] counsellor &c. Syracuse [...] New York - Oh! Bah!

20th Didn't feel very smart consequent upon last night's operations. Didn't go into court in forenoon at all. Read some. Was visited by D C Russell also by Chas Ingalls to see about a law point. At noon read some papers for Judge. Went into court house stayed a spell to hear the [...] of some lawyers - was asked! by Potter if I would go for him - told him all right &c. - then came down to office. Reab in office at night. Got a letter from Comstock about engaging Mr Hinds to canvass Grafton. Consented to have him use my name to engage him. Percy went home likewise Spencer on the noon train. A large number of lawyers here.

21st Special Term still in session. In the forenoon was visited by Asa Fitch for the purpose of having me go for him for the assembly. I told him that I have been engaged as a delegate by McMurray - made him feel bad &c. It was rainy this morning but it cleared off before noon. At noon I received a letter from George stating that Emily was worse and would probably not recover. I started for home at once. Gave our folks the information & returned. Went down with Scott the map man on the cars. Took tea at Eagle Bridge and went to Danby on the Weston Vermont cars. Got there about 9 o'clock. Found Emily very low indeed - almost dead - the folks thought she was dying - oh how sweet & calm she appeared for a dying person. After a while she revived and appeared conscious of what was going on. I sat up till after 11 o'clock and went to bed. Geo & the rest acted very sorrowful & sad, crying and taking on pretty hard. Oh dear too bad - too bad! - but it must be so - she must die.

22nd When I awoke the folks were attending around the bed of Emily supposing every minute she would die. But she soon revived up so that she spoke quite loud. Father then proposed to take her under his charge but Whipple objected stating that he had never lost a case of the

kind. Whipple then commenced stimulating her but she soon became weaker and acted as if she was dying. Thus she continued all day. I went at noon up to cousin Maria & took dinner. Stayed till after dinner expecting them to come home but Emily was so much worse that I concluded to stay all night. I went down to Aunt Sarah's and stayed all night. Found Sarah Jane & Charles at home - had a very pleasant time & went to bed. Emily died at 7 o'clock tonight.

23rd Waked up early in morning. Got up came down & had quite a visit with Sarah Jane. Took breakfast - very good chickens &c. Then after waiting a short time for Charles came to Danby Borough. Learned that Emily had died the night before. Oh how much of sorrow, deep lasting sorrow is in that word dead! When it comes to the heart of friendship, how it withers & blights the flowers which we have nourished making us feel the nothingness of life. But oh when we know that the one we have loved, the chosen one in life, is doomed, how swift & terrible is the gloom that settles on all the visions of life. We may speculate on futurity, we may philosophise till our credulity has peopled another world with the spirits of the dead and made them [...] in heaven. Still there is a poignancy in death which no philosophy can alleviate, a despair in the grave which no [...] can illumine.

When I saw my brother in the morning he wept not nor did he shed a tear. But there was expressed upon his countenance a despair deep as it was awful. I wanted to see him cry for I know that tears would be a solace to him. Dark indeed must be that future which shall be lighted no more by the smiles of a kind & loving wife, and which shall ever reflect back upon the hopes & loves of long ago, the dreary words of never - never - more. But so twill be. Life will be a sepulchre fall of the beautiful & lovely, which are gone.

John & I left for Pawlet about 9 o'clock arrived a little after 11 o'clock. Got something to eat at Lydia's - then went to Marks Corners, remained about an hour & came to Salem. Willis was there to see me &c. I told him all. I engaged a horse and went up the creek as far as Hopkins. Stopped at Shermans. Went up to Walter Beatys. Got back about 8 o'clock. Went a few minutes into the psychology lecture at court house. Went to McNaughtons and had some oysters. Had the horse harnessed and started for home - the screw to keep the wheel on the wagon was lost - so I had to be very careful &c.

24th Was awakened by Willis - he & Sarah left for Danby before I awoke in the morning. Got up took breakfast & left for the village. A lovely morning. I got some money of Ted Clark - what he owed me. Took the cars for Marks Corners - a very pleasant ride. Walked from there to Josiahs. After getting something to eat left for Danby - went very slow - arrived just in time - there was a large concourse of people. After prayer we went to the church and listened to a very appropriate sermon from the Rev Mr Bou[...]. We then went to the grave yard to bury her - a long procession followed Emily to her last resting place. It rained some. We returned and I stayed all night. Willis and the girls came home. I went with Mrs Powell down to the depot - she was about leaving for Rutland - the cars didn't come very soon & I came up & got Martha Perry and went down where she was - waited a few minutes - cars didn't come & we all came back - got caught in the rain some. After a while went to bed.

25 I remained at George's all day. A beautiful day. Visited some with Clark at the hotel. Loveland the universalist minister preached at the Borough. I had a very pleasant time with --- in the parlor. She is a beautiful girl. Went with George up on to the hill to take a look at his farm. Went with George towards night down to the bank and then to the depot. Went to bed about 9 o'clock. Left --- [...] - sweet girl.

26th After breakfast George & I went down to see the [...] about which there was a suit pending between Lapham & Burns & Co of Troy. Came back and found our folks waiting for us. In a few minutes we left for home bidding good bye to as sorrowful a family as I ever saw. Nothing of interest occurred on the route. We took dinner at Lydia's. John & I walked up the mountain from Pawlet. We arrived home before 2 o'clock. I learned that McMurray had succeeded and that I hadn't. Came to village - wrote a note for the press but it was out before so I could not insert it. Saw McMurray - had a talk about his success &c. At night it rained very hard so I stayed along

with Ted Clark - Judge being absent.

27th Waked up about 7 o'clock & arose and went into office. Little Mary came in & stayed a short time. Went down & took breakfast. Rained all day - dreary & cold. Ebenezer McMurray was in office to give me a certificate to [...] a right to our seats at the assembly convention. Had a talk with him - likewise with John R. Lytle. Allen Gibson was in office all the evening & a good part of the day - a first rate fellow & good company.

Was very lonesome all day - and didn't feel very well. I received a letter from my cousin Arnold of Keeseville was quite pleased to receive it - for more reasons than one. Harry Freeman was married to Miss Eliza Atwood - this has been rather of a long courtship - about 7 years - and a very apt illustration of that mottoe that the course of true love never did run smooth.

28th Rainy - stayed at Gibson's all night. Took breakfast at the hotel. Left with Allen Gibson for Union Village. Rained all the way. Arrived at the village about 11 o'clock. But few of the delegates present. They all arrived in the course of an hour. Had a good dinner. Talked along with Sanderson - is quite an energetic fellow but entirely too anxious. He wanted I should go in for him - for state delegate, Senatorial delegate and district committee besides to go for him for District Attorney and didn't offer to help me to anything there being no consideration for the promise I didn't fulfil. Ebenezer McMurray was unanimously nominated for assembly John M. Stevenson was appointed state, Jas Gibson Judicial, Wm B Harkness Henry Shepherd D A Boies Edwin Andrews & Daniel [...] Payne Senatorial delegates - D A Boies T H Walker John McKie Wm Stevenson & Wm King corresponding committee. Everything was quite harmonious. Started from the village in the rain about 3½ o'clock and arrived in town about dark - stopped at Corbett's a few minutes. Had some oysters at McNaughtons after we arrived and after a while I went home well pleased with the days operations.

29th Pleasant day. Judge arrived from White Hall. I copied & finished the complaint in reference to Rail Road Company & Orville P. Gilman served it on McDougall. Had a long talk with Gibson about politics in this county and the way in which things have gone for several years back. Received a letter from Potter & Co. and one from Parmenter and from

30th Rainy and cold in forenoon. Studied all day. Major McFarland told me that he had had very poor success in the map business the d - d scoundrel meant to cheat me I know. He has told me previous that he had got over a hundred in White Hall & Hampton and not more than half canvassed there. I believe he & Scott have united to [...] - we will see in the course of a few days. I told Cronin about the affairs of the M[...] and he told me to look out - and I will. While in C --- 's office Major came in. He looked guilty. Houghton & Ted Clark were at Clarks tonight. Came over when I arrived home.

Oct 1st Mad as you please - at every body in general & the Major in particular. I asked him today what he intended to do. He had nothing to say, the old scoundrel! The whole tribe are a set of R[...]. How such a thing [...] - but if they get a start on me, they'll catch a weasel asleep. In afternoon I was visited by Mr Dole to defend a suit for him against Cleveland & Lyons. We had quite a talk. Went over to McNaughtons grocery and had some ---.

There the old d - l goes as I am writing. I have given the old cuss money and he has gone & spent it for his own damned purposes, drinking, eating oysters and buying new clothes besides going to Washington to get an appointment as clerk - the old devil, and hasn't attended to my business at all. If there is a hell he'll go there.

2nd A bright pleasant morning, but it rained before night. I took a walk before breakfast up the East Road. Willis & the girls went to church. I went down to creek & went in a bathing. Went into Little Orchard and up on to the corn field. Read considerable & slept some during the day.

3rd Rainy & chilly. Cleared off before night. Gibson hired [...] today. Ted went off to engage

another - didn't succeed. Studied hard all day. Saw Henry Hill who asked me for the expenses - told him I would make it all right by Thursday. Anderson arrived from Scotland in morning train - the same as ever tho looking as if he had seen something of the world. He visited me at night - had a long talk with on the scenes & scenery of Great Britain and the wonders that attended his journey. I went with Ted down to Dr Asa Fitch before dark. Came back & took tea with Allen Gibson & Mrs Woodworth.

4th A beautiful day. Was down early. A young man by the name of Harwood of Keeseville - lawyer was in the village. I went with him to the machine shop and around the village to show him the beauty & loveliness of Salem. I was at the station when the noon train arrived & the lawyer that opposed his motion was aboard, but Judge Allen not being present he went on. I went with him to Allen's office - then to the hotel. Met Helen M Russell - a very fine girl, the only --- one in the whole tribe. I went with him at night to Allens & called on Alida - had a very pleasant time. Then went to depot - saw him off and after a while went home.

5th Gibson was gone all day to Clapps Mills surveying & c. Tillotson of Shushan was in here this morning to have me examine the school law - did so. Saw the Major & wanted to know what he was going to do about the map business. I got the same answer as usual. Recd a letter from Scott stating that he would be in town in a short time &c. Borrowed some money of Ted Clark to pay Henry Hill. Took some oysters with him over at McNaughtons and went home.

6th Pleasant but cold. Our folks gathered apples all day - they will have a good many - about one hundred of grafts. Six years ago today I was in Clinton and my brother was married. Little did he think that six short years would see him alone and the partner of his love cold in death. What a change a year will bring! Will six years see me alone? I paid Henry Hill what I owed him except a quarter he appeared satisfied. Saw McDonold & Gandell at the station. Rained some before night & became quite cool.

7th A pleasant day. Looks like Indian Summer. Hopkins was in office in forenoon for the purpose of having me make out a notice to serve upon his son the [...]. I made a copy and told him how to write it &c. In afternoon Cronin & I took a walk down on the Rail Road. Came back & got a letter from Clark who had taken it from the P O - from Whipple. Saw Chester Murdoch a few minutes. David Cleveland came in to hotel and wanted I should draw up a paper for him - I did so. Took tea. Studied in office quite late & went home. Received a letter from Uncle Gardner Griffith.

8th Quite pleasant. Ted around all day. John Nelson drew some wood for Gibson - he jawed him for something he did. Uncle Gardner and his wife came to our house today. In afternoon Cronin was in office. While here John Davis came in to pay me some money for David A. Cleveland \$25.00. I went to the Bank and changed one of the bills to give him back some change. Then went into Cronins office - then came to mine after a while. Bet with Ted Clark what I owed him agt the same amount that I could show \$20. I beat him. In the evening Cleveland came down and I paid him the amt 25 dollars at hotel. He gave me some. So this is all and farewell.

9th A beautiful morning. Rained before noon. Uncle Gardner & I took a walk out to the hill on the East Road. We remained in the house most of the day talking upon matters and things in general. At night we walked up the Rail Road track and talked over the court ship of G & E. Went in bathing during the day. Passed a very pleasant night and didn't [...] till quite late.

10th A beautiful morning - bid Gardner & his wife good bye & started for the village. Judge went to Whitehall on the Boyd business. Saw Scott. He agreed to do better by me than he had, giving Hartford &c. Major was to be here in the evening but on account of my being at Cronins I didn't see him. I believed the scoundrel was cheating but I guess he wasn't. A couple of young ladies from Troy passed in the cars to night that I had seen before. Had a talk with Harkness he

wanted I should go with him over to the senatorial convention tomorrow but couldn't go he was to start so early. A beautiful evening just cool enough to brace up the animal spirits and give animation to the weak & fragile body. Those cool clear nights are indeed refreshing after the wet or sultry days of summer & September.

11th Not very pleasant damp & rained some. Got the Major to sell out his subscription list to me. Took Gibson in partners with me. We gave our [...] guaranty for \$200 20 days from date for 50 maps. In afternoon we went to Union Village. Cold ride - saw Whipple - made no definite bargain with him though he thought we would take three or four towns. Bot some summons for McFarland & started for home. Several buildings going up in Slab City. W arrived in time for tea. Learned in a short time that Hopkins had been nominated for senator. Went into Cronins office & stayed a short time & went home.

12th A pleasant morning. Was down quite early. Saw S H Dole when the cars came in. He told me that he should want my services Friday to defend him a suit of Cleveland & Lyons. He came down to office and had a talk on things & matters in general. Examined the law in his case. Didn't feel very well during the day. Had a talk with Fairchild and others on the senator Hopkins hard pill to swallow.

13th Waked up very sick. Weak & sick at my stomach, as if I was going to have a fever. Didn't take any breakfast. Layed abed till most noon and then took something to eat & went to the village. Was so weak couldn't hardly reach there - when arrived layed down in some chairs - vomited some - went over to Cronins office & layed down - stayed around till about 4 o c & left for home - arrived about dark & took a large dose of physic and went to bed. Recd letters from Comstock & Chas H Allen.

A bad & gloomy day [...].

14th Felt a good deal better though quite sick. Got ready & went to village early - considering. Got Clark to copy some for me. Stayed around till noon not doing much of anything in particular. My brother George arrived on the noon train with Mrs Lapham and Lizzie. Went down with Dole to Martins and tried his suit. McDougall was opposed to me. Had considerable sparring. I hope he'll beat for I shall appeal. Came up with Dole after getting [...] having a very pleasant talk & ride with him. Took some oysters with him at McNaughtons grocery - then went up to Cronins - then home. Felt better though not well. Took a lot of Bennett pills and went to bed.

15th A beautiful day - a regular Indian summer one. After walking round a little we started off a walnutting. Went over back of the woods gathered some. Came back and shook the tree on the side hill next to Beaty - then went over the road among the small walnut trees and got some - and then to the big walnut tree & then home. Felt sick all the time. Came back in time for dinner. Took care of & played with Lizzie some & took her part way up to Deacon Beatys with Mary and then came back & went with George to the village. Had a talk with Gibson on politics some. Took tea with George at hotel. Went into Cronins office and had some thing of a talk with him & then went home with George. Found M D Gray & wife at our house. Visited with them some and went to bed - [...]. Went in a bathing in afternoon.

16th A beautiful morning. Walked out some with George. Got ready & went to church. A clergyman from Granville preached on marriage & its responsibilities - a very good discourse. Went down to hotel & stayed for a while and then went home. In afternoon talked over things & events that have gone and on the far west whither George is going in a week or so. Mr & Mrs James Clark visited us at night. We read & talked some at night and went to bed quite early.

Quite unwell yet though better. The City of Iowa a place of about 3000 inhabitants now the capitol of Iowa is the place that George is going to stop. He will purchase some land and don't know what he will do yet - whether he will let money or go with business. We will see in a few weeks.

17th A fine morning. Got up early took breakfast & started for the village - walked down - Mrs Lapham George & the girls came down after a while. Stopped at the hotel - went to the depot & waited till the cars arrived. Comstock came up on the cars. George & others left on same train. After that went with C & Ted down to the machine shop and surveyed the mighty structure & machinery - then came back to hotel & had a chat. Our folks went home & Comstock came down to office & took dinner with me & left on the 2 o clock train down. He wanted to buy me out in Rens Co but he didn't offer enough. Gibson & the rest of the lawyers went to Sandy Hill to attend the Supreme Court. I was to join issue with Russell before Esq McFarland but being a little to late he joined issue & adjourned it. He went home sick.

18th A pleasant day. Didn't feel very well. Wrote a letter to Elisha Arnold. All alone only when Ted was in at night was lonesome as I couldn't study. Took a ride in the afternoon with Andrew Anderson. Took a walk down by the academy and around the west street. Spent the day just as I could. The woods are superbly beautiful and the day is has been hazy. Enough to give to that beauty a solemnity impressive of its decay. At night I walked up with John C Beaty and had a very pleasant talk with him on politics &c.

19 I was quite unwell this morning, so much so that I concluded to remain at home and so I did. I lay about most of the time. Walked round in the corn field where our folks were husking & drawing corn fodder. Our corn is very fine indeed, better than any in the neighborhood. I went to the walnut trees &. After dinner B F Bobinson and Abner Austin jr came along fishing and I asked them up to the house to take some cider - they came up & partook of a pitcher full of sweet good cider. In afternoon I went down to the field & went in a swimming. Levendee Wright & Euphemia Beaty visited at our house in the evening. A very lovely day has gone to come no more.

20 A beautiful day. Felt quite weak when I awoke. After breakfast got ready & came to village. I met Ted Clark & John McFarland they were coming after me for the purpose of having me send some papers to the Judge at Sandy Hill. I could not find the paper that he sent for for a long time. At last after McFarland came for it, it was found. I had been appointed as attorney for John H Boyd and others in the case of Charles B Wright agt John Williams, John H Boyd & others. Sent a power over to Shiply to appear for me. Saw Herrington & Dole during the day. A young man by the name of Walls was married and the wedding came up with him to the hotel. I remained around all the afternoon talking with Freeman & others till night. Ted was gone all day hunting. Saw him just at night he had been trying to get a horse to go to Wrights. Couldn't get one. I was overtaken by John Cleveland rode up with him. Visited with Mrs Gibson during the day. Was advised by Bancroft of a legal subject in reference to [...].

21st A fine morning. Was visited by "Ted" [...] his boots while at breakfast. Came to village and found him gone to Sandy Hill with Mr Roberts. Didn't feel very well, though a good deal better than usual. In afternoon hired a horse and went down to William McAllisters had a very good visit with my old friend took tea there &c. Came back & arrived about dark. Had a very pleasant time - but he I once took so much delight in visiting has gone to the far west. I had the entire use of all Judge's room during the day and I availed myself of it. McMurray & Harkness & Cronin were in during the day. Ted [...] Roberts arrived at night from Sandy Hill.

22 A pleasant day. Allen Gibson & Ted went to Union Village in forenoon. Alone all day excepting Harkness. In printing office some. Roberts folks here all day. Shiply arrived from Sandy Hill at night, reported suit of Rail Road Company all right. Ted got in about dark with a foot very badly swelled. John & William McFarland were in during the evening - had something of a chat with them.

Got the key into the door of the Judges room and couldn't extricate it. Read a letter from George that he would be at our house on Tuesday.

23 A clear though chilly morning. I took a walk around the meadow and out to the farm before breakfast. After it went up to the wal[...] that bears such large walnuts and picked up some. Came back and layed down for a spell and [...] up the books in the library up stairs and took the newspapers and carried them up stairs and cleaned Georges old chest to use for my letters and law papers. After which went with John up to the meadow where the walnut tree stands & picked up some and then went to the tree that stands beside the Road and John shook it. Came home and passed the remainder of the day in Reading & walking around. A young man from the village was visiting here during the day.

24th Rainy in morning. Commenced snowing before noon and snowed quite hard. C W Mosely in town as station agent - spelling Chapin. Comstock and Batch came to town today for the purpose of agreeing upon what should be done further in the Rens Co map business - made arrangements. George arrived on the noon train. Came to hotel and got my books of Whitcomb and went home. We had a hard time in getting along, it snowed so hard and the [...] splash were so thick. We arrived between 3 & 4 oclock. Visited all the afternoon. I went up to Deacon Beatys to see the girls, had to jump from the bridge when returning. Sat up late visiting with George for the last time probably for years and then he & I went to bed together. It is a sad & solemn to break up the ties that unite & connect families by the removal of our loved ones thousands of miles away, but so it is. We [...] in another world.

25th The sky clear, but the ground covered deep with snow. We came down quite early, bringing George along who was to take the down train for Iowa City. Went into John Kings and stayed a few minutes & then went to depot. The train soon arrived when my brother left for the land of the west. God bless him! Received letters this morning from J Chase Jr & [...] Warner. Snow remained on all day - felt very fine indeed. Went at night to hear the Baker family at the court house - they have changed very much since they were last here and that for the worst, their voices have been ruined really. Took no one into concert. The County Convention of the Democratic party met at Argyle today - they had a stormy time.

26th A gloomy morning - rather chilly & damp. McDougall was in office to see Judge. Cronin had not been telling me the time he had at Argyle the day before. Received letters from Hinds and R P Smith. Studied all day hard. In afternoon a crazy man was brot before the Judge to get out a commission to send him to Utica Insane Asylum. I was appointed as his Atty. Had some fun in hearing him come down on the Judge & McAllister. The commission was made out. At night had some oysters with Ted Clark - went to hotel and heard some singing - then went with some fellows down to Hawlys and serenaded Sarah - a sweet girl. Then went home feeling exceedingly well. Gone from [...].

27th Somewhat rainy. Came down quite early. After a while Horatio Walker came in. Had a letter about Virginia business and about getting a Judgement and having it docketed in the Clerks Office of this County and making it a lien upon some land which John F. Schermerhorn owned in his lifetime here &c. James Houghton was married today, the teller of the Bank. James Scott was in office some trying to arraign the matter of this county with me. McMurray & Harkness were in Gibsons office today. Allen G --- n in town at noon. Studied here all day.

28th Scott was in office early. It rained some. He wanted to raise some money. Went to Harkness office and got Gibson to go to Union Hall where we made a new agreement with Scott which gave as the right to the whole of the county at the number 210 maps, and all over that number we were to receive \$3.75 for each one disposed of. The agreement was made & signed. We gave our note to his order payable at the Bank of Salem for \$300 which was discounted. I wanted to go to Union Village but it was so late before we finished our business that we concluded not to go till tomorrow. I received letters from Hiram Pratt. Wrote one to Gardner Griffith and studied considerably during the day.

29th Was down before the cars arrived. Saw Scott he told me that our note was accepted.

Came to office and wanted some more money told him he couldn't have it. It was quite a pleasant day. Our people husked corn some &c. Had an offer for the hogs at six per pound & [...] them off - didn't sell them. Allen Gibson went home by the way of Union Village. Was in Harkness reading & talking with Cole &c. - also with Cronin. Considerable excitement in politics. The parties are divided into Whigs & Democrats Maine Law & Anti Maine Law - the Democrats receive the names on one side - Hards Hunkers - the Terrified Democracy and give themselves the title of Administration Democrats - the other side are called Barnburners - Softs - Putty Heads - Unterrified Democracy - Short boys - and claim to themselves the title of National Democrats. It is amusing to notice the determined animosity which each of these sections exhibit towards the other - all arising from a desire for and a disappointment in office. It shows one thing at least - that politics is getting encumbered with corruption so much that honorable men dare not risk their reputations on its [...]. It is to bad - to bad.

30th A very fair day. Our people went to church. A German converted Jew preached, he being after money for the conversion of that isolated and persecuted people. I remained at home. Went up on to the hill and round to different places. Also filed my letters. At night went down to village and went to Methodist Church and heard the aforesaid [...] clergyman on the [...] of the Jews - very good discourse though rather after the style of pettifoggery. Walked home - didn't overtake the girls.

31st A fine day. Judge had a case at Union Hall - Lowry one side & Ingalls on the other. Several of the Democracy in town trying to write on District Atty. Didn't succeed. O F Davis in place. Received a letter from Henry Whipple stating that he was about leaving to canvass for Washington Co map. Was in office of Harkness in evening - he proposed starting a magazine - me to be editor would if I was well and capable two very strong objections at present. White was in town to see Scott about map business.

No 1st A pleasant day. Talk in town of having an oyster supper on Friday. Made out points in case of Cleveland & Lyons agt Dole on appeal. Took me most of the day. Went in evening & called on Sarah M Hawly found a young man from Schaghticoke. John McLean & young Stevens of Union Village there besides Alida Allen. Went home with the last. Had a very pleasant call. Went into office and had a good time with Ted and went home.

2nd Shaved my hair off from the back side of my head this morning. A pleasant day. Found Dole at the Depot when I arrived in town. Went to office and gave him the papers for appeal in his case. Recd letters from F I Parmenter & Henry Whipple - the former stating that he would be at our house on Saturday he having had a turn of the fever. Ted Clark & Randles stayed with John all night. I got home about midnight.

3rd A cloudy morning. Got up & chopped wood before breakfast. Had a talk with Randles - a pretty smart young man. Ted Clark went a hunting up to our house today. I read a letter from Jas D Scott made an inventory for Hiram S Pratt Buskirks Bridge. Was in Harkness office talking about getting up a magazine - also borrowed a dollar of him to pay Crary for Tribune. Considerable excitement in politics. Studied all day. Sewing Society at Lamberts.

4th Cloudy & chilly. Ted Clark went to Poultney on the cars. Was in office all day studying. Was some in Harkness office talking about starting a magazine &c. Went to a ball tonight at Woodworths - there was a very good company - some twenty couple. I waited on a Hill girl to tea. Had a Miss Fairly off upstairs couldn't --- on account of &c. The party broke up about 3 o'clock and I went home with the lady aforesaid. Was run into by somebody going down the hill east of the Sanderson place. Had a great time going home with the girl and she did to - arrived back about 4 o c.

5th Went home as soon as daybreak. Took breakfast and returned with father & mother. Found F I Parmenter agreeable to his promise at the hotel - talked with him a few minutes and

then went to office. Recd a letter from brother George. Also one in afternoon from H M Chase a lawyer of Keeseville, with some papers, the object of which was for me to collect of the Rutland and Washington Rail Road Company the value of some things that had been lost. Didn't do much during the day - sleepy and tired. Went home early and after a short time went to bed with Parmenter. He is the same old sixpence - no improvement. The down noon train ran off the track near Rupert doing considerable damage. S B Shiply married to Ella Roberts today.

6th Layed abed pretty late - felt finely in comparison to yesterday. Remained in house most all day visiting with Parmenter and reading. Took a walk up on to the hill east and through the little orchard. I bathed myself during the day and my feet in salt water. Sat up pretty late, engaged in various business &c.

7th A cold but clear morning. Came to village and got a horse and went up the creek to warn out the voters for election. Returned in time to bring Parmenter to the village - horse got scared at the engine and had pretty hard work holding him. Alexander White was here to get some maps or make a bargain for Dresden & Putnam - made one with him - then went up to depot. Saw Asa E. Munson - was dissatisfied with my charge, or appeared so. Remained round village most of the afternoon doing nothing in particular but talk on politics in Harkness office &c. At night folded tickets at Harkness with the two Russells, Gibson, Harkness and A. Lytle. Then went down to Cronins and then to office.

Tomorrow is election - [...] fun ahead.

8th Election. Cold & sleety. Came down early & took my post at the polls. Voted and then peddled tickets all day. There was considerable fun all day. In forenoon I & D C Russell had a blowup. I would have licked him if he had layed a hand on me - and then Wm A Russell and I took it - he didn't come out much ahead. He left and wasn't heard of till night. There was a good deal of blowing between the hards & softs. Cronin & McDougall McMurray received 136 majority and Fairchilds 26 at these polls. After the counting of the tickets Russell & I had at again. I remained at Howes till about 2 o'clock and went to bed. Jarvis Martin and I slept in the same room. Got some pension business of Amos Hopkins to do.

9th Got up little after breakfast and went down and breakfasted at Howes. Then went down to office - remained there & at Harkness all day. Felt quite sleepy all day. Received letters from R P Smith and Henry Whipple. Was at hotel - A C Lansing was awful tight. He & Henry Hill went down to Slab City. There has been a great deal of liquor drunk in this election. I saw the Messrs Russells during the day - I didn't speak to them - and I shant right off, the scoundrels.

Studied & wrote some during the day - not enough to hurt me.

10th A pleasant cool day. Mr White of New York City was here today to see about matter of G & A Austin - the latter gentlemen were also in. I took a walk round where Patterson was erecting his dwelling. Fox & McIntyre were laying the wall. Studied &c.

At night the society met at Howes - couldn't find any girls at home. Wrote some on poetry &c.

11th A pleasant day. Was in office all day. Studied. The train due at noon from the south didn't arrive till late after 4 o'clock. Got a paper from my brother George.

Cold & dreary before night. Was in Harkness office and wrote some on poetry - I am bound to finish out this article. Wrote a letter to Chase of Keeseville.

12th A fine day. Was in town all day. Studied all of the time. Walked round the village some to see the improvements that are going on in the place. Abner Robertson is erecting a building on the west street - is laying his cellar now. At night the Major & Cronin was in office. Received a letter from Middleton of Virginia - wrote one to Fullerton. Had a long talk with the boys about Virginia - about going there &c. Remained in office till late.

13th Wet as you please. Rained all day - the creek very high. Was down to the bridge to see the effect of the water &c several times during the day. Also went off on to the hill during the day. Read some also in some of my poetical works [...] &c.

14th A fine day. The water down a good deal. Walked round by the Road instead of going over the Rail Road. Received a letter from brother George dated Iowa City. He likes the west very much. John McFarland was in office to see about the account I had agt the Rail Road Company. I also recd a letter from Wilder the Spt of the Road in which he referred me to McFarland.

I then wrote a letter to Chase requesting he should send me an affidavit with an inventory of the articles lost. Remained in town till late.

15th A fine day. Saw Fullerton at noon - spoke to him about our Virginia business - also saw Dole. Didn't feel very well in afternoon so went down to Clapps Mills along with Dole - visited along with him - rode out in the river though water quite high. Took tea at R E Walkers - played whist along with the boys at night. Had a very pleasant evening.

16th Cold - quite so. Had a good breakfast. Went up to the grocery and had a smoke along with George Dole. Had a visit with Miss Elisabeth Clapp. Came to village with S H Dole. Had a talk with John R Lytle. A Gibson went to Granville to send some maps to White at Putnam. I also sent a letter to him stating that they would be forwarded on to him. Had a very pleasant day &c.

17th A rainy day. In office all day. Dole in to see Gibson in forenoon about the [...] giving way.

Saw Munson at noon - introduced him to Dole - counselled with him about his [...]. Wrote an account for John Cleveland agt the town. Copied a case of Bartlett.

18th A pleasant day. Copied in forenoon in case of Wyman of Granville. Got Ted to write some - also Gilman - they didn't write much. My sister Sarah was down tonight. Had a talk with Estabrook about establishing a young mens association. There was a party at Saffords where the young folks went. Ted Clark went with Mary. Rained at night.

19th A pleasant day. Copied in Wyman case & wrote some on poetry. Received a letter in the morning from White stating that he had not received the maps that I had sent on to him. At night he returned and saw him at hotel. He stated that he found them at White Hall and sent them - being retained until called for. This Wash Co. map business has been a very bad one thus far. Everything has seemed to go wrong. I hope there will be a change sometime hereafter. Ted went a hunting & was gone all day.

20th A cloudy morning. Didn't feel very well. Went up on to the hills and took a walk up to Billings. Divided the papers and assorted them up in garrett so as to find some of the papers that my name appears in, and put them in the trunk.

Found my first peice on spring which has been lost a long time. Lay abed some during the day & read &c. Wrote a letter to P Comstock.

21st Pleasant. Received a letter from P Comstock and wrote one to brother George. Ted Clark sold a map of Wash Co to D C Crawford for books. Went up and looked at the books &c. Finished copying the Wyman case & compared a part of it at night with Gibson. Wrote some on poetry. Took a walk down as far as David Russells on the track of Rail Road. John Cleveland & C Hopkins repaired and built the bridge over the creek by our house.

22nd A pleasant day. Our folks plowed today. Cleveland & Hopkins still at the bridge. Was in office studying all of the day. Compared papers with the Judge some of the time. John H Boyd in office at night. Went out today to see if I could sell a map of Wash Co to Jas Blashfield -

didn't succeed - H M Russell came along while I was there - didn't see the individual. Couldn't for the world.

23rd Cloudy & somewhat chilly. C & Hopkins still at the bridge - had it raised this morning. Came along & saw Ed Beattie who has been for a year nearly in college in Georgia - was introduced to Getty. Our folks sold them cattle for something over \$180 - 9 of them. Went to Hawlys this evening found no one at home - that is didn't find Sarah - Mrs Hawly & Miss Waggoner were there - went home with the latter lady. Had a very fine time &c.

24th Cold & somewhat snowy, though not enough to hurt anything. Today is Thanksgiving. I attended church at Lamberts. He preached a very good sermon indeed on the encroachments of catholicism and policy of our government in reference to other nations.

I was in office & over at Harkness all day. At night I was saluted by Norton who wished me to go to Cambridge & attend a ball with him at Fentons. I went - quite a pleasant time in going down there. Had a very fine time in dancing &c. Miss Blakely Miss Barton Cole & several other ladies were in attendance making it quite interesting. I took Miss Barton to tea. The ball broke up about 3 o c. There was a fight by the Salem boys over at Loomis and they were beaten Henry Hill & others. Had a grand good time. Recd a letter from A Gibson at Keeseville.

25th We left Cambridge about 6 o clock and arrived at Salem before 8 o c - one of the coldest rides I ever passed through with. Was very sleepy all day. Passed some of my time in the chairs sleeping. Cronin tried to settle the matter of Freeman with Warner today - didn't succeed though Freeman didn't want he should sue very soon. Went home rather early and went to bed. Recd a letter from Jas D Scott - rather [...] &c. Wm F Beattie is quite sick considered dangerous.

26 Waked up feeling quite well. Went to village quite early. Found Ted at home - looked hard. Judge was fixing the stove & pipe. Gandle came in office and visited with me considerable during day. Amos Hopkins was in office to see about some pension papers - said he would be in to see about them shortly. Received a letter with agreements with Freeman & al from Warner. I let Cronin have them. He was in office considerable during the day. Agreed with Ted that he should go to Granville on Monday & deliver maps of Wash Co. He consented &c.

27th Was at home all day. Willis & the girls were gone to Pawlet so didn't attend church myself. Read and slept some. Examined papers up garret some and walked round upon the farm some. Cold & chilly during the day. Wm J Beattie is getting better.

Read some in Festus - liked it much - one of the best writers of the age if not the best. Cracked some walnuts &c.

28th Was down early. Clark consented to go to Granville. Went at noon on the train - went up with him. He returned on the down train - was sick of the job it made me mad at him. I agreed to go with him on the morrow. Went to the Bank to find out when the note became due which I owed - found it on Thursday. Wrote some on my peice on poetry and also copied a couple of papers for Gibson in reference to Reab matter. Felt very well all day in consequence of no [...]. Saw Norcross in morning going with several hands up to Rupert. Spoke to him about his suit - wanted I should do my best - I told him of course. Went home early and prepared for the operations of tomorrow &c. Went & had some oysters with Bool & Cronin Harkness at Smarts & Naylor's.

29th Waked up quite early - feeling very well. Came down and engaged a horse & carriage of Weir and started for Granville. Nothing of interest occurred in the route. Took dinner at the Perry House and then started to deliver maps. Went on the Road north of Granville clear to Hampton line. Sold one to a new subscription. Returned at night to Perry House and took tea. Had a game of nine pins with Ted. Had a visit with S L Bishop, a talk with Taylor &c. Had a very pleasant time.

30th Rained during the night a good deal. Waked up early & took breakfast. Canvassed on Salem Road all the forenoon. Collected with what I got the day before \$45. Took dinner at Perry House and left for Salem afoot. Walked to Marks Corners, took tea there & hired the track viewers to bring me to Rupert village. Rode from there to West Rupert. Walked from there to Robert Wilsons - called and collected five dollars and had considerable of a talk with him and went home found John - looked over my money & went to bed - tired.

The map business is not the most inviting - so many excuses and so much opposition. Didn't sell only one new one - to H H Carlton of Middle Granville.

I am afraid we shant make much in this county.

Dec 1st Came down early. Went into Cronins office and asked him for five dollars. Hadn't it. Got it off Harkness. Went up and paid the Bank fifty Dollars. Rode down in morning with Emmonds Taylor on hand cars. Allen Gibson in town. A White paid me \$28.00 for several maps he sold. Was in office most of the day studying.

2nd Down early. Recd a letter from Ted P. Clark. Gave Cronin six Dollars to discontinue the suit of Walker agt I. C. Beatie. Was over in Cronins and flung up with Bool & C for New York expedition. In afternoon was in office along with Allen Gibson. Talked some about the course of Clark. Felt remarkably well for the best of reasons no [...]. Received a letter from Scott. Walker & Dole were in hotel at night - had a chat with them on a ball that was to be in Manchester on the next Wednesday - wanted I should attend. Told them to send me tickets &c. I paid Smart & John King. Shaved off my hair in front of my head.

3rd Storming - not much. Gibson went to Union Village in morning to attend the examination & exhibition. Cronin withdrew the suit of Crarys and sued Freeman. Went into McNaughtons to pay him. Wasn't in. Paid McM[...] and Henry Hill. The [...] fellow at Grays was in office after dinner. Recd a letter from Milliman with notice of filing in Gilman agt B[...] - thought of going to White Hall on noon train didn't. Wrote & read all day.

4th A pleasant day. In office all of the time. At night took a walk before tea down to the east village with Parks & returned with David Lytle. Took tea and went over to Cronins office where I met Bool & Harkness and arranged matters for New York on Monday. Meeting of Trustees & Board of Education at Gibsons office. Remained with A Gibson till late waiting for Ted Clark. He returned about 7 oc but couldn't find him - didn't know but he had gone to Poultney but after a while he returned with about \$100. He had been to Cronins with our folks. Got the money - settled up with him and went home. Cold night.

5th Pleasant but cold. At home all day. Told our folks about my map speculation for the first time. They felt very much pleased. Walked with John up on to the hill and around the farm considerably. Our folks all went to church. Father agreed to sign a paper for me on the morrow.

6th Came down to village early. Bot me a pair of shoes - paid Woodworth - lent Ted Clark three dollars - gave Allen a note and started for the depot. Rode down with Sarah Fitch - had a pleasant chitchat with her. Went over the Albany Road for the first time. Got out at the place where the Rail Road crosses the Saratoga and Washington Rail Road and waited till that train arrived - then went to Troy. Saw Parmenter, Kellogg & others. Took dinner with Harkness at the verandah - then went to Albany. Saw C H Allen. Had a roll of nine pins. Cronin & Bool arrived about five oclock - stayed round till about 7 oc then went aboard the boat. Had a hell of a time - all drunk but Cronin & myself. Started for New York about 9 oc. Nothing particular happened, except a very pretty girl that was quite easy in her disposition. Bool & attended to her.

7th Arrived in New York about 7 o.c. Went afoot to the Dey Street House where we registered our names and put up. After breakfast we went out to see the city - Bool, Harkness & myself.

Went to Trinity Church - went to the top and looked down onto Broadway and far off over the city and gazed wondering till our eyes grew weary. We then came down and went through Wall Street, then to Castle Garden to Washington Head quarters, to the Battery Park &c. and returned. We then went to Five Points and to Peases mission and the house of industry - wonders indeed in that wreck of human kind - in that den of misery & love.

We each gave them a dollar and a quarter - the best spent money while in the city - we then returned to our boarding place.

At night we attended Barnums Museum and looked at the wonders which it contains and then had the pleasure of seeing Uncle Toms Cabin performed which was very pleasant. We went home about midnight and went to bed.

8th Took breakfast. Got shampooed and left for the chrystal palace. Arrived there about 9 o.c. The price of admission was fifty cents. The first view that presented itself was the statuary of different artists & those of Powers Greek slave, Eve & Proserpine were the best. The busts of M[...] - the veiled one and cupid were very fine. The paintings attracted my attention for a long time - the French - English and United States were best represented. The Southern states had but very little in the exhibition. Switzerland was well represented considering Austria or Russia but little. The Armor of England Austria France & United States were all exampled. France was jewelled, England was substantial & the United States every thing.

There was a fine speciman of an engine with machinery attached from Alabama. Sewing machines were quite numerous. Washington on horse was very clumsily got up. Several model ships were in exhibition and evinced much taste. The mechanical department of every name & description was well represented. Turkey showed off on carpeting & ottomans - beautiful Trinkets from Austria - watches from Switzerland. Books of the United States both in authorship & binding were quite numerous.

But the best exhibition of all was the children of the Five Points who paraded through the different halls of the palace singing merrily - and appearing quite happy - these are the same that we saw the day previous in the mausoleum of Hell the Five Points.

We remained most of the day in this beautiful grand & gorgeous temple where are congregated all tribes & peoples of the world and are centred the gifts which they have brot to the divinities of Industry science & art. This day will be remembered as the one of my life.

We left in a stage for our place of rest, and were tired wearied & worn.

At night we attended Burtons Theatre and saw Mrs Hughes the mother of our congressman. The Fox Hunt and the Wandering Minstrel were the peices played - very fine. After which we went to bed.

9th Cold & pleasant. After breakfast Bool Harkness & myself went to the depot of the Sixth Avenue Rail Road to see my old friend Albert W. Ames. Didn't find him there so jumped aboard the cars and went up the crystal palace or just above at the depot there but didn't find him - so came back and then started afoot looking at every car till at last I found him. Albert has changed a great deal since I knew him. Looks care worn and sad - quite poor & thin. I rode with him down to Broadway & left him agreeing if possible to visit him in afternoon. Went to Dey Street house & took dinner. In afternoon went to Five Points and from there to the "Tombs" the great prison house of New York City. Was permitted to go all over it. Saw several well dressed & gentlemanly appearing men several young boys some women but most bore the marks of ignorance & guilt stamped upon them. We found at one of the cells of the well dressed a beautiful young lady who was kissing her lover and weeping over his unhappy lot. When the order came for retiring we asked that young lady what that gentleman was in the cell for - she answered "for seducing a very pretty young lady" pretty good. We went from there to the general resort of the Whig party for that city - from there to the St Nicholas Hotel - and thence home. We took tea and went after considerable [...] whether we should go to 54 Leonard to hear the Christies minstrels sing the music was very beautiful. Lilly Dear was a peice of the sweetest sadest melody I ever listened to and so well sung! Some of the doings were quite vulgar - especially an address on womens rights. The house was perfectly [...] - mostly city people.

After the performance went home and to bed tired enough.

9th A pleasant morning. Left for the cars at 7 oc. Just in time. Arrived at Springfield about 10 oc. Remained till o clock - then took train for Albany - got to Troy about 7 oc. Was in Albany a short time then came with Harkness & Cronin to Troy. Remained all night with F I Parmenter. Took a game of nine pins. Played [...] with Frank. Had a pleasant day take [...] all together.

10th Went round Troy in morning & took a look at the great depot the Rail Road are building - then went to hotel on Congress Street where Parmenter called on a young lady - then came to his office. In a short time went to Troy House where I was introduced to a lady by the name of Coleman. Remained there an hour or so and left for West Troy station to take the cars for home - just in time.

Nothing of interest on the train up - Gen[...] aboard the train. Arrived in Salem something after one oc. Took dinner. Had several letters and an invitation to attend a party which took place at Freemans on the Thursday previous. Remained in village all afternoon not knowing what to do with myself the reaction from New York here being so great.

Went home about 9 o clock and went to bed. A pleasant and a novel week to me.

11th A beautiful day - rather cold. Took a walk with my brother John up the East road. Went down on the Rail Road. Our folks went to church - bathed towards night.

Read some in Byron. Passed most of the day in the house. Rather of a reaction and felt pretty well used up - being gone all the week and on fire all of the time with excitement.

Things look pretty well now in my business - Law and my map speculation - think we shall make a nice thing out of it. Three months ago today I said in a year I shall be worth one thousand dollars - time will tell - as things look now I shall.

12th A pleasant day. Felt finely. Willis went and canvassed for map of Washington County up the East Roads. He got one or two. I was in office all day studying and writing. Towards night a fellow by the name of Brook was brought before the Judge on order under the nonimprisonment act. He employed me as counsel in the matter. I drew up an answer for him to swear to which he did and had the matter adjourned till the next Thursday. I drew up a subpoena for him and took it to Union Hall for him.

13 A cold clear day! Studied out the law under the nonimprisonment act. Willis went a canvassing up the creek. George Hastings & John McFarland were at our house at night. Met the girls - S M Hawly and others when on my way home. Received a letter from N Pratt requesting that I should have some maps sent to him &c. I answered his letter same day.

14th Didn't feel very well this morning. A pleasant day. Received a letter from Ted P Clark. Studied [...]. Sold some of our maps - eight at nine dollars apeice. Didn't get home till quite late.

15th A pleasant day. I had some copying to do for Gibson which took me most all the forenoon. Before noon Brook and Taylor came in and I had a talk with them about their matters. Paris wanted I should settle in on his account I did so - and after dinner the whole affair was settled by Paris assigning half of the Judgement to Taylor and Taylor paying the whole amount. I recd two dollars only. At night went home early and visited the ladies who were having the sewing society at our house. Had a very pleasant time while with them. Willis canvassed down below the village - got two probably.

16 A cold clear day - no snow as yet. Didn't feel remarkably well. Willis went over in the neighborhood of Sha[...] - didn't get any names. Gandell was in office with whom I had quite a talk. He is a first rate fellow. Went up to Rail Road depot where heard a talk about the Steel & McFarland matter. Dole was here today - spoke to him about getting R. G. Walker to have a party on Christmas or new Years. Went over to McNaughtons grocery and had a smoke with

him. Gilman & son were in office.

Allen Gibson was here - left during the day. All.

17th A pleasant day - cloudy & some rain though quite mild. Received a letter from H Pratt this morning with a check of fifty Dollars. Was detained by Mr James Turner to attend to a suit for him agt Fitch Clark. Was visited by the Editor of the Wash Co. Post. Went over to Justices office & adjd the suit Mr Clark being sick.

Tried to get the check cashed at the Bank but couldn't do it till I got the name of Gibson.

Wrote a letter to Pratt & others. Saw Alexander White. He had recd no more money from Putnam.

18th A cold day. Remained home all day. Read some - slept some - went round some - and went when our folks went to church and I - didn't.

19th A pleasant day - a sprinkling of snow. I passed the day in study. I went down the Rail Road and had quite a walk - then went into machine shop. Mr Collins took me round and showed me some of his work which looked remarkably well. Then went into the paint shop and had a talk with Wallace Hill. Then returned to Hotel went to Harkness and then to bed.

18th Snowy. Whitcomb came in in morning and remained all the forenoon talking on Religion Bible &c. which was not as interesting as it might have been as I was in a great hurry to tend to some business. Whitcomb is quite a smart man however.

In afternoon I studied all of the time on the case that was to come off on the morrow and on other cases.

19th Came down early. Received letters from brother George, Smith Gibson. Attended to the suit of Turner agt Clark in afternoon. Had to wait a long time for the witnesses. Came at last & proceeded - adjourned about five o'clock till the next day at 10 o'clock in forenoon. Was in office all the evening studying &c. Reckoned up the amt of wall - sworn to by witnesses at Kings &c.

20th Was in office at the appointed time. The suit continued till noon and from thence to 9 o'clock PM. Saw Burdick on the cars. Had a little chat with him. Had an argument. H[...] Moncrief has been on the stand all day - there is no doubt but he perjured himself - but couldn't contradict him. After my suit went over to Union Hall & heard the case of Austins, brought up under the nonimprisonment act. Went in the evening to the Donation Party at the Methodist clergyman's house. It was a perfect jam. I stayed there only a short time & left. Remained in office a short time and went home.

The Ladies society met at Hawlys tonight.

2[...] Rainy in morning. Found Judge gone to Argyle to draw Jurors. White of New York was in office copying papers. He remained quite a little while and left. Had a pleasant visit with him. Was at Depot when train left. Arch Bishop was there. White was had a talk with him. Remained in office all the afternoon studying.

Nothing special occurred after. Wrote some.

24th Was in office all day - studying and writing.

At night was in grocery with Geo Allen & Cronin. Had some oysters. Then went to Hotel & remained there, talking on different subjects.

A year ago tonight I was in the Burnett House Cincinnati looking upon the dancers - beautiful sight. A year gone - how swift - how terribly [...].

25th Nothing of consequence occurred during the day. Remained home all day.

Willis & sisters went to church. I walked round some - studied some - read some - and had a good time in general.

26th Cold day - a very severe night.

The steward of West Poultney Seminary was here getting some notices printed for a lecture by Walker - [...] - was in Lansings had a smoke &c. Like to froze in going home. Rode up along with Deacon Harkness Irishman.

Case of Turner vs Clark decided against me.

27th Studied all day. Salem Press out with a notice for amendment of village charter - to raise Shiplys salary. Was in Ins office.

There was a sing at Dr Yates tonight - our folks down - cold as the d - l.

The coldest night weve had entirely - served notice of trial of Russell & McDougall in case of Norcross & Dole. Recd a letter from E A Batch.

28th Pleasant though cold. Felt well. C H. Allen arrived from Albany today. Took a glass of wine with Bool at Woodworths. He was pretty tight. Went with him up to the cars & to Post office. Allen Gibson arrived from Argyle. Our folks killed hogs today. David Cleveland and Clark butchered for us.

29 Very bleak & windy. Salted down some of the pork. I remained home till most noon - guessed on weight of pork &c.

Went down at noon - very blustering & cold - met Alida Allen in the street - asked me to go down to her house at night. Was in office all afternoon.

Went down to Allen at night. Had a very pleasant party - the first one I have attended in a long time. It was for the benefit of one Miss Goddard - a [...] homely girl.

Went home - cold.

30th A pleasant day. Saw S M Hawly at Lansings very pretty. Was in Cronins office - had quite a talk with him. Took a long walk on the Rail Road down below Allens - about dark.

Studied most of the day on my cases.

31st The last day of 1853. A pleasant day. So warm that the snow went off considerably. Our folks took their pork to market - got \$6 a hundred - came to about 144 Dollars. Tried to see Ebenezer [...] Beaty about the suit of Batchelder - did not. Saw a niece of Comstock. She was at Union Hall. Went with her to the cars - had a pleasant chat with her. The street was full of teams drawing pork all day. Remained in village till quite late. There came very near being a Row at Jas McNaughtons grocery. Didn't quite. Gandell came down & quietted them. I remained till quite late and went home. Found that my sister Lydia had arrived from Pawlet.

Another year has gone. A year fruitful of care & sorrow - of going & pleasure. How many have gone down to the grave that we shall meet no more in life and how many have started off in the bright & beautiful way of wedded love. To me this year has been the same as before of study & drudge a year of active & determined endeavor but it will bring its reward in time. So farewell year that I can recall many years hereafter when your recital shall be a pleasure and when memory shall call up the [...] & beautiful that are gone.

Adieu Ann[...] 1853.

Jany 1st 1854 Snowy in morning. Lydia & Josiah at home. Josiah left in morning for his fathers. I visited with Lydia all day. At night Clarks girls Jane & Lib were over & had a pleasant time with them.

Passed the day very pleasantly.

2nd Came down early. Recd a letter from Potter & Co New York with names of merchants &c. In afternoon was called upon by a gentleman by the name of Van Buren to get his son out of jail who was imprisoned for a the nonpayment of a fine for petit larceny. He paid me. Studied all day. At night called on Mrs Bancroft - then had a talk with young Bulkely of New York - and went home.

3rd. Stormy some. Was at the Depot when the down train should arrive - learned that there had been an accident on the Road by which the breakman was killed the accident occurred on the bridge near Schaghticoke - there was a lecture at the brick church by a young man - closed by Dr Beamer.

Quite wet & damp.

Recd a letter from R Kern.

4th A pleasant day. The meeting of the veterans of 1812 convened at the court house. I went in a short time. Major McFarland was appointed delegate - tried a suit for John Ferguson in which Wm McNish brot the action - McNish obtained a Judgement for 6¼ cents.

Ferguson paid me. At night I attended a meeting at Lamberts heard Dr Beeman. Paid an agent of [...] Company \$1.35. Recd letters from Batch & Comstock.

5th A pleasant day. Remained in office most of the time. Recd a letter of J O Bligh. Was requested by Yates to come to his house in evening.

Went to C H Allens office. Went to the society at Yates - had a pleasant time went home with Jane Austin - S M H. Judge Gibson arrived at night. Went over & gave him his letters.

6th Rainy. Wrote a release of lease for David A. Cleveland. Fullerton was here wanting I should pay the costs in the cases of Emphy & Hall. I agreed to see him harmless. John Taylor was here in reference to the matter of H[...]. Sent 7.83 to the Empire Ins Co - paid G Woodworth \$14 paid Mrs Fu[...] about \$4.30. Saw for the first time that I should be beaten in Cole case.

7th A pleasant day - though cold - no snow upon the ground - no sleighing this winter except about a week before new years. Studied upon my Dole case - and bound to get beat in it. Recd letters of Ted P Clark & Edward McAllister. At night went up to Freemans store to see Harry H[...] gone. Went down to Union Hall. Annual firemens meeting called on me to make a speech I said something. Thomas Sawyer made a fine speech. Some got pretty high. I took some oysters at Jas McNaughtons with C H Allen & J H McFarland.

8th Remained at home in forenoon. Read and wrote some on Poetry. Took a walk round upon the hill and in our up meadow.

In afternoon towards night came to the village. Went into Insurance office and had quite a chat with Cole & Cronin - then went down to Cronins office and read an opinion of Wil[...] in case of [...] agt fireman & engineer of Saratoga & Wash R R Co then went home - pretty cold.

9th A cold clear morning. Court in session - not till afternoon. The charge of Gibson was good & to the point. Russell made his argument in the case of Carswell - very good - but all written out. I was in court considerable of the time during the day. Was bored by a five hour argument of Ingalls in a petit concern. At night had a talk with Sanderson &c.

10th In court - pleasant day - made a motion for Van Buren - got him discharged after dinner.

At night had a talk with Dole - argued my case with Russell - nothing but motions on the calendar during the day.

11th An assault & battery case on today. Jury case - A[...] on one side - Davis & Potter on the other - also some motions. Recd a note today from A White. Also got a letter from Mrs Lapham to my sister Sarah and one to Willis from Ted P Clark. In court most of the day argued my Dole case at night. Stayed with C H Allen all night. Rainy at night.

12th Got up about 8 o clock. Took breakfast at Drs. Quite rainy. The Grand Jury in session - adjourned in afternoon. Was in Court House some in forenoon. In afternoon wrote an agreement for George Perkins & George Milliman. Also made an agreement with Allen Gibson - selling out my share in Wash Co map for \$100. He gave me two notes payable at the Bank.

Recd payment of Chapin on the Weeks matter.

13th Was down early. Got part of the money on the notes.

Had a talk with Ship[...] & Hitchcock on old times in Salem. Recd a letter of P Shrewe & [...] Carpenter - paid borrowed money at the Bank - paid Murray McFarland fifteen Dollars.

Studied in office all day.

14th Pleasant but cold. Appealed the suit of Turner vs Fitch Clark. George Allen got the consent of Gibson to study law here - [...] his table covering it &c. At night Cronin was in office. Went with him and George Allen & had some oysters at P Naylor's - during the week a fellow by name of Knickerbocker has been having an examination in Cambridge for stealing money of Peter Crocker. The evidence not through today some circumstances are pretty strong against him but it is the general opinion that he will be discharged.

15th Pleasant. Remained at home. Willis & Mary went to church. Walked with John up on to the hill. At night came to village. Had a talk with C H Allen in his office. Past most of the day in house. Reading &c.

16th In office all day - didn't feel very well. Wrote out answers to the legal questions proposed by Potter & Co. George Allen in office all day. Got an Old Settler announcing the marriage of Chase & Harwood.

17th Wrote on the business [...] of this county. Drew up a complaint for Shiply in case of [...] vs [...]. He agreed to give me \$2.00 to write it. Hopkins was in office at night to see about his pension business. David Cleveland likewise. A very pleasant day. Scott in office considerably during the day.

18th Snowed some during the day. Scott in office in forenoon to sell me the State of Rhode Island. Don't know but we'll take it.

Gibson gone to White Hall. Saw E D Beattie in morning. Gibsons boy Irving is very sick with the croup - doubtful if he ever gets any better - visited some with Cole at night & went home.

19th Scott was in office in morning. Considerable snow on ground. Bot a Dentist note of Scott. Wrote to S [...] Berlioz about taking Rhode Island for map business. C H Allen in office in morning. Obtained a note of Jas McNaughton for a ball at Union Village next week Thursday. Took a walk at night up to [...] Beaty place. The firemans oyster supper came off at Union Hall. I was elected Honorary member. Spoke [...] had considerably of a time. Went home about 11 o'clock. Recd letter of Henry Hinds & E A Bulch.

20th Came down about 9 o'clock. Got an ans from S Berlioz accepting proposition to engage in map business in Rhode Island. Also one from G G Griffith to father in reference to Grandfathers health which is quite poor. Recd letters at noon from - no one.

Got home. Rained quite hard at night. The party in supplementary proceeding [...] creditor didn't make his appearance. Wrote a letter to Wm T Nichols of Rutland to find if a commissioner for the state of Tennessee was in Rutland.

Remained in Insurance office after tea it raining quite hard and at Hotel all night. Geo Allen not in office.

21st Got up about 8 o'clock & took breakfast. Went down to office & made fire. Recd a letter from Nichols. Studied all forenoon. Wrote to Hinds. Recd letter at noon from Shrewe & George my brother after which wrote some before this. Aaron Martin in office before dinner.